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

Canton Christian Fellowship and Harvest Bible Chapel of Canton are

teaming up for their second Together We Give Praise worship service

Sunday evening.
The event will begin at 6 p.m. at Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford Road, and is designed to offer perspective on the Thanksgiving season.

We chose November because we are already in the mind set of gratitude and we want to point people toward the

greatest reason to be thankful — the forgiver of our sins," said HBC pastor Dan McGhee.

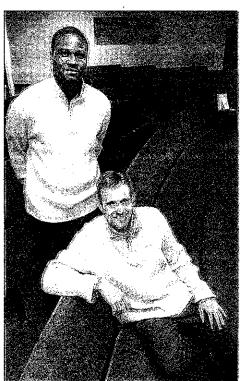
CCF pastor David Washington agreed and said it has been a blessing to have his close friendship with McGhee spill over into their congregations.

'We say that we're the black and white

versions of each other," he said with a chuckle. adding that they share many of the same beliefs, including a desire to see a congregation that reflects the diversity of the world. "We see ministry through a similar lens. The work of Christ is bigger than culture and race and that shouldn't be a hindrance to our worship."

The two churches hosted their first Together We Give Praise service in

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Pastors David Washington (left) and Dan McGhee will bring their congregations together for a worship service this Sunday. The two men like to talk about their common interests and thoughts, but dressing alike for the photograph was a coincidence.

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Tom Houdek of Canton, who is a former prisoner of war, attended the ceremony on Tuesday.

# Freedom isn't free: Canton honors its veterans

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Moments after saluting the American flag Tuesday morning, World War II Army Air Force veteran Carl Krawczyk said he was grateful to have survived the global conflict.

"It's an honor to be here," said the Canton resident, as he recalled being drafted into the military. "They took you in and said 'We need you' and I'm proud of it."

Krawczyk was among more than two dozen people who attended the Veterans Day service hosted by the Canton Veterans Memorial

CVMA President John Spencer guided the brief ceremony where he praised the "men and women in uniform who step forward" to serve the nation during times of peace and war.

"Freedom isn't free," Spencer said, adding that the service and sacrifices of the country's veterans will never be forgotten. "Today is about hon-



Carl Krawczyk is a WWII veteran. Bill Juchartz served in Vietnam. The two Canton men participated in the Veterans Day ceremony Tuesday.

oring those that survived." After commending veterans across America, Spencer led the crowd during a rendition of America and then said a prayer.

U.S. Marine Corps veteran Dean "Doc" Madsen said he appreciated the CVMA for hosting the service.

"I'm definitely happy about it," the WWII/Korea veteran said, adding that he didn't think twice about enlisting in the military.

"There was a big war and I needed to serve. There was nothing to make a decision about, you just did it and I have never regretted it."

# Sentence delayed in murder case

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

In a case full of adjournments and setbacks, Monday's sentencing of Maurice Brantley for the June 2007 murder of David John Owen has been postponed.

A new date has yet to be scheduled. A jury convicted the 37-year-old Canton man of second-degree murder Oct. 15.

Brantley and a Taylor man, Tracy Lynch, were



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Maurice Brantley and defense attorney Paul Rinaldi were in Taylor's district court for his preliminary examination last year.

ing Owen with a shovel inside of Lynch's garage. During a pretrial hearing, former Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski testi-

charged with kill-

fied that Lynch told detectives that Brantley murdered Owen, 45, by himself. After hitting him in the head with a

shovel, Lynch said Brantley instructed "let him suffer." Lynch, who had allowed Owen to live with him, admitted to helping load his body into Brantley's vehicle and said Brantley told him, "You'll never see him again."

Owen's body, which had been wrapped in bedding, was dumped in a wooded area off of Lotz Road, south of Michigan Avenue. His weather-worn corpse was discovered about two months later by a Canton teen. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Christine Kowal said

bringing Brantley and Lynch to trial took time because of the advanced decomposition of Owen's body. "He was outdoors for two months and all of his fluids were

gone," she said, noting that it became a task to match Owen's DNA to blood discovered at the crime scene. "His remains (couldn't help) and he had no children and his parents are deceased." Prosecutors finally were able to determine that it was Owen's

blood in Lynch's garage by doing a reverse DNA process using his Unlike Brantley, Lynch opted for a bench trial, in which Third

Circuit Court Judge Jeanne Stempien will act as the finder of fact. Stempien is currently reviewing the material in the case. The jurors in Brantley's case deliberated for only four hours.

"I never predict what a jury will decide but (Owen's) family was very happy," Kowal said.

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# 'The Crucible' hits the stage

Student Meg Larson plays the role of Mercy Lewis when the Canton High School Second Stage Players tackle Arthur Miller's "The Crucible." The classic play revolves around the Salem witch trials of the late 1600s in Massachusetts. The **Second Stage Players** will perform the play at 8 p.m., Nov. 14-15 (with a 2 p.m. matinee performance on Nov. 15) at the **Canton Little Theatre** in Canton High School. It's reserved seating only, and all tickets are \$10. Organizers warn the



play is inappropriate for elementary and middle school students due to the sophisticated plot and characters, and its dramatic intensity. For more information, or to reserve tickets, call (734) 416-7514, or visit www.secondstageplayers.org.

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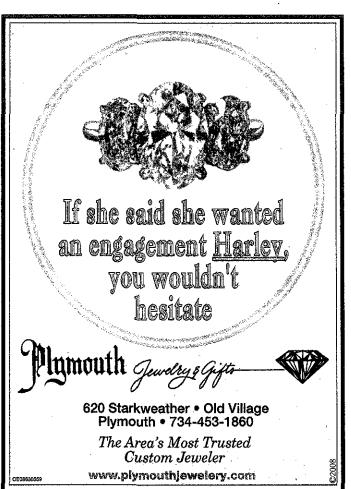
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# Workman Holiday Expo

School, 250 N. Denton Road Expo from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15 in the cafeteria. The event will offer a day of shopping for moms, dads, friends and neighbors. There will be many vendors on hand selling products and offering free samples and ser-Memories, Jockey, Person to Jewelry, Party Lite Candles, Home Interiors, Vigyboring Jewelry, Arbornne, Tastefully Simple, Kids Helping Kids, Spirit Wear, Pampered Chef, Market Day and more.

Tickets for this school fundraiser are \$2 pre-sale and \$3 at the door. Kids under 16 are

Canton's littlest princesses suit up for an adventure and dance the afternoon away at the Princess and Superhero Family Dance on Saturday, Nov. 15 at the Summit on the Park. The action takes place from 3:30-6 p.m. in the Summit's Grand Ballroom, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. Families will be able

Workman Elementary in Canton, will host its Holiday vices. Vendors include Creative Person, Renew Spa, Lia Sophia

# Family dance

and superheroes are invited to to enjoy music, dancing, punch, cookies and an exciting balloon

# CORRECTION

An incorrect date was printed in a story Sunday, Nov. 9, about the late Gracia Vivian Anderson Yankasky. Mrs. Yankasky, who served in the U.S. Air Force and was a Garden City resident, died in

**Earning high marks** 

**AROUND CANTON** 

The Canton High School pompon teams placed high in their divisions at the 2008 Mid American Pompon Dance and High Kick Championship that took place Nov. 2 at Eastern Michigan University. The varsity team, shown here, earned fifth in the Large Varsity High Kick category. The junior varsity team took second place in the Junior Varsity High Kick category. The teams are currently preparing for the Regional Competition at Churchill High School on Saturday, Jan. 17, with hopes of qualifying for the State Competition at Eastern Michigan University on Sunday, Feb. 15. For more information, including scores from the competition, please visit www.pompon.com.

drop.

Be sure to Invite that special little lady or young gentleman in your life and enjoy an afternoon of dancing to age-appropriate music and light refreshments. Keepsake photos will be available for an additional cost. Pizza, pop, and souvenirs will also be available for a nominal

Tickets are currently on sale now for \$8 per person for residents and \$10 per person for non-residents. Children two and under will be admitted for free. Both parents and youth will require a ticket for admission. Space is limited, so don't put those Halloween costumes away just yet and register today.

For more information or to register, visit leisure.cantonmi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Goodfellows help

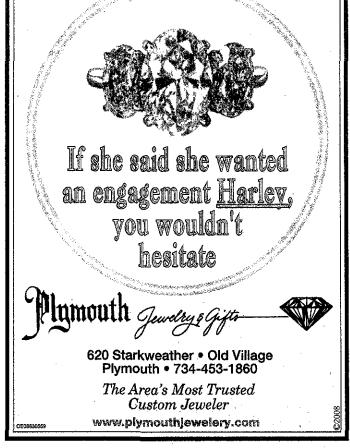
Several local merchants are hosting fund-raisers for the Canton Goodfellows. Showroom of Elegance Fine Jewelry, 6018 Canton Center Road, is continuing its annual "Goodfellows No child without a Christmas" drive through Dec. 5. The store will be collecting canned goods and non perishable items and offering a chance to win a \$600 Visa card for bringing in your canned goods.

"This is our way to help those children in the Plymouth-Canton school district that are in need and wouldn't otherwise have a Christmas or food while out of school on the holiday break. Our need is great this year with over 600 children to provide for. We need so much help. Please join us in this mission," said Linda Robin, owner of the jewelry story. For more

information, contact the store at (734) 207-1906 or e-mail lindarobin1@ameritech.

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Also, Indigo Salon and Day Spa, located in Canton's Cherry Hill Village, will be holding a Canton Goodfellow's Gifts For Kids Charity Day on Sunday Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Indigo will be open for business with a full service menu (reservations requested) and 100 percent of the money from services rendered will go towards the Goodfellows goal of providing Christmas gifts to 600 less fortunate children in the Canton area. In addition, Indigo will be matching 50 percent of the total retail sales for the day. To make a reservation, visit www.indigosalonanddayspa.com, or to view the full service menu and price lists.







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# Holiday crafts ensemble

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band hosts its annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Ensemble, a holiday fund-raising event for music programs, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck, in Canton. The event is a juried art and craft exhibition hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. Exhibitors include makers of handcrafted jewelry, holiday gifts, floral arrangements, purses, wood crafts, glass works, clothing &

linens, paintings, painted glass ornaments, and more.

In addition to more than 90 exhibits, there will be food, baked goods, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2. Proceeds from the event go toward the music programs at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park, many of which are funded by the non-profit parent booster organization.

For more information, call (734) 455-0714.

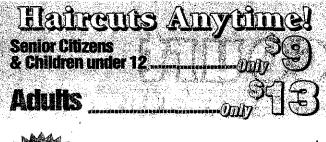




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# Third time's a charm

# Voters approve new high school for Van Buren Schools

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Perhaps there's something to that phrase about the third time being a charm.

With voters giving the green light last week, a new Belleville

High School is on the way.

"In the last five years, we have gone before voters with three different proposals" to rebuild the aging school, said Van Buren Schools spokesman Paul Henning. "The economy was always a factor so the fact that it passed is a miracle and I'll take a miracle any day."

The successful proposal, which will raise taxes by 2.98 mills, could have easily gone the other way with 10,173 voters — 50.30 percent — approving the measure and 10,052 voters — 49.70 percent — going against it.

The school district includes a portion of southwest Canton Township. More Canton voters came out against the new bond, though the margin was fairly

voters shot down the measure, while 1,335 voted ves.

The new school could cost up to \$79 million and will be built in phases starting a year from now on the site of the current school, which was built in 1926 and renovated in 1956.

"The building has served our community well but at a certain point the old Studebaker wears out," Henning said, adding that the district will use this time before the construction to finalize plans for the new building.

The work is expected to take three years to complete and students will be moved into the new sections as the work is finished.

possibility some students will be moved off campus during intense construction. "We are going to have to

Henning said there is the

be very careful and very prepared," he said. "We will make the most out of summers." Of the school, only the music

Of the school, only the musi wing, auditorium and cafeteria will remain because those areas were built in the 1990s.

In addition to a new high school, voters also passed an amendment to the district's 1998 sinking fund millage. The original millage, set at 1.28 mills, was explicitly intended for the construction of two elementary schools, Edgemont and Rawsonville, and to add

Those projects have already been completed and the millage has generated a surplus of \$4.6 million.

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With a 50.69 percent victory, voters approved lowering the millage to 1.13 mills and gave officials the authority to use the sinking fund to finance building repairs throughout the district.

Canton voters narrowly voted against the measure, with 1,445 voting no versus 1,334 voting yes.

"We were really hoping this one would pass because we couldn't do anything with the money," Henning said. "And

# **VOTE TOTALS**

Van Buren Schools high school millage YES . 10,173 (50.3 percent) NO. . 10,052 (49.7 percent)

In Canton YES 1,335 (46.68 percent) NO 1,525 (53.32 percent)

Sinking fund millage amendment YES 10,056 (50.69 percent) NO 9,781 (49.31 percent) In Canton

In Canton YES 1,334 (48 percent) NO 1,445 (52 percent)

now we can do improvements (to our other schools) without tapping into the general fund."

Also last week, district voters chose incumbent Trustee Toni Hunt and newcomer Brenda McClanahan to serve four year terms on the school board. McClanahan (5,915 votes) and Hunt (4,940 votes) were elected over candidates Tim McCoy (4,254 votes), Janis Woodford (3,687 votes), and Steve Henry (3,347 votes).

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2006 and have also come together for vacation Bible school, New Year's Eve and, men's fellowship events. The pastors have even swapped pulpits.

"Our congregations love each other," said Washington, who met McGhee in 2003. "We never forced the issue or had to press to make it happen."

The two, who shook their

heads at each other Tuesday afternoon upon realizing they were wearing similar sweaters, have had many conversations about the possibility of merging their ministries in the future.

"If it's in God's will, we would certainly get out of the way," Washington said.

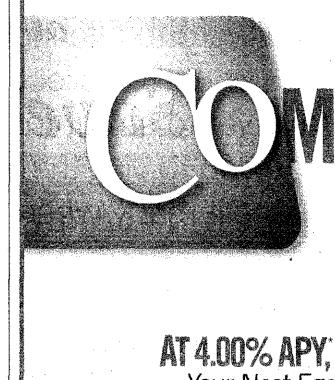
For now, McGhee said the two will continue to bring their congregations together and encouraged all members of the community to attend Sunday's service.

"It's an evening of unity," he said, noting that the event will include a short message from both him and Washington.

"You will be able to get a flavor of David's church and our church. We are really excited and it's going to be a great night."

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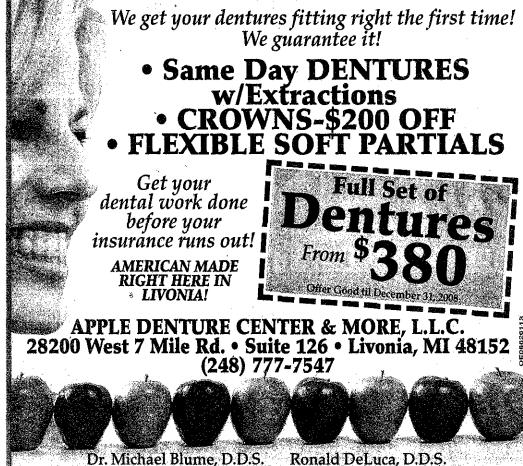


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Dec. 12-Wed. - 3 D's & W Barbershop Quartet - 6pm-8pm - Throughout the mall

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**OUR VIEWS** 

# Interesting times are ahead for township board

On Nov. 20, a new day will dawn for Canton's leadership. That's when the new members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees will be sworn in (with the exception of Supervisor-elect Phil LaJoy, who will continue representing Canton in the state House until mid-December).

When the new board is completely in place, it will look

a lot different than the one serving now.

Gone will be Supervisor Tom Yack, after 20 years of leading the board and the community through unprecedented growth. Gone will be Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, who is actually the longest serving member of the board. Gone will be Trustee Todd LaJoy, who decided to run for state representative, but lost to Dian Slavens. Gone will be Trustee Karl Zarbo, who lost his re-election bid last week.

Add it all up and you are losing more than a half cen-

tury of experience.

Only three members are returning: Clerk Terry Bennett, who just did an excellent job conducting last week's election, Melissa McLaughlin, who moves from trustee to treasurer, and Trustee Todd Caccamo, who is just completing his first term.

Phil LaJoy, who is a term-limited state representative, was a Canton trustee before heading to Lansing, so he is very familiar with the way the township operates. Still, it will be interesting to watch how seamless his transition to the role of leader will be.

The true new members of the board include Trustees John Anthony, Pat Williams and Syed Taj. Each brings with them a lot of real-world experience, but little or no legislative experience. So another compelling storyline will be how quickly they grow comfortable in their new role making decisions that will impact every Canton resident. How long will the learning curve be?

The other thing to watch is what the dynamic will be with the new board. How will the members get along? Who will develop into the board's leaders?

Certainly the board will not be without a few strong personalities. Caccamo has never been one to hold his tongue when he disagrees with something. McLaughlin has also been known to speak her mind, particularly on planning and environmental issues. Anthony, who spent years as a special agent with the FBI, does not seem to lack confidence or conviction.

Yack has done his best to get the people elected he feels will continue to push his vision for Canton's future. And because Phil LaJoy will not take office until mid-December, Yack will actually serve with the current board for the next month. It will be interesting to see how he will interact with the board during this time. Will he simply go through the motions like a lame duck leader, or will he continue to try and shape policy?

Tai, who was born in India and is a Democrat, is the wildcard and the one true outsider - a role that used to belong to Caccamo. Will he try to shake things up and be an independent voice? Or will he get swallowed up and simply go along with the "team"?

Indeed, change has come to Canton government. How much change is the question, and what it will ultimately mean to Canton residents. It will be compelling to watch.

# Time for Wayne County to update election site

Now that Cathy Garrett has won an easy re-election as Wayne County clerk, we would like to make a modest proposal.

We suggest that Clerk Garrett sit down with Oakland County Clerk Ruth Johnson and ask her how Oakland County is able to post election results so quickly, completely and handsomely on its far superior Web site, while Wayne County lumbers along with a site that is slow to post, unattractive and confusing.

On the Oakland County site, the list of candidates and ballot proposals is handsomely presented in numbers and as a graphic. The color graphics were impressive and easy to understand. The vote count was easy for anyone to follow throughout the evening and into Wednesday morning.

By contrast, Wayne County posted PDF files for each race, with crude type, no graphics, no maps, no breakdown on absentee voting.

The software is out there. If Oakland County can provide its residents with this kind of complete and on time information, Wayne County should be able to do the same.

This should be a top priority for Cathy Garrett — do lunch with Ruth Johnson.



**Community Editor** 

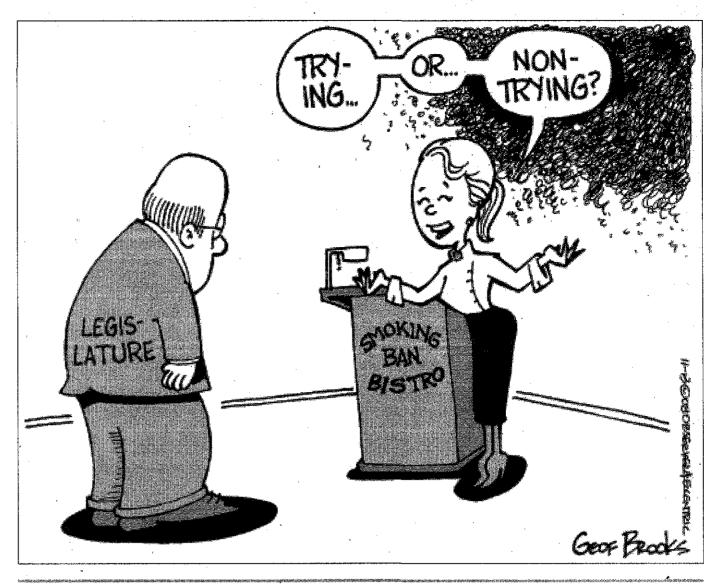
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# **LETTERS**

# **Production is magical**

On Friday, Nov. 7, I had the privilege of attending as professional a production of The Crucible as I have ever seen. The setting, costumes and props transported you back in time. Timothy Thompson as John Proctor was absolutely outstanding, as were Rachel Palgut as Mary Warren, Chelsey Coleman as Elizabeth Proctor, and Francesco DiNicola as the Rev. John Hale. Although I mention these four especially, every member of the cast and crew contributed to make this a magical production. Bravo to the director, Ms. Shannon McNutt. I cannot wait to see what you will do next!

Treat yourself to a night of theater Nov. 14 and 15 at Canton High School's DuBois Little Theatre. Prepare yourself to be

> **Catherine Van Hollebeke** Garden City

# Charter school not needed

This letter is regarding the Hamadeh Educational Services School relocation to Canton. Why is this needed in our area? The answer is, it is not. Sounds to me like, Nawal Hamadeh is searching to relocate her Detroit school to Canton because it is a nice area. What does the statement "The township is ripe for the school's targeted population" (by Nawal Hamadeh) mean? This sounds discriminatory. It sounds like a "private" school wanting public funds. And if they are relocating students from another city - exactly how will this benefit Canton residents? Increased traffic, increased use of our roads and depletion of the state public school funding (that comes from all Plymouth-Canton residents).

We disagree with adding any more charter schools to our area for the follow-

1.) We have enough schools in the Plymouth-Canton district. Our tax dollars should not go to support this school, especially in these tough economic times.

2.) Even though our district has grown over the past few years, times our changing, people are leaving Michigan due to lack of jobs and the schools located within our district may soon be losing students (and these schools serve our entire population, not just a "targeted" few).

3.) We already have a charter school in Canton which serves children from many cities in Michigan, and creates major traffic congestion on Ford and Ridge roads.

4.) Charter schools take money from public schools and hurt local districts financially.

5.) There are already private school options in Canton (All Saints Catholic School, Agape Christian Academy, and Plymouth Christian Academy to name a few).

6.) Plymouth-Canton Schools are excellent and this is one of the reasons people live in this area. If you want to go to school here, simply move here!

> **Craig and Lisa Chismar** Canton

# Charter school bad idea

We have lived in Canton Township for over 30 years and have been proud of the growth and commitment in this community by the township board members. We are disappointed however, with the

thought of yet another charter school coming to this community. The township and the school district is an Intricately tied to each other. Letting a charter school come into this community is a huge disappointment. Charter schools do not have the community commitment nor the requirements that our own school district has.

Also with a high quality school district that Plymouth-Canton Schools has to offer there is no need to add another charter school which could possibly take away from our own student population. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools provides our students with the best educational opportunities available. The possibility that students would be taken from this district thus lowering the already tight funding for Plymouth-Canton Schools will hurt this community. This along with the fact that Canton Township does not have the road and traffic ability to allow increased traffic in this area is another reason this should not pass. Overall another charter school would be bad for the Canton Township community.

Tim and Barb Kilgore

Don't profit from education Education should not be for profit. This (Hamadeh Educational Services School) is a management company that will be a forprofit company, they will own everything. The school will be a 501(c)3 nonprofit entity, who pays no taxes. The management company will own the land and buildings, and will charge maximum rent for this ownership. This is how they make

their money.

I have been the chief financial officer for a charter school in Southfield for the past 11 years. We are in the Michigan Public School System and are not run by a management company. We pay retirement and health care benefits on all employees. These management companies do not.

Another thing, this is not the Middle East, these will be Muslim teachers and as an American veteran, who served this country honorably during war time, I feel this is an injustice to those who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan at this time.

You never know where these profits will

Bob J. Harden Canton

# Save the Big 3

I would like to personally thank all of the people that read the Observer, and who drive domestic automobiles. I have worked in the U.S. auto industry for over 25 years with the last 15 for Ford Motor Co., for which I am currently a senior designer. I have seen ups and downs, good times and bad, but never anything like what we are facing now. So for those of you who drive a Ford, GM or Chrysler product, thank you! For those who do not, shame on you!

When you realize that America has been rocketed into its industrial power on the wheels of the U.S.-based auto industry, your choice should be clear, buy a U.S. produced car or truck. Sure some of the foreign car companies do assemble their products here with a non-union workforce. And even a few do some research and development here in the U.S. The fact of the matter is that the profits all go home to the country of origin.

The Big 3 (now called the Detroit 3) are the backbone of our great country. The profits stay here! The supply base profits stay here too. Think of the ripple affect of a failed U.S.-based auto industry. The economy of Michigan and the entire U.S. will worsen to new lows. Jobless rates will increase and the housing market and property values will fall even further.

So again, thank you to all who made the correct and patriotic choice to purchase and drive a great American-made product. For those who chose the others, take another look. Ford has a great product lineup with outstanding quality and value. If you know a Ford employee, ask them about any of our products and incentives. We would all be happy to inform you of our efforts. Have you driven a Ford lately?

Jim Drozdowski Canton

# There is much work to do

First of all I should like to thank everyone who helped in my campaign for Canton Township trustee. To all my friends, family, and in particular my wife, I can never thank you enough for your effort, support and friendship. It is only with your assistance that I was able to win the Nov. 4th general election to represent Canton Township as a trustee. This has been a long campaign and I was able to meet a lot of good, concerned individuals who care deeply about the quality of life in Canton Township.

Secondly I should like to thank all the citizens of Canton Township who took their time to cast their vote for me. I can promise you that I will be "the hardest working trustee for all the citizens of Canton Township." I believe it is important to remember that the money the board allocates is taxpayer money.

Canton Township is a great place to live, work and play. However, the board will face many challenges in the future. Declining revenue, and increased costs for services will require that the board examine every aspect of the operation of the township to guarantee that taxpayer monies are spent wisely without any tax increase.

I look forward to working with all the members of the board to ensure that Canton Township continues to be the very best community in Michigan.

> **John Anthony** Canton

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# **QUOTABLE**

"In the last five years, we have gone before voters with three different proposals. The economy was always a factor so the fact that it passed is a miracle and I'll take a miracle any day."

- Van Buren Schools spokesman Paul Henning, discussing his theory why the district's bond proposal to rebuild Belleville High School passed last week, as opposed to former proposals that voters shot down

# For the love of music

# Growing choir program lets singers share their voices

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Jennifer Kopp figures the Plymouth-Canton schools' choir program has benefited greatly over the years from "word of mouth."

In this case, it must be a lot of mouths.

Kopp, who in September started her ninth year as director of choirs, has seen the group expand from some 150 students her first year to some 280 singers spread over the program's six choirs this year.

How much has the program grown? In one week last month, six students walked in Kopp's door to see if they could join.

"This is a district of 6,000 (high school) kids, and I think the choir gives them a place they can feel at home, feel loved," Kopp said. "That's a big reason not only why they come, but why they

stay four years." While Kopp would like to see even more offerings ("We need something jazzy, and a beginning men's group," she said) the program now includes half-a-dozen different choirs:

■ The Park Singers is an 80-member group of all freshman girls;

■ Allego, also with 80 members, has 9th-through 12th-grade boys and sophomore-senior girls;

■ Dulcissima is the advanced women's choir;

■ Madrigal Singers is an advanced choir with 20 10th-through 12th-grade

■ Chamber Choir is the boys' equivalent to Madrigal; and

■ The Festival Singers is a combination of Madrigal and Chamber.



Jennifer Kopp directs the Madrigal Singers, one of six groups that make up the Plymouth-Canton choir program.

Five of the six choirs meet during the school day; the Festival Singers rehearse once a week. All the rehearsal gets the choirs ready for a heavy dose of singing; the program does 39 performances between September and January.

Second semester sees fewer performances, but competition ramps up. The choir competes in Cincinnati in May, in addition to various other festivals and competitions.

"The kids love to get out in the community and give the gift of music," Kopp said. "I think they're attracted to the competitive nature of the program."

Kopp said students are also drawn to the "very challenging music" the choir tackles, citing the works of composers such as John Rutter, whose Magnificat they're doing with the Ypsilanti Symphony next month, and Eric Whitacre.

Salem High School senior Frankie DiNicola said Whitacre's I Thank You God for This Most Amazing Day is his favorite song he's had

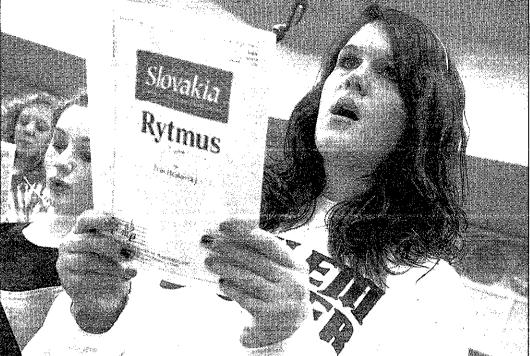
a chance to perform.

"I love that we have very challenging music simply because it furthers our knowledge in music and makes us feel very accomplished and proud," DiNicola said. "I've met many wonderful people through choir, most of which are now some of my closest friends and I am honored to have had this experience."

In addition to the firstsemester performance schedule and the secondsemester competition, the choirs also get to travel. While sharpening their skill, they've played Carnegie Hall and gone to Toronto.

"Being a part of the choirs has taught me so much more they can take into life and than musical skills," said senior Stacy Mero. "I've learned so many life lessons about respect, working with others, and pushing myself to achieve. What is even better, I've had a ton of fun in the process, and have made friends that will last a lifetime."

Kopp benefits from a lot of support. With the program growing so quickly, the dis-



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Madrigal Singer Clare Cavicchio is one of nearly 300 singers in the district's choir program.

trict this year gave Kopp an assistant — Shelley Klippel works about three hours a day with the larger groups - and there's a large parent-booster organization.

The parents support the group vigorously because they know their kids are getting more out of it than music.

"This is one of those opportunities kids have to participate in something apply," said Rich Mero of Plymouth. "Most everyone sings ... in the shower, in the The Chamber Choir rehearses. car, in church ... they can use what they learn here. People feel things through music they don't feel about math."

While teaching and fostering a love for music is among Kopp's goals, she wants her students to learn more of life's lessons — self-respect,



love and respect for others, confidence — through their participation in the pro-

"I think those things are best taught in the choir environment," Kopp

"Singing is very intimate.

You are expressing your deepest thoughts and heart through song. To share that with the community - and with your peers - is a wonderful thing."

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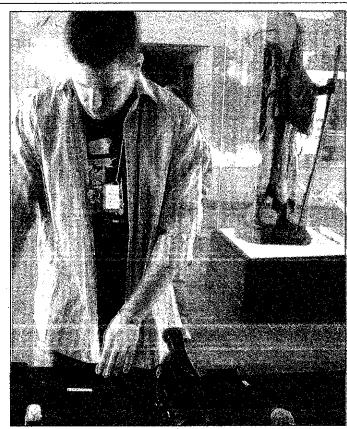
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Christopher McCann-Nickin of Livonia works with media equipment during PAH-fest Hollywood 2008.

# Madonna TV, film students go from classroom to Hollywood

Madonna University broadcast and cinema arts students, Christy Derry of Dexter, Julie Pulgini of Farmington, Christopher McCann-Nickin and Krystle Kusiak of Livonia, traveled to California to participate in PAH-fest Hollywood this October. PAH-fest is a digital media festival that travels to cities throughout the U.S. and internationally, offering movie making fun to everyday people.

"In just one week I made some great contacts and friends. I learned so much and had an amazing time doing it," said broadcast and cinema arts student McCann-Nickin.

PAH-fest is the brainchild of Christopher Coppola, nephew of director Francis Ford Coppola and brother to actor Nicholas Cage. After participating in PAH-fest Motown, held at Madonna in July, the students assisted Hollywood movie making teams by sharing their knowledge and experience during an intensive week of creating documentaries, acting, directing, producing, shooting, and editing. They worked alongside Hollywood producers, directors, cinematographers, editors and Coppola himself - Madonna's newest adjunct faculty member and team teacher for PAH-fest Hollywood.

"I am proud of and impressed with my Madonna students," Coppola said. "They are becoming my highly trained, special forces, tactical unit to send out on my creative endeavors.'

Madonna broadcast and cinema arts instructors Sue and Dan Boyd accompanied their students to Hollywood and were involved with event organization and coaching.

"The Madonna team was awesome!" said Kate Folb, director of development for PAH Nation. "The organizational and technical skills of the Madonna professors combined with the enthusiasm of the students helped to make this the smoothest PAH-fest to date.'

Madonna University's Broadcast and Cinema Arts program prepares students for careers in broadcast, film and other new digital media industries. The program, grounded in the liberal arts, combines an integrated theoretical and intensive hands-on approach for professional preparation. Students gain a wide-range of skills and experiences that can be applied to career positions.

Madonna University's new "green" Media Center, opening in fall 2009. will provide students with the latest digital technologies. PAH-fest Motown

# Now is the time to plan tax strategies

he recent carnage on Wall Street should prompt investors to consider a couple strategies before the end of the year. Both strategies deal with taxes. The one caveat that always comes with any sort of tax planning is to make sure you look at your own indi-

vidual situation. Taxes are complex and the advice that is good for 95 percent of the people may not be good for you. Therefore, it is always important when we talk about taxes to make sure you apply it to your own individual situa-

The first tax strategy is to consider converting existing traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs. It is a strategy that **Money Matters** 

always makes sense in a down market. It can be a huge tax savings. After all, you pay taxes on the value of the account today, which is for most inves-

tors considerably lower than the account was worth a year ago. By converting now you're paying taxes on a much lower amount. In addition, from the time of conversion money grows tax free not tax deferred, thus when the markets recover your gains will be tax free.

Another opportunity to look at is recognizing losses for tax purposes. In order to deduct a loss from your tax return, it has to be recognized. That means it just can't be a paper loss; you have to sell the investment. It would be nice if you could sell an investment, deduct the loss for tax purposes and then immediately repurchase the investment. It cannot be done, doing so would violate the wash-sale rules which state if you take a loss for tax purposes you cannot buy that same investment within 30 days.

Considering the volatility in today's market, the smart investor does not want to be out of the market for any appreciable length of time. A strategy to consider is to sell certain investments for tax losses then immediately repurchase a similar investment. For example, if you have a loss in a small company growth fund, a good strategy is to sell then turn around and buy another small company growth fund. This way you are still in the same asset class but able to take loses for tax purposes.

In looking at tax consequences with regards to losses, most investors will have losses that are long-term losses. So to deduct these losses you first offset any long-term gains. If you have losses in excess of long-term gain you can then deduct up to \$3,000 per year. Any excess losses can then be carried over to future tax years.

Effective planning should enable most people to carry over losses for many years to come. In addition, even if the capital gains tax is raised to 20 percent from the present level of 15 percent, with proper tax planning the consequences should be marginal.

Whether taking tax losses or converting IRAs, transactions must be completed before the end of the year.

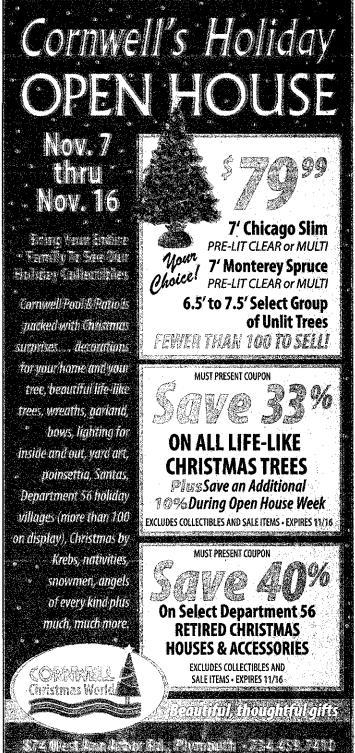
There is no doubt that taxes are complex and difficult. Don't hesitate to seek out professional advice. However, it is important to make sure that you're dealing with a professional someone who understands tax laws. Someone who prepares taxes is not necessarily the person

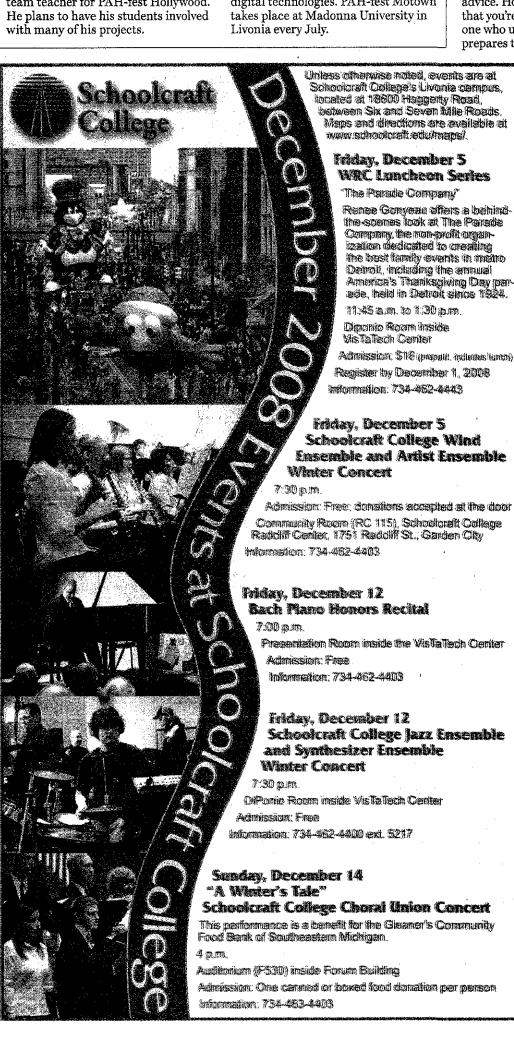
to discuss tax planning. He/she may understand how to prepare a return but may not have the training with regard to tax strategies.

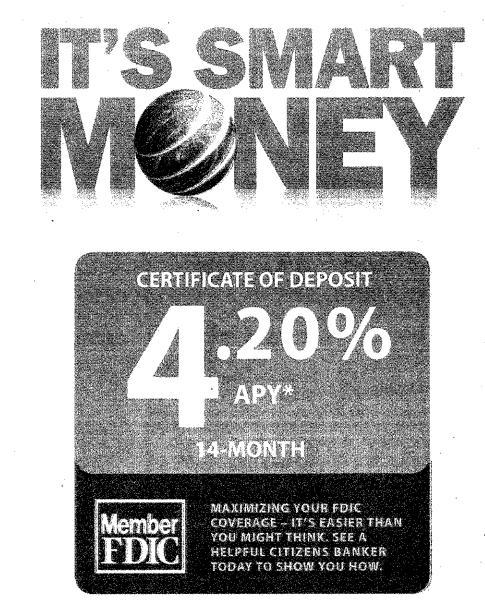
My general recommendation is when it comes to tax planning, sit down with someone who does taxes all year long. Certified public accountants or enrolled agents are generally these individuals.

Taking advantage of tax laws will not eliminate the losses investors suffered this year. However, the strategies discussed here can reduce the impact.

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# Vellucci replaces Stefan behind Whalers' bench

The winningest coach in the history of the Plymouth Whalers is behind the bench again following a year-long absence.

Mike Vellucci, the franchise's president and general manager, added head coach to his list of titles on Monday after previous coach Greg Stefan resigned Monday after accepting a job as special assignment scout for the National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes.

Vellucci guided the team through its Monday practice at Compuware Arena. Plymouth associate coach Joe Stefan and assistant coach Brian Sommariva remain with the team in their current positions.

Stefan took over the reins of the Whalers last Dec. 11 when Vellucci was promoted within



zation to concentrate on the growth of Compuware Arena. Before that, Stefan served as an assistant coach for the team from 1993 to 1998, and rejoined the organization in 2003 as assistant coach and director of player development where he worked until joining the Hurricanes in 2005.

The 47-year-old Stefan served two-plus seasons on the Hurricanes' coaching staff as goaltending coach/pro scout prior to taking over as Plymouth's head coach in December of 2007. The 42-year-old Vellucci was originally hired

Whalers to their second championship over the team's 19-year history in 2007. Plymouth has won four West Division titles and never finished lower than second place during Vellucci's tenure behind the bench.

Vellucci became the winningest coach in franchise history while compiling a record of 246-132-37-22, good for a .630 winning percentage, second in franchise history behind Paul Maurice (.681), who has coached in the National Hockey League with the Carolina Hurricanes and Toronto Maple Leafs.

Plymouth is currently 6-11-20-0 and in fifth place in the OHL West Division.

OTTAWA 4. PLYMOUTH 2: The 67's built a 2-0 lead

in the second period and defeated the Whalers 4-2, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday evening.

Ottawa is now 11-9-0-1. Plymouth is 6-11-2-0. Ottawa goaltender Chris Perugini continued his track record of playing well for the 67's against Plymouth as he was named the game's first star after stopping 37 of 39 shots.

Logan Couture contributed a goal and two assists for Ottawa. Corey Cowick scored twice (team-leading 16th and 17th), including the gamewinner at 9:48 of the third period to snap a 2-2 tie. Ryan Martindale scored the other Ottawa goal his seventh of the season — in the second period.

Plymouth received goals from A.J. Jenks (sixth) and second star Kaine Geldart (sixth).

# REGIONAL FINAL GRID SHOWDOWN: LIVONIA STEVENSON AT CANTON

# Two high-octane offenses set to meet on Friday

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The NASCAR-like running backs may draw the most attention during Friday night's Division 1 Regional final between Canton and Livonia Stevenson, but it will be the John Decre-like guys in the trenches who will most likely decide the outcome.

That's the opinion of both head coaches Canton's Tim Baechler and the Spartans' Tim Gabel - who view the contest first and foremost as one big "block" party.

"Canton's offensive linemen have good size they're not behemoths — but they're so solid and very athletic," said Gabel. "They get off the ball so hard and they're so low. It's a tribute to how well-schooled technique-wise they are. It's a thing of beauty to watch. How they get off the ball makes them unique."

Gabel is referring to the Chiefs' O-line that consists of tight ends Todd Turfe, Dakota Dark-Bird and Tim Hemmelgarn; and interior blockers Chris Hilton, Kyle Dunleavy, Alec Gilo, Carter Staffeld and Jason Learst.

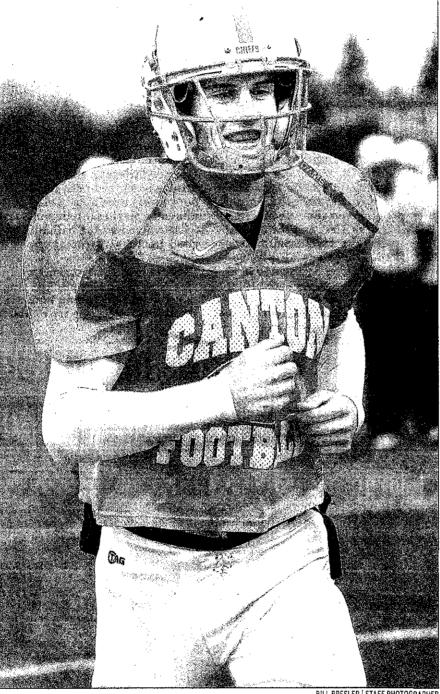
While impressive, the Chiefs' blockers are not the only thing Gabel is concerned with.

"Both backs can go and their fullback is quick and can run the inside trap," he said. They're excellent runners and they also do an adequate job of blocking as well.

"With all the teams running the spread, it's made their offense more effective. We really haven't seen many of those kind of teams."

Baechler had equally high praise for Stevenson, which features the talents of junior speed-burner Austin White, but can hurt you in a lot of different ways, he warned.

"Their offense looks really, really good on Please see PREVIEW, B3



Canton's Nick Sweda has been an interception machine this season. The senior free safety has six interceptions heading into Friday night's Division 1 Regional final against Livonia Stevenson.

# Sweda's turnover-forcing skills give Chiefs big lift in post-season

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

There is no truth to the rumor that after intercepting four passes in his last three games, Canton's Nick Sweda is going to change his name to "Pick" Sweda.

To say the Chiefs' free safety has a nose for the ball is as understated as saving Pinocchio has a pretty big

Sweda's pair of picks against Saline in Friday night's District final contest were his fifth and sixth of the season. What's his secret?

"Part of it is being at the right place at the right time," Sweda said, describing his intercepting skills. "Part of it is breaking on the ball, and a lot of it is Deuce (the nickname for Canton strong safety David Wilcox) tipping passes to me."

Not every high school football team has a player like Sweda, but every team needs one - and not just for his ability to pick off passes.

Sweda is every coach's dream: a speedy, hard-hitting senior who studies the weekly game plan as diligently as he studies for his advanced-placement math classes.

"Nick is a great program kid," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "He's played a different position just about every vear here, but wherever we put him he gets the job done and he doesn't complain. Last year, he settled in at cornerback and he played some running back, too. This year we moved him to free safety.

"He's one of those hardworking kids who never misses a workout and sets a great example for everybody else."

Baechler said Sweda's aboveaverage intelligence proved to be a mixed blessing at times early in the season.

"Nick's so smart, he does everything the right way and he's analytical, which, when you play defense, can be good and bad," Baechler said. "He's always lined up in the right spot, he always knows what to do and he always asks questions. But early in the season he'd be so careful not to make a mistake that he would hesitate sometimes.

"After the first half of the Novi game, we talked to him about playing fast and loose and to let it all hang out. Since then, he's been amazing."

Of all the positions he's played since his early days on the gridiron at Our Lady of Good Counsel, the one he currently patrols for the Chiefs is his favorite.

"Playing free safety, I get the best of both worlds," said Sweda. "I get to come up and hit running backs and I get to play in pass coverage and get interceptions."

At another school, Sweda's six picks may be approaching a

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Plymouth senior swimmer Lauren Maslyk

has enjoyed a

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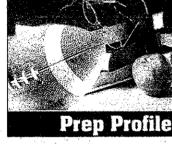
# Maslyk's dedication pays off with state meet berth

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Maybe the most fitting symbol of Lauren Maslyk's amazing dedication to becoming the best high school swimmer she can possibly be is an alarm clock.

Specifically, the alarm clock that woke her up many weekday mornings this past fall so that she would be on time for the Plymouth High School swim and dive team's practices - at 5:15

It's tough eating a bowl of cereal that early, let alone stroking your way through grueling twohour practices.



But instead of hitting the snooze button, Maslyk hit the water - and her commitment is being rewarded.

"You get used to it after a while," said Maslyk, a four-year varsity performer who earned the distinction of captain this fall.

"I love the camaraderie with the rest of my teammates and I'm a pretty competitive person, so even though I swim year-round, I never get burned out. I'm always trying to get better."

Maslyk's hard work has earned her a berth in next week's Division 1 state meet where she will anchor the Wildcats' 200yard medley relay team by swimming the freestyle.

"Lauren has worked consistently to make herself a better swimmer the past four years," said Plymouth coach Doug Schade. "She has improved every year in at least one event because of her desire to improve herself, her

work ethic, and her willingness to learn and retool her strokes countless times.

"Lauren is a versatile swimmer who can compete well in any event, depending on where our team needs her."

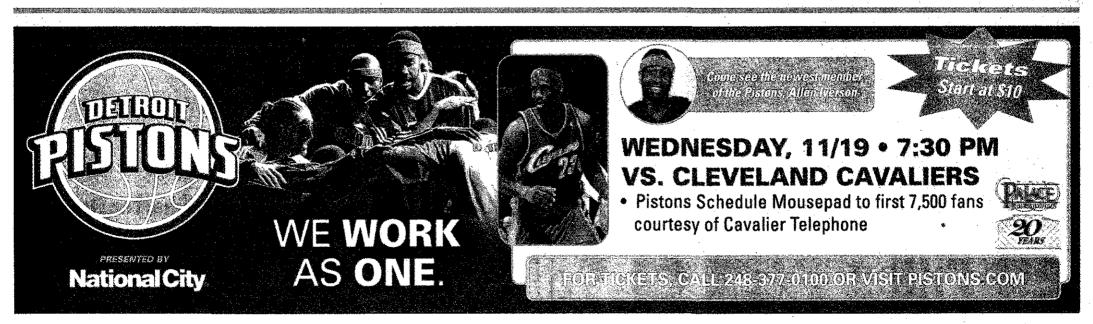
Maslyk's competitive swimming career started as a pre-teen with the Colony Swim Club. She then moved on to the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers club team, with which she competes when not swimming for the Wildcats.

"The toughest thing about swimming is probably all the mental training you have to do,

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### **GIRLS SWIM RESULTS**

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1:07.97 (sq); 2. Faletti (SLU), 1:09.84 (sq); 3. Palczynski (P), 1:11.25 (sq); 4. Yukie Tamura (Novi), 1:12.12 (sq); 5. Carlson (Canton), 1:12.22

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Hatt,

Northville, 3:54.68; 6. Plymouth (Chang, Rachel

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Livonia Stevenson, 505; 3. South Lyon Unified

200-yard medley relay: 1. Novi (Ashley

200 freestyle: 1. Jessica Weber (N'ville).

1:57.36; 2. Savanah Hatt (LS), 1:57.55; 3. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 1:59.19; 4. Meredith Cote (Novi),

1:59.61; 5. Whitney Aumiller (Salem), 1:59.76; 6.

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(LS), 2:11.02; 2, Lauren Seroka (Salem), 2:14.09

Nelson (Salem), 2:19.62; 5. Amber Cathey (Novi)

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3. Rebecca Berman (Novi), 2:16.73; 4. Emily

2:21.47; 6. Alyssa Kalinosky (Novi), 2:23.81.

2. Jenna Faletti (SLU), 24.82: 3. Becca Myers

(N'ville), 26.18; 4. Julie Kapler (SLU), 26.65; 5.

Ashley Bush (Novi), 26.71; 6. Emily Montini (LS),

1-meter diving: 1. Carla McNamara (LS),

231.00 points; 2. Katie Koetting (Salem), 221.60;

3. Rachel Eckler (SLU), 176.80: 4. Jennifer Jones

(N'ville), 175.65; 5. Emily Dempsey (Novi), 161.70;

100 butterfly: 1. Abel (Novi), 58.89; 2. Drazga

(SLU), 59.93; 3. Seroka (Salem), 1:01.03; 4. Shannor

100 freestyle: 1. Weber (N'ville), 54.47;

56.58; 4. Laura Holtz (LS), 56.79; 5. Becca Myers

(N'ville), 57.97; 6. Michelle Zerkich (Novi), 59.06. 500 freestyle: 1, Hatt (LS), 5:10.41; 2.

Dolinski (LS), 5:12.52; 3, Berman (Novi), 5:12.62;

4. Aumiller (Salem), 5:23.79; 5. Jacuge Carless

Kalinosky, Cote, Berman), 1:42.41; 2. South Lyon,

1:43.51; 3. Stevenson, 1:45.25; 4. Salem, 1:46.15; 5.

100 backstroke: 1. L. Kalinosky (Novi),

59.67; 2. Gordon (LS), 1:01.06; 3. Nelson (Salem)

1:02.66; 4. Annalisa Morgan (Novi), 1:03.50; 5.

Bush (Novi), 1:03.67; 6. Sara Healy (LS), 1:03.91.

2. L. Kalinosky (NVI), 1:09.44: 3. Yukie Tamura

(Novi), 1:12.49; 4. Amy Miner (SLU), 1:13.74; 5.

Kayla Perchall (LS), 1:13.96; 6. Kelly Burford

100 breaststroke: 1. Faletti (SLU), 1:09.15;

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Holtz,

Dolinski, Allison Kellahan, Gordon), 3:47.30; 2.

(Novi), 5:33.19; 6. Cathey (Novi), 5:39.79.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Abel, L.

Northville, 1:46.44; 6. Stevenson, 1:48.00.

2. Abel (Novi), 54.91; 3. Meredith Cote (Novi),

Lohman (N'ville), 1:02.47: 5. Corinne Caldwell

(SLU), 1:02.48; 6, Ashley Reed (LS), 1:02.95.

6. Keisey Libbe (N'ville), 156.55.

Bush, Lauren Kalinosky, Mary Anolick, Kerry

Stevenson, 1:56.09; 4. Northville, 1:58.37; 5.

362; 4. Northville, 349; 5, Salem, 315.

Abel), 1:52.63; 2. South Lyon, 1:54.97; 3

Salem, 1:59.50; 6. Novi, 2:01.29.

Emily Bair (Salem), 2:04,03.

Holtz, Dolinski, Gordon), 3:41.11 (sq); 2. Novi,

3:43.45 (sq); 3. Salem (Aumiller, Bair, Nelson,

Seroka), 3:47.92 (sg): 4, Canton (K. Schmitt,

Eyster, Sara Krebs, Carlson), 3:51.18; 5.

(sq); 6. Peterson (WJG), 1:12.39.

Huhta, Matsui, Hao), 3:54.74.

(sq): state qualifying time

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Nov. 8 at Salem H.S. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 405 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 299.5; 3. Northville, 237.5; 4. Salem, 226.5; 5. South Lyon Unified, 222.5; 6. Canton, 210.5; 7. Plymouth, 183.5; 8. Westland John Glenn, 175.5; 9. Livonia Franklin, 151.5; 10. Livonia Churchill, 81; 11. Wayne Memorial, 42.

FINAL RESULTS 200-yard medley relay: 1. South Lyon (Paige Drazga, Jenna Faletti, Julie Kapler, Corinne Caldwell), 1:53.44 (sq); 2. Novi, 1:54.12 (sg): 3. Stevenson (Sara Healy, Ashley Gordon, Ashley Reed, Savannah Hatt), 1:54.74 (sq); 4. Northville, 1:55.93 (sq); 5. John Glenn (Jordan Burgess, Khiry Sparks, Ashley Sells, Casey Peterson), 1:56.85 (sq); 6. Plymouth (Stephanie Matsui, Ellen Palczynski, Sijia Hao, Lauren Maslyk), 1:57,32 (sg).

200 freestyle: 1. Jessica Weber (N'ville), 1:55.95 (sq); 2. Hatt (LS), 1:56.13 (sq); 3. Meredith Cote (Novi), 1:58.26 (sq); 4. Whitney Aumiller (Salem), 1:58.96 (sq); 5. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 2:00.83 (sq); 6. Maggie Carlson (Canton) 2:01.48 (sq).

200 individual medley: 1. Lauren Seroka (Salem), 2:10.97 (sq); 2. Gordon (LS), 2:13.59 (sq); 3. Rebecca Berman (Novi), 2:16.06 (sq); 4. Hao (P), 2:17.89; 5. Emily Nelson (Salem), 2:17.97; 6. Sells (WJG), 2:18.74.

50 freestyle: 1. Faletti (SLU), 24.96 (sq); 2. Drazga (SLU), 25.0 (sq); 3. (tie) Kari Schmitt (Canton) and Becca Myers (N'vill), 25.98 each; 5. Faith Miller (N'ville), 26.0; 6. (tie) Burgess (WJG) and Colleen Anthony (LF), 26,78 each.

1-meter diving: 1, Carla McNamara (LS). 359.45 points; 2, Katie Koetting (Salem), 375.60; 3. Katina St. Pierre (LC), 348.55; 4. Mallory Hudak (Canton), 332.80; 5. Desiree Clenney

(WJG), 330.25; 6. Rachel Eckler (SLU), 314.75 100 butterfly: 1. Kerry Abel (Novi), 59.34 (sg); 2. (tie) Drazga (SLU) and Seroka (Salem) 1:00.65 each (sq); 4. Sells (WJG), 1:01.96 (sq), 5. Ashley Reed (LS), 1:01.12 (sq); 6. Shannon Lohman (N'ville), 1:02.31 (sq); 7. Faith Miller (N'ville), 1:02.52 (sq); 8. Corinne Caldwell, (SLU), 1:02.53 (sq); 9. Douglas (LF), 1:02.57 (sq).

100 freestyle: 1. Weber (N'ville), 53.87 (sq); 2. Kerry Abel (Novi), 55.07 (sq); 3. Cote (Novi), 55.7 (sq); 4. Laura Holtz (LS), 56.56 (sq); 5. Michelle Chang (P), 56.6 (sq); 6. Kayla Eyster (Canton), 57.02 (sq).

500 freestyle: 1. Hatt (LS), 5:09.5 (sq): 2. Berman (Novi), 5:09.73 (sq); 3. Dolinski (LS), 5:16.28 (sq); 4. Aumiller (Salem), 5:22.79 (sq); 5. Hao (P), 5:29.76; 6. Jacque Carless (Novi),

200 freestyle relay: 1, Novi (Abel, Lauren Kalinosky, Cote, Berman), 1:41,78 (sq): 2, South Lyon, 1:42.44 (sq); 3. Northville, 1:43.37 (sq); 4. Franklin (Douglas, Natalie Cote`, Anthony, Kaitlyn Kozyn), 1:44.83 (sq); 5. Salem (Aumiller Nelson, Emily Bair, Seroka), 1:44.91 (sq); 6. Stevenson (Emily Montini, Reed, Dolinski, Kayla Perchall), 1:45.55 (sq); 7. Plymouth (Paiczynski, Chantel Cote, Change, Maslyk), 1:45.84 (sq).

100 backstroke: 1. Kalinosky (Novi), 59.52 (sq); 2. Douglas (LF), 1:00.26 (sq); 3. Gordon (LS), 1:01.84 (sq); 4. Nelson (Salem), 1:01.86 (sq); 5. Annalisa Morgan (Novi), 1:03.65; 6. Heather

# Samra goal sends SC to NJCAAs

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Following a regular season that was as satisfying as a four-course meal, the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team gets to enjoy some dessert in the desert.

The Ocelots captured their first National Junior College Athletic Association District title since Rick Larson took over the reins of the program in 2006 with a 1-0 victory over **MEN'S SOCCER** 

12th-ranked Lincoln Land (Ill.) Community College on Saturday.

The triumph advances the 17-1-4 Ocelots into the NJCAA Division I tournament set to begin Thursday, Nov. 20 in Phoenix, Ariz: The tourney will be hosted by Paradise Valley Community College.

"Honestly, these guys just enjoy playing together," said Larson, when asked for the key to his team's success. "They have a good time and they're doing what they want to do.

"We have some very special players on this team. We set some lofty goals before the season started and now we're meeting them."

Saturday's game-winning goal was scored by freshman Younan Samra, who ripped the ball into the net after controlling a pass from freshman Andy Adlington.

Sophomore Chris Riley earned the shutout for Schoolcraft.

Larson also praised the play of sophomore Michael Iyoha, who has earned an MVP nod

from his coach.

"Michael plays with a lot of emotion and passion for the sport," said Larson. "That, along with the fact that he's extremely talented, makes him a special player."

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# Crusaders win in two overtimes, eye finals

It took two overtimes to decide, but the Madonna University men's soccer team used a Mike Uikic goal in the 103rd minute to down Siena Heights 3-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoff semifinal Saturdav

Livonia's at Greenmead Field. The win moved Madonna to 15-2 on the year, while SHU ends its season at 6-9-3.

**MEN'S SOCCER** 

The win sends MU to the WHAC playoff championship, beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday against Aquinas College (14-5) at Livonia Churchill H.S.

MU got on the board early as Otieno Victor took a long lead pass into the 6-yard box from Eric Kiebert and sent

his shot to the top shelf past Saints keeper George Suidan for a 1-0 Crusader lead in the fourth minute on his eighth goal of the season. Siena Heights tied it in the

MU regained the lead, 2-1, on Daniel Amaya's fourth goal of the year from Kiebert. In the 87th minute, Suidan

11th minute on Dan Oyer's

goal from Joel Parrish, but

stopped Kiebert on a penalty kick and the score remained 2all until Ujkic's low header off a cross from the left side to the

far right post from Doron Drai. Ujkic, who prepped at Novi High, was named WHAC Offensive Player of the Week.

MU goalkeeper Steve Besk made four saves for his ninth win of the season, while Suidan had to make 12.

# Schoolcraft women qualify for NJCAA Nationals

**WOMEN'S SOCCER** 

The Schoolcraft College women's soccer team earned a berth in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division 1 Tournament with a 3-0 triumph Saturday over Waubonsee Community College in Sugar Grove, Ill.

Salem graduate Kristin Dondzila earned the win between the pipes by stopping all seven shots she faced.

The winners' first and third goals came on penalty kicks from Brittany Pickett and Dena Sana, respectively. The middle goal was scored by Kristin DeClercq off an assist from Salem alum Katie Shull.

"Despite frigid temperatures

and heavy winds, our team worked hard to get a great result against a stubborn team," Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shirvraman said. "The conditions hampered both teams, but our players were able to stay determined in playing intelligent soccer with controlling the ball and creating good amounts of scoring opportuni-

"We proved that good teams can play good soccer despite the conditions. It was hard enough to just stand there, let alone try to play good soccer. Our midfielders and forwards worked hard on both sides of the field, attacking as a unit and doing a great job of being the first line of defense.

Schoolcraft, 9-2-3 overall, will now compete with seven other NJCAA district champions in the Division I Nationals, Nov. 20-23, at Chandler-Gilbert CC (Ariz.).

"It is incredibly exciting that we will get the opportunity to represent Michigan in the national tournament," Shrivraman said.

To follow the Ocelots play in the nationals, visit http://schooleraftsoccer.com.

# Salem, 3:51.38; 3, Novi, 3:51.53; 4, Northville, Schramm (Novi), 1:04.81. 4:01.53; 5. Novi, 4:02.32; 6. South Lyon, 4:02.50 100 breaststroke: 1. Kalinosky (Növi), Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan

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# 10th-ranked Lady Ocelots romp

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team improved to 3-0 Saturday with an 88-56 victory over Grand Rapids Community College in the St. Clair East-West Classic at the Skipper Dome in Port Huron.

The Ocelots are currently ranked No. 10 in the National Junior College Athletic Association polls. Grand Rapids CC slipped to 1-1 with the setback.

Angela Burrell paced the winners' balanced attack with 17 points, four steals and four assists. Also scoring in doublefigures for Schoolcraft were Sheray Brown (16 points), April Goins (15 points, team**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** 

high 11 rebounds), Tayler Langham (12 points) and Amber Avery (11 points). Debbie Nikodemski paced GRCC with 17 points.

Schoolcraft's bench outscored GRCC 42-12. The Ocelots, who led 44-31 at the half, shot 51.4 percent

from the floor and 56.5 percent from the free throw line. SCHOOLCRAFT 95, LANSING CC 57: On Friday in the opening game of the St. Clair East-West Classic, the Ocelots raced to a 45-25 halftime

lead and never looked back to spoil Lansing's season opener. Burrell led Schoolcraft with 17

points, five rebounds and three steals. Also excelling for the winners were Antania Shepherd (14 points, five rebounds, five assists), April Goins (14 points, seven rebounds) and Shannon Collins, who contributed 10 points and four boards.

MADONNA 80, ROCHESTER 44: Four players scored in double figures Saturday as Madonna University (1-4) earned its first win of the season iting Rochester College (1-3).

Alyssa Guerin (Salem) led the way with 14 points, while Christie Carrico and Tabatha Wydryck added 13 and 12, respectively. Kim Olech (Plymouth) added 11 pions and seven rebounds, while Vanessa LaMay contributed eight points and 10 rebounds. Jessica Crook paced Rochester

with a game-high 19 points.

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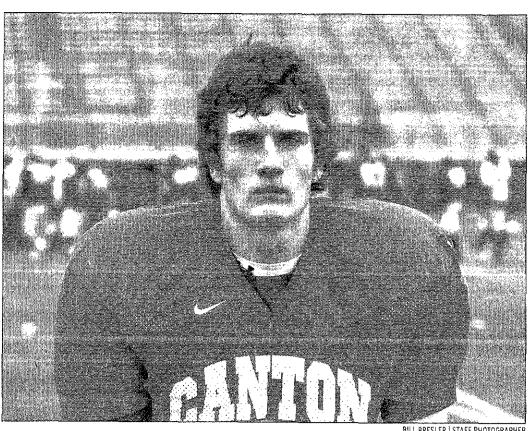
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Canton's Nick Sweda lead his team with six interceptions.

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record. Not at Canton, where current Chief assistant coach Kyle Lasko set the standard in 1999 with 11.

"The other day at practice I returned an interception 103 yards for a touchdown," Sweda said, smiling. "Coach Lasko said, 'You didn't beat me on that one either - I returned one for 108 yards my senior

vear." Nick is not the first Sweda

film," said Baechler. "Their offensive

line is big and physical. A lot of guys

player, but their No. 7, Wade Stahl, is a

heckuva a player, too, and their fullback

When they pass, they spread the ball around a lot to different receiv-

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Gudeman) doesn't like what he sees, he

can pull it down and run with it."

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touch the ball for them. Everybody talks about Austin White, who's a great

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is solid.

to make a positive impact on the Canton football program. His older brother, Matt, was a starting strong safety and running back on the Chiefs' 2005 contingent that advanced to the Division 1 state final game against Rockford.

"Definitely, it's helped me having an older brother that played the game," said Sweda, who has a 4.0 grade-point average. "Matt goes to Western (Michigan University) now, but he calls me every Thursday and we talk. He gives me pointers."

Sweda said he felt strongly

**EYES ON THE SEMIS** 

Where: PCEP varsity stadium;

When: Friday, 7 p.m.;

Hartland-Rockford game:

What: Division 1 Regional final football game;

Who: Canton (10-1) vs. Livonia Stevenson (9-2);

What's at stake: The winner will advance to next week's

Weather forecast: Temperatures in the high-40s with rain

On the air: The game will be broadcast live on WSDP, 88.1FM,

Community Schools. Plymouth senior Nick Stemberger will do

the high school radio station for the Plymouth-Canton

semifinal contest against the winner of Friday night's

before the season that Canton would improve on last year's non-playoffs 5-4 record.

"Last year left a bitter taste in all of our mouths," he said. "It made us work even harder during the off-season.

"This team is a lot of fun to be a part of. There are no cliques, we have great chemistry and everybody gets along."

And they know how to force turnovers - especially their fast-and-loose-playing free safety whose name rhymes with "pick."

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she said. "During tough workouts, you just try to get to the next wall, get through the next turn, then do it all over again. Tough workouts are what make you a better swim-

"If you have a bad swim in a meet, you have to move past it, wipe it out of your mind. If you let it get you down, it will affect your next race.'

Maslyk didn't hesitate when asked for her proudest accomplishment in high school

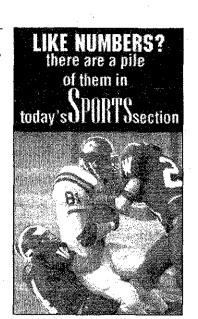
swimming. "Qualifying for the state meet in the 200 medley relay," she said. "It's exciting to get to swim in the state meet for the first time. I'm really looking forward to it."

Maslyk is an outstanding student. The senior's 4.17 grade-point average has earned her NISCA Academic All-American status. She is also an active member of the National Honor Society at Plymouth.

Among the colleges she has applied to attend are Valparaiso in Indiana and Hope College.

Wherever she goes, she'd like to study ophthalmology.

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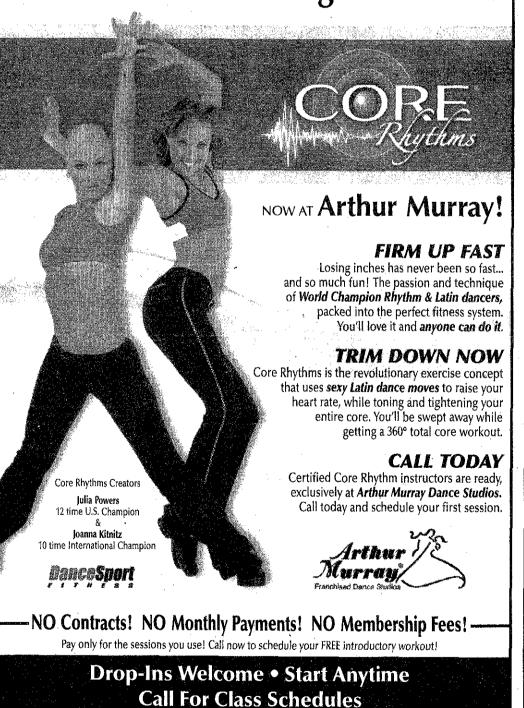
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# PC gridders fall in CFLM title game Blake VanTiem, who blocked

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Eagles capped an unforgettable inaugural season with a 36-14 loss to the Muskegon Shoreline Breakers in the firstever Christian Football League along with a two-point converof Michigan championship game played Saturday.

The loss left the Eagles with a season-ending record of 7-2. Jordan Early-Pitts paced the

Eagles' championship-game effort as he led them in rushing while scoring one of their two touchdowns.

sion run. Defensively, the Eagles were led in tackles by Matt Sauter. Also shining on the

defensive side of the ball were

Tim Pugh also added a TD

an extra point; Zach Hare, who forced a fumble that was recovered by Eric Jipping; and Pugh, who pounced on an onside kick.

Seniors who played their final high school football Saturday were Josh Lowman, Spencer Wiard, Push and VanTiem.

# **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The performance level of the Plymouth Christian Academy girls volleyball team is spik-

ing, so to speak. The Eagles continued their successful roll through the post-season on Tuesday when they swept usual nemesis Hillsdale Academy, 25-23, 26-24, 25-19, in a Class D Regional semifinal contest played in Southgate.

PCA can earn its firstever Regional volleyball title Thursday when it takes on powerful Lenawee Christian at 6 p.m.

"We started out this season a little shaky, but the girls have gotten used to playing with each other and they've really been playing well," said first-year head coach Kelly Blackney.

Tuesday's triumph improved the Eagles' record to 21-15.

PCA was led by front-row standouts Jessica Murphy (eight kills and 14 digs) and Megan Greve, who registered

PCA spikers on verge of history 15 kills and two blocks.

"Our freshman middle hitter, Kristin Malcolm, also did a great job with six kills, two blocks and nine aces," Blackney said.

First-year setter Amy Zinn led the Eagles in assists while libero Mim Monroe racked up a team-high 20 digs.

"Amy is really stepping up as a setter," said Blackney. "She never set before this year, but she's been a quick learner. She's quick, fast and very coachable.'

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Bidders may also obtain, upon request, a copy of the RFP at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. RFP's are to be labeled "USF Telecommunications Bid" and received in the Technology Department by no later than 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 3, 2008. All questions regarding this RFP should be directed to James Casteel at 734-416-2708. The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education reserves the right to reject or decline and/or all Bids received.

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Address Inquiries To: Daniel Phillips - Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 or by phone at (734) 416-

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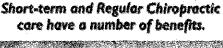
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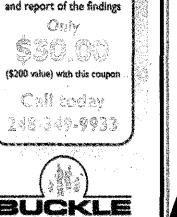
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# Salem fourth at inaugural KLAA swim meet

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The first-ever KLAA-Kensington Conference girls swim meet Saturday at Salem featured 55 state qualifying cuts and was dominated by one division.

In a Who's Who of state-ranked teams, Novi led the way with a teamhigh 405 points followed by fellow **KLAA-Central Division members** Livonia Stevenson (229.5), Northville (237.5), Salem (226.5) and South Lyon Unified (222.5).

KLAA-South Division champ Canton was sixth with 210.5 followed by Plymouth (183.5), Westland John

Glenn (175.5), Livonia Franklin (151.5), Livonia Churchill (81) and Wayne Memorial (42).

Salem, led by freshman Lauren Seroka, improved upon its fifth-place finish by one spot at Thursday's KLAA-Central Division meet hosted by South Lyon East.

"The division (meet) is a little different." Salem coach Chuck Olson said. "The better the quality, the better points we score. Depth here (at the conference) is not as important as the division meet. It was close. We were in second for awhile and there were five good (Central) teams, no question." Seroka took the 200 individual

medley in 2:10.97 and tied for second in the 100 butterfly in 1:00.65. She has qualified for five events with options in the 200 and 500 freestyle, 200 IM, 100 breaststroke or 100 butterfly.

She is trying to upstage her older brother Adam, who as a freshman for the Rocks took 10th in both the 200 IM and 500 freestyle at last year's Division 1 state finals.

"I like that girl a lot - compared to her brother, I like her better," said chuckling Olson "She trains. She should be in the finals."

Senior Katie Koetting was runner-up to Stevenson's Carla McNamara in diving with scores of 395.45 and 375.60

points, respectively.

The foursome of Seroka, Emily Nelson, Emily Bair and Whitney Aumiller also took a third in the 400 freestyle relay (3:47.92) and a fifth in the 200 freestyle relay (1:44.91), both state cuts.

"With those four we can score at 'state,'" said Olson regarding the upcoming Division 1 finals Nov. 21-22 at Eastern Michigan's Jones Natatorium. "We might be fifth in our division and scored higher at 'state,' which is crazy. We hope to elevate again when to get to 'state.' The more teams there, the better we do."

Nine Kensington Conference swim-

mers beat the Division 1 cut of 1:02.99 in the 100 butterfly, while the top seven 200 freestyle relay teams also eclipsed the state qualifying mark of

· Canton's top individual finisher was Kari Schmitt, who took third in the 50 freestyle (25.98). Mallory Hudak added a fourth in diving (332.80). The Chiefs also placed fourth in the 400 freestyle relay.

Plymouth was led by Ellen Palczynski, a senior who took third in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.25). Teammate Sijia Hao, a junior, added a fourth in the 200 IM (2:17.89) and a fifth in the 500 freestyle (5:29.76).

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Chicago at Green Bay Arizona at Seattle St. Louis at San Francisco San Diego at Pittsburgh **Dallas at Washington** 

Monday, November 17, 2008 Cleveland at Buffalo

**RELIGION CALENDAR** 

To submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

# NOVEMBER

# Church fair

Christmas shop boutique, home made candy, attic treasures, hand made goods, book store 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 13-14, at First Congregational Church, 2 Towne Square at Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue, For details, call (734) 729-7550

### Annual book and bake sale

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 14-15, in the Fellowship Hall at Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia, Everyone in the community is welcome. The Women of ELCA are donating all proceeds to benefit the Vasculitis Foundation.

# Annual bazaar

4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middlebelt,, 1 block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620. All-you-can eat Turkey Dinner will be served 4:30-7:00 p.m. (serving ends promptly at 7 p.m.). Cost \$7 adults, \$4 children ages 3-12, under age 3 free. Lunch will be available on Saturday. Event includes Christmas Boutique, Krafty Korners, Bake Sale, Silent Auction, Cookie Walk, and Grandma's Attic.

# Alternative Christmas fair

The fair features gift items from nonprofit organizations 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile, east of Haggerty, Farmington Hills. Admission \$1. For more information, call (248) 553-7170

# 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

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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. to 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 buffet-style 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.

# The Brother's Grimm

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School will be performing "The Brother's Grimm: Out of Order" 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, in the gym at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church and School, 9600 Leverne, Redford. Come enjoy a fun-filled comedy performed by students in grades 5-8.

St. Andrew Day service 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middlebelt, 1 block south of Ford Rd. Kris Hunt. of the St. Andrew Society, returns as Piper in full uniform. Refreshments will be served in fellowship hall after service. Adult Bible study is at 8:30 a.m. with youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Handicap accessible with large print order of service and an elevator. Everyone is welcome.

### For information, call (734) 421-7620. Thanksgiving Eve service Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church will be having a Thanksgiving Eve Service

7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 9600 Leverne, Redford, All are welcome to join in worship and thanksgiving for all with which we have been blessed.

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

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# 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. to 3 p.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, jewelry and handmade artisan 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**

### Advent presentation

Are we ready for the Coming of Christ, that is, His Second Coming? Through Scripture, food and drink, reflect on. and delight in preparing for Christ's arrival 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, in Bixman Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. No charge, but please RSVP by calling (734) 425-5950. Presenter is David Conrad, M.A. Theology.

### 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.

# ONCOING

# Mid-week Service

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church offers a Wednesday evening service at 7 p.m. in the church at 9600 Leverne, Redford, Communion is offered on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m.

# **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 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

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-

### 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.

### **Reformed Protestant services**

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by the Rev. Sean Humby 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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# Church schedule

Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

# Single Place Ministry

Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www. singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

# Prince of Peace Church

Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every-Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or email her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.

# Tai Chi and strength classes

Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drop-ins wel-For information, call (248) 626-3620

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### MOPS groups Mothers of Preschoolers meets on

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e-mail to cbcwomensministries@

Please see CALENDAR, B7

# **BETTY ANN LAMPTON** Age 83. Of Orlando, FL. Passed away

on Friday, November 7, 2008. She was born in Wayne, MI and moved to Florida in 1982. She is survived by son, Jerry Lampton of Orlando; grandson, Matthew Lampton (Kristy) of Tallahassee, FL, sister, Romona Stearns of Novi, MI; brother-in-law, Everett Lampton of Brighton, MI; step-brother, Jeffery Lampton of Arkdelpha, ARK. and many other family members. She is preceded in death by husband, Carl Lampton and daughter, Linda Ann. Betty Ann will be truly missed by all who knew her. Arrangements under the direction of Fisk Funeral Home & Crematory, St.

# GORDON ARROL

Cloud, FL (407-892-2155).

Age 81, of Boynton Beach orida. Passed away at U of M Hospital on November 8, 2008. Beloved husband of Murielle for 60 years. Loving father of three children: Lawrence (Jackie), Lorraine (James) Bowers and Patricia (Dennis) Martin. Preceded in death by brother, John, and survived by brother, Robert, residing in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Gordon was loved by many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. Gordon was a merchant marine dur-ing World War II serving on several Liberty ships. Honoring Gordon's request cremation will take place with no funeral service. Donations may be

# HAZEL WININGER

made to the American Cancer Society.

Age 74. Of Taylor, Michigan. Passed away November 7, 2008. Arrange-ments by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington

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# STELLA JANKOWSKI

Age 91, November 6, 2008. Wife of the late Walter. Loving mother of Robert (Patricia) Jankowski and Jeanette Winsten. Dear sister of Nellie. Also survived by six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral Service was held Tuesday at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rggrharris.com.



# PRISCILLA JEAN ROMAN "CINDY"

Of Harrisville, formerly of Rochester Hills, passed away on November 10, 2008 at her home. Born May 16, 1934 to Harry and Margaret (Stone) Hickey in Port Huron, she was raised there. She graduated from Michigan State University in June 1956 with a B.S. in Elementary Education and a strong minor in Art. On August 2, 1958, she married Walter J. Roman. She taught kindergarten and first grade in the Warren, MI. She spent much of her life as a full-time mom and homemaker, caring for her children with great love and devotion. She loved nature, especially Lake Huron, and any kind of animal. A talented artist, she also enjoyed music, playing both the piano and organ in church. A former member of Saint Irenaeus Catholic Church in Rochester Hills, Michigan, she served on the Parish Council. More recently, she was a member of Saint Catholic Church in Harrisville, Michigan. Cindy is survived by her husband, Walter, five children: Kelly L. (Eric) Krause (Sanford, MI), W. James (Sara) Roman (Troy, MI), Katherine P. (Paul) Hogan (Ridgewood, NJ), Colleen J. (Paul) Morgan (Kalamazoo, MI) and homas J. Roman (East Aurora, NY). She was the proud grandmother of twelve grandchildren: Christopher, Brandon, and Dominic Krause, Kelen, Brenden, and Kaitlyn Roman, Caroline and Dylan Hogan, Sean, Erin, Robert, and James (aka Seamus) Age 81. Of Novi, Michigan. Passed Morgan. Grandchild number thirteen away November 8, 2008. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral is scheduled to be born in November 2008. She was predeceased by her brother, Michael Hickey, and sisters, Judy Guertin and Margaret O'Brien. Mrs. Roman is at Gillies Funeral Home, Harrisville where visitation will take place on Thursday, November 13, from 3 until 6 pm, and again on Friday, November 14 from 4 until 8 pm, with a Rosary Service at 7 pm. Funeral Mass will be on Saturday, November 15, 2008 at 11:00 am, at St. Anne Catholic Church. Rev. Lawrence Boks will officiate. Burial will be in St. Anne Catholic Cemetery, www.gilliesfuneralhomes.com



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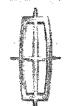
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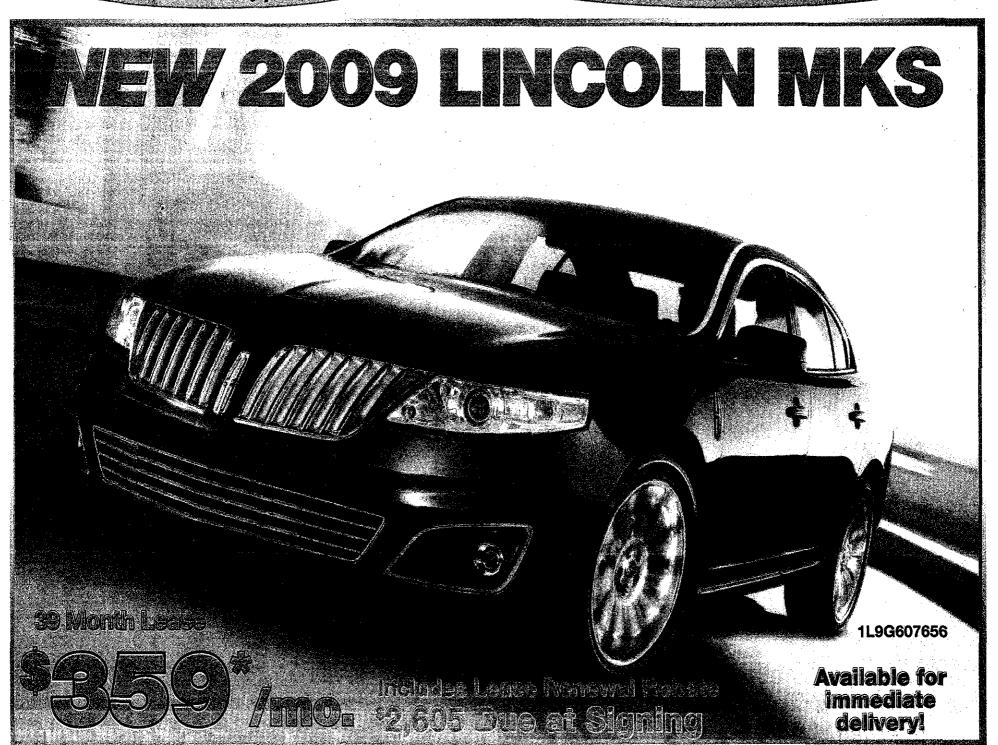


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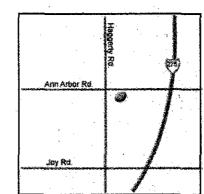


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# Realtors roll up sleeves for Play Planet project

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

Realtors typically do more selling than building, but the Westland Play Planet at Tattan Park is an exception.

Members of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors pitched in to construct the large play sculpture at the park on Ford Road near Westland City Hall.

"We had a good time," said Dale E. Smith, WWOCAR executive vice president. "It's really a fun thing to do to be able to give back to the communities:

"If you have good family situations, it makes for better communities," added Smith, who was impressed with the size of the Play Planet. The decision to participate Thursday,

Oct. 23, in the build came from WWOCAR's member services committee, said Realtor Meriem Kadi of Flat Rate Realty of Plymouth.

Some 22-23 of the WWOCAR participants rolled up their sleeves that sunny but brisk afternoon. "Some people stayed later," she said.

"We try to pick out community service projects. We wanted to do something." Kadi was impressed with Oct. 23 turn-

"We thought we'd have maybe five,

'We just wanted to come out physically to help. We had quite a few people. It was nice to see that. I'm glad that people rallied. You never know with their busy lives.'

MERIEM KADI, Realtor

seven people. It kind of snowballed. I was so happy about that."

The participants wore their distinctive WWOCAR fleece tops. The project is similar to other hands-on work they've done, including money raised for a playscape at Jefferson-Barns Elementary School in Westland a few years back.

'We just wanted to come out physically to help," said Kadi, who was joined by Realtors including WWOCAR President Gordon McCann of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer-Bake of Plymouth.

"We had quite a few people. It was nice to see that," she added.

WWOCAR is currently involved with another charitable effort and couldn't give money to the Play Planet, but was glad to have members volunteer as builders. "I'm glad that people rallied," Kadi said. "You never know with their busy



Michael Yates of GameTime (left) and volunteer Bernie Brewer of the Wayne Masonic Lodge 112 in Westland place a panel on the new play structure. Members of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors also contributed to the Play Planet project in Westland by rolling up their sleeves.

# WWOCAR effort seeks to boost state economy

Gary Reggish, presidentelect of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors recently announced the formation of Project: Jump Start Michigan. The project is designed to complement an ongoing effort to partner with governmental agencies in rejuvenating Michigan's economy.

Under the new program, WWOCAR will act as a resource partner to state and national legislators and to the media to bring a keener focus on the Michigan economy. The project will take a look at current opportunities that are not being used, as well as the development of new businessoriented incentives with a goal of creating new jobs in the association's market territory.

The objective of the program is to positively affect the creation/passage of necessary legislation, policies and/or programs by legislators, positioning Michigan as an appealing state for companies to create jobs. This will be accomplished through strengthening relationships with local and national legislators, backed by a strong media and grassroots effort.

Reggish noted that "... with over 490,000 jobs being lost since the year 2000, it is critical that Michigan develops programs to create jobs. No jobs,

no buyers, no house sales." When the project was first

conceived, WWOCAR leadership found that many of the facts were actually statements that were not backed by solid research. As a result, the leadership believed that it needed to present facts that gave an in-depth analysis of the situation Michigan is facing. The WWOCAR Board of Directors gave authorization for a complete study to be done by Dr. Christopher Petras and his research associates. You can read the report by going to www.JumpStart-Michigan.

From that report, a compre-

hensive media kit and legislative briefing papers are being developed to assist the Presidential Advisory Council in managing

the project. Dale Smith, executive vice president of WWOCAR and manager of the project, said, "To the best of our knowledge, no Realtor association has undertaken such a project. Our leadership believed that an important role of the Association is to create a better environment for our constituents, which includes all facets of the real estate industry and, most importantly, the public. What better way to expend some of our resources

members and the public to try to play some role in returning Michigan to a strong economy?"

Gordon McCann, president of WWOCAR, has lauded the effort and believes that WWOCAR can make a difference. It's important to note that while some new legislation may come out of this project, the primary focus will be to look at current proposals that aren't being addressed, and legislation already in place that might be taken advantage of if the defined recipients were expanded to encompass even small companies that provided more modest objectives than a large firm.

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# Accepted as member

Joanna Hernandez, an agent in the Rochester office of Weir Manuel Realtors, was recently accepted as a member of the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Agents.

NAHREP's mission is to increase the sustainable Hispanic homeownership rate by empowering the real estate professionals that serve the community.

"We are excited to have one of our top professionals in this organization," said Sue Falk, manager of Weir Manuel's Rochester office. "Many of our agents also have certificates in

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# Try to control barking dog

Q: We are trying to sell a first-floor condo where above our unit lives a person who owns a small barking dog and our Realtor says that it has prevented a sale. I have written the unit owner twice and tried to call her but she is not responding. Do you have any suggestions about how to deal with this problem?

A: Check the condominium documents to see if



Robert Meisner

limitation on the maintenance of dogs and usually there is a provision that precludes dogs from

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excessively barking." Although that is, of course, a subjective term, I would complain

to the association as well as the co-owner involved and seek the association's assistance in attempting to maintain some control over the barking of the dog to the extent that is possible. Q: Our condominium project

has a few units under foreclosure and the monthly dues are not being paid. In the meantime, will all co-owners incur a special assessment to pay for the foreclosed condominium dues, and, when the units are sold will we be reimbursed for the monies we

A: It all depends on the financial condition of your association. If your association can go forward without having to levy additional assessments to meet its needs, it will not receive an additional assessment. Obviously to the extent that you recoup those monies from the delinquent co-owners, that money will go into the association's treasury. I do not believe that you will be reimbursed for those funds, unless, that was a condition precedent to the additional assessment being levied, which would normally not be a good idea.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates. com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



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Hernandez was born in Poland and raised in Mexico. She has a

degree in mechanical and electrical engineering and is working on her M.B.A. She entered the real estate profession after having worked at Procter and Gamble and General Motors. She is also a Certified Short Sale Specialist.

Weir Manuel Realtors is a leading real estate company providing brokerage and property management services, with more than 150 professionals in three Michigan offices: Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Rochester. Its Web site, which includes live assistance, is at www.weirmanuel.com.

**Habitat session** Habitat for Humanity

30 Vr Pts 15 Vr Pts Other

of Western Wayne County will host a Prospective **Homeowner Orientation** meeting on Monday, Nov. 24, at 6:30 p.m., at the Inkster Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt, Inkster.

Attendance at the meeting is mandatory. The three criteria required for eligibility based on the following:

NEED FOR ADEQUATE SHELTER: Some of the basis of need are as follows but is not limited

a) Current shelter has problems with the heating system, water supply, electricity. bathroom(s), kitchen, structure, etc.

b) Current shelter has an inadequate number of bedrooms as determined by number, ages and sex of household members.

c) The maximum household gross income is 50 percent of the median family income. ABILITY TO PAY:

a) The household income is at least 25 percent of the area median income. This information will be

available at the meeting.

b) Applicant must demonstrate the ability to pay a 20-year, 0 percent interest monthly mortgage payment. The mortgage payment will include the payment for property taxes and insurance.

c) The family must have a satisfactory credit history and references. All financial judgments must be cleared prior to closing. Payments on bad debts must begin immediately upon signing the letter of acceptance.

d) Applicant debt to income ratio must not exceed 38 percent.

e) Applicant must make a down payment of \$700.00. \$100.00 of this payment must be received before construction begins and the balance is due 1 month before occupancy of the home.

WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE AS A PARTNER is based on the following but not limited to the following:

a) Applicant must completely fill out application and return with documents by the deadline, readily engage in a home visit and assist at Habitat functions & fund-raisers.

b) Attend homebuyer education and financial management classes.

c) Each adult household age 18 and older must perform a minimum of 250 hours of sweat equity hours. 100 of the hours must be performed on your own house. Family must accept the house offered by the board of directors.

You must be a resident of Western Wayne County to apply for a home: Belleville, Canton, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Lincoln Park, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Romulus, Sumpter, Taylor, Wayne, Westland or Van Buren. For information, call (734) 459-7744.

# BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its National Association of Home **Builders Professional** Remodelers (NAHBR) will hold a "Project Management" course on Friday, Nov. 14, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) designations as well as the CGR

designation. This course also counts toward pre-licensure and continuing education competency for the State of Michigan.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builder **Professional Services** Group will present participants with the skills needed for successful on- or off-site production opera2 tions management. The course covers the three phases of a successful venture: planning, implementation and evaluation.

Anyone in the pre-construction or construction process will benefit including owners, project managers, superintendents and sales managers.

Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at

www.builders.org. ■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will hold a Lien Law seminar on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Marty Burnstein will discuss "What's New in Michigan Construction Lien Law Act."

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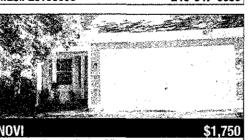
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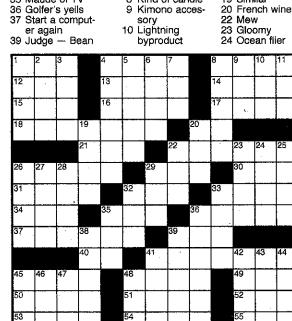
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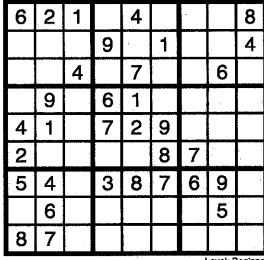
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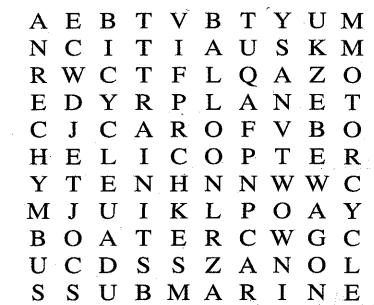
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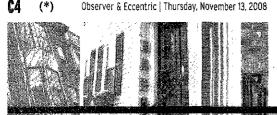
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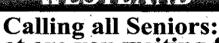


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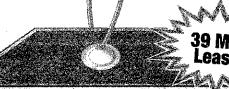
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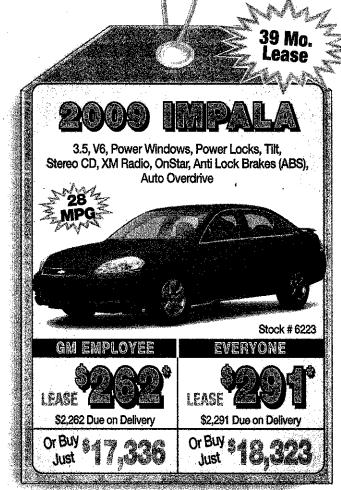
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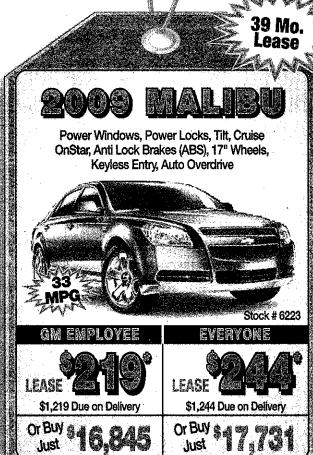
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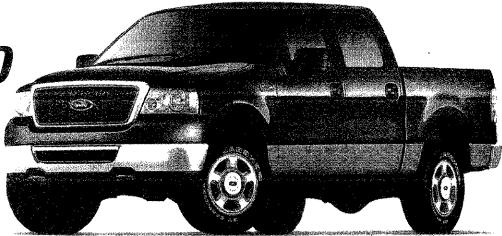
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