

# Slavens waits until Wednesday to declare victory over LaJoy



Slavens

#### **BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

When Dian Slavens finally climbed into her bed in the early morning hours Wednesday after Tuesday's election, she had hope, but no numbers to verify whether she had won the 21st District State House seat.

"Someone just called me a while ago," Slavens said Wednesday morning. "I feel very honored. I

#### feel fantastic."

Slavens, 50, victoriously ran as a Democrat for the seat against Republican Todd LaJoy and independent Brian Cronan.

In the district, which represents Canton, Belleville and Van Buren Township, Slavens captured 27,802 votes - 52 percent - while LaJoy had 24,203 votes - 45 percent - and Cronan got 1,784 votes - 3 percent. "My whole team worked very hard on this

campaign," said Slavens, a respiratory therapist and political newcomer. "And I'm glad my message resonated with voters."

Slavens, who has said she wants to "work on both sides of the aisle," said she intends to focus on preventative health care measures, bringing jobs to the state and education funding. Tuesday marked the second time that a.

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# New day for township board

# Voters oust incumbent, select several newcomers

#### **BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

New leadership is coming to Canton.

Tuesday's election of political newcomer Syed Taj to the Township Board left the chief of medicine for Oakwood Hospital almost speechless when asked how he felt about the results.

"Well," he paused. "Amazed."

Taj, the lone Democrat of six candidates running for



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Democrat Syed Taj, who was elected to the Canton Board of Trustees on Tuesday, was out taking down his campaign signs on Wednesday morning.

Zarbo, a Republican, finished with 19,440 votes and Libertarian candidate Charlie Page captured 5,599 votes. Calling the numbers "topsy turvy," Williams worked some polling locations early Tuesday and added that he had just begun to relax.



Sabiha Hai of Canton and Tonya Miller of Farmington Hills celebrate the announcement of Barack Obama's victory at Burton Manor in Livonia.



Voting trends, demographics favor Democrats in Canton

# THE NUMBER OF STREET

The following vote totals are unofficial totals for how residents of Canton voted. Overall winners are denoted with a 🖾

#### **U.S. PRESIDENT**

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🗹 Carl Levin (D) (i) .. ... ... 27,491 Jack Hoogendyk (R) ... ... ... 15,142 **U.S. HOUSE 11TH DISTRICT** 

Joseph W. Larkin (D) ... ... ... 20,700 Thaddeus McCotter (R) (i)... 21,045

STATE HOUSE 20TH DISTRICT 🗹 Marc Corriveau (D) (i) ... ... 3,691 Jerry Vorva (R) ... ... ... ... 1,490

#### **STATE HOUSE 21ST DISTRICT**

Todd LaJoy (R) . ... ... ... ... 19,315 🗹 Dian Slavens (D) .. ... ... 17,719 Brian Cronan (IND) ... ... ... 1,225 **STATE PROPOSALS** A legislative initiative to permit the use and cultivation of marijuana for specified medical conditions ... ... 27.566 🗹 Yes .. No ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 16,531 PROPOSAL 08-2 A proposal to amend the state constitution to address húman embryo and human embryonic stem cell research in Michigan 🗹 Yes.. ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 25,950 No ... ... ... ... ... ... .... .... 18,163 **35TH DISTRICT COURT JUDGE** Joe Barone .. ... ... ... ... ... 16,602 🗹 Jim Plakas. ... ... ... ... 16,821 **COUNTY COMMISSION** INTR DISTRIC Steve Johnson (R) . ... ... ... 17,025 🗹 Kevin McNamara (D) (i) .. ... 23,774 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE** A request of the Wayne County Community College millage renewal and reduction of 1.25 mills for 10 years, through 2020 inclusive. ☑ Yes...... 2,943

No ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 2,403 SUPERVISOR

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four seats on the board, pulled in 20,000 votes.

"I am going to work for Canton," he said, adding that he's proud of the chance to represent the township's growing Indian population. 'When I started at Oakwood in 1983, there were hardly any foreign doctors, but it's not like that now and everyone is welcome. Everyone feels at home."

Republicans John Anthony, Pat Williams and incumbent Todd Caccamo also raced to victory. Caccamo was the highest vote-getter with 21,348 votes, Anthony nabbed 20,286 and Williams received 20,009.

Incumbent trustee Karl

'We've done all the work that we could do," he said while standing outside Summit on the Park.

Anthony, who often paired with Williams on the campaign trail, said the race was a great experience.

"I'm encouraged," he said. "I've meet some great people and I'm optimistic about serving Canton."

Zarbo, whose business

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**BY TIFFANY L. PARKS** OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In a township traditionally run by the right, the left showed up in full force Tuesday.

With a record voter turnout of more than 83 percent, the majority of Canton voters -56.81 percent - swung toward the Democratic presidential ticket while 41.54 percent supported the Republican ticket.

'The numbers are a part of a national trend," said John Anthony, who won a spot on the

township board as a trustee. And while many have credited the popularity of Barack Obama to the wave of Democratic support to other candidates on the ballot, Anthony also said, "the demographics have changed over the

last eight to 10 years." Township resident Hilda Partin said she was more than ready to cast her vote for Obama.

"I live in Canton and we're making history," said Partin, whose family is from South America. "I have been looking forward to this and I believe the world will see us a united people."

And thousands of other voters felt the same with 11,666 voters opting for the Democratic straight party option com-

pared to 7,581 voters choosing the Republican straight party option.

"The difference in the percentage is quite dramatic," said Township Clerk Terry Bennett, noting that it's usually Republican voters with the higher number of straight-party votes.

Trustee Todd Caccamo, who won his re-election bid, said he was disappointed by the straight-party numbers because it means voters have painted candidates with a "broad brush" based on their political party and not their individual ideas.

Please see VOTERS, A6

🗹 John Anthony (R) 📖	20,286
🗹 Todd Caccamo (R) (i)	21,348
🗹 Pat Williams (R)	20,009
Karl Zarbo (R) (i)	
Charles Page (LIB)	5,599
LIBRARY BOARD	
Alfredo Cordero	7,939
🗹 James Fausone 📖 📖 📖	10,454
🗹 James Gillig	12,067
Michael Siegrist	10,656
Capros Spon	

🗹 David Marsh (D) ... ... ... 19,034

Phil LaJoy (R) .. ... ... ... ... ... 23,282

🗹 Syed S. Taj (D). ... ... .... 20,000

🗹 James Gillig	
🗹 Michael Siegrist	10,656
🗹 George Snow	12,969
Ayesha Taj	
🗹 Don Turner	11,387
🖾 Colleen Van Auken 📖	13,522

# 14-year state reign ends for marchers

#### **BY DIANE HANSON** CORRESPONDENT

There is no doubt the 170member Plymouth Canton **Educational Park Marching** Band has put in many hours of practice and hard work on this year's colorful, dynamic, and musically delightful competition program, "Kaleidoscope," earning them a number of first-place trophies at local invitationals.

But a 15th straight Flight I championship trophy was not in the cards Saturday. Instead, the hometown

I third-place trophy at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals at Ford Field, ending their 14year reign as Flight I State Champions.

"We work hard all season, but especially these past couple of weeks, even these past couple of days," said Salem junior Kayla Ragland, one of the three drum majors. "We've been cleaning and fine-tuning. It's been really challenging, and the band rose to the challenge."

Part of the challenge has

marchers captured the Flight been overcoming a bit of a late start when former Band Director Marc Whitlock stepped down for family reasons and new Band Director Martin Montoya took up the reigns.

The band has been steadily improving since the competition season began in September, but their score of 84.25 was behind the 89.25 posted by Flight I winner West Bloomfield.

"I really like this show," said Plymouth senior Kelcie Liubakka, who plays the trumpet. "But I think we've been stronger."

Jenifer Leseth, color guard director and assistant marching band director, hopes to rectify that.

"They did a great job. They went out there and did what they had to do," she said. "The improvement has been constant, but we have a lot more to do. We're looking toward the end goal which is Nationals, and we have two weeks to go. We'll get there."

The hometown marchers will compete at the Bands of America Grand National Championships at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis Nov. 13-15.



PHOTO BY DIANE HANSON

Lauren Carnevale (front left), followed by Bruno Yoshioka, Rebecca Paul and Alyssa Myers, along with Kristen Riggs (front right), followed by Julia Beckett and Kaitlyn Tracy concentrate on music and marching during the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's State Finals performance Nov. 1 at Ford Field.

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### **ELECTION 2008**

# Historic presidential election draws voters to polls

#### **BY KURT KUBAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Although there were plenty of local and state races as well as several proposals to choose from on Tuesday's ballot, many voters in Canton were attracted to the polls for one reason - the historic presidential election between Barack Obama and John McCain.

Turnout was heavy in Canton, with more than 80 percent of eligible voters casting a ballot, either at the polls Tuesday or by absentee ballot. A total of 49,187 Canton residents voted. It was clear that many had nothing but the presidential election on their minds.

That was certainly the case for Eric Brown, a 44-yearold African-American who is a quality reviewer for Blue



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Canton voter Hilda Parton, votes at St. John Neumann Church.

> Care Network. Although he has always been politically active, Brown never thought he would see the day America would elect a fellow African-American president.

"I'm proud I was able to see this day and participate in such a historic election," said Brown, who worked the polls at Crescent Academy. "This is a monumental day for our

country.'

Natalie Megison, 38, also acknowledged the historic nature of the presidential race. The mother of two teenagers, she said her children had been badgering her about the need to vote.

"They've been pushing me. If I didn't vote, they would really get on me,' she said.

Megison, who has lived in Canton for five years, said she voted for

McCain, then paused and said: "I actually voted for Palin. He's (McCain) old and he's going to die, so we'll have our first woman president," she said after voting at Crescent Academy.

Ray Burchart, an auto body repair man who has lived in Canton since 1991, calls himself an independent, but his mood was very anti-Republican on Tuesday when he voted at Walker-Winter **Elementary School shortly** before polls closed at 8 p.m. "I'm tired of all the crap from run. The whole system is a the Republican Party. I think



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Tara Lang is a first time voter. She voted with her mom, Trina Lang, at St. John Neumann. Both voted for McCain.

McCain would just follow suite with Bush," said Burchart, who voted for Obama. "I don't like the way this country is being mess."

Charles Johnson, a 57-yearold retired press operator, also voted at Walker-Winter. It was only the second time he has ever voted (he voted for Bill Clinton in 1992). He voted for Obama on Tuesday.

"After hearing about all these young people who were voting for the first time, I decided to do it myself," he said. "I just wanted to be able to go home and say, even if my guy didn't

win. I could feel good about it."

For Ronald Harris, a 22vear-old African-American. the night was filled with hope. This was his second time voting, and he was thrilled with the opportunity to vote for America's first African-American president. "I'm very excited. We're all

excited," he said. "This is a very positive thing

for our country."

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# **Plakas defeats Barone**

### Newest judge hopes to hit bench running BY TONY BRUSCATO

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The next 60 days for attorney Jim Plakas will be busy as he prepares to succeed retiring Judge John MacDonald on the 35th District Court bench Jan. 2 following his victory over Joe Barone (unofficially 34,954-31-802) Tuesday.

"The next two months

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Slavens and a LaJoy battled for the 21st District seat. Six years ago, Slavens' husband, Mark, was defeated by LaJoy's father, Phil, who is term limited and was elected township supervisor on Tuesday.

LaJoy, who is wrapping up his first term as a Canton trustee, was expected by many to win Tuesday's race and got a narrow victory in Canton with more than 50 percent of the votes to Slavens' 46 percent. Slavens made up significant ground, however, in both Belleville and Van Buren

#### will be very important," said Plakas, who earned a six-year term. "I'm going to meet with (35th District Court judges Plakas Ron) Lowe.

MacDonald and (Mike) Gerou next week. I'll also be going to various other courts and observing judges from behind the bench and absorbing every little thing I can.

"I've lived in district court and had my training from the other side of the bench," he

said. "I'll be watching from a different perspective, but at the ties 35th District Court serves same time thinking internally 'What would I do?

While he'll be gaining tips from his soon-to-be colleagues, Plakas already knows what kind of judge he'll work to be.

"I enjoy judges who engage with attorneys and challenge them, in a respectful way, to. convince them your view is the right view," Plakas said. "It's their time to be there that day and I want to hear what they have to say, because when the day ends and a decision is made it's over."

Plakas said all his emotions spilled while watching the vote totals from the five communiwhile at the Inn at St. John's. "I saw my wife and we

embraced, and I was looking at the screen with the numbers," recalled Plakas. "She was crying into my shoulders and when the final Canton numbers came up I whispered 'We won.'

"I admit I was crying, and every person I hugged I was crying," he said. "This has been over two years in the making for us, and it's been a lot of stress and disruptive to our law practice, my family and friends."

Plakas said next to getting

married and experiencing the birth of his children, the win was "an amazing emotional experience."

"It's now just hitting me and I'm trying to savor every minute because I know I won't have a feeling like this again," Plakas said.

"I've never experienced a challenge like this, waking up every single day with your feet hitting the floor in competition against quality people. It's a painful thing to live through, amazingly stressful, but - for us - at the end of the day wellworth it."

While there has been talk of animosities between Plakas

and Lowe because Plakas ran against the incumbent Lowe two years ago, Plakas down played it.

"(Lowe) showed up at my party which meant a lot to me, that was extending the olive branch," said Plakas.

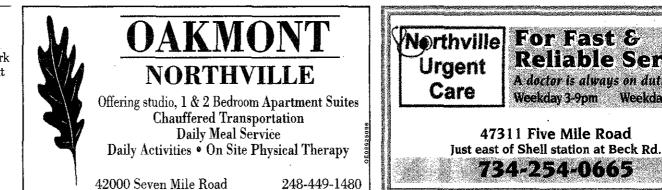
"I expressed to him that I now know how he felt two years ago, that it's miserable being the hunted. We shook hands and embraced, and he and I knew we would be fine and everyone in the these communities will be proud of this court."

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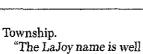
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known so I knew I had to work hard," Slavens said. "I thought the race would be decided within 100 votes, so I'm very happy voters wanted a new voice."

As the results of local races began pouring in late Tuesday night, LaJoy referenced the trickle down effect of President-elect Barack Obama's candidacy on local Democrats.

"If it's meant to be, great," he said. "If not, that's the way it goes.'

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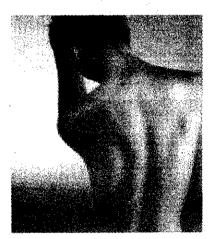
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### **COUNTY NEWS**

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# Historic night celebrated by local Democrats Wojtowicz, other

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

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The party was festive, the mood nothing short of euphoric Tuesday night.

When Barack Obama's face loomed large on the big screens televising CNN and WDIV at Burton Manor in Livonia with a win in Virginia, the local Democrats cheered.

Moments later, the room erupted when the networks named Obama as the projected winner. High-fives, hugs and Obama chants filled the room.

Standing and watching the results, Derrick Thornton, a black voter from Canton. stood by himself near a table, soaking in the moment of history, seeing the first black man elected president of the United States.

"I want to cry and I'm trying to hold back the tears," Thornton said. "It's a very different feeling. It's the first time we're seeing a black man get to that level."

"(Obama's election) tells me that people in this country are accepting people as who they are.'

It wasn't lost on the Thornton, the loud cheers coming from the mostly white audience for a black president, either.

"We're so familiar with each other, rooting for that person to get to that position," Thornton said.

Thornton thought Obama won because "he capitalized on the issues that the small person has."

"He spoke to our innermost feelings," Thornton said.

Not only was history made, the pendulum of power now was swinging back to the Democrats.

Kevin Kelley, onetime Redford Township supervisor and currently Wayne County director of senior services, watched results with his wife, Connie Marie



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Tanya Miller-Swift of Farmington Hills is overwhelmed with emotion as she calls her mother to give her the news of Barack Obama's victory. Linda Nimpson of Canton applauds the historic moment.

> would be close. When you see those numbers in the election, I think it bodes well for the Democrats for the next 10 or 12 years,"

Kelley thought Bush's foreign policy "overreached" which led to Republican John McCain's and other **Republican losses Tuesday.** 'I can't believe we sunk

that far," Kelley said. "I hope we learn a lesson from them and govern from the middle so we can progress from the middle.'

House Speaker Andy Dillon, who was celebrating his re-election and defeat of a recall against him that evening, called Obama's election "a historic day," comparing it to when man landed on the moon

"It crosses a bridge," Dillon said. "It's a day we'll all remember."

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# incumbents sweep county offices

Wavne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz won easy re-election Tuesday in the only competitive race for Wayne County administrative offices.

Sheriff Warren Evans. Clerk Cathy Garrett and **Prosecutor Kym Worthy** were returned to office after facing nominal opposition. **Register of Deeds Bernard** Youngblood faced no opposition in the general election Tuesday. The winning incumbents are all Democrats.

Woitowicz, 79, a Democrat from Hamtramck defeated former Wayne County Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy, a Republican of Plymouth, after surviving a strong challenge from **County Commissioner** Phil Cavanagh of Redford and others in the August Democratic primary.

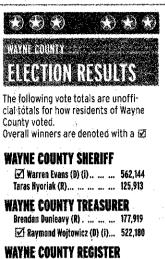
Wojtowicz has been Wayne County treasurer since 1976.

During the campaign, Dunleavy said he didn't expect to win in the heavily **Democratic Wayne County** but that he wanted to raise questions about the accounting and contracting practices of the treasurer's office and about the handling of foreclosed properties.

"I don't think we got a lot of those issues out there," he said Wednesday. "I do intend to make sure the issues to got out. These are complicated issues and we need to find a way to break them down so folks can understand them.

He said that his proposals for handling foreclosed properties helped him win the endorsements of The Observer and the two Detroit dailies.

"Maybe Ray will adopt some of these ideas," he said.



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#### **OF DEEDS**

🖾 Bernard Youngblood (D) (i)... 580,760 WAYNE COUNTY CLERK **WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTOR** 🗹 Kym Worthy (D) (I) ... ... 611,493 **3RD CIRCUIT COURT** 😰 Daniel Hathaway.. ... ... 209,108 Susan Hubbard.. ... ... ... ... 173,017 🗹 Connie Marie Kelley... ... 177,881

# John Sullivan ... ... ... .... 146,383

Last week, Dunleavy filed a formal complaint with the Secretary of State's office accusing Wojtowicz of purchasing radio ads, signs and other campaign materials with county funds he controls as treasurer.

The complaint also accuses Wojtowicz of violating Michigan's campaign finance act by failing to disclose spending of more than \$150,000 to mail campaign literature.

Dunleavy said he will be focused full time on his financial consulting business.

Sunday and David Sudek, of Livonia, react to CNN's projection of an Obama win.

Wayne County 3rd Circuit judge. "In my 50 years, it is the Kelley, who was running for biggest night I can remem-

ber as a Democrat," Kelley

said. "I thought Michigan

would be solid, but states

like Indiana and Louisiana

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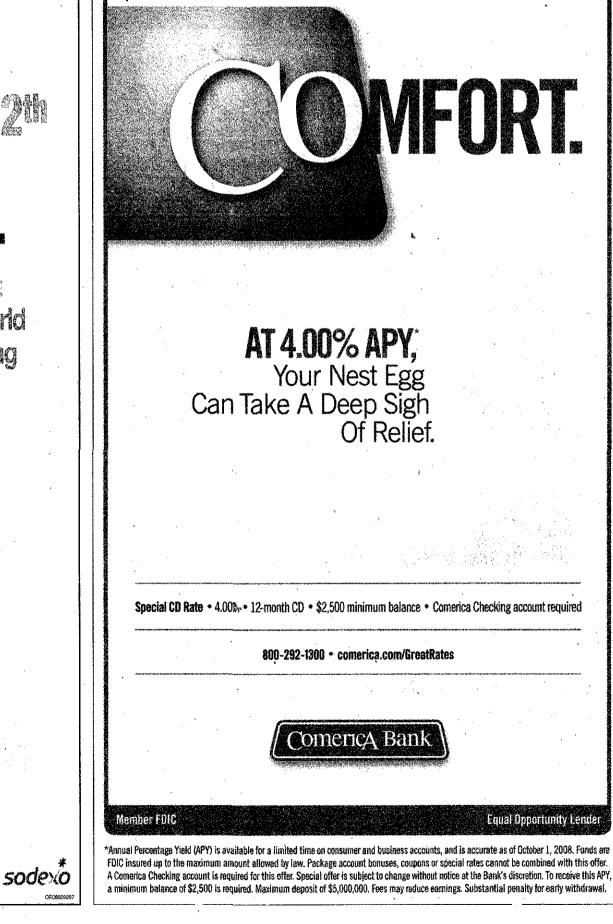


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Sanders, faculty advisor

for the African-American

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#### **AROUND CANTON**

#### Veterans Day service

The Canton Veterans Memorial Association will hold a Veterans Day service at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 11 at the Canton Veterans Memorial located west of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. For more information, contact John Spencer at (734) 397-8975 or johnscott44@yahoo.com.

#### Library to close

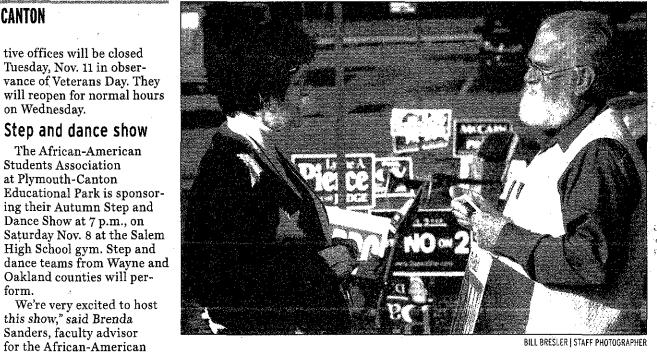
The Canton Public Library will be closed on Friday, Nov. 14 for staff in-service training. Most online services will remain available to patrons, including access to account information, material requests and renewals. The library annually schedules staff in-service for training and service updates. While the library is closed, work will be done on the main doors and handicapped access. Regular business hours will resume Saturday, Nov. 15.

#### Township offices to close

Canton's administra-

**Dog Day Care** 

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Township Clerk Terry Bennett reminded John Chew, who is volunteering for Karl Zarbo, of the restrictions on interacting with voters at one of the polling stations Tuesday.

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And although the majority of voters in Canton supported Obama, Sen. John McCain still had many in his corner, including first-time voter Tara Lang. Lang, who voted alongside her mother,

Trina Lang, said McCain solidified her support after the presidential debates. "I feel like McCain is more honorable,"

she said. "I think Obama is in some shady stuff."

background brought a wealth

said he had a "great ride" as a

"All good things come to an

of experience to the board,

In the other township

township supervisor post.

LaJoy, a Republican, pulled

in more than 23,000 votes to

races, state Rep. Phil LaJoy

defeated David Marsh for the

Bennett said interest in the presidential

race was extraordinary with more than 450 voters requesting an absentee ballot on Monday.

On Saturday, about 76 percent of the township's 13,500 absentee ballots had been returned. That figure had jumped to 93 percent by Monday evening.

And with all of the talk surrounding the election of the first African-American president and the possibility of having selected the first female vice president, 12-year-old Angeil Shrive said it would have been neat if she were old enough to cast a vote in the historic race.

"No matter who is in charge, I think

# Poll worker accosted by man during election

An unidentified man started a ruckus at St. John Neumann Tuesday afternoon when he took a cigarette away from an election worker, who was on a break, and stated that smoking is "disgusting."

The man, who then harassed another campaign worker, left the church before police officers arrived.

He did not vote.

"It's our first rumble," joked Township Clerk Terry Bennett, who had made her way to the Warren Road parish to make sure the incident was over.

It was said that the unidentified man had confronted the same poll volunteer about smoking during a previous election.

- By Tiffany L. Parks

things will improve as the years go on," she said, as she waited for her mother to finish voting at Discovery Middle School.

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Trustee candidate John Anthony and supervisor candidate Phil LaJoy wait during a midafternoon lull at St. John **Neumann Church** in Canton. Both men won Tuesday.

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end," he said.

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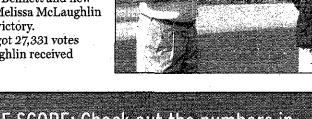
the 19,034 that were cast for Marsh.

"I love my community and I am excited about the opportunity to see it prosper," said LaJoy, who will succeed longtime Supervisor Tom Yack. "I want to grow on (Canton's) success.

Running unopposed, both Clerk Terry Bennett and new Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin coasted to victory. Bennett got 27,331 votes

and McLaughlin received 26,209.

**KNOW THE SCORE: Check out the numbers in** today's **Sports** section





### COUNTY NEWS

# McCotter will face a changed, more Democratic Washington

#### BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

When Thaddeus McCotter goes to Washington in January for the opening of the 111th Congress, he will face a dramatically changed political environment.

The Livonia Republican won reelection to represent



Michigan's 11th congressional District in the House of Representatives Tuesday, but his party took a hit. By early Wednesday morning, Democrats were expected to

McCotter

add to their majority in the House by at least 18 seats. In the Senate, Democrats were expected to add to their majority by at least five seats, bringing them to 56 seats, with four seats still too close to call.

In addition, Democrat Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois won a convincing victory in the presidential election over Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona and will be setting the agenda for the next Congress.

Two of McCotter's fellow Republicans in the Michigan

#### **UNOFFICIAL VOTE TOTALS**

- Thaddeus McCotter-R (i)172,282
- 🔳 Joseph Larkin-D 147,530
- 🔳 John Tatar-L 5,756
- Erik Shelley-G 4,829

House delegation were among the defeated. Democrat Mark Schauer defeated Republican incumbent Tim Walberg in the 7th District and Democrat Gary Peters defeated longtime Republican Congressman Joe Knollenberg.

In the Michigan Senate race, longtime Democratic Sen. Carl Levin easily defeated state Rep. Jack Hoogendyk with more than 60 percent of the vote.

McCotter had a relatively easy time defeating Democrat Joseph Larkin, a political newcomer. McCotter won by more than 20,000 votes in the Oakland County section of his district, but according to unofficial vote totals early Wednesday morning he was only ahead of Larkin by about 3,000 votes in Wayne County. Also on the ballot were Green Party candidate Erik Shelley and Libertarian John Tatar.



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Joseph Larkin at the Democratic Party gathering at Burton Manor in Livonia.

"The fundamental goal if reelected is to serve your constituents whether it's a President Bush, a President McCain or President Obama, you look at the interests of the district and if some things are good, you vote for them and if some things are bad, you oppose them," McCotter said Tuesday. Larkin offered his congratulations to McCotter.

"He was the incumbent and had name recognition and money. If I had had the monetary support that Mr. (Gary) Peters had, I might have won," Larkin said.

Larkin said he was excited by the election of Sen. Barack Obama.

"I look forward to his presidency. He is for many of the things I ran for," Larkin said. "Investment in energy and alternative energy, ending the war in Iraq and bringing the savings back from that so we can use them to rebuild our economy."

McCotter held his victory party at Laurel Manor in Livonia. He and his brother, Dennis, entertained the attendees with some hard-charging rock and roll as background music for what would turn out to be the disappointing news for Republicans being broadcast on a big screen by the Fox News Channel.

McCotter is taking a wait and see attitude on what kind of cooperation there will be between the Democratic majority and Republicans.

"It's going to depend on the size of the majority they bring in," he said after completing his musical set. "The House is obviously different from the Senate. The will of the majority is designed to prevail there, so we have less relevance. The rights of the minority in the Senate are more powerful, so it depends on what number we get of Republicans and I think the Senate will determine the starting point."

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On Wednesday morning, Democrats were short of the 60 votes needed to quash to filibuster. McCotter said that might determine whether Democrats will feel a need to work with Republicans.

He said he didn't want to prejudge the Democratic leadership in the House, though he has been critical of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in the past.

"We need to see the size of what happened, there could be a mandate here, a mandate from the people to do certain things and they'll be justified in doing them whether they work with us will be up to them," he said.

He said the atmosphere will also depend on the new president.

"It depends on Sen. Obama, he's talked about being more of a uniter and I hope he is," McCotter said.

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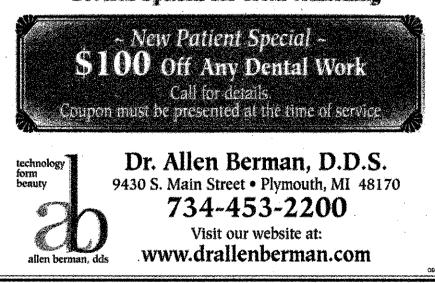


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# **OUR VIEWS Election winner?** It's the voters

So, we must ask, did you vote on Tuesday? If so, pat yourself on the back. You're the winner in this election.

Why? Because you voted. Whether you stood in long lines at the polls, or voted by absentee ballot, you helped make history.

For many, the lure was the presidential race. The onceevery-four-years event always brings out more voters than in the off years.

The fact that so many registered voters in Canton cast their votes in Tuesday's election is good news. But it would be even better if every registered voter in the township had done so. It's a clerk's dream come true to one day report that there was 100 percent participation.

We can only speculate as to why so many people don't take an interest in who is running their township, state and national governments. And we can only hope that one day they will see the light and get involved in the election process.

As for that process, it happens because of the township clerk (Terry Bennett) and an army of election workers that work from the wee hours of the morning until late night, making sure everyone who shows up to vote does and that every vote gets counted. We can grouse all we want about the long wait, but it is these election workers who keep those lines moving.

These workers at township hall and at all the polling places are the backbone of an election. They make sure everything is done right. They deserve a big thank you for what they did on Tuesday.

To all the people who decided to run, the incumbents and the challengers, we say thank you. Our election process works when people get involved. Running for an elective office is no easy job. We appreciate that those who did face challengers stuck to issues and ideas and left the mud-slinging to others.

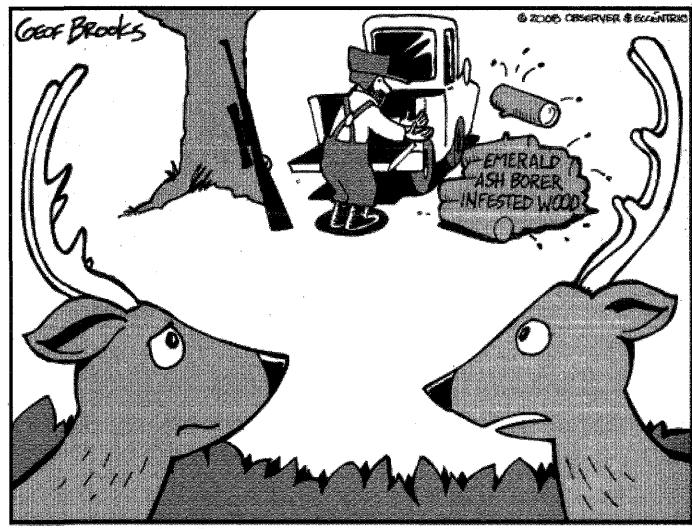
To all the people who took the time to vote, we also say thank you. Sorting the wheat from the chafe of political rhetoric, especially at the national level, was no easy task. You have spoken.

But we ask you to remain involved in the election process. Don't wait another four years. There's plenty of elections between now and then for you to express an opinion at the ballot box. Let's aim for 100 percent voting each and every election.

# Don't aid the emerald ash borer by moving firewood

Since it first appeared in southeast Michigan in 2002, the emerald ash borer has spread across the state at an alarming rate.

More than just a pest, this exotic bug from China has devastated our state's ash trees. It is estimated that the metallic green insect has damaged or killed more than 25 million



"His rifle used to scare me, but now it's his firewood!"

#### Stop the malfeasance

An article was published in the Canton Observer written by Kurt Kuban sufficiently detailing the results of a meeting held in Canton Township where a proposed ordinance was reviewed to transfer tax money from an inflated county parks millage back to other political communities. A few sensible comments were made by Wayne County Assistant Executive Alan Helmkamp, who said the "proposed" ordinance was illegal, because it would constitute a different purpose than what voters approved, and that proponents of the new law should expect a lawsuit. Keith Williams, a commissioner, noted the potential of a slippery slope, which may equate to an ice trail.

Common sense people are known to ask a lot of questions to derive truth and justice. A comprehensive top down audit of the bloated Parks bureaucracy should yield another political scandal. Historically, those who insist in remaining in the dream world state of past radical empiricism and refusing to budge one iota aided by a mass of confused and hoodwinked followers should expect full restitution from the oppressed public. How long will political malfeasance be permitted? Tom Yack, the elected Canton supervisor who envisions himself as the CEO of Canton, likes the proposed tax rebate offered by the commissioners and would accept it as money in the offering bowl for his spendthrift and unwise employees to blow wildly. He inferred in the meeting that Wayne County mathematicians use slot machine formulas for their math programs. History however proves his tribal members are very adept in creating various random number generator formulas. So, no real evidence exists between donkey or elephant party theories. Rational evidence should dictate major changes are in order for the decision-making process to include listening to citizens with more humbly matured intelligence who may be better equipped at employing rationalism, realism, and sound judgments. The current trustees may be praying the e-mail scandal and past poor decisions go away. Political power rests in the citizens known as "We ye people."

#### LETTERS

me. I bet if I follow the money, as they say, it's probably a strategic move in that direc-

> Nancy Austin Canton

### Downtown move opposed

tion.

I was surprised and saddened to read in the Observer Newspapers several weeks ago that the editorial employees housed in the Livonia office for 37 years will be relocated to a downtown Detroit office.

The news of the upcoming move saddens me for several reasons. One is that as an Observer community editor for more than 33 years before retirement. I know firsthand that the newspaper builds its strength on the relationships it has with institutional leaders, ongoing contacts and typical readers who depend on the newspaper for information that can't be found anywhere else.

By relocating the reporters, editors and photographers to a distant location some 25 miles away from its current location could be damaging on a direct and indirect basis. Will readers see the Observer as its "hometown newspaper" when its phone number is in a different area code and represent a toll call for local residents? While many contacts may continue to communicate by computer, it's not the same as knowing the reporter or editor is just a short drive away if personal contact is required.

#### Legalize marijuana

I was pleased to see Phil Power write an article in the Detroit News (Oct. 22) calling for a state of Michigan spending decrease in order to get its financial house in order.

Phil has long vexed me with his support of increased government taxation and I feel as a private business owner that he should know our politicians have been on a drunken spending binge.

In addition, state Rep. (Marc) Corriveau called me and I read him the riot act for his support of the large tax increase last fall. This tax increase did nothing but allow our indecisive governor to dole out more money for continued educational dollars that end up as compensation for teachers and the school administrators who only work a fraction of the hours of the private sector and yet enjoy golden-plated wages and benefits compared to the rest of our society given the limited hours they work.

Michigan educational employees enjoy wage and benefit packages in the top 5-10 percent of the nation compared to their national counterparts. In addition, the slimy way that MESSA is allowed to continue to obfuscate its costs is indefensible and should be legislatively stopped. They must have a link with ACORN. The illegal Westland school teacher strike should have given the governor cause to fire them just as Ronald Reagan had the courage to do with PATCO, but then she let Kwame slide so why expect any different behavior? In addition, government employees are continuing to get raises and enjoy defined pensions and benefit packages that most of the rest of society can't imagine. Lastly, I suggested Rep. Corriveau submit legislation to legalize marijuana usage in the same way that we as a society have legalized alcohol and gambling. It would be a great tax increase and probably 90 percent of the people who are reading this note have used this product. Let's keep the high school doobie-smokers out of jail and worry about paying our bills. I do not use or want to use this product and I have never spent a nickel in a Michigan casino, either. However, since it is a behavior tried by the vast majority of our population I am calling upon Sen. (Bruce) Patterson and Rep. Corriveau to reach across the aisle and use this as a source of positive funding for the state.

ash trees in Michigan and at least five other states, with southeast Michigan being the epicenter of the infestation and the hardest hit.

Most of us in metro Detroit have seen the damage firsthand. Many neighborhood streets once lined with stately ash trees now stand bare. Parks and golf courses have also been hit hard. In fact, there aren't many ash trees left in the original six-county quarantine area of southeast Michigan.

It is clear, based on how quickly it has spread, that the emerald ash borer is pretty adept at moving on its own. Unfortunately, it has been aided by careless or ignorant people who have transported dead ash materials, usually in the form of firewood, to other parts of the state (and nation).

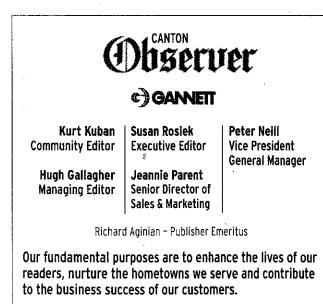
Just last week, state agricultural officials confirmed an isolated emerald ash borer infestation in the Upper Peninsula's Schoolcraft County. Schoolcraft is now the fourth county in the UP to have confirmed cases of the destructive pest. State officials believe all the cases are a result of transported firewood.

Because of its rapid spread, the state has continuously expanded its quarantine area, which makes it illegal to transport any hardwood firewood or other hardwood materials out of the area. The Level I quarantine area includes 21 contiguous counties of southeast Michigan. The Level II quarantine area, which includes the remainder of the Lower Peninsula, means people can only move hardwood materials into the Level I quarantine area.

Individuals or businesses found violating the quarantine are subject to fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$250,000 and jail time of up to five years.

With the firearms deer hunting season right around the corner, downstaters will be traveling north to their hunting camps. Many might be tempted to take their firewood with them. If you're thinking about it, don't do it. The millions of ash trees in northern Michigan are at risk, and state officials are doing everything they can to stop the spread of this destructive insect, including cracking down on those who violate the quarantine.

Don't move firewood. Buy firewood when you reach your destination and burn it all on site. There are no more excuses.



**Charlie Page** Canton

#### Make high school start early

I am of the opinion that Plymouth-Canton high schoolers should have school start the latest, rather than elementary schoolers. Scientific studies have shown that teenagers are instinctively inclined to sleep later and stay up later. On the other hand, they need more time after school for after-school jobs and sports. What do you think?

#### Meg E. (13 years old)

Canton

#### **Illogical move**

I guess I just had to comment on the move of the Observer Newspapers to downtown Detroit. It seems incongruous to me that a suburban newspaper would move into the city. I'm sure the city is delighted, but what a huge loss for Livonia. The mere identity of the newspaper group with the suburbs makes this move seem illogical to

The damage will be psychological as well as real.

I hope the management reconsiders the relocation on a financial basis as well as an editorial one.

By providing reporters, editors and photographers with lap tops and cell phones, it would less cost than reimbursing them the reimbursed mileage and parking fees.

That method would allow editorial employees the opportunity to spend more time interacting with readers, news sources and the community at large instead of driving 45 minutes each way to a downtown office (longer during rush hours and inclement weather). Such a move downtown would create a further emotional distance between the newspaper and the community it wants to represent.

I also read in the relocation story that the Oakland County editorial employees will remain in their current offices near downtown Birmingham. If saving money were the key issue in the relocation, why not transfer those persons to the downtown Detroit office?

Over the summer, the company had a large sign outside its Livonia office that it intends to relocate within the community. I find it hard to believe in this period of economic hardships and numerous office vacancies that the Observer couldn't find a local office location at a reasonable cost closer to home for most of its employees and readers.

Hopefully the newspaper I had worked for more than a third of a century will continue to represent the needs and wants of the community instead of corporate bean counters. But I am not optimistic.

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### QUOTABLE

"With all the homeland security issues and our attempts at keeping our schools safe we'll be closed. It's not to say voters pose a threat, but there are people who take that opportunity."

- Plymouth-Canton Schools Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs, on why district officials decided to close schools Tuesday for the election (several polling locations are at district schools)

**Kevin A.C. Lambert** Plymouth

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# **Corriveau: 'Back to** work' in state House

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Just like two years ago, state Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, won't have time to bask in the limelight of Tuesday's election-night victory.

Corriveau is back to work now in Lansing, representing the 20th House District after a solid (30,393-20,662) win over Republican Jerry Vorva of Plymouth. But, said Corriveau, who earned his second term, this time it's a little different.

"When I won two years ago they said I was lucky, gave me 24 hours to feel good with no chance to be re-elected," said Corriveau. "When we look at the numbers, I'm pretty confident this time we earned the right to get back based on the work we've done."

The 20th House District includes the Plymouths, the Northvilles, the city of Wayne, and a sliver of Canton Township east of I-275. Corriveau took more than 70 percent of the vote among those Canton

voters, earning 3,691 votes to 1,490 for Vorva.

Corriveau said his main focus during his next two years in the House will be somewhat similar to his goal during his first two years in office.

"I want to reach across the (political) aisle and find solutions that are best for my district," said Corriveau. "That's what people are demanding now, they don't want the bickering anymore. I want to work as hard as I can to give people who gave me another shot to be proud of their decision. That's my focus.'

Vorva said with no money to spend, his job was to make sure Corriveau focused on the 20th House race and didn't use any of his war chest to help Democratic candidates in other districts.

"We ran a good ground game, a lot of door-to-door, and made Corriveau and the Democratic Party spend a lot of money," said Vorva.

"The big voter turnout and (John) McCain pulling out of the state didn't help, is lacking."



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At the Plymouth Cultural Center, incumbent state Rep. Marc Corriveau (left) and challenger Jerry Vorva work the voters arriving to vote.

either," he said.

"The leadership in the Republican Party



Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara had plenty to celebrate Tuesday, as he won a second term. He partied with other Democrats at Livonia's Burton Manor Tuesday night.

# McNamara wins re-election for county commission

**BY KURT KUBAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

#### Wayne County **Commissioner** Kevin McNamara cruised to re-election Tuesday night, defeating rival Steve Johnson by a wide margin.

Unofficial results from Wayne County showed McNamara, a Democrat, earning more than 60 percent of the vote with 33,368 votes to his Republican rival's 21,180 votes (39 percent). The victory means McNamara will represent the commission's 11th District for another two years. The district includes Canton Township, Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, and the cities of Wayne and Belleville.

"It's a good night to be a Democrat," said McNamara, a Canton resident who celebrated Tuesday night at Burton Manor in Livonia with other Democrats.

McNamara, 51, also won in Canton, beating Johnson by more than 6,000 votes, 23,774 to 17,025.

McNamara praised Johnson, also a Canton resident, for running a good campaign. Johnson, 41, called

McNamara about 11 p.m. Tuesday to concede the race, and said the two had a good conversation.

> "I feel good about the race I ran. Obviously I'm not happy about the result, but I feel I did everything I could to win," he said. "I feel the district will be better off for the issues I brought up. The more people get educated about what to expect from county government, the better they will be."

Johnson said he will continue to be active in trying to make the community better, and said he can foresee himself running for another political office in the future.

As for McNamara, he said his priority for his next term will be "roads, roads, and roads." He also said he is committed to return a portion of the county's parks millage back to local communities, something he recently championed with other members of the commission.

McNamara said he is looking forward to working with new Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, who won Tuesday.

"I have a good relationship with Phil LaJoy. I know we'll work well together," he said.

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Tax renewal lets WCCCD 'build stronger futures'

#### BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

What a difference a year made for Wayne County Community College officials, who saw a pareddown millage renewal pass muster in Tuesday's general election.

"No doubt, the very survival of this great institution was at stake and we are delighted that Wayne County voters recognized the need for WCCCD and demonstrated such a strong support for this district," said Vidya Moorthy, spokeswoman for the Wayne County Community College District.

"The passage of this year's millage renewal and reduction ballot is of utmost importance to Wayne County Community College District, our students and our communities.'

This is the second time the college has asked voters to pass the tax renewal which expires in 2010. In 2007, 60 percent of voters cast ballots against the WCCCD plan to renew the 1.5-mill property tax

for 10 years. However, this year's request, while still a 10-year renewal, was pared down to 1.25 mills. As a result, 62.99 percent of voters in the district voted yes compared to a 37.01 percent continues to have the no vote.

In the portion of Canton Township in the college district, the vote was 2,943 to 2,403 in favor of the tax renewal.

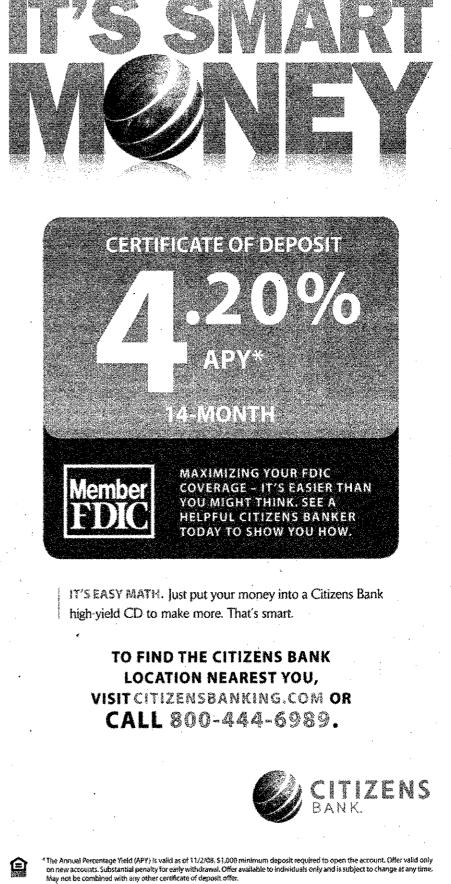
The tax, which will take effect in 2011 after the current 1.5-mill tax expires, would cost \$125 a year for a homeowner who has a \$200,000 house with a

taxable value of \$100,000. The millage represents 40 percent of the budget for a 72,000-student, five-campus district.

"The district now critical resources it needs to help build a trained workforce for southeastern Michigan, to continue to improve our student facilities, broaden our program and course offerings and most importantly, continue to transform lives and help build stronger futures," Moorthy said.



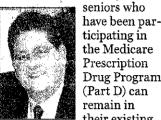




### COUNTY NEWS

# Seniors need to do research to get the best Medicare drug program

ow that the election is behind us, many senior citizens will have to make another choice which, from a quality of life standpoint, could be as important as who they voted for in the presidential election. Beginning Nov. 15 until the end of the year,



Drug Program (Part D) can remain in their existing Money Matters plan or switch coverage to

a new com-

pany. Seniors

**Rick Bloom** 

that do have a Medicare D Plan should spend some time to make sure that, moving forward, they're in the right plan.

There was great skepticism in 2005 when the prescription drug plan was passed. Although it got off to a rocky start, by most accounts it has been a success. More than 30 million seniors are enrolled in Medicare Part D and they have seen significant savings on prescription drugs. In fact, Medicare has saved billions of dollars on drug spending. Enrolling in the plan is definitely something that seniors should consider.

During open enrollment period, I recommend anyone in Medicare D review their situation. After all, health situations are taking, including quantity,

change, prescriptions may be different and Medicare D Plans a generic equivalent is availare also changing. In fact, some able. plans are lowering premiums. Just because a plan worked this year does not mean it's going to be the right plan for next year. Also, don't forget that in many situations it makes sense for spouses to have different plans. In doing research, husbands and wives should each look at their situation independently.

In deciding whether to retain current coverage, it is important to know there are no penalties to switching plans. As long as you do it during the open enrollment period (Nov. 15-Dec. 31), there is no cost. In addition, there is no gap in coverage or double coverage.

The new plan begins Jan. 1, 2009, while the old plan ends Dec. 31.

Although the drug plan has been a success and has saved seniors a substantial amount of money, to fully benefit from the program you must be proactive. It would be nice if there were only a few different options available to make selecting easy.

Considering the complexity of health care, it would be nearly impossible to only have a few options and at the same time deliver the savings and benefits to seniors.

Whether assisting someone or doing it on your own, it's important to base your decision upon your individual situation. Consider the drugs you

dosage, frequency and whether

The Internet is an excellent place to do research. The first place that you should go is the Medicare Web site (www.medicare.gov). This Web site has good information and allows you to compare different plans. It is also easy to use and navigate.

I recognize that many seniors are not computer savvy, but that does not mean that vou can't take advantage of the government's Web site. Ask a grandchild who ultimately knows more about computers than you and I and don't forget about the public libraries. Public libraries do an excellent job of helping people navigate and learn the Internet. For those individuals who prefer to talk to an individual, call (800) MEDICARE or (800) 633-4227.

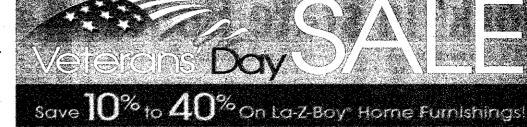
You can make changes to your prescription drug plan only once a year, so make sure you get the plan that best suits your situation. Begin your research as soon as possible, take your time, ask questions and, most importantly, save money.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).



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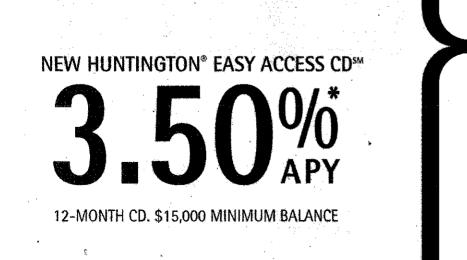
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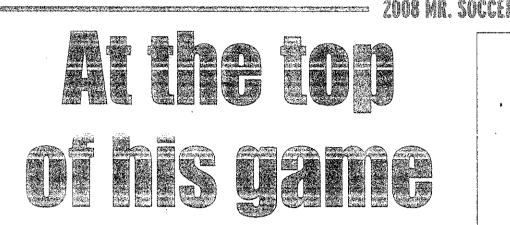
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# Cope earns state's most distinguished individual soccer award

#### BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Members of the Salem student cheering section routinely chanted "Mis-ter Soccer! Mis-ter Soc-cer!" when Rock senior defender Kevin Cope handled the ball during late-season matches.

It turns out they knew what they were chanting about.

On the heels of a sensational senior season in which he led the Rocks to a 22-1-4 record and a several-week stint as the state's No. 1-ranked team, Cope was voted "Mr. Soccer" Sunday afternoon following a vote by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association's executive board.

He is the first Rock to win the award since Tom Baker was likewise honored following the 1992 season.

Cope and Baker are the only two PCEP players to win the award.

Cope was the heart of a Salem defensive unit that yielded just 12 goals in 27 games - and never more than one in any contest - before the team suffered a seasonending 1-0 overtime loss to Saline in a Division 1 Regional final Oct. 25.

The four-year varsity letter winner has accepted an athletic scholarship from Michigan State University.

"Kevin is the best player to play at

Salem over the past 10 years and he's arguably the best ever," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "He's one of the most competitive players I've ever coached and his combination of size and skill gave him the ability to change a game by himself.

"He's the kind of player who makes everyone around him better."

Throughout his prep career, Cope would move from the back line to the top of the Rocks' offense when Salem needed a lategame spark.

His incredible leaping ability made him the target of countless corner kicks, a good percentage of which he either deposited into the back of the net or made the goalie work hard to knock away.

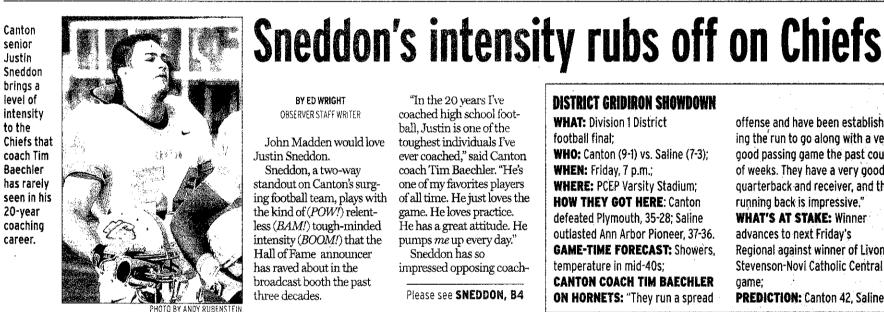
In a tight game earlier this year against cross-campus rival Canton, he drilled home a scintillating goal with an acrobatic, high-rising effort that inspired awe in the game's spectators.

A born leader, Cope often fired up his teammates during times of adversity and calmed them down when tempers flared.

"When we were down at the half or not playing well, Kevin would step up and talk to the team, get everybody going," McCarthy said.

Cope found out about the honor Sunday night while driving home with his parents

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"In the 20 years I've

#### **DISTRICT GRIDIRON SHOWDOWN**



**BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** 

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#### JV Steelers fall

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior varsity football team dropped a 33-12 decision to Ypsilanti Sunday in the second round of the Western Suburban Junior Football League playoffs.

The Steelers finished the 2008 campaign with a 6-4 record.

Matthew McKoy scored the Steelers' first touchdown on a long run while Trenton Shelby scored the second on a bulldozing run. Shelby also hauled in a long pass from Gregory Williams, who also completed passes to Thomas Nelson III and Joshua Morris.

Defensively, the Steelers were paced by defensive lineman Vincent Crespi.

#### Velocity Baseball

#### open house

The Velocity Sports Performance Baseball Academy will be holding an open house from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15. The indoor, climate-controlled baseball facility is located inside the Arctic Edge Ice Arena at 46615 Michigan Ave. in Canton. The open house will feature an opportunity for people to meet members of the Velocity coaching staff. which includes Bruce Fields, who is currently the minor league hitting coordinator for the Cleveland Indians, and Ken Howell, the bullpen and pitching coach for the Los Angeles Dodgers. The facility is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To schedule a lesson, call (734) 485-2561 or visit www.velocitysp. com/canton.

to the Chiefs that coach Tim Baechler has rarely seen in his 20-year coaching career.

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

BY ED WRIGHT

John Madden would love

Justin Sneddon. Sneddon, a two-way standout on Canton's surging football team, plays with the kind of (POW!) relentless (BAM!) tough-minded intensity (BOOM!) that the Hall of Fame announcer has raved about in the broadcast booth the past three decades.

coached high school football, Justin is one of the toughest individuals I've ever coached," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "He's one of my favorites players of all time. He just loves the game. He loves practice. He has a great attitude. He pumps me up every day." Sneddon has so impressed opposing coach-

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WHAT: Division 1 District football final: WHO: Canton (9-1) vs. Saline (7-3); WHEN: Friday, 7 p.m.; WHERE: PCEP Varsity Stadium: HOW THEY GOT HERE: Canton defeated Plymouth, 35-28; Saline outlasted Ann Arbor Pioneer, 37-36. **GAME-TIME FORECAST: Showers,** temperature in mid-40s: **CANTON COACH TIM BAECHLER** 

**ON HORNETS:** "They run a spread

Katie Salo (Plymouth).

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offense and have been establishing the run to go along with a very good passing game the past couple of weeks. They have a very good quarterback and receiver, and their running back is impressive." WHAT'S AT STAKE: Winner Regional against winner of Livonia Stevenson-Novi Catholic Central

PREDICTION: Canton 42, Saline 31

advances to next Friday's game;

# ALL SET? YOU BET! PCEP's trio of setters are among the area's finest

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

If you look at volleyball teams as cars, then the setters are the engines.

And the three that operate at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park could be classified as high-performance machines.

Blessed with athleticism, poise, a soft touch, supreme decisionmaking skills and the ability to turn potential disasters into kills, Salem's Jansan Falcusan, Canton's Kacy Moran and

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Plymouth's Katie Salo can set with anyone around.

While they may not draw the gym-shaking cheers that the hitters generate, those who know the game the best realize that it's impossible to under-estimate the value of the masters of the assist.

"We, at the Park, are very fortunate to have three stellar setters," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "Each of them has an immense love and passion for the game, and each of them inspires their teammates to excel as well."

Smooth as silk

Unlike most freshmen athletes who play varsity sports, there was little if any period of adjustment for Falcusan. Like her older sister Jordan, who also set for the Rocks, she excelled from Dav 1 and has since ascended into the ranks of the best in the state.

"Coming in as a coach for the first time and having a freshman setter who is one of the best is something a coach dreams of." said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "She is the glue that holds this whole team together and she has

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The three PCEP volleyball teams are stocked with ultra-talented setters. Pictured (from left) are Jansan Falcusan (Salem), Kacy Moran (Canton) and

FRIENDS & FAMILY SUNDAY

#### Saberettes clinic

The Plymouth Saberettes are holding a kids clinic from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 15, in the Plymouth High School cafeteria.

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### CROSS COUNTRY

# Local harriers fare well at D1 state meet

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's cross country elite represented the three local high schools in grand fashion at Saturday's Division 1 State Championships held at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Plymouth, the lone PCEP team to qualify for the prestigious event, placed 12th with

333 points. Ann Arbor Pioneer Elmar Engholm, who placed took the title with 82 points followed by Saginaw Heritage (145) and Bay City Western (185).

"I thought we'd finish somewhere between ninth and 12th, so I was happy with our performance," said first-year Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz. The Wildcats were led by

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19th in the team event with a time of 15:48.8. Also scoring for Plymouth were Warren Buzzard (70th in 16:34.0), Matt Neumann (77th in 16:37.0), Derek Lax (82nd in 16:42.0) and Joe Porcari (85th in 16:42.5).

Both of Canton's senior statequalifiers placed in the top 100. Duncan Spitz was 48th in 16:14.4 while Kyle Clinton crossed 99th in 16:34.3. Freshman Chief Miles Felton was the fifth ninth-grader to cross the line, placing 150th in 16:54.8.

Salem's lone representative, Matt Devey, was 59th in 16:20.0.

Canton's Bianca Kubicki, who is only a sophomore, was the PCEP's top female finisher, placing 36th in 18:54.2. She was the eighth sophomore to finish.

Plymouth's Molly Slavens and Nicole Traitses placed 61st and 151st, respectively. Slavens, who was making her second straight trip to the state meet, was clocked in 19:19.7 while Traitses registered a time of 20:19.0.

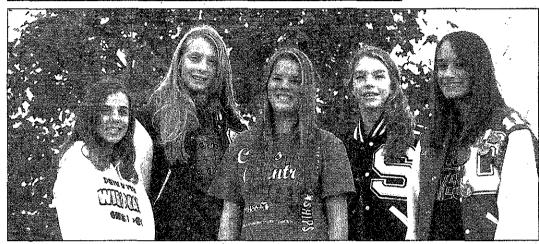
Salem was well-represented by Jordyn Moore (73rd in 19:25.9) and Victoria Tripp (75th in 19:27.1).

Traverse City Central captured the girls D1 title with 129 points. Grand Haven (148) was second and East Kentwood (189) was third.



**Eleven PCEP boys** cross country runners participated in Saturday's **Division 1 State** Championships at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. Pictured are (front row from left) Matt Neumann (Plymouth), Stephan Balaze (Plymouth), Kyle Clinton (Canton), (standing from left) Joe Porcari (Plymouth), Warren Buzzard (Plymouth), Elmar Enghoim (Plymouth), Derek Gielarowski (Plymouth), Derek Lax (Plymouth), Matt Devey (Salem), Duncan Spitz (Canton) and Miles Felton (Canton).

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Five PCEP runners participated in Saturday's Division 1 Girls State Championships in Brooklyn. Pictured (from left) are Nicole Traitses (Plymouth), Jordyn Moore (Salem), Molly Slavens (Plymouth), Victoria Tripp (Salem) and Bianca Kubicki (Canton).

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### **MR. SOCCER** FROM PAGE D1

from an official visit to MSU.

"I was shocked when Eddie (McCarthy) called me and told me," Cope said. "I knew people were talking about me possibly winning the award, but I thought when we got knocked out of the playoffs in the Regional finals, it would hurt my chances.

"If I could only win one of the two, I'd definitely have rather won a state title than Mr. Soccer, but since we didn't win the state title, I'm glad I won this. It's a

Soccer came naturally to a young Cope, whose above-average speed gave opposing teams fits.

great honor."

When I was a little kid, I used to be faster than most of the other kids, so I'd score a lot of goals," said Cope. "Since I was successful at soccer, it was fun, so I continued to play, and that's why I am where I am today."

Cope dished off a well-deserved assist to his parents, Doug and Cindy.

"I definitely wouldn't be the soccer player I am now without their help," he said. "They put a lot of time and money into making sure I was getting the right training."

While in East Lansing this past weekend, Cope watched his future teammates knock off Northwestern - which was ranked No. 4 in the country -1-0 to claim their first ever regular-season Big 10 championship.

"Ultimately, my goal is to play professional soccer after I graduate from Michigan State," Cope said. "But the reason I chose a university like Michigan State is because if soccer doesn't work out, I'll have a degree from a great school."

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# **PCA thumps Troy**

The Plymouth Christian . Eagles advanced to the inaugural Christian Football League of Michigan's championship game by thumping the Troy Defenders, 31-0, Saturday.

The Eagles' scored four touchdowns, two by Jordan Allen and one each by Jordan Early-Pitts and Douglas Malcolm. Matt Sauter tacked on a two-point conversion run while Spencer Wiard contributed two point-after-touch-

down kicks and a 30-yard field goal.

Eric Jipping led an inspired Eagle defensive attack with four sacks. Other defensive standouts for the winners were Richard Truhn (three sacks), Wiard (interception), Tim Pugh (interception), Andrew Weaver (fumble recovery), Zach Hare and Sauter.

The Eagles will take on the **Muskegon Shoreline Breakers** in Saturday's title game.



**Ocelots** 

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Judging by the enthusiasm in Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Karen Lafata's voice, you'd think the Ocelots were *returning* four starters from last year's 28-4 squad, not *losing* four starters. The fact that Schoolcraft has

just one starter coming back from the 2007-08 MCCAA Eastern Conference championship squad — and the fact that Lafata is enthused - tells you all you need to know about the quality of the replacements who have been assembled to carry on the program's tradition of excellence.

'We lost nine players from last year's team, including four starters, but I'm excited about this group," the veteran coach said. "We can go two-deep at every position.

"This is also a hard-working group - both on and off the court. They're definitely taking care of business."

Three of the departed Ocelots - Heidi Warczinsky (Central Michigan University), Antoinette Brown (Tulsa) and Ladwan Jones (Eastern Michigan University) - have moved on to Division 1 schools while a fourth - Brittany Ivey

(Virginia State) --- is currently competing at the Division 2 level.

Schooleraft's up-tempo attack will be engineered this season by 5-foot point guard Brittany Collins, a transfer from Saginaw Valley State University.

"Brittany is extremely quick with great leadership ability," said Lafata.

Collins will be joined in the starting backcourt by Salem graduate Tayler Langham, a 5-9 sophomore.

"Tayler is a tremendous athletic talent," said Lafata. "She's a slasher/driver type of offensive player who can get to the basket. She's a flyer, too, on the fast-break."

Anchoring the frontcourt for Lafata's hoopers will be center Shannon Collins, a 6-0 sophomore out of Detroit McKenzie.

"She can play the post and move outside and shoot equally well," said Lafata.

Collins will be flanked by starting forwards Sheray Brown, a 5-8 power forward who is the squad's lone returning starter, and 5-10 freshman Antania Shepherd, who will man the small forward position.

"Sheray led the team in rebounding last year and she brings a lot of leadership to our team," said Lafata. "Antania is solid at both ends of the court and she can really shoot the three.'

Filling out the Ocelots deep and talented roster are Amber Avery, a freshman forward from Southfield Lathrup; April Goins, a graduate of Detroit Pershing; Angela Burrell, a sharp-shooting guard who prepped at Detroit Northwestern; Shanika Morman, who will serve as the back-up point guard; and Jasmine Brown, who excels from beyond the arc.

The Ocelots opened their 2008-09 slate Saturday at Alpena Community College.

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es this season that he was voted the Kensington Lakes Activities Association South Division's Offensive Player of the Year. And he's —*KABOOM!*— a *tackle*!

"I was at a meeting with a bunch of other coaches to pick an All-Metro team (Monday night) and I started to talk about Justin," Baechler said. "The Carleton Airport coach, who we scrimmaged before the season started, says, 'Is that No. 54? He's a nasty son-of-a-gun."

When it comes to complimentary coaching terms, it doesn't get

#### any better than "nasty." Sweat equity

The 5-foot-9, 207-pound bundle of energy compensates for his modest size with an anything-butmodest desire to get stronger.

With a 350-pound bench press on his resume, Sneddon is among the strongest players around.

"I work my butt off in the weight room," he said, when asked for the key to his gridiron success. "And I'm pretty intense out there. You can't get too intense, you know what I mean?"

With Friday night's Division 1 playoff game against Plymouth knotted at 28-all, less than six minutes to play and Canton 80 yards from the end zone, eight plays of the subsequent 11-play scoring drive went left — the side of the line Sneddon and senior tight end Todd Turfe patrol.

"That felt good," Sneddon said. "It meant a lot that the coaches thought that much of Todd and I, the two seniors."

#### Two-way threat

After getting inserted into the Chiefs' starting defense as an inside linebacker prior to its Week 8 game against Novi, Sneddon became just one of two players — the other being Dakota Dark Bird — who starts both ways for Canton.

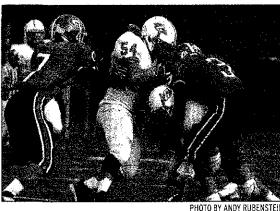
"It gets a little rough sometimes," Sneddon said, referring to the minimal rest he gets on Friday nights. "But that's where our offseason conditioning helps."

"The other night I asked Justin how he was feeling," Baechler said. "He said, 'I was a little tired the first half, but I felt better the second half." He can play both ways because he never misses a workout."

#### Smooth transition

Sneddon transferred to Canton from Dearborn Edsel Ford following the first semester of his sophomore year. The personable student-athlete fit in immediately and was voted one of the team's captains during the off-season.

"I love being a captain," he said. "My job is to keep everybody upbeat in the huddle and to keep



everybody together.

"One of my favorites things I get to do is before our home games I'll get everybody together and shout, "Whose house is this!" Then the team shouts, 'Our house!" That Justin Sneddon (No. 54) was voted the KLAA South's Offensive Player of the Year despite the fact he never touches the football.

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fires me up and fires the team up." Just another example of why John Madden would love this guy. *BAM*!

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#### done that for four years.

"Jansan is a very tough, dedicated, caring girl and is a very hard worker. She has a lot of heart for the game of volleyball and anyone who has played with her or coached her should have nothing but respect for her."

#### Head games

The setter is the thinkingperson's position on a volleyball court. They must call plays, analyze the opponents' positioning and elevate teammates' confidence levels when the need arises — all responsibilities that Falcusan relishes.

"Probably the toughest part for me is having to know the other team's offense and defense," she said. "In between plays, I have to know exactly what they're doing on the other side of the net and then set up our offense accordingly. And I only have about five or 10 seconds."

Falcusan, who has earned an athletic scholarship to the University of New Hampshire, said it's not difficult for someone new to the sport to pick out the setter on the court.

"Every second ball is ours, so we're the ones running around all over the place trying to get to the pass," she said. "I enjoy everything about the position. I like being a leader and being connected to all the other positions on the court."

#### Assist specialist

Moran has had a spectacular career with the Chiefs since getting promoted to the varsity early on in her sophomore year.

The senior has formed a strong on-the-court chemistry with junior hitter Jordan Falcusan that make the duo one of the most respected in the

#### area.

"Kacy has been a huge part of this team and a huge part of our success the past couple of years," said Canton coach Jen Barnes. "She's a very smart player who makes great decisions.

"I definitely don't want to lose her next year. It will be a hit to the team when you lose the player who has touched just about every second ball for our offense the past two years. Kacy and Jordan have developed an amazing connection, too."

Salo, the only junior of the threesome, made a sudden impact on the Wildcats' program when she was called up to the varsity her freshman season after an older player became ill.

She made such a positive impression on McCausland that she's been on the varsity roster ever since.

"Katie Salo immediately became an asset to our program when she came in as a freshman," said McCausland. "She is very knowledgeable about the game, and she takes great pride in working hard in the off-season.

"She is competitive by nature and I am fortunate to be able to count on her as our floor general."

Salo enjoys the pressure that is inherent with the role of setter.

"I like being involved in every play, knowing that I'm going to be touching every second ball and helping to decide what is going to happen with the point," she said. "If there's a bad pass, we had to make the best of it and adjust."

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Pictured (from left) are PCEP setters Katie Salo (Plymouth), Kacy Moran (Canton) and Jansan Falcusan (Salem).



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# Honor sailors at special service Separated and divorced singles plan for fun

Mariner's Church in downtown Detroit will hold its annual Great Lakes Memorial Service at 11 a.m., Sunday, Nov. -9.

The service honors deceased sailors who served on the Great Lakes, as well as all military personnel who died in service to the country.

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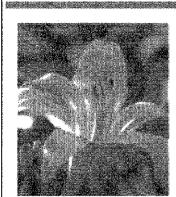
International Ship Masters' Association, U.S. Merchant Marines, United States Coast Guard, United States Navy, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and other Great Lakes-related personnel have been invited to be a part of the uniformed honor

guard.

Free parking is available in the Ford Auditorium Underground Garage.

The entrance to the lot is in the median strip of Jefferson Avenue at Woodward. Mariner's Church, The Maritime Sailors' Cathedral, is located at 170 E. Jefferson, Avenue

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### ERICH WALTER vom STEEG

Passed away at home on September 8, 2008. He was born on April 14, 1934 in Detroit, Michigan. Surviving Erich is his wife of 45 years, Nancy (Wonnberger). They are blessed with many close family members and friends. A memorial service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church Detroit on November 8th at 11 a.m followed by a luncheon at the Detroit Yacht Club. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Christ Church Special Music Fund, or to the Lutheran Social Services of MI, Refugee Fund.



JOANNE E. McCRIRIE Age 75. Formerly of Farmington, MI. Passed away November 1, 2008. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington.

#### JOHN LODGE

Age 78, passed away January 6, 2008, in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Memorial service will be held November 29 at Unity Church of Hawaii, 3608 Diamond Head Cir., Honolulu, Hawaii at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the World Vision.





**ROBERT G. CAMPBELL** October 24, 2008. Age 89. Husband of the late Grace Mack Campbell.



#### **KRISTEN J. ROSS** (nee Kamen)

Age 36, October 31, 2008. Beloved wife of Gunnar R. Ross. Dear mother to Charlotte and Vivienne. Beloved daughter to Don and Elaine Kamen Loving sister to Michael and Lyndsey. Graduate of University of Michigan and Wayne State University. She walked faithfully with Christ and rests perfectly with Him now. Service will be held at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Rd., Monday November 10th at 11 am. Visitation at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia Saturday, November 8th from 2-6 pm and Sunday November 9th from 1-8 pm. Share a memory of Kristen at www.rggrharris.com.



Bethany West, a group that offers spiritual, social and educational assistance to divorced and separated Christians, plans several gettogethers through December. Here's what's on the group's

calendar: Saturday, Nov. 15: The group's monthly breakfast meeting is at 9:30 a.m., at Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, (south side) in Garden City. For details, call Kathy at (734) 513-9479.

■ Saturday, Nov. 29: Bethany Together Dance, which is limited to the first 450 paid admissions, will run from 8 p.m.-midnight, at Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, just east of Inkster Road, in Redford. Admission is \$12. For more information call Loretta from Bethany East at (586) 264-

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calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or

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Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft,

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NOVEMBER

All day scrapbook event, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.,

Saturday, Nov. 8, is a fund-raiser for

Tiny Tots Preschool located in Holy

Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five

Mile, Livonia. Full day registration is

\$35 which includes a 6-foot or 8-foot

and dinner. Half day options and scrap

booking class also available. Call the

school at (734) 464-0211 ext. 208 for

-2-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, at St. John's

Plymouth. Call Carolyn Libeau at (734)

455-5393 to make an appointment or

Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon,

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p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 13-14, at

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Square at Wayne Road and Michigan

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table, continental breakfast, lunch

■ Saturday, Dec. 13: The monthly dance runs from 8 p.m.-midnight at Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, just east of Inkster Road, in Redford. Participants can take a dance lesson. Admission is \$10 and refreshments are included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. DJ is Dick Gerathy. Call Diane for information at (734) 261-5716.

🔳 Sunday, Dec. 14: Join **Bethany Suburban West** for its annual Advent Mass, at 9 a.m., at the Felician Sister House Chapel on the Madonna College campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, in Livonia. Use the Newburg entrance. Breakfast will follow service. For details call Kathy at (734) 513-9479.

Saturday, Dec. 20: Monthly breakfast meeting

#### **RELIGION CALENDAR**

and speaking). Call Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail at elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz.

#### Volunteers needed

The Salvation Army invites the community to partner with it this holiday season. Opportunities range from adopting a family or child to bell ringing, Christmas in-take assistance, and many others. Sign up by calling volunteer coordinator Sandy Kollinger at (734) 722-3660 or online at www.ringbell.org and choosing Wayne/Westland. The Salvation Army is at 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer.

#### **Grief workshop**

Presented by Karen Jinnett from New Hope Center for Grief Support, began 7-8:45 p.m., Monday, Oct. 27, for eight consecutive weeks at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth. No charge. To register, call (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221. Global gifts

10 a.m.-3p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, through Dec. 17; at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits, at Bates, north of Maple and a block west of Old Woodward. The Fair Trade resource offers foods such as rice, chocolates, coffee, and soup mixes that promote economic justice around the globe. Also offering textiles, jeweiry and handmade artisan

at 9:30 a.m., at Leon's, 0149 Ford Road, in Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome; for details call Kathy at (734) 513-9479.

Wednesday, Dec. 31: Join Bethany Suburban West as members ring in the New Year at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago Road at Inkster Road, in Redford. Two hundred advance tickets at \$35 each are available before Dec. 15. The first 100 tickets sold before Dec. 1 will be entered into a drawing for a cash prize. The evening will include a catered dinner at 9 p.m., with refreshments and party favors. The party runs from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Music by Dick Gerathy. For tickets or more information call Elsie at (313) 563-1142, Chris at (313) 561-9721 or Judy of Bethany South at (313) 389-4730.

Christmas concerts with professional soloists and orchestra. On

Dec. 6 the group performs Benjamin Britten's "St. Nicolas," and J.S. Bach's

"Cantata Wachet auf," and on Dec., 14 Handel's "Messiah." Registration begins at 7:00 p.m.; with rehearsal 7:30-9 p.m., at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

All singers who can read music are welcome.

Membership dues \$55 for fall season (\$30 for students age 30 and under). Music cost additional. For information, call (248) 391-0184.

#### New worship schedule

Worship 8 a.m. Sunday, Faith Forum & Other Options at 9 a.m., and Worship and Sunday school at 10 a.m. Wednesday Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Visitors welcome. For information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. **Bible study** 

St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of-Plymouth and Hubbard Roads, continues its regular evening Bible Study program with an in-depth study of The Gospel of Luke 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the rectory. The informal classes are

#### ETHEL G. RUSSOM

Age 88, November 3, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Lamar Russom. Loving mother of Carol (Mike) Yacoub, Thomas (Jo) and Ronald (Debra). Dear sister of Paul (Sara) Marshbanks. Dear grandmother of Matthew, Jason and Stephanie, Katie and Kevin, Joshua. Michael and Maria. Funeral service and R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia Friday 11 am. Visitation Thursday 2-9 pm. Memorial contributions may be directed to Faith Baptist Church. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rggrharris.com



#### FRANCIS T. MAJESKE

Nov. 1, 2008. Age 81, of Troy. Beloved husband of Penelope "Penny" for 50 yrs. Dear father of Matthew F. Amy Majeske (Tom Cox), and Nick (Karen). Loving Papou of Edward, Penelope, Amelia, Nicole, and the late Alvson. Services have taken place. Memorial tributes to Salvation Army, A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



#### JOYCE M. ROZĘK

Age 83. November 3, 2008. Beloved wife of the late John Rozek. Loving mother of Brian (Katherine) Rozek & Melissa (Christopher) Smith. Dear grandmother of Ryan & Breanna Rozek. Dear sister of Jane (Ted) Harvey. Joyce was a former Detroit Police Officer, an educator, musician and homemaker. Visitation at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia Thursday from 1 pm until funeral service at 7 pm. Memorial Contributions may be directed to the Alzheimers Assoc. or Angela Hospice. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rggrharris.com

Dear father of Robert Ross Campbell and Amy Anderson. Grandfather of Matthew. Brother of the late Mary Margaret Banks. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial service Saturday, 11 a.m. at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Memorial tributes to Kirk in the Hills or The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, MI 48009 or The Beaumont Foundation, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd. Royal Oak, MI 48073. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500.

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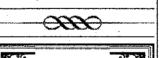


#### MAURICE B. ALLEN, JR., FAIA

November 1, 2008. Age 82. Beloved husband of 57 years to Nancy Huff Allen. Preceded in death by son Robert (1965). Survived by his children, Kathy (Dennis) Klohs and David Allen both of Minneapolis, MN, grand-daughters Caroline Klohs and Christine Allen, sister Ruby (William) Magee of Lansing, MI, and brother Ret Col Charles (Mitzi) Allen, Columbus, GA. Born in Lansing, MI in 1926, he was educated at Western Michigan University and Notre Dame University in the Navy V-12 program, was commissioned an officer, and served on a destroyer in the Pacific Fleet. He later graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Michigan. Throughout his professional life, Maury exhibited a concern for architectural excellence in the fullest sense. He designed many prominent structures which received local, regional and national recognition. In addition, his design interests led him into positions of teacher, juror, public speaker and counselor to state government. His career started as draftsperson/designer for Smith, Hinchman & Grvlls Associates and for a decade as an Associate of Eero Saarinen. He was a Principal of TMP Associates for 31 years, retiring from his Board position in 1993. Maury was honored with advancement to the College of Fellows of the AIA in 1983 for his outstanding contributions in design and service to the profession. In 1995 the AIA, Detroit Chapter, honored Maury with its most prestigious award, the Chapter's Gold Medal, Memorial service at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009 Saturday, November 8th at 2:00 pm. Reception at the church following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. James Episcopal Church.

#### NORMA JEAN ABBOTT

November 1, 2008. Age 81. Of Novi, formerly of Bloomfield Hills. Wife of the late George "Pete" Abbott Jr. Dear mother of Jim (Leslie), Patti (Joe) Bill (Karen) and Dave (Cathy) Grandmother of Chris, Megan Michael and Emma. Daughter of the late Hattie Hollister. Also survived by many extended family members and life long friends. She summered in Elk Rapids where she enjoyed gardening and being with family. She also enjoyed painting and antiquing. She was a former member of the Village Women's Club. Funeral service Thursday 11 a.m. at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Visitation begins at church 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to the Elk Rapids Garden Club, P.O. Box 534, Elk Rapids, MI 49629. A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 248-549-0500 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com





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#### 7550. St. Andrew's Day

#### Sunday, Nov. 16, begins with 10 a.m. worship service followed by dinner/entertainment downstairs in Calvin Hall, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Advance tickets \$10 adults, \$5 ages 4-11, free for age 3 and under; At the door \$12 adults, \$6 for children. For reservations, call (313) 534-7730.

#### All-you-can-eat pancakes

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues its more than 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, with an expanded menu that features pancakes. scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffetstyle at family friendly prices: \$5, adults, \$3 children ages 4-11, free for children under age 3, \$15 a family (2 adults and all children). Everyone is welcome.

#### **Evenings of Evangelization**

With Rev. Alex Kratz, 7 p.m., Friday Nov. 21, and Dec. 12, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The evening begins with a Holy Hour followed by small-group discussions, teaching and fellowship. All interested Catholics welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

#### **Clothing bank**

Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need 10 a.m.-noon on the fourth Saturday of each month (Nov. 22, Dec. 27), at Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy between Haggerty and Lilley. For information, call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org.

#### Thanksgiving Day dinner Don't be alone for the holiday. Come to

Our Lady of Loretto Family Center 2-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27, at Six Mile and Beech Daly. For reservations, call (313) 534-9000 on or before Monday, Nov. 24. Special needs class

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia is looking for special needs teens and young adults (up to age 25) interested in participating in a course designed to help them learn about the basics of the Christian faith. The day and time of the course will depend on those interested. To get the most out of the course, students should possess basic communications skills (listening

crafts from around the world. (248) 644-0550. Prayer hour

Cherry Hill United Methodist Church. holds an hour of prayer and inspiration at 7:30 p.m., every Thursday with Rev. Merlin Pratt, at the church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton. Call Pat Beggs at (734) 453-3287 for more information.

#### Caregiver's support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

#### UPCOMING

#### Music at St. John's

A Festival of Lessons and Carols, 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, with the parish's music groups; Collegium Musicum performs cantatas and instrumental works, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, 2009, and The Saline Fiddlers, 6 p.m., Sunday, May 17, 2009, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth, All concerts are free except The Saline Fiddlers (\$7 and available in advance or at door). Call (734) 453-0190.

ONGOING

#### ENDOW

St. Michael the Archangel Parish is hosting two different courses of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's "Letter to Women", the Course I groups meet 9:30-11 a.m. Mondays, and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Course V, called "Aquinas for Beginners", is a new addition to the ENDOW curriculum and available locally only at St. Michael's 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, All meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455. Ext. 207. or online at www. endowonline.com. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road Livonia.

#### Choral rehearsals

Oakland Choral Society has begun Tuesday evening rehearsals for its open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

Time change

Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia, returned to its fall-spring worship schedule. Services are at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. For information, visit www.livonfaith.org.

#### Wednesday activities

Have resumed at 7 p.m. at Grace Christian Fellowship, on the west side of Middlebelt, one block south of Six Mile. The special four week study focuses on the Hebraic Roots of Our Christian Faith, taught by Yvonne Moore. For information, visit www. gcfellowship.org or call (734) 525-6019.

#### Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

#### Eucharistic adoration

St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church is open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. Call (734) 261-1455.

#### Worship schedule

11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland, Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m. Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. The Web site is www. hischurch.us.

#### **Reformed Protestant services**

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by the Rev. Sean Humpy 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean. humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html.

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# Big Fun Party at Ford Field helps boys in foster care

Forget the ball gowns and tuxedos. Christ Child Society wants party goers to have big, casual fun in blue jeans during its 33rd annual holiday gathering on Friday, Nov. 21, at Ford Field in Detroit. "We're throwing the biggest party we've ever thrown. We're like the little charity that could," said Maureen Carey, a long-time volunteer.

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"This is a wear-your-cutest jeans party and dance all night. We have 'green' solutions for decorations and no one has to waste money on a fancy dress they will

only wear once."

The Big Fun Party will be held for the first time in The Ford Field Atrium, with entertainment by Larry Lee's "Back in the Day" band. Party goers that have worn dressy attire to the organization's previous parties, can relax in casual garb as they dance the night away. The event also includes dinner and a live auction featuring four tickets to the Final 12 American Idol show; walk-on parts for four movies filmed in Detroit and a trip to Sonoma with private winery

tours.

Proceeds from the Big Fun Party benefit boys, age 5-15, who suffer from severe developmental, emotional and behavioral problems.

Christ Child Society of Detroit, founded 90 years ago as a local chapter of the national organization, has cared for abused and neglected children since 1948 at Christ Child House, located in Detroit. Boys from throughout the tri-county area live at the house, an intensive residential treatment center licensed by the

State of Michigan, after being removed from abusive homes. "Christ Child House is the

last house on the block for these boys," Carey noted. "Sometimes I force myself to listen to the stories of what they've endured -Ifigure if they can live it, I can at least listen to it. But listening is

hard. The stories are brutal and the pain that surrounds everyone involved is enough to bring you to your knees."

She pointed out that 12 of the approximately 30 boys at the house were adopted last year, fulfilling the Christ Child House philosophy that "It's never too

late to have a happy childhood." Individual tickets for the Big Fun Party are \$150 and sponsorship tables are still available.

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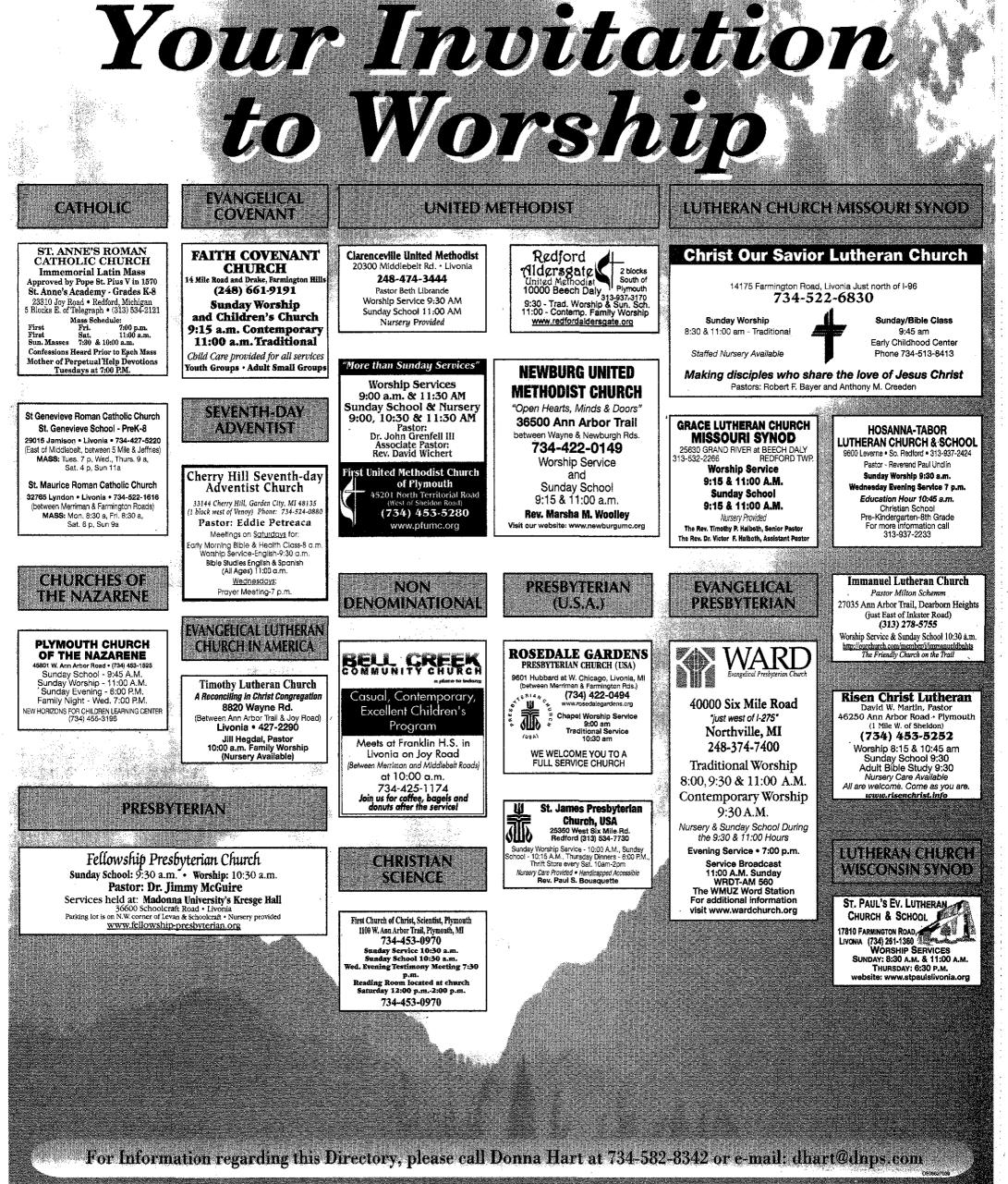
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# LOCAL SPORTS

# SC women top Alpena, 82-57

basketball team opened its 2008-09 schedule Saturday by rocking host Alpena Community College, 82-57.

The Ocelots, who are ranked No. 10 in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II poll, never trailed after racing to an 18-4 lead after 10 minutes.

Schoolcraft led 45-26 at the half and held off a mini-rally by Alpena, which closed to within 61-46 with 8:04 left in the game.

Schoolcraft swished 26 free throws - the second-highest total in school history.

Sheray Brown paced the winners with 18 points on 7-of-12

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The Schoolcraft College women's shooting from the floor. Brown also led the Ocelots with nine rebounds. Antania Shepherd (12 points), Shanika Morman (11) and Angela Burrell (10) also scored in double-digits for SC.

Kimmi Breaugh led Alpena with 17 points. Mary Calhoun added 15.

The Ocelots, who received six steals from Brittany Collins, shot 37.7 percent from the field (27of-71) and 68.7 percent from the

stripe (26-of-36). Schoolcraft forced 34 Alpena turnovers

#### Crusaders fall at buzzer

Nikki Kassebaum's last-second triple enabled host Taylor

University (Ind.) to escape with a 59-58 women's basketball win over Madonna University in the Tip-Off Classic.

Taylor, 2-0 overall, is ranked No. 16 nationally in NAIA Division II. Kassebaum finished with 13 points, while Allison Reece and

Bethany Ballard added 12 and 11, respectively. The Lady Trojans outrebounded

MU, 48-36. Katie Mount placed MU (0-

2) with 17 points, while Tabatha Wydryck added 11. Adrian College transfer Kim

Olech (Plymouth) grabbed a gamehigh 12 rebounds as MU overcame a 29-26 halftime deficit.

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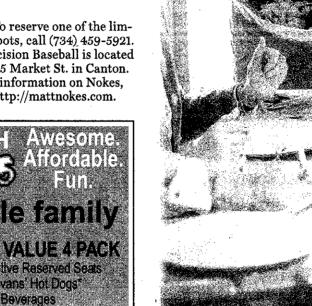
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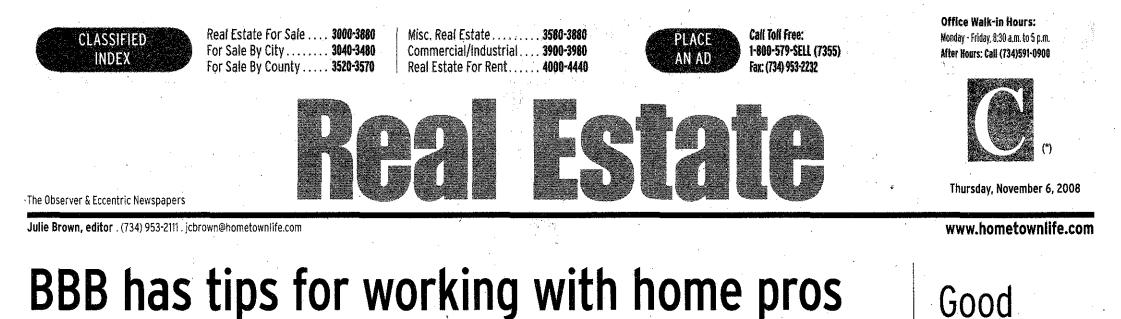


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#### **BY JULIE BROWN O&E STAFF WRITER**

If you're a proud homeowner, chances are you like to keep your place looking as good as you can. That often means hiring professional help, and the Better Business Bureau has common-sense advice to see that all goes well.

"There are a lot of good ones, and there are also a few bad ones," BBB serving eastern Michigan spokesman Tim Burns said of home contractors. The key, according to Clawson resident Burns, is to be an educated consumer.

A common scam in the fall is chimney cleaning. You may get someone at your door or a flier advertising cleaning as low as \$20.

"It sounds like a good deal," Burns said. The problems arise when an "inspection" is done, with the dishonest worker claiming there are fire and carbon monoxide dangers with "repairs" needed immediately.

Burns noted that such repairs can be dangerous on a chimney, such as if a liner is put in incorrectly. He said you should pay about \$75 for a chimney inspection, and \$150 for a cleaning, which will take about an hour.

It's best to pay the industry average, he said, noting the Chimney Safety Institute of America certifies pros and also has an informative video (http:// www.csia.org/sweeping.htm). Burns recommends getting several quotes.

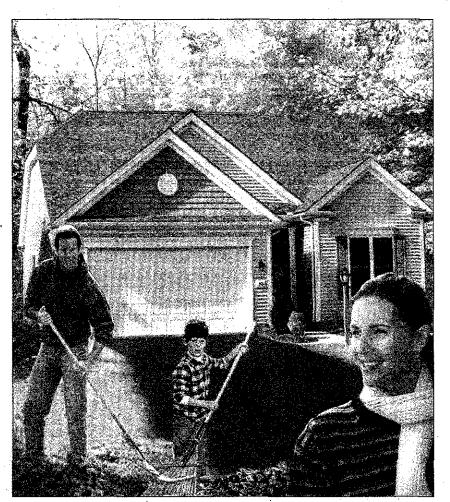
If your fireplace is used a lot for wood burning, it will need more frequent cleaning. "You need to make sure you're safe with that creosote buildup," Burns said.

If soot falls when you open the damper, that's cause for concern, as is creosote buildup over an eighth of an inch.

When the worker is checking your fireplace, you can ask to see the camera screen and get explanations. Not getting cooperation is a red flag, according to Burns.

"Make sure you're dealing with a reputable company," he said.

Furnace repairs are also a cause for concern, although most companies are reputable and fair. Burns has found some will falsely cite need for repair or replacement. If the worker says there's a leak and you're in danger, don't panic. Leave the home, and call the utility company, which will come out to check for free.



org. Burns also warns about being told your furnace isn't powerful enough; if it's heating your home you're just fine. Also remember it's important to change filters often, a job you can do easily yourself.

Ducts and vents are part of the furnace and need care, too, he added.

This time of year with roadwork wrapping up, the BBB hears of neighborhoods targeted by people saying "We'll give you a good deal" on driveway asphalting or repair. They claim to have leftover materials, but have nothing to do with the legitimate construction work.

The BBB has found some take money and don't return, or paint the driveway black. Some even damage driveways.

"They'll just take your money and

up to code.

"Most of the building codes are for your own safety," he said, adding there can be problems down the road when you go to sell if you haven't had permits. "It's better to be safe than sorry."

The Better Business Bureau has found the following to be indications that a contractor may not be interested in satisfying customers:

Has materials left over from a previous job: It is not your lucky day when a contractor shows up on your doorstep offering a cut-rate price on a project because they have materials left over from a recent job at your neighbor's house or the house "down the street." This is a common ploy of fly-by-night operators or handymen who are based out-of-state and use their pick-up trucks as their place of business. Asks you to get the required building permits: This could be a sign that the contractor is hoping to avoid contact with the local agency that issues such permits. Perhaps he or she is not licensed or registered, as required by your state or locality. A competent contractor will get all the necessary permits before starting work on your project. Pressures you for an immediate

decision: A reputable professional will recognize that you need time to consider many factors when deciding which contractor to hire. You will want to check references; look into the contractor's standard of work and his/her professional designations and affiliations; verify insurance; check to see if he/she needs a license (and if so, that it is valid); get written estimates from several firms based on identical project specifications, and, contact the Better Business Bureau to see their reliability report on the company.

Asks you to pay for the entire job up-front or demands only cash: Whatever the reason, never pay for the entire project upfront. Payments should be by credit card of check so that your credit card statement or canceled check can provide proof of payment, if needed. Do not pay anything until after the first day of work, and then pay up to one-third. Make additional payments during the project contingent upon completion of a defined amount of work. Do not make the final payment or sign an affidavit of final release until you are satisfied with the work and have proof that the subcontractors and suppliers have been paid.

Suggests you borrow from a particular lender: Do not agree to financing through your contractor or someone he/she suggests. Many people have been ripped off when they agreed to use the suggested lender; sign a lot of papers in a rush; and find out later that they had agreed to a home equity loan with a very high rate, points and fees. Secure financing on your own by shopping around and comparing loan terms.

Burns added you should work out in the agreement disposal of leftovers like an old furnace or windows. On larger home construction jobs, protect against a lien on your home. You can put money in an escrow account, or have a release of lien clause in the contract. That protects you if suppliers or subcontractors aren't paid.

Businesses not accredited by the BBB can be checked for state licensing. For home improvement, call (866) 630-6608 or visit michigan.gov/ licenselookup on the Web. For electricians, furnace and air conditioning work or plumbers, it's (517) 241-9313 or michigan.gov/bcclicense. The BBB has a program now that people can visit www.bbb.org and submit requests for information and quotes from BBB accredited businesses. Check out the link: http://easternmichigan.bbb.org/WWWRoot/ SitePage.aspx?site=80&id=93f5503e-52e3-4d9f-ad78-70dedd726533.

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hourly rates are lower than others, but then there is the axiom that you get what you pay for. Since the majority of the board is distraught, you may be best advised to find another lawyer who can service you well even if you have to pay more. Generally, you get what you pay for and she or he who charges least knows best what they are worth!

Q: We just found out that our management company has sent all of its business to the same attorney and they represent over 40 sites. We are somewhat concerned that there may be a special arrangement. What do you think?

"Don't make someone pressure you to writing a large check," Burns said.

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run," Burns said.

Among home contractors, you need to watch for those who offer a discount for your bringing in other customers. Also watch for materials "left over" from a job, a ploy sometimes used by fly-by-night contractors.

Burns recommends avoiding contractors who don't want to pull permits for work on your home. They may be trying to avoid liability if work isn't

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The Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women Detroit (CREW Detroit) recently elected its 2009 board of directerm; tors and officers, includ-Secretary and Communications

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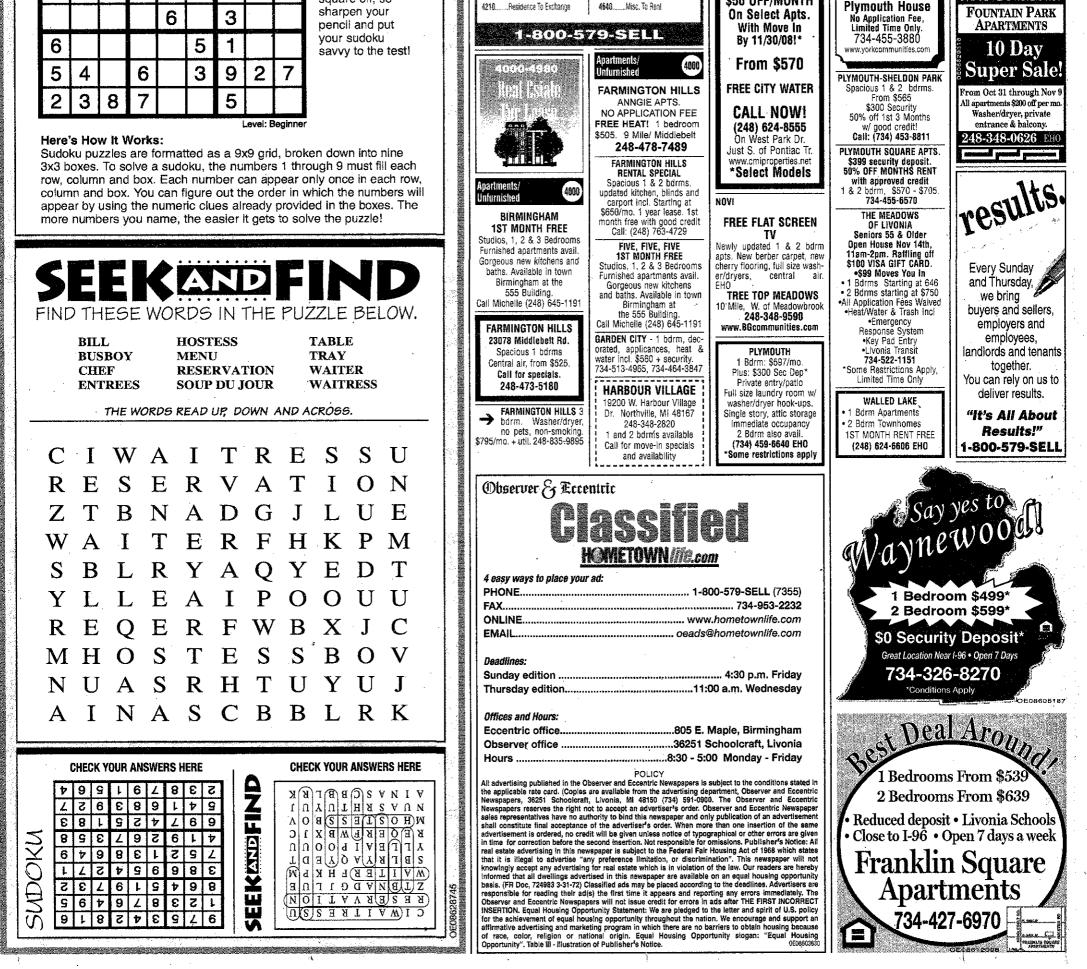
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VERY AFFECTIONATE MALE 

IT COULD BE ME! SWM, 35, 6', brown/blue, muscular build, looking for special SF, 18-31, to hang out with and get to know. 12294679

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FIT & FUN-LOVING Easygoing DWPM, 48, 6', 185lbs, romantic, look-ing for a woman, 25-50, who can find humor in what life gives us. Open to anything as long as we're laughing. **12288335** 

YOU NEED ME

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Asian woman, 5'2', 180bs, sim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-out, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **2**113901

A WOMAN OF CLASS SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater, is it you? 12271085

LET'S GET TOGETHER SBF, 54, 5'8'', N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SB/WM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or

more. 32282444 OUTGOING BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. 12292940

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mit to someone special. 2113198

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STAND BY YOUR MAN Smart SWM, 50,5'11", 180lbs, employed, ISO BF, 25-55, for a real relationship. I like cooking, cuddling and more: **37295474** DECENT, GOOD MAN

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SWM, 65, smoker, wants to meet a SWF, 48-67, prefer heavyset, for friendship first. I love cooking, devoting time to a loving companion. 7284754

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DWM, retired gentleman of independent means, emotionally/financially secure, honest, eclectic, N/S, seeks slender, physically fit woman who loves the outdoors. **32284895** 

CALL ME! SBM, 50, 195lbs, 61<sup>st</sup>, physically fit, likes working out, plays, movies, concerts, bowling, Looking for SF, 45-52, for possible relationship. **17269335** TRUE GENTLEMAN

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SOMEONE SPECIAL SOMEONE SPECIAL SBM, 61, 61", HW proportionate, brown eyes, beautiful smile, affectionate, getting ready to retire, homeowner, loves fishing, vegetable and flower gardens, antiques, walks in the park. Seeking SF, 45-63. **17295048** 

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Handsome, mature gent SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. **17176497** 

ARE WE COMPATIBLE? ARE WE COMPATIBLE? Very affectionate, loving SM, enjoys spending time at home, dining out and more. Would like to meat a beautiful woman, 18-49, for dating, hope-fully more. **37258620** 

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#### RETIRED GENTLEMAN

Fun-loving DWM, 5'9", 160lbs, goatee, light smoker, retired, enjoys camping, movies, travel, more. Seeking W/HF, 55-63, slim to medium build, hopefully LTR, Dark hair a plus. 2284471 SEEKS SOULMATE

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LET'S ENJOY LIFE SWM, 5'10", 190lbs, active retiree looking for Black or Asian female, 50+ for long-term relation-ship and possibly more. I enjoy travel, sports, casinos, health clubs and I'm social-drinker. casinos, h 22287100

AM I YOUR MISTER RIGHT? SM, 26, 5'8", 165lbs, two tattoos, muscular build, goatee, nice smile, seeks SF, 19-47, for friend-ship or more. 27287140

HIT ME UP! SBM, 19, 5'9", athletic build, smoker, no chil-dren, locking for a woman, 19-30, race open, for friendship or more. 12287807

LEAVE ME A MESSAGE

Spontaneous BM likes working out, riding motor-cycles, being outdoors and more. Would like to meet a woman with a similar personality. 35-50.

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SM, 33, 59°, loves going out and having fun. The one love I'm seeking must be down-to-earth, honest, beautiful woman, 21-30, who is classy. Friendship first. **37287948** 

HANDSOME MALE SBM, 6', HWP, professionally employed, kind, considerate, confident, likes concerts, travel, din-ing. Seeking WF, 30-58, attractive, passionate, ioving affectionate geages?

LET'S MEET UP

LOOK NO FURTHER SBM, 22, 6', 175lbs, light smoker, no children, looking for SF, 18-30, for friendship first, possibly more. 22291487

IS THIS LOVE? SWM, 34, 170lbs, 5'9", Into Church of Satan, the macabre, theater, movie critique, music and

living. Former musician seeking woman, 25-40, into the occult and ritual. 2292920

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR

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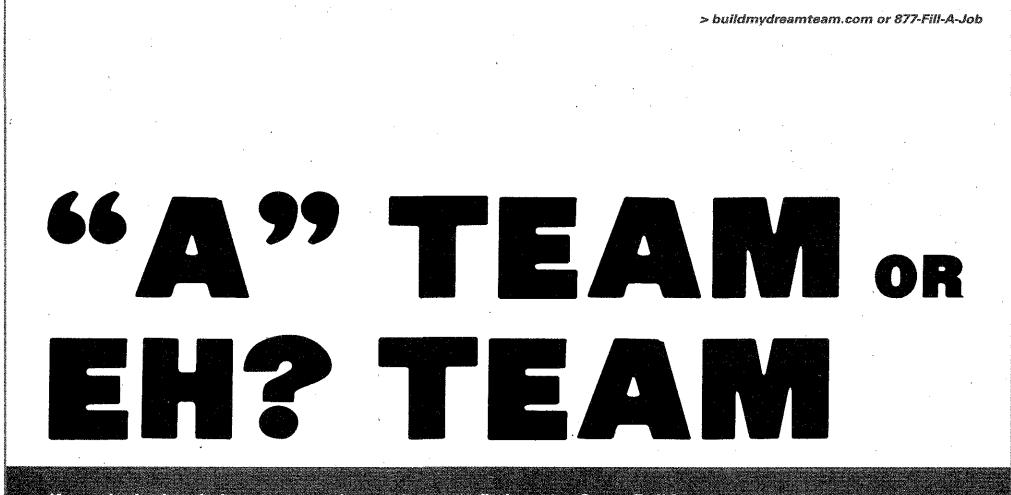
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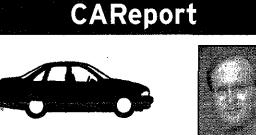
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Has the auto industry tanked mainly because consumers can't get credit, or because they just don't want to buy a vehicle right now? With new marketing campaigns that highlight loan availability, General Motors and Toyota aren't waiting for the debate to be settled.

In radio, newspapers and digital advertising that broke last week, GM is launching a program called "Financing That Fits" to highlight the fact that worthy consumers can still get car loans through its dealerships. As part of the initiative, GM is repackaging a six-year-old online database as a way for its dealers to help willing buyers find financing while they're still in the showroom. It is also reminding consumers that it is offering zero-percent financing or up to \$6,000 cash back on most of its 2008 models.

Meanwhile, Toyota Motor is launching a new, \$250million marketing and sales campaign to lure consumers back to its own dealers. It is touting new zero-percent financing on 11 vehicles, including its staple mid-size Camry and compact Corolla sedans – both of which have fared relatively poorly in recent sales reports despite their fuel efficiency.

GM is firing the Financing That Fits broadside because of "the crushing onslaught of negative financial reporting that has contributed to a growing paralysis in consumer confidence," said spokesman John McDonald. "People believe they can't finance a new car or truck – and that's simply not true.

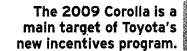
"We hope it builds awareness there is available financing and credit out there for folks who want to buy a new vehicle."

Toyota is trying to send the same message. "There is a perception that because of upheavals in the financial markets that financing isn't available," Bob Carter, group vice president at Toyota Motor Sales USA, told The Wall Street Journal. "There is a perception that leasing isn't available. Neither is true for Toyota."

Self-Correcting But even GM itself has fed the opposite impression. Its GMAC financing arm tightened up lease eligibility last



GM is hoping its new Financing That Fits program will help move metal like the Pontiac G8.



summer. And at the beginning of this week, GMAC further stiffened its standards, announcing that it would issue loans only to buyers with credit scores of at least 700; that level would exclude about 42 percent of U.S. consumers.

"People hear that and say, 'I'm not even going to bother going to a dealer, because I may or may not have a credit score for that situation," said John Sternal, vice president of marketing communications for LeaseTrader.com, a Miami-based outfit that matches lease-holders with consumers who want to take over the remainder of a lease on a particular vehicle. GM "is kind of shooting themselves in the foot."

The automaker moved to shield its own creditworthiness after Wall Street ratings agencies continued to downgrade GM's debt and financial prospects in the wake of the ongoing mess in the markets. And GMAC has been dragged down by the national housing meltdown because it has been a mortgage lender as well – unlike, for instance, Ford's finance arm.

"There's been a lot of attention to GMAC, but it's a different story with our dealers," said Meredith Libbey, spokeswoman for Ford Motor Credit.

And, by contrast as well, Toyota's new campaign attempts to leverage its very strong corporate cash position compared with the Detroit Big Three. Of course, Toyota's unprecedented attempt to draw people into dealer showrooms is necessary only because its sales performance so far this year in the U.S. market – down about 32 percent



in September, for example – makes it look far more like the Big Three than ever.

Iacocca-esque?

Financing That Fits radio spots feature the voice of Mark LaNeve, GM's North American vice president of sales. And while he's not as polished as Lee Iacocca when the former Chrysler CEO urged American TV viewers, "If you can find a better car, buy it," LaNeve's plain-spoken persona serves him well in these ads.

The web-based system is called Route One, and the GM ads make it sound like a new thing. "We're just making it more visible to consumers," McDonald explained.

Dealers enter a credit application once, and it is reviewed by GMAC and as many as hundreds of other lending institutions – as the consumer chooses – for the best available financing options.

GM also is expanding sales incentives to its dealers by offering cash bonuses for sales that are financed by lenders other than GMAC. That program began last week, according to Bloomberg News, and includes most 2008 and 2009 models. Dealerships are eligible for as much as \$250 in cash incentives for each sale of non-GMACfinanced vehicles, to be divided among sales people, managers and other employees, according to a GM memo to dealers, Bloomberg said.

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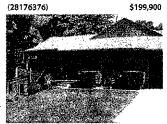


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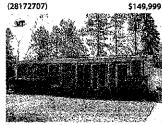
Club, Somerset flr plan loaded w/extras. Granite throughout. 2 staircases. Luxurlous MBR ste w/spa BA. Guest ste w/private BA.



248-851-4100 Livonia METICULOUSLY LANDSCAPD YARD. Enjoy next summer by the pool Open floor plan w/vaulted cellings. Floor to celling windows. New carpet, ceramic tile, copper plumb, windows, roof & 200 available to the second se 200 amp elect.



Livonia 734-591-9200 Solid Brk rnch, sptless &rdy to move in. Refin hardwds thru/out w/fam rm addit. Corner lot ylds yd spce&hicharactof sde entry gar. New wind, prd bsmtwls, updted elec



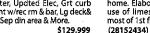
248-851-1900 Livonia UPDATED RANCH ON A COURT IN LIVONIA 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, full finished basement. Hot tub,fenced yard, 2 car garage, sidewalks. ve right in

#### (28071438) \$143,500

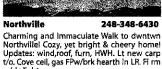


734-591-9200 Orig Owners, Newer Roof, Updated flooring New Windows, Updted Kit, Newer Furn/ AC, Fresh pnted inter, Updted Elec, Grt curb appeal, Part fin bsmt w/rec rm & bar, Lg deck& well manicur yard, Sep din area & Mo (28175064)

\$129.999



Novi



w/skylight (28139466) \$320,000



248-348-6430 Northville Loads Of Living Space Offers 2 Kitchens Many options, 4 BD, 2.5 BAs & shower, FR, FP, all appl, furnace, HWH, windows 03, roof 99. Walk to town, schools. CT location, neutral decor, close to xway. \$232,500



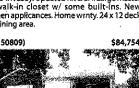
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Totaliy Redone Neo-Classic Inside Colors very appealing for today's look. Shows like a 2008 home. Elaborate master bath with extensive use of limestone. Wide plank hardwood in most of 1st floor.

\$287,700

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Redford 248-348-6430



BETTER THAN NEW! 2 bedrooms/2 full windows: all s; cathedral ceiling; lots of windows; all lances; neutral decor; atttached garage; close to pool.

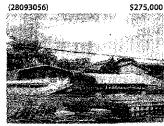


Canton Twp 734-455-7000 LIVING THE GOOD LIFE! Upscale Brownstones in Uptown Canton. Award winning floor plans. 2car gar, balcony, fireplace, basement. GeoThermal heating & cooling (no gas bill). Model Open!

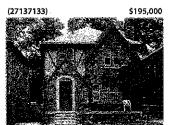
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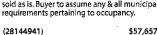
248-684-1065 Commerce Enjoy all sports Lk Sherwood. Boat/dock priv. pool. Priv. treed yard. Remodeled
 /o Ranch. Open fir pin, granite kit, 3 das FP & morel

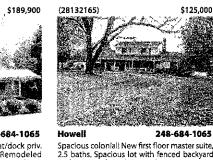


248-348-6430 Commerce Sports Commerce Lake! 265 acre Lk Commerce 2 full kit & ba's on separate firs. New kit w/ ceramic island, brand new furnace, Anderson nderson win 06, cir staircase, dock & seawall. Hurry!



Detroit 248-348-6430 2 Story Brick Tudor Traditional 2 stry brck tudor. LR, DR, KIT, BRK nook, FP, HWH, appl. Being sold as is. Buyer to assume any & all municipa





Highland

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Spacious colonial! New first floor master suite, 2.5 baths, Spacious lot with fenced backyard and inground pool. Second one car garage for storage.



Livonia 248-348-6430 Builders Own Custom Home, Many Amenities Overlooks pond w/fountain & nature preserve on serene court. Exceptional home MSTR suite. LR, family room & great rm. Fin W/O BSMT, trek deck, gas budget \$117mo.



Livonia 734-591-9200 UNIQUE PERFECTION BACKYARD LOVER 1 FULL Bth on each fir, new wordws upstrs, new ext drs, new furn-a/c-hwh, new carpet & pergo firs, updtd bthrms, huge fin bsemnt, fam rm leads to deck w/hot tub, pond. (28169416) \$229,900

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Livonia 248-851-1900 POTTERY BARN PERFECTLI DADS OF LIPDATES. LR w/HWF & valited celling, Huge FR w/fplc. Doorwall to brick paver patio. Newer main bath w/corian sink, maple vanity. Newer vinyl windows. Walk to elementary school.



. 248-437-3800 Lyon Come Enjoy Mill River! Ranch style lower 2 BR, 2 BA condo with convenient access to tennis, basketball courts and swimming pool. Features 1 car attached garage and has extra parking.

(28163971) \$139,900



Milford 248-684-1065 Post & Beam house with 5265 Sq Ft plus 1300 Sq Fin. Bsmt, 5 bds, 5.1ba, 5.76 acres on Kensington Park, 3-car gar. One bd & ba in separate apartment.



Milford 248-684-1065 Close to the village of Milford with Highland taxes! Bring the horses and enjoy the country life. Split from a 20 acre farm.



Milford 248-437-3800 Perfect Starter Home Real hrdwd firs

\$124,900



Novi Charming colonial. New oak kit w/ SS appls. FR w/ howd firs & nat fp. 1st fir laun. Huge mstr w/ new ba. New 2 tier cedar deck. Part fin bsmt w/ office.



734-455-7000 WOW! AMAZING PRICE! Priced to sell! Clean & well-kept ranch w/full finished basement, 2.1 baths and great lot. Award winning schools! Hurry on this beauty!

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248-437-3800 Oceola Charming Farm House On beautiful 1.5 acres w/mature evergreens. Updated interior w/old time charm. Ceramic foyer & kitchen w/oak cabinets. Maint, free vinyl siding & windows.



734-455-7000 Plymouth AN ADVENTURE INTO ELEGANCE! Most Admired Historic Cape Cod in the City of Plymouth! Designed by GM Bldg architect. 1st time marketed in 45 years! 5 bedrms/5 baths. Spectacular wooded acrel



Plymouth 734-455-7000 EXTRAORDINARY DESIGN - CUSTOM HOME! Unique & impressivel 4 BRS, 5 full baths. Backs to pond. Private viewsl Dramatic features with no expense spared. 3 car & 2 car att. gar. In-law (28173612) \$524,900

www.OurForeclosureHomes.com



Romulus

Wow! An Absolute Must See! Newly Built home backs to nat preserve; 4 BRs, loft, 2nd fir Indry, prem lot, brick pavers, Ig kit wisland, bsmnt plumb for BA & Shower, Ig MBR & WIC, home warranty, Ig FR w/FP. (28169419) \$244,900

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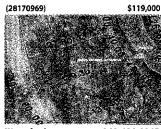


South Lyon Charming Bungalow in quaint downtown South Lyon, Hrdwd firs, completely updated dining rm, living rm & sunroom, nice size yard w/deck. Newer high efficiency furnace.



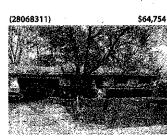
Location! Location! Three BR ranch on 5 acres. Home in needs a little TLC but offers great potential. 30x40 pole barn. Easy commute to Ann Arbor, Novi, Plymouth. Great Opportunity





Partly wooded lot on canal to Pleasant Lake. Five lots to choose from. Use your builder or mine. Paved streets-all utilities.

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OUTSTANDING W/WOLVERINE LAKE PRIVILEGES Well Located W/Ig Fenced Yard-its Time For Updating And Re-doctorating, But It Does Have The Fr Addition. Siding And Roof. Good Value in A Popular Area! (28145139)



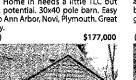
White Lake

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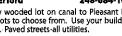
High dry site overlooking Grass Lake. 3 parcels to choose from. Bring your builder



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Waterford 248-684-1065



\$69,754

Wolverine Lake

\$139,000



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