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Football for Cancer

The Canton High School Chiefettes Pom Pon Team is participating in the football drop fund-raiser "Football for Cancer."

Residents can support the Chiefettes and help fight cancer by purchasing a pink football for \$10. Numbers will be assigned to each football and the balls will be dropped by helicopter at halftime during the Canton Chiefs football game Oct. 23.

The ball closest to the center of the field wins \$500. Some \$1,000 of the proceeds will be donated to the Walk for Cancer campaign.

Football for sale at upcoming Canton home games Oct. 2 and Oct. 16, or they can be bought by mail by sending checks made out to PCCS Athletics, c/o Sue Heinzman, Athletic Director, Salem High School, 46181 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48187.

For more information, call Joanne Kokoszka at (734) 453-5233.

McCotter hours

The staff of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter (Michigan District 11) will hold office hours in several locations. This time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member for assistance regarding any federal issue that they might have.

McCotter's staff will be available 9-10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at the Canton Summit Senior Center, and 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library.

McCotter has two offices in the district to serve his constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 or the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

'Pay'ing off

Plymouth-Canton's new PaySchools on-line bill payment program appears to be working.

Through this week, more than \$60,000 in fees have been paid by parents using the district's on-line service, which allows parents to pay for lunch accounts, sports fees and other fees using a secure, on-line account.

Some 276 families have paid more than \$36,000 for food services, an option open only to high school and middle school students at the moment. James Larson-Shidler, the district's finance chief, said he expects that total to rise when the option is extended to elementary school students later this year.

"People have been very receptive," Larson-Shidler told school board members Tuesday. "it's working very well."



Canton Police sift through evidence found in Edward Williams' car in the Canton Public Library parking lot. Police say Williams shot his wife before turning the gun on himself.

Questions still unanswered in library murder-suicide

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rodney Spencer expected a routine day Tuesday when he drove to the Canton Public Library, where he parks his car and goes for scenic walks in near-by Heritage Park.

Instead, he found a parking lot swarmed by police officers, cordoned off by yellow crime-scene tape and emptied of library patrons after authorities say Detroit police homicide investigator Edward Gordon Williams II gunned down his wife, Detroit police officer Patricia Catherine Williams, before shooting himself outside Michigan's busiest single-branch library.

"This is terrible. It's just crazy," said Spencer, who lives near the library. "I came out here to walk and I see this. Canton is a great place to live, and this is a sad day."

The bodies had been removed before Spencer arrived, but a puddle of blood hadn't yet been washed away by firefighters on the spot where Edward Williams, 36, shot his 33-year-old wife four times, including once in the head, with a .38-caliber snub-nose revolver he then turned to his own head.

The couple, Canton residents, had a troubled past, and township police had gone to their Wall Street home Sunday after an anonymous caller reported a possible domestic incident. Officers found no one at the residence

THE TIMELINE

Police investigation into recent contacts between the Canton Police Department and Edward and Patricia Williams:

• Sept. 19, 12:30 a.m. - Patricia Williams came into the Canton Police Department to report an assault complaint, but refused to file a formal complaint; nor would she provide her or her husband's name.

• Sept. 20, 9:30 a.m. - An anonymous caller reported a possible domestic situation in the 3500 block of Wall Street. Police responded to the location and found no one inside the residence; but officers did find a handwritten note by Williams, which prompted them to enter Edward into LEIN (statewide law enforcement computer system) as an endangered missing person. Canton police contacted Detroit Police and advised them of the situation.

• Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m. - Canton Police Department received a call from a Detroit Police Department command officer who stated they have had contact with Edward and that he is all right.

• Sept. 22, 8:57 a.m. - Canton Police Department received a call from an acquaintance of Patricia's stating she was on the way to Canton Police Department to meet Edward in the lobby for a conversation.

• Sept. 22, 9:16 a.m. - Canton's 9-1-1 received several calls stating shots were fired in the parking lot of the Canton Public Library. First responding officers were on scene at 9:17 a.m.

when they arrived.

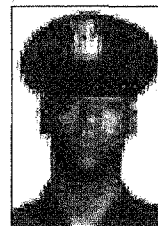
Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski confirmed Patricia Williams had a boyfriend who became worried and called authorities Tuesday morning, saying the Williamses were supposed to meet at the police department on Canton Center Road. They never made it there.

Police aren't sure why the couple ended up parking next door at

the library - Edward Williams in his Dodge Charger, Patricia Williams in her BMW - before she was shot around 9:16 a.m. as she ran in the direction of the police station. Several witnesses told investigators they had seen the couple sitting and talking in a park area near the library just prior to the shootings.



P. Williams



E. Williams

Trying to cope

Economy forces workers to look for a new plan

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With an unemployment rate above 15 percent, tens of thousands of Michigan workers are finding themselves losing their jobs, losing their homes - losing everything they've worked for.

The state's economic downturn has affected workers at every level. Longtime employees and first-job staffers, fast-food workers and corporate chiefs all have felt the sting of the pink slip.

And they all have one thing in common: The need to deal with it.

TO DESPAIR AND BACK

Tina Barbee of Canton never thought she'd be in such a position. For five years, she had a good union job at Alvan Motor Freight, a job she liked, that paid her well and provided for the single mom and the two of her three sons living at home.

Then the unthinkable happened: Alvan laid her off (and later went out of business altogether, according to Barbee).

"It was a great job with great pay and benefits," Barbee said. "When you realize you have two kids (at home), you wonder how you're going to provide for them, and you get desperate. That desperation helps you find a courage you didn't know you had."

So there was Barbee, in the Westland house she'd purchased from the settlement she got in her 2004 divorce, with sons Alex (now 12) and Joseph (now 9) (she also has a third son, Greg, 21), wondering what would happen next.

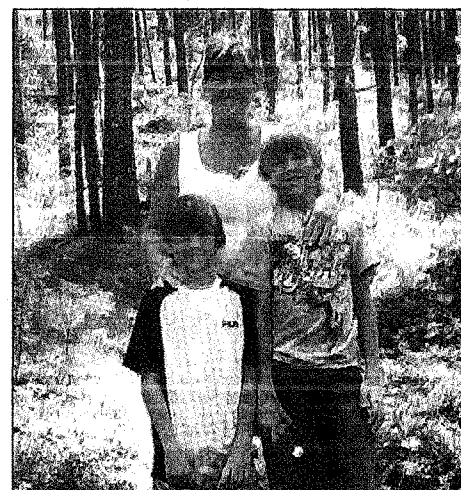
Then it got worse: Barbee also lost the house to foreclosure in 2008.

"There were times if it weren't for the kids, I may have given up and said, 'Forget about it,'" she added. "They're always a blessing. But in that situation, they certainly gave me more strength than I could have found on my own."

While collecting unemployment, Barbee pulled herself together and started job-hunting. She figures she sent out some 200 resumes without getting a bite. Then, she was hired to do some temp work for J.W. Cole & Sons in Detroit.

The temp job eventually grew into a full-time job.

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Tina Barbee of Canton, here on a trip with sons Joseph and Alex, lost her job and home before rebounding.

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Canton couple transforms site for wetlands

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After fighting tirelessly to block residential development on eight acres of natural land in their neighborhood, Canton residents Lori and Brian Levi found a way to put the grueling matter to rest.

They plunked down \$200,000 and bought the land that, this fall, will be transformed into a wetlands mitigation site sought by Lowe's Home Improvement after the company built its Canton store.

"It's going to be a forested wetland," Lori Levi, a 42-year-old small business owner, said, smiling as she sat at the dining room table of her home on Morningside, southwest of Hanford and Canton Center Road.

Never again, she said, will she, her husband and their neighbors have to worry that they will look from their back yards and see a sprawling development. Instead, they will have their own slice of protected paradise.

A contractor, Preiss Outdoor Service & Supply Co., has spent the last few weeks chipping up and



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lori and Brian Levi, with daughters Brietta, 3, and Porscha, 8, created a wetlands mitigation site behind their Canton home.

removing cottonwoods, European buckthorns, diseased ash trees, dead and living American elms and, as Lori Levi put it, "a lot of poison ivy."

Any day now, Preiss will begin planting some 600 trees, including red maples, sycamores, silver

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"It was such a relief," she said of finally finding a job. "It's a long way to go, but I didn't care. I had a job. I was going to have a paycheck."

Barbee obviously knew she wasn't the only one, though sometimes it felt like it. Her mother, Christine, who lives in Taylor and works at Meijer, told her plenty of people carrying bachelor's degrees came in seeking work.

"That's insane that you have a college degree and you're looking for work as a cashier at Meijer," she said. "I guess it's not that far-fetched in Michigan."

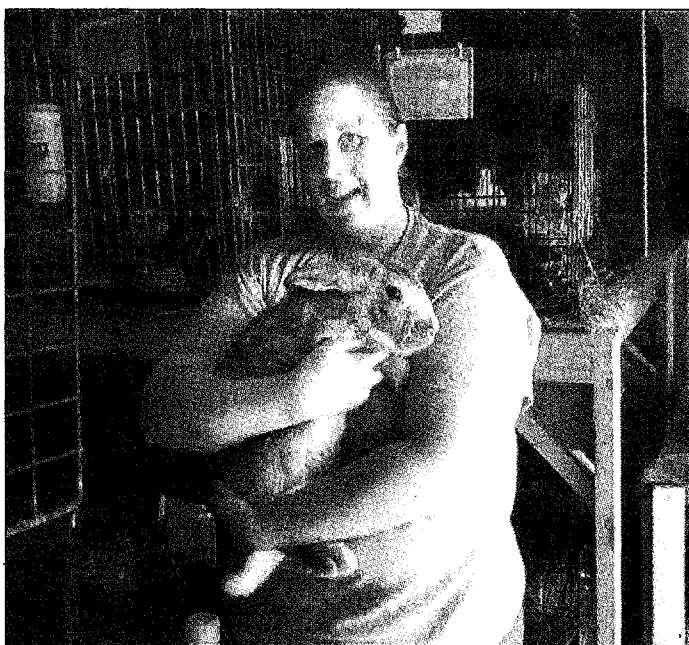
When Barbee lost her house, she was lucky enough to have a friend who allowed her to move in while she saved some money and got back on her feet. She's got a new apartment in Canton, at Geddes and Morton Taylor, and she's working on a degree in applied science through Baker College, studying to be a physical therapist.

"I was afraid to go back to school," she said. "I was 46 years old. The fear of going back to school was overridden by my fear of remaining unemployed the rest of my life."

GOV'T GIG GONE

Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township was appointed head of the Wayne County Department of Environment by County Executive Robert Ficano, and he held the job for more than six years.

But as the county's own budget crunch closed in on Ficano, the rumors started swirling



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Lisa Powell of Canton holds Denier, a resident of the Midwest Rabbit Rescue in Plymouth. Powell, who began working for the shelter after losing her job as a corporate attorney, volunteers 2-3 hours a day.

that the exec would reconnect the Department of Energy with the Department of Public Services — and that Heise would be out of a job.

"You knew there were going to be major (budget) cuts ... (Ficano) was up front about it," said Heise, an attorney for more than 18 years. "It made sense to bring those groups back together. It's something you have to accept as part of the job."

So the layoff didn't exactly catch Heise by surprise. In fact, he said, he'd been planning to leave in 2010 anyway, and had been honest with county leaders about it.

When he left the county, he said, he "started calling attorneys I knew," looking for work.

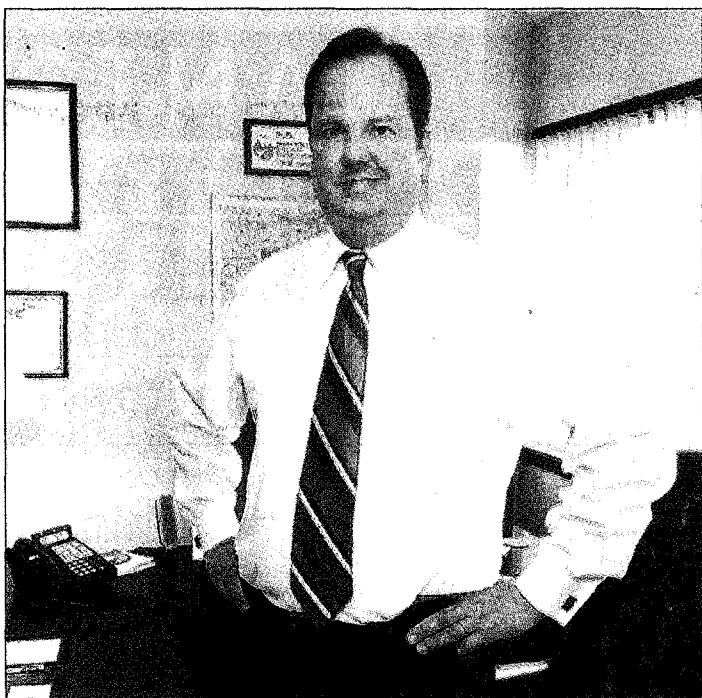
He landed fairly quickly at the Plymouth firm of

Hemming Polaczyk & Cronin, where he knew and had worked with partner Tim Cronin, whose clients include Plymouth Township, for years. Since he's been there, Heise said, he's brought in business such as environmental work for the city of Allen Park.

In addition to his work for the firm, Heise has been retained by Wayne County to represent them in environmental law matters, and is also working as a consultant with Public Sector Consultants in Lansing.

"It's a very good transition ... the partners have been easy to work with," Heise said. "It's a good fit for all of us."

The fact Heise had a fall-back plan didn't make the loss of his job and the resulting uncertainty — regardless



Kurt Heise lost his job as head of the Wayne County Department of Environment, then surfaced at a Plymouth law firm.

how short-lived — any easier. It was an adjustment for his wife, Catherine, and their daughters, 12-year-old Katie and 10-year-old Claire.

"There are adjustments that have to take place," Heise said. "You have to watch your pennies a little more. I had to break the news to the kids, who were seeing friends whose families were facing a job loss and foreclosure. It was a shock."

While Heise feels fortunate to have found work, he knows there are many people who suffered the same job loss who have yet to recover.

"I feel bad for the employees, especially the ones who don't have a fall-back position," he said. "They're going to be out there, looking for jobs."

BUNNY HOP

When a California company announced it was buying the software and data company for which Lisa Powell worked late in 2007, the new owners said the management of the company would be left in place.

A few weeks later, Powell, the company's corporate attorney, was looking for work.

"The investors told us they weren't going to cut anybody, they were going to let us keep running as we were," said Powell, a Canton resident who lost her job for good in April 2008. "They took a pretty good cut out of upper management."

The new owners let company staffers do most of the due diligence it takes to prepare for a public company buying a private company. After toiling

through all that paperwork and effort, Powell said losing "my first real job" was "devastating."

"It sucked," she said. "You go through a period of kind of blaming yourself — 'Was I not working hard enough, am I not cut out to be a lawyer?' You go through a lot of emotional turmoil."

The "What do I do now?" phase came next for Powell, who figures she has applied for hundreds of jobs ranging from retailers such as Kohl's and Target to law firms who wanted much more experience than Powell, who passed the bar in November 2005, had.

"I spend several hours a day looking for jobs and trying to network with the right people," said Powell. "I've gotten into community work."

Her community work largely involves becoming an uber-volunteer for the Midwest Rabbit Rescue shelter in Plymouth, at which she volunteers two-three hours nearly every day. It's a cause her husband found for her when she lost her job.

"I needed a project, so I jumped in headfirst," Powell said. "I also do some other community work that is more legal-related."

Mostly, though, she contemplates her plight as she looks for a job. To complicate matters, her husband, Anthony Barchock, recently lost his computer-aided design job at Tata Industries in Novi.

It's very frustrating," she said. "It's always on my mind, always something I'm worried about. Where are we going to get the money to pay the next bill?"

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maples, pin oaks and swamp white oaks, dozens of shrubs such as American elderberry, hawthorn and dogwood and a forested seed mix for native herbs and grasses.

"By mid-October, we're hoping to have this nailed," said

Peter G. Collins, vice president of Brighton-based ASTI Environmental, a firm hired by Lowe's to coordinate and design the project.

In all, the project required five environmental and construction permits from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Wayne County and Canton Township. Although the Levis still own the property, they

have transferred certain rights to MDEQ, and the land will remain protected by a conservation easement because it is located near Fellows Creek, Collins said.

The Levis — parents of daughters Porscha, 8, and Brietta, 3 — fought several battles with help from their neighbors to block housing that developers wanted to build on the land in the 1990s. Lori Levi said she's not anti-development, but didn't believe the proposals fit in with the neighborhood. She and others raised every issue they could find, such as concerns about flooding from Fellows Creek and proposed zoning changes.

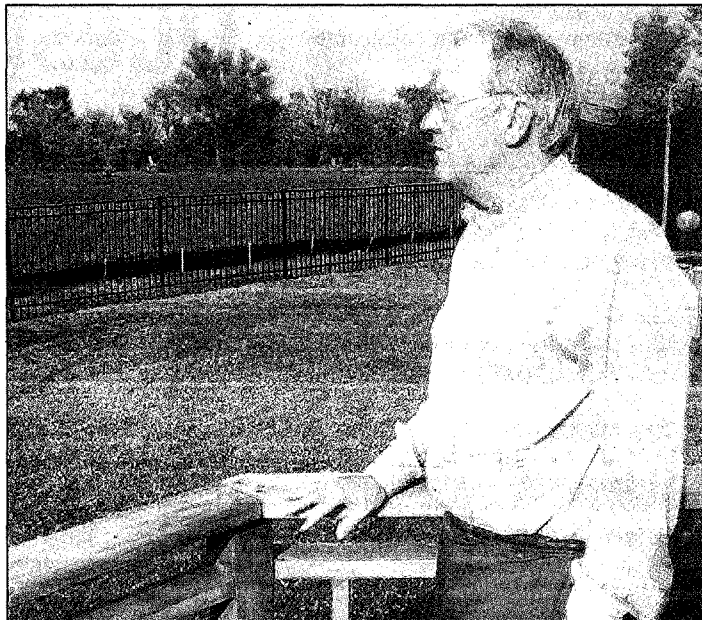
Around 2001, the Levis

decided to buy the land, and they have since worked with Collins to provide a wetlands mitigation site for Lowe's, which is spending no less than \$800,000 on the project.

"I just feel relieved that we won't have to deal with this issue again," Lori Levi said. "We wanted to do something to benefit the environment."

Jeff Goulet, Canton Township community planner, said the property will now have native vegetation to replace what was once "overgrown with invasive species." He also said the land had limited potential due to the floodplain.

"This should benefit the ecological viability of the property," Goulet said. "I think it's



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Peter Collins, vice president of ASTI Environmental, designed the wetland.

a benefit for everybody. I think anytime you can improve land that has limited use to begin with, it's a good thing."

The Levis conceded they earlier encountered concerns from some neighbors who became worried that the property was going to be cleared out. But they met with residents to explain the long-term benefits and to ease their fears.

"I think it's the best thing ever proposed there," their next-door neighbor, Norman Dmuchowski said, adding that he "completely, 100 percent" supports the project.

The contractor cleared and leveled the land recently by using a temporary crossing — made of steel beams and massive timbers — and driving in equipment from Canton Center Road. Although new

trees and vegetation will be planted, workers will not be adding water to the property, Collins said.

Brian Levi, a 41-year-old Ford Motor Co. employee who has two sons of his own — Jeffrey, 18, and Jeremy, 17 — said the long battle has finally paid off. In coming weeks, the Levis plan to have a ribbon-cutting ceremony of sorts to show off the new wetlands, once the work is finished. They plan to invite local, county and state officials, along with their neighbors.

"I really appreciate what they're doing," Dmuchowski said, adding that the Levis deserve kudos for buying the property and converting it into an even better natural area for the neighborhood.

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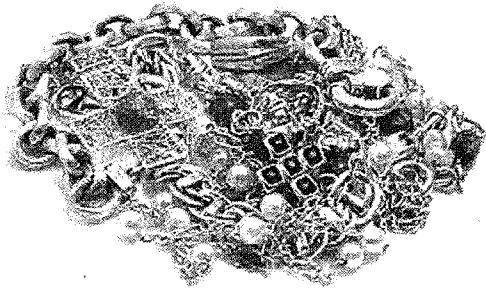
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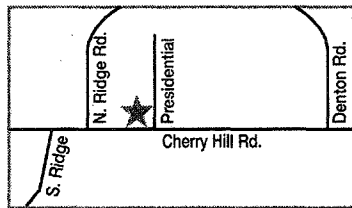
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NEWS BRIEF

Ride with Rotary

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., in partnership with the Huron Township Rotary Club, is holding a Harley-Davidson Bike Raffle and charitable event during the 14th annual Great Lakes Chili Cook-Off in Plymouth.

First prize is a 2009 Harley-Davidson Ultra Classic Motorcycle and custom trailer; second prize is \$2,000; third prize is \$1,000.

Raffle tickets will be sold by the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. during the Chili Cook-off and can be purchased at the Club's Booth (on the west side of Kellogg Park) between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets sell for \$5, or five tickets for \$20.

The drawing will be held at the Huron Township Applefest in New Boston at 6 p.m. Oct. 4. Winner need not be present at drawing.

Proceeds from the ticket sales will help support Rotary's charitable efforts in local and international communities.

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

Euchre night

The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club hosts a euchre tournament Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Summit on the Park's Maple/Oak Room.

Registration starts at 7 p.m., with the games beginning at 7:30 p.m. The event will feature lots of prizes with a cash bar and food for purchase.

The Summit is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Register to play by calling Debby at (734) 282-2340 or dtorzy@hotmail.com

Antique appraisals

The Canton Historical Society hosts its annual Dumochelle Antique Appraisal Clinic 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Cherry Hill School (corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge in Canton's Cherry Hill Village).

Appraisals by appointment only, limited to three hand-carried items. Cost is \$10 for each verbal appraisal, \$15 for each written appraisal.

To make an appointment please call (734) 254-0726. All proceeds benefit the Canton Historical Society.

Vegan diet

The health benefits of the vegan diet will be the subject of a program held Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Canton Public

Library.

Gaia Kile, a Family Nurse Practitioner working with natural and holistic approaches to health and disease, is the featured speaker. His talk will address the science behind some of the benefits and key factors for success through vegan nutrition. October is Vegetarian Awareness month.

To register for this free program, visit www.cantonpl.org or call (734) 397-0999.

Ghandi celebration

The Gandhi Jayanti Celebration will be held on Friday, Oct. 2 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Doors for this free family event will open at 6:30 p.m., with the performance starting at 7 p.m. The show is presented by the Canton Cultural Commission Multicultural Committee in conjunction with the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

The presentation honors the life and legacy of Mahatma Ghandi by celebrating the values that he lived every day. "In a gentle way, you can shake the world," said Mahatma Ghandi. Dr. Madav Deshpande, a professor of Sanskrit and Hinduism at the University of Michigan since 1972, will echo those words as the evening's keynote speaker. Canton Trustee Dr. Syed Taj will provide the programs welcome and introduction to a night of songs, skits, dances, displays and speakers.

For more information



Backpack donation

At its first meeting in September, the Canton Rotary Club celebrated its 10th anniversary of backpack and school supply donations to the Plymouth Canton Clothing Bank. Special guest for the day was Dorothy, a volunteer from the Clothing Bank. The Plymouth Canton Clothing Bank was founded by former teacher Flossie Tonda in 1977 to collect gently used and new clothing to help disadvantaged students in the community fit in with their peers in the school environment. In 2007 this organization helped 478 families, and so far this school year has helped 64 families in only 4 days. The Canton Rotary Club has been collecting and donating backpacks and school supplies to the Clothing Bank since September 2000. Pictured with the club's 2009 donation are members (from left) Sue Kowalski, Mary Beardsley, Greg Gatto, J.D. Robison, Ansel Dooley, Karyl Niemi, President Bill Tesen, Volunteer Dorothy from the Clothing Bank, Ken Beardsley, Larry Oldford, John Kowalski, Roland Leist, Bill Brown, and Joan Noricks.

on The Gandhi Jayanti Celebration, other upcoming cultural events and all of the performances at the Village Theater, visit Cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5308.

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Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried, handmade-only Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at West Middle School in Plymouth.

The event will feature some 1,500 customers, food and drawings.

Hand-made and juried art and crafts will be sold from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 17 at West Middle School. The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Society sponsors this show and uses all of the proceeds to provide college scholarships for Plymouth Canton students.

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PUBLIC SAFETY



Canton police officers search the car belonging to Edward Williams in the Canton Public Library parking lot, where Canton police say Williams shot his wife, Patricia, then turned the gun on himself.

MURDER

Patricia Williams was the mother of a 10-year-old son from a previous marriage to a Westland police officer. "This is tragic," Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro said Tuesday, on a warm, humid day as the last hours of summer ticked away. "These situations are always very tragic, but it hits home even more when it's law enforcement personnel."

Gajeski said he didn't know whether Edward Williams knew his wife had a boyfriend or whether jealousy could have played a role in the shootings. During a Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday night, township Supervisor Phil LaJoy lamented what he called "a very tragic day," but praised local police

and fire emergency medical personnel for responding to 9-1-1 calls "literally in a minute." The grisly shooting incident served as a sobering reminder that Canton isn't immune to violence, even though the township earlier this month was cited by the FBI for having the third-lowest crime rate among 16 communities with populations of 50,000-100,000 people in a three-county metro Detroit area.

No one else was injured Tuesday as gunfire erupted while library patrons went to and from one of the township's busiest buildings. The shootings closed the facility for the day, although people could be seen returning books and other materials in a dropoff box.

Laurie Golden, library marketing and communications manager, said a crisis counselor was brought in Wednesday to help employees and patrons.

She said patrons typically line up outside the library before it opens, and Tuesday's shootings occurred shortly after the facility opened at 9 a.m.

Patricia Williams was taken to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, but was already dead. Edward Williams was taken to St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti, where police said he was placed on life support until his organs could be harvested.

Like LaJoy, Golden commended township police for an "awesome" and quick response to the incident.

The shootings came as Canton and Detroit police already were planning a soccer match to benefit domestic violence shelters such as First Step, which serves western Wayne County. The game is set for 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the High Velocity Sports Center on Michigan Avenue west of Canton Center Road.

Admission is \$5. Women who feel threatened and need advice are urged to call First Step anytime at (734) 722-6800 or toll free at (888) 453-5900.

"Unfortunately, these incidents are becoming all too common," said Judy Ellis, First Step executive director. "We can help to assess the potential for this kind of danger. When dealing with anyone who has any violent history, it should be clear that there is a possibility it could further escalate."

Violence can escalate, particularly when someone in a relationship feels a loss of control, and Ellis said it's important for potential victims to have a safety plan. She said friends and family members of victims also are urged to call First Step, which provides assistance for free.

Charity soccer game aids domestic violence shelters

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton and Detroit police officers will play a charity soccer match to raise money for shelters that help victims of domestic and sexual violence — shelters feeling the pinch of an economic downturn.

The game, scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the High Velocity Sports Center on Michigan Avenue west of Canton Center Road, will benefit First Step, which serves western Wayne County, and the YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit's Interim House.

Admission is \$5 at the door, or Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said he may be contacted for ticket information at (734) 394-5424 or by e-mail at mgajeski@canton-mi.org

"We're really excited about this," said Theresa Bizoe, First Step's associate director. "The economy has really affected our ability to raise money. We've really had to reach out in a variety of ways and ask people to consider First Step a critical safety net for the community."

A sour economy has prompted many corporations to scale back their charitable donations, Bizoe said, and a tumultuous stock market has left community foundations with less revenue to help organizations relying on financial assistance.

Canton and Detroit police will square off during a soccer game featuring Detroit Ignition players participating as coaches and referees, and the team's cheerleaders, The Sparks, also will be on hand, according to police.

The afternoon will include photos with Ignition soccer players, face-painting, children's play areas and prizes.

"It's an opportunity for the city and suburbs to work together for a good cause — domestic violence shelters," Gajeski said.

Bizoe and Gajeski said economic problems also have made it more difficult for victims of domestic and sexual violence to find jobs and other resources they need to make a new start.

Bizoe said First Step may be reached 24 hours by calling (734) 722-6800 or through a toll-free number at (888) 453-5900. More information also is available online at www.first-step-mi.org.

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Judge Mies, 81, remembered as fair, good-hearted

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

James E. Mies, a former judge for Wayne County Circuit Court and Livonia District Court, was a gentleman both on the bench and off, family and friends said this week.

Mies, who lived some 18 years in Plymouth, died Monday at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills following a long illness. He was 81.

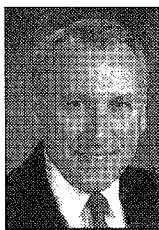
Retired Judge James R. McCann, who served with Mies in 16th District Court in Livonia, said Mies was courteous to everyone who came before him, including defendants.

"He was a gentleman in the total meaning of the word," McCann said. "He was good-hearted to everybody."

McCann said Mies was so well-liked as a judge in Livonia, no one ever ran against him after he took office in 1968.

U.S. District Court Judge Patrick Duggan, a Livonia resident and Mies' former law partner, said attorneys on both sides of a case liked arguing in front of Mies because they knew he'd be fair.

"He was respected by all members of the bar because he was very bright and a decent, civil person," Duggan



Mr. Mies

was a devout Catholic whose deep faith showed in his actions. "He walked the walk without talking the talk," he said, adding that Mies kept his good deeds to himself.

Jerry Mies, one of the judge's seven children, said his father helped those in need. "If one of the kids had a friend who needed money, he'd hire him and pay him" more than the job was worth, he said.

Judge Mies loved to tell jokes, but he often got laughing so hard he couldn't get out the punch line, his family members said.

"And they were always clean jokes — no dirty jokes ever," his grandson said.

Judge Mies, whose daughter Jean has special needs, had a soft spot for people with disabilities, his son said. He helped found and then served as president of the Community

Opportunity Center, a non-profit housing corporation serving adults with developmental disabilities in Livonia, Redford and Plymouth.

Son Jerry and grandson Patrick become special education teachers, in part because of his inspiration.

Family members said Judge Mies was genuinely interested in others, including children and teens. Whenever he talked to someone, it was as if that person were the only one who mattered. "He was always about others," his son said.

Former Wayne County Commissioner Bill Joyner was a teen when his mother, a school board member at the time, introduced Mies to him. He said the judge's interest in others was sincere. "You can tell (that) as a child growing up," he said.

Joyner said Mies' legacy lives on in the smiles of those with developmental disabilities who have been mainstreamed through Community Opportunity Center. "This, in my estimation, is his greatest legacy," he said.

Judge Mies was born in Garrett, Ind. His father died when he was 7. To help make ends meet, his mother rented out their lake home. They moved multiple times while she sought work. He attended eight

schools before moving to Detroit and enrolling in St. Benedict High School.

Mies attended the University of Detroit, graduating from its School of Law in 1951. Throughout high school, college and law school, he worked for the U.S. Post Office to support his family.

He practiced law in Detroit and then Livonia, joining the firm that became known as Brashear, Brashear, Mies and Duggan. After serving as district judge in Livonia until 1981, he was appointed by Gov. William Milliken to the Wayne County Circuit Court. He held that position until 1993.

During his term on the Wayne County Circuit Court, he was one of two judges assigned to manage the asbestos litigation. He also handled many breast implant cases. His colleagues voted him Michigan's Most Respected Judge for Region 2 in 1991.

He was a teacher at the Judicial College in Reno, Nevada, and was a speaker at numerous judicial programs in Michigan. He is a past president of the District Judges Association and served on the Judicial Tenure Commission from 1975 to 1981.

He is a past president of the Livonia Bar Association and was

involved in the Citizens Scholarship Foundation of Livonia, the Optimist Club of Livonia, Livonia Youth Incorporated, Dollars for Scholars and the Knights of Columbus. He was also honored as a Livonia First Citizen by the Observer for his volunteer work in the community.

He was also a leader in his church, St. Michael Catholic Church in Livonia.

In 1993, the Livonia City Council, recognizing his contributions to the community, renamed Rosedale Park as Mies Park. Mies lived for many years in the Old Rosedale Gardens neighborhood of Livonia before moving to Plymouth.

Visitation is 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia.

A funeral mass will be said at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Michael, 11441 Hubbard. Judge Mies is survived by his wife, Pat; children Edward, James, Gerald, Jean and Catherine (Diamond) and Michael, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A son, Thomas, is deceased.

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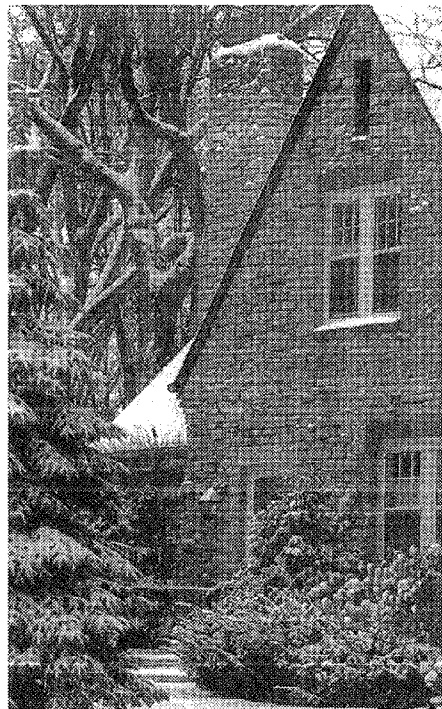
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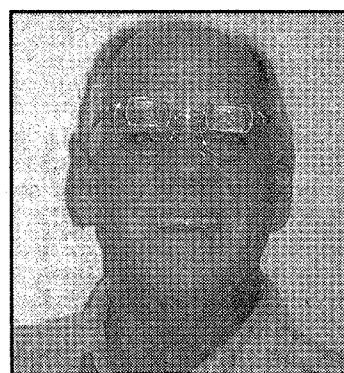
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Woodhaven wow

Band puts on new show, new music with same tradition

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

Saturday was a picture-perfect September day for the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band to unveil their new show, "Beneath the Surface," at their competition season opener at Woodhaven High School in Brownstown.

The 170 marchers presented just over half of their eight-and-a-half-minute show, but it was enough to march off with the Flight I first-place trophy along with a sweep of all Flight I captions for Best Music, Best Marching, and Best General Effect and the highest score, 69.85, of all 11 competing bands.

Other Flight I bands included Westland John Glenn, second; Livonia Franklin, third; and Livonia Stevenson, fourth.

"I'm so incredibly proud of all of them," said a smiling David Armbruster, director of bands for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "Today's performance was great. It's the perfect way to start the year."

Associate director Sheldon Frazier couldn't agree more. "I am very, very pleased," he said. "It was definitely a strong performance." Frazier added that the show was very complicated and complex and that many elements are still to be added.

"We're back to a bit of a darker theme this year," said Armbruster, noting that the show is loosely based on the work of Edgar Allan Poe's, *The Tell-Tale Heart*, with music

by Dmitri Shostakovich, John Corigliano, and Jonny Greenwood.

"We're really excited about this show," said clarinetist Rachel Rebandt, a Salem senior. "I love the music. It's mysterious, exciting and creepy. It's got it all."

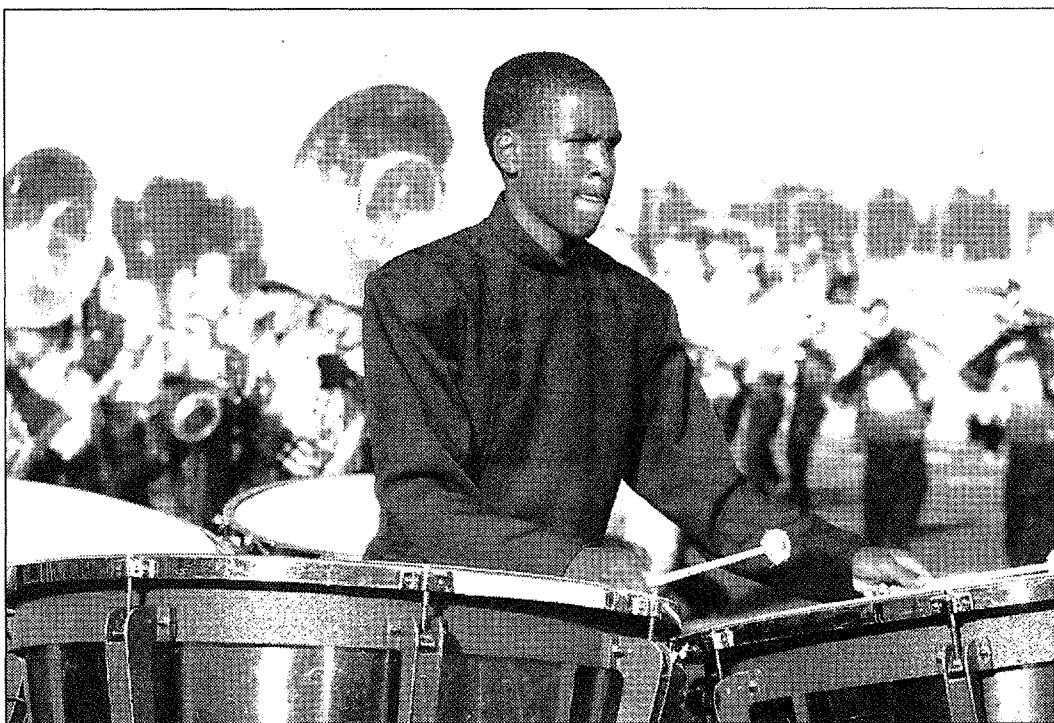
Salem senior Kayla Ragland, one of three drum majors along with Caroline Williams and Kaitlyn Tracy, said, "I absolutely love the music. This is one of my favorite shows. This show has a lot of difficult music and such difficult drill and (the band) performed it very well today. I couldn't be prouder of them."

The band was able to march off with top honors in spite of incurring a 1.9 point penalty that was subtracted from their raw score of 71.75 due to a too-brief performance, falling nearly a minute short of the seven-minute minimum.

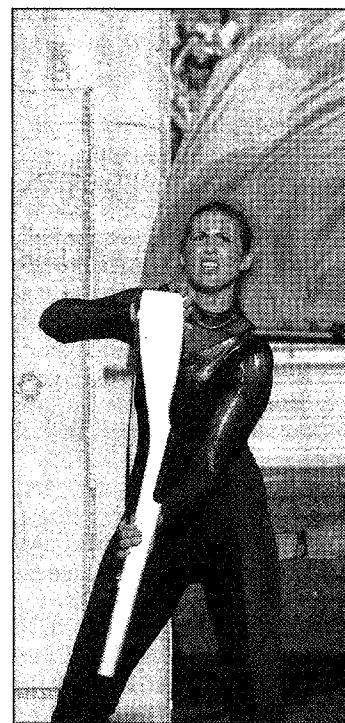
That doesn't worry Frazier, who pointed out that the band works on learning and perfecting each segment well before putting it on the field. He likened it to a reading assignment.

"If you just scan the book, you have an idea what it is about, but not in depth," he said. "If each note is a word, we read every single word. We're very, very persistent for a level of excellence. It takes time. It will grow and it will mature and progress over the season."

Plans are to have most of the show ready by the hometown marchers' next performance at the Bands of America Regional Championships in EMU's Rynearson Stadium Oct. 10.



Playing tympani in the percussion pit, Paul 'P.J.' Walker concentrates during the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's award-winning performance of their new competition show, 'Beneath the Surface,' at the Woodhaven Invitational Saturday in Brownstown.



Color guard member Laura Choos dramatizes the 'darker' theme of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's competition show.

PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON



Scott Davison hits the low notes on tuba.



Percussionists Ryan Fenwick and Marilena Soberal add to the beat of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's competition program.

New at the helm, Armbruster 'excited to be here'

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

The award-winning Plymouth-Canton

Educational Park Marching Band hasn't missed a beat with the addition of two new music men to the program.

David Armbruster was hired as director of bands at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in June. A Michigan native, he and his wife, Dawn, have two sons - Dawson, 7, and Carter, 3.

A graduate of Lakeland High School in White Lake, Armbruster played the trumpet in the Lakeland Marching under the direction of David McGrath, who later was director of bands

at P-CEP. Armbruster most recently served as director of bands at Northmont High School in Ohio.

"I'm very excited to be here," said Armbruster. "It's a wonderful experience. This, by far, is the hardest working group of kids I've ever worked with. It is rare to see this level of commitment in kids these days. They are very supportive of one another and the program as a whole and have a tremendous sense of pride in the program and its rich tradition history."

Another new addition to the program this year is associate director Sheldon Frazier, a recent graduate of Western Carolina University, South Carolina.

Along with the responsibilities of the marching band, both directors team teach the varsity, concert and symphony bands along with wind ensemble and other music classes at the Park.

"Sheldon brings a lot of energy to the program," said Armbruster. "It's a dream team."

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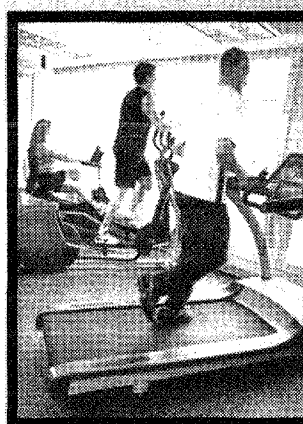
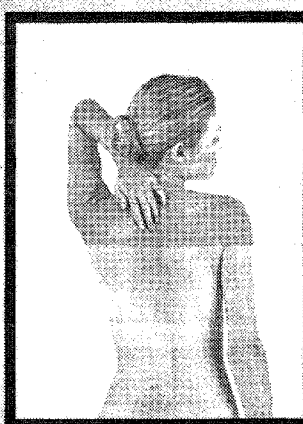
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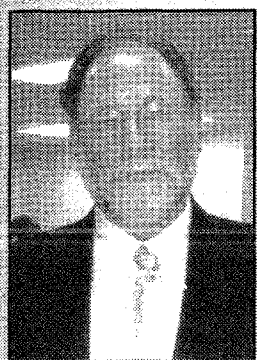
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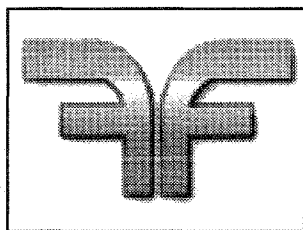
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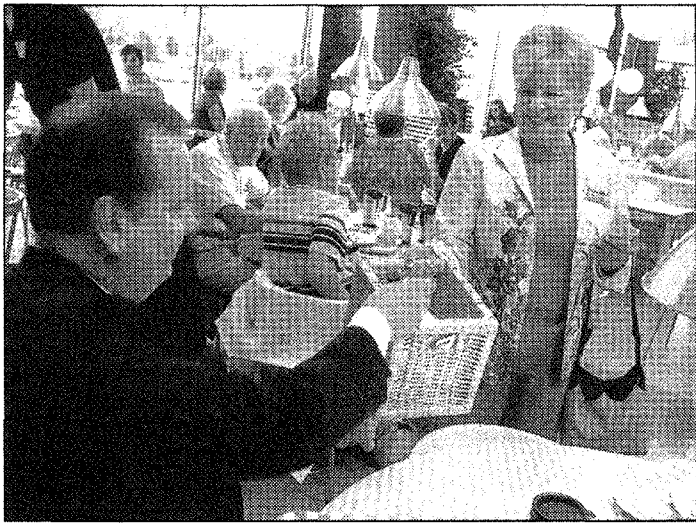


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Canton Chamber boss Dianne Cojei gathers business cards from the crowd for a drawing. Kurt Heise, a lawyer from Plymouth, adds his to the basket.

Chamber coffee provides networking opportunities

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When members of the Western Suburban Area Council of Chambers gather for its quarterly get-togethers, it's usually a lunchtime or after-hours networking event designed to bring businesses together.

But when the group was scheduling its September get-together officials decided to try and open it to retailers and others who might not otherwise be able to come, and scheduled it as a breakfast meeting at IKEA in Canton.

The strategy apparently worked, as a capacity crowd of some 220 chamber members from around the area spent 90 minutes Tuesday talking to each other about the various aspects of their businesses, then shared in an opportunity to shop IKEA as a bonus.

"Our chamber does both," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. "Some people handle the early hours better, others are better later in the day."

Since Canton was the host chamber, IKEA seemed a natural place to handle the event.

Cojei said IKEA representatives "were very receptive" to the idea.

"It's all about supporting our community," said Rich Beswick, IKEA's business manager. "We're about giving back, and this is a good way to bring people together to do that."

Wes Graff, executive director of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, had no problem getting takers for Plymouth's allotment of tickets to the event.

"It gets businesses from around the area together," Graff said. "It's an effective way to meet new people."

Tom Aksten of WineShop at Home in Farmington Hills said such gatherings allow retailers some exposure for their businesses.

"Social networking is what it's all about these days," Aksten said. "It's a cost-effective, very easy way to expose your business to a lot of people at one time. All you have to do is make a couple of new contacts, and you never know what can happen. You get a lot of bang for the buck."

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Churchill grad finds dream job on NFL Web site

BY JULIE BROWN
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Life's working out pretty well for 27-year-old Ryan Cannon. The Livonia native married wife Jill Aug. 28, with a reception at the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth. On the work front, he's been with NFL.com for about two years, keeping the popular National Football League Web site fan-friendly.

"I think the best part is how many people see my work every day," said Cannon, a 2000 Livonia Churchill High School graduate. "So many people are seeing it."

The son of Colleen and Patrick Cannon of Livonia, he's designed a Web site for his mom's tea shop in downtown Plymouth, TranquiliTea.

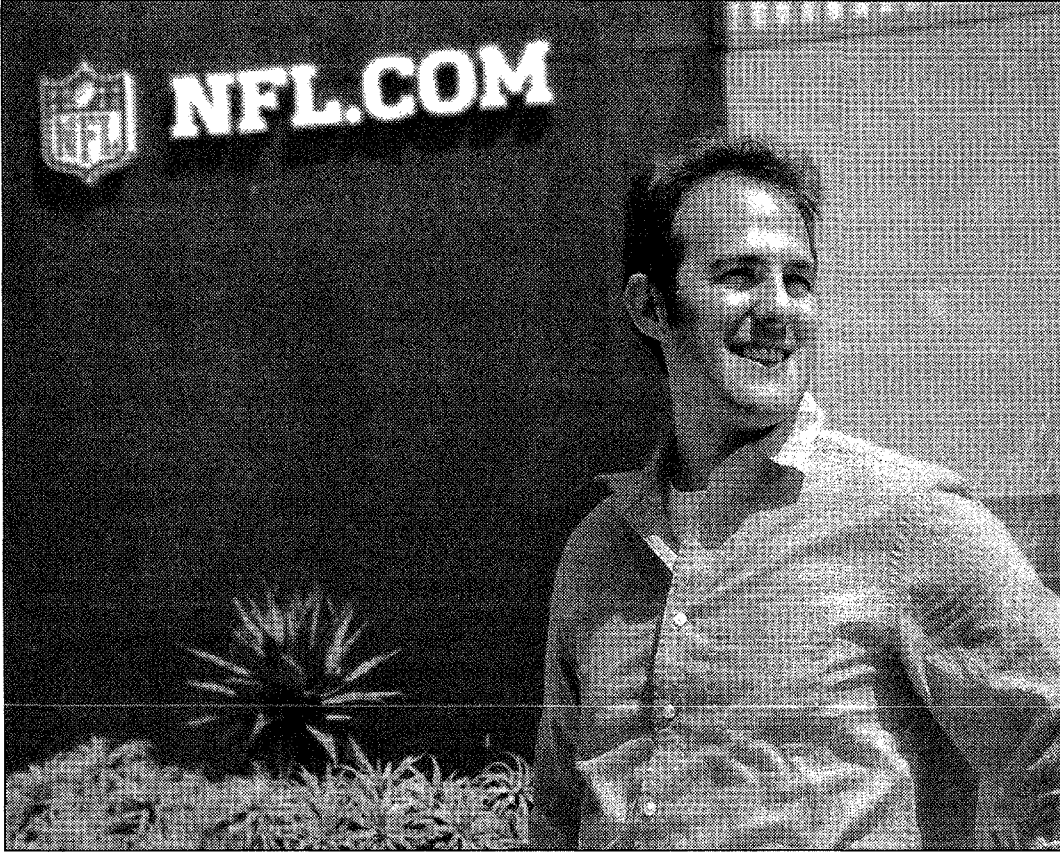
Colleen Cannon noted the family always had computers for Ryan and his younger brother, who does computer work for a marketing firm.

Ryan Cannon got a full academic scholarship to Alma College, and after graduation with his bachelor's degree in English worked a year on the college Web site.

Ryan Cannon, who'd done aol online tutorials as a teen, went to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor for his master's degree in information science, and he's also an accredited librarian. His focus was on interaction with computers.

A faculty member at U-M had the connection to the NFL and recommended Cannon for the job. Cannon works with a team of five and helped redesign the video player. He's also worked on new community features allowing visitors to comment on games, rate players and the like.

The Web site gets millions of hits, said Cannon, in town the weekend of Sept. 19-20 for a childhood friend's wedding. Sundays are especially busy for Web visits and he and colleagues provide computer expertise. "It's really fun," said Cannon, who'd interned at an ad agency in graduate school



Ryan Cannon, whose mom owns TranquiliTea in downtown Plymouth, has worked on the NFL Web site about two years.

and was making lipstick banner ads when he got the Los Angeles-area job.

He knows football well, having played linebacker at Churchill, where he wasn't the biggest member of the team. "It's more about knowing the technology and doing Web development," he said.

He writes code for computers and focuses on best practices. He doesn't travel with NFL teams, but can take a laptop as he travels and troubleshoot. He was recently having cake and ice cream with his grandparents and fixed a NFL.com problem via laptop.

"It's not a 24 hour job, but it's pretty close," he said. "There's eyeballs on the site 24 hours a day." There are site editors in New York he works with, and fans worldwide, including in Europe where the league is aiming to make inroads among sports fans more accustomed to soccer.

"There's not a lot of football played outside the U.S.,"

Cannon said.

He credits wife Jill with much of his success, and anticipates being able to continue work down the road with children in the picture. "To me, that's a major benefit. I don't have to work 9 to 5," he said.

He'll come home from work in Culver City, near Los Angeles, and check the site. There's always some new problem or browser quirk.

Cannon appreciates his library science training, and noted his classmates got good jobs at firms like Google and Microsoft. His site includes highlight clips gathered after games similar to ESPN's Sportscenter.

Cannon doesn't get to sit back with a cold drink and watch the NFL on TV. "I'm mostly just writing code," he said. "The hardest part is I don't get to watch football enough."

He's not allowed to do any gambling, even at family parties or to bet in casinos involv-

ing sports during the season. He's not much of a gambler, so that wasn't a problem.

"The NFL has a really fun name," he added. "Having that business card with the shield on it, it's really cool."

He reads trade blogs to stay current, with product managers checking sites of other pro sports. Cannon's dad, the varsity basketball coach at Livonia Ladywod High School, and Cannon debate merits of parochial and public schools.

"I'm a big fan of Livonia Public Schools," Ryan Cannon said. "They did an excellent job for me." He'd planned to be an English teacher.

"He's done very well," mom Colleen said. "It's a great fit for him. I always describe him as an out of the box thinker." He can break a job down into segments, she said, and get results.

"We're really proud of him," she added.

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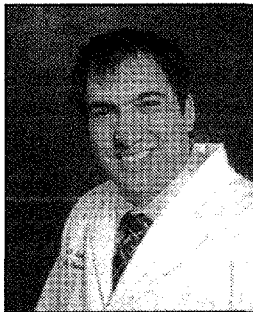
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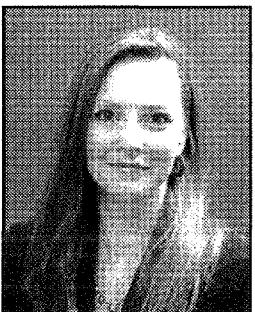
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PROVIDENCE

Read fine print and protect yourself as charge card holder

Last week I gave a talk at the Farmington Hills Public Library. My topic focused mostly on investing and the current state of the economy. Afterwards, a gentleman told me that over the last few months he had noticed the terms of his charge card had been changing. Not only was his interest rate increased, but also, his credit limit had been reduced. His question to me was whether card companies changing the terms on their card was common and was it legal. Unfortunately, my answer was that it is common and yes, it is legal for charge card companies to change the terms of their cards.

Over the years, charge card companies have been notorious for changing terms. Routinely, charge card companies have changed the interest rate and played games with the due dates. It is not uncommon for charge card companies to change the due date of your payment on minimal notice. Of course, I don't want to be cynical but I do believe that many times the charge card companies change the terms of their card in order to hit us with new fees. That is why I've always said it is important to stay current on the terms of your charge card. In addition, it's also not a bad idea to occasionally shop around for a new charge card. After all, a charge card you obtained five years ago may not be the proper card for you today. It's obvious that charge card companies have no loyalty to you and me, therefore, we should not have loyalty to them.

I wish there was one charge card that I could recommend for everyone. That is not the case. The best charge card is not the one that is good for



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

the important elements to consider when selecting a charge card. If you carry a balance, the interest rate is extremely important. If you don't carry a balance, other terms such as grace period, due date and awards become more important. The key to selecting a charge card is to understand how to use your charge card so you can maximize the benefits.

In May, President Barack Obama signed the Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 which does provide some additional protection for charge card holders, however, it doesn't remove the burden to monitor our charge cards.

The new act attempts to provide individuals more disclosure with regards to rates, fees and terms of charge cards. Most of the provisions do not take effect until late February 2010. That is one reason why charge card companies have been more aggressive in changing the terms of their charge card before the new law takes effect.

However, there is some protection in that law that does provide additional charge card holder protection that took effect last month. Under the new law, charge card issuers now must give you 45 days notice before increasing your interest rate or chang-

ing any of the material terms of the charge card. In addition, charge card companies must mail statements at least 21 days before the payment is due. Although these are positive developments for charge card holders, they do not remove the responsibility to read what the charge card companies send us. Although, the new law provides better disclosure, most consumers rarely read the information. After all, most of the disclosures that we receive are written by lawyers for lawyers. Hopefully, the new charge card law will make these disclosure statements easier to read and understand, however, the jury is still out.

One of the major changes I have noticed with charge card companies deals with transferring of balances. It wasn't too long ago that charge card companies were offering zero percent, zero fee balance transfers. Not only have the zero balance transfer deals mostly dried up, banks and charge card companies have started charging fees as high as 5 percent to transfer balances. Furthermore, even if you can find a zero balance transfer deal with no fees, the interest rate saving period is shrinking. While in the past it was normal to have 12 months at 0 percent or a very low rate, it seems that most charge card companies are reducing that to six months.

There is no doubt that the Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility Disclosure Act of 2009 will help credit card holders. However, when it comes to charge cards the reality is that we can't count on the government to protect us, we have to protect ourselves. Good luck!

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Midway rides will be a big part of Canton's Fall Fest and Carnival Oct. 1-4 at the Canton Sports Center in Victory Park.

Fall fest, carnival return to Canton

Experience tons of family fun at Canton's Fall Fest and Carnival return Oct. 1-4 at the Canton Sports Center in Victory Park, located at 46555 W. Michigan Avenue.

The four-day festival features more than 25 carnival rides, midway games and attractions designed to entertain guests of all ages.

The festival will also feature live entertainment, food, hayrides, a petting zoo, face painting.

WCXS and Canton Leisure Services join forces to host "The Great Divide Viewing Party," featuring this year's Michigan-Michigan State football clash, on Saturday, Oct. 3 starting at noon. Fans can cheer like champions while watching the game live on a giant 6' x 9' outdoor screen.

Midway rides include such family classics as Giant Ferris Wheel, Paratrooper, the Scrambler, Sky Fighter, Space Shuttle, and the Gravitron. Additional "kid-die" rides will also be available.

Ride-all-day wristband vouchers can be purchased in advance for \$17 at the Summit on the Park, located

at 46000 Summit Parkway, through Sept. 30. Vouchers purchased in advance will save fair-goers \$3 off of the regular \$20 price. Vouchers can be redeemed any day of the festival for a wristband.

Stage performances are scheduled throughout the festival. On Friday, Oct. 2, from 8-10 p.m., don't miss The Incredibles, a local band known for their upbeat style of classic rock. Rip/Cord, featuring five talented kids who rock, will take the stage on Saturday from 8-10 p.m. These young but seasoned musicians have performed at such venues as the Dream Cruise and Comerica Cityfest.

Throughout the festival, kids of all ages will enjoy picking their own pumpkin from the official Fall Fest pumpkin patch. Pumpkins in a range of sizes will be available for \$3-\$6, while supplies last.

Throughout the duration of the event, festival-goers can take advantage of food and drink specials in addition to the NFL Ticket at Kickers All-Star Grill, an eatery recently launched next to the Canton Sports Center.

On Saturday, Oct. 3, the family fun continues with plenty of activities to choose from, including: Story-Time with the Canton Public Library at 1 p.m.; 2 p.m.; and 3 p.m.; hayrides for just \$1 per person from Noon-6 p.m.; and pony rides for \$3 per ride from 2-8 p.m.

Get up close and personal with unique animals from Carousel Acres Petting Farm from 2-8 p.m. Kids can also get into the fall spirit with a free festive fall craft provided by Home Depot from 1-3 p.m. A Kids Craft tent will also be available from 3-8 p.m. Admission is granted with a wristband or by purchasing tickets. Get a sneak peek of the Village Theater's fall season with: Forever After Productions LIVE from Noon-2 p.m. and Destination Theatre presents music from "Rent" from 3-5 p.m.

Event Hours are Thursday, Oct. 1, 5-10 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 2, 5-11 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 3, noon to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 4, noon to 6 p.m.

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Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
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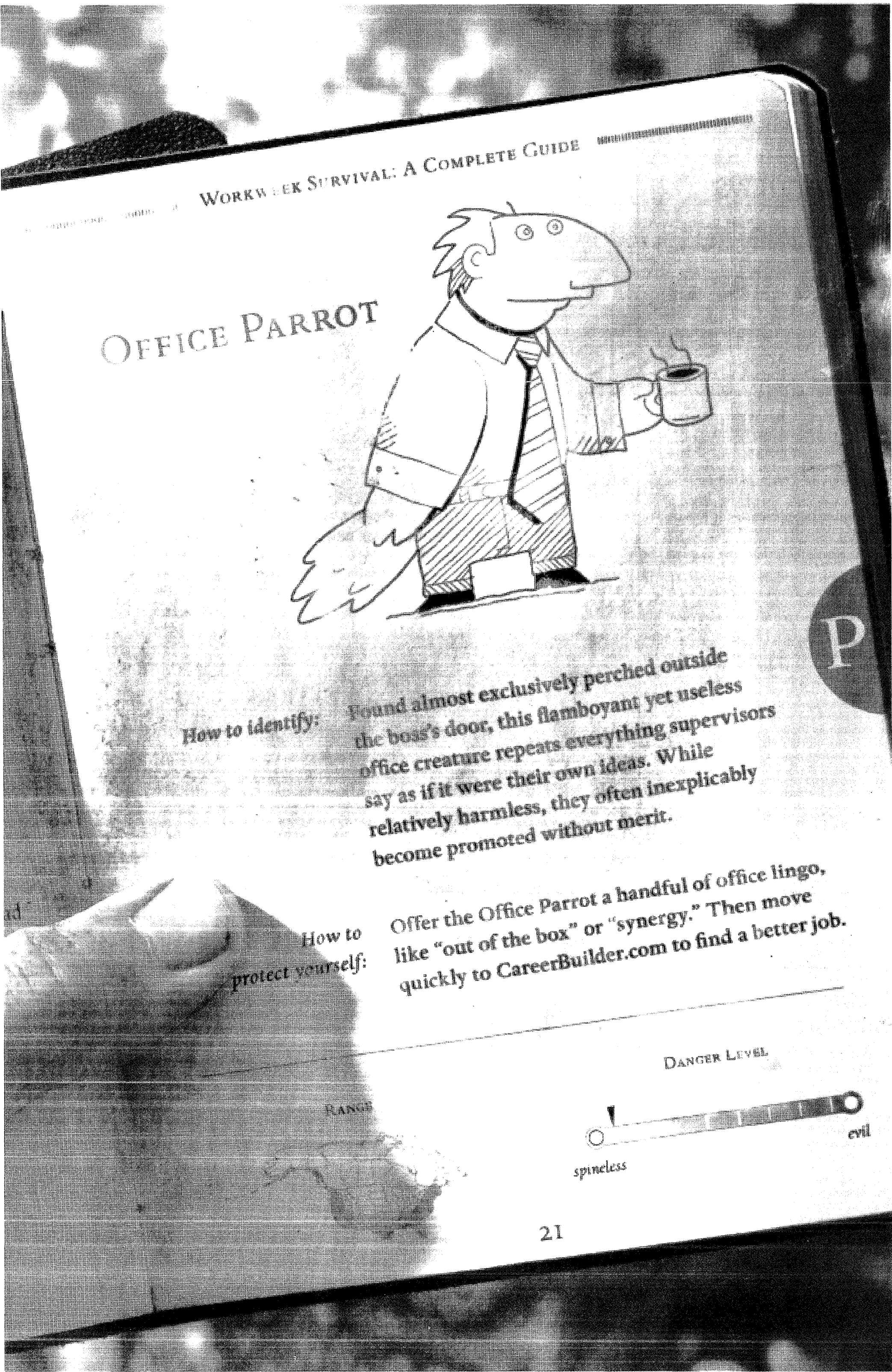
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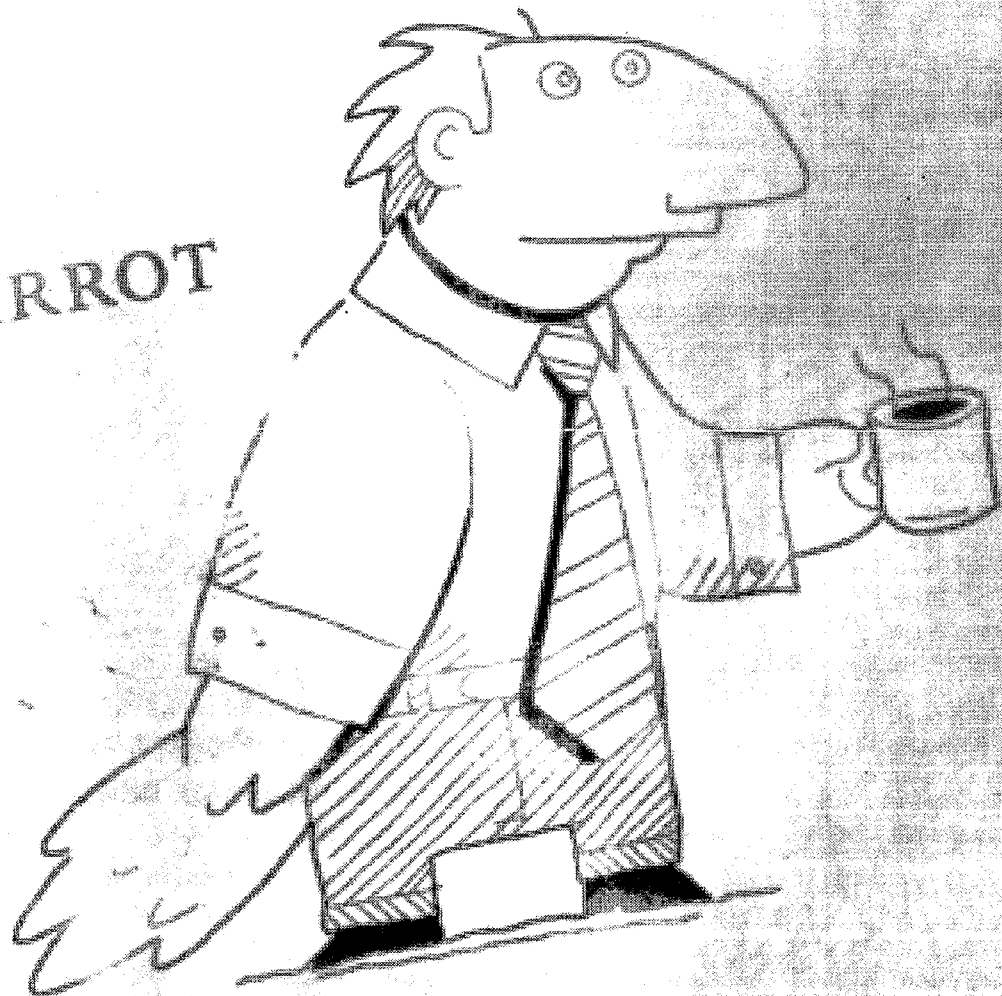


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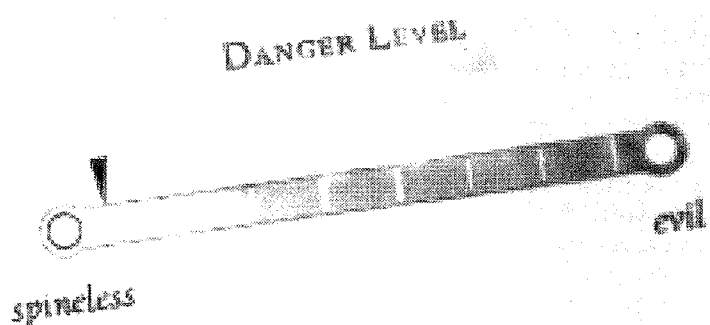


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OUR VIEWS

Everyone has role to play in flu prevention

School is back in session; local college campuses are packed; the local library branches are bustling — it's the season of the communal. People are physically situated closer to each other than they were just a few weeks ago, during the summer routine.

With that in mind, it's important to think twice about germs, particularly the seasonal flu and the dreaded H1N1 strain, also known as the swine flu.

Wayne County health officials have begun their Wash Your Hands Campaign — with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools a major player in their campaign to fight the spread not only of H1N1 (swine flu) but other communicable diseases.

The district is also likely to play a prominent role when the federal government makes H1N1 vaccinations available, likely next month. Plymouth-Canton is expected to be named one of eight mass-vaccination sites Wayne County will open to handle vaccination of their target populations, which include children ages 6 months to adults 24 years old, of which there are some 19,000 people in the school system alone.

In addition to the H1N1 vaccinations — and “regular” flu shots, as well — Wayne County officials are putting a strong emphasis on one simple task: Washing your hands.

Public health officials suggest the following, not just for children, but adults, too:

- Washing hands often. Wash with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds.
 - Using hand sanitizer. Gels and rubs with at least 60 percent alcohol are effective.
 - Coughing or sneezing into a sleeve or elbow — not their hands!
 - Not touching their eyes, nose or mouth.
- Germs are spread that way.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, there are five groups of people who should get both vaccines: Pregnant women; children and young adults from 6 months up to 24 years old; people who live with or care for infants younger than 6 months old; people ages 25 through 64 who have medical conditions, like heart disease or diabetes, that elevate their risks for flu-related complications; health care and emergency medical services personnel.

Preventing a major outbreak of the H1N1 flu is a community effort. Local grocery stores have started adding pumps of hand sanitizer at cash-out lanes and have even added disinfectant wipes for the carts.

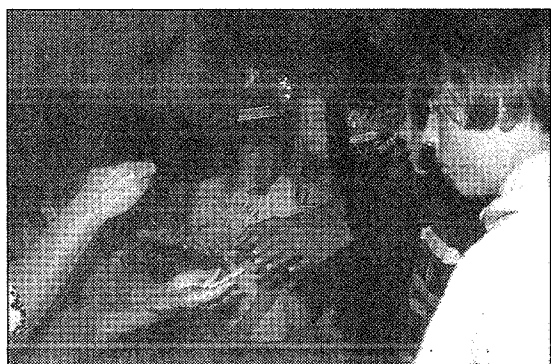
Wayne County is partnering with some 5,000 local businesses to put reminder stickers in their restrooms.

We encourage every resident to be diligent in preventing the spread of the flu by following the simple precautions, and by keeping hand sanitizer handy when visiting public places.

In the case of children, be prepared by making plans to keep an ill child at home until he or she is symptom free for 24 hours.

To stay informed on the most updated information, visit the Wayne County Health Division's Web site at www.waynecounty.com and go to the Public Health Department, or you can find information on the PCCS Web site at www.pccs.k12.mi.us

It's everyone's responsibility to prevent, plan and protect against the potential spread of the season flu and the H1N1 virus.



MARY HOLALY

Discovery Middle School students get a look at the germs on their hands after washing during a hand-washing demonstration as part of Wayne County's Wash Your Hands campaign kick-off event Thursday.

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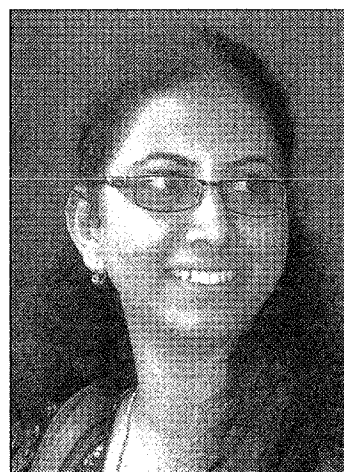
COMMUNITY VOICE

If you could change one thing about Canton, what would you change?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library



“Less traffic.”
— Karen Hartnett
Canton



“I would bring in some lakes or a river where we could go and sit.”
— Radika Murali
Canton



“For the kids, some kind of park in a downtown area (like Cherry Hill Village) where they could gather, a place for families.”
— Andrea Pfaffenbach
Canton



“Traffic on Ford Road.”
— Kathy Schettler
Plymouth

LETTERS

Misleading kids

Nice to see Discovery Middle School get picked for “Wash Your Hands” for H1N1. But you can wash your hands until you bleed or down to the bone, it WON'T help against H1N1 because it's AIRborne.

They kind of mislead the kids and parents. Washing your hands is GOOD, but it won't do a thing to prevent that type of flu.

Craig Kostoff
Canton

Dedicated educators

I'm saddened by the comments made recently by Mr. Keith Martin regarding our new contract with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

His slam against our teachers, our administrators, and our school board is unfair, and his comments are unsubstantiated and unwarranted. I'm not sure why he has developed such a negative attitude towards our district's teachers; however, in spite of his viewpoint, I am personally grateful and proud to have the opportunity to be a professional educator with PCCS.

What an honor it is to work alongside so many dedicated teachers, administrators, and friends who tirelessly endeavor to ensure that the ideal of “no child left behind” be fulfilled. Never have I seen such a commitment towards providing each and every child with the intervention, remediation, and enrichment needed to become successful lifelong readers, writers, and learners.

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The facts confirm that PCCS teachers are not greedy, as Mr. Martin purports. Instead, my colleagues are some of the most generous, caring, and dedicated people I've ever had the privilege to know. Employing the cheapest teachers available, as he also advocates, is surely not as important or wise as embracing the best trained, experienced, creative, and dedicated educators. Thankfully, this is something that our PCCS school board, administrators, and union leaders certainly understand.

Sharon Jones
Canton

Cable fan

As I was flipping through channels one evening, I became engrossed in a short but sweet program on the Canton Cable station, titled Arts on the Road.

As I understand, the program highlights various events unique to Canton Township. This particular snippet I was fortunate to catch was showcasing the Jazz Festival,

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an outdoor venue extending throughout the neighborhood where live music can be enjoyed by all.

Having lived in the surrounding area for some years, I openly admit I have never attended this attraction. However, after watching this special, I clearly see all that I had been missing out on. The show itself was intelligent, informative and very fresh.

The host of the show, Regina, was equally engaging and charming. I commend Canton for bringing such creative, fun and enlightening entertainment to its residents and promoting various artistic programs within the community. I am now a fan and I am excited to see where the next road trip will take us!

Carmen Brown
Plymouth

Shining Swayze

Patrick Swayze was a shining star in Hollywood and will be missed by fans from around the world. His brave, public battle with pancreatic cancer provided hope for all those afflicted with this terrible disease.

For nearly two years he beat the odds stacked against him and brought awareness to the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States. In fact, 76 percent of patients die within the first year of diagnosis and the five-year survival rate is just 5 percent because there are no effective early detection tools or treatments for this disease. Despite these statistics, pancreatic cancer is the least funded among leading cancer killers in our country.

My connection with pancreatic cancer began 20 years ago when my grandmother (or busia), Helen Jagielski, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and died three short months later. Having worked in the cancer research field for many years now, I am appalled that the scientific state of pancreatic cancer today looks very similar to the way it look in 1989 when grandma was diagnosed. Having witnessed many of the tremendous accomplishments made in so many other forms of cancer, it is time for us to see advances in pancreatic cancer as well.

We must take action to ensure scientific progress is made to give pancreatic cancer patients a fighting chance. We need our members of Congress to co-sponsor The Pancreatic Cancer Research & Education Act so that we will have the necessary funding to make true progress against this disease. This is critical now more than ever because the number of pancreatic cancer patients is projected to increase by 12 per-

cent in 2009 and by 55 percent by 2030.

I am a volunteer for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. I encourage everyone to get involved in the fight against pancreatic cancer. To learn how easy it is to make a difference, please visit www.pan-can.org or call (877) 272-6226.

Together, we can make a difference.

Christina H. Jagielski
Plymouth

Bigger is not better

Are you tired of hearing rants from Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity?

Are you flabbergasted by what is supposed to be a neutral media consistently mocking conservative positions and leadership while giving a free pass to liberal viewpoints and ignoring bad ethics on the left?

Are you tired of our president, whose office is supposed to be above reproach, calling American citizens racist simply because they don't want their taxes raised?

Are you tired of fighting with friends, family or neighbors because you don't vote the same way — and tired of how it affects the way you look at them or how they look at you? Are you tired of politics damaging those relationships, possibly forever?

If you answered yes to any one of those questions above, have you ever asked yourself how did this happen or why have things gotten so out of control?

There's a pretty simple explanation.

Government has grown too big — way, way, way too big.

It's invaded our lives at work, at school, in the “free market” and worst of all, in our homes. We talk about it and fight about it and defend our leaders' mistakes — no matter which party they are from — because government has intruded our very core and it's as if we must defend our “friend” no matter what.

For most people, it identifies who they are.

Why else would it be so important for political talk to fill the national radio air waves daily? Why else have we created an entire industry of cable TV political shows, which, by the way, are entertainment, not news?

Or why else pit neighbor vs. neighbor and friend vs. friend?

If government was a small, insignificant part of our lives as it was designed, we wouldn't be as passionate about it, wouldn't talk about it as much, wouldn't watch weekly polls, wouldn't split families over it. We really wouldn't even notice it much at all.

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And where will that get us?

Tom Lang
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Motor City transforms into Fashion City

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
CORRESPONDENT

Peter Soronen's clothing has been spotted on Sarah Jessica Parker, First Lady Michelle Obama, and most recently singer Jennifer Hudson during VH1's Divas 2009. Next Thursday, it will appear on the catwalk at Fashion In Detroit (FID).

Soronen, who grew up in Farmington Hills, is among designers taking part in the premiere fashion event Oct. 1-2 at the Detroit Zoo.

FID includes two days of runway shows, 1-6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, along with a blowout AfterGlow Bash at a local movie studio.

Designers include Schott NYC and North Beach Leather by Joe Faris; DivaGroove by Dana Keaton; Marlaina Stone; Kevan Hall; Betsey Johnson; MYNT 1792 by Kevin Christiana; Carhartt; Familia Couture; and Kid Rock's Made in Detroit.

Soronen will present his P.S. by Peter Soronen label, which debuted at New York Fashion Week earlier this year. He said he designed the lower-priced P.S. label to "hit a larger clientele with the same structure I put into the main collection." It's available at Tender in Birmingham and Bloomingdale's in New York.

Soronen credits his late mother, Judy, who served as mayor of Farmington Hills in the early 1980s, for inspiring him to find success.

"I think it did put the idea in our head that if you wanted something and you had your heart set on it you could

FASHION IN DETROIT

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achieve it," he said. "She was always very supportive of what I do today and I guess in that way she helped me achieve the dream."

She also exposed him to the practical side of his craft.

"She always sewed, even some of her own suits, so having a sewing machine around in the house and fabric on the table was very common," Soronen said.

CHICAGO, NEW YORK

After graduating from North Farmington High School, Soronen designed clothing for friends and took night classes in pattern making at Oakland Community College. In 1990 he moved to Chicago and founded an upscale design house making wedding and evening gowns

based on vintage corset patterns. Eight years later, his designs were so popular he relocated to New York where he was discovered by stylists, fashion media and A-list celebrities. He said he's excited to return to his hometown and take part in FID.

"I'm happy to be coming back and to be able to contribute a little bit," he said.

According to Karen Buscemi, editor of StyleLine magazine and a member of FID's executive committee, the event is modeled after New York Fashion Week. It will be staged every spring and fall, and grow longer as it gains momentum.

FID was co-founded by Project Runway contestant Joe Faris of Troy, and interior designer Leslie Ann Pilling of Bloomfield Hills. It's run by a six-person committee of heavy hitters in the local fashion industry.

"Every person on that committee is dedicated to this event being a success. Failure is not an option," said Buscemi, of Royal Oak.

"This event is not only going to happen, it's going to happen according to the vision. We're not scrimping. When you walk into the tents you're going to feel like you're at a major fashion event. Every detail has been considered."

STUDENT DESIGNERS

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Malcolm of Troy, Adrianna Pavon of Royal Oak and Kelly Tinsley of Ypsilanti will vie for a guaranteed spot in the March show with the \$2,500 designer fee waived.

The AfterGlow Bash (ages 21 and over) will be held at Stage 3 Productions in Warren, where guests can mingle with designers and celebrities. The 40,000-square-foot space will be divided into two atmospheres, with bands Dirty Americans, Tripper and Next Exit playing on one side, and DJ Sugar Hiccup, aerial shows by Detroit Flyhouse and a VIP lounge on the other. Some of metro Detroit's best restaurants, including Tre Monti and Mon Jin Lau of Troy, will serve free appetizers.

Buscemi said all the models, vendors and sponsors involved in FID are Michigan-based.

"The one thing that we have found since starting this is how much local talent there is," Buscemi said.

Tickets, \$75 per day, include six runway shows, a souvenir look book, gift bag, and eligibility for high-end giveaways. Visit www.fashionindetroit.com for more information.



Peter Soronen

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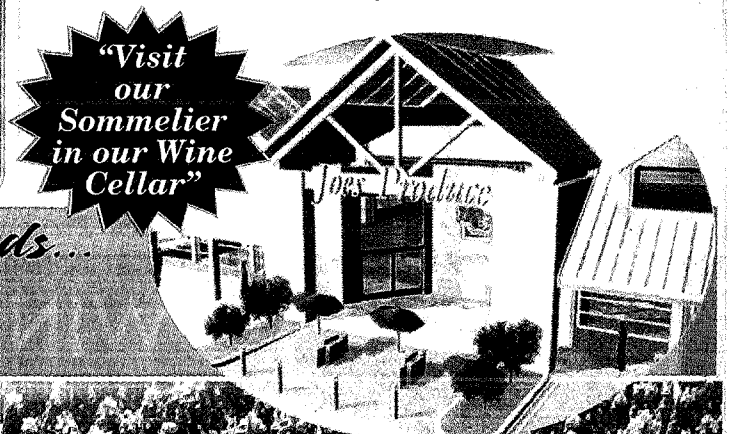
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HOMETOWN LIFE



Salem tops rival 'Cats

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A little bump in the road wasn't about to slow down Salem's varsity volleyball team Tuesday night against Plymouth.

Salem earned a 3-1 match victory in the WLAA crossover between the two district rivals, but it wasn't always smooth sailing — even after the host Rocks quickly got out to a commanding 2-0 lead thanks to 25-11 and 25-10 wins.

But the pesky Wildcats put up a fight in Game 3, winning 25-17 and going head-to-head for a while during the fourth game before Salem took the game and match 25-19 to improve to 10-1-2 overall.

"It is one of our biggest rivalries," said Salem junior middle hitter and co-captain Nicole Merget, who was everywhere in the front row for the Rocks. "We're playing against our friends and it's just really competitive all the time."

Merget, a 6-3 player who sparked with 20 kills, eight blocks and 23 defensive digs, noted that Salem needed to regroup after Plymouth (7-2) took the third game.

"We just had to get motivated again and fight even harder to win the fourth game and we did," Merget said. "I'm really proud of our team. The first two games were probably the best we've played all season."

According to Salem head coach Amanda Suder, "The first two games our passes were crisp and we were able to make use of some of those faster sets to Nicole in the middle."

MAKING IT HAPPEN

The points-scoring combo of junior setter Kerry MacDonald (34 assists, four blocks, 12 digs) to Merget certainly clicked enough for Salem to prevail. Another top performer on offense was junior middle hitter Jillian Sommerville (nine kills, three blocks).

'It is one of our biggest rivalries. We're playing against our friends and it's just really competitive all the time.'

NICOLE MERGET, Salem co-captain

But the Rocks also played strong defense, at least most of the match, against a Plymouth team that featured solid front-row players in juniors Alex Roberts (six kills, nine blocks), Kayla Bridge (eight kills) and senior Kelly Smoltz (five blocks).

For example, senior outside hitter Lauren Dwozanin collected 35 digs and junior libero Lauren Aschermann tallied 25 digs along with five aces.

When the Wildcats gained some momentum, it was largely due to Salem faltering in the serve-receive department, Suder said. "There was a lack of talk and our serve-receive started to fall. When we stop passing, we don't do much."

Plymouth head coach Kelly McCausland's squad didn't play consistent enough to really get back into the match, however.

"I think obviously the game we won we were serve-receiving well, and we were able to set up our offense," McCausland said. "The first two games, I would say we probably had 24 or 25 reception errors."

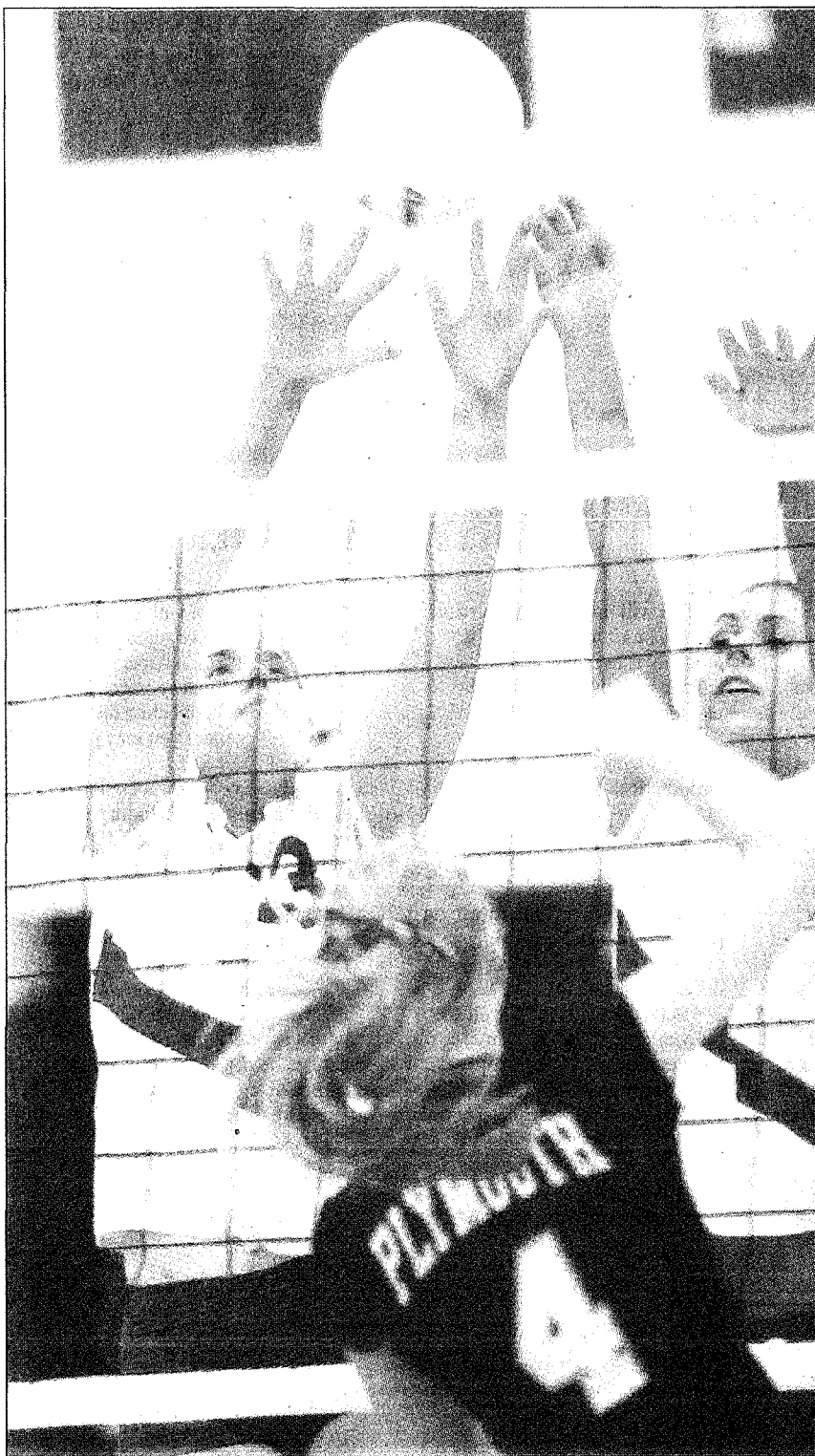
"Playing against a team like Salem, you can't do that. We are usually a pretty strong serve-receive team. Obviously, tonight they served us off the floor."

DON'T RISK IT

The Wildcats were lifted by the efforts of junior defensive specialist Mariah Tesarz (19 digs) and senior setter Katie Salo (20 assists, 10 digs).

In Game 4, Plymouth hung tough in hopes of forcing a deciding fifth game. The game went back and forth

Please see **VOLLEYBALL, B3**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Going up for the block against Plymouth's Erin O'Connor (No. 4) on Tuesday night are Salem's Jillian Sommerville (No. 13) and Lauren Dwozanin.

Canton harriers reload

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What does a team do when two of its all-time top performers graduate?

Canton's varsity boys cross-country team keeps on clicking, as demonstrated by Saturday's second consecutive Ludington Invitational championship. The Chiefs finished the day with 24 points, well ahead of runner-up Grand Haven (46).

PREVIEW

"We have had a great start," said veteran Canton coach Bill Boyd, whose team also won the KLAA Invitational during the early season and boasts five runners with personal bests of under 17 minutes, 20 seconds.

The 2009 graduations of school record holder Duncan Spitz and Top-5 performer Kyle Clinton (along with gutsy captain Greg Reed) from the 2008 team that won the KLAA South Division meant that returners such as seniors Jon Peck, Steve Watts, Zack Spreitzer, Josh Osinski and Paul Rakovitis would need to hit the ground running.

Helping them out so far this year have been sophomores Mitch Clinton and Miles Felton and first-year senior Keith Zech plus sophomore Bradon Conley.

Please see **CANTON, B3**



Salem's varsity girls cross country team celebrates winning Saturday's invitational at Michigan State University. In the front row (from left) are Kelly Kerwin, Kara Booms, Jordyn Moore, Alexis Foley and Shannon Flynn. In the back row (from left) are head coach Dave Gerlach, Autumn Burin and Victoria Tripp.

Pack power

Salem girls harriers best at MSU invitational

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Pushing each other as a unit, Salem's varsity girls cross country team captured Friday's Michigan State University-hosted Spartan Invitational.

The Rocks were the best of 43 Division 1 teams with 117 points with their top six runners placing in the Top 50.

Finishing second with 139 points was Ann Arbor Huron as Salem perhaps gave the green light to a triumphant season at the so-called Green Race at Forest Akers Golf Course in East Lansing.

"For us it's a big stepping stone," said Salem head coach Dave Gerlach. "Obviously, it's early in the season but to win an event that has 43 teams in it is something that's very exciting."

"All season we've been working on the two 'Ps' — pacing and pack running. And (Friday), we did both of those things which made us very successful."

The top finisher for Salem on the plush course

was junior Victoria Tripp, with a time of 19 minutes, 44 seconds.

Not far behind were senior Jordyn Moore (20:17), sophomore Kelly Kerwin (20:28), freshman Shannon Flynn (20:32), sophomore Autumn Burin (20:52) and junior Kara Booms (21:02). Salem's seventh finisher was freshman Alexis Foley, at 23:28.

MOVE IT ON UP

"Kelly and Shannon really stepped up," Gerlach said. "They were a huge key to our victory."

According to Gerlach, Salem emphasizes pack running for a very important and strategic reason.

"Your top five team members are your scorers," he said. "And if you can pack run, and especially move that pack up a little bit, that's low points."

"That's because people are coming through the finish line and driving up (the scores) your fourth and fifth runners' scores."

Please see **SALEM, B3**

Alum Stinar's still a Rock(s) star

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For a few hours on Sept. 12, Brett Stinar was a teenager again.

And a soccer star again, to boot.

Stinar — a 2000 graduate of Salem High School and an all-state prep soccer player for the Rocks — proved to be the top performer in that night's alumni men's soccer game at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. He scored both goals for Salem in a 2-1 win over Canton.

But his on-the-field endeavors weren't the main reason Stinar was all smiles.

"The alumni game was a good time for everyone," said Stinar, currently a Salem varsity assistant coach with plans to begin medical school at the University of Michigan next year. "With the memories we all have from playing on that field, it's quite a pleasure lacing up your cleats again and playing with past teammates."

"How can you not smile while stepping onto that field again? And it's always a pleasure for me playing alongside Scotty (Duhl), who's like a brother to me. ... we've been playing soccer together since we were 13."

Duhl also graduated from Salem in 2000 and these days is the JV boys coach at the school.

According to Stinar, who along with Duhl played on the 1999 state finalists, having such a nice crowd on hand to watch the former players showed again that the Plymouth-Canton soccer community "is unmatched anywhere else in the state. Canton, Plymouth and Salem always produce excellent teams and players."

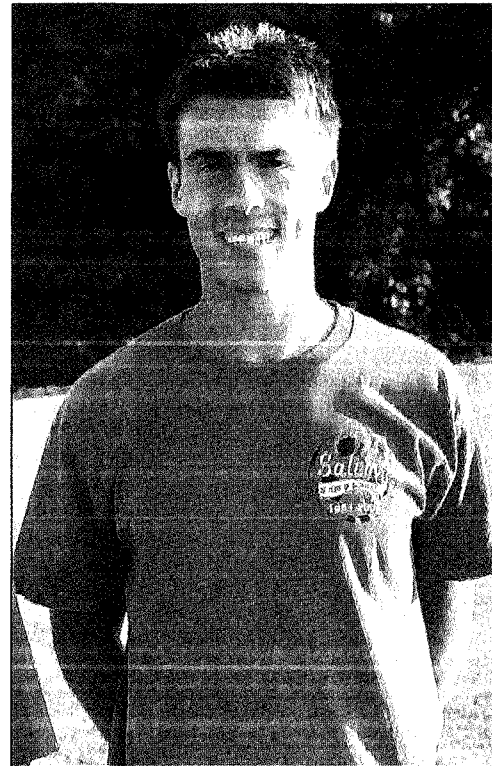
Stinar said soccer players, many who cut their teeth in the Canton Soccer Club, know they have a very good shot to be part of something special at the high school level.

"Each and every year all three of these schools have a very realistic chance of becoming state champions," he noted. "And that's what players and coaches focus on from Day One."

SOCCER BROTHERHOOD

Concurring was Salem's longtime varsity boys soccer coach Ed McCarthy, who said it was an honor to have so many former players back at PCEP.

In addition to Stinar and Duhl, the coach mentioned John Truskowski (1989-91) and the Wielechowski brothers — Dan, Ben and Matt — who played for three Salem state finalists (1997, 1999, 2003) but didn't all play together at the same time until the alumni game.



The wide smile and Salem soccer T-shirt says all you need to know about why Brett Stinar loves to still be part of the scene at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

McCarthy tipped his cap to those Canton High School alums back for the game, led by TJ Tomasso (a former "dream team" goalkeeper and brother of Canton coach George Tomasso).

The guidance Stinar received from McCarthy during his high school years combined with that of Brett's No. 1 fan, his mom Kyle Eckert (a teacher at Fiegel Elementary in Plymouth).

And his close bond with coaches and teammates doesn't take away from the fact Stinar calls his brothers, Theron and Parker, "my heroes, I had to say something about them."

Something has to be said about Brett Stinar, too.

After leaving Salem in 2000, he became a four-year starter as a midfielder for Kalamazoo College, where he graduated in 2004.

He then played soccer and studied while in Madrid, spent two years as a graduate student at the University of New Mexico and in May 2009 was hired as a polysom tech at Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

But Salem soccer always seems to be at the forefront for Stinar, something underscored by his top-notch return to his alma mater.

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Wildcats give Canton kickers the boot, 3-1

Plymouth ended the first half of the KLAA South varsity soccer season with a flourish, earning a 3-1 win over Canton at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Wildcats (7-4-1, 4-0-1) went up 1-0 in the first 40 minutes on a goal by Joe Klonowski on an assist from Vin Nguyen.

Plymouth padded the lead to 2-0 after

intermission when Danny Jasiewicz scored. But the Chiefs (6-4-2, 3-2-0) got on the board thanks to a penalty kick goal that beat Wildcats' goalkeeper Kyle Brindza.

The lead was right back to two shortly thereafter. Nick Russ converted a feed from Dan Conklin.

"The boys played a strong match," said

Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich. "I thought our defense played well and our goalie, Kyle Brindza, played strong. Nick Russ created a lot up top."

The win could give the Wildcats momentum entering Thursday's crucial KLAA South tilt against Livonia Churchill (7 p.m. at PCEP). The two teams tied earlier this season.

MU women fall in OT

Overtime proved to be unkind Saturday for the Madonna University women's soccer team.

Despite seven saves by goalkeeper Brittany Warner (Plymouth), the Crusaders lost 1-0 to host Siena Heights University on a sudden death overtime goal by Noel

COLLEGE BRIEF

Luther.

Gemma Cowperthwaite and Bridgette Scott set up the game-winner at the 95:37 mark as the Saints improved to 4-2-2 overall and 2-0-1 in the WHAC.

Madonna (2-6, 1-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference) had just two shots on goal against Saints goalkeeper Haley Mancini.

TEE TIME

My favorite courses in Michigan

By David Graham

In my position as Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan, it is probably a politically incorrect position to express what golf courses make my personal list of favorites for obvious reasons. But like you, I do have favorites around the state of Michigan and I am willing to provide my two cents on the topic. This list is courses that if invited, I would make time in my schedule to play in a heartbeat. I must also state up front that I have not come close to playing all of the fantastic courses in this state. We are so fortunate to have so many great options. Also, I believe there is a bit of a halo effect on ones likability assessment based on how well one plays and scores at a particular course. I suspect that influence has impacted my selections. So this assessment is very subjective, and

while it will include some obvious courses on everybody's list, it probably is not your list. It does include both private and public facilities.

Dave's Faves in alphabetical order:

- **Arcadia Bluffs** – spectacular links style course along Lake Michigan. As the wind blows, so will one's score. No. 17 is an awesome par 3 when played with a breeze in your face it can be particularly difficult to score.
- **Belvedere** – Tom Watson spent his summers on this gem in' Charlevoix. No. 16 is a shorter par 4 with the green wedged into the side of a hill. Great fun particularly if the hole location is on the right side of the green. Beware of an overly aggressive putt.
- **Crystal Downs** – Alistair

- Mackenzie design with support from Perry Maxwell recognized as one of the finest courses in America. No. 10 is a great par 4 that demands an approach shot kept below the hole. If not, 50/50 chances you may putt off the green.
- **Eagle Eye** – Newer course with a lot of great holes including an exact replica of the 17th at the TPC at Sawgrass (Island Green). One of my favorites is no. 15 which is a par 4 that has a raised green with severe slopes around with collection areas for any wayward shots.
- **Franklin Hills** – A great Donald Ross design. No. 2 is a superb par 4 with a severely slanted green... do not be above the hole on your approach shot if at all possible.
- **The Gables** – One of three courses at Lakewood Shores Resort, it is a very challenging links layout with hidden fairway pot bunkers throughout. Bring your "A" game

and you'll have a great time.

- **The Heathers at Boyne Highlands** – Robert Trent Jones design, no. 18 is a great risk reward hole that requires an approach shot over the lake for any realistic chance at a birdie finish.
- **Indianwood Old** – My home course, it plays different each day depending on the wind. No. 18 is a great finishing hole with a huge green. Putting over and around some of the buried elephants can be a challenge!
- **Kingsley Club** – Newer course receiving excellent national exposure. No. 9 is a modest par 3 until you get to the green. Unless you are below the cup you may have some interesting challenges. If chipping or pitching on from behind the green, good luck!
- **Meadowbrook** – Great set of green complexes throughout the course. No. 9 is a great shorter par 4

- with a severely sloped green. Hands of a surgeon instead of a blacksmith will serve one well.
- **Oakland Hills South** – Spectacular host course to countless major championships as well as the Ryder Cup. No. 17 is a really cool par 3 uphill to a green surrounded by deep bunkers and equally challenging rough. A par on this hole is a great achievement.

The above is a sampling of the great courses in Michigan. If a friend should extend an invite to play any of the above, don't hesitate to accept and keep me in mind if you need someone to fill out your group.

David Graham is the Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan. Check for his Tee Time column every Thursday through September.

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Plymouth boys finish third at Holly Invite

Plymouth's varsity boys cross country team placed third at Saturday's Holly Invitational with 120 points — the team's highest finish ever at the tourney, said Wildcats' head coach Jon Mikosz.

Ann Arbor Pioneer and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central placed 1-2 with scores of 34 and 86 points, respectively.

Leading the pack for the Wildcats was junior Joe Porcari, with a time of 16-minutes, 28-seconds.

Not far behind him in 15th place was senior Warren Buzzard (16:42), followed by senior Matt Neumann (20th, 16:52) and sophomore Derek Gielarowski (21st, 16:55).

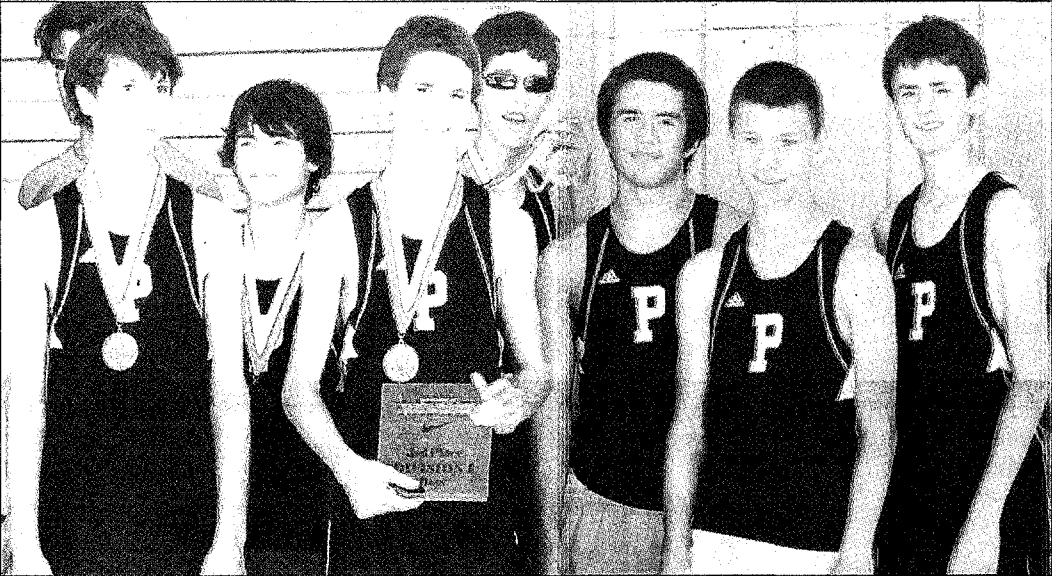
"Our top four runners ran very well and Derek

Gielarowski ran a 27-second PR in a breakout run," Mikosz said. "He ran a very smart race and got out faster than he normally does."

Senior Jimmy Eiben and junior Stephen Balaze each tied for 55th with times of 17:54. Sophomore Garrett Neumann finished in 81st place with a mark of 18:32.

"We still have some work to do to get our (numbers) 5-8 closer to our top four, but we are working on closing that gap," the coach said.

Catholic Central's top runners included senior Ricardo Galindo (sixth, 16:16), junior Andrew Garcia-Garrison (seventh, 16:20), senior Viktor Puskorius (14th, 16:38) and junior Austin Zebrowski (18th, 16:46).



Members of the Plymouth boys varsity cross country team celebrate their third-place finish at the Holly Invitational on Saturday. From left are Warren Buzzard, Joe Porcari, Matt Neumann, Derek Gielarowski, Jimmy Eiben, Stephen Balaze and Garrett Neumann.

SALEM

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Gerlach said the girls ran well despite Forest Akers itself.

"The course was running a little bit slow, the ground was soft, plush golf course grass," he said. "A lot of times we run on harder ground."

Still, Gerlach was enthusiastic about the future of his team for this season based upon the early returns.

"I think what it does is it builds on the excitement and also helps them realize they're hard work is paying off," Gerlach said. "When you have some early success, it just really shows them 'If I work hard and I run smart and pace myself and we run as at team we're going to have success.'"

"So I think it provides faith in themselves, but also in the program."

Gerlach said the team still wants to do well in the KLA

Central Division as well as subsequent rungs up the ladder to the state meet.

"As I told them don't get too high on your victory and don't get too low in defeat because we have a lot of season left," Gerlach said. "Our big goals are the division, the conference, regionals and hopefully state finals."

Salem (2-0) took another step with Tuesday's 15-48 triumph over KLA Central rival Livonia Stevenson at Cass Benton Park.

The Rocks swept places 1-6 with the top four all finishing at 21:07. They were listed in this order: Flynn, Tripp, Moore, Burin. In fifth with a mark of 21:15 was Kerwin while sixth-place Booms clocked in at 21:38.

Stevenson's top finisher was seventh-place Julia Capeneka (21:39).

Chiefs fall to Churchill

Livonia Churchill defeated Canton 15-46 Tuesday at Cass

Benton Park.

Canton's top runners were Bianca Kubicki (6 points with at time of 21:34), Rachel Rohrback (8), Emily Southern (9), Abigail Gorzalski (11) and Katie Grimes (13).

Sara Kroll and Kerigan Riley were 1-2 for the Chargers, followed by Bethany Pilat, Sydney Anderson and Amanda Southwell.

• Meanwhile, Canton finished second out of nine teams at the tough Ludington Invitational on Saturday at West Shore Community College. Potential state champion Grand Haven won the invitational with 15 points while the Chiefs trailed with 62.

Canton's top runner was Bianca Kubicki, in seventh place. Emily Southern, Rachel Rohrback and Abigail Gorzalski took places 11-13 with Rachael Brunk in 19th.

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Canton tops Plymouth in UMD tournament final

BY TIM SMITH
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Two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams battled Saturday in the finals of the University of Michigan-Dearborn volleyball tournament.

When the sounds of serves, sets and spikes finally stopped, Canton's Chiefs had defeated Plymouth 25-21, 25-20 for the tourney title.

"Our hitting wasn't as aggressive as normal but we were very smart with our choices this time," said Canton head coach Mary Kryska, whose team faces Livonia Churchill in a big KLA South matchup Thursday. "I think a light bulb has turned on for some of the girls now what we have had a chance to get more playing time."

Canton made it to the finals this way. The Chiefs won all six pool-play games — two each against South Lyon East (25-16, 25-11), Cass Tech (25-7, 25-11) and Auburn Hills Avondale (25-6, 25-22).

"In every game in pool play all or players got a lot of playing time," Kryska said. "For some it gave them the confidence of playing in a varsity tournament for the first time."

Canton then defeated Avondale again in the quarterfinals (26-24, 25-18) and

Livonia Stevenson in the semifinals (25-13, 26-24).

"Once pool play was over we started to see some good competition," Kryska said. "There were a couple of times we got too down on ourselves but we picked it right back up to come from behind a few times."

Sparking Canton (8-0 overall) were Jordan Kieley (50 kills, 35 assists, 35 digs), Kristen Muir (30 kills, 53 digs), Alaina Turner (15 kills, 6 blocks), Traci Breitmeyer (58 assists) and Lauren Macuga (a defensive standout with 87 digs). Jackie Waite chipped in with 12 assists.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats earlier defeated Roseville (25-20, 26-24), Detroit Mumford (25-5, 25-5) and Lakeview (25-10, 25-7) in pool play. Plymouth then bested Northville in the quarterfinals (25-19, 27-25) and Dearborn Edsel Ford (25-23, 25-20) in the semifinals.

Top performers for the Wildcats (7-1 overall) were Kelly Smoltz (42 kills, 15 digs, 15 blocks), Kayla Bridge (60 digs, 38 kills), Katie Salo (105 assists, 34 digs) and Alex Roberts (26 kills, 21 blocks).

Kelly McCausland, head coach of the Plymouth varsity, said serve-receive struggles hurt the Wildcats against Canton "but I think we made some crucial plays defensively."

CANTON

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At Ludington, the top finisher in the race was Spreitzer (17:03), nipping Grand Haven's Joe Duff (runner-up with a mark of 17:09). Canton took places 3-4, with Zech and Rakovitis finishing in 17:29 and 17:31, respectively.

Also in the Top 10 for the Chiefs were Felton (No. 7, 17:47) and Mitch Clinton (No. 9, 17:50).

AMONG THE BEST

"Zack (Spreitzer) continues to be one of the best runners in school history," Boyd said. "He has the 22nd fastest time in school history and continues to rack up awards and honors."

"This year he became more consistent and continued to improve his positioning in races."

One of several 500 Mile-Club members on the team is Peck, who brings it every time on the course. "He is one of those runners who consistently makes those around him better."

Hard-working Rakovitis could break the 17-minute mark "and then become a legitimate threat for first-team all league," the coach noted.

Meanwhile, getting a healthy Osinski is another plus.

A Canton powerhouse in 2007, Osinski missed a good chunk of the '08 season due to injury.

"On a team that returns five runners who have broken 17:20 in their careers, Josh is a key," Boyd said. "His return to form in 2009 should see a great senior year with a return to the state meet."

Boyd also can add the improving Steve Watts to the mix. Watts continues to prog-

ress from year-to-year and "continuing to work hard (he) should see more PRs and a great senior season."

Of course, Boyd knows it remains to be seen whether the current team can match or surpass what he called "the greatest senior class since 2001. ... the team (lost) six runners who have earned a total of 15 letters and countless other awards."

Four-year captain Spitz led that group with three all-region and all-league awards not to mention breaking the Canton school record on three occasions.

Boyd said Kyle Clinton was another all-time great, and the team is also without recent grads Reed, Matt Cipolla, Mike Eimers and Jay Jasinski.

But the 2009 season is definitely off to a promising start for the Chiefs.

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VOLLEYBALL

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with no more than a one-point difference until MacDonald served up three points to make it 16-13.

Plymouth could not get any closer the rest of the way, with Suder reminding her team to take care of business and not flirt with needing Game 5.

"I told them that right then and there," she said.

The Rocks weren't threatened early in the match. Aschermann closed out the opener with a four-point service run and she also went on a six-point binge (including two aces) to help her team build a 22-10 edge in Game 2.

Plymouth took control of the third game after Bridge served six points in a row, featuring an ace. Bridge also finished off the game with two service points.



Getting low to bump up the volleyball for Plymouth on Tuesday night is junior defensive specialist Laura Schmid.

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 29 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 30 Sept. 22 at Nankin Mills Individual winner: Megan McPherson (Franklin), 19:26 (5,000 meters). Plymouth finishers: 3. Paula Green, 20:37.4; 5. Nicole Trailles, 21:16.3; 6. Julie Forster, 21:18.9; 7. Britta Swanson, 21:23.7; 8. Kelly Hahn, 21:42.5; 9. Julie Hahn, 22:22.2; 10. Tricia Pniowski, 22:30.3. Other Franklin finishers: 2. Tiffany Lambie, 20:34.5; 4. Brittany Dilley, 20:48.9; 11. Megan Wickens, 22:39.1; 12. Ashley Davidson, 22:56.1; 13. Jane Modes, 22:58.7; 14. Kelly Walblay, 23:07.8. Dual meet records: Plymouth, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLA South Division; Franklin, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLA South.	LIVONIA CHURCHILL 15 CANTON 46 Sept. 22 at Cass Benton Park Individual winner: Sara Kroll (Churchill), 18:56 (5,000 meters). Other Churchill finishers: 2. Kerigan Riley, 20:10; 3. Bethany Pilat, 20:24; 4. Sydney Anderson, 20:58; 5. Amanda Southwell, 21:13; 7. Katie Rash, 21:46; 10. Alexis Hickson, 22:06. Canton finishers: Bianca Kubicki, 21:34; 8. Rachel Rohrback, 21:50; 9. Emily Southern, 21:57; 11. Abigail Gorzalski, 22:12; 12. Katie Grimes, 22:44; 13. Rachel Brunk, 23:42; 14. Hailee Azizi, 23:46. Dual meet records: Churchill, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLA South Division; Canton, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLA South.
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OT goal saves up-down Whalers

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A second straight Jekyll-and-Hyde performance by the Plymouth Whalers ended in an identical 6-5 victory.

The Whalers, playing their 2009-10 OHL home opener Saturday night against Oshawa at Compuware Arena, blew an early 4-0 lead and needed Tyler G. Brown's nose-to-the-ice overtime goal to escape with the two points.

The 6-2 left winger made it happen at both ends of the ice. He fought to clear the puck out of Plymouth's zone and then skated toward the Oshawa blue line where he took a crisp pass from defenseman Leo Jenner.

Brown then took a shot that Generals goalie Michael Zador blocked. But the Whaler dove head first and took another swipe at the disc — knocking it into the net with 1:37 to go in OT and eliciting a collective "Whew" from head coach Mike Vellucci and just about everybody in the arena.

"That's the only thing I could have done," Brown explained. "I don't think I could have skated to it so I thought I might as well dive and see what happens."

Vellucci also liked Brown's grit and determination on a night where his team didn't show much of it after taking a 4-0 lead into the second period.

HUSTLE PAYS OFF

"It was a nice goal, a big goal to score in overtime," Vellucci said. "We finally made a hustling play. We didn't hustle for two periods."

"You've got to give that second or third effort to score goals or make good plays and he gave the second and third effort to put the puck in."

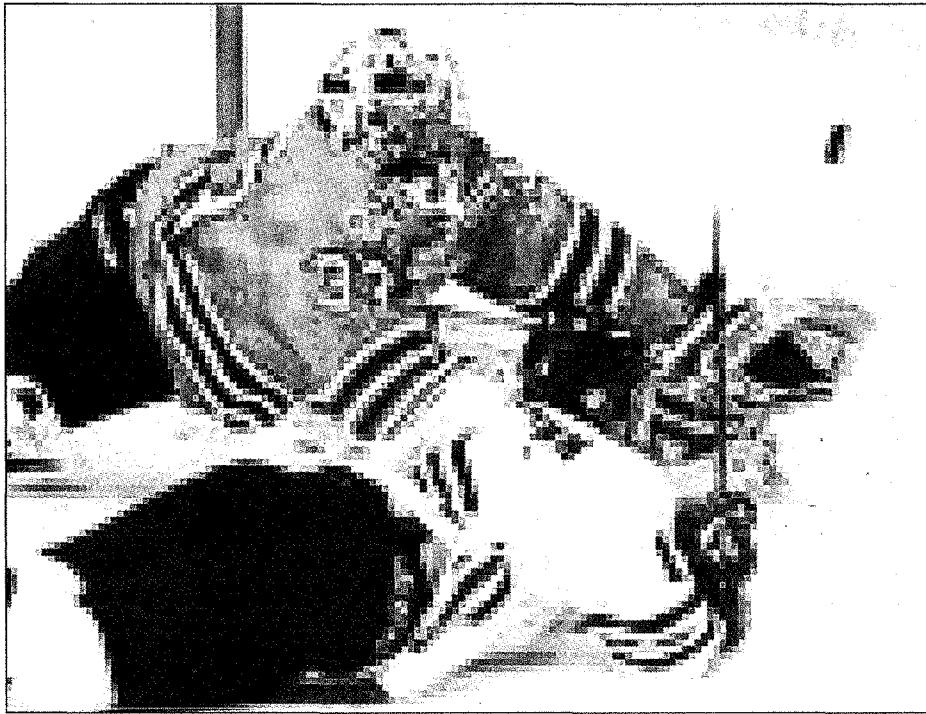
Few could have predicted the game ending the way it did when the red light was burning behind Zador in the first stanza.

Opening the scoring for Plymouth (2-0-0) was forward Myles McCauley at 6:23 on the power play.

Smooth-as-silk forward Tyler Seguin (1 goal, 2 assists) sent the puck back to defenseman Beau Schmitz at the right point. Schmitz took a slap shot that was stopped by McCauley roofed the rebound while being knocked down.

Seguin then made it 2-0 (from McCauley) when he knocked in his own rebound at 8:46.

About four minutes later, winger Joe Gaynor crashed the crease and was rewarded with a goal. He was bumped into Zador and the goal went for review, but officials allowed the tally to stand.



Tyler G. Brown of the Plymouth Whalers dives to knock the winning goal past Oshawa goalie Michael Zador Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

Another power-play goal for Plymouth at 18:49 made it a 4-0 spread and gave Compuware faithful reason to believe they were in for a laugh.

Forward Garrett Meurs dropped a pass into the wheelhouse of Jenner, who smoked home a slapper from between the circles.

But Oshawa came out stronger in the second period, making it more difficult for Seguin and other speedy Whalers to get deep into Generals' territory.

That, and some juicy rebounds by Plymouth goalkeeper Matt Hackett (in his season debut) opened the door for Oshawa to get back into the game.

Andy Andreoff took a shot from the right circle that Hackett stopped, but line-mate Christian Thomas (1 goal, 2 assists) swept the rebound in to make it 4-1 with 3:23 remaining in the period.

The Whalers got it back at 19:17 when RJ Mahalak scored, with assists to Seguin and Hackett.

TURN OF EVENTS

Oshawa (1-0-1-0), however, left the ice with plenty of spark thanks to a goal by Andreoff just a fraction of a second before the horn sounded. A mishandled rebound contributed to the marker.

All of a sudden it was 5-3 at 46 seconds of the third. Defenseman Tony DeHart (1 goal, 2 assists) ripped a shot from the left circle past a startled Hackett and the

Whalers were reeling for the rest of the frame.

Two goals by center Boone Jenner, both on deflections in front of Hackett, evened the score. The tying goal came at 15:38.

Oshawa outshot the Whalers 13-4 in the third, quite a turnaround from the first (when Plymouth held a 16-8 advantage in that department).

However, just like Thursday's season opener at Windsor, the Whalers found a way to win despite squandering a lead and not giving a complete-game effort.

Vellucci wants to make sure that pattern doesn't become a habit.

"That's what I talked to them about (after the game)," Vellucci noted. "We think we're better than we really are when (we) get up that many goals and things happen pretty easy."

"But we worked hard for the first period and then we just played awful for the last two periods."

NOTES: The Whalers will be without three top players for an indefinite period. Defensemen Jamie Devane (broken hand) and Michal Jordan (knee) were both injured while at the NHL camps of Toronto and Carolina, respectively.

And winger Ryan Hayes is out with an injured shoulder.

• Former Plymouth Whaler forward John Vigilante played for the NHL Detroit Red Wings during Saturday's exhibition game against Buffalo at Joe Louis Arena.

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WOMEN'S RESULTS

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1. Rachel Coleman, 13, 24:59.61; 2. Hailey Harris, 11, 25:07.29; 3. Caitie Baron, 10, 25:25.39; 4. Natasha Stevenson, 13, 25:39.25; 5. Sara Fronckowiak, 13, 26:19.27; 6. Leanna Fronckowiak, 11, 26:49.14; 7. Caroline Campbell, 13, 28:37.02; 8. Nikki Baron, 10, 28:40.99; 9. Abbey Przekop, 13, 28:44.57; 10. Isabel Hall, 12, 29:31.76; 11. Monica Mackie, 14, 36:03.78; 12. Trish Donnelly, 11, 36:07.83.

15-19-18

1. Anna Zekany, 17, 26:36.56; 2. Kortney Marsh, 18, 29:21.24; 3. Cassie McAuster, 16, 32:18.84; 4. Paige Brennan, 15, 35:21.43; 5. Tory Campbell, 16, 36:33.49; 6. Jessica Hazlett, 16, 43:33.02.

19-10-24

1. Briana Davis, 23, 26:34.39; 2. Monica Silwanowicz, 23, 30:37.62; 3. Amanda Mancini, 21, 30:50.09; 4. Mariann Williamson, 20, 30:50.69; 5. Kristy Thomas, 22, 31:25.69; 6. Leanna Pisarski, 23, 31:26.65; 7. Rachel Lemon, 24, 34:21.87; 8. Katie Brennan, 23, 34:33.30; 9. Meghan Fidge, 21, 35:20.99; 10. Kathryn Forembak, 24, 35:49.21.

25-10-23

1. Jill Conte, 29, 24:08.13; 2. Sarah Lynn Stobbe, 28, 25:12.54; 3. Aimee Cook, 29, 26:44.64; 4. Becky Nimmerguth, 27, 26:45.19; 5. Lisa Grossi, 28, 28:22.48; 6. Kara Henry, 28, 29:26.43; 7. Orna Falters, 27, 31:11.94; 8. Melissa Shihadeh, 28, 31:36.11; 9. Karissa Soroka, 25, 34:33.73.

30-10-24

1. Angela Genthe, 32, 21:29.67; 2. Laura Healy, 28, 25:08.06; 3. Kerri Hendricks, 31, 25:33.05; 4. Tressa Priests, 31, 26:20.39; 5. Meg Jenkins, 31, 29:53.47; 6. Michelle Kolozsvay, 30, 29:58.17; 7. Esmeralda Creaney, 32, 31:04.82.

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1. Paige Nicholson, 35, 24:00.02; 2. J. Swafford, 38, 25:49.22; 3. Stephanie Reindel, 38, 26:47.53; 4. Anne Merrill, 35, 27:45.83; 5. Cathy Wood, 37, 29:23.73; 6. Kimberly Harris, 39, 29:54.15; 7. Sue Archer, 37, 31:18.04; 8. Nicole Sekulich, 35, 31:23.45; 9. Sarah Banks, 38, 31:24.91; 10. Shelley Schwartz, 37, 31:49.39; 11. Carrie Weber, 36, 34:20.62.

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1. Amy Krzyzanowski, 41, 21:26.33; 2. Daria Goulet, 42, 23:24.64; 3. Karin Patterson, 44, 24:13.39; 4. Martha Vartnoff, 41, 26:18.61; 5. Paulette Smith, 44, 26:42.77; 6. Lynn Gallagher, 40, 26:48.35; 7. Brenda Julinski, 40, 27:01.35; 8. Beth Hodgson, 41, 27:44.52; 9. Donna Blankenburg, 40, 28:45.26; 10. Becky Tennis, 42, 28:52.06; 11. Deborah Deusch, 40, 29:25.51; 12. Jodi Koval, 44, 29:25.94; 13. Lisa Bizon, 44, 29:54.15; 14. Lisa Warren, 42, 34:34.99; 15. Michelle Ramey, 40, 34:43.40.

45-10-49

1. Rita Myers, 46, 23:49.95; 2. Julia Buzzard, 45, 24:08.41; 3. Carolyn Booms, 47, 24:16.24; 4. Trude Noble, 46, 24:32.05; 5. Donna Donnelly, 47, 24:44.40; 6. Janet Hannius, 48, 25:37.74; 7. Karen Burton, 48, 27:34.03; 8. Maureen Campbell, 47, 30:14.35; 9. Gretchen Green, 47, 30:44.19; 10. Carolyn Stephens, 45, 31:55.13; 11. Maria Zestos, 48, 33:27.96; 12. Karen Dairymple, 47, 36:31.25; 13. Laura Przekop, 45, 37:32.71; 14. Beth Rowley, 48, 43:33.02.

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1. Rachel McCormack, 50, 22:40.57; 2. Danielle Bush, 50, 23:49.50; 3. Carol Brockschmidt, 52, 24:33.09; 4. Gail Brazeau, 53, 24:46.92; 5. Melanie Moore, 51, 27:55.27; 6. Kathy Collop, 54, 28:34.03; 7. Holly Clemans, 51, 29:18.31; 8. Michele Marsh, 51, 35:38.42.

MEN'S RESULTS

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1. Eric Combee, 13, 21:34.31; 2. Sean Coleman, 11, 22:52.56; 3. Zane Berlanga, 14, 23:43.80; 4. Matthew Connors, 14, 23:56.92; 5. Justin Kolbicz, 14, 24:35.16; 6. Jacob Silvester, 11, 25:05.22; 7. Alex Zoltowski, 12, 25:21.10; 8. Liam Hall, 9, 27:43.87; 9. Nathan Albin, 12, 28:13.77; 10. Kyle Arnold, 13, 30:04.69; 11. Jack Campbell, 11, 30:11.21; 12. Jack Chaney, 13, 31:44.92; 13. Vasil Zestos, 9, 33:02.52; 14. Nick Geelhood, 13, 34:34.29.

19-10-24

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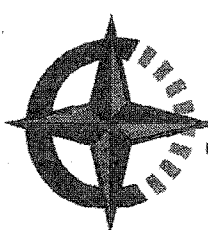
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Friday, Sept. 25				
Redford Union (2-2, 2-0) at Dearborn Heights Annapolis (3-1, 1-1), 7 p.m.				
Garden City (0-4, 0-2) at Redford Thurston (3-1, 2-0), 7 p.m.				
North Farmington (1-3, 1-3) at Hazel Park (3-1, 2-0), 7 p.m.				
Birmingham Seaholm (0-4, 0-3) at Farmington (2-2, 2-2), 7 p.m.				
Farmington Harrison (4-0, 3-0) at Birmingham Groves (0-4, 0-3), 7 p.m.				
A.H. Oakland Christian (0-4, 0-2) at Lutheran Westland (0-4, 0-2), 7 p.m.				
Macomb Lutheran North (1-3, 0-0) at Livonia Clarenceville (1-3, 1-2), 7 p.m.				
Livonia Churchill (1-3, 0-2) at Plymouth (3-1, 1-1), 7 p.m.				
Plymouth Canton (4-0, 2-0) at Wayne (2-2, 0-2), 7 p.m.				
Westland John Glenn (3-1, 1-1) at Livonia Franklin (3-1, 2-0), 7 p.m.				
Northville (3-1, 2-0) at Livonia Stevenson (2-2, 2-0), 7 p.m.				
South Lyon East (0-4, 0-2) at Plymouth Salem (0-4, 0-2), 7 p.m.				
Last week				
Overall				
	Brad Emons	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith	Jim Toth
	Union	Union	Union	Union
	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston	Thurston
	North	Hazel Park	Hazel Park	Hazel Park
	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
	Westland	Westland	Westland	Westland
	Clarenceville	Lutheran North	Clarenceville	Lutheran North
	Livonia Churchill	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton
	Franklin	Franklin	John Glenn	Franklin
	Stevenson	Stevenson	Northville	Stevenson
	Salem	Salem	Salem	Salem
	11-2 (.846)	13-0 (1.000)	11-2 (.846)	11-2 (.846)
	39-15 (.722)	42-12 (.778)	34-20 (.630)	44-10 (.815)

Football Steelers pound Bulldogs

For the second consecutive Sunday, the various Plymouth-Canton Steelers football teams enjoyed plenty of success.

• On Sept. 13, the Steelers varsity turned in another strong performance with a victory over the Brighton Bulldogs 33-22.

Stephen Cook made a big statement in Sunday's game. His ability on the field electrified the entire team. Justin Sydlowski anchored the offensive line that helped create big plays for the tailbacks. Trent Schneider added even more solid tough offensive line play.

On defense Zachary Griffith played powerful and physical defense all game while Udayveer Singh also had key plays.

Madueno Jamssens contributed with a "no-quit" performance.

• The junior varsity suffered the only loss of the day to the Bulldogs 29-6. Still the JV squad never gave up in this game. Joey Paz, rose to the occasion on the Steelers O-line. Thomas Nelson III recovered a Brighton fumble.

Other bright spots included tailbacks Braden Abundis with a long run and Jacob McKinnon, had chipped in with a couple nice carries. Defensively, Devin Cameron worked hard on both sides of the ball and rose to the challenge of defense. Malcolm Jones slowed down the

Bulldogs' running game with his work on the defensive line.

• The Steelers' freshmen worked the scoreboard hard, winning 32-6. Two-way player Kyle Burnett (quarterback, linebacker) played outstanding. Scott Gregor opened holes all day on the offensive line allowing Mason Phillips to have a great day running the ball, including a TD.

Danny Lanava recorded a fumble, and made several tackles throughout the game. Joey Ahearn anchored the defensive line, shutting down Brighton's offense.

• The junior freshmen played an excellent game, blanking Brighton, spurred by

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Canton Cardinals 9U baseball tryouts

The 9U Canton Cardinals Travel Baseball Team will be holding a third and final try-out 5-to-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27 at Heritage Fields Nos. 1-2. Players should arrive 15 minutes early to get organized and start warming up and are asked to bring baseball equipment and plenty of water.

To be eligible, players must be a resident of Canton, Plymouth, or attend a Plymouth-Canton District school. Players must be 9 years old or younger as of April 30, 2010.

To pre-register, e-mail or call travel baseball commissioner Alan Zidnik: l.zidnik@sbcglobal.net; (734) 397-5739.

Plymouth YMCA eyes grant

Liberty Mutual will soon donate a \$2,500 Responsible Community Grant to 20 youth sports organizations demonstrating their commitment to doing the right things on and off the playing surface.

The Plymouth Family YMCA is hoping to be one of the recipients.

"The Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports program targets many of the issues we see happening at youth sporting events by shining a positive light on what it means to be a responsible coach and a responsible sports-parent," said Greg Gordon, vice president of Consumer Marketing at Liberty Mutual. "Beyond that, Liberty Mutual is making a significant financial contribution to support the efforts of local organizations like Plymouth Family YMCA."

The ongoing, community-based program offers meaningful, easy-to-use educational resources for youth sports parents and coaches, including access to on-the-field game and practice preparation tools as well as self-paced online courses filled with learning tools, videos and topics addressing youth sports issues.

Arctic Edge shavings

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

Cost is \$100 per skater per eight-week session. For more information, contact Learn to Skate director Theresa McKendry at learntoskatearcticedge@yahoo.com.

Sunday Night Mixers

Superbowl in Plymouth is hosting a mixed bowling league 6 p.m. Sundays. League president Chico Rodriguez said he needs couples who are interested in joining the fun to hurry and sign up. Contact secretary Sandy Carpenter, (734) 637-3363, or Rodriguez, (734) 453-2980; rosecater@comcast.net for more information.

Cool happenings

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

Canton Lions split four with Rochester

The Varsity Canton Lions lost to a superior Rochester Redskins team, 38-3 on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Evan Thomas' 25 yard field goal in the first quarter was the Lions only scoring.

Michael San Millan and Sam Rizzo had solid offensive back performances. Dean Underwood, Zack Tinglan and Manmeet Singh had good results on the offensive line.

Andrew Hunt deflected two passes on defense, while Anthony Kenney also contributed several tackles.

• The JV Canton Lions gave a valiant effort in a 28-14 loss to the visiting Rochester Redskins.

Leading the Lions D-line was Freddie McGhee, who came up with several big plays in the game.

The offense was paced by running back Chucky Turfe, who scored a TD early in the game. In the second half QB Robert Guajardo hooked up with tight end Jake Mallad for a long TD pass. Allonte Wheeler provided a big block on the play.

• The Lions offense and defense were very tough in their 25-13 win against the Rochester freshman team.

Blocking was strong all day, led by David Mason, Carter Kahl, Julian Gocaj, Tyler Walton and Matthew Pelukas. Two touchdown runs by Victor Abraham and a quarterback sneak by Evan Voyles highlighted the scoring by the Lions offense.

The defense was very stingy all day led by key tackles by Noah Brown, Joey Glunt, Cody Tapp, and Colton (C.J.) Wieloch.

• The Jr. Freshman Canton Lions played a great game against the Redskins.

The running game was fueled by strong blocking from Preston Parana, Kameron Arnold, Robby Begley and Nathan Hunt resulting in touchdown runs from Steven Shoats-Thomas, Justin Reynolds and Darrell Harding, Jr.

The Lions defense blanked the Redskins with exceptional tackling led by Kyle Hurley, Sheldon Lyall and Evan Peterson.

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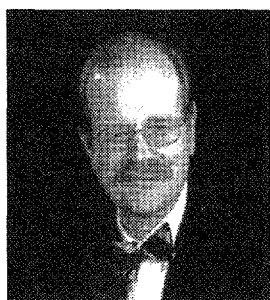
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**DAVID KENNING
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Who was born in Detroit on September 2, 1958, lost his courageous battle with the cancer-melanoma, on September 20, 2009. Those who survive him include his wife, Karen (Petersen); daughter, Meredy; parents, Thomas and Carol (Fliedner); brothers, Mark (Debra) and William; and sister, Nancy Myers (David). Also surviving are his nephews and nieces: Karl, Kelsey and Kenning Brichford and Natalie, Elizabeth, Jack, Lauren and Andrew Myers. David graduated from Redford Union High School in 1976 and received his degree in Architecture from Lawrence Institute of Technology in 1980. He was employed by Chase Bank for the past 22 years. His love of bicycling resulted in the formation of the Redford Township Uncycle Club, in which he and his family remained active all of his life. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Farmington where he often sang solos with choirs and played bells in the Carillon Choir. His art talent led him in many directions; most recently, basketry and water colors. While his family was always first in his life, he had numerous interests that included jokes and puns, computers, sports, juggling, gardening and a love for animals. He was an avid collector and was known for his baseball caps and bow ties. Donations in his memory may be made to First United Methodist Church of Farmington, Farmington Community Library or Karmanos Hospice. Funeral service Thursday, 11:00 a.m. (In-state 10 a.m.) at First United Methodist Church of Farmington 33112 Grand River Ave., Farmington. www.thayer-rock.com

ARDITH FISCHER

September 18, 2009 age 86 of Plymouth. Loving wife of the late Harold. Dear mother of Harold E. Jr. (Billie), Mark R. (Joan) and Grant G. (Helen). Also survived by six grandchildren. Memorial visitation Monday 5-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Beck & Sheldon Rd.) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the P.E.O. foundation 3700 Grand Ave. Des Moines, Iowa 50312. To express condolences, or share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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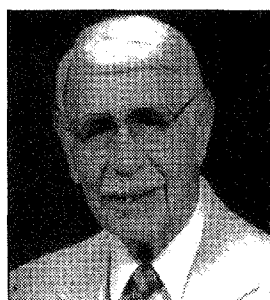
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**HAROLD W. LONGYEAR,
M.D.**
Died Sept. 15, 2009

GLEN ARBOR - Dr. Harold Wilbur Longyear, 95, died Sept. 15, 2009 at his Glen Arbor home. He was a loving husband, wise father, loyal friend, and an inspiration to many throughout his life. He exemplified honor, integrity, educational excellence, and family devotion. Harold was born in Detroit on Oct. 1, 1913. He grew up in Detroit where he enjoyed sports and Boy Scouts. Through camp stories and songs, he shared his Eagle Scout experiences with family at bonfires on the beach. Harold served in the Army Medical Corps in WWII. Members of his unit, the 40th Station Hospital, remained lifelong friends. His engaging war stories of Africa, Corsica and Italy filled many family gatherings. He attended college and medical school at Wayne State University and University of Michigan. He was a lifelong Wolverine fan and a charter member of the Vectors Club. He began his medical practice in OB/GYN in Detroit and moved to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak when it opened. He was a prominent physician and surgeon; taught at Wayne State University Medical School, served as Department Chief of OB/GYN and Chief of Staff at Beaumont. He lived in Bloomfield for 35 years and was a charter member of the Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church. After retiring from medicine at 70, he moved to Leelanau County while spending part of the winters in Naples and Sarasota, Florida. With a lively sense of humor Harold thoroughly enjoyed life. Family and friends, sports, travel and a lifetime of learning provided him with many interests. He was the loving husband of Marian (Ryckman) Longyear for 70 years; cherished father of Sylvia Heggen, Charlotte Tharp and Howard W. Longyear (wife, Leah); grandfather to nine grandchildren, Kristyn McKendrick (husband, Andrew), Eric Heggen (deceased), Jonathan Heggen, Timothy Tharp, Stephen Tharp, Kimberly Tharp, Beckee Tharp, Alexander Longyear, Hamilton Longyear and four great grandchildren, Lindsay McKendrick, Gavin McKendrick, Cameron McKendrick, James McKendrick. A Memorial Service celebrating his life will be at Glen Lake Community Reformed Church in Glen Arbor on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 11 a.m. Memorial donations may be directed to the Salvation Army, PO Box 5228, Traverse City, MI, 49696-5228. Please share thoughts and memories with Dr. Longyear's family on their online guestbook at www.legacy.com/record-cagle/. Arrangements are with the Martinson Funeral Home of Suttons Bay.

HON. JAMES E. MIES

Sept 21, 2009 age 81. Beloved husband of Mary Patricia "Pat" for 59 years. Loving father of Edward, James Jr. (Janice), Gerald (Ann), Jean Ann, Catherine (Timothy) Diamond, Michael (Jane) and the late Thomas. Father-in-law of Paula. Grandfather of 13 and great-grandfather of 2. Visitation: Wed, Sept 23, 3-8pm and Thurs, Sept 24, 2-8pm with a 7pm Rosary at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. The Funeral will begin Friday, Sept 25, 2009 at the funeral home with prayers at 9:00am followed by a 10:00am Mass at St. Michael Catholic Church 11441 Hubbard, Livonia, MI 48150. Please leave the family a message www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

LINDA S. SALATINO

42, of Farmington Hills, September 21, 2009. Linda is survived by her devoted and beloved husband of 17 years, Gerald; her dearest children, Vincent and Carly; her parents Gary and Ruth Ann Fett; siblings Lisa Ann (Kirk) Linton and Graham (Kristen) Fett; grandmother Edna McCarthy and mother-in-law Elaine Salatino. Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, September 24th, 10:00 AM (in state at 9:30 AM) Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. Private burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, will follow. Visitation was held Wednesday evening at the Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). heeneey-sundquist.com



JANET H. RICHWINE

Age 79, of Sun City Center, Florida, passed away peacefully at her home on September 19, 2009. She was born in Detroit, MI, and forged two careers, one as a legal secretary for 26 years and one as the owner of Lumber Mart of Plymouth for 18 years. She was also a secretary at the Standard Tube Company. Janet served three terms as president of the Business and Professional Women's Club in Michigan, and has been listed in Who's Who of American Women. Janet became a Rotarian in 1991, when she joined the Rotary Club of Sun City Center, Florida. She has since attended club meetings in more than 85 countries. She served as president of her club in 1997-98 and assistant governor of District 6890 in 1998 - 99. A strong supporter of PolioPlus, chairman of her Rotary Club's Foundation committee and charter member of the Arch Klump Society of Rotary International. She was a world traveler, having made seven trips around the world and dozens of cruises. She was a sponsor of the Tampa Bay Performing Arts and a supporter of many major charities. Her most favorite times were with family and friends, enjoying fine dining and conversation. She was an avid sports fan, particularly of the University of Michigan, Tampa Bay Rays and the Detroit Red Wings and attended many games. In honor of her late husband, Perry W. Richwine, she donated a law facility to Michigan State University, College of Law. The United Methodist Church of Sun City Center was given a beautiful chapel complete with organ. Her joy in life was to participate and contribute to her community and be a positive inspiration to all. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Perry W. Richwine and Walter J. Roberts, and her daughter, Ilona Roberts. Janet is survived by a loving family and a host of friends, four children, Walter J. Roberts, Jr. and his wife, Peggy, Allison J. Sassak and her husband, Mark, Bradfield Roberts and Samuel J. Roberts and his wife, Elia, four grandchildren, Kelly, Kyle and Katlin Roberts and Rachel Mastroianni, a brother, James Mazei and his wife, Judi, two nieces, Tami Wagner and Melissa Sawyers, three great grandsons, Angelo, Enzo and Rocco Mastroianni, three step daughters, Mary Louise, Dorothy and Betty, and her best friend, Robert B. Temple aka "Biffle." Funeral services were held at 4pm on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at Sun City Center Funeral Home, 1851 Rickenbacker Drive, Sun City Center, Florida. The family received friends one hour prior to the funeral service at the funeral home. There will also be a service on Saturday, September 26, 2009, at 11am, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Michigan. Visitation Friday 4-9pm, also at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rotary International Foundation or the Plymouth Historical Society. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com.

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94, formerly of Livonia and Detroit, MI passed away September 2, 2009 in Peoria, AZ. Mrs. Soubly was born on May 19, 1915 in Minneapolis, MN. She is preceded in death by her husband, Gus, and survived by son Gerald (Sharon), daughters Jacqueline Bennett, Rosemary (Gary) Dryden, six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Wanda was a welder on B-29 airplanes during WWII and later worked at Ford Motor Co. and in real estate. She was a member of the American Rosie the Riveter Association, Polish American Club, active in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and many other organizations. A prayer service will be held Saturday, Sept 26th, 11am at St. Hedwig Cemetery-Mausoleum, 23755 Military Rd., Dearborn Heights, MI. Memorials can be sent to Alzheimer's Assoc, 1028 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85006.

Livonia church ends 3-year search for a new pastor

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Joel Puntigam took more than a few pies in the face for the Lord this past summer.

The new pastor of St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, in Livonia, created a weekly children's summer series, "Wacky Wednesdays" that included Bible lessons, singing, games and a mission challenge.

"We needed to build up the food pantry ... I told them if you bring two cans of food you get to throw a pie. There was shaving cream everywhere. We got pummelled," he said, describing the scene.

"We brought in a lot of food. We wanted to have fun, but also raise awareness."

A passion for youth ministry and community outreach were just two of the reasons the congregation — and its six-person pastor nominating committee — selected Rev. Puntigam to succeed the late Rev. Janet Noble-Richardson, who was killed in an auto accident three years ago.

The much loved and dynamic Noble-Richardson had led the congregation for 17 years. After her death, the congregation hired an interim pastor, the Rev. Phil Reed, to help the congregation through its grieving period so it could move on and begin the task of hiring her successor.

"You're going through this loss and you've got to find a person to carry on, knowing that the person won't be around for a long time," said Ray Green, a member of the pastor selection committee. "He (Reed) was trained in working with congregations in transition. He was a blessing to find at the time."

Green said that although change was difficult for some members who still grieve today, the congregation's deci-



the Rev. Joel Puntigam

sion by written vote to hire the Puntigam was unanimous.

LONG JOURNEY

The process that led to his ministry at St. Timothy, which started July 1, took a year to complete. It began with the creation of a six-member team that first helped the congregation complete a self study.

"We had conversations with the congregation and broke into small groups and let them talk," said Jeanne Philips, a member of the selection committee. "We had note takers at every session. The study became part of a tool kit for what we might offer to a new pastor."

The study also helped the congregation understand what it wanted in a new pastor: a passion for mission and community outreach and an ability to work with children and grow the church's youth ministry.

USING THE WEB

St. Timothy posted its information form on a Presbytery Web site so that ministers seeking new positions could find out about the church. In turn, the selection committee could view individual candi-

date information forms.

"The Presbytery puts us through a matching process," Green said. It's the first step in screening a multitude of candidates.

"We probably read 125 personal information forms," he added. "You kind of let the Lord lead you through the process."

The committee, which met several times weekly for a year, whittled the information forms to two, then asked the finalists to attend off-site meetings for dinner and free-flowing conversation.

The group invited Puntigam to preach the next Sunday.

DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

"I personally felt the Lord speak to me and tell me this was the guy," Green said. "It was one of the most rewarding processes I'd ever been through in my life. To know you had a hand in picking your spiritual leader is great."

Puntigam, who is married and has a 5-year-old daughter, left a church in Port Huron for his new congregation.

With a strong foundation in Scripture, Puntigam was drawn to St. Timothy's desire for a strong Biblical leader. Since becoming its pastor nearly three months ago, he developed the Wacky Wednesday summer series for children and began "Midweek Mania," a family program with rotating themes that involve art, music, skits, games and mission.

He hopes to make St. Timothy "more visible" in the community by strengthening its outreach.

"A church is placed in a specific location for a reason. My goal is to ask what is your need and how can we meet your needs? If a church just pleases its members it's not a good church. We can't be a country club."



Piano prodigy

Ten-year-old pianist Anastasia Rizikov will perform 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Anastasia began piano lessons at age 5 and two years later became a first place winner at The Vladimir Horowitz International Young Pianists competition in Kiev, Ukraine, where she represented Canada. She has won first place in nine other Canadian music competitions. The concert is free, although a free-will offering will be accepted to support St. John's concert series, Resounding Art in a Sacred Space. Call (734) 453-0190.

Lutheran synod installs new bishop

The Lutheran Community of the Southeast Michigan Synod will install the Rev. Stephen Gary Marsh at its fifth bishop Saturday, Sept. 26, at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 2080 W. Grand Boulevard, in Detroit.

Events will include a Circle of Prayer Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. where local dignitaries and well wishers will gather to honor Bishop Marsh. The 2 p.m. installation service is open to the public.

"It is a humbling and amazing act of God. This opportunity has been created by



the Rev. Stephen
Gary Marsh

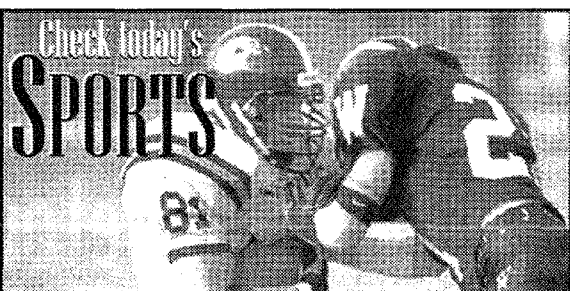
God to begin to build some real bridges across racial, theological and cultural divisions that are inherent in our region," Marsh said, describing his ministry opportunity. "This synod is

part of one of the most segregated metropolitan areas in the country. We have an opportunity to realize the vision of the love of Christ

redeeming and empowering all people. We have an opportunity for the people in the suburbs, exurbs, and rural areas of our synod to hear, experience, and provide hospitality to the kind of preaching, teaching and theological perspectives that have usually not been experienced by the congregations of our synod."

The Southeast Michigan Synod is made up of 66,000 members, 128 congregations throughout 10 counties. For more information visit www.metrodetroitelca.org.

Got Game?
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RELIGION CALENDAR

Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis. To submit an item, e-mail sdargay@hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Attn: Sharon Dargay. Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication. For a complete listing online, go to hometownlife.com.

SEPT. 24-30
Bible study
Traditional Bible Study starts 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24, in the school library at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. Classes meet the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, with sessions focusing on the Gospel of St. Matthew. The classes will be taught by noted Catholic apologist and author, Gary Michuta. Preregistration is not required. (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207.

Convention
Bruce Wurdeman, executive director of Lutheran Hour Ministries, will be the guest speaker at Michigan Southeast Lutheran Laymen's League District Convention Saturday, Sept. 26, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy Road, Westland. Theme of the convention is "Share His Story," based on Psalm 66:16. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the convention beginning at 9 a.m. For further information contact Jean Wellhausen at (734) 242-4301.

Fall festival
1-4 p.m., Sept. 27 at Faith Bible Church, 34541 Five Mile, Livonia; free food, games, pumpkin painting, music, pony rides and petting farm. (734) 464-7990

Food pantry
Trinity Church offers its next food pantry event Saturday, Sept. 26, at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, just west of Beck, in Plymouth. Recipients must reserve a pick-up time in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on the following days only: Monday-

Wednesday, Sept. 21-23.
Grief recovery
Six-week series begins 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Our Lady of Sorrows, 23815 Power, Farmington. Grief Recovery deals with loneliness and other issues related to the loss of a spouse. Members of Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group in the Detroit Metro area, will facilitate. \$20 fee covers all materials. For information or to register call Gail at (248) 477-5438.

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

Marian Rally
Felician Sisters of Livonia honor the Blessed Virgin Mary at the annual Marian Rally and re-dedication of the Fatima Shrine Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Felician Sisters Motherhouse, 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The rally begins at noon with the Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass), in the Motherhouse Chapel, presided by the Rev. Timothy Babcock, chaplain of the Felician Sisters. Following Mass is the praying of the rosary, at the shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa at 1:30 p.m., and a procession to the Fatima Shrine and Crowning of Our Lady, by students from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wyandotte. Refreshments will be available after the liturgy. Wheelchair participants are welcome. Parking is available at the Montessori Center of Our Lady at the Newburgh entrance. For more information call (734) 591-1730.

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

Movie

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

Relationship class
Way of Life Christian Church, 9401 General Drive, Suite 100 Plymouth, holds the last two of its classes in a series on relationships, 6:30-8 p.m., Sept. 27 and Oct. 4. (734) 340-5551

OCT. 1-7
Grief recovery
Six-week series begins 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at St. Edith Parish, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Grief Recovery deals with loneliness and other issues related to the loss of a spouse. Members of Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group in the Detroit Metro area, will facilitate. \$20 fee covers all materials. For information or to register call Priscilla at (734) 591-7879. **Life Fair 2009**
Pro-life pioneer and Pro-Life Action League founder and National Director, Joseph M. Scheidler, will give the keynote address at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4, at this program of pro-life activities at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, at Plymouth Road, Livonia. The fair, which will include exhibits and displays, begins with Mass at noon. An opportunity to participate in the Annual Life Chain will occur at 2:30 p.m., along Plymouth Road in front of the church, followed by Scheidler's remarks. The Fair is free. Refreshments and a children's story time will be available. (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207

OCT. 8-14
Blood drive
8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia; Call for appointments at (734) 425-8115.

Card party
Breast cancer awareness luncheon

and card party, 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 11, at SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Tickets \$8. Table and door prizes, 50-50. No smoking. For tickets or reservations call (734) 722-1343.

Concert
Free Christian folk/country/rock concert, 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 10, at St. Michael Lutheran Church and School, 3003 Hannan Road, at Glenwood in Wayne. Don Wharton will perform. For more about the singer, visit www.donwharton.com. For more about the concert, call the church at (734) 728-1950.

CROP walk
The annual Plymouth/Canton CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 11. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. with the Walk beginning at 2 p.m.



Don Wharton performs Oct. 10.

from St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. The Walk raises funds for Church World Service and the Salvation Army of Plymouth. For more information, contact Barb Fichtenberg at (734) 981-4205 or e-mail to bfichtenberg@hotmail.com.

Ministries conference
The International Christian Education Association presents its annual Church Ministries Training and Discipleship Conference, Oct. 10, at Ward Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. The free general session, starting at 1:45 p.m. features Don Bartlette, author and international speaker, and is open to the public. The conference runs from 8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. and offers 30 workshops, exhibits and an all-day "Kids Korner." Four workshop choices, morning refreshments and lunch are included in the conference ticket price of \$35, before Oct. 7 or \$45 after. Students, teen through college, pay \$15 and children, ages 5-12 pay \$5 for Kids Korner activities. To register call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaonline.org.

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FILTER

New park makes a splash with Caribbean theme event

Forget that the weather forecast for Saturday is high in the upper 60s with a chance of thunderstorms, according to weather.com and the National Weather Service.

Don your Hawaiian shirt and brave a few goose bumps while chilling out at Westland's new water spray park.

The new H2O zone will be open — with a Caribbean theme — noon to 3 p.m.,

Saturday, Sept. 26, at Tattan Park on Ford Road, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, just east of the Bailey Recreation Center.

"We just opened it this past weekend. We had it open Saturday for the first time and didn't let anyone know it was open. It was so good, we opened it Sunday. But 90 percent of the people still don't know about it," said Robert Kosowski, recreation director.

"You can see the water dispersing from the top of the helicopter on Ford Road," he said, describing one of the water park's 14 above ground features. "People are probably wondering what in the heck that is."

Kosowski said H2O Zone's formal opening this weekend is likely to be its last for the

summer-fall recreation season before colder weather arrives.

The water playscape, funded by the Downtown Development Association dollars, offers youngsters and their families squirting canons, a water-spouting sea serpent, ("water comes out of its nostrils") a dunk bucket and other above ground features as well as 13 in ground spouts, Kosowski said.

A "humongous" playscape called Play Planet has been open at the park and attracts families "from all over the place," Kosowski said.

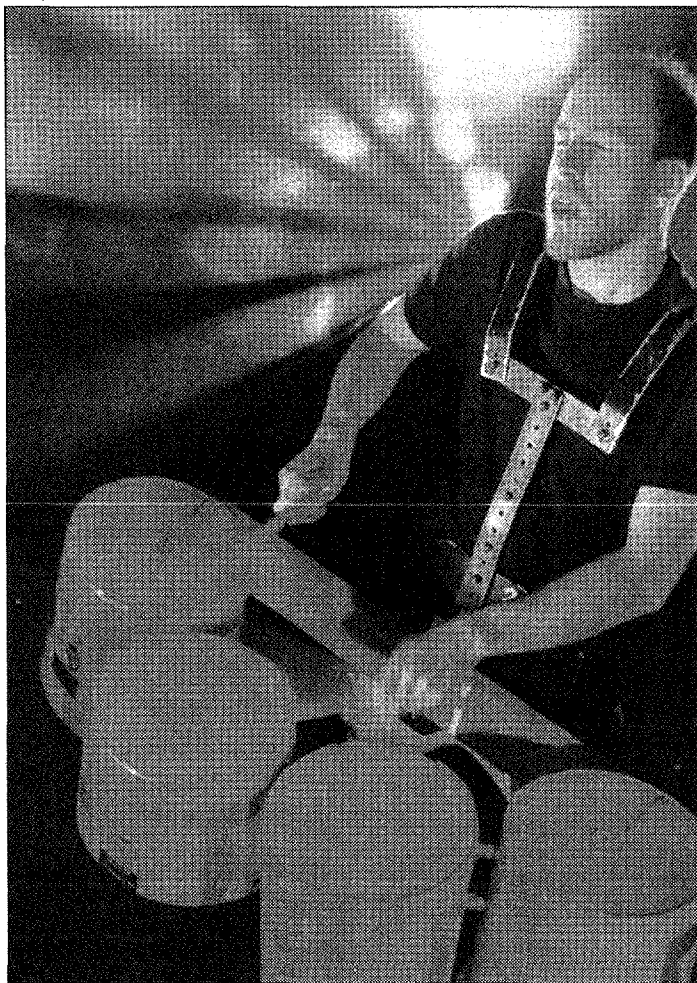
The spray park opening will include face-painting and games for kids, live music by a local band called "Under the Tree," and raffles. Food and soft drinks will be available. Admission is free.

"Kids won't forget this day," Kosowski said, adding that his seven-year-old son tried the water park "and loved it."

"Everyone who has been here has loved it. When you walk up and see it and see kids with their jaws dropped, it's a good feeling."

For more information call (734) 722-7620.

— Sharon Dargay



Members of the performing group, Juice, make music out of everything from cans to shows to paintball guns. See them Oct. 8 at Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

GET OUT

ART

Detroit Artist Market

Time/Date: Through Oct. 17

Location: 4719 Woodward Avenue, in the Detroit Cultural Center

Details: "Landscape - A Modern Sequel" with works by Yoriko Cronin, Andrew Krieger, Nicole Macdonald, Catherine Peet, George Rahme, and Corine Smith.

Contact: (313) 832-8540 or visit www.detroitartistsmarket.org

Eastern Michigan University

Time/Date: Elements of Photography and Coping with the Unknown, through Oct. 2

Location: Photography in the University Art Gallery, 900 Oakwood on EMU's Ypsilanti campus; Coping in the Ford Gallery, in Ford Hall, north of Cross Street at Normal Street on EMU campus

Details: Photography exhibit features work of nationally and internationally acclaimed photographers. Coping shows the work of Joe Meiser and Adrian Hatfield.

Contact: (734) 487-0465 or e-mail to jllocke1@emich.edu

Farmington Hills City Gallery

Time/Date: "Studies of Place and Views of Space" through Sept. 25

Location: Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Works by Rachel Reynolds and Robert Zahorsky

Contact: (248) 473-1856

Holocaust Memorial Center

Time/Dates: Through October, "Portraits of Zinkov," an exhibit of compelling paintings by Alan Zola Schulman

Location: 28123 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Details: The portraits in this eight-week exhibit are based on the "Zinkover Memorial Book," a collection of Yiddish and Hebrew narratives with low-quality black and white photographs from the town of Zinkov, Ukraine

Contact: (248) 553-2400, Ext. 23

Livonia City Hall

Time/Dates: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., through Sept. 30

Location: On Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: The Livonia Artist Club exhibits paintings, colored pencil, collage, pastels and photography of approximately 25 artists; the club meets at 7 p.m., the third Monday of the month at the Civic Center Library in Livonia

Contact: For more information call Doree Dziobak at (734) 416-1774

Lotus Arts Gallery

Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth

Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734) 453-5400

Northville Art House

Location: 215 W. Cady Street, downtown Northville

Time/Dates: West of Center show presents 40 new looks at the world, Oct. 2-24

Details: The show opens with a reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, during Northville's First Friday Art Walk

Contact: (248) 344-0497, or visit www.northvillearts.org

Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Sept. 27

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Private collection of 19th century paintings on display

Contact: (734) 394-5300 or visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater

Show spotlights work of animal rescuers

Tune into WDIV local 4 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26 for an inside view of the Michigan Humane Society.

The half-hour "Michigan Humane Society: Somebody Here Needs You," will follow MHS' cruelty investigators, show an in-shelter training program and take a look at animals from the Society's three shelters in Westland, Rochester Hills and Detroit.

"You're getting a really great look at what we do," said Jennifer Robertson of MHS. "It gives a good overview. Six animal stories are highlighted."

WDIV's Eric Braate hosts the show, and some of the Detroit-area's most well-known

radio personalities — Karen Savelli of WCSX-FM; and Drew Lane, Mike Clark and Trudi Daniels, all of WRIF-FM's "Drew and Mike" morning show — serve as voices for animals who were rescued by the organization.

That includes Glenn, a cat who at just five months old was attacked by a dog and abandoned in a mailbox; Coco, a Retriever mix whose previous owner locked her in a dark basement closet for days with no food or water; and Waffles, a blind and partially-deaf Labrador Retriever/Border Collie mix who was left abandoned on the streets. The stories all end on a positive note as MHS

transforms their lives.

The show also follows a day in the life of the Detroit shelter's "Animal Cops" as they aid neglected, abused or abandoned animals and will include a look at MHS' "Pawsitive Start" training program that teaches adoptable animals the skills they need to settle into a new home.

Robertson said the show will air once this weekend and again in November.

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CORRESPONDENT

All you need for a great tailgate party is a parking lot, meat grilling, kids throwing footballs and most of all getting together with friends and family.

Area high school football coaches and athletic directors know what it's like to be inside the stadium preparing for the big game and they also know what it's like to be in the parking lot revving up for the first kick-off.

"I haven't done it on a high school level, but I do for college," explains Brian Swinehart, athletic director at John Glenn High School in Westland. He has season tickets for Michigan State football.

"The best is getting family and friends together for good times, good things to eat and prepare for the game," he says. "I'm there with kids, nieces and nephews, mom and dad and we're throwing a football around. It's a lot of good food, talking about the game and breaking the game down — what the match-ups are what they're going to do offensively and defensively."

And of course, he says, it's "the whole atmosphere — a lot of people around wearing the school colors."

While people are the most important element of a tailgate party, he says, the food comes in a close second.

His favorite tailgate party food is a buffalo chicken dip that his wife makes.

"If it's a noon game we'll have egg casseroles and cheese, donuts and bacon, bagels and chips," Swinehart says. "And one guy comes up with grilled shrimp. If it's a later start we get out the brats, hamburgers and hot dogs."

Tim Baechler, head football coach at Canton High School, says he's been to a couple of tailgate parties at Notre Dame football games.

His recipe for a good tailgate party includes "a little bit of variety. You have to have music or the pregame on. You have to have kids playing catch with a football. You need to see your breath. You don't want to be hot at a tailgate party," Baechler says.

He prefers finger food, like little sandwiches and Swedish meatballs.

"There's got to be the smells in the air and brats or some type of meat getting cooked — that really sets the tone," Baechler says.

Baechler's friend, Ed Wray, of Canton is at most of the same tailgate parties. And Wray is known for his famous ham and poppy seed sandwiches. It's a recipe his mother has kept for a long as she can remember and now his wife sends him off with the same fare.

TAILGATE HOW-TO

All you need for this great American tradition is a parking lot, usually outside a sports stadium or concert hall, the open tailgate of a vehicle, food and beverages. You don't have to be at big party college, or even include alcoholic beverages.

Try to keep this picnic on cement as simple as possible with finger foods, which cuts down on utensils and makes the clean-up easier. Have coolers and grills on hand to keep cold things cold and hot things hot. Bring a tablecloth to spread your food out and plenty of garbage bags to throw the remains away.

Ron Hamye, athletic director of Livonia's Franklin High School, says he likes to tailgate to "be part of a large crowd and certainly the more the merrier."

"It's getting to know the people around you and other tailgaters and the sharing of food and friendships develop from that," he says.

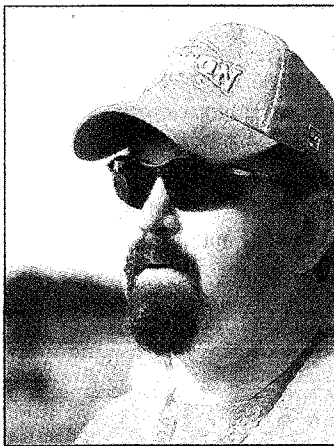
MAINTAIN CONTROL

The best way to ruin a tailgate party is to take the revelry too far.

"People who get out of control



John Glenn athletic director Brian Swinehart on tailgating: "The best is getting family and friends together for good times, good things to eat and prepare for the game."



Canton varsity head football coach: "A little bit of variety. You have to have music or the pregame on. You have to have kids playing catch with a football. You need to see your breath. You don't want to be hot at a tailgate part."

and become obnoxious and people who take it over the limit" put a damper on the party for everyone else, Hamye says.

Tailgate parties are "a good time, fun and people watching," he says.

Sheila Koski, Redford's Thurston High School athletic secretary, has a fool-proof plan to avoid traffic at college football games.

"We go to Ann Arbor, tailgate, have fun, have some food and go home and watch the game on television," Koski says. "Then you're not worried about the traffic and getting stuck in the town. It's about good food, good friends and people getting together for the spirit of the event. Another thing that makes a good tailgate party is a beautiful, sunny, fall day, because if it's raining I won't go."



Score big at your tailgate party with catered, deli food

BY DIANE GALE ANDRESSI
CORRESPONDENT

Everyone loves a good tailgate party, but putting the food together isn't always fun, especially if you don't have the time.

Tailgate menus and full service staffing make the day "nice and easy," said Laura Livingston, director of catering at Joe's Gourmet Catering and Events through Joe's Produce in Livonia.

Joe's Gourmet Catering will provide tailgate platters to go. And if you really want to sit back and enjoy, order Joe's full-service staffing that goes right to the parking lot of your choice with food, tables, and chairs. They even grill on site.

"A lot of people order the party platters," Livingston said. "They run between \$24 and \$85 depending on the size. For all the time and effort that they put in on their own it's the same for us to do it."

Bill Fricke, owner of Farmington Deli, said he sells a lot of big subs, rollups and

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Farmington Deli: (248) 478-8902
Dilly Dally Deli: (734) 453-1111
Maria's Italian Bakery and Deli: (734) 981-1200

chili on big game days.

"Most people get the big subs," he said. "When I do my own tailgates I do Reubens. Most people who order from us, it's a last minute thing."

Those people who aren't planning to entertain a lot of people, Fricke said, just get individual sandwiches or a

boxed lunch of their choice.

His tip for a good tailgate is: "If it's a warm day you don't want something with too much mayonnaise. Take things that are easy to eat."

Jessica Abdal, deli manager at Maria's Italian Bakery and Deli in Canton, said she always sees a jump in business before sports events.

And a lot of customers order the meatball and chicken wing sampler.

Other big platter sellers have lunch meat and cheese; shrimp and veggies, she added.

Karen Frost at Dilly Dally Deli in Plymouth said she will "make or do anything for

Ready to tailgate? Try ham and cheese

ROSIE WRAY'S SPECIAL HAM & CHEESE SANDWICHES

Rosie Wray has been making these sandwiches for Notre Dame games for as long as her son can remember.

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1 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce
1½ teaspoon poppy seed
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 medium onion grated

Mix melted butter, Worcestershire sauce, poppy seed, mustard and onion thoroughly and spread on hamburger bun with spoon. Any size bun is okay, but we like the smaller buns. Don't spread too heavy or it will be greasy, but lightly butter both sides. Add shredded ham (don't skimp) and Swiss cheese (can be shredded or whole). Wrap in foil and put in oven at 225 degrees for approximately 30 minutes.



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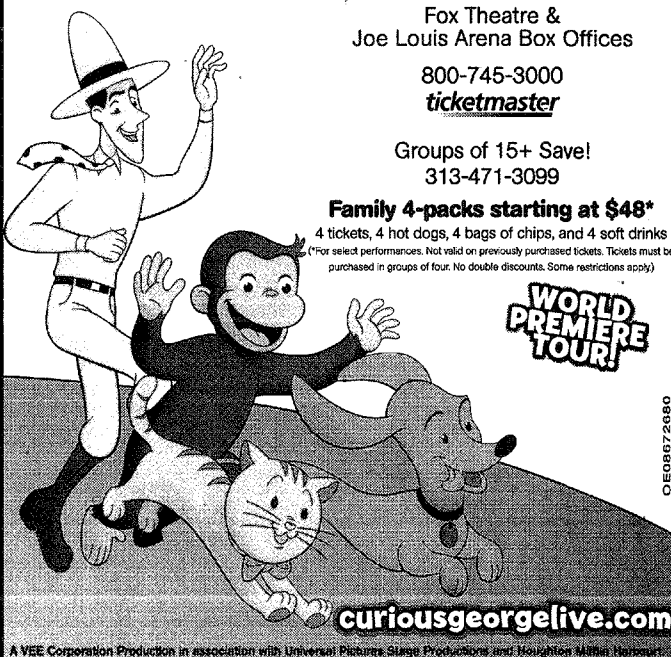
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COMEDY

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Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Three original sketch comedies 8 p.m. Thursdays: Jeremy Conn and Garrett Fuller, both of Garden City, in their one-act comedic play, "Travel Earth Timeshares," through Sept. 24. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

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

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

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

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

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall

Time/Date: 9 p.m. third Thursdays

Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: Show Up, and Go Up, open call, free

Contact: (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8

p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows

Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.

Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

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

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

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

Palace of Auburn Hills

Time/Date: John Pinette/Bill Engvall, Oct. 24

Location: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills

Contact: (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com

Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 16

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: America's Funniest Moms; three finalists, Karen Morgan, Sherry Davey and Nancy Witter, in the Nick at Night Search for mom comedians will perform; tickets are \$27, tickets for groups of \$15 or more are \$22

Contact: (734) 394-5300 or visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: Anne Hills, Sept. 24; Mark

Hummer's haronica blowout, Sept. 27;

Hot Club of Cowtown, Sept. 28; Huun Huur

Tu, Sept. 30; Carolina Chocolate Drops,

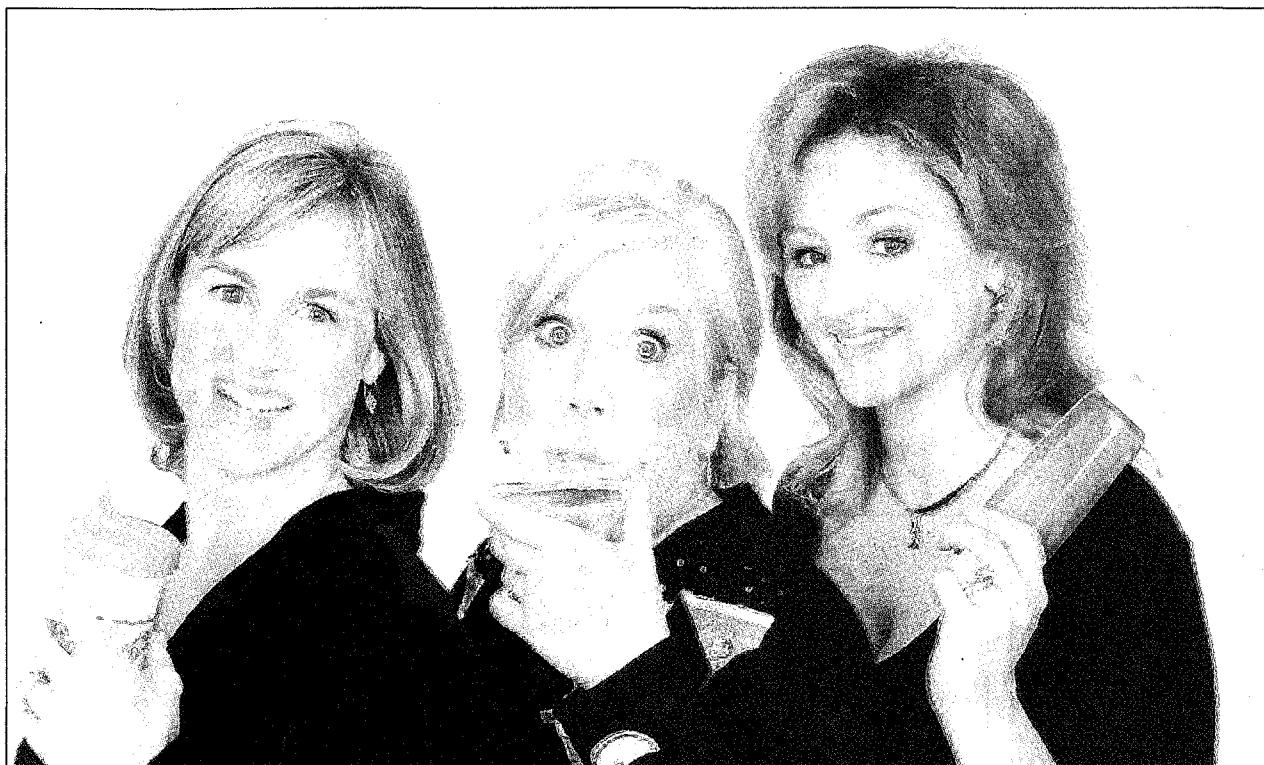
Oct. 1-2; Ines Bacan & Spanish Day, Oct.

6; An Acoustic Evening with The Verve

Pipe, Oct. 10; The Gibson Brothers, Oct.

11; Matt and Shannon Heaton and Lissa

Schneckenburger, Oct. 13; The Dan Tyminski



Mama's Night Out starts at 8 p.m., Oct. 16 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton, and features the winners of Nick at Night's Search for America's Funniest Mom.

Band, Oct. 15; The RFD Boys, Oct. 17; The Travelin' McCollurys & The Lee Boys, Oct. 18; Daniel Kahn & The Painted Bird and The Internationale Project & Psoy, Oct. 20; Cathie Ryan, Oct. 21; Kim and Reggie Harris, Pat Wictor, Greg Greenway, John Flynn, Jen Cass, Zach Stevenson and Josh White Jr., Oct. 25; The Battlefield Band, Oct. 26; Chris Smith and Caroline Herring, Oct. 29; Joel Mabus, Oct. 31

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

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

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Location: 5200 Woodward Ave

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

JWH Center for the Arts

Time/Date: 6:15-6:45 p.m., open mic sign up; performances, 7 p.m.

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: BaseLine Folk Society open mic is for acoustic, folk and traditional

musicians. Admission is \$5. BaseLine

Folk Society open mic runs every third

Saturday of the month through May 2010.

Contact: Mike Mullen, founder, mjmmullen@yahoo.com

Magic Bag

Time/Dates: The Mega 80's, Sept. 26

and Oct. 3, 9, 17 and 30; Robert Bradley's

Blackwater Surprise, Sept. 25; Marshall

Crenshaw, Sept. 27; Living Colour with

Second Skyn, Oct. 2; Roger Clyne & The

Peacemakers, Oct. 4; Domestic Problems,

Oct. 10; Portugal. The Man, with Hockey and Drug Rug, Oct. 13; Greensky Bluegrass with covert Operations, Oct. 16; Fran Healy and Andy Dunlop, Oct. 22; Fifth Way with Arazi and Ghosts of August, Oct. 23;

Mason Jennings with Crash Kings, Oct. 24

Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale

Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Palace of Auburn Hills

Time/Dates: Miley Cyrus, Oct. 6

Location: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills

Contact: (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com

Penn Theatre

Time/Dates: 8 p.m., Oct. 30, Plymouth

Community Band

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: Free

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

FAMILY

Bakers Keyboard Lounge

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

Details: Jazz for Kids Program

Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit

Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskey-

boardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

Details: Target Family Sundays, storytell-

ing, performances, free with admission

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

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

Marquis Theatre

Time/Dates: "Pinky the Flying Ghost,"

Oct. 17-25; "Pinocchio," Nov. 14-Jan. 24,

2010, tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up

Location: 135 E. Main, Northville

Contact: (248) 349-8110, www.northville-

marquistheatre.com

Palace of Auburn Hills

Time/Date: Sept. 30-Oct. 4

Location: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills

Details: Disney on Ice

Contact: (248) 645-6666, (800) 745-3000,

Palacenet.com or www.ticketmaster.com

Penn Theatre

Time/Date: Noon, Oct. 3

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: Guy Louis and Chautauqua

Express; \$4 admission

Contact: (734) 453-0870. www.pennthe-

atre.com

FILM

Henry Ford IMAX

Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd.,

Dearborn

Contact: (313) 271-1570

Penn Theatre

Time/Dates: "Ice Age: Dawn of the

Dinosaurs," 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24.

"The Proposal," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m.,

Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26; 5 p.m.

and 7:05 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 27; 7 p.m.,

Thursday, Oct. 1;

Details: \$3 admission

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Contact: (734) 453-0870. www.pennthe-

atre.com

Redford Theatre

Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit

Contact: www.redfordtheatre.com

MUSEUMS

Cranbrook Institute of Science

Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills

Contact: (248) 645-3200, http://science.

cranbrook.edu

Detroit Historical Museum

Location: 5401 Woodward, Detroit

Contact: (313) 833-1805, www.detroithis-

torical.org

Detroit Science Center

Location: 5020 John R, Detroit

Contact: (313) 577-8400, www.detroit-

sciencecenter.org

Greenfield Village

Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd.,

Dearborn

Contact: (313) 982-6001 or thehenryford.

org

Plymouth Historical Museum

Time/Dates: "In the Presence of

Lincoln," through Nov. 4, 1-4 p.m.

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday,

\$5; \$2 students 6-17; \$10 families

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Contact: (734) 455-8940, www.plym-

outhhistory.org

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Rock Financial Showplace

Time/Date: Wednesday, Sept. 30-Sunday,

Oct. 4

Location: Located on Grand River Avenue,

just west of Novi Road, in Novi

Details: 20th Annual Fall Detroit Camper &

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vehicles on display. Booths will feature

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Sunday. Admission, age 13 and up, is \$8;

children, ages 12 and under, are admitted

free. Seniors admitted for \$5 Wednesday-

Thursday, Sept. 30-Oct. 1. For more infor-

mation call (517) 349-8881 or visit marvac.

org

Michigan Renaissance Festival

Time/Date: Weekends through Oct. 4

Location: 12500 Dixie Highway, Holly

Details: Tickets are \$18.95 for adults,

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and seniors. Sept. 12-13, "Wonders of the

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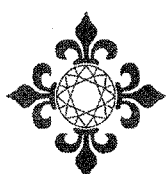
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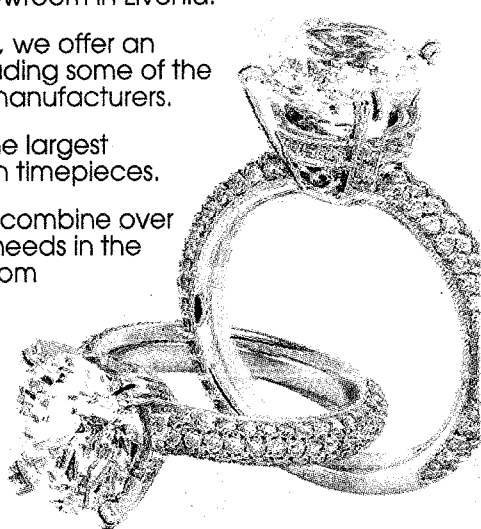
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Canton Strictly Business



Dave Sanctorum of Community Financial Business Services congratulates Alex (Vinnie) Altier (right) on his 1955 Kullman diner that will be refurbished and renamed 'Vinnie's Hamburger Stand' when it is moved to its new location on Michigan Avenue in Canton.

Eatery owner brings historic diner to Canton

For more than 30 years, Alex Altier has worked in the restaurant and bar business.

Anyone who travels Middlebelt Road, near the Detroit Metro Airport in Romulus, may already be familiar with Altier, who is better known as Vinnie of Vinnie's Italian Sub Shop. What they may not know is that Altier's dream was to purchase a vintage stainless steel diner, bring it to Michigan and open a classic hamburger stand.

After years of crossing the country in search of a diner, Altier located a 1955 Kullman diner for sale in Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey. His next challenge was finding the right piece of property to build his hamburger stand.

That's where Community Financial stepped in.

The land Altier wanted was on Michigan Avenue in Canton, only a few blocks from a former Vinnie's Italian Sub Shop. The site was owned by Community Financial, the Plymouth-headquartered

credit union that had opened a new Canton branch office on a portion of the property near Beck Road.

When Altier met with Community Financial to inquire about purchasing the adjacent acreage, he was unfamiliar with credit unions or the services they offer. One of Altier's first questions was, "Do you make commercial loans?" When he learned that they can finance members' commercial mortgage and business loans as well as personal loans, Altier decided to become a member.

"When we learned about Vinnie's dream of purchasing the land and building a hamburger stand that included the stainless steel diner, we were intrigued," said David Sanctorum, director of business services for Community Financial. "We help a lot of members who are small business owners, but this was not your conventional transaction."

Sanctorum and other credit union team members assisted

Altier with the necessary paperwork to finance the purchase of property and building construction, and to also obtain a personal home equity loan on his house in Livonia.

"When I walk into the credit union's offices, I can immediately tell that people enjoy their jobs, and I always receive exceptional service," added Altier. "In my business, I hire an attitude, because I can teach the rest."

Ground for "Vinnie's Hamburger Stand" was broken in July. The diner, which remains in storage at another location, is scheduled to be moved to the site in the fall and added to the front of the building after construction is completed.

Altier, a lifelong Michigan resident, has been asked what prompted him to open a new business in such a tough economy and quickly responds, "You can't wait for your ship to come in. You have to swim out to it. I'm not participating in this economy."

BUSINESS MILESTONES

Leadership forum

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

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

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

Poker nights

The Canton Lions host Poker Nights at Rose's Restaurant, 201 N. Canton Center, Sept. 24-26 from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

All proceeds go to the Lions Club general fund.

Sign shop honored

Sue Dillon, owner of Graphic Visions, Inc., has been featured in the September/October 2009 issue of SignCraft Magazine, a national trade publication noted for accrediting the best sign shops in America. SignCraft Magazine chooses less than 20 sign shops per year, located all across America, to be profiled.

The sign Graphic Visions produced for Canton Animal Hospital was featured in the profile.

"We are honored to be featured in such a leading publication," Dillon said. "To be one of the very few selected from the nations' top creative sign professionals is a huge accomplishment for our talented team."

The feature includes more than 20 photos showcasing examples of the company's custom sign projects ranging from hand-carved signs to full color vehicle wraps created for clients throughout southeast Michigan.

Graphic Visions started out of Dillon's house as a sign shop back in 1986 and is now

located in a stand-alone design and fabrication facility in Northville.

Over the years, Graphic Visions' services have expanded to include graphic design, logo development, website design, banners and printed items from business cards and brochures to package design and ad campaigns.

A company built largely from referrals, Graphic Visions creates long-lasting relationships with clients, who, as they grow and succeed, continue to use the company's wide range of services.

American dine

During the week of September 20 - 26, Buffalo Wild Wings in Canton is joining thousands of other restaurants nationwide to raise money to end childhood hunger in America.

Customers are encouraged to "dine out" in participating restaurants during this week as the restaurant industry rallies together to raise much needed funds.

For every flatbread sold through Sept. 26, Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 50 cents to Share Our Strength.

Radio Shack

RadioShack Corp. announced it will host a grand opening event Sept. 25-27 at its newest store located at 47278 Michigan Avenue South in Canton. The new location is one of six company-operated stores in the greater Ann Arbor area and one of approximately 115 company-operated RadioShack stores in Michigan. Nationwide, RadioShack operates approximately 4,450 company-operated stores, 1,400 dealer outlets, nearly 600 wireless phone kiosks and approximately 200 company-operated stores in Mexico.

The new 2,500-square-foot store features RadioShack's latest contemporary design, offering warm, inviting colors and an organized, intimate layout. The interactive wireless and mobility displays illustrate RadioShack's mobile expertise, designed to facilitate customers' comparisons of multiple products and carriers. Stores are staffed with knowledgeable sales associates who can help customers navigate an increasingly complex mobile technology landscape to identify the right choice for their connected lifestyles.

CHAMBER CHAT

Clearly You

Clearly You hosts a Ladies Night Out 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, at its Canton location, 44633 Joy Road, Suite 100.

Come out for a night of fun and pampering. Local businesses to provide facials, chair massage, lash tinting, brow waxing and more. Raffle prizes, refreshments, teens welcome, too.

Participation is free.

Spotlight Players

The Spotlight Players perform *Oliver* this month at the Village Theater of Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Performances take place: 8 p.m. Sept. 25; 2 and 8 p.m. Sept. 26; 2 p.m. Sept. 27.

Cost is \$16 to \$18, senior, student and group discounts available.

Call (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or go on-line to www.canton-mi.org/village-theater to purchase tickets.

Oliver is the well known Charles Dickens-based story of an orphan in Victorian London as he makes his way from the cruel workhouse to the even crueler streets, finding a home amidst a gang of lovable pickpockets and a best friend in The Artful Dodger. Go to www.spotlightplayersmi.org for more information.

Maps/directories

The Canton Chamber of Commerce Community Maps and 2009 Chamber Directories are available at the Canton Chamber office.

The Canton Chamber Map includes a map of Canton with all streets and points of interest on one side and a Wayne County Map on the other side. The 2009 Directory includes information about the Canton Community as well as phone listings for State and Local Governmental Departments.

The Canton Chamber Directory also includes a member Buyer's Guide, Membership Directory, information on Chamber Membership and a complete



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Fagin (Ron Otulakowski) sings 'You've Got To Pick A Pocket Or Two,' as the Spotlight Players bring the Dickens classic 'Oliver!' to the stage this weekend.

listing of Chamber Community Events.

Poker nights

The Canton Lions host poker nights at Rose's Restaurant, 201 N. Canton Center, Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 24-26, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

All proceeds go to the Lions Club general fund.

Biz Awards Luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its 2009 Business Awards Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Oct. 7, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 (advance member registration) \$30 (Non-member) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages, dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

The October Luncheon will recognize our 2009 Chamber Business Anniversary Awards for 10, 25 and 30 years, our Business Person of the Year Award, Ambassador of the Year Award and the Chamber Excellence Award.

"This is a very special Luncheon. It's the Chamber's opportunity to recognize the Business Community and the members who support the Canton Chamber of Commerce," said Diane Cojei,

President, Canton Chamber of Commerce.

October's luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is proudly sponsored by: Major Sponsor Yazaki North America, Inc., Business Anniversary Sponsor Huntington Bank, Business Person of the Year Sponsor Xuereb Snow PC and Ambassador of the Year Sponsor Showroom of Elegance. Seating is limited and reservations are required. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday, Oct. 2, 2009.

Photo gallery

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has added a new and exciting feature to the Chamber Web site at www.cantonchamber.com

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

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

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

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Culinary Extravaganza

New eateries, crowd favorites are all part of Sunday's event

Culinary delicacies from many new restaurants and returning favorites will be featured at Sunday's Schoolcraft College Foundation Culinary Extravaganza.

The celebration of food and wine takes place 2-5 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center at the Livonia campus, Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads.

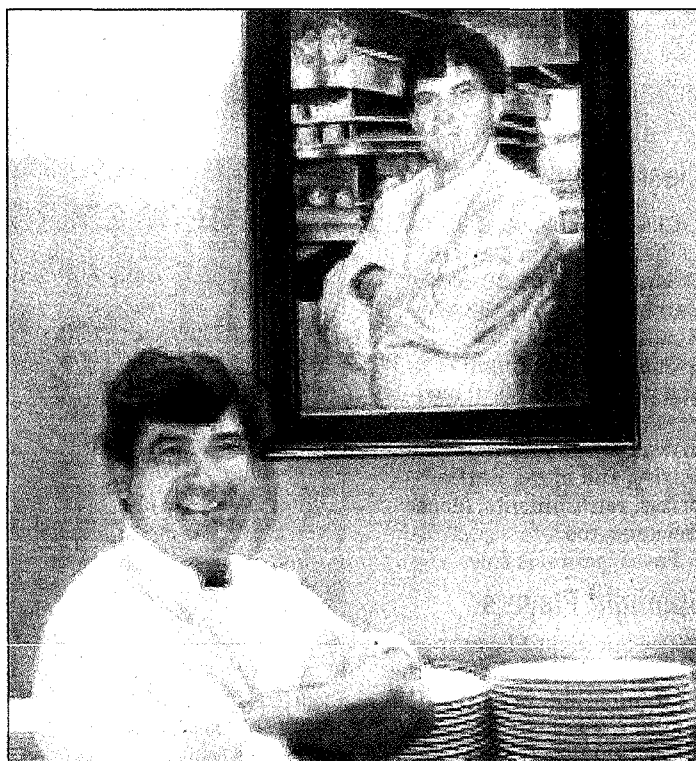
New to this year's event are several northern Michigan restaurants including cava in Bay Harbor Village, Chandler's - A Restaurant and Symons General Store in Petoskey and Piersons at the Village of Boyne Mountain.

Also new to this year's event are Cinco Lagos, Brian Polcyn's new Mexican restaurant in Milford, Claddagh Irish Pub, Henry's of Schoolcraft College, Zerbo's Health Foods, Hotel Baronette and The International & America Cuisine Culinary Arts Section of Schoolcraft College.

FAVORITES RETURNING

Culinary event favorites returning include Joe's Produce and Gourmet Market of Livonia, The Cupcake Station of Birmingham, Steve & Rocky's, Andiamo, Polcyn's Forest Grill of Birmingham, Traffic Jam in Detroit and Mitchell's Fish Market serving oysters on the half shell and mussels. Also returning after a brief one-year hiatus is The Henry Ford which is scheduled to serve grilled lobster sausage with pumpkin risotto.

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



FILE PHOTO

Brian Polcyn, shown in his Mexican restaurant, Cinco Lagos, in Milford, will participate in Culinary Extravaganza Sunday, Sept. 27, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

GOOD CAUSE

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

Craig Bowles, a Farmington Hills resident and secretary of the Schoolcraft College Foundation is chair of this year's event.

Bowles calls the culinary event "an elegant way to help others further their education."

While sampling food and wine, patrons can bid on dining, travel and sports packages at a silent auction.

"The packages are outstanding," said Marge Lynch, of Schoolcraft College, a member of the planning committee.

Some of items on the auction tables this Sunday include a one-week stay in a three-bedroom, three-bath condo at

Sand Destin Resort in Florida, a 40-inch HD-LCD Sharp television, an overnight stay for two at the world-class Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham with dinner for two in the Rugby Grille, a multi-course dinner for four at Hotel Baronette, overnight stay at Detroit's Greektown Casino and sports packages to University of Michigan, Red Wings and Detroit Lions games.

AUCTION ITEMS

Another silent auction feature will be cured meats from Chef Brian Polcyn, an award-winning chef and charcuterie expert. Polcyn is nationally recognized for his creativity and culinary talents, and as the visionary behind some of metro Detroit's most acclaimed restaurants.

Raffle tickets also help the fund-raising efforts and are available for online purchase at \$5 each or three for \$10. The drawing will be held at Culinary Extravaganza. Ticket purchasers don't have to be present to win.

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

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

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

Other participating restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors include: 5ive Restaurant at The Inn at St. John's, American Harvest at Schoolcraft College, Armitage Catering/Finnish Cultural Center, Cadillac Coffee Company, Central Distributors, Coffee Express Co., Cornerstone Wine Distributors, Elite Catering Company, Galaxy Wine Distributors, Gnarly Head Wines - DFV Wines, Great Lakes Coffee Roasting Company, Great Lakes Wine & Spirits, Great Oaks Country Club, Holiday Catering & Cooking School, L. Mawby Vineyards, McCormick Distilling Co., Fraser, Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council, Portofino Restaurant & Banquet Facility, Remove the work Cellar - Vintner's Canton Winery, Schmitt Sohne, Sorella's Homemade Baked Goods, LLC, Studer Enterprises, Inc. - StarWorks Cellars, Table 5 of Northville, The Fine Wine Source, The Grapevine of Novi, Trader Joe's, Venus Imports, LLC, Vine2Wine Custom Winery, Vintner's Celler Canton Winery, Walnut Creek Country Club, Wines of Distinction/J & J Importers and Zumba Mexican Grille of Royal Oak.



Matt Holowicki (center) of Plymouth is takes a bite out of hot dog No. 15, after eating 14 of them during a contest sponsored by Hiller's markets earlier this month. Holowicki won first place. Flanking him are Will Millender, (left) second place, of New York and Joel Podelsky, third place winner, of New Jersey.

CITY BITES

Hot dog!

Plymouth — Matt Holowicki of Plymouth can eat 14 Winter's wieners in five minutes — and he has the first place title from Hiller's markets to prove it.

"If I'm going to gorge myself on hot dogs, I want my winnings to give food to people who don't have any," Holowicki said, after besting other contestants in the market's hot dog eating competition earlier this month.

Holowicki won a Pistons four-pack (tickets, dinner and parking) and a \$1,000 donation from Hiller's to his chosen charity, which is Gleaners Food Bank.

Second and third prizes went to friends from New York and New Jersey who had traveled into town for the contest.

Justin Hiller, Vice President of Hiller's Markets, selected eight contestants from a stack of applicants and emceed the event.

"I thought it would be fun and a little crazy to host a hot dog eating contest that would benefit charity," said Hiller. "My family company is focused on good food, good people and good causes — and this event brought them all together."

An energetic crowd cheered on the contestants, who all represented Michigan charities. Each had a story to tell — like Northville resident Jacob Urbiha, who ate five dogs in an effort to win the money for ALS of Michigan. His mother is battling ALS.

Single mom and Ypsilanti resident Robin Sartori was the lone female in the competition. She downed four dogs before time ran out. Other contestants included Dustin Theis of Waterford; Larry Trotto of Novi; and Sean Comer of Novi.

Fall festival

Novi — Twelve Oaks Mall has added A&W All American Food to its lineup of restaurants and eateries.

Since it sold its first mug of frosty root beer in 1919, A&W has been bringing its classic American-style meals to customers for more than 90 years. In addition to its popular A&W Root Beer, the menu features a large selection of hot dogs, Coney dogs, burgers, floats, cheese curds and other treats. A&W All American Food is located on the lower level in the Lifestyle Café Food Court at the mall. Twelve Oaks is located at Novi Road and I-96.

Women's Health: Change your life

New facts about your health, plus fitness tips from *Dancing With the Stars* co-host Samantha Harris.



This Sunday in...

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC
NEWSPAPERS

Fall's a great time to make your home inviting

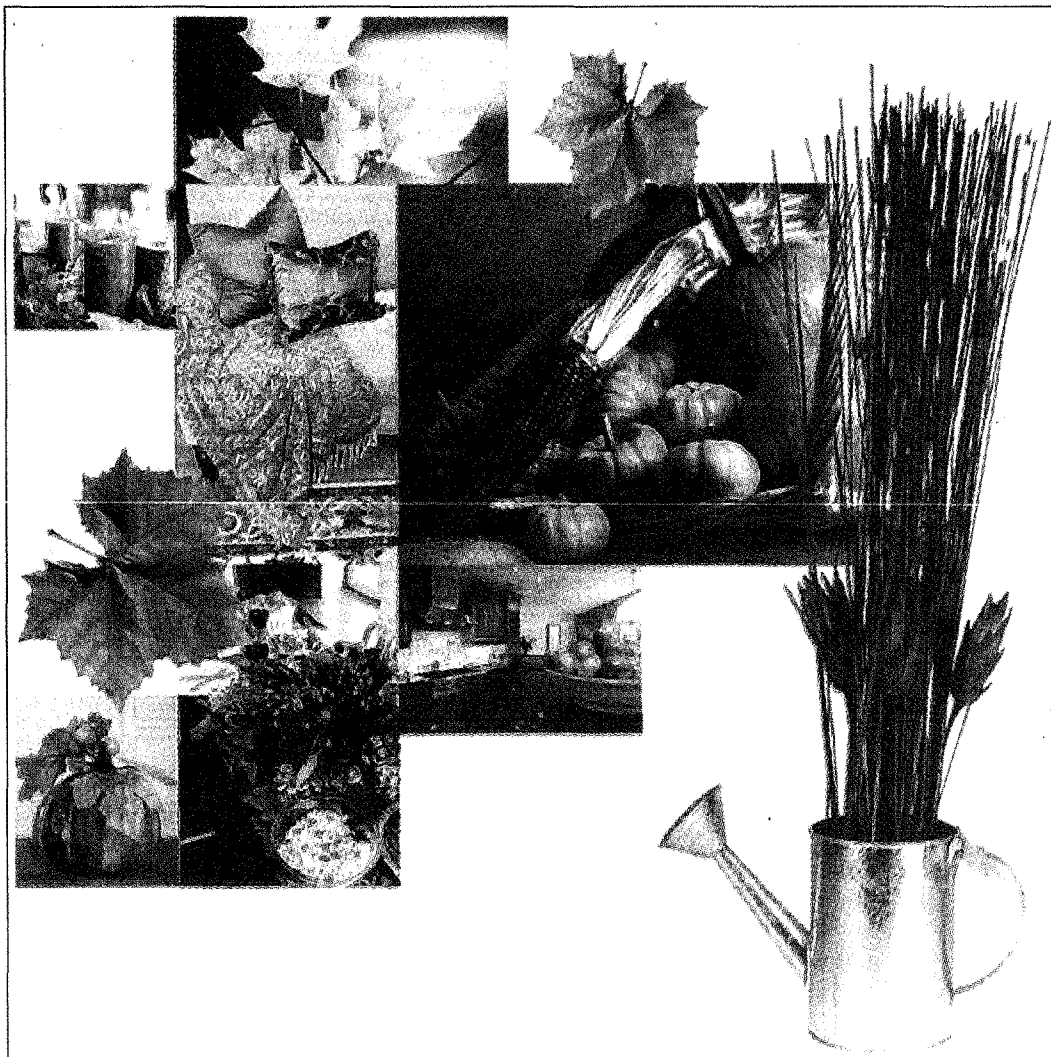
BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Nicki Wilson has a Decorating Den business in Canton, a franchise. She has thoughts on making your home look better for fall.

"I think we all kind of get stuck in a rut," said Wilson, a Pittsfield Township resident. "As the seasons change, we get a new outlook on things. These are probably the simplest, easiest things to do. They do make an impact."

Here are a few ideas from Wilson of Decorating Den for fall spruceups:

- Place vases of fall flowers (mums, sunflowers, plumed grasses, colored leaves) around the house.
- Bowls of apples or pears look great on the kitchen table, counter, or even a coffee table (and they taste great, too!)
- Add area rugs to bare floors or over neutral carpets. They look great and add warmth to any room.
- Keep one or two fleece or knitted throws (cashmere is even nicer) on your sofa or favorite chair, or in a nearby basket. Besides adding color and texture to the room, they're great to curl up with when reading or watching TV on a chilly afternoon or evening.



•Cinnamon or spice scented candles or potpourri create a warm, comfortable, homey feeling.

•Place small accent lamps

with low wattage bulbs — 20W or even night light bulbs — in unexposed places. Window sills, fireplace mantels, mixed in with books or

accessories in a bookcase or etagere, or on a kitchen counter are great places. Set them on a timer or turn them on in the evening to create

a soft, warm, and inviting ambience.

•Don't forget your outdoor curb appeal: pots of mums, bunches of Indian corn, pumpkins and gourds are great on a front porch. A grapevine wreath, plain, or decorated with fall ornaments and a pretty fall colored ribbon looks great on the front door.

All the above are "close to free or very little cost," Wilson said.

If your fall plans are more ambitious, you can paint with warmer colors, or maybe add heavier or layered treatments on your windows.

"It is slower, but there is business. I think people are putting more thought into spending money before they spend it," Wilson said.

She's been in business 22 years. People are more sophisticated now in their tastes. "I think they're more savvy as to product knowledge." They can go online to get ideas and information.

Wilson's home also benefits from her expertise and experience.

"I'm not sick and tired of it at home. I do like to fix my own house, absolutely. A lot of decorators don't. I think homes should be a really comforting, inviting place for you to rest. My home is that for me."

La. court finding backs up position

Q: I have a homeowner in our subdivision who wants to construct an addition to their home. They have met with the Architectural Control Committee of the association who advised them that they were not in compliance with the rear setback provisions in the documents. They submitted an application for a variance with the township and the application was granted. Do we have any standing as a subdivision?

A: I believe you may, as I believe that the restrictions of the condominium or homeowner association will normally prevail to the extent that they impose additional burdens on members as opposed to the township.

In a similar case in Louisiana, the court found that it would defeat the purposes of the restrictions if all members had the option of petitioning the municipality for a rear setback different from what was required in the condominium or homeowner association documents.

Q: My present condominium association is, in my judgment, mismanaged. The board president maintains control of the association by getting older widows to give him proxies. Communication with the co-owners is basically nonexistent. They do not distribute financial information as required by the bylaws. When we have requested contact information about nonresident homeowners, our request has been refused. Meetings established by the homeowners to meet with the board get nowhere. What can we do?

A: You need to get politically involved in organizing the members of the association to recognize that their association is being poorly run, which could result in detrimental financial ramifications for not only the association but all co-owners. In addition, you need to retain an attorney to write the board and remind the board of its legal and fiduciary responsibilities and that you will, if necessary, seek legal recourse if they continue to mismanage the condominium.

If you are not prepared to spend the money on a quality community association attorney, then you will continue to get what you are receiving, and your investment in your condominium will be diminished accordingly.

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 rmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Career Seminar: Real Estate Agents, Appraising & Staging

Thinking about a career in real estate? Is working in real estate your dream? Keller Williams Realty is seeking experienced or non-experienced people in the real estate field. The candidates must be hard working and have a passion for learning.

There's a free seminar every week: Tuesday or Saturday, 11 a.m. to noon at 27555 Executive Drive (off West 12 Mile and Halsted), Farmington Hills 48331.

For more details, contact Steve Leibhan, (248) 553-0400, Ext. 2500.

Careers in field

A free 59-minute Career Seminar will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, for those interested in real estate careers. Questions regarding startup cost, commission and success potential will be answered. It will be at Keller Williams Realty, 36642 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve a seat.

Homebuyers

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

Foreclosure tours

Tour foreclosed homes in the Farmington and surrounding areas on every Sunday at 1 p.m., offered by Home Smart Realty, 20853 Farmington Road. Call (248) 426-6754 for more information and registration.

BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Michigan Building Training (1) on Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Construction and Development Services, LLC, will present great tips on making a home more energy efficient, more durable, and environmentally sustainable. The importance of indoor air quality and low impact development will be stressed. The training is required for all builder members of Green Built™ Michigan.

Registration is \$65 for members of Green Built™ Michigan and \$85 for nonmembers. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Michigan Advanced Builder Training on Wednesday, Oct.

7, from 1-4 p.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Construction and Development Services, LLC, will present an advanced training for those already familiar with the basics of green building ready to delve deeper into the science of residential green construction. This in-depth training will include a system approach to green building, the thermal dynamics necessary for the most effective and economical level of insulation, moisture control and durability of building envelope components, sustainability, superior indoor air quality, and economical materials. The training is suggested for all builder members of Green Built™ Michigan. It is sponsored by DTE Energy. Registration is \$85 for members of Green Built™ Michigan and \$105 for nonmembers. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance Personnel seminar on Friday, Oct. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success on Site will provide fair housing

information as it applies to maintenance personnel including housekeeping, grounds, vendors and part-time staff.

Topics to be covered include communication from maintenance to management, documentation, etiquette, service request procedures, emergencies, and team building. Registration fees are \$45 or PMC members, \$55 for AAM or Building Industry of Michigan members, and \$65 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a Fair Housing Is Good Business seminar on Friday, Oct. 16, from 1-4 p.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success on Site will provide fair housing information for effective property management practices. Topics to be covered include how to work more effectively, consistent outstanding service, implementing policies and procedures for keeping good records, and communication for the entire team. Registration fees are \$45 or PMC members, \$55 for AAM or Building Industry of Michigan members, and \$65 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

HOMES SOLD - OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of June 15 - 19, 2009 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	
815 Amberwood St	\$168,000
Beverly Hills	
20201 Coryell Dr	\$238,000
Birmingham	
644 Bloomfield Ct	\$260,000
1715 E 14 Mile Rd	\$30,000
876 Humphrey Ave	\$407,000
Bloomfield Hills	
1181 Trowbridge Rd	\$1,175,000
Bloomfield Township	
866 Edgemont Run	210,000
7318 Lindenmere Dr	\$405,000
5775 N Adams Rd	\$160,000
3794 Quarton Rd	\$462,000

4843 Quarton Rd	\$151,000
Clarkston	
5123 Dorsetfield Ct	\$530,000
9804 Kings Vly	\$310,000
5734 Woodland Vw	\$117,000
Commerce Township	
1853 Applebrook Dr	\$55,000
3811 Benstein Rd	\$122,000
1547 Knob Hl	\$120,000
Farmington	
22590 Brookdale St	\$170,000
23197 Floral St	\$125,000
24055 Gill Rd	\$190,000
Farmington Hills	
28924 Augusta	\$445,000
28309 Green Castle Rd	\$285,000
30498 Knighton Dr	\$203,000
38373 Lana Ct	\$239,000
28901 Nottoway Dr	\$235,000
26314 Pillsbury St	\$174,000
35000 Savannah Ln	\$187,000
37852 Thames Dr	\$200,000
Franklin	
32714 Ravine Dr	\$219,000

30670 Rosemond Ln	\$637,000
Lake Orion	
1766 Covington Woods Ln	\$280,000
Lathrup Village	
17580 Redwood Ave	\$108,000
Northville	
1056 Elmsmere Dr	\$475,000
Novi	
50930 Almaf Ct	\$389,000
51027 Almaf Ct	\$100,000
50792 Chesapeake Dr	\$695,000
39486 Country Ln	\$80,000
41045 Hollydale	\$150,000
24702 Nepavine	\$435,000
25089 Newberry Dr	\$240,000
25850 Trestle	\$171,000
Oakland Township	
90 Piney Hill Rd	\$350,000
Oxford	
1443 Foreland Dr	\$86,000
1160 N Baldwin Rd	\$162,000
3540 Ray Rd	\$424,000
Rochester	
1961 Dunham Dr	\$215,000

1052 Moran Dr	\$370,000
Rochester Hills	
1210 Arms Ct	\$243,000
1816 Gilsam Ave	\$235,000
1713 Morningside Ln	\$162,000
3699 Newcastle Dr	\$485,000
725 Panorama	\$346,000
3499 Talbert Cir	\$55,000
South Lyon	
57877 International Dr	\$261,000
Southfield	
25067 Champaign Dr	\$41,000
27309 Fairfax St	\$36,000
28040 Glasgow St	\$65,000
22526 Ivanhoe Ln	\$125,000
27957 Lahser Rd	\$85,000
26910 W 12 Mile Rd	\$34,000
17340 Wiltshire Blvd	\$28,000
Troy	
1949 Canary Ct	\$211,000
110 Paragon Dr	\$330,000
1222 Stonetree Dr	\$175,000
1604 Witherbee Dr	\$170,000

Walled Lake	
1112 Andover Cir	\$175,000
375 Cherry Grove Ln	\$250,000
Waterford	
4189 Athens Ave	\$55,000
828 Bay Crossing Dr	\$207,000
4266 Fenmore Ave	\$92,000
1523 Larchmont Ave	\$137,000
2280 Maplecrest Dr	\$100,000
5425 Murray Ct	\$415,000
2930 Saint Jude Dr	\$53,000
383 Waterfall Ridge Ct	\$138,000
391 Waterfall Ridge Ct	\$134,000
West Bloomfield	
2098 Langham Dr	\$120,000
1851 Lochaven Rd	\$125,000
6669 Maple Lakes Dr	\$98,000
6652 Mellow Wood Ln	\$160,000
6378 Orchard Woods Dr	\$320,000
6231 Ramwyck Ct	\$260,000
4981 Trail Ridge Ct	\$450,000
White Lake	
340 View Dr	\$280,000

HOMES SOLD - WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of June 8 - 12, 2009 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
47595 Ashford Dr S	\$295,000

41562 Bedford Dr	\$64,000
6527 Paul Revere Ln	\$167,000
45191 Thornhill Rd	\$205,000
1720 Trinity Rd	\$380,000
Garden City	
28438 Beechwood St	\$62,000
6682 Harrison St	\$93,000
6745 Schaller St	\$59,000
Livonia	
36753 Bobrich St	\$210,000
33901 Bretton Dr	\$191,000

19252 Hardy St	\$148,000
12215 Hartle St	\$32,000
11434 Loveland St	\$130,000
19721 Milburn St	\$80,000
34334 Orangelawn St	\$101,000
31167 Richland St	\$157,000
18715 Westbrook Dr	\$72,000
Northville	
16342 Brookwood Ct	\$198,000
16986 Glenmoor Dr	\$305,000
16800 Lairdhaven Dr	\$280,000

17601 Maple Hill Dr	\$345,000
16029 Morningside	\$110,000
41003 Stone Haven Rd	\$308,000
16451 Westminster Dr	\$282,000
Plymouth	
49704 Draper Cir	\$100,000
742 Kellogg St	\$54,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd	\$50,000
480 Sunset St	\$132,000
Redford	
9343 Dixie	\$39,000

15998 Knight	\$32,000
16002 Knight	\$36,000
16012 Knight	\$32,000
11656 Marion	\$76,000
17260 Olympia	\$90,000
9021 Sioux	\$45,000
19491 Wakenden	\$23,000
Westland	
7524 Cavell St	\$48,000
1444 Edwin St	\$182,000
8685 Terri Dr	\$94,000

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Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

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- 23 Baby fox
- 24 Heavy weight
- 25 Crumpled companion
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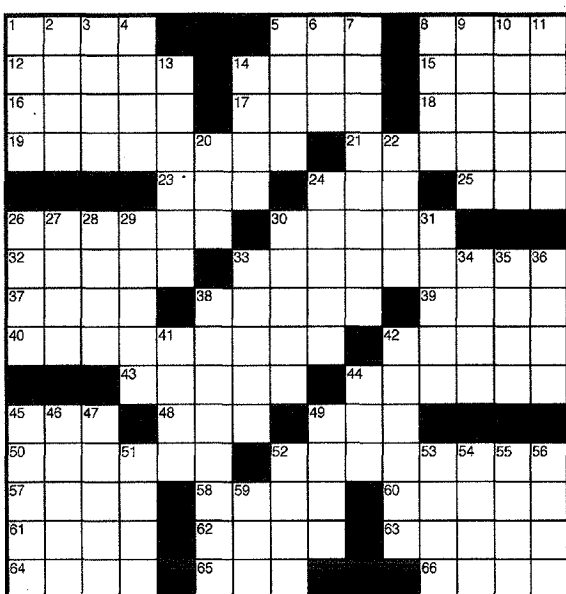
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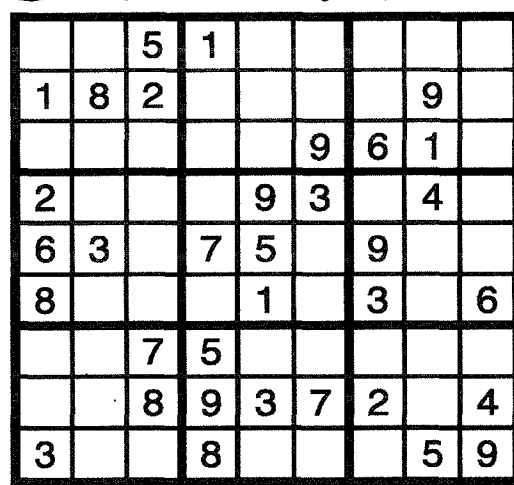
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- 53 Soon, to a poet
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SUDOKU



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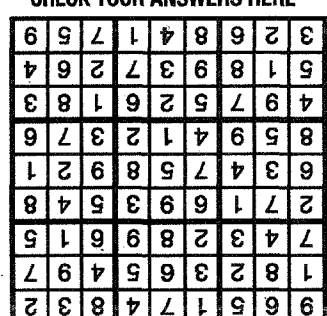
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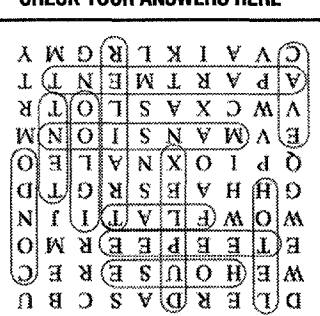
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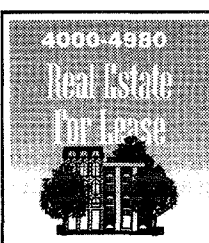
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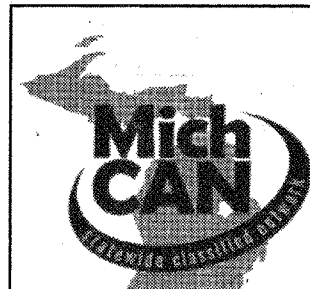
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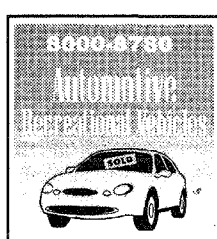
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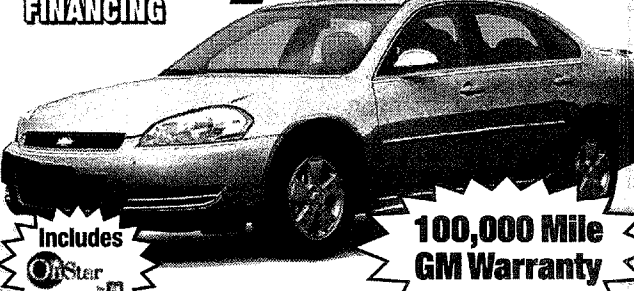
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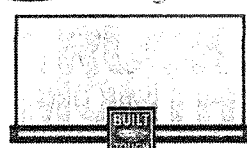
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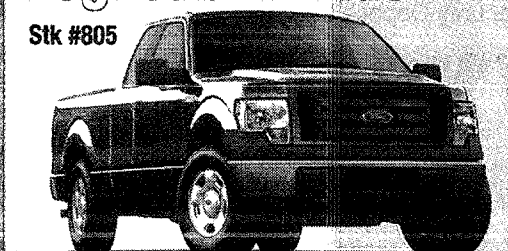


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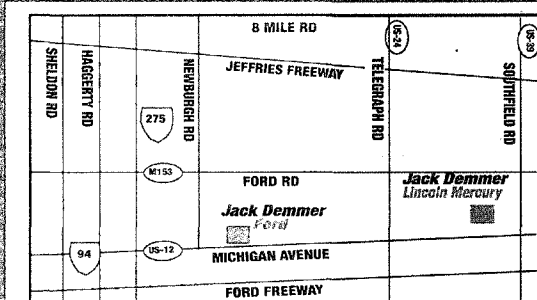
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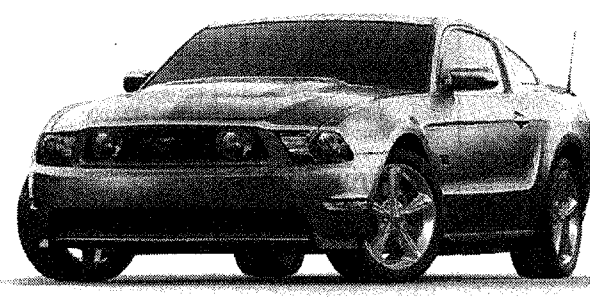


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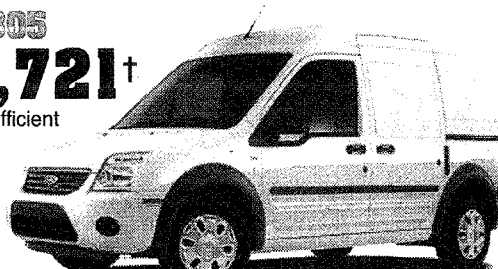
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