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## Vets, rookies alike get 1st-day nerves

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

First-year teachers apparently aren't the only ones who get butterflies, though. Isbister Elementary fourth-grade

Retirements bring new leaders, A6.

teacher Marsha Fistler is starting her 11th year and said she still gets a bit nervous for the first day of school.

"Last (Monday) night I was thinking about what the day would look like," said Fistler, 36, of Plymouth Township. "I was a little uneasy when I went to bed."

"But, this (Tuesday) morning, I was excited to meet the kids and see what would happen," she said. "Because you don't know the kids, you're not quite as prepared. You have to be flexible to see how the kids get along with each other and how they respond to me. I wonder about the mood of the class ... will they leave here having had a good day, or thinking that I was mean."

Pirronello overcame her nerves in two languages, using both Spanish and English to give out the supply list, and

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Kids line up for their first day as brand-new first-graders.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Back to the books

First-day excitement reigns as students head off to school

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Matthew Underhill of Plymouth spent part of his summer climbing sand dunes in Traverse City, including a 110-foot dune.

But on Tuesday, he had an even bigger, and perhaps more exciting, hill to climb: His first day as a fourth-grader at Smith Elementary School in Plymouth. Matthew was among some 18,000 Plymouth-Canton students who returned to school Tuesday in the state's fourth-largest district.

"It's my first day as a fourth-grader!" an excited Matthew exclaimed as he walked to school. "I got the friendliest

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

**AND STILL GROWING**

- Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
- State's fourth-largest district
- Budget: \$150 million
- Students: 18,000
- High schools: 3 (Plymouth, Salem, Canton)
- Middle Schools: 5
- Elementaries: 16

## Pancakes among festival's menu

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Jim Grutza believes the best thing about the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, one of the staples of the Plymouth Fall Festival, is also one of the things that helps keep the event growing.

Event chairman Grutza knows it's the family ambience of the event — and the word-of-mouth popularity — that have people coming back year after year.

"It's such a good 'neighborhood' thing," Grutza said. "We get a lot of neighbors and friends and families. Sometimes you'll see two or three generations of families just sitting there, having breakfast together. That's how this thing keeps growing."

The Plymouth Fall Festival is scheduled for Friday-Sunday.

The pancake breakfast, set for 7-11:30 a.m. Saturday in The Gathering, is sponsored

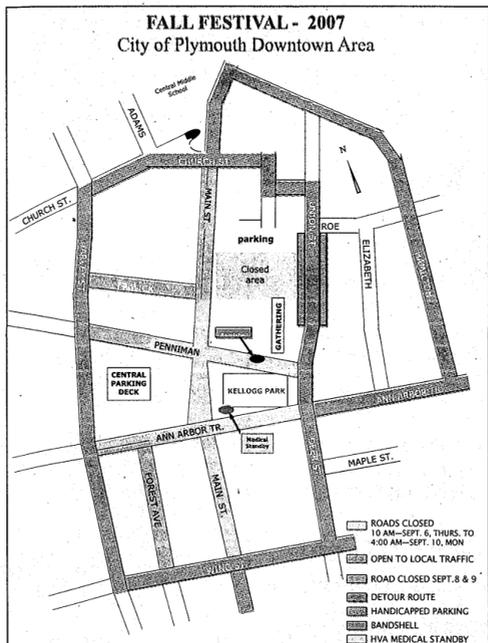
by the Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation, which includes all three Kiwanis chapters. It not only provides the basics for breakfast — pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice, milk for \$6 (\$3 for kids 12 and younger) — but it's all for a good cause, as well.

Proceeds from last year's breakfast, at which diners bought nearly 4,000 breakfasts, benefited Kids Against Hunger.

Club members expect the event to do at least that well this year, in part because people develop something of a fascination with the breakfast. Jim Vermeulen Sr., a Kiwanian since 1978, has flipped pancakes every year since then.

"It's a camaraderie kind of thing," said Vermeulen, 76. "It's a chance to kibitz with your neighbors and families, and have a great breakfast together. Kiwanians like to see

Please see **FESTIVAL, A8**



## City to talk road bond plan

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth city commissioners will conduct two evening meetings at the Cultural Center to give residents information on a \$10 million bond issue which will be decided on the Nov. 6 election ballot.

It's the second proposed bond issue in just over a decade to pay for road and infrastructure repairs. In 1996, residents approved \$12 million in bonds to pave every one of the city's 32 miles of roadway over the course of 20 years. Instead, only 10 years into road projects, the fund has run dry with only half of the roads having been improved.

The meetings, with dates yet to be determined, can only be informational, and not designed to solicit "yes" votes. However, commissioners left no doubt as to where they stand on the issue.

"I support the plan," Commissioner Gerry Sabatini

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said. "I'm sure we're going to hit some surprises, like we did with the 10-year plan. We can't go in too optimistic in saying every street will be done. We have to be realists and try to do as many we can with the available dollars."

An informational postcard, with the date and time of the meetings, will be sent to residents in the near future about the bond issue, which commissioners say is a continuation of the former bond program.

"It was very important to the city commission that this wasn't a tax increase," Mayor Dan Dwyer said.

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Flu clinics to test emergency preparedness

## Newcomers looking for young artists

As the leaves turn, football kicks off and parents send their little ones off to school, children are looking forward to another great tradition of the season: Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors' Annual Coloring Contest at the Plymouth Fall Festival, September 7-9 at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

The contest is free and open to all children. Prizes will be awarded for five age groups, ranging from 2-12. The group receives more than 500 entries each year, and this year's coloring contest picture will feature the historic Penn Theater.

While the kids are coloring, festival attendees can learn about the various activities Plymouth Newcomers has to offer, including Euchre, Bunco, Business Networking, Dog Sitting, Playgroups, Men's Poker Night and Ladies' Night Out, plus charity events, seasonal parties, and much more. Members do not have to be new to Plymouth or live in

Plymouth to join the non-profit organization—residents from surrounding areas and long-time residents are welcome.

Various community leaders will be on hand for the judging of the contest, which will be judged after the close of Fall Festival on Sunday, and winning pictures will be displayed at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Each coloring contest winner will be presented with a prize at the Plymouth Newcomers' Annual Kick-Off Membership Mixer 7 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Box Bar in Plymouth. This free mixer is open to everyone and is a great opportunity for prospective members to meet existing members, and learn more about the many different events and interest groups Newcomers has to offer.

For more information on Plymouth Newcomers and Neighbors Fall Festival, contact Michelle Coakley at (734) 453-0910 or at mcoakley@jaffelaw.com.

# Competitive spirit

## Canton facility shapes cheerleaders into confident athletes

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

While the smaller cheerleaders on the other side of the gymnasium worked on the perfect execution of throwing their left fists in the air, Peyton Phiobeck, 8, took a deep breath and broke out into a sprint.

As her petite body flipped into the air and then landed back on the ground, she grinned and her coach offered her a compliment.

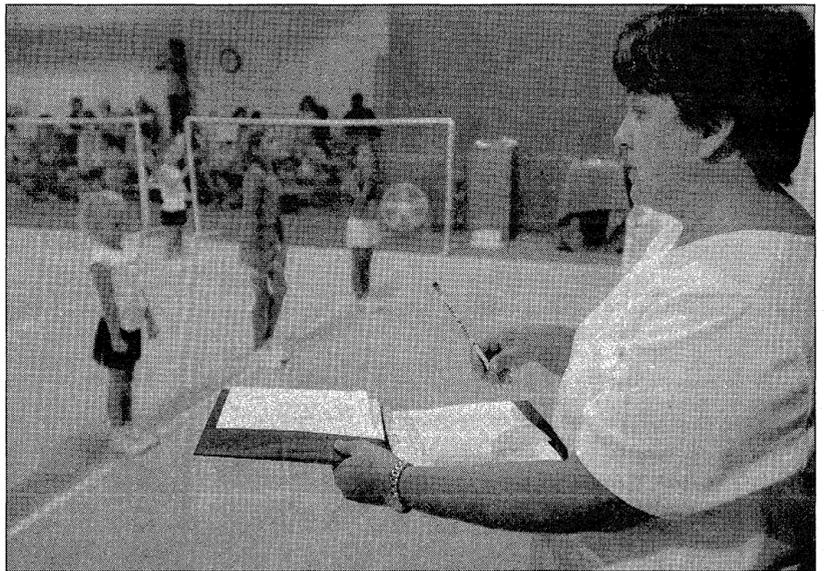
Peyton is one Michigan Xtreme Cheer's 301 athletes, who travel to the Canton facility from all over the metro area.

"We are one of the topnotch programs in the state," said Michele Julien, a MIX cheer coach and administrative worker.

Founded by Lisa Hemmie in 2002 with fewer than 50 cheerleaders, MIX started as a hobby, but quickly grew into a business and has satellite offices in Ann Arbor and Lansing.

The company has merged operations twice, with the most recent one taking place in May with Premier Cheer Zone of Canton.

In addition to its award-winning cheerleading teams, MIX offers private lessons in tumbling, stunting and Tai Kwon Do. Athletes are age 3 and up. With several championship



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Michele Julien counts students in class. There are more than 300 cheerleaders at the Canton facility.

banners hanging from the ceiling of its Ronda Drive facility and dozens of polished trophies in clear view, infectious giggles and chants pierced the air.

A group of parents watched the action on a set of bleachers. Some talked amongst themselves, while others snapped pictures.

Jill Georgeson of Plymouth has four daughters in the

program, Bailee, 11; Olivia, 9; Gabrielle, 7; and Miranda, 5.

"It's fun, it's great exercise and it teaches them that competitive spirit," Georgeson said. "This really makes athletes out of them."

Georgeson said her girls have been with MIX for three seasons. "The kids get to go to competitions and the program has great organization," she said, adding that the staff members listen to parent concerns and put an emphasis on safety.

In addition to occasionally bringing in outside choreographers, MIX has more than a dozen coaches. One of its teams

captured the 2007 Cheersport National Championship.

The company was previously chosen as one of the country's top 25 cheerleading programs by American Cheerleader's All Star Insider Magazine.

Julien, whose 14-year-old daughter, Caitlyn, has cheered with MIX since its inception, said the coaches place as much emphasis on having fun as they do on winning trophies.

"We like to think that we're one big happy family," she said.

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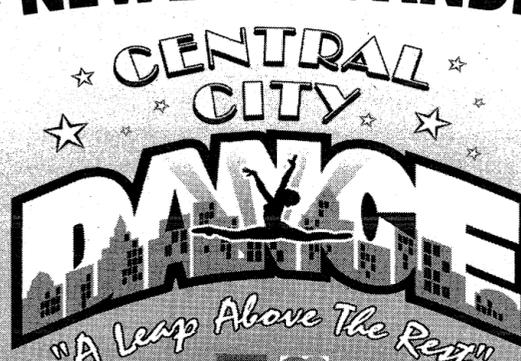
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Singers must bring any photocard, a prepared piece of any holiday music, in CD format.

**Auditions for Gymnasts**  
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## Making customers happy

The City of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, along with the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Northville Chamber of Commerce, hosts Ruby Newell-Legner, at the Plymouth Cultural Center for a special presentation of her workshop "The Secrets to Keeping Our Customers Happy!"

The program will be presented 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Newell-Legner's program is designed for small businesses and their employees. It is an interactive experience which includes brainstorming, checklists, small group discussion and activities that will improve internal and external customer relationships.

Newell-Legner is a customer satisfaction expert that has been invited to teach guest relations for major events such as Super Bowl XXXI and the upcoming 2010 Olympics. She is a certified Speaking Professional, a designation bestowed by the National Speaker Association to less than 400 speakers in the world. For more information about Ruby, visit [www.ruby-speaks.com](http://www.ruby-speaks.com)

To register for this workshop, contact the City of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority at (734) 455-1453.

## Cruise for the arts

Patrons can help the arts thrive in the community and cruise the Caribbean at the same time.

The first Plymouth Community Cruise, sponsored by the Plymouth Rotary A.M., is scheduled March 22-29, a seven-day cruise of the western Caribbean. Ports of Call (round trip from Ft. Lauderdale) include Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Georgetown, Grand Cayman; Cozumel, Mexico; Princess Cays, Bahamas; and two days at sea. Prices start at \$969 per person, and a \$200 per-cabin contribution will be made in the cruiser's name to the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society upon return.

For reservations and more information, contact Kathy or Kate at Carlson Wagonlit Travel, (734) 455-5810.

## Grief support

Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors an eight-week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," beginning Sept. 10.

This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough

of Plymouth, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses.

The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Monday nights from 7-8:45 p.m. at Ward Church located on 6 Mile and Haggerty in Northville. For registration information call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5943. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115.

## Perennial exchange

The Trailwood Garden Club sponsors a Perennial Exchange at the Plymouth Fall Festival 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8.

The exchange is open to members of the community on a "bring something, take something" basis at no charge. The club, a member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, will be set up at the east end of Kellogg Park, opposite the Wilcox House.

For more information, call (734) 459-7146.

## Bilingual Fun Family Fiesta

Enjoy an afternoon of culture by celebrating National Hispanic Heritage month with Bilingual Fun (45000 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth) from 4-6 p.m., Sept. 22.

This local language company will be featuring songs, games, Spanish lessons from their bilingual educators, a sampling of Mexican cuisine from Canton's newest Mexican eatery, Mariachi Mexico, and professional Latin ballroom dance presentations and lessons from master dance professionals. Bring your family and sing, dance, eat, and learn Spanish.

Visit [www.bilingualfun.com](http://www.bilingualfun.com) for more information, or call (734) 748-3898. Tickets are \$10 adults (if purchased in advance), and \$12 at the door. Children 10 and under get in free.

## DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution of Northville/Plymouth meet at noon Monday, Sept. 17, at the Plymouth District Library.

Guest speaker will be reference librarian Kathy Petlewski, who will talk about computers and genealogy.

For more information, call (734) 459-4764.



## Going to Market

Artist Charlie Shoulders demonstrates frameworking, getting ready for Art Market, part of the 21st annual Victorian Festival in downtown Northville, Sept. 15-16. Art Market, a juried arts show featuring artists from around the Midwest, takes place on Main Street in Northville 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16. For more information, call (248) 344-0497.

## Spotlight Players

The Spotlight Players present *Carousel*, Fridays and Saturdays, Sept. 14-15, 21-22, and 28-29 at 8 p.m., and Sundays, Sept. 23, and Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. at The Village Theatre, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are \$15-\$18. For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

The Spotlight Players are also conducting auditions for *Brighton Beach Memoirs* Monday, Sept. 17 and Tuesday, Sept. 18 at The Village Theatre, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton (corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge; use stage door at rear). Registration is at 6:30 p.m. Bring a non-returnable photo and resume. Specifics at [www.spotlightplayers.net](http://www.spotlightplayers.net) or call (734) 480-4945.

## Beautification awards

Nominations are being sought for the Chamber's Annual Business Beautification Awards.

For the past 10 years, the chamber has presented Beautification Awards to acknowledge those businesses who strive to make the Plymouth Community a more beautiful place to do business. Winners have included every type of business, from small retail to larger corporate companies.

Nominations are eligible in three exterior categories: renovation, landscaping and new construction. Nominated busi-

nesses must be located in the City or Township of Plymouth.

Nominations must be done in writing by Sept. 20 and mailed to the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170, faxed to (734) 453-1724 or e-mailed to [chamber@plymouthmi.org](mailto:chamber@plymouthmi.org)

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

## Baseball legacy

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging presents "Coffee with a Baseball Legacy" featuring former major league baseball player Tom Paciorek 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

Emcee Raymond Rolak and Paciorek, now a motivational speaker, will deliver a lively afternoon of hijinks, motivation and tales of perseverance. Paciorek's career spanned 18 seasons as an outfielder for the Los Angeles Dodgers, Chicago White Sox and others. After his playing days, he got into broadcasting, and broadcast Detroit Tigers' games from 2001-2003. Most recently, Paciorek called games for the Washington Nationals.

Tickets are \$2 each or \$15 to reserve a table for eight, can be purchased at the PCCA 201 S. Main (in the city hall building). A "coffee and sweet table" will be served, and the event features two baseball raffles.

For more information, call

the PCCA, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

## BeckRidge Chorale news

■ The BeckRidge Chorale is holding auditions for its upcoming season. Auditions will be by appointment only.

To schedule an appointment or for more information contact (734) 416-9885, e-mail [Beckridgechorale@aol.com](mailto:Beckridgechorale@aol.com), or visit the group's Web site at [www.plycommunitychorus.org](http://www.plycommunitychorus.org)

■ The BeckRidge Chorale continues to honor its commitment to vocal music by offering scholarships to college and high school students, age 16 and over, interested in vocal performance.

Scholarship winners must agree to participate as a member in good standing, of the BeckRidge Chorale for the Fall/Winter 2007-2008 Season.

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## Ladies' Night Out

Ladies are invited to attend the fourth-annual Ladies Night Out Plymouth Style 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13.

The evening, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, is designed as a night for the ladies to do some shopping and get pampered while enjoying an evening out on the town.

Participants can visit the participating stores and enjoy unique refreshments, enter to win gift baskets, receive free giveaways, and be papered with mini-makeovers, hand treatments and massages. In addition, some participants will offer special discounts on in-store merchandise.

Participating stores this year include B.E. Unique Co., Clearly You, Dearborn Jewelers, Delta Diamond Setters & Jewelers, Eclectic Home, Gabriel's, Gigi's Mode, Hands on Leather, Haven, Lynn's Corner Shoppe, Maggie & Me, Merle Norman, Native West, Nature's Choice, Penn Theatre, sideways, Spa Julianna, That's Awesome, TranquilTea, Vanity Salon, Village Shopkeeper and others. Maps will be available that

evening to identify all participating businesses.

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

## Walking tour

Join the Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth Preservation Network for an historical walking tour of Riverside Cemetery 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29.

Sanford Burr, Plymouth Historical Society president, guides participants through Riverside Cemetery, the public cemetery in Plymouth. Sanford will recount stories of the lives of those buried in the cemetery. Rain date September 30.

Tickets are \$10 per person; limit of 25 people on tour. Tickets available at the Plymouth Historical Museum or through PayPal on the museum's Web site at [www.plymouthhistory.org/walking-tours.html](http://www.plymouthhistory.org/walking-tours.html).

## Wedding workshop

A wedding workshop, designed to couples-to-be can enjoy a stress-free and cost-effective wedding by spending just 90 minutes with a variety of experts, has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in downtown Plymouth.

The workshop is arranged like speed dating, or musical chairs, but it's all about meeting wedding experts who can help couples plan the event of a lifetime. The panel of experts include: Photography, Florist, D.J., Videography, Invitations, Honeymoon Travel, Bridal Accessories, Chair Covers, Cakes, Decorating, Catering, Reception Halls, and Engraving.

The wedding experts not only will offer tips on how to better plan and prepare for the wedding but also will give advice on how to save money and reduce expenses. Organizers stress the panelists are not there to sell products or services.

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**Dance ensemble**  
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**Juried print show**  
The Northville Art House presents a Juried Print Show this October. Submissions must be post-marked by Sept. 15. The show runs Oct. 5-Nov. 4. The juror is master printmaker Zdzislaw R. Sikora whose work is represented nationally, and currently serves as Professor and Chair of the Fine Arts Department at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. Submissions are open to traditional and experimental processes, including mono prints and mixed media. At least 50 percent of a work must be made from a traditional print process. Computer generated prints or photography will not be accepted unless it is part of a mixed media work. Submit a maximum of 3 slides or 3 images on CD in jpeg format per entry. You may download a prospec-

tus at www.northvillearts.org. For more information phone (248) 344-0497, or e-mail info@northvillearts.org and type Print Show in subject line.

**Melanoma 5K or 1-mile walk**  
Join the second-annual KDB Melanoma Walk to be held Saturday, Oct. 13 at Kensington Metropark (East Boat Launch). Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m. Cost is \$30 for adults, \$20 for 10-17 years and seniors. Registration forms and more information can be found on-line at www.melanomawalk.org

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Northville Hills Golf Club (15565 Bay Hill Drive in Northville Township) will be hosting a bridal info event sponsored by "The Wedding Resource Network" group, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007 from 6-8 p.m. The event will include food and wine sampling along with a silent auction of items with the proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. Top area bridal vendors of "Wedding Resource Network" will be on hand for one-on-one information. Admission is free if registered by Sept. 14, or \$7 at the door. For more information or to register call (734) 667-3651 or visit the Web site www.THEWRN.net.

**Road rally**  
A Road Rally to benefit Steppin' Out/AIDS Walk Detroit is planned for Friday, Sept. 14. This task-oriented,

timed "treasure hunt" will begin at 7:30 p.m. from the parking lot of the Royal Oak Farmer's Market. Participants may enter as individuals or as a group, a \$5 donation per person is suggested. Prior registration required. For more information, call (586) 212-1348, or e-mail carrscompadres@yahoo.com

**Suicide Loss Support Group**  
New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. This monthly group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month at the First United Methodist Church in Northville located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road. No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group. For further information about this group or about the many other free, age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call New Hope Center for Grief Support at 248-348-0115 and visit us at www.newhopecenter.net

**Charity golf**  
The Fourth Annual Hope Charity Golf Classic will be held at Travis Pointe Country Club Sept. 17. The event is open to the public and will include lunch, golf, a cocktail hour, dinner, and live auction. Proceeds will benefit Hope Clinic, an interdenominational Christian non-profit organization located in Ypsilanti, was founded in 1982 to provide free medical care to

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**Annual pottery sale**  
The Ann Arbor Art Center Art Factory at 220 Felch presents the second-annual pottery sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 8-9. Organized and hosted by volunteers, students and instructors, the two-day event is an opportunity to purchase both decorative and functional ceramics made by over two dozen local artists. A portion of the proceeds go to support the education programs and of the Ann Arbor Art Center. Participating artists include Patty Nowak, Ivy Tso, Kat Moore, Terrie Faber, Randy Torno, Sue Wedemeyer, Tom Birchard, Laura Korch, Daria Kim, Carole Tomsik, Jane Purcell, Carol Repasky, Charlene Harris, Mike Dolan, Meghan McNally, Sarah Webb, Robin Jackson, and Kathy Pustell. Art Center instructor artist, I.B. Remsen will be doing the firing at two Raku workshops which will also be held at the Felch location from 4:30-7 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. For more information, contact Astrid Reed at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 114, explore www.annar-



**County resolution**

Former Canton resident John Hamann was recognized with a County of Wayne Resolution, signed by Commissioner Laura Cox, honoring Hamann for receiving his U.S. Navy pilot's wings June 8 at the Naval Air Station Whiting Field in Milton, Fla. Hamann is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central, where he played football and ran track. He graduated the University of Michigan, where he studied economics. Hamann got involved in ROTC while at Michigan. Hamann spent 18 months in physical training and 250 flight hours in fixed-wing and rotary aircraft while training in Pensacola, Fla. Hamann and his wife, Heather, whose family lives in Canton, are set for their next duty assignment in Norfolk, Va. Hamann is the son of former Canton residents John and Ursula Hamann of Northville.

borartcenter.org, or visit the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor.

**Card party/luncheon**  
Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon to 3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For information, call (734) 459-6063.

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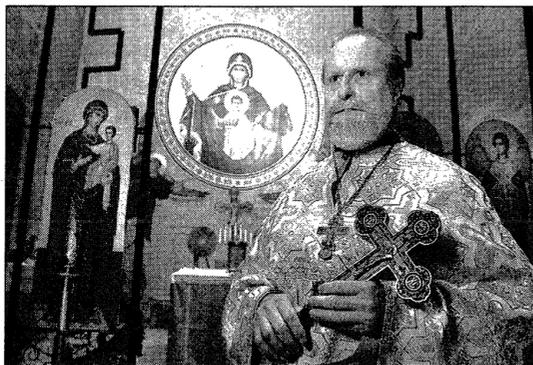
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The Rev. Joseph Marquis inside Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church on Six Mile near Middlebelt. The parish draws from a wide geographical area.

## Sacred Heart celebrates 50 years as it undergoes renewal

BY DAVE VARGA  
STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Joseph Marquis had occasionally heard the questions about how long Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church on Six Mile east of Middlebelt would carry on, whether it was going to close.

As an answer, he'd point to the image of a small tri-bar cross, a symbol of the Eastern Rite Catholic faith, visible in a new walkway in front of the church.

"Is it set in concrete? Yes. We're staying," Marquis said.

Sacred Heart is undergoing a major rebirth, with plenty of construction and new projects during this its 50th year serving the western suburbs.

Unlike its sister Roman Catholic parishes which are generally much larger in this country, Byzantine and other Eastern Rite churches tend to be smaller.

Sacred Heart serves 106 families from Redford, Livonia, Farmington Hills, Westland, Detroit, Plymouth and well beyond. Marquis describes the parishioners as very loyal. "We have people drive here from as far away as Clarkston, so it's not something passive," he said.

The Byzantine Rite is "something of a hybrid," Marquis said. Its Liturgy and traditions share much in common to the Eastern Orthodox Church — from the heavy use of incense and chanting of hymns to the vestments and icons. However, it's fully a Catholic rite, in communion with the Pope. Compared to their Western rite counterparts, Byzantines put greater emphasis on the mystery of God.

The parish was started as an offshoot of St. Nicholas Church in Detroit, when it was located on East Grand Boulevard. The church provided \$10,000 to help the fledgling church, led by 14 families who were closer to the west side.

They originally founded Sacred Heart in 1957 on Beech Daly in Redford (the former Redford Jaycees site), according to Aileen Karlewski, a charter member and currently part of the parish finance council. Aileen and her late husband, Richard, had their son, Rick, baptized there that summer — the first baptism at Sacred Heart.

### STARTING TO AGE

Ten years later, the church moved to its current location on Six Mile in Livonia. Through a series of several priests, Karlewski remembers how the church grew, built a hall that hosted regular bingo games and had an active parish, with parish festivals and more.

"This used to be quite a vibrant parish here, from what I'm told," Marquis said.

In recent years, though, Sacred Heart had begun to age. Its operatic-voiced pastor, the Rev. Nicholas Ivan, began suffering health problems. "As his health declined, the campus went into a slow decline also," Marquis said. "Presently, we're in a renewal process."

Drivers on Six Mile would notice a new sign, the demolition of an old rectory building, the newly paved and striped parking lot and the big hole

right in front of the church — it will soon hold a new rectory.

There's also a for-sale sign, for a 2.4-acre plot of land behind the building.

Less apparent are other changes. The banquet and conference center has a new roof, newly updated carpeting and renovated wood flooring. It's getting new doors, kitchen improvements and more. New heating and cooling systems will grace both the church and the center.

All of the improvements are courtesy of a loan from the Eparchy of Parma, which serves as a diocese in the Byzantine Church. "Fortunately we're blessed with a bishop who is very supportive," Marquis said.

When it comes to support, Karlewski is among the parishioners who credit Marquis for helping to reinvigorate Sacred Heart, including bringing in younger people.

"He has a lot of ideas and he wants us back on the map," she said. After all, Karlewski said, she was preparing a posterboard of parishioners for the jubilee event and began noticing how many were no longer around. "We're going to be passing on, so we need the young blood," she said.

### MARRIED, THEN ORDAINED

Marquis, 58, came to the priesthood through what some might call an unusual route. After he was discharged from the Navy, Marquis studied graphic design at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. He then worked in an advertising studio, eventually doing restoration art work on mannequins and creating floats for Hudson's and its annual Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit.

He studied theology, was ordained a deacon 21 years ago and then worked as the Director of Chaplaincy at Holy Cross Hospital and most recently as a hospice chaplain with St. John Health. Along the way, he worked as Santa Claus and St. Nicholas in numerous venues.

And he married his wife, Mary. They've been wed now 35 years.

Marquis arrived as a deacon at Sacred Heart to help out Ivan in June 2005, but just a few months later, Ivan suffered a massive stroke that later forced his retirement.

That vacancy and a great shortage of priests led to Marquis being ordained to be a priest by Bishop John Kudrick in Parma, Ohio, in February 2006, before being assigned to Sacred Heart.

That's another difference between Catholics of the Eastern and Western rites. "Our code of canon law allows married priests," he said, noting rather matter-of-factly that he's one of several in North America.

Plans for celebrating Sacred Heart's 50 years will include a Divine Liturgy celebrated by Bishop John Kudrick and concelebrating clergy at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23. A formal dinner in the banquet hall — now being run by Thomas's Catering — follows at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35, \$25 for children 12 and under. Call (734) 522-3166 to reserve a seat.

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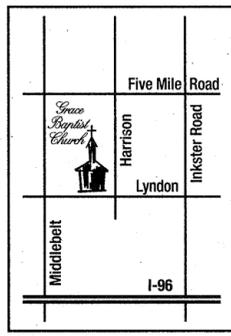
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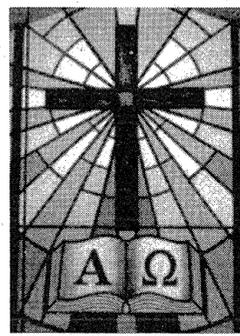
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# Retirements bring new leaders

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

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

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

Peter Kudlak is the new principal at Field Elementary.



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Kudlak was a principal the past five years at Flat Rock Community Schools.

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

Dana Jones, formerly a second grade teacher at Workman Elementary, was promoted to Farrand Elementary principal. Jill Cantin, the new Smith

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

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

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

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

## TEACHERS

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review some of the basics, such as the days of the week, months, numbers and the alphabet during the 20-minute first-day classes.

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

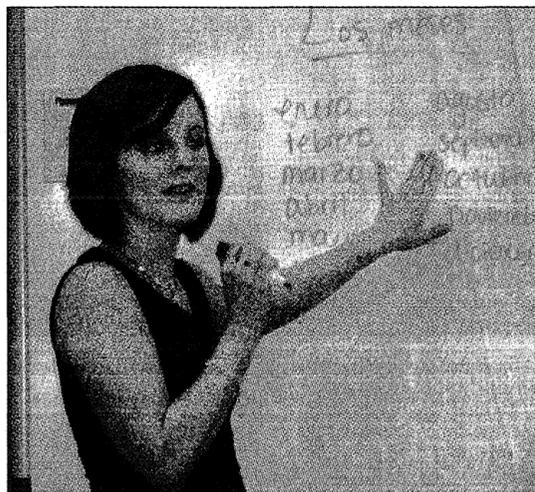
"I'm having you think about how you feel this morning because I'm feeling a lot of the same things you are," Pirronello told students. "I'm feeling a little nervous because I'm meeting 156 of you for the first time; I'm slightly hungry and I'm a little tired myself. I want to let you know we're all on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

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

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

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

"After having her, it solidified what I wanted to do," Pirronello said. "I saw how enthusiastic she was about the



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

culture and language, and just how much knowledge she had. Her shoes will be hard to fill."

Fistler, meanwhile, got into the first day having her students play a game of ABC Classroom Scattergories, in which students found objects beginning with each letter of the alphabet, and taking a Quiz on Mrs. Fistler. Nine-year-old Dylan Patel said he learned some interesting things about his new teacher.

"I learned that she hiked down the Grand Canyon, and she likes gardening," said Dylan, who lives in Canton Township. "I think she's OK, but it's my first day. My mom said I have to get good grades."

Fistler spent much of the summer getting ready, even taking a teaching manual to the pool instead of pulling out a favorite novel.

"The curriculum, over the last ten years, has become more rigorous, like the Everyday Math," she said. "They're doing things I was doing in ninth grade. There's a lot of emphasis on reading strategies, and writing the last couple of years has really taken off."

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

"You can't really have a bad day at school," Fistler said. "Even if you have a bad day before school, you see the kids and they're happy and glad to see you, and say nice things to you. They just bring you up."

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### 35th District Court NOTICE

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

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

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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### CITY OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

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

#### Proposed Use of \$11,700 of Un-Programmed 2006-2007 CDBG Funding

- Inspection of sidewalk curb cuts for compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements
- Purchase of Truncated Dome Detectable Warning Plates

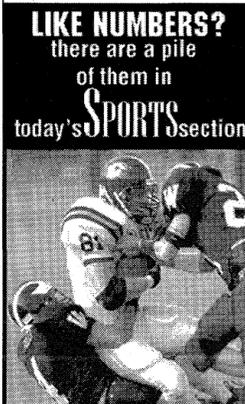
#### Public Hearing

Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed project listed above, and to suggest other projects. All projects must meet one of the Federal CDBG objectives.

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# FIRST DAY

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fourth-grade teacher (Jason Nordbeck)."

Sofia Silveri Sytniak also made the walk to Smith with her mother, Kristine Silveri, but Sofia wasn't going to be there long. She was hopping on a bus to Miller Elementary, because she'd snagged a spot in the district's Talented & Gifted program.

"I'm excited," said Sofia, 9. "I like to eat lunch with my friends."

Another sure sign it was the first day of school was the broad smile adorning the face of Allen Elementary School Principal Marcia Moore, who took up her post in the middle of the hallways, greeting students by name and helping to direct traffic.

Allen's ebullient principal said the first day is one of her favorites, because it always carries the same excitement.

"It's a brand new start," Moore said. "It's different in that we're always ready for the new challenge of the year. You never know what it's going to be. It's my favorite day of the year."

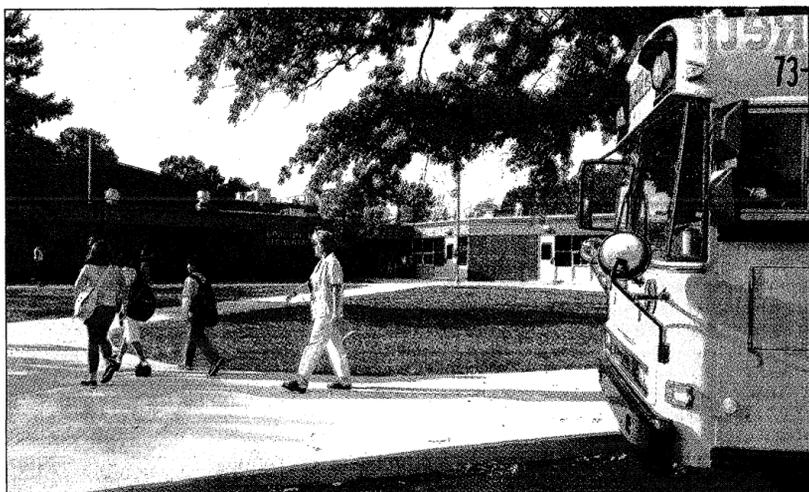
The excitement was evident on the faces of most of the students at Allen, and it's a feeling teachers say is contagious.

"They're excited, and that rubs off on us," said Lisa Zidzik, a second-year literary coach at Allen. "All of the things (students) want to accomplish make it exciting."



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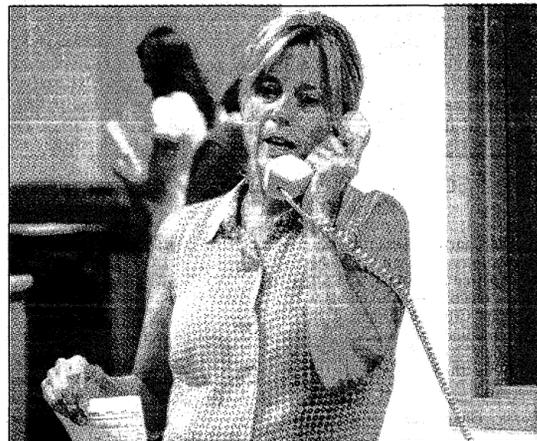
Standing in the kindergarten line, Tamika Calhoun applies the strongest cleaner known to man, mother's saliva, to daughter Deivon Calhoun's face.



Miller Elementary School is back in business after an exodus to Washington Elementary in Livonia. Miller is now completely remodeled.



Mom Christy-Sue Olson makes last-minute adjustments to daughter Skyla's outfit before entering her second-grade classroom at Miller Elementary. It was an emotional moment for both.



Miller Principal Lynn Haire makes the first announcement of the new school year.

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## FESTIVAL

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families come together.

"People who've never been to a pancake breakfast this size aren't used to seeing it," he added. "When people see eight grills going with men flipping all these pancakes, they find it fascinating."

The Rotary chicken barbecue wraps up the festival, but it's simply the final event in a weekend filled with food, entertainment, games and rides.

Among the other events: The A.M. Rotary spaghetti dinner,

4-8 p.m. Saturday; the chamber-sponsored Taste Fest, 6-8 p.m. Friday; the 5K Fun Run, sponsored by the Salem High School cross country team, 8 a.m. Sunday; Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club Bingo Night in The Gathering, 6-10 p.m. Friday; the classic car show Saturday and Sunday; and the craft show all weekend in its new location on Union between Ann Arbor Trail and Roe.

Live entertainment will be spotlighted on stages in Kellogg Park and near the beer tent behind E.G. Nicks, and the carnival rides will be set up on downtown streets.

## Livonia police study Schoolcraft speed

BY REBECCA JONES  
STAFF WRITER

Motorists shouldn't drive as fast on Schoolcraft as they do on the freeway below. But even the police sergeant in charge of Livonia's traffic bureau says the 35-mph limit on the service drive seems unreasonably low.

"That is going to be changed," Sgt. David Studt said. "We are just completing a study on that right now."

Raising the speed limit to 40 or 45 mph is one of the

changes under consideration for Schoolcraft.

"My guess is that there are going to be a lot of changes on Schoolcraft" over the next few months, Studt said.

Signs preceding the off-ramps are under review too, Studt said. Now, some are stop signs and others are yield. They may all be switched to a uniform action so drivers know what to expect.

Studt is working with the Traffic Improvement Association, which works with law enforcement and road agencies to improve traffic safety through engineering, education and enforcement. The federal government also passed new highway traffic regulations, which spurred the city to look at everything from stop signs to speed limits.

Schoolcraft has been under study for one year. It has been the site of a lot of accidents. Engineering controls, in this case, better lane markings, have helped improve safety at the intersections of Schoolcraft and Middlebelt and Schoolcraft and Farmington, Studt said.

In addition, increasing the speed limit along the roadway may actually save drivers' rear ends.

Studies show, when speed limits are artificially low, car accidents increase. Another cause for crashes is a wide gap in the speeds traveled, Studt said.

Officers have pulled over drivers going as fast as 73 mph on Schoolcraft. If someone where driving 5 mph under, the gap would be 43 mph.

Drivers are more apt to obey a realistically set speed, Studt said.

Most people drive around 42 mph there, according to the traffic study, which looks at the level at or under which 85 percent of people are driving.

Traffic engineers maintain that speed limits should be established according to the 85th percentile of free flowing traffic.

That's because most motorists drive at a speed they feel safe and comfortable, and Studt said the police department's goal is not to issue tickets or impose slow speeds throughout town, but to increase safety on the roads.

The 35-mph speed limit was set before I-96 was built and has never been changed, Studt said.

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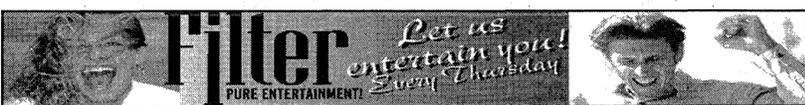
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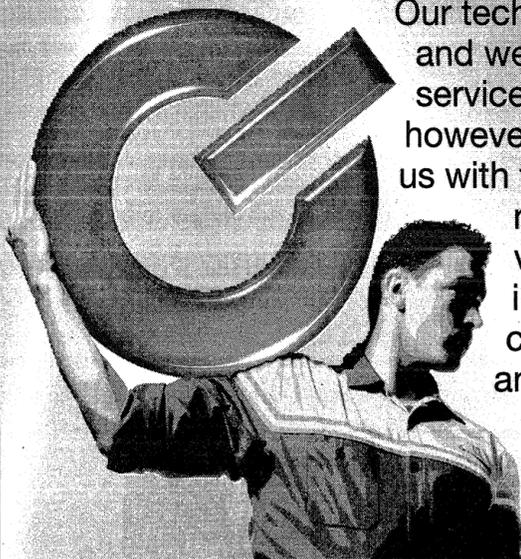
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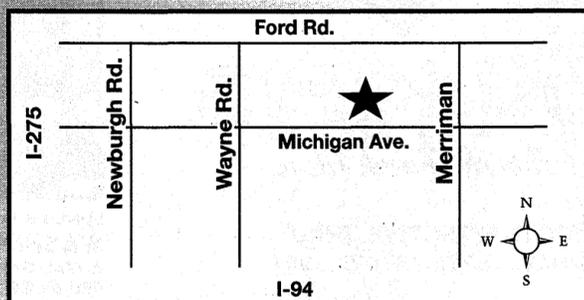
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OUR VIEWS

## Stopping for school buses isn't enough

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

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

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

For other kids, finding the bus stop — and the right bus — can lead to careless darting between parked vehicles. In fact, 12.8 percent of all school bus accidents reportedly happen at bus stops.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Michigan puts on its best face during autumn

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



### Step backward

It appears that the City of Plymouth leaders are preparing for a "Great Leap Backwards" by pursuing the development of a Public Safety Department.

Unless convincing data can be produced for its residents, the people of Plymouth should reject this proposal. Just a few weeks ago the *Detroit Free Press* covered the financial stress faced by smaller communities in Oakland County; their duplicity of services for fire, police, and many administrative services was duly noted.

The implied solution was the consolidation of departments across boundaries to take advantage of economy of scale.

Statistics, not trend-setting, should be the factors used to make decisions regarding public safety. Currently we have four governing bodies (Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township) within the original 36-square-mile region of original Plymouth Township (approximately 70,000 population). Livonia (approximately 100,000 population) and Canton Township are able to manage their entire areas within one government.

What is needed are comparative statistics regarding response times for police and fire as well as the cost of administering these services. The police and fire departments of our region should not be making the decisions regarding consolidation, as this decision should be left collectively to the residents.

We should request our elected leaders to negotiate consolidated services to reduce unnecessary expenditures and prevent future tax increases.

Richard Schubatis  
Plymouth

### Not so 'homeless'

Allow me to introduce myself: I play Anna Mae, an eccentric homeless character from "Talking With," one of the many plays by Pulitzer-nominated playwright Jane Martin. I was invited to perform/visit in your lovely town of Plymouth for Plymouth After Dark (recently).

What a night for Plymouth — music, revelry! I was so excited to be part of the festivities.

I was just finishing one of my three scheduled performances that evening. I was in the process of telling three 11-year-olds who were watching that "I love McDonald's as they don't never move you on, you can rest all day. It's the sacred law," when the police arrived, having been informed by one of Plymouth's upstanding citizens that there was a homeless woman disturbing people.

These same citizens did not call about a scantily clad Marilyn Monroe, but the thought of a bag lady in the city was cause to call 911.

What was most poignant about this situation is that these three young girls witnessed the police asking me to leave. One of the girls (Katie) had just asked me to sing. For the record, my day job is a special education teacher. I am also the sister of a homeless person.

What impression will these three young people take from this night? This wonderful community has hustle and bustle but no tolerance for that which makes it uncomfortable. I invite you and

your residents to examine this incident.

Of course, it is grand to have such a vibrant town. Ultimately, what legacy do we want to leave our children? Is what we have in Plymouth only for those who fit/belong here?

Certainly, tolerance of people's differences was not modeled for those young girls, the ones with the open eyes and hearts who did not avert their eyes and instead looked askance at a homeless woman.

Collette Cullen  
Dearborn

### Favors smoking ban

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

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

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

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

G. Gordie  
Canton

### Veteran needs help

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

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

Apparently, they were behind in their property taxes and needed to borrow some money. They owned their home, paid in full. The individual/company that they thought they could trust to borrow this money came to their home and did a JOB on them. While they were signing the papers they thought were for a loan, this slime ball snuck in a quit claim

deed and, voila, the Edwardses no longer owned their home. I've been in contact with these people and now they have to get a loan to buy back their house from the bank that bought the paper from Mr. Slick. How anybody can do this to another person is beyond my comprehension and I've seen and heard many stories.

Val Clark from Channel 7 came out to our center and interviewed me about this event. I could care less about being on TV, but the word about the Edwardses hit the airways. While being interviewed, we, the staff and crew at Veterans Haven donated \$10,000 to help these people out of this bind. I did some investigating before we put our money in the hat, all money collected on their behalf will go toward the down payment and other fees associated with obtaining this loan.

A trust fund has been set up at National City Bank. If anyone would like to make a donation, please send it to the attention Andy Daily, Edwards Home Relief Fund, National City Bank, 114 S. Stevenson Highway, Royal Oak, MI 48067. I'm sure the Edwards family would appreciate any support they receive. In closing, on behalf of Veteran's Haven, our crew and volunteers, we would like to offer our thanks to anyone that can help.

Vince Berna  
president, founder  
Veterans Haven Inc.

### A way to solve state budget

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

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

Robert Siedlik  
Livonia

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

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

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# Jobs program would give state workers preference

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It cracks down on companies that hire illegal immigrant workers by

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Rep. Marc Corriveau

# Unite citizens, leaders to solve woes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Make our public sector nimble, thrifty and accountable.

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

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

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

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

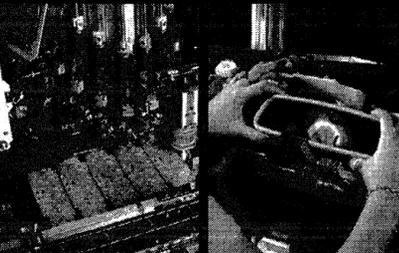
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# Don't toss out those proxy statements with junk mail

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

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

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

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

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

#### WEALTH OF INFORMATION

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



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

When I analyze investments, I want to see members of the management team owning the company stock. After all, if they're not committed to the company, why should I be?

When I review a mutual fund proxy, one item I always focus on is fees. I am a big believer that fees do matter and before a mutual fund company raises my fees, it better have a very good reason. In most cases, if a fund company is seeking to raise fees, it's an indication something is changing within the company and I ought to be aware. Underperforming funds that already have high fees are typically the ones that ask for more fees.

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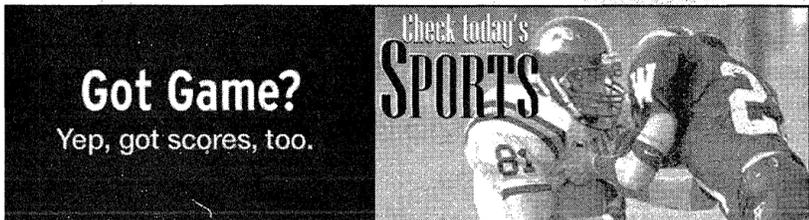
somewhat strange and unusual. The reason is you do not have to be a large shareholder to submit a proposal. Some proposals also have political and social implications.

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

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

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

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**SEPTEMBER**

**Tent/rummage sale**

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

**Palooza/community jubilee**

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

**Singers wanted**

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

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

**Grow to Go!**

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

**Church picnic**

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

**Religious education**

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

**LOGOS Youth Club**

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

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

**Swami beyondanda**

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

**Worship schedule**

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

**GriefShare recovery seminar**

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

**Colloquium**

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

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

While the colloquium is designed for Lutherans, it is also open to Orthodox Christians and members of other Christian faiths. Seating is limited, however, and priority will be given to Lutherans. Ancient Faith Radio (www.ancientfaithradio.com), the online Orthodox radio station, will record all colloquium presentations. Compact discs of the recordings, in MP3 and standard audio format may be ordered in advance or at the colloquium.

For information or to register, visit www.orthodoxdetroit.com. For further assistance, contact colloquium coordinator David Adrian at (248) 322-9226 or david.adrian@adrianassoc.com. St. Andrew House Center for Orthodox Christian Studies was founded in 2001 to promote the Orthodox Christian faith by word and example through formal instruction, worship and good works.

**Taste of Greece**

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

**Reformed Protestant service**

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

**Victorian fashion show/tea**

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

**Lay caregiver series**

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

**Catholic marriage**

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

**MOPS meetings**

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

**Global village night**

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

**Alpha - Questions of Life**

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

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

**ENDOW**

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

**Mom to Mom sale**

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

**Mom-to-Mom sale**

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

**Registration**

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

**UPCOMING**

**Smart Discipline seminar**

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

**Rummage sale**

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

**Men's breakfast**

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

**Church Women United**

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

**Mom to mom sale**

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

**CROP walk**

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

**Fall craft show**

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

**Crafters needed**

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

**Catholic women's conference**

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

**Cruise**

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

**ONGOING**

**Explore the Catholic faith**

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

**J.O.Y. meeting**

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

**Higher Rock Cafe**

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com.

**Uplifting church services**

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

**Worship service**

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

**Youth wanted**

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

**A healthy you**

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

**Summer worship**

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

**Sunday worship**

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

**Preschool registration**

Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-2008 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org. For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org.

**Sunday services**

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

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**DR. WILLIAM CYRAL FERMAN**

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

**Mr. CORNELIUS JOHNSON**

Westland, Michigan. Age 85, passed away on September 2, 2007 in Allen Park, Michigan. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2007 at People's Community Baptist Church, 29745 Annapolis Road, Westland, Michigan with Pastor Vincent Matthews officiating. The family hour at 10 a.m. and the service to follow at 11 a.m. Arrangements entrusted to C&H Community Home for Funerals, Lucille's Memorial Chapel, Ypsilanti, MI.

**CORINNE D. KEELER**

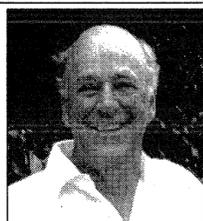
Of Plymouth, born April 16, 1918, passed away September 1, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Eugene Keeler; loving mother of Patricia D. Van Vuren, Lawrence F. Keeler and Thomas Paul Keeler; devoted grandmother of Mark A. Battle, Craig A. Battle, Sharon M. Battle, Michael S. Battle, Katherine J. Battle,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

**GORDON E. RIVERS, JR.**

Age 70, died August 30, 2007. A native of Michigan, lived in Lilburn from 1985 until 2001, when he moved to Lake Sinclair. He was a member of Danc'n Single Square Dance Club in Marietta, and was a Ham Radio Operator. He was retired from Burroughs (Unisys) in Michigan. He was predeceased by his mother Vera Alberta Phillpotts Rivers and his first wife Marilyn Louise Carle Rivers. He is survived by his current wife Debra McGuire Rivers of Lake Sinclair; daughter Pamela Dawn Thomas (David Brand) of Eatonton, GA; son Gordon Edward (Jan) Rivers III of Decatur, GA; father Gordon E. Rivers, Sr. of Canton and brother Robert V. (Lynn) Rivers of Canton. Also surviving is one grandson Benjamin A. Thomas of Eatonton, GA; one granddaughter Vera Louise Thomas of Griffin, GA, one niece Brittany Lynn River of Canton and one nephew Brandon Robert (Jeni) Rivers of Northville. Funeral service will be held Sunday, Sept. 9, 2007 at 2:00pm at the Williams Funeral Home Chapel, Millidgeville, GA. In lieu of flowers, the family request expressions of sympathy be made to the American Cancer Society. Online Guestbook www.williamsfuneralhome.net

**HOWARD C. SHIELDS**

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



**CHARLES "Chuck" LOUIS WILSON, Jr.**

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

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**Deadlines:**

# CALENDAR

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## Worship services

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

## Bible study

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

## Farmington Women Aglow

Meets 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and

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

## Worship services

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

## Classes

NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that began Thursday, March 8, at the church, 49555 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township. Choose from a self-defense class, scrapbooking, Mops, Bible studies, cooking and nutrition, quilting, book club, and more. Register on line at <http://www.northridgechurch.com/Women/>.

## Tiny Tots Preschool

Now enrolling for 2007-08 for 3- and 4-year olds, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

## Recovery program

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit [www.celebraterecovery.com](http://www.celebraterecovery.com) and [www.wardchurch.org/celebrate](http://www.wardchurch.org/celebrate).

## Bible study

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

church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

## Sunday service

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

## Worship service

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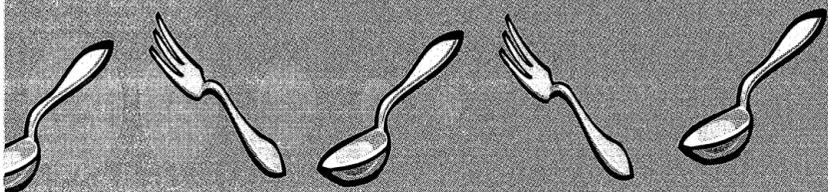
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## Helping congregations handle real estate needs

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

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

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

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

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

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

### PERKS

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

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

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

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

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

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



Bill Skubik enjoys his work handling religious real estate.

### COOPERATION

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

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

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

He got involved in church real

### INSPIRED

**Name:** Bill Skubik  
**Age:** 45  
**Hometown:** Plymouth Township  
**Marital Status:** Married to Julie  
**Children:** Matt, 16; Adam, 15  
**Education:** B.S. in engineering (electronic materials science) and M.B.A., both from University of Michigan  
**Business:** Owner Religious Real Estate, 859 S. Main, Suite 1, Plymouth (734) 604-6222, www.religiousrealestate.com  
**In his spare time:** Trains for and runs marathons

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

### BUSINESS EVOLVED

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

to reach the religious community."

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Work may not require attorney's training

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

**A. While some may believe that it is indeed an unauthorized practice of law, including this writer, at least**



Robert Meisner

**four states, including Michigan, have held that there is no unauthorized practice of law when form mortgage documents are prepared by non-attorneys.**

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

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

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

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$99.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com.

## State rep urges passage of Home Loan Protection Act

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

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

The Michigan Home Loan Protection Act will:

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

charging fees for a payoff statement.

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

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

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

- Prohibit prepayment penalties.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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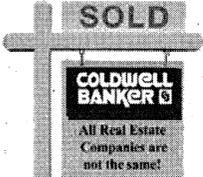
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**\$139,900 (P-431CV)**



**ENJOY THE VIEW!**  
 This home is terrific for entertaining. Beautiful landscaped lot w/view of fountain & pond. Great sunroom, deck & patio, vaulted ceilings, updated oak kit, fin bsmt w/garden wndws, & more.  
**\$299,500 (P-855DR)**



**GREAT LOCATION**  
 Situated on an oversized corner lot, just a short walk to neighborhood clubhouse, pool, park, & schools. 4 bd, 2.5 baths, 2 car Garage, huge backyard, & over 2000 sq ft.  
**\$249,900 (P-636ED)**



**GORGEOUS COLONIAL**  
 West Dearborn colonial boasts 4 bd, brand new cherry Kitchen w/frpl, Formal Liv & Din Rm, Family Room w/frpl, finished bsmt, hwd floors, & too much more to list.  
**\$239,900 (P-533ED)**



**GREAT STARTER**  
 This 3 bd ranch in Dearborn Heights is perfect for 1st timers. Basement, garage, updated windows, flooring, electrical, gutters, & more.  
**\$94,900 (P-908ET)**



**STOP PAYING RENT**  
 Everything you need to have! Family Room, finished bsmt, over 1200 sq ft, 3 bd, Garage, appliances included, & too much more to list.  
**\$124,900 (P-078FO)**



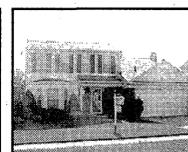
**DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH**  
 Motivated seller offers this 4 bd, 1 bath home featuring a new oak Kitchen, freshly painted, 2 car Garage w/workshop, & 1st fl laund. Needs some more work but has potential.  
**\$99,900 (P-173GA)**



**GREAT FIND!**  
 Fabulous 2 bd, 2 bath condo in popular South Lyon neighborhood. 1139 sq ft, neutral decor, Master w/WIC, 3 season Florida Room, vaulted ceilings, & area pool & tennis.  
**\$109,900 (P-133GR)**



**ABSOLUTELY STUNNING**  
 Glengary colonial w/huge lot & in-ground pool. Fabulous decorating t/o, finished bsmt w/full Kitchen, great location, & a 1 yr home warranty.  
**\$380,000 (C-415HA)**



**FANTASTIC HOME**  
 This home offers 4 bd, 2.5 baths, Great Room w/soaring ceilings, skylights, & too many updates to list. Great location, an absolute must see!  
**\$213,500 (C-260LA)**



**GREAT PLACE**  
 Nice 3 bd home in a great area. Hwd floors, updated Bath, newer furnace & C/A, finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, large yard w/frpl trees, & a home warranty.  
**\$129,900 (C-207MA)**



**DAZZLING OPPORTUNITY**  
 If you love extras this house is for you! New carpet, remodeled Kitchen, hot tub, indoor/outdoor speakers, new trees & an abundance of flowers in gorgeous fenced yard.  
**\$149,900 (C-508MA)**



**CUSTOM BUILT HOME**  
 Newer construction home on cul de sac featuring cherry Kitchen w/granite, private Master w/try ceiling, WIC's in all bedrooms, covered porch w/fans overlooking... acre lot.  
**\$473,000 (C-569MUN)**



**PLYMOUTH CONDO**  
 Cute ranch condo w/large brick paver Patio, updated appliances & windows, pets allowed, good location, & clubhouse activities w/ heated pool. Good storage space & home warranty too!  
**\$104,500 (C-699NE)**



**CUSTOM BUILT RANCH**  
 Situated on almost an acre in Livonia, this ranch offers a newer furnace, hwh, elec, plumbing, Pella windows, oak floors, 2 full baths, full finished bsmt, & large Garage.  
**\$264,900 (P-723NO)**



**END UNIT CONDO**  
 Immaculate condo in popular Novi sub. Great location, new windows, carpet, entry doors, paint, Pergo flooring, finished bsmt w/berber carpet, & more.  
**\$112,900 (P-825OL)**



**IMMACULATE**  
 Spacious home w/open floor plan. Numerous updates including Walkside windows, C/A, paint, gutters, Kitchen, & beautiful Deck. Convenient Plymouth location.  
**\$179,900 (C-645OR)**



**ALREADY REMODELED**  
 This 3 bd brick bungalow is awaiting it's new owner! Home has been completely renovated. Maple Kitchen, tile floors, new appliances, custom lighting, newer carpet, & large Master w/bath.  
**\$149,900 (C-469OU)**



**GREAT VALUE**  
 Fantastic view of the pond from this large ranch condo. End unit featuring lots of windows, GR w/cath ceiling & frpl, formal Dining, oak Kitchen, private Deck, prof finished bsmt, & area pool & tennis.  
**\$212,500 (C-263PI)**



**CHECK THIS OUT!**  
 Attention first time buyers: Look no further! 3 bd, 2 bath home offering a large Kitchen w/all appliances, 3 tiered Deck w/pool, finished basement, & close to everything.  
**\$109,900 (C-633PO)**



**MOVE TO THE LAKE!**  
 Here's an opportunity you can't afford to miss! Over 2700 sq ft, newly built, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, formal DR, maple cab's, Great Room w/frpl, Master w/sitting area, 1.3 acre lot w/privileges to all sports lake.  
**\$324,450 (C-5155A)**



**RANCH ON 4 ACRES!**  
 Located in Canton, offering a large floor plan with over 4 acres (possible split), 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths and a 40x48 pole barn. Family room fireplace & appliances stay. Call now.  
**\$364,900 (C-331SA)**



**PERFECT CONDO**  
 Great for 1st timers! Crown moldings, decorator paint, Pergo, neutral carpet, all appliances stay, balcony, spacious bedrooms, & great location.  
**\$99,900 (C-419SA)**



**GENEROUSLY UPDATED**  
 This 4 bd, 2 full & 2 half bath home is ready to move into! Beautifully decorated, granite, cherry cabinets, cathedral ceilings, brick pavers, Pella windows, upgraded fixtures t/o, & neutral decor.  
**\$329,900 (C-451SH)**



**MAINTENANCE FREE**  
 Charming ranch in great neighborhood offers covered ceilings, leaded glass doors, updated bath, 1st fl laund, Kitchen w/nook, new garage roof, updated plumbing & hwh.  
**\$159,900 (C-316SH)**



**WONDERFUL RANCH**  
 Lots of updates on this 3 bd brick ranch w/eat-in Kitchen, hwd floors, fresh paint, appliances included, updated bath, & some lawn equipment included. Just move in.  
**\$128,000 (C-966SY)**



**WONDERFUL RANCH**  
 Fabulous 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch in sought after Ridgemoor Sub. Updated t/o including siding, A/C, gutters, roof, & furnace. Full bsmt w/glass block, neutral decor t/o, updated Kitchen, & nice yard.  
**\$138,000 (C-851TE)**



**SPACIOUS CONDO**  
 1st floor condo just steps away from Laurel Park shopping. Well maintained, in unit laundry w/new washer & dryer, 1200 sq ft, & more.  
**\$115,000 (C-312UM)**



**LOVINGLY CARED FOR**  
 Spacious Kitchen w/nook overlooking wooded backyard. Formal Liv & Din Room, large Master w/private bath & WIC, finished lower level, & updated roof, siding, windows, & flooring.  
**\$219,900 (C-664WE)**



**EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY**  
 Very open floor plan w/brick elevation. Spacious Fam Rm w/frpl & views of backyard, sun filled island Kitchen w/nook, Master w/ volume ceiling & private bath, & finished lower level.  
**\$214,900 (C-638WE)**



**ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS**  
 Fantastic 2 bd condo featuring neutral decor, huge Master w/WIC, open floor plan, hwd in Kitchen, Dining Room w/bay window, full bsmt, & Patio.  
**\$129,895 (C-599AR)**



**GORGEOUS RANCH**  
 Beautiful Livonia ranch - ready to move into! Open spacious rooms, neutral decor & carpet, oak cabinets, newer roof, updated Kitchen, Bath, awesome neighborhood & more.  
**\$214,900 (C-668BA)**



**THIS ONE IS SPECIAL!**  
 All the updates in this stunning home. Cherry Kitchen, Pergo flooring, new roof, updated baths, windows, circ breakers, plumbing, paint, windows, prof finished bsmt, oversized Garage, & fenced yard.  
**\$148,000 (C-435BR)**



**READY TO MOVE INTO!**  
 Nice & open 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch in Westland, freshly painted & new carpet t/o, updated Kitchen, finished bsmt, large Great Room w/frpl, fantastic backyard, & more.  
**\$154,900 (C-274DO)**



**BACKS TO TREES & PARKS**  
 Immaculately maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath Canton home. Updates include roof, windows, lighting, Kitchen, whirlpool tub, fresh paint, fresh landscaping, 1st floor laund, & above ground pool w/large Deck.  
**\$225,000 (C-607FA)**



**WOW**  
 If you desire privacy & a beautiful yard, this is it. Huge mechanic's dream Garage, newer roof & windows, 3 bedrooms, oversized lot, & convenient location.  
**\$149,900 (C-453FL)**



**HUGE YARD!**  
 Lovingly updated home on almost 1/2 acre of land backing to woods. Newer paint, refinished hardwood floors, vinyl windows with warranty, & 2 car garage.  
**\$120,000 (C-721HA)**



**ROOM TO ROAM**  
 4 bd bungalow w/2 full baths, full bsmt, 1330 sq ft, formal Din Rm, large Kitchen, 1st floor laundry, updated roof, furnace, C/A, windows, fenced yard w/2 sheds, & more.  
**\$94,900 (C-210HA)**



**CUTE RANCH**  
 3 bd brick ranch on a pretty tree lined street. Freshly painted t/o, hwd, new furnace & C/A, part finished bsmt w/lav, & good location. Sellers are very motivated!  
**\$115,000 (C-944HE)**



**BETTER THAN NEW!**  
 Before you spend \$1,000's more on new construction, come check out this upgraded cape cod! Tray ceilings, central vac, prof insulating windows, cherry kit, 1st fl Master, & great location w/wooded views.  
**\$260,000 (C-042HI)**



**MECHANIC'S DREAM**  
 Let your dreams come true in this 3 bd brick ranch w/huge 3 car Garage w/pit & a drive rear door. Large fenced lot can be split, nice eat in Kitchen, full bsmt, & covered Patio.  
**\$189,900 (C-025JU)**



**UPDATED CANTON COLONIAL**  
 Beautifully updated 3 bd, 1.5 bath home. Open floor plan, formal Liv Rm, maple Kitchen w/granite, prof finished bsmt, new furnace, C/A, & hwh in '06, updated vinyl siding & windows.  
**\$225,000 (C-824MA)**



**BETTER THAN NEW!**  
 This awesome 3 bd ranch home offers an updated Kitchen, updated baths, neutral decor, updates galore, Woodhaven Schools, & it's ready for you to move in to!  
**\$125,000 (C-051ME)**



**GREAT INVESTMENT**  
 Perfect for rental property or live in one side & rent the other side. Multi-family home w/2 units. Appliances remain, full basement, brick, & priced to sell!  
**\$53,000 (P-74AV)**



**GREAT DEAL!**  
 Great investment opportunity here. All appliances stay, 3 spacious bedrooms, full basement, Dining Room, & 2 car Garage.  
**\$61,000 (P-546BO)**



**SENSATIONAL CONDO**  
 2 bd ranch condo w/2 full baths, 1278 sq ft end unit, Liv Rm w/cath ceiling & frpl, honey maple Kitchen w/appliances, 1st fl laundry, full bsmt, & great location.  
**\$175,000 (P-215CA)**



**PERFECTLY APPOINTED**  
 This 2002 built Canton condo has it all! Gourmet Kitchen flooded w/sunshine, 3 spacious bedrooms, dining room, 2.5 baths, Master w/bath & WIC, 2 car Garage, & finished lower level.  
**\$199,900 (C-654CH)**



**PRICE TO SELL**  
 Updated 3 bd bungalow close to shopping & oaks. Remodeled Kitchen & Bath, newer roof, furnace, hwh, C/A, basement, & Garage.  
**\$119,900 (C-010CH)**



**BEAUTIFUL NORTHVILLE**  
 Colonial on low traffic cul de sac. Expanded W/O bsmt, over 3900 sq ft, fully inspd 1/2 acre lot, atrium leading to Trex deck & paver patio, kit w/gran, 3 car gar, & clubhouse w/pool, tennis, & fitness center.  
**\$739,900 (P-497EA)**



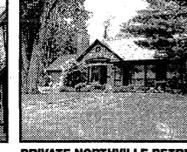
**POPULAR NOVI LOCATION**  
 Open floor plan w/extensive upgrades. 2 story Foyer, Liv & Din Rms, Fam Rm w/frpl, Kitchen w/granite & cherry, 4 spacious bdms, Master w/lamour bath, finished walkout, paver patio, & Deck.  
**\$439,900 (P-909LA)**



**AWESOME STARTER**  
 Completely redone in '05. Ceramic baths, oak Kitchen w/appl's, neutral carpet, updated windows, updated concrete, huge Garage, & more. Seller Motivated!  
**\$129,900 (P-221LE)**



**6 BEDROOM MANSION**  
 Well maintained home in historic Boston Edison District. Large Liv Rm w/frpl, Din Rm, 3rd floor in-law suite, newer roof, freshly painted, 2 car Garage, Patio, fenced yard, & so much more.  
**\$190,000 (P-217LO)**



**PRIVATE NORTHVILLE RETREAT**  
 Beautiful Cape Cod situated on a park like setting. Loaded w/tons of top of the line updates such as roof, furnace, C/A, windows, hwd floors, & more. 3 baths, 2 garages, finished bsmt, Deck, & Patio.  
**\$369,900 (P-275ME)**



**CANTON COLONIAL FOR LEASE**  
 Private wooded lot w/creek running through...open airy floor plan, vaulted ceilings, hwd floors, finished bsmt, Sauna, heated Sunroom, large Deck, paver Patio, & prof landscaped.  
**\$2,600/month (P-295RE)**



**UPDATED THROUGHOUT**  
 Beautiful deep wooded lot! Hwd floors, huge LR w/frpl, newer kit w/gran, 2.5 BAs, mstr w/sitting area, fin bsmt w/1/2 bath, all season Fam Rm, updated roof, sewer line, windows, landscaping, & more.  
**\$398,500 (P-465SH)**



**INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY**  
 Located on a private cul de sac, this Canton colonial features a formal Liv & Din Rm, spacious Fam Rm w/adjoining Den, Master w/2 Wic's & sitting area, & finished lower level.



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**CANTON-Sun. 12-3pm** 43741 Gatehouse Ct #274,900  
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Beautiful 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath bungalow with many updates, newer appliances, basement w/ lots of living & storage space. 15640 Leona Dr. • Redford Twp. \$115,000  
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Bill Moy - 313-333-3240  
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**By Owner**  
2,400 sq. ft. Colonial. Spacious kitchen, 4 bdrm, 4 baths, 3 room master suite, finished lower level, Birmingham schools. Move in condition. Private deck/garden. \$348,000 very negotiable.  
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**Bloomfield Hills 3055**

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**ROCHESTER HILLS** - Adorable, well-maintained w/fresh, neutral decor. Many updates: new kitchen w/maple cabinets, counters & microwave. Inviting foyer. \$205,000 (EC72DR-27157520)  
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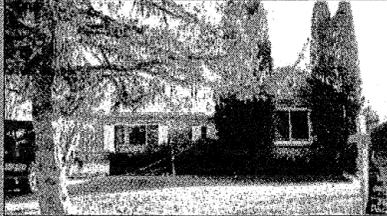
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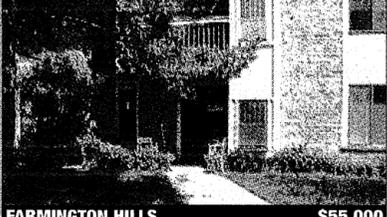
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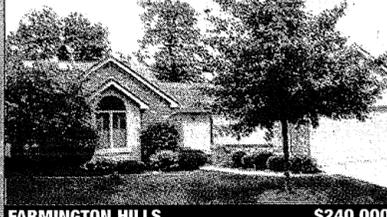
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Well-maintained 2-bdrm ranch condo w/private entry. Open fr plan & spacious att gar. MBR offers vanity, ample closet space & master bath. Private bsmt has fin office/extra bdrm.  
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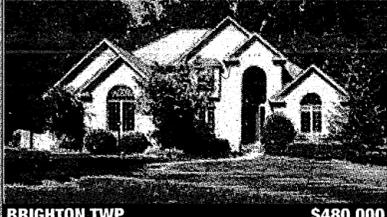
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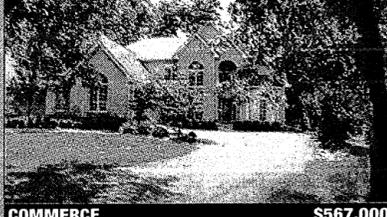
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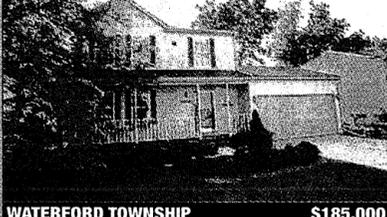
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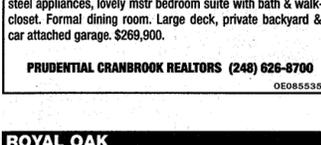
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N of 8 Mile, W of Halstead</p>	<p><b>FARMINGTON</b> Mini Estate &amp; Collectibles Sale Sept. 6-8, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., 23650 Oakland St., off of Drake, btwn Grand River &amp; Freedom. Household, electronics, furniture.</p> <p><b>GARDEN CITY</b> 30513 Pardo, Ford Rd. &amp; Henry Ruff. Sept. 6-8, 8:30-5. Antiques, collectibles, furniture and much more!</p> <p><b>GARDEN CITY</b> 460 Farmington, Cherry Hill &amp; Ford Rd., Sept. 6-8, 9-5pm. Gas scooter, Christmas decor, toys, clothes, etc...</p> <p><b>GARDEN CITY</b> Everything Must Go Garage Sale - 31335 Marquette, Garden City, 1/2 mile South between Ford Rd &amp; Cherry Hills, on the East side of Merriman Fri.-Sun., 9am-6pm</p> <p><b>GARDEN CITY</b> Garage Sale For Charity Sat.-Sun., Sept. 8-9, 9am-5pm. Corner of Rush &amp; Hartel. Toys, Electronics, Exercise Equipment, Silent Auction &amp; more!</p> <p>Observer &amp; Eccentric Classifieds Just a quick call away... 1-800-579-SELL</p> <p><b>HUNTINGWOODS</b> Moving Sale. Fri-Sat-Sun. Sept. 7, 8 &amp; 9. 9am-4pm. Furniture, antiques and misc. 8250 Lincoln. (10 1/2 mile rd.)</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> 16919 Fitzgerald, off 6 Mile, E of Newburg, Thurs. &amp; Fri., 9-4pm. &amp; Sat., 9-12noon. Children's clothes, toys, misc. household items.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> 18846 Hillcrest, W. of Middlebelt, S. of 7 mile. Sept. 7 &amp; 8, 8am-4pm. Clothing, toys, electronics, furniture, and misc.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> 38774 Grandon, near Joy &amp; Hix, Sept. 7 &amp; 8, 9-4pm. Little bit of everything, tools, Barbie Dolls, electronic, etc.</p>	<p><b>LIVONIA</b> 9918 Woodring 48150 Sat. 8th-Sun. 9th. 8:30am-6:30pm. Multi-Family - China, TVs, Furniture, Computer, &amp; MORE!</p> <p>When seeking out the best deal check out the Observer &amp; Eccentric Classifieds! 1-800-579-7355</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> Antiques, x-mas, collectibles, etc. 14327 Deme, off Merriman. Sept. 7-8, 9am-6pm.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> Garage Sale Sept. 6th-Sept. 9th, 10am-4pm Daily. 18948 Floral.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA - HUGE TOOL SALE!</b> Baseball/action cards, cans, coins, CB radios, fishing, &amp; much more! Sept. 6-8, 9am-5pm. 30523 Hoy St., S. of 5 Mile, W. of Henry Ruff.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> Sept. 6-8, Thurs-Sat., 9-5 (Sat. 9-3). 35152 Joy Rd. Household &amp; decor, videos &amp; books, stuffed animals, jewelry, more.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA - Teacher Sale</b> 100's of books, pre-K-4th grade theme units, more. Sat. &amp; Sun., 10-4. 28604 Sunnydale, N/5 Mi, E/off Middlebelt.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> - Thurs-Sat., 9am-7 50 years of good stuff &amp; antiques, some tools. 35832 West Chicago, W. of Wayne, S. of Plymouth.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> Wildwood Forest Sub Sale. Riverside Street, S. of 5 Mile, btwn Farmington &amp; Levan. Sat., Sept., 8th, 9-5pm.</p> <p><b>MILFORD</b> Multi-Family Garage Sale! Antiques, furniture, appliances, electronics, toys, clothes, books. 565 Hill St. 1 mile E. of Main St., off Pleasure. Sept. 6-8, 9am-5pm. No Early Birds!</p>	<p><b>NORTHVILLE</b> Household goods, baby clothes &amp; equip. 41900 Banbury Rd. Northville Commons Sub. 6 mile, W. of Haggerty. Fri-Sept. 7, 9am-4pm &amp; Sat. Sept. 8, 9am-1pm.</p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH</b> - 295 Pacific St. at William St. Sept. 7 &amp; 8, 9-3pm. Small appliances, furniture, decorator items and much much more!</p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH</b> 49238 Fox Dr. Sat/Sun., 10am-3pm. Baby, toys, maternity, household, much more!</p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH</b> 510 Byron, Plymouth. Thurs-Sat. 9am-5pm. Furniture, glass, collectibles, original artwork.</p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH - Antique Sale in the Barn</b> Metal wagon wheels, Nice old bike, Blue Pie Safe, Wire-Wheel Wagon, Log Cabin Box, Linens, LOTS OF SMALLS. Sept. 7-8 &amp; 9, 9-5. 655 Forest, 1 blk. W. of Main, 2 blks. S. of Ann Arbor Trail.</p> <p>A word to the wise, when looking for a great deal check the Observer &amp; Eccentric Classifieds!</p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH</b> Garage Sale 41525 Ann Arbor Trail. 9/7 &amp; 9/8, 9am-4pm. Furniture, old china, mosaic pieces, etc.</p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH GARAGE SALE</b> 840 McKinley, downtown Plymouth area. Sept. 7-9, 9-5pm. Baby clothes and accessories, toys, etc.</p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM</b> Nostalgia Sale. 155 S. Main. Sept. 8-9, 10-5pm</p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH - ROLLING OAKS SUBURB SALE</b> Sept. 13-16th Thurs-Sat, 9-5. Sun, 12-3. Off N. Territorial, btwn. Beck &amp; Ridge.</p>	<p><b>PLYMOUTH RUMMAGE SALE</b> From computer games to brand names, we even have decorations. So here's your invitation to the sale of the year. These 2 sisters want you here. 44950 Joy Rd, Plymouth. Friday, 9/7/07 and Saturday, 9/8/07 - 9:00 am - 4 pm.</p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH</b> - Sept. 6-8, 9-5pm. A ton of antiques, collectibles, etc. 44427 Beech Drive, btwn Ann Arbor Rd. &amp; Ann Arbor Trail, W. of Sheldon.</p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH</b> - Sept. 6-9, 9-7. 41215 E Ann Arbor Rd. park on Southworth. Antiques, collectibles, furniture, framed art, books, household, loads misc!</p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH TWP. 48170 MOVING SALE!</b> Sept. 6-7-8. 12417 Woodlands Ct., near Beck Rd &amp; Powell. 9am-5pm. Furniture, Electronics, Computer stuff, Automotive, misc.</p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH - Wedgewood Village Condos</b> Sat. Sept. 8, 9-4. Rain day, Sun. Sept. 9, N. off Ann Arbor Road, 1 block W. of Sheldon.</p> <p><b>REDFORD</b> 25th Annual Student Street Garage Sale. Redford, 5 Mile &amp; Beech Daily. Sept. 7, 8, 9. Don't miss it!</p> <p><b>REDFORD APPLETON BLOCK SALE!</b> 3 blks E of Telegraph, N. of Joy Rd. Fri.-Sat.-Sun., Sept. 7-9.</p> <p><b>REDFORD</b> - Huge garage sale! 14128 Royalgrand. Thurs-Sun, 11-5pm. Must see, have lots of everything!</p> <p><b>REDFORD</b> Sept. 8-9, 9am-5pm. 26210 Margareta, S/Seven, W/Beech. Starter drum set, household items, clothing, sports equip., books &amp; much more. Everything must go!</p>	<p><b>REDFORD</b> - Thurs-Sun. Sept. 6-9, hrs. 9-5pm. Moving Sale. Lots of furniture, glassware, linens, craft supplies, Christmas decorations, tools, fishing/camping &amp; more, too much to list. 15444 Fox, N/5 Mile, btwn Inkster &amp; Beech, 2 houses off Student.</p> <p><b>ROCHESTER</b> - Antiques, furniture &amp; lots more! 1205 N. Main, btwn University &amp; Tienken, Sat., Sept. 8, 8am-5pm. Sun., Sept. 9, 10-5pm.</p> <p><b>ROCHESTER HILLS</b> - 2 family sale. Baby equip, furniture, twins. 343 Old Ridge Ct. btwn Walton and Tienken. Fri-Sat, Sept 7-8, 9:30-5pm.</p> <p><b>ROCHESTER HILLS</b> 815 Mayfair Ct., W. of Adams S. of Tienken. Sept. 7-8, 9-4. Multi-Family. 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# UNRAVELING PROJECTS AND FOOT-DRAGGERS



**WORKWISE**  
by Mildred L. Culp

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

slide into a ditch. What are the warning signs? What can you do before it's too late? **TROUBLE AHEAD** Michael Fritsch, president and COO of Confco Inc., in Austin, Tex., maintains that lack of clarity about objectives and lack of "buy-in" frequently derail projects. Other, more obvious signs, include:

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

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

**FOOT-DRAGGING**

Another derailer is the foot-dragger, a

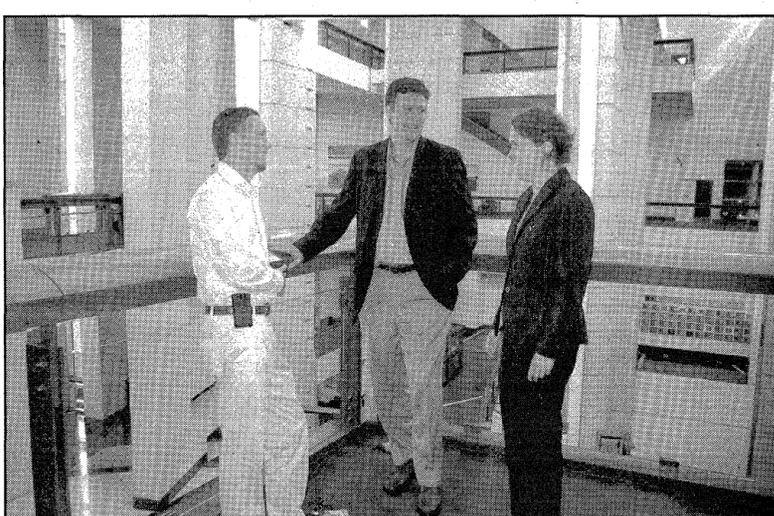
person who's clearly responsible for some part of the project but, without making excuses, never really accomplishes anything. When you confront the person about foot-dragging, he doesn't assure you that he will take care of the problem. In fact, he may not even perceive that he's causing a problem.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

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

Make certain that you understand clearly what the project is in terms of scope, schedule and resources. "If you change one of them," Fritsch comments, "it tends to impact the other two." Agreeing with Fritsch, Gammel states that you must be certain about where you're headed and that flexibility is important. Ask yourself whether the person is just marching to a different drummer (i.e., just not doing it your way). Gammel's key to getting someone motivated is to ask yourself, "What's in his own personal interest to assure that the project is successful?" Make it possible for him to feel safe in his dealings with you.

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

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



Credit: Courtesy of High Context Consulting L.L.C.

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

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

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

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- 14 Menacing sound
- 15 Spills the beans
- 17 Chalets, often (hyph.)
- 19 Runs away quickly
- 21 Bath fixture
- 22 Little honker
- 25 Till
- 29 Laugh syllable
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- 38 Strive for
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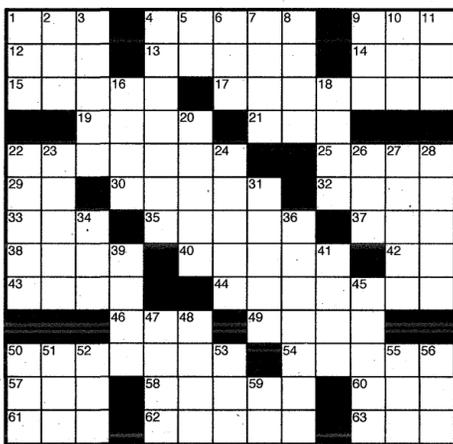
**DOWN**

- 1 Express grief
- 2 Feverish
- 3 Greenish-blues
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- 7 Recipe direction
- 8 Pantyhose color
- 9 Where the lion roars

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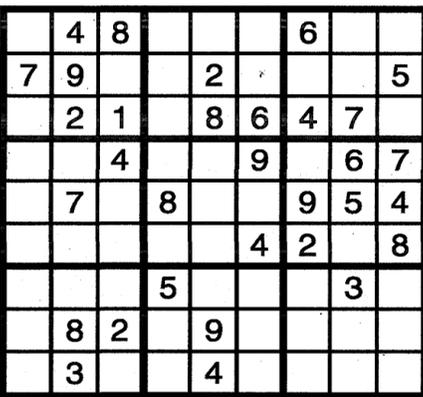
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- 16 Corny
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- 19 Informal wear
- 20 Weaker
- 21 Hung on to
- 22 Male parent of a horse
- 23 Stonehenge builders
- 24 Moose kin
- 25 Town near Lake Tahoe
- 26 Gym dance
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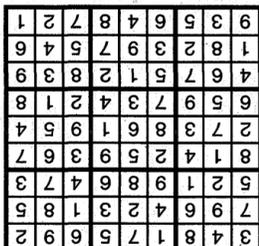
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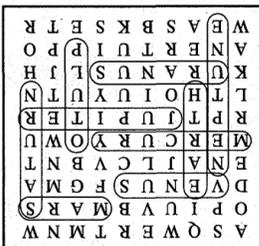
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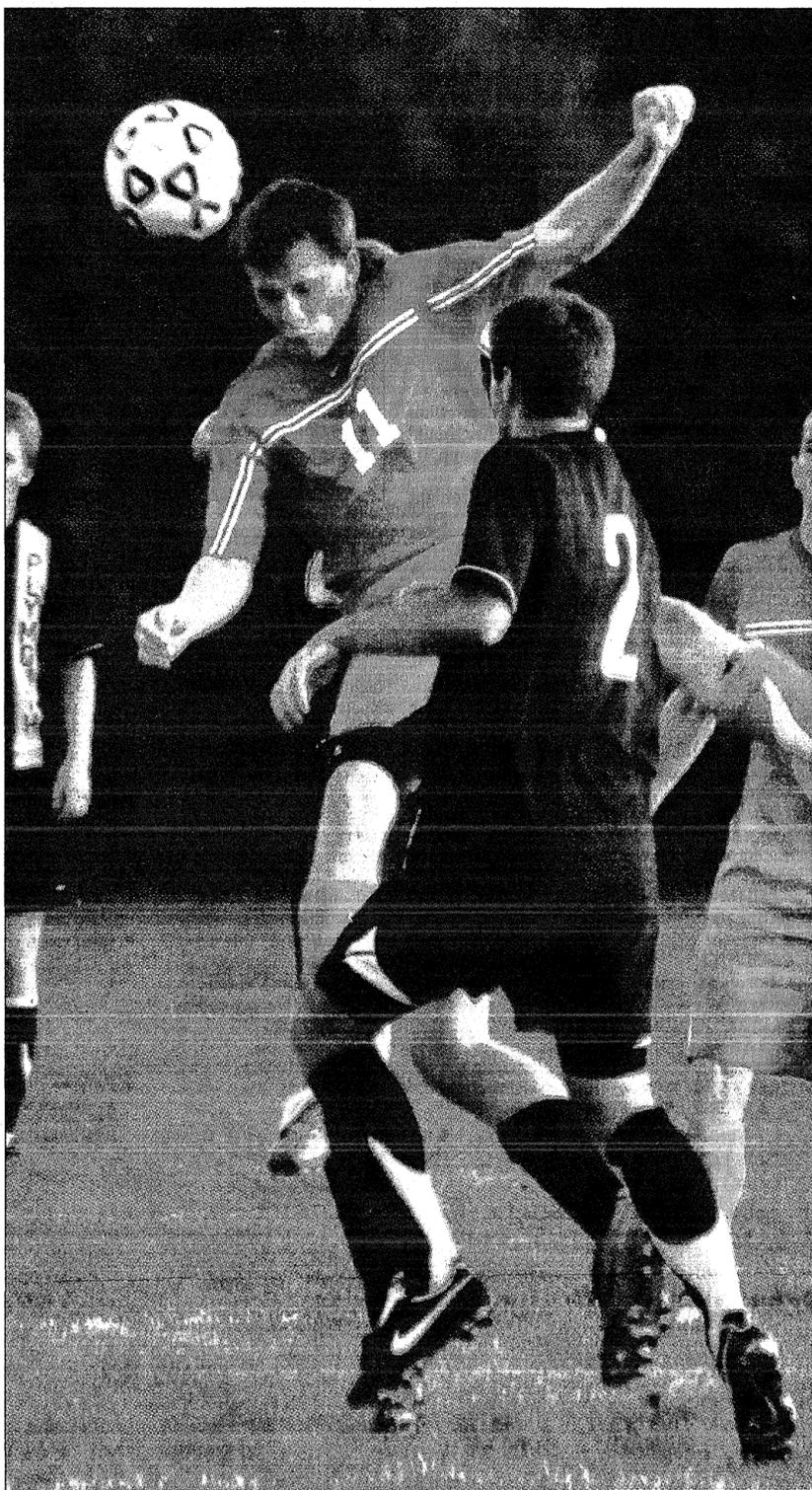
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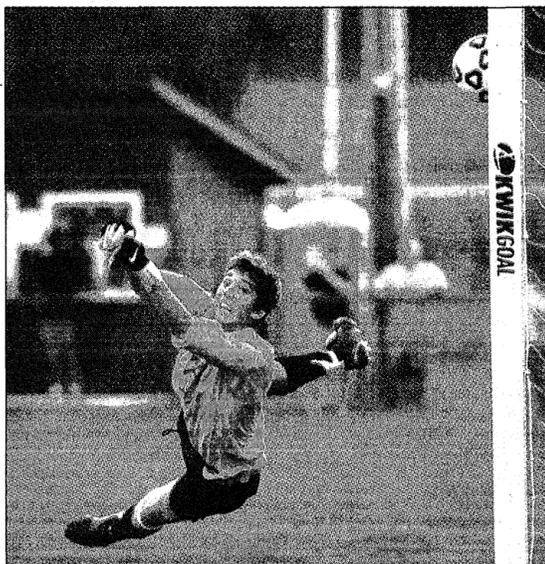
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Canton's Joey Massel (11) launches a header past Plymouth's Michael Korona (2) during Tuesday night's cross-campus soccer match. The Chiefs prevailed, 5-1, to improve to 4-0-2.



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

## Canton hands 'Cats 5-1 loss

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please see **CANTON, C3**

## Sidelines

### Plymouth 'Y' news

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

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

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

### Crusaders lauded

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

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

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

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

Meanwhile, MU's women's soccer program also had some conference honors as junior midfielder Ashley Stoychoff was named WHAC Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week.

Stoychoff, a junior from Canton, scored her second game-winning goal of the young season in a 1-0 conference victory over visiting Cornerstone.

## Marathon man

### Salem grad has sights set on '08 Olympic team

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

### UPHILL CLIMB

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

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

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

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

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

### RED, WHITE & BLUE DREAMS

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

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

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

"The thing I liked the most about

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MARATHON FOTO

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

### PREP SWIMMING PREVIEW

## All-Stater Schmitt to lead Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

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

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



Schmitt

season.

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

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

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

Please see **SWIMMING, C2**

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

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

BOYS SOCCER

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

VOLLEYBALL

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

GIRLS SWIMMING

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6

Tecumseh at Plymouth at Canton H.S., 7 p.m.  
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

WAAA Relays at Salem, noon  
**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 6**  
Plymouth at Ypsilanti Early Season Invite, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

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

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 8**

Salem at Brother Rice, 10 a.m.

Canton at Tortoise & Hare Invitational, 10:15 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF

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

BOYS TENNIS

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

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

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-August 28, 2007

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

Charter Mills (General Fund)	2.6160
Fire Protection Special Assessment	2.3580
Police Protection Special Assessment	3.6760
Total	8.6500

Motion carried by all members present. **Item 10. PURCHASE OF IRRIGATION SATELLITE BOXES.** (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the purchase of four (4) Toro LTC Satellite Boxes for Pheasant Run Golf Club from Spartan Distributors, 1050 Updyke Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 in the amount of \$9,975 to be taken from Account 584-756-971-0000, Capital Outlay. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 11. CONSIDER EOC EQUIPMENT PURCHASES - 2005 UASI GRANT.** (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of a Motorola 8-channel desktop console and accessories and the purchase of 18-Motorola portable radios and accessories through a State of Michigan bid from ComSource Inc, 3130 Austin Dr, Rochester Hills, MI 48309 in the amount of \$25,503.10. Funding to come from account #101 860 977 0000 and will be reimbursed through the 2005 UASI grant. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 12. CONSIDER UPGRADES TO MOBILE COMMAND POST - 2005 UASI GRANT.** (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase upgrades to the Mobile Command Post as quoted through the federal contract prices from LDV, Inc, 180 Industrial Drive, Burlington, WI 53105 in the amount of \$40,717. Funding to come from account # 101 860 977 0000 and will be reimbursed through the 2005 UASI grant. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 13. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF LAPTOPS FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.** (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of 2-laptop computers from EDS, PO Box 848433, Dallas, TX in the amount of \$5,907.37 and to approve the following budget amendment to create a capital line item for this purchase:

Decrease Appropriations	Contribution to Fund balance	207 301 999 0000	(\$5,908)
Increase Appropriations	Capital Outlay	207 301 977 0000	\$5,908

This budget amendment will neither increase nor decrease FY 2007 Police Fund Budget. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 14. CONSIDER PATROL VEHICLE REPLACEMENT.** (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the replacement of patrol unit #2605 with an Interceptor through the Macomb County Bid Program from Signature Ford, 3942 W. Lansing Road, Perry, MI 48872 in the amount of \$20,945 and to approve the following budget amendment to create a capital line item for this purchase:

Decrease Appropriations	Contribution to Fund balance	207 301 999 0000	(\$20,945)
Increase Appropriations	Capital Outlay	207 301 977 0000	\$20,945

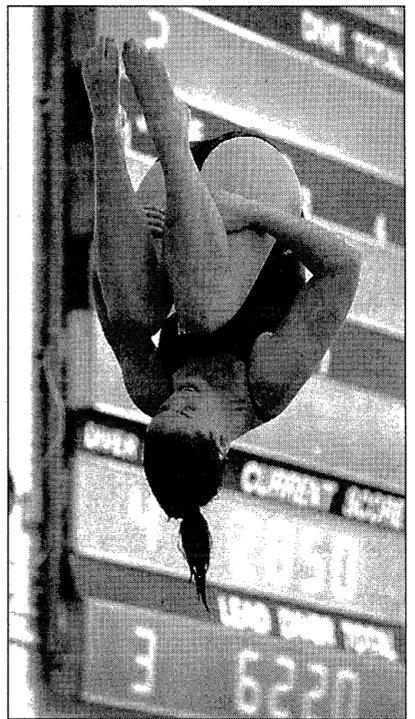
This budget amendment will neither increase nor decrease FY 2007 Police Fund Budget. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 15. CONSIDER LIVE SCAN PURCHASE.** (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of the Live Scan system (\$29,514) and maintenance costs (\$3523) (Police Contracted Services, account #207 301 818 0000) through a State of Michigan bid through Oakland County Budget and Management, 1201 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan in the amount of \$33,037. Funding to come from Police Capital Outlay Computers and Police Contracted Services (Police Capital Outlay Computers #207 301 977 2580). Motion carried by all members present. **OTHER:** Supervisor Yack stated there will be a regular Study Session on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, First Floor, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan 48188. The topic will be Funding Local Road Improvements in Canton Township. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. -Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor -Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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SWIMMING

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Senior Monica Blaesser, who excels in the freestyle events, will combine with Schmitt to give the Chiefs a potent 1-2 punch in the pool. "Monica really worked hard this summer," said Raines. "She's one of those swimmers who you can watch in the pool and just tell she's working hard by her movements." Two more seniors — Maddy McDuff and Katie Kubacki — are also expected to be top point-earners for the Chiefs. McDuff excels in the backstroke and the 200 freestyle while Kubacki's specialties are the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events. Freestyle returners include sophomore Maggie Carlson, who qualified for the Division 1 state meet last year, and junior freestyler Hannah Maxam. Sophomore Mallory Hudak and freshman Robyn Piwowar will provide depth in diving while newcomers Kayla Eyster, Katie Irwin, Kari and Sara Schmitt — the younger twin sisters of Allison — and Lindsay Kubacki (Katie's younger sibling) have shown vast potential in Raines' estimation. "I'm excited about the season," said Raines. "We have a lot of talented, versatile swimmers on the team this year. We have more depth than we've had in the past, but our conference should be tough. We'll just have to see who steps up. It should be interesting." The Chiefs open their 2007 campaign tonight at Westland John Glenn. The opening event is set for 7 p.m.



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

SALEM

The Rocks will be bolstered by a potent blend of talented returners and a deep class of freshmen that promises to keep them among the WAAA's elite programs. "We have 60 girls on the team right now, so the numbers are there," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "We have a lot of experienced girls back and we have about 12 ninth-graders on the team. We just have to use the experience to our advantage." The Rocks will be led by a trio of outstanding senior captains: Katie Gorman, Allison Burke and Kristin Hartwig, all of whom are embarking on their fourth varsity season. "All three of them have been working hard getting the team together and ready for the season since our banquet ended last year," said Olson. "They're all excellent leaders." Gorman shines in the freestyle, butterfly and backstroke events; Burke's specialty is the freestyle; and Hartwig excels in the freestyle and backstroke, according to Olson. Four other seniors will also play a major role in the Rocks' successes this season: Kaitlin

Heaney (freestyle, breaststroke), Sandy Nahra (butterfly, freestyle), Angie DiNicola (freestyle, backstroke) and Megan Burke (breaststroke). Salem's talented contingent of juniors includes Whitney Aumiller, Emily Bair, Katie Koetting, Amanda Price, Kristen Clemons, Mary Schremser, Alexis Thornbury and Casey Zimmerman. "Whitney and Emily can swim everything," said Olson. "Katie had a great year diving last year and she's even better now, and Amanda has really worked hard during the off-season." Among the team's top underclassmen are sophomore Sara Spala and freshman Emily Nelson. "Livonia Stevenson will be very good again this year," said Olson. "I talked to their coach and he said they're probably better than they were last year. Canton should be very good again and John Glenn has at least four good swimmers back." The Rocks will be hosting the WAAA Conference Relays on Saturday beginning at noon.

Whalers even pre-season mark

Goaltender Jeremy Smith stopped 43-of-46 shots and Joe McCann scored twice as the Plymouth Whalers defeated the Windsor Spitfires, 6-3, in an Ontario Hockey League preseason game played Monday afternoon at Windsor Arena. Plymouth and Windsor are both 1-1-0-0 in preseason. Besides McCann, Chris Terry, Taylor Carnevale, A.J. Jenks (Wolverine Lake) and Brett Valliquette all scored goals for the Whalers. Matthew Bragg, Brad Snetsinger and Josh Bailey replied for Windsor. Smith, a second-round pick of the Nashville Predators, was sharp in his first action of the preseason as Plymouth built a 3-0 lead after one period and never looked back. Terry started the scoring during a two-man advantage at 7:02 of the first period with a hard shot from the left faceoff dot that pinged off both goal posts and then beat Windsor goaltender Andrew Engleage. McCann made it 2-0 23 seconds later when he batted home Jordon O'Neill's shot past Engleage. McCann chased Engleage at 16:57 of the period when he scored a shorthanded goal from the top of the right circle. Bragg (12:13) and Snetsinger (15:27) cut the

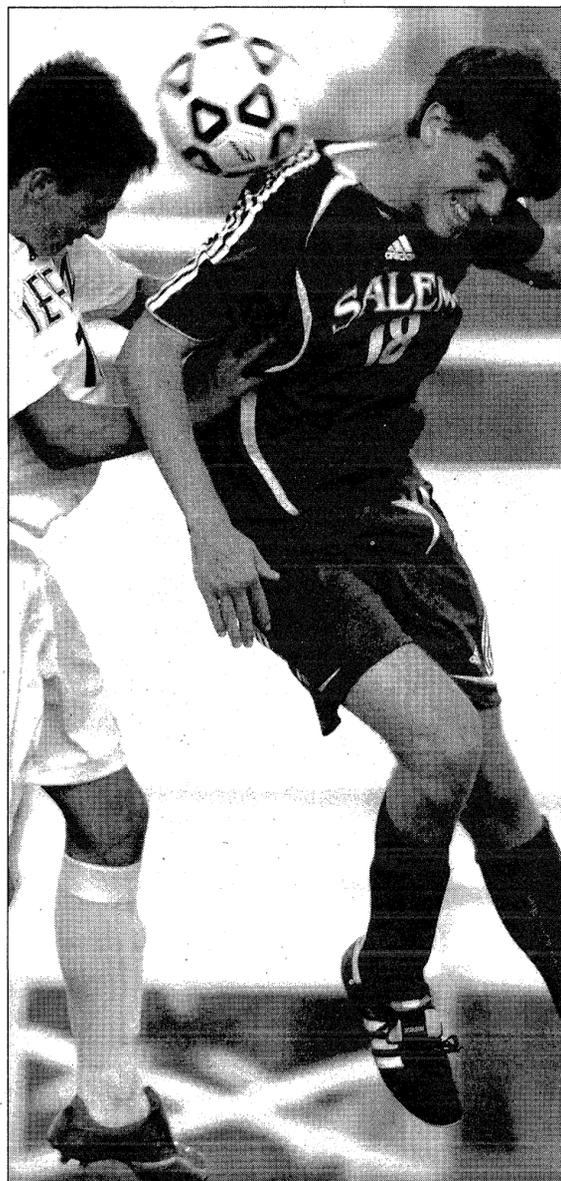
Plymouth lead to 3-2 with shorthanded goals in the second period for Windsor. But Plymouth put the game away with third-period goals by Carnevale (4:15) and Jenks (4:28) 13 seconds apart and added some insurance on Valliquette's goal at 6:55. Bailey closed the scoring with a minute left in the game. Windsor outshot Plymouth, 46-27. Plymouth scratches included Michal Neuvirth, Brett Bellemore, Tyler J. Brown, Leo Jenner, Steve Lock, R.J. Mahalak, Steve McDonald, Sean O'Connor and Zack Shepley. Plymouth continues its preseason slate in Sarnia on Friday. It will then host Sarnia on Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena. Plymouth's home opener is Saturday, Sept. 22 at 7:05 p.m. against the Erie Otters at the Compuware Sports Arena. The Whalers will raise their OHL championship banner before the start of the game. Single-game tickets are being held at \$14 for Center Ice Seating and \$10 for Executive Reserved. Season tickets for 2007-08 start at \$239 and can be purchased by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

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# Spartan kickers upend Rocks



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

## CANTON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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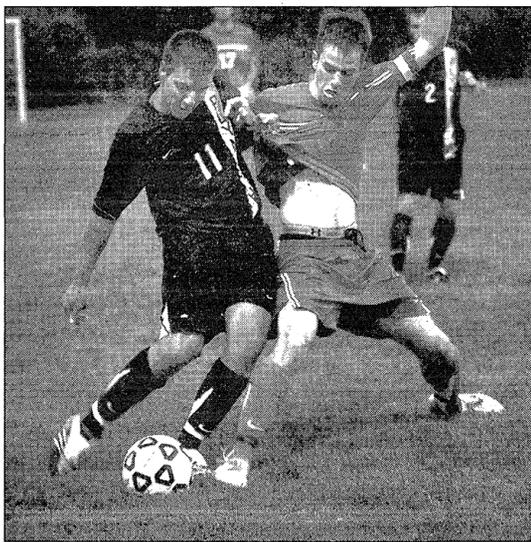
Hassanien outspurred Rissman for the ball 15 yards out and toed in a soft roller to make it 3-1. Canton senior midfielder Logan McGraw set up the net-finder with a slick move near mid-field followed by a pin-point lead pass.

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

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

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

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

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Youth hoop league

Madonna University will stage a Sunday Youth Basketball League beginning Sunday, Sept. 9 through Oct. 28, at the MU Activities Center. Ages 10-12 will report at 3 p.m. followed by ages 13-15 at 5 p.m. on Sept. 9. Each day will consist of a skill-building session and a league game.

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

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

### Kickball league

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

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

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

### Ignition tryouts

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

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

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

# Observer pickers can relate to Wolverines' upsetting loss

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

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

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

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

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

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

That's because there are no guarantees.

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

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

### FRIDAY'S GAMES (ALL AT 7 P.M. UNLESS NOTED)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### SATURDAY'S GAMES

LIV. CLARENCEVILLE (0-2, 0-2) AT CRANBROOK (0-2, 0-1), 1 P.M.: Livonia Clarenceville needs to get on track and this Metro Conference matchup with winless Cranbrook-Kingswood could be the right tonic.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Wildcats hope to match last year's success

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

## PREP X-COUNTRY PREVIEW

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CANTON

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

"We've put our goals as high

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

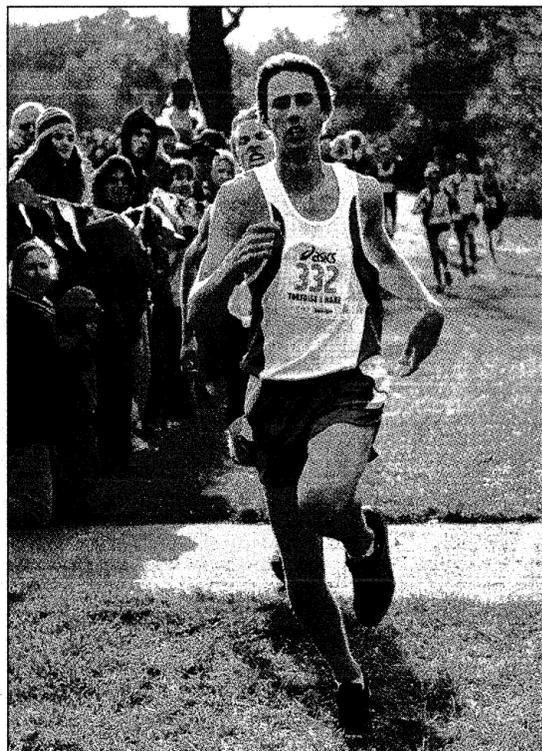
## SALEM

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

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

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

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



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

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

## TALENTED TRIO

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

Salem's cross country program into elite status.

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

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

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

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

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

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## Salad days, with beer

### A spoonful of brew helps the vegetables go down

BY MAGGIE BOLEYN  
SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE

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

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

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

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

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

Tablespoon parsley, 1/2 teaspoon salt and a dash of pepper.

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

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

#### IN THE PALE

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

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

"It's still a salad," he moaned.

"Tired of the groan from your family when you put vegetables on the table? Try adding a little honey," Jami Yanoski, Marketing Manager National Honey Board

Please see **BEER & SALAD, D2**



Sierra Nevada Pale Ale pairs well with salads.



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

## Accents



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

### 'The Gardener Guy'

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

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

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

### Foods of Rosh Hashanah

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

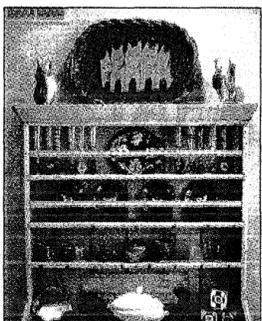
Challah, the bread usually eaten on the Sabbath, is also specially prepared for the holiday. Instead of the traditional braided loaf, the Rosh Hashanah challah is round — symbolizing the cycle of the new year. The design of ladders or birds are added to the holiday challah by some families to commemorate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



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



Chuck Fulgoni stands on the steps inside his Birmingham home.



Fulgoni's home features a pleasant mix of art.

## Home tour kicks off autumn

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### HOME TOUR

**What:** Birmingham House Tour features brunch, lecture with HGTV host Frank Fontana and tour of seven homes. Proceeds from the House Tour are used to fund The Community House's community outreach programs.



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

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

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# Readers ask about air quality and refrigerator maintenance

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



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## RECIPES

### GRILLED CHICKEN SALAD WITH LIME PALE ALE DRESSING

**Lime Pale Ale Dressing**  
 1 cup Pale Ale beer  
 1 teaspoon grated lime zest  
 1/2 cup fresh lime juice  
 3 tablespoons whole grain mustard  
 1 tablespoon honey  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1/2 teaspoon ground white pepper  
 1 1/2 cups canola oil  
 1 tablespoon fresh chives or minced scallion

**Marinade and Chicken**  
 1/4 cup Pale Ale beer  
 3 tablespoons orange marmalade  
 4 cloves garlic, smashed with side of a knife  
 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard  
 8 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 3 pounds)  
 Olive oil for grilling  
 1 pound asparagus, ends trimmed  
 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved  
 1 large cucumber, thinly sliced  
 1 (16 ounce) bag washed mixed baby greens  
 8 ounces crumbled gorgonzola or blue cheese  
 1/2 cup toasted pecan pieces

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

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

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

Recipe courtesy of The National Beer Wholesalers Association (NBWA)

### HERB GRILLED CHICKEN WITH BEER POTATO SALAD

5 lbs boneless Chicken Breasts

**For Marinade:**  
 1 cup oil  
 1/4 cup apple beer  
 1/2 cup chervil, fresh-minced  
 1/2 cup tarragon, minced  
 1 tablespoon rosemary, minced  
 2 tablespoons garlic paste  
 2 teaspoon salt  
 1 tablespoon black pepper, coarse

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

**For Potato Salad:**  
 1 1/2 pounds fingerling potatoes  
 1/2 pounds redskin potatoes  
 1/2 cup chives  
 1 cup celery, minced

### Greens:

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

Wash and cut potatoes: fingerlings, 1/4 to 1/2 lengthwise wedges. Redskins, 1/2 or 3/4 lengthwise wedges. Steam, cool. Combine celery and chives to potatoes in large bowl. Add Creamy Tarragon Dressing (recipe follows) in parts to coat. Adjust seasoning. Wash greens by cutting off root end. Soak whole leaves in cold water 10 to 15 minutes. Drain spin gently and chill. Serve potato salad on greens, accompanied by grilled chicken.

### Creamy Tarragon Dressing:

1 cup apple beer (or substitute a red malt beer)  
 1/2 cup tarragon vinegar  
 1/2 cup tarragon, fresh  
 1/2 cup shallots, minced  
 1/2 quarts mayonnaise  
 1/2 cup Dijon mustard  
 1/2 cup fresh dill weed  
 1/2 cup fresh tarragon  
 1/2 cup fresh chervil  
 2 teaspoons garlic paste  
 2 tablespoons - 1/4 cup white wine vinegar  
 dash Tabasco  
 1 tablespoon dry mustard  
 Coarse black pepper to taste  
 Salt to taste

Heavy cream as needed for consistency

Combine beer, vinegar, tarragon and shallots in saucepan. Reduce by half. Strain and cool. In large bowl, combine mayonnaise and 1/2 of the reduction. Add remaining ingredients, except cream, to the mayonnaise mixture. Mix with a fine wire whip. Add heavy cream to reach your desired consistency.

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

## BEER & SALAD

FROM PAGE D1

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

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

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

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

### BALANCE THE BITTERS

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

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

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

### POTABLE SALAD PAIRINGS

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

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

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

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

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

Maggie Boleyn is the Beer & Health columnist for Great Lakes Brewing News.

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## Italian wines showcase site personality

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

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

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

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

### RECOVERING TRADITIONAL VALUES

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

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

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

That's what we like about the thought going into Castello di Corbara. So often, and a case well-exemplified by merlot, plantings in California chase the market. Merlot became popular, so grape farmers planted more. In many cases, microclimates, soil and correct clones were not considered. Merlot was planted everywhere, including vineyards where it did not ripen and gave the wine a green bell pepper character. Some merlot plantings were made in vineyards that were too hot and over-ripe grapes yielded flabby wines with high alcohol. No wonder that Americans have shunned merlot!

But here's one you'll love: 2003 Castello di Corbara Lago di Corbara De Coronis Merlot \$35. De Coronis is a single vineyard and the wine is 100 percent merlot. It was aged in French oak cooperage for a year and showcases black cherry and blackberry fruit with hints of vanilla and a touch of black pepper in the finish. Round and mellow, it's simply delicious.

### WINE PICKS

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

#### PINOT GRIGIO/GRIS

2006 Villa Pozzi, Delle Venezie \$9  
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## Home movies go high-def thanks to new camcorders, software

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### HIGH-DEF VIDEO EDITING

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

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

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

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

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

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

Of course, the most popu-

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

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

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

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

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

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Ladies Who Launch — next week in PINK!

## Reader pink picks

by Jennifer Boris



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

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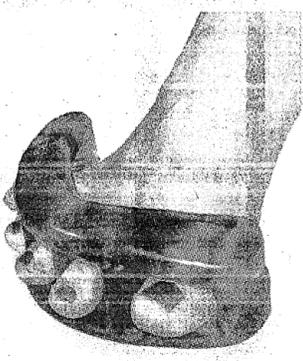


**Tote It!**  
Tuxedo Park Bow Becca by Kate Spade, a perfect clutch for a night out

**Kick It!**  
Nude colored pumps

**Hear It!**  
The Free Single of the Week on iTunes

- Accessorize It!**  
Dooney & Bourke Crystal Classic watch in white
- Use It!**  
Yoga Toes after a long day in heels



## A French-Inspired Fall

Acclaimed author shares advice on food and fashion

BY WENSY VON BUSKIRK  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

**What do you look forward to in Fall?**

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



Mireille Guiliano

**REMARKABLE WOMEN**

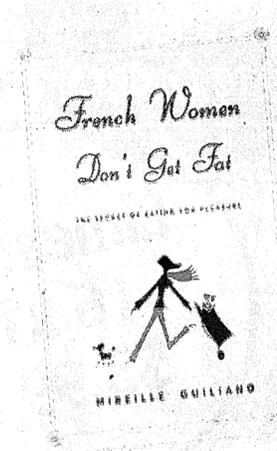
Mireille Guiliano will be among featured speakers at the 8th Annual Remarkable Women Luncheon, sponsored by the WW Group.  
**When:** 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20  
**Where:** Ritz Carlton, 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn  
**Who:** Other speakers include Linda Kaplan Thaler, best-selling author of "Power of Nice," and Glinda Bridgforth, author of "Girl, Get Your Credit Straight."  
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so your body wants a little richer food, so to me it's kind of a maturity phase.

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

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

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



eat a loaf, eat a slice.

**You are against diets. Why?**

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

**What do you think of fashion for Fall?**

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

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

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

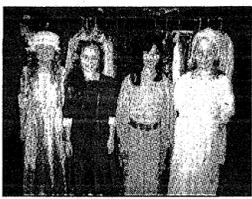
**Of course, French women always look fabulous because they don't get fat ...**

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

**And all this without a single visit to the gym?**

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

## PINK List



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

**American Girl Auditions**

Gilda's Club and Friends of Suzette will hold auditions 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 for the 4th Annual American Girls Fashion Show. During auditions at the Sheraton Detroit Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road, 30 models will be chosen to represent American Girl dolls at a total of four shows, Oct. 27-28. Girls must be 52" tall and able to wear a child's size 6. Four female narrators, ages 16-18, also are needed. Call (248) 210-5591 or e-mail Debbie Bienstock at [dbienstock@twmi.rr.com](mailto:dbienstock@twmi.rr.com).

**Red Hat Photo Contest**

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

**Ladies Night Out**

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

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

**Victorian Clothing Sale**

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

**Amy Kuschel Trunk Show**

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

**Clinique Gift**

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

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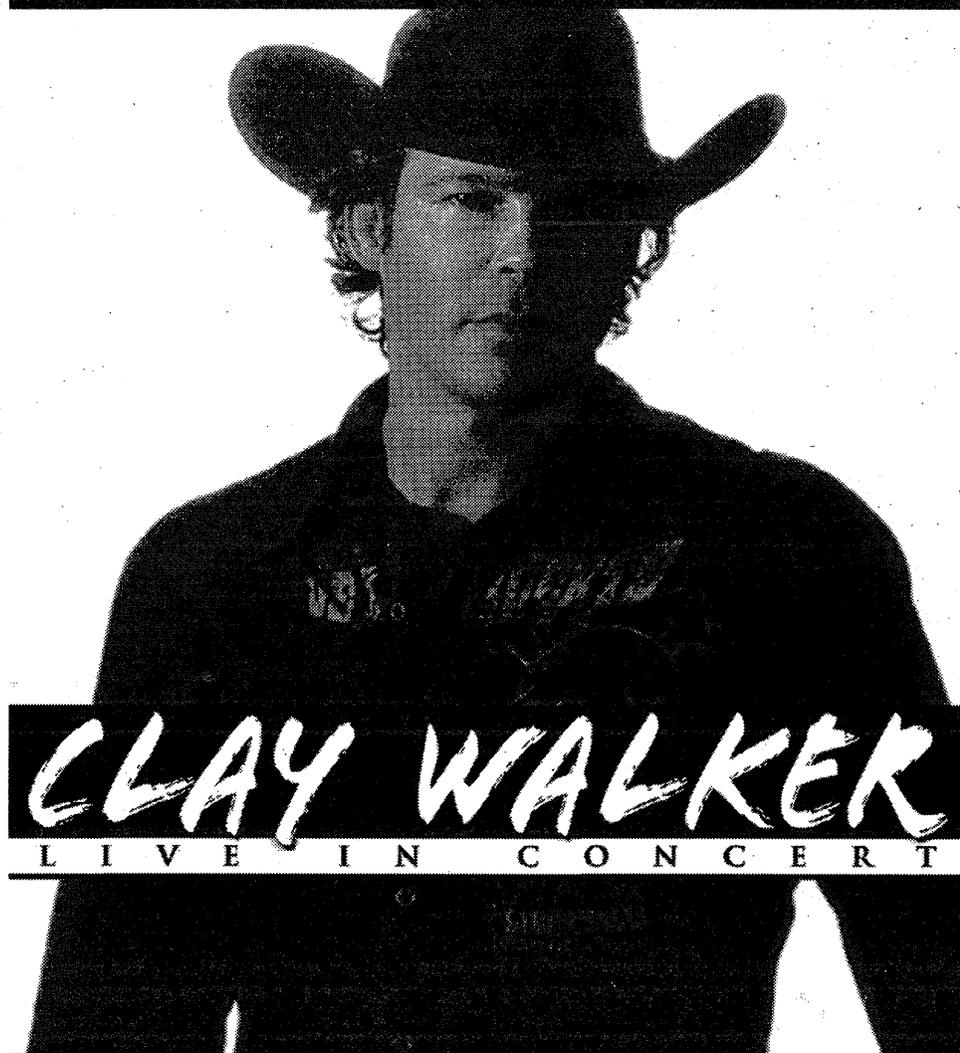
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## Filtered Top Five: Heavy Trash

Jon Spencer already made a name for himself while blasting through the traditional boundaries of blues with his own Blues Explosion. Most recently, though, he's teamed with pal Matt Verta-Ray to form Heavy Trash, a re-imagined rockabilly duo that sounds like no other. The band recently released its second album, *Going Way Out With The Heavy Trash*, on Yep Roc Records. And now they're heading to Detroit. Along the way, Spencer took a time out to share this list of his current Top Five:

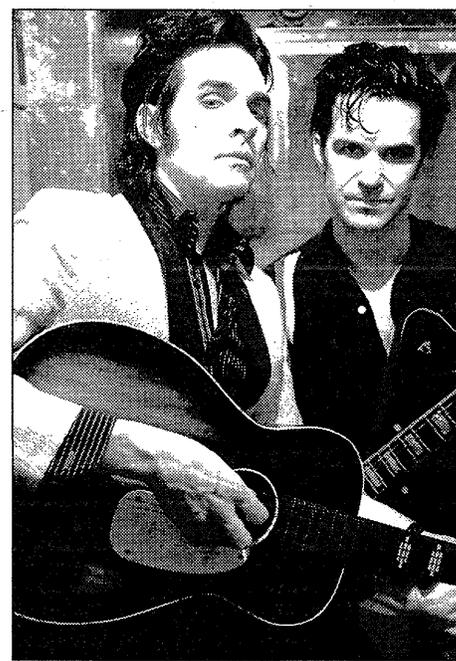
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1. *Old Moss Back* by Jim Oertling.

"Great rockabilly cut about fishing and an elusive bass."

2. *They Say I'm Different* by Betty

Jon Spencer and Matt Verta-Ray are Heavy Trash.



Davis.

"Title track to the album. Looking to the past and the future!"

3. *The Beast*, by Milt Buckner.

"Nice little lounge number with relaxed dueling organ and piano."

4. *4* by Todd Dockstader.

"Way-out electronic/musique concrete."

5. *Temptation Baby* by Gene Vincent.

"Produced by Joe Meek!"

It's rockabilly redefined, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at Detroit's Magic Stick. Tickets \$10 for this 18 and

over show, call (248) 645-6666 or visit [www.majesticdetroit.com](http://www.majesticdetroit.com).

Stephanie A. Casola

## Plymouth continues Fall Festival tradition

What began as a family picnic organized by the Plymouth Rotary Club in 1956 has grown into a full-blown summer event known as the Plymouth Fall Festival.

The activities span three full days catering to hungry festival goers and those seeking carnival rides and entertainment in downtown Plymouth.

Wander handmade goods and purchase one-of-a-kind items beginning at noon on Friday for the Craft Show, which runs all weekend.

Then, Friday night Bingo players can join in the fun 6-10 p.m. From 6-8 p.m. visitors can sample foods from more than 20 area restaurants during Taste Fest. Some participants include Cold Stone Creamery, Doyle's Tavern, Elite Catering Company, E.G. Nicks, Ernesto's, Five Restaurant of Northville,

Hilton Garden Inn Restaurant, J. Lohr Wines, LaBistecca, Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Rocky's of Northville & Station 885. Wine tasting is included with

\$15 ticket price. And a beer tent will be located behind E.G. Nicks.

Start off the weekend with the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 7-11:30 a.m.

Saturday. Or wait until it's time to dig in at the Spaghetti Dinner, 4-8 p.m. Saturday in Kellogg Park.

Saturday and Sunday give car buffs a chance to check out antiques and classic automobiles - anything made in 1977 or before will be on show. A 5K Run/Walk begins at 8 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, followed by the annual Plymouth Rotary Chicken Bar-B-Que, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - or until it sells out.

For more, visit [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com).

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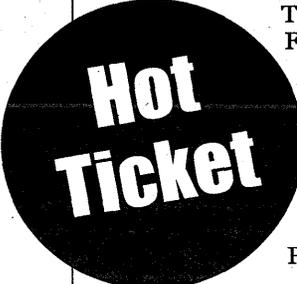
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The Art & Apples Festival features 250 artists, a community apple pie bakeoff and other family activities Friday through Sunday at Rochester Park.

# Art & Apples returns to Rochester Park

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER



The second largest fine arts festival in Michigan kicks off Friday with more than 250 national and local artists featured at the Art & Apples Festival at Rochester Park in Rochester.

The event will be highlighted with a new Community Apple Pie Bakeoff and a new interactive Activity Zone, plus the Kids Art Zone live entertainment and food.

At the first annual Community Pie Bake Off, sponsored by Magic 105.1, 15 pie maker finalists will be asked to bake an apple pie for judging 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 in Rochester Park. Applicants must bake a 9-inch pie using apples as the

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# 10 things you may not know about Björk

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

She could be perhaps the most mysterious woman in music - a voice that's part angelic, yet part alien, in every good sense of the word.

Björk, the creative Icelandic singer, who performs songs and chances word pronunciations to the point where they sound like a new language, performs at The Fox on Tuesday, Sept. 11 to support her sixth full-length CD, *Voltra*.

Unlike her past recent works that had a more serious tone, *Voltra* is all about fun - check out her music on

[myspace.com/bjork](http://myspace.com/bjork).

Also visit [www.bjork.com](http://www.bjork.com), a Web site that can addict someone to the net for hours. There you can learn about her Icelandic home, hear her favorite bands and artists: Swans, Kate Bush, Public Enemy, The Knife and Joni Mitchell and see the works by her artist/life mate Matthew Barney.

Here's eight other things you may not know about the eclectic singer:

- She's earned 12 Grammy nominations and an Academy nomination.
- She was ranked No. 8 on MTV's

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## ARTS & APPLES

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**When:** Sept. 7-9.

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**Where:** Rochester Park (west of Rochester Road, north of University) in Rochester

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Actress, singer, composer, artist Bjork plays the Fox.

# Rob Zombie resurrects Michael Myers for 'Halloween'

Rob Zombie can't recall what the first horror movie he saw might've been - but his best guess was somewhere between *King Kong* and *The Wizard of Oz*. The sight of witches and flying monkeys must've taken hold because years later the director of *House of 1000 Corpses* and *The Devil's Rejects* has dared to re-envision a classic scary movie - *Halloween*.



Noise Patrol

Stephanie Casola

"I like the character of Michael Myers, visually. He's very iconic," said Zombie, calling in Tuesday afternoon. "Also, the original movie is so simple. It was very ripe for a re-make."

So Zombie crafted an entire backstory for the villainous masked man, showing the gory crime spree that led him to that institution - and reminding audiences of all the bloodshed that followed his escape. "I knew he had never been a character. He never had any feelings." By giving life to Michael Myers, Zombie aimed to up the spook factor considerably.

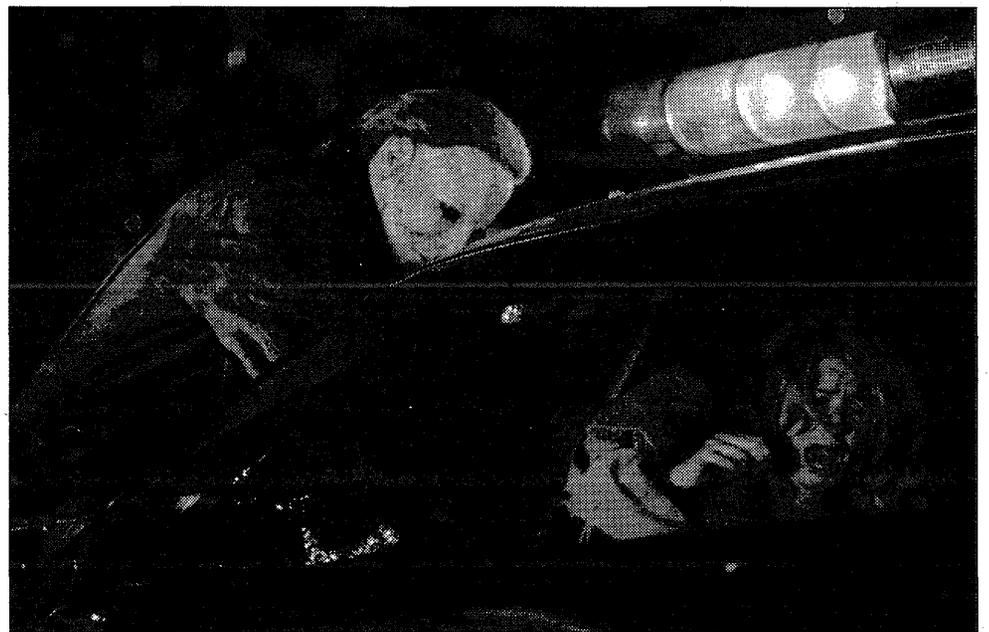
He compared it to watching an A&E special about a serial killer's life story. "When you see everything it makes them

seem so much more insane," he said. "You feel more conflicted when you see them as a person."

In the original *Halloween* the character earned "the bogeyman" title for a reason. Audiences feared Michael Myers mostly at the idea and mere sight of him. "He doesn't do that much," said Zombie. "Thirty years ago he strangles Lynda and Annie and impales Bob to the wall. In this movie, he does a lot more damage. It is a little bit bloodier."

Zombie's version looks bigger than life. Tyler Mane sports a carefully crafted, degenerated version of the white mask and towers over his victims showing unbelievable strength. Zombie said if anything audiences will leave *Halloween* believing Mane is Michael Myers. "He is just awesome."

But the goriest scenes belong to young Michael Myers (newcomer Daeg Faerch). Roughly the first 35 minutes of the film are devoted to his troubled youth - a subject merely touched upon in the original version. But when the storyline begins to parallel John Carpenter's *Halloween*, Zombie said he didn't feel obligated to stick to what audiences have seen. "I am making this first as a fan. This is my idea of what I could do." He kept scenes he loved - including Bob wearing a ghostly sheet - and he retained the signature



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Tyler Mane (Michael Myers) and Scout Taylor-Compton (Laurie Strode) star in Rob Zombie's "Halloween," in theaters now.

theme music but used it sparsely.

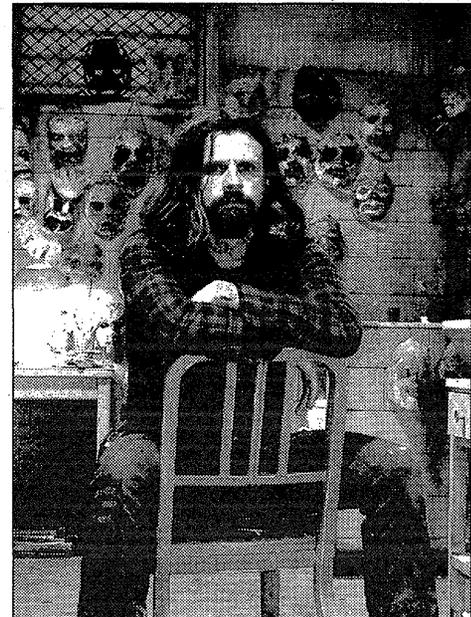
*Halloween* experts should note that the re-make was filmed on some of the same streets in South Pasadena, Calif. where John Carpenter shot the first movie.

"A lot of it happened by accident," said Zombie. While scouting the streets he chose some of the same ones. The houses haven't changed much, but the "trees are a little bigger," he said.

In Zombie's vision, Malcolm McDowell (*A Clockwork Orange*, *Entourage*) takes on the pivotal role of Dr. Loomis, the only man who truly understands what evil Michael is capable of committing. "He was the first person I had in mind," said Zombie. For the first time audiences witness his relationship as Michael's therapist, and the money he makes off of a book and lectures on the subject of evil.

Because of the film's cult following, and the fact that it has been connected with some "bad sequels" Zombie faced skepticism. He decided against casting any of the original actors in his *Halloween*. "If I started giving P.J. Soles a cameo it would start looking like a joke, a hodgepodge," he said. But he made an exception when it came to Danielle Harris in the role of Sheriff Brackett's wild daughter Annie. Harris starred in *Halloween IV* and *V* as Jamie - Michael Myers' niece and potential victim. "She auditioned and she was great," Zombie said.

For the protagonist, baby-sitter Laurie Strode, Zombie opted for a fresh, new



Rob Zombie on the set of his film, "Halloween."

face - just like Jamie Lee Curtis was when she did the film. He chose Scout-Taylor Compton. Fans of Zombie's other horror projects may have to look hard to recognize his usual suspects in smaller roles - but actors Bill Moseley, William Forsythe, and Sheri Moon Zombie (Rob's wife) are all there.

A note to Rob Zombie fans: Don't expect a second season of cult and scary flicks on *TCM Underground* hosted by Rob Zombie - he said the late-night double-feature was "too much work." But his band White Zombie will release an album of live material this October and is expected to tour October through December. Stay tuned for a Detroit date.

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Two separate food courts will feed hungry festival goers. New fare this year includes Polish foods from Ski's Home Cooking and barbecued foods from Brett's BBQ along with other favorites. Art & Apples visitors can enjoy a meal, a

snack or a take-home items.

Entertainment will feature Rochester-area high school bands, choreographed dancing from Deborah's Stage Door, and returning headliners Hubbell Street Jazz and Sheila Landis Trio. For a full schedule, visit [www. ArtandApples.com](http://www.ArtandApples.com).

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# Jeff Daniels brings his music, play to metro Detroit

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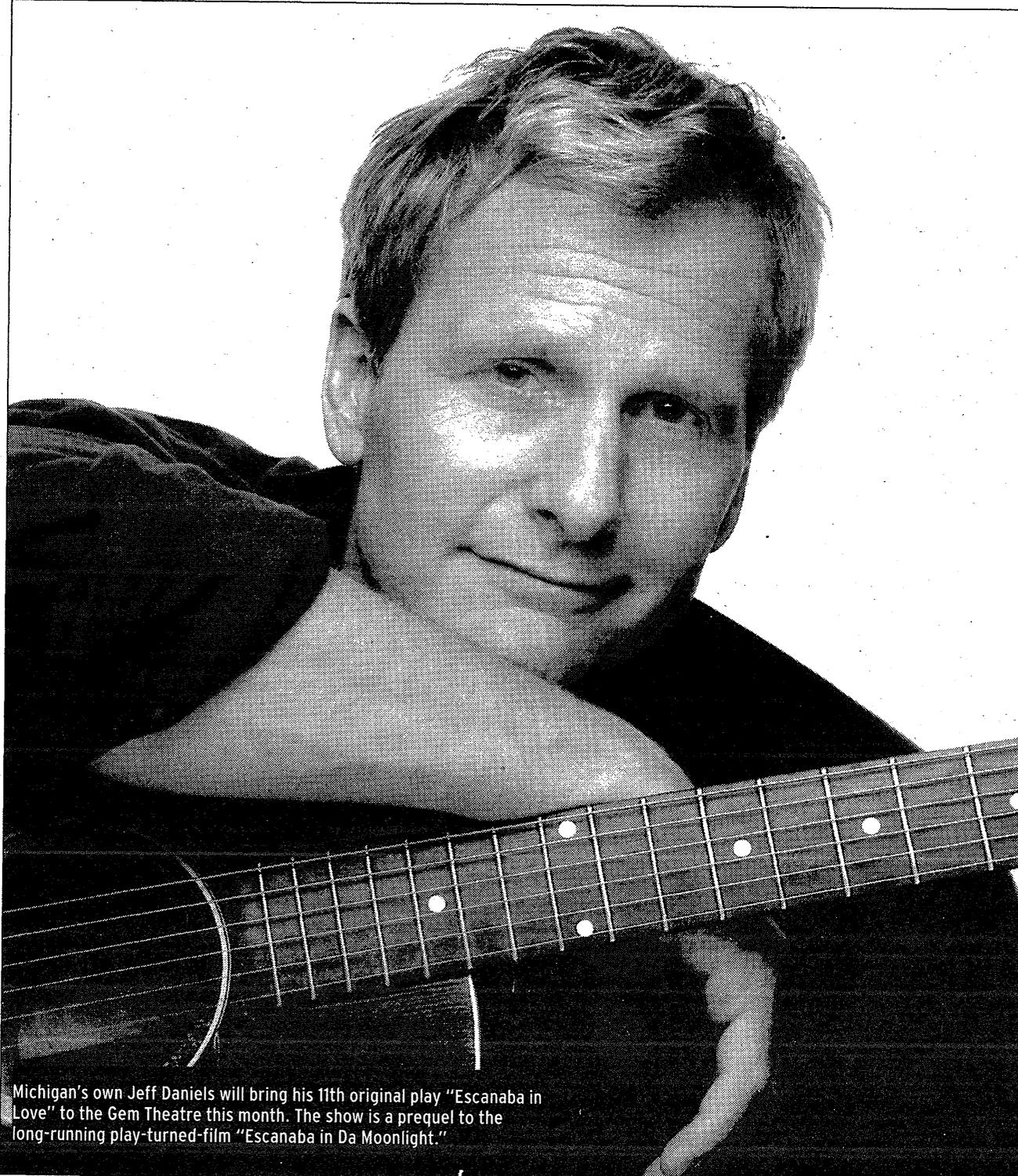
Almost exactly a year after its debut at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea, Jeff Daniel's 11th play, *Escanaba In Love*, will open at Detroit's historic Gem Theatre. Fans of Daniels' eccentric Yoopers, the Soady family, can expect to go back in time and meet a young Albert Soady Jr. and his new bride Big Betty Balou in this sweet prequel to the play-turned-film *Escanaba In Da Moonlight*.

Daniels took time out to talk with FILTER on Aug. 29, sharing his own beginnings in theater. Turns out he discovered a natural talent for the stage while in high school. An influential teacher, DiAnn L'Roy, had him pegged as a leading man and cast him as such in every musical from *South Pacific* to *Oliver*. "It was just something I knew how to do," he said. Never anticipating he'd pursue a career in acting, Daniels attended Central Michigan University. But it was an audition at Eastern Michigan University that eventually led him to New York City. He joined Circle Repertory Theatre and under the guidance of Marshall Mason he "kept moving up the ladder."

It took seven years for Daniels to land his break-out role in *Terms of Endearment*. But the moment he felt he'd truly succeeded didn't come until he was cast in Woody Allen's *The Purple Rose of Cairo* in 1985. "When Woody said I was good, that's all I needed to hear," said Daniels.

A turning point came when he and his wife Kathleen decided to move from New York City back to their hometown, Chelsea, Mich. to raise their family. Years passed and he said, "creatively I was going to sleep." That was about the time Daniels founded

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Story



Michigan's own Jeff Daniels will bring his 11th original play "Escanaba in Love" to the Gem Theatre this month. The show is a prequel to the long-running play-turned-film "Escanaba in Da Moonlight."



DANNA SEGEST

Jake Christensen and Charlyn Swarthout  
star in Jeff Daniels' *Escanaba in Love*.

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# DANIELS

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the Purple Rose Theatre Company. Sixteen years later the 168-seat theater has developed into a proving ground for regional talent. According to Managing Director Alan Ribant, the company performs four plays a year, spotlighting Michigan playwrights and performers.

Daniels took to writing plays during his downtime on movie sets. Inspired by the landscape he knew and colorful characters he'd heard about in Northern Michigan, he created the Soady family. Audiences were introduced to their wildly funny adventures at deer camp in *Escanaba In Da Moonlight*. Daniels might never have attempted such a comedy if it weren't for the success of *Dumb & Dumber* in 1994. The movie captured an audience of all ages. "It seemed to span every decade of person," he said. "I was so bored with the American Theater and (the idea that) it's OK to do comedy as long as it's Neil Simon or it's dark. I wanted the people who loved *Dumb & Dumber* to come to the theater." Influenced by the writings of Robert Traver (*Trout Madness*), he incorporated Yooper dialect, and thanks to the play's director, Escanaba native Guy Sanville, Daniels set the tall tale in that Northern town.

The world premiere was successful, to

say the least. "It blew the doors open," Daniels recalled. "It became kind of a celebration of Michigan. It was kill-yourself-funny. For the fart scene in Act II, I was trying to top Mel Brooks' *Blazing Saddles*."

Its success onstage spurred a feature film in 2001.

Daniels never intended to revisit those characters. Ten years after he wrote the play, he settled on a prequel. While shooting the comedy *RV* in Vancouver, Daniels wandered back in time to revisit the elder Soady, Albert Jr., at age 18 in 1944. "It was so easy to fall back into that world," he said. Daniels took characters who were only referenced in *Moonlight* and brought them to life. "And it worked," he said.

More love story than slapstick comedy, *Escanaba In Love* is expected to do well in Detroit, according to Scott A. Myers, public relations director at The Gem. "We're very excited about *Escanaba In Love* because it's a touching love-story that will appeal to the *Menopause The Musical* and *Respect* audiences, and (it's) a comedy that will be a hit with everyone who loved *Escanaba In Da Moonlight*," Myers said.

Ribant said: "What's really sweet about this prequel, it is not only a love story about the state and the people here, it's a love story of generations."

While his plays have clearly been inspired by his Michigan surroundings,

Daniels also writes and records music with a decided Michigan-based bent. He's not sure what he finds so special about his home state. "We're considered bland. We're considered straightforward, honest," he said, adding that it must be "the simplicity of life" he appreciates most. "The Midwest is something you fly over, something you never go see. You never stop. That's the thing that makes it interesting — seeing what's underneath."

During *Escanaba's* Detroit run, he'll be performing in the area. Daniels said when he walks on stage with his guitar he's used to seeing "faces just drop." But he seems to relish the opportunity to prove himself, and to lift his audience up with songs that range from sweet (*Kathy*) to telling (*The Dirty Harry Blues*) to funny (*Are You As Excited*).

"The playwright is out there with me, putting the set together." He chooses about a dozen songs from an arsenal of 30 originals, depending on the crowd. "It's always fun to overcome low expectations," said Daniels.

The songwriter inside him is inspired by the likes of Lyle Lovett, Keb Mo and Patty Griffin — and he enjoys toying with storytelling lyrics best. So it's wise to listen closely to these songs. "It's a wonderful experience to take the audience for a ride," said Daniels.

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## JEFF DANIELS' ESCANABA IN LOVE

### THE STAGE

**What:** "Escanaba In Love"

**Where:** The Gem Theatre, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit

**Opening Week:** Preview performances (at a discounted ticket price of \$19.75) begin 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 and continue through Sept. 16.

**When:** Regular showtimes (Sept. 10-Nov. 4) are 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Thursday; 1 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. on the second and fourth Sunday of the month; and 5:30 p.m. every Sunday.

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# Asian Village offers many tastes

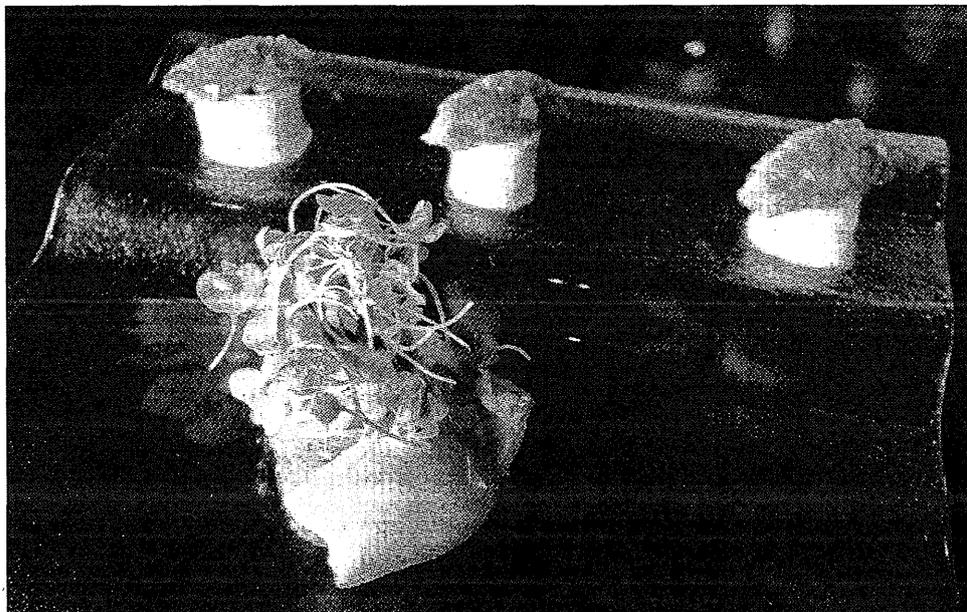
BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

Detroit's long-awaited Asian Village opened in segments. Fitting since its concept is multi-faceted.

Kawaiian Café, located inside the Beaubien Street entrance is a neat morning stop with specialty coffees, teas, made-on-premise pastries and chocolates. Marketplace action central with made-to-order sushi and street food-style Asian eats is located down a short flight of stairs or ramp from the Café.

To complete the complex, crown jewel Fusia restaurant, adjoining Marketplace, opened quietly in mid-August. A grand opening is planned for later this month. Yet, if you've been looking for a reason to make the RenCen area of Detroit a dining destination, beat the crowds and try it now.

The location bordering the Detroit River was chosen by Asian Village major investors, Korean-born Dominic



One Fish, Two Fish, Redfish, Bluefish is hamachi and tuna sashimi with a heart of palm salad with wasabi and yuzu vinaigrettes at Fusia in Asian Village in Detroit.

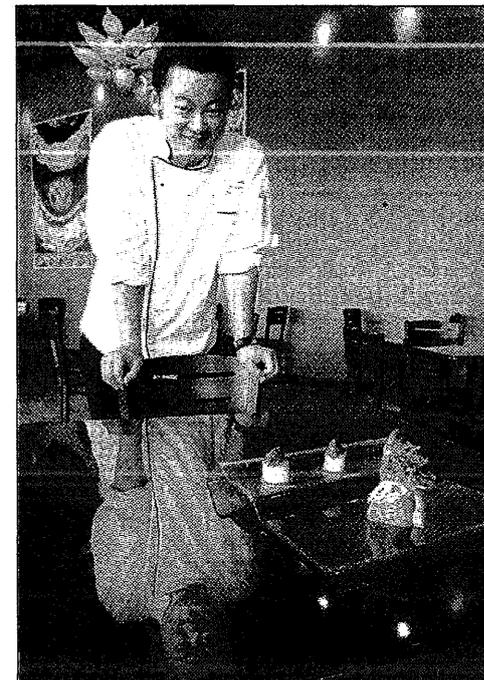
Pangborn, Founder and CEO of Pangborn Design, Ltd., and Ann Arbor entrepreneur Andrew Park.

"Their goal is to expand metro-Detroit's ethnic concepts," said Ric Jewell, guest

services executive director.

## MINIMALIST PERFECTION

Expansion is on-going in a minimalist atmosphere; sufficiently complete to make



Executive Chef David Koshizawa created One Fish, Two Fish, Redfish, Bluefish.

it a worthwhile eating experience for Asian food aficionados.

Under the direction of Executive Chef David Koshizawa, both the made-to-order Marketplace street food-style menu and the upscale Fusia offerings showcase his talents for presentations of a multitude of bold flavors but also subtleties, and above

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# VILLAGE

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all, the natural flavors of organic produce and meats.

Although Koshizawa describes his Fusia menu as "Japanese-inspired French cuisine," he's quick to add "different Asian countries express flavors differently."

To taste Koshizawa's thoughts, try Berkshire Pork Belly Kakuni (\$12). "I've elevated a traditional Japanese dish with ginger-sake sauce," Koshizawa said. As French cuisine, the sauce would have been made with wine. The richness of the pork is balanced by the acidity of the Asian-inspired sauce.

Koshizawa does it again with Flashed Wagyu Strip Sashimi (\$13) where the heavily-marbled and rich beef takes an intermission with celery salad, served on the plate with the beef, and enhanced by chili vinaigrette to lift the flavor profile. One Fish Two Fish, Red Fish Blue Fish (\$14) highlights hamachi (yellowtail) and bluefin tuna for fish lovers.

Duck, Duck, Goose (\$35) celebrates three duck preparations: breast, leg and foie gras, each served on a Chinese chive-orange zest infused crepe and each further enhanced by plate accompaniments that take flavors to new heights.

## EXTRAS

Deka Koshizawa, Chef David's father, is executive sushi chef, so a seat at the sushi bar or an order brought to your table is a delight whether you order maki, futomaki or nigiri sushi.

Pastry Chef Brandon Taylor, who like David

## ASIAN VILLAGE

**Where:** 521 Atwater St. (between Beaubien and St. Antoine), Detroit (313) 566-0000.

**Open:** Various eating options have different hours of operation.

**Kawaiian Café:** weekdays 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Marketplace:** weekdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. with sushi bar open until 9 p.m. Saturday sushi bar 5-9 p.m.

**Fusia:** Lunch Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; dinner Monday-Saturday, 5-9 p.m.; Sunday brunch, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Food style:** Asian-style street food in Marketplace with Fusia offering Japanese-inspired French cuisine.

**Cost:** Marketplace under \$10. Fusia main dishes \$20-\$35.

**Reservations:** recommended for Fusia.

Koshizawa is a Schoolcraft College culinary grad, creates the house-made pastries for the Fusia dessert menu and those sold in Kawaiian Café and Marketplace. Ruthie Jewell is chocolatier.

A final point to notice is the independent choice of products at Asian Village, whether that's coffee, tea, pastry, organic produce or meats.

"Whatever we do, David Koshizawa concluded, 'we've got to do it right, so that it makes sense to the diner.' It did to me.

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**Eastern Michigan University Gallery:** Tom Voorhees: the Beer Lady, digital photomontages, through Sept. 26, reception 5-7 p.m. Sept. 11, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti (734) 487-4065.

**MOCAD:** Words Fail Me, exhibit with messages in different forms, curated by Matthew Higgs, Sept. 16-Jan. 20, opening reception 7-11 p.m. Sept. 15 with reading by poet John Giorno, and music by Little Claw; also Higgs and Jeremy Diller in conversation at 3 p.m. Sept. 16, 4454 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 832-6622, www.mocadetroit.org.

**University of Michigan Museum of Art:** Out of the Ordinary/Extraordinary: Contemporary Japanese Photography, through Sept. 16, exhibition of 11 photographers challenges Western assumptions about Japanese culture, with artist's talk in room 1636 of the School of Social Work Building, 1080 S. University, by Sugiura Kunie, 7 p.m. Sept. 12; Persian Visions: Contemporary Photography from Iran, Sept. 29-Dec. 30; 1301 S. University, Ann Arbor (734) 763-UMMA.

## ART GALLERIES

**Biddle Gallery:** Dreaming Through Reincarnation, new paintings by Ryan Weiss, through Sept. 15, 2840 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 281-4779, www.biddlegallery.com.

**Cary Gallery:** Ann Loveland, watercolorist, through September, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester (248) 651-3656

**Cranbrook Art Museum:** 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

**Cass Cafe:** New Expressions, Stephanie Sturton, Andrew Blake, through Sept. 22, 4620 Cass, Detroit, (313) 831-1400.

**G.R. N'Nambi:** Full Circle, A Summer Group Show, with artists Anita Bates, GiGi Bolden, Antonio Carreno, Carol Ann Carter, Christine Hagedorn, Rashid Johnson, Gary Kulak, Allie McGhee, Shonna Pryor, Heloisa Pomfret, Kathleen Spicer, Maluwa Williams-Myers, through Sept. 8, 1435 Randolph, Detroit (313) 831-8700, www.grnnamdigallery.com.

**Kresge Art Museum:** Training class offered in September 2007, for those who want to be docents at Kresge, and the new Eli and Edythe Broad Museum of Art to open



in 2010, call (517) 353-9834 or wolfecal@msu.edu. For more information about the museum visit www.artmuseum.msu.edu

**Janice Charach Epstein Gallery:** Frank Jonas: The Geostucture Series, through Oct. 4, located in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield.

**Lawrence Street Gallery:** Balancing Act, a juried exhibition of over 35 art quilts, through Sept. 29, opening reception 6-9 p.m. Sept. 7; 22620 Woodward, Ferndale www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

**Paint Creek Center for the Arts:** I Paint What I See, Recent Works by Four Painters: Elizabeth Crank, Tom Humes, Kathy Rashid, Rick Vian, through Sept. 22, closing reception 6-8 p.m. Sept. 21, gallery talk 2 p.m. Sept. 22; Julie Russell Smith, through Sept. 22, closing reception 6-8 p.m. Sept. 21; 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

## ART, ETC.

**D & M Art Studio:** fall classes, private lessons and workshops, 8691 Lilley Road, Canton, dmartstudio.com, (734) 453-3710.

**Lily's Seafood Grill and Brewery:** Doug LaFerie's acrylic paintings displayed through August, 410 S. Washington, Royal Oak, (248) 591-LILY. For more information on Doug LaFerie's artwork visit www.douglas.laferie.com.

**Michigan Water Color Society:** Through Sept. 27, Ford Gallery, Eastern Michigan University, (734) 487-1268, mwcsart.com.

**Northville:** Art & Fashion Walk, 6-9 p.m. Sept. 7, for information, visit http://downtownnorthville.com/WhatsGoingOn/FirstFridays.htm; 19th Annual Victorian Festival, Sept. 14-16, www.northville.org, (248) 349-7640.

**PlumTree Pottery:** open house, Sept. 8, 30435 W. 10 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills www.plumtreepottery.com.

**Art in the Park:** Over 200 juried artists, Sept. 15-16, Shain Park, Birmingham, www.artinthepark.info, (248) 456-8150.

**Oakland University Art Gallery:** Jef Bourgeau A Retrospective, Sept. 8-Oct. 7, opening reception 6-8 p.m. Sept. 8, artist's talk, 2 p.m. Sept. 23, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester, (248) 370-3005, www.oakland.edu/ouag.

**Exhibit and Art Sale:** Sculptor Jerry Soble hosts exhibit and art sale, proceeds benefit Kids All Together program for children with special needs, noon to 5 p.m. through Sept. 9, at Soble's studio-gallery, 3819

LaPlaya, Orchard Lake (248) 683-4364.

**Warren Community Center:** Featured artists for September are photographer Elizabeth Lanzon and watercolorist Nancy Suveges, 29500 Van Dyke, Warren (586) 754-1466.

**Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild:** Beaded art exhibit, opening reception with Pat Wiley, GLBG board member and artist, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 25, Oct. 25-Nov. 16; Home Gallery, Downriver Council of the Arts, 20904 Northline, Taylor.

**Funky Ferndale Art Fest:** juried art show with 100 artists, food and musicians, Sept. 22-23, Nine Mile from Woodward to Planavon, www.downtownferndale.com.

## BOOKS

**Southfield Books & Beyond Festival:** 1-5 p.m. Sept. 15 and 16, Southfield Public Library, Southfield Municipal Complex, 26300 Evergreen Rd., visit www.southfieldbook-sandbeyond.org, (248) 796-4224.

**William D. Faust Public Library:** Discussion with Jim C. Hines, author of Goblin Quest, Goblin Hero and forthcoming Goblin War, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 26, 6123 Central City Pkwy., Westland (734) 326-6123, www.westland.lib.mi.us.

## CHORAL

**University Musical Society:** Choral Music series for 2007-08 featuring Russian Patriarchate Choir, 8 p.m. Oct. 30; The Tallis Scholars: Poetry in Music for the Virgin Mary, Dec. 6; Bach's St. Matthew Passion with Detroit Symphony Orchestra, UMS Choral Union, Michigan State University Children's Choir, March 21; call for brochure at (734) 764-2538 or visit www.ums.org.

## CLASSICAL

**University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance:** Michigan Chamber Players, 4 p.m. Sept. 16, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor (734) 764-0594.

**Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra:** The Ring, 8 p.m. Sept. 29, concert dedicated to Kyle Mills, French hornist with orchestra who died in plane crash in May, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor (734) 994-4801, www.a2so.com.

## CLUBS

**The Ark:** The Bad Plus, Sept. 20, \$20, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor (734) 763-8587, theark.org.

**The Ark:** Nickel Creek, farewell (for now)

tour, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 16, show is at Michigan Theatre, information hotline (734) 763-TKTS, www.theark.org.

**Arturo's Jazz Theatre & Restaurant:** Dr. Lonnie Smith, Sept. 7-9; Gato Barbieri, Sept. 13-15; Patrice Rushen, Sept. 21-22; Jean Carne, Sept. 27-29; 25333 W 12 Mile, just west of Telegraph, Southfield, (248) 357-6009

**Big Rock Chophouse:** Outdoor patio open 7:30 p.m. Thursday nights; 245 S. Eton, Birmingham, (248) 647-7774 or visit www.bigrockchophouse.com.

**Bosco:** Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

**The Buzz Bar:** 546 E. Larned, Detroit, (313) 962-1800.

**Eden Nightclub & Ultralounge:** Friday night party with DJ Ryan Richards, 10 p.m. guest celebrity hosts and DJs; DJ Urban Chris in the Garden Room, DJ Pannos in the Ultralounge accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 10 p.m. Saturday, 22061 Woodward Ave, Ferndale (248) 541-7674.

**Edison's:** Mystery Train with Jim McCarty, Sept. 6; The Push, Sept. 7-8; Rick Stel Project, Sept. 13; Close Call, Sept. 14-15; The Blue Kings, Sept. 20; Code Blue, Sept. 21-22; The Randy Brock Group, Sept. 27, and Aaron Vaughn, Sept. 28-29; 220 E. Merrill St., Birmingham (248) 645-2150.

**Jazzy Java Cafe:** Tracy Kash Thomas with Daniel Gerics, Sept. 15; 5071 Rochester Rd., Troy, (248) 526-1484.

**O-Zen Lounge:** Formerly the Buddha Lounge; Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul, old school, Friday; Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaoke with Chez, Sunday; '80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday; www.ozenlounge.com, 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664.

**Cliff Bells:** Scott Gwinell and his 16-piece jazz orchestra, 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 2030 Park (near Comerica Park), Detroit (313) 961-2543.

**Ginopolis on the Grill:** Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

**Sky Club:** Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m., located above Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964.

**Station 885:** Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz from 7-10 p.m. every Thursday (bass and piano), 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885.

## COMEDY

**Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase:** Craig Gass, Sept. 6-8; Comedy Jamm, Sept. 13, 20, 27; Demetrius Nicodemus, Sept. 14-15; Auggie Smith, Sept. 21-22; Nathan Timmel, Sept. 28-29; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080.

**Rosie O'Grady's:** Wednesday Night Live comedy improv with Miguel's Basement and guest troupes, 9 p.m., Wednesdays through Sept. 19; 175 W. Troy, Ferndale; (248) 591-9163.

**Meadow Brook Music Festival:** Laugh-A-Palooza starring Ted Alexandro, Sept. 9; Alonzo Bodden, Sept. 22; Palacenet.com, Ticketmaster, (248) 377-0100.

**Comedy Room @ Portofino:** Mark Knope, Sept. 7-8; Laura Lew, Sept. 14-15; L. A. Hardy, Sept. 21-22; Bryan McCree, Sept. 28-29; 3455 Biddle, Wyandotte (734) 624-5561.

**Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club:** 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

**JD's House of Comedy:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

**Second City:** Night of the Living Debt, Wednesdays-Sundays, 42705 Grand River, Novi, 248-348-4448 or go to www.secondcity.com.

**Maxie's Sunday Night Comedy Shoppe:** Mike Irwin, Sept. 9; Dan Still, Sept. 16; Norm Stulz, Sept. 23; Kevin Zeoli, Sept. 30, 2500 Hill, Flint (810) 232-2500. The Fox Theatre: Comedy Explosion with Bruce Bruce, Sheryl Underwood, John Witherspoon, Don DC Curry and Dominique Whitten, Sept. 29, tickets at OlympiaEntertainment.com, the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, Ticketmaster locations, including Macy's and Ticketmaster.com, for tickets, call (248) 433-1515, for information, call (313) 471-6611.

**The Fox Theatre:** Artie Lange, Sept. 15; Jim Gaffigan, Nov. 17; Lewis Black, Nov. 24; for tickets, Ticketmaster.com. (248) 433-1515.

## CONCERTS-THIS WEEK

**DTE Energy Music Theater:** Hinder with Buckcherry and Papa Roach, Sept. 7; Aerosmith, Sept. 8; Clay Walker, Sept. 14; visit palacenet.com or call (248) 377-0108.

**Meadowbrook Music Theater:** Stevie Wonder, Sept. 12; Dashboard Confessional, Sept. 14; Gordon Lightfoot, Sept. 15; (248) 433-1515 for tickets, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

**The Palace of Auburn Hills:** visit palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

## CONCERTS-FUTURE

**The Fox Theatre:** The Smashing Pumpkins, Oct. 7; Tori Amos, Oct. 27; Sammy Hagar & the Wabos, Nov. 2; Najwa Karam, Wael Kfoury and Fadel Chaker, Nov. 9, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

**The Palace of Auburn Hills:** Maroon 5 with The Hives and Sara Bareilles, Sept. 29; Genesis, Sept. 30; Van Halen, Oct. 22; visit palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

**Joe Louis Arena:** Van Halen, Oct. 20, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

## DANCE

**Ballet Folklorico De Mexico:** 65 dancers, choreographer Amalia Hernandez, family of four \$40, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 14; Mexicantown Plaza, 2826 Bagley Ave. (at 21st Street), (313) 967-9898; two performances, 8 p.m. Sept. 15, 2 p.m. Sept. 16, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, (313) 237-SING, www.michiganopera.org.

**Jazz & Spirit Dance Theatre of Detroit:** Dance series, Moving in the Spirit, September 2007-June 2008, dance for children, adults and teens, 23224 Joy Rd., Redford, (313) 534-0301, jazzspiritdance.freehosting.net.

**Joe Louis Arena:** So You Think You Can Dance, top 10 finalists from hit show, Nov. 3, OlympiaEntertainment.com, (248) 645-6666.

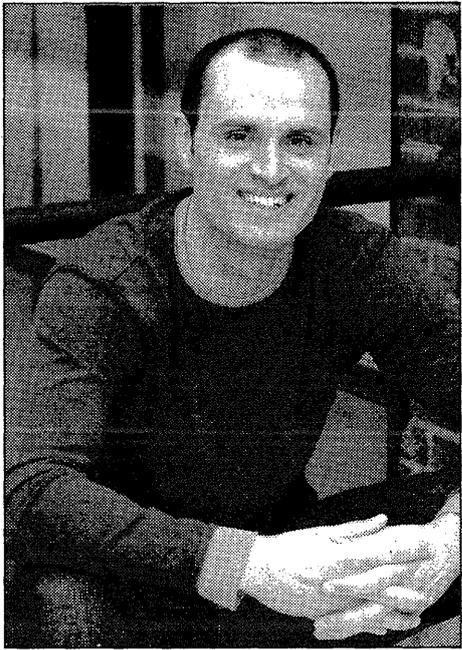
## FAMILY

**Detroit RiverWalk:** Cobo center to just past Belle Isle Bridge, features River Carousel at Rivard Plaza, butterfly gardens at Gabriel Richard Plaza, parking at free lot off of Atwater and Rivard, or paid parking at Beaubien Place Parking or Miller Parking structure, www.detroitriverdays.com, www.detroitriverfront.org, (313) 566-8200.

**The Palace of Auburn Hills:** Disney On Ice Presents: High School Musical The Ice Tour, Feb. 29-March 2, Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster centers, (248) 377-0100.

**Plymouth Ride the Rails:** Explore the history of trains. Exhibit open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday through Nov. 1. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students under 18, and \$10 for families. The Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

**Benzie County Fall Festival:** Oct. 6-7 in Beulah and Benzonia; Oct. 13-15 in Frankfort, www.visitbenzie.com or call 1-800-882-5801.



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**7** Board the *3:10 To Yuma*, a film modernizing the classic Elmore Leonard western, and starring Russell Crowe, Christian Bale and Peter Fonda. Cathy Konrad and James Mangold (*Walk The Line*) helm the movie, which is set in late 1800s Arizona. There is danger at every turn when Civil War veteran Dan Evans (Bale) attempts to deliver captured outlaw Ben Wade (Crowe) on the "3:10 to Yuma,"

a train that will take the killer to trial. This film opens Friday and is rated R.

**8** Blend members of bands like The Grande Nationals and Gryphon Sheperd with formerly solo songstress Sara Celina and you've got a whole new sonic animal. *Us vs Her* offers up a mix of raw emotion and relentless intimacy in the shiny new release *Everybody La La Lah*. Don't miss *Us vs Her* performs as they perform, along with openers The Nice Device, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 at The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Admission \$7, call (248) 544-3030.

**9** Laugh-A-Palooza, a mini comedy tour starring top comics Ted Alexandro, Connie Ettinger, Dave Bell and Chili Challis, along with emcee Mike Bobbit, will get the crowd giggling 7 p.m. tonight at Meadow Brook Music Festival, on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Tickets \$10-\$25, call (248) 645-6666.

**10** The Detroit Opera House is gearing up for its World Premiere of David DiChiera's *Cyrano* with a film series. The first of three movies based on the play *Cyrano de Bergerac*, titled *Cyrano de Bergerac* and starring Jose Ferer, is showing 7 p.m. tonight. Tickets

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Us vs Her

are \$5 at the door, at 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Call (313) 237-SING (7464).

**11** From her emergence with The Sugarcubes to her stellar solo career, Bjork has always been wonderfully weird. No one can forget the time she frocked out in a white swan gown for the Oscars. Who knows what she'll wear when Bjork arrives at Detroit's The Fox Theatre. The show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$12 each.

**12** It's hard to imagine that it's been 45 years since Little Stevie Wonder burst onto the Motown scene. The American music icon will celebrate those years, those sounds and the soulful voice that earned stardom through *Superstition*, 8 p.m. tonight at Meadowbrook Music Theater, on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Tickets \$35-\$200, call (248) 645-6666.

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**FESTIVALS**

**Birmingham Hay Day:** celebrating Birmingham's agricultural heritage with the Birmingham Historical Museum and Park, in conjunction with the Birmingham Farmer's Market, and Charles L. Bowers School Farm, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 9, farmer's market, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; farm animals at museum, 556 W. Maple (at Southfield Road), costumed Michigan pioneers at 1822 John West Hunter House, (248) 642-2817, museum@ci.birmingham.mi.us.  
**Bilingual Fun Family Fiesta:** food, music, dancing and games, 4-6 p.m. Sept. 22, \$12, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth, www.bilingualfun.com

**FILM**

**Remember That Night - Live at the Royal Albert Hall:** 85 minute theatrical version of a new live concert DVD with Pink Floyd guitarist/vocalist David Gilmour, including one song live performance by Gilmour before the concert and a special question-and-answer session via satellite, 3 p.m. Sept. 15, Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty; Commerce Township Stadium 14, 3033 Springvale Drive, Walled Lake; \$12.50, www.FathomEvents.com.

**FOOD AND WINE EVENTS**

**Detroit Uncorked:** 100s of wines from around the world, light hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, silent auction, created by Detroit Wine Organization, presented by Ford Motor Co., benefit for The Children's Center, 6:30-9 p.m.; Sept. 28, Ford Field, Detroit, \$80 a ticket, DetroitUncorked.com, (313) 262-1112.

**FUND-RAISERS**

**Cleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan:** the 14th Annual Fall Harvest Family

Event, the Detroit Duck Derby, 1-3:30 p.m. Sept. 15, Belle Isle Park, Detroit, children's games, activities, family entertainment, floating raffle tickets (racing ducks) \$5 a piece, with first five winning a prize, grand prize is \$5,000, to adopt duck call 866-GLEANER Ext. 260, event tickets at www.detroitderby.org.  
**Michigan State Fairgrounds:** Oak Ridge Boys at Cattle Baron's Ball, 6 p.m. Sept. 15, \$200, benefits American Cancer Society, (248) 557-5353.  
**Fall Spectacular Event:** supports community programs of St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, 6-10 p.m. Sept. 20, Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend, Birmingham, \$250 tickets, (248) 858-6146.  
**Rackham Symphony Choir:** fund-raiser, Mille Grazie, 4:30-8 p.m. Sept. 16, Villa Penna, 43985 Hayes, Sterling Heights, \$100, (248) 652-7135, www.rackhamchoir.org for more information.

**JAZZ**

**Jazz and dinner:** "Kind of Blue Tuesdays," at Lola's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 1427 Randolph St. in Detroit's Harmonie Park, (313) 962-0483.  
**Jazz Cafe at Music Hall:** Springfed Thursday Nights start at 9:30 p.m., Music Hall Center for Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit. Free.  
**Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club:** Ongoing gigs, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph), Southfield, \$8 cover, (248) 478-0172.

**MORE MUSIC**

Lexington Music Theatre Co.: The John Corbett

Band, Sept. 7-8; Blackhawk, Sept. 15; Rare Earth, Sept. 22; The Buckingham, Sept. 23; located 65 miles north of Detroit and just twenty minutes north of the Port Huron/Sarnia area on Lake Huron, 877-4LEXMTC, www.lexmct.com  
**Jewish Community Center:** "Fabs" Kaldobsky with Musical Adventures at the JCC with music by Brahms, Bruch, Chopin, Liszt, Tchaikovsky and Rimsky-Korsakov, 2 p.m. Sept. 11, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park (248) 967-4030.  
**Solid Grounds Coffee House:** Tracy Kash Thomas, Sept. 14, 133 W. Main, Northville (248) 348-9737.  
**Trinity House Theatre:** Jill Jack and Grievous Angel, Sept. 14; Dick Siegel, Sept. 21; Tim Harrison with Michael Young, Sept. 22; Orpheum Bell with Carey Wallace, Sept. 28; Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen with Kats Eye, Sept. 29; John Batdorf with Mark Rodney, Oct. 5; Stewart Francke and The Regular Boys, Oct. 6; Kevin Meisel with Alex and Naomi Anest, Oct. 12; Bernice Lewis with Laura Bates and Brandon Foote, Oct. 13; Brooks Williams with Matt Watroba, Oct. 25; Yellow Room Gang featuring Annie Capps, Kitty Donohoe, Jim Bizer and David Barrett, Oct. 26; Richard Gilewitz, Oct. 27; 38840 W. Six Mile Rd., Livonia (734) 464-6302.  
**Nardin Park Music Series:** Douglas Bruce, organist from Switzerland, 2 p.m. Sept. 23; Brass Roots Trio, 2 p.m. Oct. 28; Christmas at Nardin Park Concert with Chapter 6, 2 p.m. Dec. 9; Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills (248) 476-8860 for information.  
**Oakland Community College's Performing Arts Program:** Bluegrass Music Series with Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver, Sept. 28; Lou Reid & Carolina, Oct. 26; Honi Deaton & Dream, Nov. 9; Ilrd Tyme Out, Jan. 25, Williams and Clark Expedition, April 11; Rhonda Vincent and the Rage, May 2, performances at 7:30

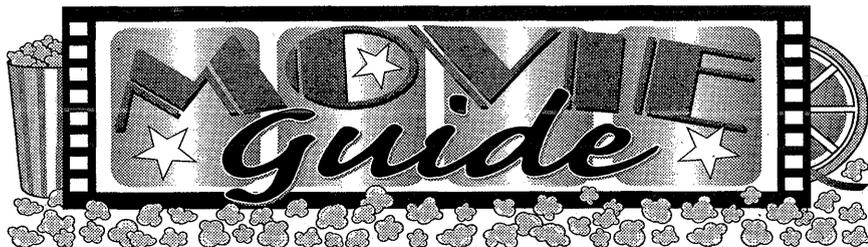
p.m. Student Center Arena, Highland Lakes Campus in Waterford except for Vincent, which will be at the Orchard Ridge campus, \$20 or \$110 for all six performances before Sept. 28, (248) 341-2270.

**MUSEUMS**

**The Henry Ford:** Old Car Festival, nation's longest running antique car show, Sept. 8-9, Greenfield Village, free with membership, village admission \$20, www.thehenryford.org, (313) 982-6001.  
**Cranbrook Science Museum:** Featured exhibit is It's a Nano World. Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.  
**Detroit Historical Museum:** Reopens Sept. 8 with six new or refreshed exhibitions, including 1920s Detroit Building Boom, Rallying the Home Front, New to the Collection (a showcase of artifacts), Detroit Artist Showcase, Fabulous 5 and Detroit Automotive Showplace, (313) 833-1805, www.detroithistorical.org.  
**Birmingham Museum:** Birmingham Hay Day and rededication of new entrance and history plaza, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with Farmer's Market, rededication of museum at 1:30 p.m., 556 W. Maple, (248) 642-2817.  
**Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum:** Sept. 29, Smithsonian magazine and Hyundai Motor America's Museum Day, free of charge to Smithsonian magazine readers and Smithsonian.com visitors, visit www.smithsonian.com/museumdaycard.  
**Detroit Institute of Arts:** DIA is closed; will reopen Nov. 23 after the completion of its renovation, at 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Call (313) 833-7971.  
**Exhibit Museum of Natural History:** Robin Frisch-Gleason, an elementary school teacher,

will share photographs and experiences of her past field work in Antarctica and an upcoming trip there as part of the Antarctic Geologic Drilling Program, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 20; Lecture Series: Scales of the Universe, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 19, Nov. 2, 16; Taking the Measure of Our Solar System, John Spencer, Sept. 28; the University of Michigan, 1109 Geddes, Ann Arbor, www.lsa.umich.edu/exhibitmuseum, (734) 764-0478.  
**The Henry Ford:** 20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org.  
**Plymouth Rides the Rails:** through Nov. 1, artifacts, model trains, \$5 adults, \$2 students, \$10 families, \$1 AAA discount, 155 S. Main, Plymouth (734) 455-8940, www.plymouth-history.org.  
**Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm:** Adams Road Mastodon in special exhibit, one year after discovery by road crew at Adams and M-59, through January 2008, 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1005 Van Hoosen Road (off of Tienken Road, one mile east of Rochester Road and one mile north of Downtown Rochester), (248) 565-4663, www.rochesterhills.org  
**Rochester Hills Museum:** Driven for Victory: A Salute to Veterans, honors service of World War II veterans discuss military tactics and experiences, jeeps and trucks on display, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sept. 22, \$8 for non-members, \$6 for members, located on Van Hoosen Road, off Tienken Road, one mile east of Rochester Road and one mile north of downtown Rochester. For more information, visit the Museum's Web site at www.rochesterhills.org

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# Dally in the Alley returns as the indie festival of summer

You won't see stages named after soda pops or furniture stores at Dally in the Alley.

And the festival name, for 30 years, has managed to remain free of a corporate name.

It's still simply: Dally in the Alley, the biggest block party in Detroit and as always, the second weekend in September, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, with a rain date on Sept. 9.

Don't get us wrong, we know corporate sponsorships keep festivals alive. Dally is unique for many reasons: lack of corporate sponsorships, and also it's run by non-paid volunteers. The organizers, musicians, poets, DJs - everyone pulls Dally together because they love the festival that's held in the winding alleys of the North Cass neighborhood.

This is the place where punk rockers, hippies, fashionable

types, mainstream families, techno fans, artists and everything in-between gather to dance, shop, check out the art and sample interesting foods.

Dally in the Alley began in 1977 as a North Cass neighborhood art fair. It has since grown into a neighborhood celebration of local musicians, artists, restaurants and vendors of all sorts.

This year The Museum Of Contemporary Art and Design (MOCAD) will curate the Dally art gallery. Broadside Press will conduct a poetry and writing workshop for kids during the kids. There's four stages of music that includes jazz, blues, hip hop, garage rock, techno, acoustic and more. Admission is free, but donated monies help raise money to keep Cass Corridor improving.

Listed below is the artist lineup. Visit [www.dallyinthealley.com](http://www.dallyinthealley.com) for performance times that

## DALLY IN THE ALLEY

**What:** Street festival set in the winding alleys of Detroit. Music, art, and alternative and mainstream social activists; shopping; ethnic foods and more.

**Where:** The Third Street and Forest Avenue area of Detroit's Cass Corridor

**When:** 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 8. (Rain date: Sunday, Sept. 9)

**Admission:** Free

**Details:** [www.dallyinthealley.com](http://www.dallyinthealley.com)

### Getting there:

**From I-75:** Take I-75 south to Warren Avenue. Exit going west to Third Avenue. Go left on Third Avenue.

**From the Lodge:** Take the John C. Lodge Freeway (M-10) south to Forest Avenue exit going east on Forest Avenue.

**From I-94:** Take I-94 east or west to the John C. Lodge Freeway (M-10). Follow directions from the Lodge.

**From I-96:** Take I-96 east to the John C. Lodge Freeway (M-10). Follow directions from the Lodge.

**From Woodward Avenue:** Take Woodward Avenue south. Go west on Hancock until you get to Second Avenue.

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were unavailable at press time.

Performing are: Adjust, Arc Exchange, Ben Cyllus, Big Black Cloud, Billiebob, Blak Presidents, BMG, Broadside Press Poets with Diamondancer, Darren Locke, Dial81, Drummer.B. "featuring Super Emcee, Baatin, and Duck Down," Dutch Pink, Exchange Bureau, FAMILY hour, Felton

Howard, Frank Raines and Brad Hales, Freer, Gary Martin, Halon, His Name is Alive, Il Segreto, In the Tradition, Inohs Sivad, Invincible and Finale, Jazz Loft Showcase, Jeff Jablonski, Jennie Knaggs, Jeremiah Bazely, K - Hand, Kindred Ensemble featuring Faruq Z. Bey, Lee Marvin Computer Arm, Markita Moore

with both Eric Dilworth and Justin Walker, Metro Detroit Beatology, Mike Huckaby, Miz Korona, Monica Blaire, Noman, Paris '68, Rob Barrett, Sicari, Silent Violet and Audra Kubat, Sneaky and the Rat, Szymanski, Torch with a Twist and Will Sessions.

Lana Mini

# 'Balls of Fire': Yet another sports comedy

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jake Coyle, AP Entertainment Writer

Capsule reviews of films currently at the theater:

## "BALLS OF FURY"

You with scripts of badminton drama, kickball glory and tiddlywinks tragedy: Hurry to Hollywood. Hurry because this new pingpong romp may signify the twilight of unlikely sport comedies. Written by *Reno 911!* co-creators Thomas Lennon and Ben Garant (who also directs), it stars the naturally funny Dan Fogler, a Tony winner for *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. With long, thick curly hair, pointy mutton chops and a portly body, he has the look of someone who accidentally wandered onto a movie set, shrugged, and decided to play along. Fogler is Randy Daytona, a washed-up former pingpong prodigy performing table tennis tricks at a Nevada casino. Daytona is called upon by an FBI agent (George Lopez) to infiltrate the hidden lair of a criminal mastermind: the pingpong-loving Feng (Christopher Walken). It should come as a surprise to no one that Walken is well-suited to playing such a character. He greets his guests ominously, but departs by bidding them "toodles." Much of the film is an exercise in comedy excess which unfortunately overshadows its smarter slapstick surprises. PG-13 for crude and sex-related humor, and for language. 90 minutes. Two stars out of four.

Christy Lemire, AP movie critic

## "THE NINES"

John August's *The Nines* plays like an all-grown-up version of August's *Go* — another intertwined triptych of tales with characters and catchphrases overlapping from one to the next. But it has more on its mind and in its ambitious sights than just exploring what happens when one decision leads to another leads to another leads to a fire in a Las Vegas hotel room and a shooting at a strip club. The long-time writer directs for the first time here, and in the past decade it seems his interests have turned toward the spiritual. His characters are still hip and contemporary and witty and multilayered — but now, one of them also might be God. Well, maybe not THE God, but at least A god. Ryan Reynolds plays a different version of this figure in each segment (a distraught actor, a TV series creator who's the focus of a reality program and finally a character in that TV series) and each allows him to display a range we never could have imagined from the sarcastic comic persona he's honed in movies like *Waiting ...* and *Van Wilder*. While the meaning and the end of *The Nines* are wildly open for interpretation, Reynolds' ability is a sure thing. Hope Davis and Melissa McCarthy co-star. R for language, some drug content and sexuality. 98 min. Two and a half stars out of four.



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# JET kicks off season with 'Hello Muddah! Hello Fadduh!'

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The Jewish Ensemble Theatre opens its 2007-2008 season with the return of the hilarious musical *Hello Muddah! Hello Fadduh!*,

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an Allan Sherman musical, conceived and written by Douglas Bernstein and Rob Krausz.

*Hello Muddah! Hello Fadduh!* received the Outer Critics Award for outstanding off-Broadway musical and four Drama Desk Award nominations.

The play is a spin-off of song parodies originally written by Allan Sherman including his Grammy winning song, *Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh!* It's the story of Barry Bockman played by Joe Lehman (from Chicago) and his beloved, Sarah Jackman, played by Kelly Rossi (Troy).

## HELLO MUDDAH! HELLO FADDUH!

**Where:** Jewish Ensemble Theatre, 6600 West Maple Rd., West Bloomfield

**When:** 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 5, 12.; 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, August 30, Sept. 6; 5 and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 1, 8 and 15; and 2 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 2, 9, and 16, and 7:30 p.m. Sept. 9.

**Tickets:** \$29-\$39 with discounts for seniors and students.

**Details:** (248) 788-2900

The show follows Bockman from birth, to summer at Camp Granada, marriage, suburbia, the shopping mall, and even into retirement in Florida.

It also features actor John DeMerell (Walled Lake), Matthew Stewart (Detroit) and Leah Smith (Detroit).

Sherman (1924-1973) was a Jewish-American musician, parodist, satirist, and television producer. He recorded eight parody music albums and wrote the lyrics and book for



The Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents "Hello Muddah! Hello Fadduh!"

the Broadway musical, *The Fig Leaves are Falling* (1969). *Hello Muddah, Hello*

*Fadduh!* was first produced at the Circle in the Square Theatre in New York City in

1992. The JET production is directed by Kayla Gordon.

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### OPERA

**Michigan Opera Theatre:** *Cyrano* and *a Nose for Design*, 7 p.m. Sept. 11, a rare opportunity to meet and learn from David DiChiera, Michigan Opera Theatre founder; director and composer of *Cyrano*, and from Suzanne Hanna, MOT costume director, preview some of the costumes before *Cyrano's* Oct. 13 World Premiere, Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main St., Royal Oak, tickets \$10 advance, \$15 on Sept. 11, www.habermanfabrics.com/special\_events/cyrano/nose\_for\_design.htm, for information and tickets, visit www.habermanfabrics.com or call (248) 541-0010.

**Cyrano Film Series:** Three movies, like the opera, based on the play *Cyrano de Bergerac*; *Cyrano de Bergerac* with Jose Ferer, Sept. 10; *Cyrano de Bergerac* with Gerard Depardieu, Sept. 17; *Roxanne* with Steve Martin, Oct. 7; all at 7 p.m., Chrysler Black Box Theatre of Detroit Opera House, \$5, (313) 861-3500 Ext. 3200.

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14, \$10 a person, no reservations needed except for 8 or more, (313) 283-4332, www.detroittourconnections.com.

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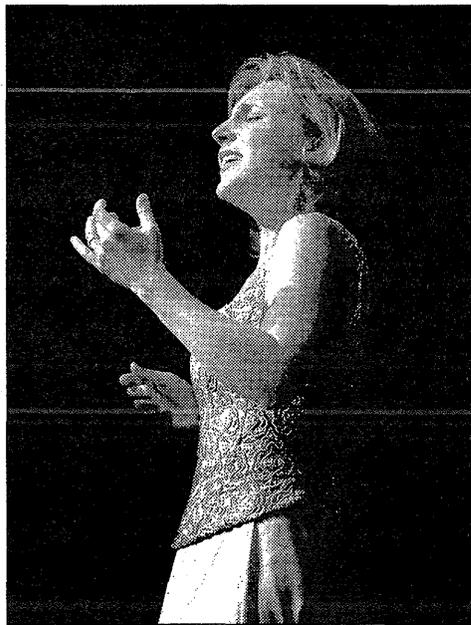
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**Eastern Michigan University:** *Diamonds in the D*, Sept. 6-8, Sponberg Theatre, Quirk Dramatic Arts Building, East Circle Drive and Best Hall, Ypsilanti, (734) 487-2282, www.emich.edu/convocation.

**University of Detroit Mercy Theatre Company:** *The Glass Menagerie*, Sept. 28-Oct. 14; *Back of the Throat*, Nov. 16-Dec. 2; *And Neither Have I Wings to Fly*, Feb. 1-17; *The Play About the Baby*, March 28-April 6; 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit (313) 993-3270, theatre.udmercy.edu.

# Chamber Music Society of Detroit opens season



Dawn Upshaw

Multi Grammy Award-winning soprano Dawn Upshaw with pianist Gilbert Kalish open the 2007-2008 season of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit on Sept. 15. The concert begins at 8 p.m. at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, located at 22305 West 13 Mile Road (at the corner of Lahser and 13 Mile Road), Beverly Hills, on the campus of the Detroit Country Day School.

Nashville-born Dawn Upshaw's repertoire ranges from Baroque to contemporary, making her a beloved singer to a diverse, international audience. Known for the past 23 years for the emotion and warmth she expresses in her singing and acting, Upshaw has received numerous awards and honors and has been featured on more than 50 recordings including, *Symphony No. 3* by Henryk Gorecki and full-length opera recordings of Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro*. She has also performed such roles as the title character in *Handel's Theodora* and Anne in *The Rake's Progress*; several contemporary composers have written music and roles specifically for her. She has received widespread critical acclaim for two recent works by contemporary composer Osvaldo Golijov, his chamber opera *Ainadamar* and song cycle *Ayre*, both newly-recorded on Deutsche Grammophon.

Additionally, Upshaw is a chamber musician and accomplished recitalist who has worked with major orchestras in venues all over the world. She has made numerous television appearances including the BBC telecast of her 1996 London

Proms Concert, "Dawn at Dusk" and as a guest of President and Mrs. Clinton on their Christmas in Washington special.

Along with her performing career, Upshaw is currently the artistic director of the Graduate Program in Vocal Arts at the Bard College Conservatory of Music in New York.

Upshaw will be performing with pianist Gilbert Kalish. His profound influence on the musical community as an educator, and as a pianist in myriad performances, has established him as a major figure in American music making. A native New Yorker and graduate of Columbia College, Kalish studied with Leonard Shure, Julius Hereford and Isabella Vengrova. He was the pianist of the Boston Symphony Chamber Players for 30 years.

## TICKETS

Single concert tickets are available now and priced at \$75. Single tickets for all 2007-2008 concerts and season subscriptions may be purchased by calling the Chamber Music Society of Detroit Ticket Service at (248) 855-6070. For information on the 2007-2008 concert season; visit the Chamber Music Society of Detroit web site at [www.ComeHearCMSD.org](http://www.ComeHearCMSD.org).

## BJÖRK

Icelandic singer-songwriter, composer, and actress.

**Genre:** Electronic/Alternative

**When:** Sept. 11

**Where:** Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 471-6611

**Tickets:** \$49.50 [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

showcased even more range by performing with Exodus, a jazz fusion band.

- She's the mother of two children.
- The name Björk means "birch tree."

# Wines take the field Sept. 28

Tickets and sponsorships are now available for the fourth annual Detroit Uncorked, one of the region's largest wine events. Detroit Uncorked, held at Ford Field 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28.

The event, presented by Ford Motor Co. and Ford Field and created and organized by Detroit Wine Organization, brings together thousands of wine lovers to enjoy hundreds of wines from around the world, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, silent auction and other activities. The event has been sold-out the past three years, and event organizers are hopeful for another sold-out event this year.

The funds raised by Detroit Uncorked will be used to fulfill The Children's Center mission of "Developing Strong Children and Successful Families." Its goal is to reach out to children and families in need.

The Children's Center offers independent living skills, mentors and assistance in helping youth be successful in their transition to adulthood.

Last year's Detroit Uncorked was a sold-out success for the third year running, with more than 2,000 guests in attendance and raising \$92,000 for The

Children's Center. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, and event organizers are expecting another sold-out event.

Tickets are \$75 for DWO members and \$80 for non-members. Membership in DWO is free. To purchase tickets and/or join, visit [www.detroituncorked.com](http://www.detroituncorked.com), or call (313) 262-1112.

The DWO is a non-profit organization with nearly 5,200 members. The organization hosts wine tasting and instructional activities throughout the year aimed at promoting the educated, responsible consumption of wine. All proceeds from events benefit local charities. For information, please visit [www.detroit-wine.org](http://www.detroit-wine.org).

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## BJORK

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"22 Greatest Voices in Music."

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■ She wrote and produced the musical score for the film *Dancer in the Dark*.

■ She goes by her first name, not as a stage name, but because that's what's common in Iceland.

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