



Leaf pickup

Plymouth's Department of Municipal Services will be doing bulk leaf pickup this week in Area C, which includes all streets south of Ann Arbor Trail, west of South Main and north of Ann Arbor Road (residents should check out the city's website, www.ci.plymouth. mi.us, for a map, Bulk Leaf Pick Up Map).

Residents are required to have leaves neatly raked to the curb by 7 a.m. the Monday of their designated week. Do not place grass clippings, branches/limbs, corn stalks, pumpkins, etc. into the street with leaves. Do not place leaf piles over storm drains. Plugged grates will cause flooding. City officials urge residents to take special care to keep grates free of

The area's second designated week will be the week of Nov. 19.

Trick or treat

Do you have your home decorated for Halloween? The Plymouth Observer would like to hear about it.

Please submit pictures of your decorations, along with a little bit of information about how long you've been decorating, whatever the "theme" might be and other Halloween traditions observed in your home.

Email the photos as JPEG attachments to Plymouth Observer Editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com, making sure to include your family's name, address (not for publication), the names of anyone who might be in the picture and a phone number (also not for publication) we can call if we have any

Voter guides

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County is providing voters several opportunities to learn about their candidates in advance of election day Nov. 6. Videos of the can-

didate forums for the 11th District Congressional race, held on Oct. 1, and for the election of the 20th and 21st District state representatives held Sept. 24, can be accessed on the League's website at www. lwvnww.org

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Seventh-grader Ola Young walks to the office at Central Middle School. The multiple additions to the building mean that there are many halls with short sight lines, making it more difficult for staff to moni-

The Central issue

District's oldest building presents learning challenges

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

If anyone knows the unique challenges facing teachers and students navigating the learning environment at Central Middle School, it's probably Debbie Stephens.

Stephens has one child who's already been through the school and went on to graduate. She also has a second child, currently a high school senior, and a third child who is a seventh-grader at Central.

And she has, after all, been a teacher at Plymouth-Canton's oldest school for more than 16 years. She knows it's too hot in the summer, and not warm enough in the winter. She knows there aren't enough electrical outlets and there isn't running water in enough places.

In short, she knows Central

By Darrell Clem

Observer Staff Writer

A NorthRidge Church marathon

team has shattered its \$500,000 goal of raising money to bring clean

water to two villages in Zambia, a landlocked nation in southern Afri-

ca where people are becoming sick or dying because they drink and use dirty water hauled miles from pollut-

New figures show the Ridge Run-

ners team from Canton, Plymouth,

Livonia, Westland, South Lyon, Novi,

Northville, Detroit and other commu-

nities has raised \$544,274 — outstrip-

ping a goal that was set prior to the

Bryan Amann, a Canton resident

and NorthRidge director of spiri-

Oct. 7 Chicago Marathon.

"We have great teachers here. And there's an opportunity for us to do greater things than we can because of the building we're in."

DEBBIE STEPHENS Central Middle School teacher

- built in the early 1900s and the original Plymouth High School - doesn't have many of the advantages the newer, more modern middle schools

"There are times when I really have to think about my game plan," said Stephens, a science teacher at the school. "I don't have adequate electrical outlets, so I have to rethink everything I'm doing in teaching the same things they're teaching in other (middle school) buildings."

Other options

The learning environment at Central Middle School has been a subject of debate for years. There was discussion several years ago that the building has outlived its usefulness as a school, with consideration for closing it in favor of building another middle school in the southern end of the district.

Judy Mardigian, the longest-serving member of the district's Board of Education, has long been an advocate of

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Pipe attack suspect to undergo evaluation

By Matt Jachman **Observer Staff Writer**

A Westland woman facing an attempted murder charge in the Oct 4 attack on another woman at the Plymouth Township Kroger store will undergo a psychological examination as officials try to determine her competency.

The exam for Angel Viar, 48, was ordered Friday in 35th Dis-

trict Court by Judge James Plakas at the request of defense attorney David Lankford. Plakas scheduled a review of the case for Friday, Jan. 18.

"There are clearly issues that are way outside my area of

expertise," Lankford told Plakas. Lankford said he had consulted with Viar's family members, some of whom were in court Friday.

Viar

Viar is accused of striking a 58year-old employee with a pipe inside the Kroger on Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon just before 11 a.m. Oct. 4. She was arrested by a Plymouth police officer who was the first officer at the scene, and police recovered a steel pipe about 12 inches

The victim, of St. Clair Shores, suffered a head wound and was treated at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and released the same day. The two women did not know each other.

Viar, dressed in blue jeans and a white sweatshirt, appeared composed in court Friday, speaking to Plakas in a clear voice.

"You believe this is in your best interest?" Plakas asked as he explained to Viar that she would be waiving her right to a timely preliminary hearing in order to allow for the competency exam.

"Yes, sir," Viar said. Viar faces one count each of assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily

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Marathon team shatters fundraising goal

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tual formation, shifted much of the credit away from the Ridge Runners and toward donors all across metro Detroit who supported the team's efforts to help Zambia through World Vision, a Christian relief organization.

"It's more a reflection of the people in our area who made the contributions," Amann said.

Child sponsors

NorthRidge members also sponsor nearly 3,000 African children every month through donations to World Vision.

World Vision President Rich Stearns, in a video address to NorthRidge senior pastor Brad Powell and his congregation, said the Plymouth-based

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NorthRidge Church members (from left) Rita Thompson, Cathy Jordan and Kristen Hare run the Chicago Marathon to raise money to bring clean water to Zambia.

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Candy shop doubles as art gallery for painter

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Painter Kim Torres is taking a "flavorful" approach to building an art career, displaying her works at a downtown Plymouth candy store.

Torres has dabbled in art since she was a child, but has no formal training. Long a sketcher and face-painter, she took up painting on canvas less than a year ago and now has several acrylics for sale at the Candy Trail on Ann Arbor Trail.

"I'm thinking outside the box as to how to get my name out there,' Torres said at the store Thursday.

The Canton Township woman is also a full-time caregiver for developmentally disabled people and owns a busi-



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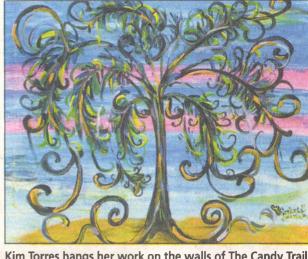
Kim Torres and her whimsical playing card paintings.

ness, Face Flair, that designs stick-on body art and offers face-painting and caricaturing at

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fairs, parties and corporate events. (She will be offering free face-painting today at the Candy

Trail during the Pumpkin Palooza Halloween event, which starts at noon.) Torres employs



Kim Torres hangs her work on the walls of The Candy Trail.

five artists in addition to herself.

"I have all the willpower in the world to make my dream come true," Torres said in explaining her busy life, "and I want to inspire others.'

Torres's colorful paintings, alongside a rainbow of candy displays, fit the decor at the Candy Trail, and store owner Sandi McGrew is considering dedicating a wall there to Torres's work. The paintings have been at the store for a couple of weeks; the two met when McGrew hired Torres, in a pinch, for a face-painting gig at the store.

The paintings include a crooked Olde English 'D,' an abstract of a clown, a whimsical skull and crossbones with a bow in its "hair" and a jumble of images with a "Where's Waldo?"-type theme that Torres calls My Map. Painted with acrylics and Sharpies, that's the most expensive painting, at \$200; prices for others start at \$40.

One painting that especially stands out is a detailed depiction of three characters from playing cards - the King, the Queen and the Jack playing poker. The Jack has just put down the winning hand and the

King is gasping in disappointment, while the Queen smiles snarkily. Torres said the work is inspired by the famous kitsch painting of dogs playing poker and that her husband, Patrick Torres, suggested it.

"I just didn't think I had that kind of talent in me," she said.

Painting is relaxing for Torres after a day at what can be a stressful job, she said. "For me to, like, end my day sitting there painting, it's awesome," she said.

Torres began Face Flair in 2009 with the stickons, which she said were inspired by cell phone bling. But they didn't really take off until she added face-painting, and she sometimes adds the stick-ons to the facepainting designs. She has a design book with dozens of selections. "If it's not in my book, we can find it," she said. "We'll Google it, we'll do it."

Face Flair stick-ons were included in the goodie bags given to celebrities during the 2011 Country Music Awards. "I thought Taylor Swift would be calling me," Torres joked.

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Lamar: Board needs to be more engaged

Democrat Joanne Lamar, a former Plymouth-Canton Board of Education trustee, is running for one of four trustee seats on the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees in the Nov. 6 general election. She took a few minutes to discuss some issues facing the township (similar issues were discussed by the four Republican candidates prior to the August primary):

Observer: Why are you running for a township board seat?

Lamar: I am running for the Township Board to bring a more engaged presence within the community. I have always been active in the community and have been a good listener to the needs and concerns of the residents. I enjoyed my service on the School Board, and being a member of the Township Board will. give me the opportunity to continue to serve the residents of the Township.

Observer: What do you see as the role/responsibilities of the position you seek?

THE LAMAR FILE

Name: Joanne Lamar Hometown: Plymouth (previously, Detroit, Dearborn Heights and Dearborn)

Family: Married with 2 children Profession: Nursing

Education: BS (Nursing), MSN (Nursing Administration), MSBA (Business Administration), MPP (Master's in Pub-

Previous public-sector experience: 4 year term on Plymouth-Canton School Board

Community involvement: Plymouth AM Rotary, Reader's Corp for Detroit Public Schools, Member Michigan Rehabilitation Council (Governor Appointment), Fund Raising Chair and Board of Directors for Plymouth Canton Marching Band Boosters

Lamar: Since the Township Board represents the residents of the Township, we should take time to know what the residents of the Township think and need. We should be accessible to residents so that they can share their concerns and suggestions. We don't need to have all the suggestions and all the answers, but we should advocate for what is in the best interest of the Township.

Observer: What are the

three biggest issues facing Plymouth Township? How would you address them?

Lamar: 1) Fire and police department: We already have a reduction in fire coverage, now, we need to be concerned about police and fire integration in the event that the model becomes our plan. Find evidence based research to guide the consideration to incorporate a new model. 2) Bring transparency to the Board meetings. There needs

to be more clarity in the agendas and much better presentation and discussion of initiatives. There also needs to be more respect for residents who attend the meetings and express their views. 3) Address underfunded benefit costs.

Observer: What strengths would you bring to the board that set you apart from other candidates?

Lamar: I have experience as a board member on the Plymouth-Canton School Board, 2002-2006, and board member of the Michigan Rehabilitation Council- 2009-2012. I also have a Master's degree in Public Policy.

Observer: What do you think of the township board's recent decision to lay off Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighters? What, if anything, about that decision would you try to change if you were elected?

Lamar: Plymouth Township is large and expansive and it requires a very motivated and devoted staff to cover such a large area. The fact that we are bounded

by several expressways means increased activity related to traffic and easier access to the area. The continued decrease in firefighter's and the consideration of a public safety model thins the coverage. This becomes a safety issue for the residents.

Observer: What do you think of the current board's budget priorities? Where would your priorities lie if you were on the board?

Lamar: At a recent budget update at a Township Board meeting, there was mention of millions of dollars underfunded in the retirement/health-care fund. Although the Board has made progress in reducing this debt, this ongoing mandate will continue to be an issue.

Observer: Attracting new businesses, and encouraging business expansion, has been a major focus for the current administration. Do you think enough is being done? If not, what more could be done at the township level?

Lamar: The reduced firefighter staff and concern about public safe-

ty will not entice businesses to settle here. That being said, the township needs to have a strategy for recruiting new businesses that complement the community culture. There is plenty of opportunity on Ann Arbor Road for some new businesses.

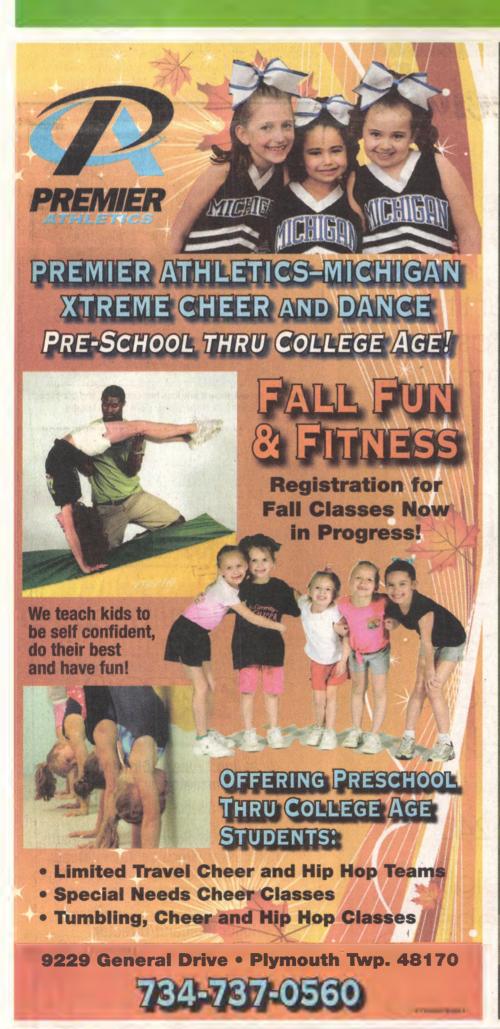
Observer: How would your professional experience and community involvement serve you should you be elected/re-elected?

Lamar: I have four years of experience on the Plymouth-Canton School Board to bring listening skills, ability to analyze issues and community concerns, and handson experience in overseeing budget issues including reduced government financial support. I have always enjoyed participation in local community groups. I was a very active parent supporter for the Plymouth Canton Marching Band, chaired 2 Senior parties and was very involved in nonprofit fundraising. These experiences prepared me for responsible community service.

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Paul DePalma (with Silvia DePalma) sponsors Pay it Forward Tuesdays, day-long fundraisers at his Italian restaurant on Wing Street, Nico & Vali.

Restaurateur pays it forward each week

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Grateful for his four years in business in Plymouth, Paul DePalma went looking last summer for a way to pay it forward.

He found one with Pay it Forward Tuesdays, day-long fundraisers at his Italian restaurant on Wing Street, Nico & Vali.

"Giving back is something that is very dear to me," DePalma said last week. "I believe in it a lot. I believe in the whole premise of paying it forward."

The event works like this: Each Tuesday, DePalma takes 10 percent off of the entire day's dine-in sales breakfast, lunch and dinner — and sends it to a charity, cause or community group. No coupons are needed, there are no special hours, and diners, who may not even be aware of the program,

don't need to mention it. "It definitely feels good knowing that a portion of your proceeds are going to someone in need," DePalma said.

The Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps has benefited; so has the Plymouth Community United Way, Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County and the family of a 13-year-old boy suffering from muscular dystrophy. The Make-a-Wish Foundation, which grants wishes to children with life-threatening conditions, was the beneficiary last week and will also benefit this Tuesday.

DePalma said most causes have been benefitting from two consecutive Pay it Forward Tuesdays, and that it's possible there will be more repeats. His goal for certain groups, including Make-a-Wish, is to raise \$1,000 over the course of a year.

United Way was the first group up, on two Tuesdays in June and July. Spokeswoman Linda Chomin said United Way took in close to \$600 from the event, money it will dedicate to its own programs, such as its emergency food pantry, and to other charities to which the organization donates.

Chomin said United Way also benefited from being able to set up an . information table during the event, offering diners a look at its programs.

DePalma said the fundraisers help Nico & Vali as well by bringing in first-time customers. "It ends up being a nice winwin," he said.

He plans to continue the event indefinitely.

"As long as I can continue to find recipients and it makes sense to do it financially, I'll definitely keep the campaign going," he said.

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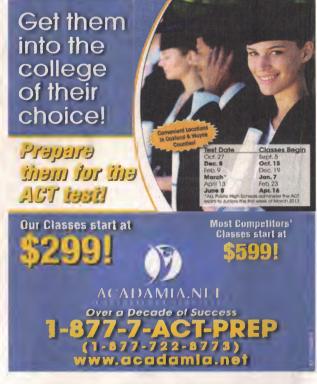
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Contact: Call United Home Health Services, (734) 981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at www.mmapinc. org/pages/about.html

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Date/Time: Tuesday, Oct. 30, 7-10 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor

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Date/Time: Thursday, Nov.

Location: Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Canton Newcomers and Neighbors benefits from this fundraiser. Cost: 1 paddle \$5; 2 paddles \$7; 3 paddles \$8. Quarters for bidding (Quarters available for purchase at event). Bids on donated items range from 1 to 6 quarters. Food, drink and cookies available for purchase. There will be drawings for bringing a non-member guest and for purchasing 3 paddles, along with a 50-50 raffle. All proceeds benefit Canton Newcomers and Neighbors.

Contact: Kristina Wittner, (734) 787-9954.

SEWING GUILD

Date/Time: First Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church, **Plymouth**

Details: Meetings are open to sewists of all levels. The Nov. 1 meeting features "Purse/Tote challenge" judging and holiday gift ideas; The Dec. 6 meeting features "Holiday potluck

Contact: For more information, email ASGPC@comcast net

BLOOD DRIVES

Dates: Various

Locations: Various

Details: The American Red Cross sponsors blood drives at the following dates, times and locations: Monday, Oct. 22, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2-7:45 p.m.; and Wednesday, Oct. 24, VFW Post 6695, Plymouth, 2-7:45 p.m.

Contact: Donors can contact Diane at (313) 549-7052 or Diane.Risko@redcross.org to set up an appointment.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Date/Time: Friday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: OLGC hosts a craft fair. The church will provide an 8-foot by 6-foot space, table and two chairs for \$35. Electric outlets are available. The event will feature raffle drawings, food provided by Family Affair Catering. Proceeds applied to building debt reduction. Admission is \$2.

Contact: Call Sandy at (248) 344-7995 or email alnsain1964@aol.com.

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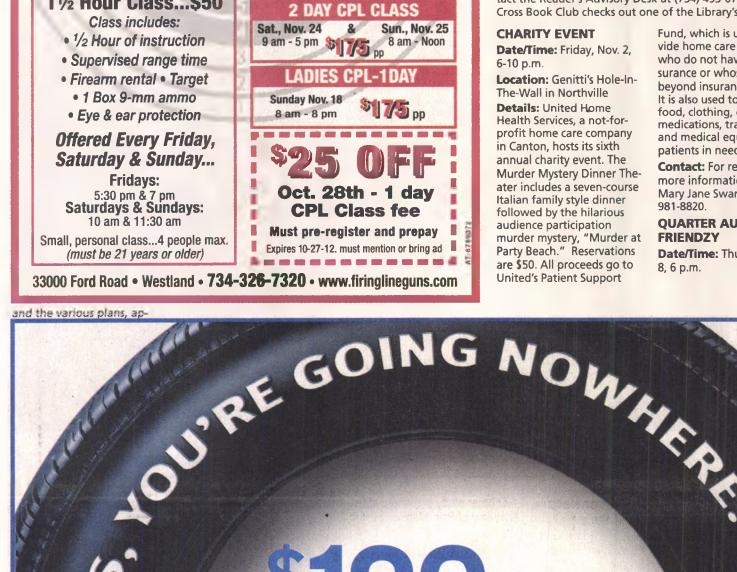
Date/Time: Third Saturday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m. Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley,

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief, and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express

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Ntambwa Mbyie and Audrey Johnson, seniors at Salem and Canton high schools, are semifinalists in the 2013 National Achievement Scholarship Competition.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program is an academic competition established in 1964 specifically to honor scholastically talented Black American high school students and provide college scholarships for a substantial number of the most outstanding participants in each annual competition.

Credit recovery

Alternative education is not what most people think. Students in the program have faced some obstacle in life that has caused them to struggle in a traditional high school setting. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Starkweather Alternative High School has been helping students meet their goals for years, in spite of their challenges.

One particularly successful program is the credit recovery lab at the school. More than 120 students are currently enrolled in nearly 160 course sections. Starkweather offers 40 course selections outside the regular school day for students who are motivated to catch up on credits.

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Culinary expert

Hospitality and Culinary Arts teacher Diana Woodward joined a panel of some of Michigan's outstanding female trailblazers as they discussed the restaurant industry at the annual Michigan Restaurant Show.

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Students building business bravado

By Brad Kadrich **Observer Staff Writer**

Salem High School senior Abigail Dworzanin is working two jobs these

By day, she's the accountant for the Rock Shop, the school store located within Salem High School. And by night (and afternoons and weekends), she works at the DSW shoe store in Canton.

And her success in both jobs, the 17-year-old from Canton believes, is directly tied to the experience she's getting in Cristina Guberinich's advanced marketing class. The class runs both the Rock Shop and the studentrun high school branch of the Community Federal Credit Union,

"I think it gives you a lot of experience with business," said Dworzanin, who will study actuarial science once she decides which college she wants to attend. "It's a leadership thing."

The advanced marketing class is all about leadership. The 26 students do it all in the Rock Shop, which is a retail outlet obviously specializing in school merchandise, but also selling a variety of other products.

Students are responsible for inventory, ordering, accounting, payment



The Rock Shop student-store is run completely by the students, who handle inventory, ordering, accounting and bill paying.

to vendors and other business-related activities, from managing the store right down to manning the cash registers.

"It definitely helps," Dworzanin said. "It's a good experience.'

The kids also run the credit union branch. Students open and manage accounts, handle the transactions and are responsible for the cash.

Of course, they do all of this with help from managers at Community Financial.

"(CFCU) does the training necessary for the kids to have those business skills they need for the future," said Guberinich, Salem's marketing teacher. "(Kids) also get hands-on experience with a financial base. That's really the most valuable part of it."

The connection with CFCU also helps prepare the marketing students for the annual DECA competition. The marketing, accounting and financial association regional competition is set for Jan. 10-12 at Eastern Michigan University, with the state competition in March in Grand Rapids.

It's part of CFCU's commitment to the communities they serve, particularly the youth. In addition to helping run the



Freshman Alex Schroeck reaches into the money-grab bag held by Salem senior marketing student Kyle Cameron as the student-run Salem High School branch of the Community Federal Credit Union opens for business.

businesses, CFCU staffers do classroom presentations talking about saving, investing, maintaining good credit and how to get good jobs.

Karen Alexander, CFCU's education coordinator, said the credit union comes to the students to make learning more convenient.

"We want students to take charge of their own money," Alexander said. "Once they go off to school, they have experience handling their money."

The students believe they'll benefit from the working association with CFCU.

"This will help me learn how to develop relationships with custom-

ers," said Kyle Cameron, a senior at Salem. "It's going to help me get ready for the real world."

That will be key, according to Alexander, who says high school seniors these days will need some \$2.1 million to retire with the lifestyle to which they've become accustomed.

A solid business foundation, she said, goes a long way toward achieving that.

'We want the kids to be financially secure when they become adults," Alexander said. "With the economy the way it's been, that's much more difficult."

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CENTRAL

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repurposing Central and building a newer, more modern middle school on property the district owns in Canton.

She said she understands the concerns of teachers, and realizes the district must come up with some kind of solu-

"I think we need to face the issue about the age of the building and the learning environment, and come up with an answer," Mardigian said. "I don't know what the answer is. What we can't do is fail to address the problem."

The three-story building, which originally housed the first high school and has been added on to several times. is simultaneously drafty and stuffy. There is no central air conditioning and classroom temperatures, according to teachers and students, often hover around the 100degree mark in the spring and late summer.

Where the newer middle schools have had improvements paid for from bond money, officials have deemed similar adjustments at Central as too expensive. One such example: The science labs at the other middle schools have electrical outlets that dangle from the ceiling over tables; at Central, there's one outlet in the front and one in the back of the room, making a series of extension cords necessary.

Best temps

Anthony Ruela, in his fifth year as the principal at Central, said building temperatures present the single biggest challenge (though there are others, he said) to teaching — and learning — at

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Central. "There is lots of



The Central science labs have running water and not much else. Sixth-graders Jacob Visel and Owen Miller calculate how many drops are in a milliliter.

research that says the learning environment is best around optimal tem-perature," said Ruela, who said that temperature is 68-70 degrees. "As temperatures creep toward 75, it's hard to concentrate. (Regulating temperatures) would have the biggest bang for the buck when you're talking about student achievement. And that's what we're here for."

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Teachers have other examples of the challenges. Audrey Mammano told school board members at a recent meeting her new classroom used to be a closet. It's so small, it needed construction work and Mammano had to find new digs for a while.

Language arts and technology teacher Rick Coughlin said the school struggles with technology because "we're using antiquated software

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and ... a system that's 10 years old." He also said the classrooms are sometimes small and windows are inadequate for both lighting and circulation.

There are a number of studies that show students will perform better in buildings with lots of natural light and lots of space," Coughlin said. "When you have 33 kids, (classrooms) get small pretty quickly. It makes it tough."

Ruela said the building presents other, more physical, challenges. With all the additions, sight lines are often skewed and hall monitors have to vacate one spot in order to observer another as the school's 852 students pass through the halls.

Still secure

The entrance is locked and rigged with cameras and a bell, so Ruela



Central features lots of kids in small classrooms.



Large fans help keep the air moving in third-floor classrooms. Teacher Hawanya Urquhart waits for her next class to enter the room where she teaches eighthgrade English.

doesn't worry that much about security.

"I'd love to have a clearer sight to the front door, but we have a camera and a buzzer system. ... In terms of general security, I'm not worried," he said. "But having three floors, and all those stairwells, it just takes more manpower.'

As much as anything, Ruela credits the kids themselves for making the best of the situation. After all, while it does present challenges,



Central Middle School Principal Anthony Ruela talks about the challenges of teaching in a building that began construction over 90 years ago, with multiple additions.

the building does have its good points.

"The kids are great," Ruela said. "They're very flexible. Part of that is they don't know any differently. Kids look favorably on the things we do have. They like that we have a pool, and that we have a big old high school-style gym."

As a parent, Stephens said she likes the school because it's blessed with "a tremendous" staff. She said she chose to have her children attend Central for that very reason.



This third-floor room has windows that open for ventilation; however, the area outside the window is walled on four sides, so breezes can't get to the window. Outside the window is the air conditioning unit for the cafeteria. The noise means that the teacher must close the windows when the weather is hot.

She'd just like to see them get more of what other middle schoolers get.

"I don't feel my kids are getting their fair share as far as facilities are concerned," Stephens said. "We have great teachers here. And there's an opportunity for us to do greater things than we can because of the building we're in."

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- The firm's prior experience with the Community Development Block Grant Pro-
- Professional experience of principal personnel which will be assigned to the Charter Township of Plymouth specific project.
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All proposals shall be submitted to the Division of Public Services to the attention of Patrick Fellrath, Township Engineer, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 prior to 4:00 pm on Monday November 19, 2012 and clearly marked "CDBG PROJECT PROPOSAL-ENGINEERING".

Award of this project shall be based solely on evaluation of these initial proposals. Proposals shall contain pricing information. Costs for these Engineering Services will be negotiated with the selected firm

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MDOT continues to seek

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Canton officials warn any potential fix to the Ford Road/I-275 mess could cause disruptions for shoppers along the township's busy Ford Road corridor.

Ford fix could disrupt business

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Despite a persistent push by Canton for a solution to Ford Road traffic woes, local officials say any fix chosen by the Michigan Department of Transportation is certain to disrupt the communi-

ty's core shopping district. Elected leaders and business representatives only hope to soften the blow as much as possible so that patrons continue to spend money at retail shops, restaurants and other companies along the

vibrant commercial strip. More than 300 businesses have made their home along the Downtown Development Authority district that extends from the Canton-Westland boundary to just west of Canton Center, a threemile stretch that could face upheaval as MDOT moves to improve traffic flow whenever it happens.

"It's going to impact our district, whatever is done," said Kathleen Salla, DDA coordinator. "If nothing is done, it's going to impact it, too. It's just so important if there is construction that those business areas are accessible and that people can get in and out of them."

Growth spurt

Local leaders say Canton has become a victim of its own success. Decades of growth along the Ford Road corridor made the area a popular shopping destination and even lured retail giant IKEA, yet the burgeoning district has spurred traffic bottlenecks that frustrate even the most patient drivers.

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church has set the bar high for others.

"I could never have imagined what this church body was capable of," Stearns said in the video, posted on the NorthRidge website.

In one revealing statistic, the 228-member Ridge Runners team accounted for 14 percent of World Vision's 1,600 runners in the Chicago marathon. Yet the church's \$544,274 in donations, at last count, generated more than 30 percent of the \$1.7 million raised for the Christian relief organization.

World Vision and other marathon charities were amazed at metro Detroit's generosity, considering this area has been much harder hit by tough economic times than many other places, Amann said.

Ridge Runners co-captain Billy Downs of Novi said he and co-captain Tony Hobart had set the \$500,000 goal because they believed NorthRidge could attain it.

"We never gave up on that goal, but certainly the team blew past it," Downs said. "We're so proud of everybody for all the efforts they gave. It was just an amazing thing."

New plan

Already, Downs said, the Ridge Runners team has begun to plan to run the Detroit Marathon next year partly for Life Remodeled, a nonprof-



Ed Ollie, a pastor, was among the 228-member NorthRidge Church team to run the Chicago Marathon.

it organization that builds houses for struggling families in Detroit and suburban communities such as Redford, Westland, Farmington Hills and Southfield.

"We think it will be a great project," Downs said, saying anyone interested may contact him at tribillydowns@gmail.com.

Meanwhile, Ridge Runners had begun training last January for the 26.2-mile Chicago Marathon, though injuries forced some to sit out the actual event. In all. 228 team members made the starting line.

"We only had two people who did not make it across the finish line," Amann said. "We trained and we worked hard, and thank God people really took it seriously.'

Aside from helping bring clean water amenities to the Zambia villages of Moyo and Hamaundu, NorthRidge runners

had personal reasons for raising money and running the marathon. Some did it in memory of family members they have lost; others who have young children wanted to help voungsters much less fortunate than their own.

Prior to the marathon, Canton mother Sarah Miller had summed up how many Ridge Runners felt when she said her family didn't get to choose where they were born — and neither did the people of Zambia.

"I don't have to worry about dirty water killing my children," she said.

Before the race, Amann, Miller and a small group of the North-Ridge team had gone to a Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting to discuss their participation in the Chicago Marathon. Supervisor Phil LaJoy commended the Ridge Runners for "doing good work."

NorthRidge's philanthropic efforts have stretched from Detroit to the post-Hurricane Katrina Gulf Coast to countries such as Colombia, India, Croatia, Haiti, Nicaragua and the Philippines. The church's initiative to bring wells and other clean-water amenities to Zambia came after Hobart, the Ridge Runners' co-captain, had a conversation last year with a World Vision representa-

tive while visiting Zambia. Now that NorthRidge runners have proved they can meet a goal as large as the one for Zambia. they say they are motivated to continue their efforts to change the world, both close to home and oceans away.

"This is a beginning." Amann said, "not an ending."

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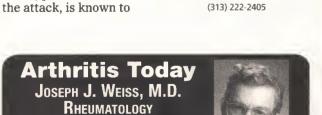
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Women dominate high court ballot

By Jill Halpin Correspondent

Area women are making a place for themselves this fall in the annals of Michigan's judicial history.

Four women are running the state's highest court - three who were nominated by the Democratic Party and one nominated by the Republican

Connie Marie Kelley of Redford, Bridget Mary McCormack of Ann Arbor and Southfield's Shelia Johnson are all running for seats on the state's Supreme Court, marking the first time ever that three women have been nominated by the Democratic Party for Michigan's highest court. Republican nominee Colleen O'Brien of Rochester Hills rounds out the group of female candidates.

"This is a very important moment in history, not only for our state, but for our entire country. It shows that women have really reached a pinnacle level. It really speaks volumes to a level of equality women have achieved," said Johnson, a judge in Southfield's 46th District Court since 2002.

McCormack, a law professor and dean for clinical affairs at the University of Michigan Law School, also discussed the significance of the nominations.

"This is the first time one of the parties has nominated three women for the state Supreme Court and I am honored to be part of that," she said. "This may not have been possible even a generation ago."

The nominations are notable on many different levels, noted Mark Brew-



Connie Kelley

er, chair of the Michigan Democratic Party.

"While it is true this is the first time the Michigan Democratic Party has endorsed a slate of three women candidates, what is truly historic about the occasion is the fact that we have nominated these three women - Judge Connie Marie Kelley, Judge Shelia Johnson and Bridget Mary McCormack. These three women come from different backgrounds, but they all have devoted their lives to protecting Michigan children and families. Michigan deserves a Supreme Court that protects our kids, and that's the real historic opportunity we have in 2012," he said.

Connie Marie Kelley

According to Kelley, the nominations "seem to have energized people both men and women across that state."

Kelley is used to making history.

As the second of six children in an Irish-Catholic family, she was the first child in her family to attend college, paying her own way through the University of Michigan then law school at Wayne State University.

As an attorney in the Troy law firm of Powers, Chapman, D'Agostino, Meyers & Millia, P.C, she was only the second wom-



Shelia Johnson

an to be appointed partner since 1929.

Kelley currently serves as a judge in Wayne County's Third Circuit Court.

"It is really exciting it's an historical moment. As I travel the state talking to people, they seem really energized by it. It's not just women, either; it's the men, too," Kelley said.

Despite the significance of the achievement, it is Kelley's work with litigants within the circuit court system's Family Division, as well as her efforts with at-risk young women in Detroit, that she finds most rewarding.

Kellev has been a circuit court judge since 2009, after a 27-year career as an attorney dealing with everything from family law and sexual harassment to wrongful termination and personal injury — "and everything in-between."

The mother of two grown sons, Andrew and Kyle, she is married to Kevin Kelley, director of senior and veteran services for Wayne County and a former Redford Township supervisor.

Shelia Johnson

The first African-American female to serve as a district court judge in Oakland County, Johnson is currently serving as chief judge pro tem of the court, presiding over



Bridget McCormack

a variety of cases ranging from ordinance violations and traffic matters to criminal preliminary examinations and misdemeanors.

A Southfield resident for more than 23 years, Johnson was born and raised in Detroit, graduating from Cranbrook Kingswood High School before attending Dartmouth College, where she majored in history. A 1984 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, Johnson was the first African American in history to be elected as president of the Law School Student Senate.

A two-term district judge, Johnson also has 18 years' experience in private practice focusing on civil and criminal liti-

The 2008 recipient of the Powerful Woman of Purpose Award from the Rhonda Walker Foundation for professional achievement in the legal field and for commitment to community service, Johnson has also been recognized by a variety of organizations for her leadership and community service.

Bridget Mary McCormack

McCormack graduated from New York University Law School and spent the first five years of her legal career trying cases



Colleen O'Brien

in New York City's trial courts with The Legal Aid Society.

In 1996, McCormack became a faculty fellow at the Yale Law School, where she taught advocacy and professional responsibility. She joined the University of Michigan Law School faculty in 1998.

For the past 14 years, McCormack has conducted and supervised many types of civil and crim- . inal litigation at all levels of state and federal courts in Michigan.

McCormack has been recognized by a variety of professional organizations for her work with the university's clinical programs, including the Michigan Innocence Clinic, in which students represent the wrongfully convicted and resulted in the exoneration of six people as of June 2012.

Colleen O'Brien

Currently serving as judge of the Oakland County Circuit Court, a position she has held since winning election in 1998, O'Brien was born in Pontiac and attended college at the University of Michigan.

A 1981 graduate of the Detroit College of Law, she spent 17 years in private practice, gaining experience in both civil and criminal matters.

O'Brien said she is hon-

ored to be a part of this historic group.

"I have always been excited about Michigan's rich history of women in the law," said O'Brien.

"There has been a woman on the Michigan Supreme Court every year since 1973, and we have had five female chief justices since then. In fact, in 2010, Michigan was one of only three states in the country with a female majority. So I'm not too surprised by the fact that we have so many women on the ballot this year, and I'm proud to be one of them."

As a practicing attorney, O'Brien served on the Rochester Hills Zoning Board of Appeals, and received the Oakland County Bar Association Pro Bono Award for providing volunteer legal services. She has also served as a circuit court mediator in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne Counties, as well as serving as president of the Oakland County Women's Bar Association.

O'Brien also serves as an adjunct professor at Thomas M. Cooley Law School, and in 2011 received the Frederick J. Griffith III Adjunct Faculty Award from Cooley Law School, which is awarded to faculty members who best display excellence in teaching, passion for advocacy and compassion for law students. O'Brien is also on the Advisory Board for Baker College. She also serves on the boards of both the Restore Foundation and Crossroads for Youth.

In 2011, O'Brien was the recipient of the Oakland County Bar Association's Distinguished Public Servant Award.



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Campaign hopes pennies can make a difference

The Canton Observer part of O&E Media, will partner with the Canton Goodfellows on Saturday, Oct. 27, in support of Make A Difference Day – the largest day of volunteering in the U.S.A.

For more than 20 years, Gannett Inc. has mobilized millions across the country for this national day of doing good.

"As part of our commitment to the communities we serve, O&E Media is partnering with several local groups, including the Canton Goodfellows," Susan Rosiek, publisher and executive editor, said in urging Canton residents to join "Pennies from Heaven," so that every child has a Christ-

This year's "Pennies from Heaven" campaign is in honor of Nancy Spencer, the Canton Goodfellows leader who died last week. Spencer, along with her husband,



John, was a stalwart supporter for the Goodfel-

Last year, the campaign raised \$814.43, mostly pennies.

"The main focus of this drive is to publicize the 'No Canton Child Without a Christmas' project," John Spencer said. "The money is not a lot but it reminds the community that we are doing this for the children in need in the Canton community."

The Make a Difference Day Campaign hopes to collect one million pennies for the Canton Goodfellows.

"The Canton Observer, on behalf of the Goodfellows, invites all local residents to help the Goodfellows and remember Nancy in the best way possible - to help kids have a Christmas," Rosiek said.

"Pennies might not seem like a lot but they quickly add up. Whether it's one penny or one hundred pennies, every donation makes a difference."

Bring your pennies or any spare change to the lobby of the Canton Summit (Community Center) from 10 a.m. to noon and meet other Goodfellows and O&E Media staff. Enjoy a glass of cider and a doughnut. Your change can make a change for the Canton Goodfellows this year.

Held every year on the fourth Saturday in October, Make A Difference Day is sponsored by Gannett Co. Inc.'s USA WEEKEND Magazine in partnership with the HandsOn Network.

Businesses, schools and other group interested in helping can contact Maureen Frye at fryebynite@ wowway.com. Or simply bring your pennies to the Summit on Oct. 27.



Canton residents Gordy Van Putten and Sophie Giovanelli work along a section of Warren Road that the church adopted last year.

Church hits streets for public service

By Jill Halpin Correspondent

A Canton Township church is doing more than just opening their doors to help the community this month - they are shutting them as they take their goodwill into the streets in an effort to help area residents.

Friendship Church will suspend Sunday services on Oct. 28 as members hit the streets of metro Detroit, sending hundreds of children, youth and adults out for a day of community service, and they are inviting the public to join them in their efforts

"We have close to 40 service projects through-out the area," said Cher-yl Petersen of Canton, one of the organizers of the second annual event, known as "The Church Has Left the Building."

The projects are multiple and include raking leaves for the elderly, preparing food for the homeless, packing food boxes, roadside cleanup, serving families meals at an area hospice center, visiting veteran centers, collecting and distributing coats and blankets and much more, Petersen said.

"We have smaller projects and we also have some big projects that require a lot of people, but they are all set up so that volunteers can just jump right in and go with it," she added.

Big impact

Partnering with other are service organizations such as Forgotten Harvest and Habitat for Humanity as well as neighboring churches such as Redford Aldersgate allows both the church and volunteers to make a big impact within the community and surrounding areas, Petersen said.

"We want to be known as a church that reaches out into the community," she said.

The inspiration for the event originated as the church sought community outreach projects that would have a large effect, Petersen said.

"We just felt it was really important to close the doors one day and go out into the community and help people," she said.

"Sometimes we get to a place where we are doing a lot of talking and not doing a lot of acting," said Youth Pastor Brad Moss, "I think it is important that we show God's love in practical ways, that we put flesh on what we are preaching."

Moss said that the event offers a great opportunity for children and teens to learn about giving while helping others in need.

Almost 100 young people participated in the event past year, he said.

"This event is so important for so many different reasons. This really gives young people some insight into people's needs that may not be represented in their homes or in their community," said Moss.

Although their immediate community is affluent and they may be insulated from some of the problems challenging many Detroit-area residents. it is essential that young people learn about the issues that others may

He said it is also important that parents model

the act of serving others so that their children see it as a priority.

"It's awesome when families can volunteer and serve together," he said.

Multiple benefits Canton resident Scott

Petersen, Pastor of Maturity Ministries at the church, said the event is beneficial to everyone involved: not only those receiving help, but those offering help as well.

"I have seen it time and time again. People do service projects and realize how meaningful it is to help someone else. They will come to me and say, 'Now we get it. We understand what it is all

about," he said. Cheri Pelic of Northville, one of the event organizers, said that the event offers people a chance to turn the focus away from themselves and put it back on other people.

"As humans we are so inwardly focused. It's a great opportunity to take a step back and give something to others," she

Both Petersen and Pelic are looking forward to welcoming others who wish to join the group efforts.

"We are opening this up to the public. Anyone who would like to come out and help is welcome. No experience is neededchurch experience or otherwise," Petersen said, adding, "The number of projects is reaching 40. We have team leaders online and now are filling the teams with volunteers. The commitment is three to four hours of service on the 28th and it is such a great feeling to do something positive with no strings attached. It is an awesome shared expe-

Those interested in participating can call (734) 710-9370 or visit the church website at http://www.cantonfriendship.org/.

rience!"

St. Mary Mercy opens new addition, holds open house

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is inviting the public to tour its new three-story South Pavilion that doubles the size of its emergency room and provides 80 private patient rooms during a grand opening and open house from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28.

"Our state-of-the-art emergency center and private patient rooms are focused on patient care and innovation," said President and CEO Dave Spivey, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "We are excited to celebrate this milestone with our area communities.'

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logical advancements and overnight guests. Soon after opening the 154,000square-foot addition, St. Mary Mercy will renovate and convert its north wing patient rooms to private.

The hospital was established in 1959 by the Felician Sisters. Over the past 50 years, through numerous additions and expansions in services, the hospital

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has grown to 304 beds and provides acute-care medical and health services by board-certified doctors and registered nurses

Open house activities include tours of the new addition, health activities, Teddy Bear Clinic, and kids' activities with clowns, balloon animals and face painting. Entertainment includes music by Steve King & the Dittilies, a special appearance from WDVD radio morning show host Blaine Flower from noon to 2 p.m., strolling magicians and photo opportunities with a National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Dragster Team driver and car as well the opportunity to meet community rescue teams. Refreshments featuring a healthy food menu will also be available. For a complete list of activities, visit stmarymercy.org/grandopening.

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PROPOSAL 2: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

CON: Voting 'no' protects students

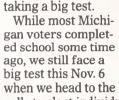
By Kathy Hayes and William Mayes **Guest Columnists**

hen we think back to our time in elementary school we quick-

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ly recall our friends, our teachers and principals and maybe even a life-changing experience or two. Of course we also recall many of the lessons we learned, from our ABCs to those pesky multiplication tables and the importance of doing our homework before completing a project or



polls to elect individuals to represent us in Lansing and Washington. D.C., and to have our say on a half dozen different ballot proposals. While we tend to pay more attention to presidential politics, these ballot proposals can be every bit as important in determining the direction of our state.

That's why nearly 3,000 local Michigan school boards, principals and superintendents have come together to stand up for our kids, stand up for our local schools and to urge parents to vote NO on Propos-

Proposal 2 would have devastating negative effects on Michigan schools, making it more important than ever to do our homework before the test. While our "grades" might not depend on getting the answer right or on defeating Propos-

al 2, our kids' futures certainly do. You've probably seen the ads for Proposal 2, which talk about collective bargaining and protecting government employee jobs. But what these ads don't tell you is just how sweeping, overreaching and dangerous Proposal 2 is for Michigan's public schools.

Because of the confusing way the proposal is worded, it could literally reach in and overturn hundreds of laws on the books that strengthen our public schools, give our students the best public school teachers and save our local districts hundreds of millions of dollars each year.

Let's be clear - nowhere will Proposal 2's negative impact be felt more severely than in our public schools.

According to the opinion of many legal experts and policy analysts, if Proposal 2 is approved, it will likely repeal laws that help your local public school keep good teachers in the classroom and overturn desperately needed and common sense health care reforms for public employees. According to the teachers union itself, Proposal 2 would also erase the law that fines teachers for striking illegally, the only law on the books deterring Michigan from sliding back into the days of teacher

Educators, just like parents, want our students to receive the best education from the best teachers, but Proposal 2 would eliminate teacher evaluation systems and force us back into a seniority system that makes time on the job more important than performance with our students. It would also negate the law that allows public schools to determine which teachers teach which

Proposal 2 would cost school districts \$400 million in potential health care savings alone. Should it pass, districts will be forced to eliminate educational programs and cut staff just to balance the books. That is the last thing parents want and the last thing our children need.

So do your homework. Stand up for our Michigan schools and stand up for Michigan kids by voting NO on Proposal 2. If we don't get this answer right we won't simply be failing a test — we will be failing our children.

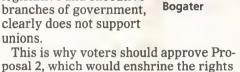
Kathy Hayes is executive director of Michigan Association of School Boards. William Mayes is executive director of the Michigan Association of School **Administrators**

PRO: Workers' rights need protection

By Jillian A. Bogater **Guest Columnist**

hy do we have unions? Here's the simple answer: Because employers notoriously have taken advantage of employees, who traditionally have lower bargaining power.

Is it under threat right now? I believe there is a national trend of anti-union activity. Wisconsin is destroying the rights of unions. Indiana just passed a right-towork law, joining 22 other states. The right wing, which controls Michigan's legislative and executive branches of government, clearly does not support unions.



While I normally cringe when people suggest adding constitutional amendments, passing Proposal 2 is essential to preserving unions in the state. Constitutions are for giving rights. I believe collective bargaining has an important place in our state's history.

of workers to collectively bargain.

From the official Vote Yes on Proposal 2 website, protectworkingfamilies.com: "The constitution is the place where fundamental rights reside, rights that should not be subjected to the political whims of corporate special interests. The right to bargain collectively for fair wages, benefits and working conditions is a fundamental right.'

Michigan is the heart of the nation's union movement, so we need to keep it vibrant.

The people who support Proposal 2 do so because historically they have been take advantage of. It's unrealistic to believe a company's management is going to put their employees' needs next to the bottom line. The people who are against Proposal 2 are the same people who want a superior bargaining position.

Collective bargaining means just that: it involves two sides coming together to discuss an issue and engaging in a giveand-take dialogue. This proposal protects a level playing field, and keeps union-represented employees on fair footing. It also prevents politicians or the governor from dictating workers' rights.

The proposal would preclude legislative interference in labor negotiations and restore a sense of balance. This also removes special interests, and prevents an overregulation of the employee-employer relationship. I say let both sides sit at a table and try to come to an agreement. Most times, one will be reached. And if that doesn't happen, other remedies are available.

More importantly, passage of Proposal 2 could bar implementation of any future right-to-work law, which would prevent employees from being required to join a union. While our governor says he doesn't want a right-to-work law right now, partisan members of our legislature are ready to attack those rights. Proposal 2 would provide much-needed worker protection.

As someone who has both benefited from direct involvement with collective bargaining, and worked without union protection, I personally understand the importance of this proposal's passage. I have been lucky enough to take part in collective bargaining for my health care and other workplace conditions. While we didn't get exactly what we aimed for, the collective bargaining process left me confident in the process. We brought our concerns to the table, our voices were heard and we came to a collective agreement.

I've also worked in non-union shops, where we were at the mercy of management. We experienced increased health care costs, a slip in working conditions and a lack of job security. And without meaningful job security, it is nearly impossible to dedicate one's entire career to an employer that could take that job away for no cause.

I would rather unions fade into history because an overwhelming number of employers treat their workers well, by providing fair wages, safe workplaces and adequate health care. But until that day comes, I firmly believe unions and collective bargaining must stay in place.

If you don't believe in unions, and want to end a perceived union stranglehold, treat workers well. Believe me, I would love to see the day that unions and collective bargaining are no longer necessary.

Veteran journalist Jillian Bogater is editor of the University Record, the faculty/staff newspaper at the University of Michigan.



PRO: Language will level playing field

By Charles Owens Guest Columnist

mong the six ballot proposals appearing on the November ballot this year is one that deserves a "Yes" vote. Proposal 5, known by its supporters as the 2/3 Amendment, would require a twothirds super majority vote of the state House and the state Senate, or a

statewide vote of the people at a November election, to impose new or additional taxes, expand the base of taxation or increase the rate of taxation.

While the current state legislature and administration have shown restraint and responsibility in fiscal

management, the option to raise taxes or create new ones is an ever-present temptation to any future group of lawmakers. History teaches us that, when faced with the choice of cutting the size or growth of government or raising taxes to balance a budget, the latter is usually the first option.

Politicians in Lansing from both parties are often susceptible to the lobbying pressures of the numerous interest groups that directly benefit from the relentless growth of government. These groups run the gamut from social welfare agencies, government labor unions and even many business organizations. They have a permanent presence in Lansing, while the average taxpaying citizen is too busy trying to make a living to camp out in the Capitol lobby and persuade elected officials to their point of view. Small businesses and families cannot easily raise their own incomes and doing so should be harder for government as well. Proposal 5 levels the playing field in favor of working families and taxpayers.

Opponents of Proposal 5 are attempting to cloud the issue by distracting voters from the commonsense, plain meaning of the ballot language. They say that it would mean that a two-thirds majority would be required to lower taxes, not just raise them. This is Lansingspeak for simply shifting taxes from one party (getting a lower tax) to another (funding the other's tax cut). Yes, Prop 5 would make that kind of "musical chairs" tax policy more difficult and that is a good thing. Nothing in Prop 5 would prevent an across the board tax cut for all with a simple majority vote. Opponents also claim that if this proposal would have been in place before the recent changes to our business tax, those changes would not have been possible. By that logic, if Prop 5 had been in place before, then the flawed business tax in question would likely not have been created in the first place. Finally, Prop 5 opponents like to "dangle the shiny object" of the financing by Ambassador Bridge owner Matty Moroun to distract vot-. ers from the core value of Proposal 5. If Proposal 5 came from Mars it still wouldn't change the fact that it is a sound proposal and a rare opportunity for Michigan citizens to have more say in how tax policy is craft-

If there's an overwhelming need for higher taxes then there should be overwhelming bipartisan support in the Legislature or in a statewide ballot election. If the need for higher taxes is as urgent as Lansing lawmakers and interest groups claim, then they should be able to make a successful case to the people. The point of Proposal 5 is that raising taxes should always be a last resort, not the first. Citizens would do well to vote "Yes" on Proposal 5.

Charles Owens is the state director for the National Federation of Independent Business, a small business advocacy organization in Lansing and Washington, D.C. Find out more at www.NFIB.com/MI.

CON: A prescription for gridlock

By Roger Martin **Guest Columnist**

f the six ballot proposals on the Nov. 6 statewide ballot, one of them is broadly opposed by labor and business, nonprofit organizations and top elected officials such as Gov. Rick Snyder, the head of the Southwest Michigan Tea Party, Democrats and Republicans, the Michigan Catholic Conference, the Michigan

Farm Bureau, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Business Leaders for Michigan, and many more.

That's Proposal 5, the proposed constitutional amendment that would allow one-third of one chamber of our Legislature to control all tax reforms policies in Mich-

Even grade school children learn pretty quickly that government works on majority rule. Proposal 5 on the Nov. 6 statewide ballot would turn Michigan's majority-rule democracy on its head in our state Legislature. Proposal 5 would forever enshrine in our Michigan Constitution the inherently anti-democratic position that a minority - a super-minority - should prevail on tax policy votes.

Proposal 5 is deceptively called the "supermajority proposal" because it would require a two-thirds vote on tax increases. Just 13 members of the Michigan Senate

would gain the power to overrule the will of the Michigan House and the other senators when it comes to state tax policies. It's a prescription for gridlock, inaction, and the death of Michigan's reinvention. This proposal is now before Michigan voters because a lone Detroit billionaire named Matty Moroun paid circulators more than \$2 million to collect signatures. He's fighting to keep tax breaks that bene-

fit him, at the expense of the rest of Mich-

igan. How will that happen? When the

state is unable to provide vital services,

local governments have to step in - and

raise their taxes. In states that have super-

minority rule, local taxes tend to go up. It's instructive to look at the handful of states with this requirement. Mississippi is one — the poorest state in the nation, the state with the highest poverty rate, and one of the poorest education systems. Nevada is another — the state with the

nation's highest unemployment rate. California is another, a state that failed in 16 out of 20 years to balance its budget by the legal deadline because of legislative grid-

Super-minority states have lower bond ratings. It costs more to replace aging schools, to build laboratories at universities, and to make long-term investments at the state and local levels. Gov. Rick Snyder has made improving Michigan's bond rating a priority. His budget director warns the state's credit rating will drop if Proposal 5 passes.

Because Proposal 5 is so extreme, a broad range of Michigan citizens and interests — many of whom often strongly disagree with one another — are opposed to Proposal 5. They have spent a lot of time examining the impact of this proposal, including unintended consequences that, for instance, would make it harder to force out-of-state companies doing business in our state to pay taxes Michigan companies pay. Besides Moroun, the only other major backer of Proposal 5 is a Washington, D.C., lobbyist named Grover Norquist, who has pledged to use his out-of-state super PAC to fund the supporters' campaign. So bottom line: our coalition opposed to Proposal 5 is made up entirely of Michigan citizens and organizations from all corners of the state. Supporters are bankrolled by a lone Detroit billionaire and a Washington, D.C., lobbyist.

Join us in voting NO on Proposal 5. Don't vote for a permanent change to the state constitution that gives fewer Michigan citizens a real say in their government. For more, please visit www.voteNOonprop5.

Roger Martin is a Lansing business owner and former award-winning journalist and is spokesman for the VOTE NO on 5, Defend Michigan Democracy coalition.



Look to other options rather than new 10-year annuity

By Rick Bloom **Guest Columnist**

Q: Dear Rick: I'm in my 70s and I have a few fixed annuities in my portfolio. One of those annuities will mature in mid-November and I need your advice. The salesperson has been contacting me and wants me to re-up for another 10 years. Because of the rate of return and the guarantee on that annuity, I'm not interested in re-upping. He

has told me that unless I renew the annuity or transfer it into a new one, the annuity will be cashed out

taxes — something I'm not

A: I agree that it doesn't make sense in this environment to re-up for another 10 years. The guarantee on fixed annuities is very low and, therefore, a 10-year period doesn't make any sense.

Of course, it makes sense for your annuity salesper-

son as he/she will receive a substantial commission if you do roll it over. In your situation, I

shop around fixed annuities with other companies

that have shorter terms. For example, there are

some good fixed annuities that only have a five-

year term. In this environment with low interest

rates, five years would be the maximum length

tees are higher, I may commit to a longer peri-

interest rate environ-

ment.

od, but not in today's low

Another alternative and one I believe makes the most sense for you to pursue — is to directly transfer the money into an annuity that has no time period. If, for exam-

ple, you go into a 10-year

you want out after year

to have to pay a penalty.

much as you want whenever you want. Therefore, you have the flexi-

draw money whenever you choose and there would be no penalty. You

annuity, if you decide that

of time that I would want to commit to any fixed annuity. Down the road when rates and guaran-

have a couple viable options. The first is to

interested in doing. I feel I'm between a rock and a hard place. Do you have any

and I will

be forced to pay the

suggestions?

Rick Bloom

of annuities. The reason you don't hear much about them is because all too often annuities are not bought, they are sold. These types of annuities don't pay commission and so commissioned salespeople don't want any-

thing to do with them. My goal is always to make sure you have more

money in your pocket because I believe money looks better there than anywhere else and that's why I talk about these types of annuities.

Companies that offer these types of annuities are Vanguard, Fidelity and Charles Schwab. They are very easy to purchase and there is no tax conse-

quences when you directly transfer the money from your old annuity into one of these annuities.

All the annuities I've mentioned do have multiple investment options. In these products, you can be conservative by selecting a fixed income investment option or you can be more aggressive by

using equities. One of the benefits of these annuities compared to others is they have very low costs.

If you have an annuity and it is maturing and you don't want to commit to another annuity where you have to lock your money up for years, remember, despite what the annuity salespeople tell you, you do have options and those options are viable. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email him at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.



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Angela Hospice president Sister Giovanni, Events coordinator Barb Iovan and Executive Director Mary Beth Moning show off a few of the items up for auction at the Light Up a Life Benefit: an autographed Greg Monroe jersey, the 'Party in a Basket' package and a Coach handbag.

Angela Hospice hosts 'Light Up a Life' benefit

Angela Hospice invites supporters in the community to attend their annual Light Up a Life Benefit, taking place 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The theme of the evening is sports, and guests are encouraged to come representing their favorite

Promising another slam

dunk performance, the Rick Lieder Band will return for this year's benefit. They wowed the crowd last year, and were immediately booked

"Even if you're not a dancer, they are great to listen to," said Angela Hospice Events Coordinator Barb Iovan.

Indeed, dancing is just one of the draws of this event, which supports Angela Hospice's programs of care, including the My Nest is Best Pediatric Program. Guests of this special event will also enjoy an open bar, gourmet dinner, appetizers and dessert, fishbowl raffle and more.

Plus, the large silent auction features items ranging from a Steve Yzerman memorabilia package, a Pandora bracelet, a Tamarack Lodge getaway, art glass vases, and even a tailgate trailer rental.

'Our committee members have been hard at work all summer preparing for this event - and it's going to be a memorable one," said Iovan. "So many of our long-time supporters have purchased tickets already and we are thrilled to have many new friends

join us as well.'

Individuals, families, and businesses can show their support for the Light Up a Life Benefit in a variety of ways. Event tickets are \$100 per person, and raffle tickets are just \$1 each. Cash donations are being accepted as well. All proceeds from the event help the programs of Angela Hospice, including direct care for hospice patients, so each donation will make a dif-

For more information, call Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045, or visit www. AskForAngela.com.

Inspire Theatre opens seventh season with 'Mousetrap'

Inspire Theatre, Westland's only live theatre, is presenting its version of the longest running play in history, Agatha Christie's comedy thriller, The Mousetrap, which opened in the West End of London in 1952, and has been running continuously since then.

The show opens Oct. 26 and runs for two weekends. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26-27 and Nov. 4-5, and 3 p.m. Sunday Oct. 28 and Nov. 6 at 3:00

p.m. Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door. Reservations can be made by calling (734) 751-7057

Under the direction of Len Fisher of Wayne and assistant director Wendy Hardy of Livonia, Inspire Theatre's version has returned the murder mystery to the original flavor of being a comedy thriller. When asked about that, Fisher said, "Why does staged mur-

der have to be dismal?" "We know someone is

going to die in the play, why not have fun along the way," he said. "Agatha Christie wrote it that way for a reason. That's why its run for 60 years."

Most of the cast are Inspire Theatre veterans. The only newcomer to the production is Jan Laurent of Canton as Miss Casewell. Returning to IT's stage are Richard Holland, Lisa Brawley and Bill Peterson, all of Livonia, John Donnelly of Redford, Toni Hammond of Farmington Hills, Nick Szczerba of Brownstown and Andrew Fisher of

Wayne. The Mousetrap opens the seventh season for Inspire Theatre. This is the second Agatha Christie production, the first being Ten Little Indians, in 2008. Peterson and Donnelly were also in that production.

The Mousetrap has the longest initial run of any play in history, with more than 24,500 performances so far. It also is the longest running show (of any type) of the modern era. The play is also known for its twist ending, which the audience are traditionally asked not to reveal after leaving the theatre.

The play began life as a short radio play broadcast on May 30, 1947, and was called Three Blind Mice in honor of Queen Mary, the consort of King George V. The play had its origins in the real-life case of the death of a boy, Dennis O'Neill, who died while in the foster care of a Shropshire farmer and his wife in

The play had to be renamed at the insistence of Emile Littler who had produced a play called Three Blind Mice in the West End before the World War II. The suggestion to call it The Mousetrap came from Shakespeare's play Hamlet, The Mousetrap is Hamlet's answer to Claudius's inquiry about the name of the play.

Relying entirely on ticket sales for its operating costs, Inspire has not only mounted ambitious productions, but it also operates the Inspire School for Theatre Arts for chil-

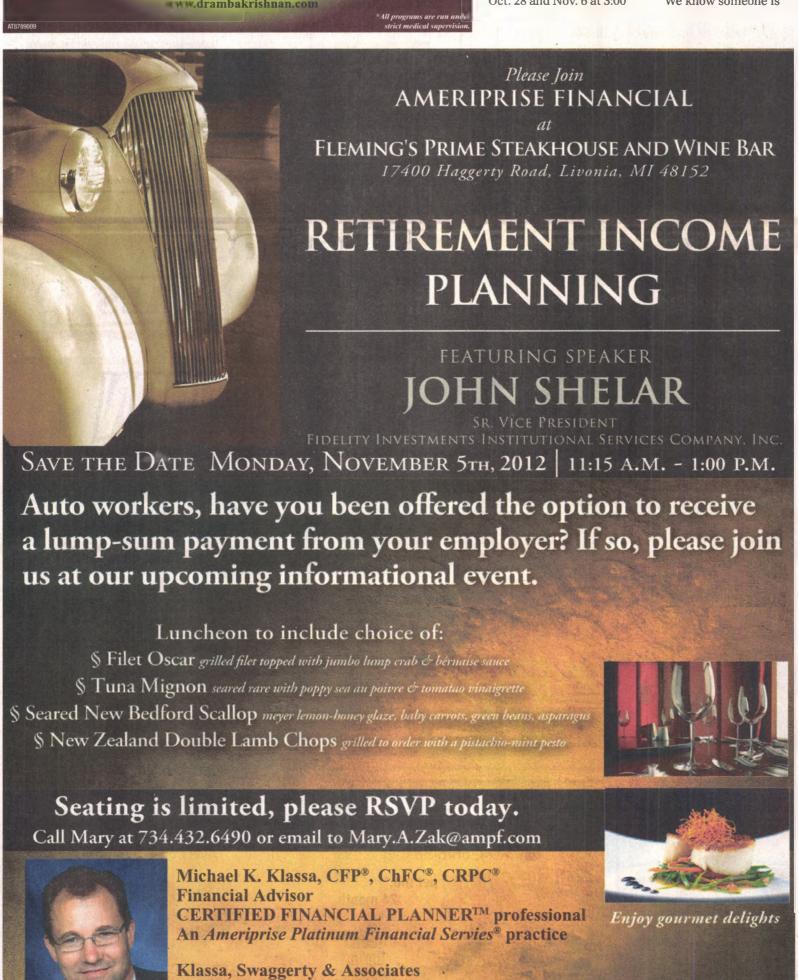
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Lisa Brawley and Jan Laurent rehearse a scene from

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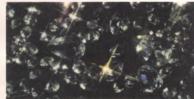
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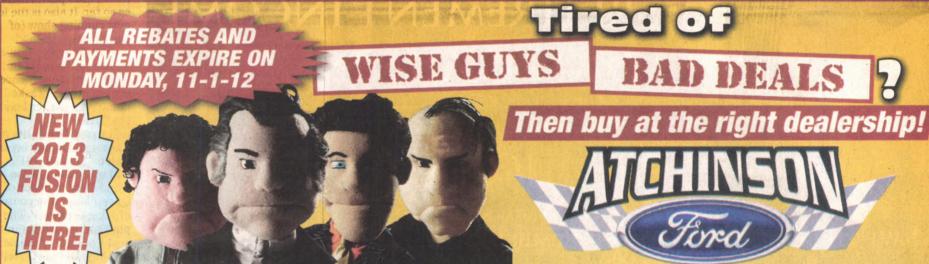
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Disaster drill sharpens pros' skills, trains students



Madonna University nursing student Tara Trey of Westland gets makeup applied so she can play a victim in a disaster drill in downtown Detroit that tested the skills of emergency responders and hospital staff in Detroit.

When Tara Trey, 33, of Westland entered the emergency department at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, she was suffering from exposure to a high dose of radiation. Patrick Solon, 24, of Belleville, followed Trey. He had metal fragments protruding from his spine. He was severely bleeding and in a lot of pain. He could not walk on his own.

Luckily, this was only a drill.

Trey and Solon were among 50 Madonna University nursing students who would end up rushing a mock emergency room at the hospital in under an hour Oct. 4. They were all playing the role of victims in a disaster drill that would test the response of emergency professionals during a crisis. And although these wounds were just makebelieve, the disaster scenario they were portraying - the detonation of a small-scale nuclear device in a major American city - was not.

In this drill, the explosion occurred at Michigan Avenue and Livernois Avenue in Detroit, just a few miles from Henry Ford Hospital.

Henry Ford Hospital was among more than 30 health care facilities, and numerous local, regional, state and federal agencies that participated in the exercise, said John Snider, emergency preparedness coordinator at Henry Ford Hospital.

When the dozens of faux-injured people entered the emergency department at Henry Ford, the staff had to respond as if they were actually hurt, not knowing anything more about what happened to these patients or how many more would come.

"It was a great learning experience," Trey said after the drill was over. "I have a much better understanding as to how things must play out



Madonna University nursing student Patrick Solon of Roseville gets an injury applied to his back by a makeup artist hired by Henry Ford Hospital. Solon and 50 other Madonna University students recently played the role of victims in a regional disaster drill downtown Detroit.

if a real disaster was to occur," she said.

The day started out very jovial for the students. Upon arrival at Henry Ford Hospital, the students went through an intense makeup session where they received very real-looking visual representation of the wounds they "suffered." The students volunteered to have various injuries, which included everything from minor burns and lost fingers to open chest wounds and protruding bones. The students were also given an index card with their symptoms and

After the makeup was on and the students had their orders, they headed down to a back door that would represent the emergency department entrance. Here things became more intense as these "victims" realized how intensely the nurs-

es and doctors handling them were, even in this drill

"It's important that the students get to see how professionals handle this situation," said Kathleen Esper, associate professor of nursing at Madonna University. "It will make them better when they fill these roles. They also get to experience what it is like as a patient. Both perspectives will be valuable to them," she

For Amber Rafko, 21, of Monroe, participation in the drill was somewhat eye opening.

"I learned that it can be a very difficult job," Rafko said. Unlike a normal, post-surgical unit, nurses in a disaster must assess a patient in a fraction of the time. They distinguish between dead and alive. There is no time to converse or consult peers ... in a disaster, nurses and doctors are acting to 'do the most they can, for the greatest amount of people."

With exercises like this one, the ground game is improved, which means more people can be saved.

Public comment sought on S'craft nursing programs

Schoolcraft College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association and the Michigan Board of Nursing, will host a site review for additional national accreditation of its Practical Nursing and Associate Degree Nursing programs by the National League for Nursing

Accrediting Commission. The public is invited to meet the site reviewers and share their comments about the nursing programs 2:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, at the Livonia Campus in the VistaTech Center, Room 425. Anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP to rweber@schoolcraft. edu or call (734) 462-4401 by Oct. 22.

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly by email to sjtanner@nlnac. org. Written comments should arrive at NLNAC by Oct. 22.

Republican Women host Bentivolio, Ronna Romney

The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host Kerry Bentivolio, candidate for U.S. Congress (11th District), and Ronna Romney McDaniels, chairwoman for Michigan Women for Mitt, during its meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, in "The Woods" Clubhouse, 18238 University Park Drive, Livonia, behind Laurel Park Place

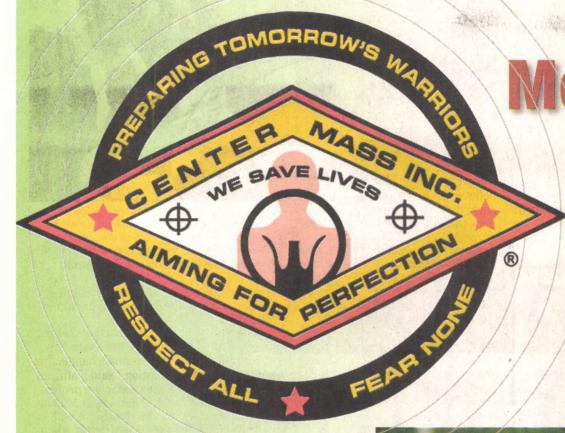
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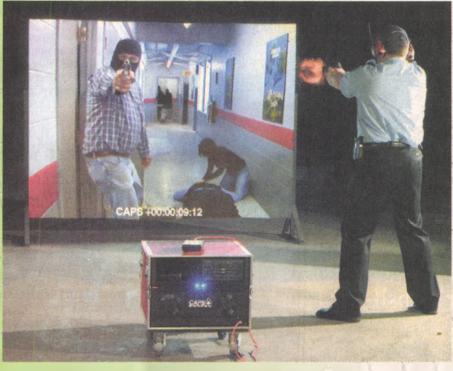
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Chiefs punch playoff ticket

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

For the second straight Friday, Canton and Salem squared off at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park with a playoff berth on the line

Other than the fact Canton prevailed each week, that's where the similarities ended between the two contests.

The game Oct. 12 was a 34-7 blowout; Friday's thrilling nailbiter on a rainy, windy night came down to the final play.

A 45-yard field-goal attempt by Salem junior Alex Kenrick — only possible after the Rocks recovered an onside kick sailed wide right, enabling the Chiefs to win 28-27 and earn an automatic state playoff berth with their sixth win of the sea-

"That's stuff we practice,"
Salem head coach Kurt Britnell
said about the onside kick and
subsequent field-goal attempt.
"We converted it and it went how
we wanted it to other than the
miss, obviously."

Not the same

Canton head coach Tim
Baechler said the Salem team
the Chiefs faced Friday was a
different bunch from the previous week.

"They (Rocks) did so many new things today that caused us problems," Baechler said. "Offensively, defensively, that's the advantage of a back-to-back game like that.

"We got it right the first game, they get to go back to the drawing board and make all kinds of adjustments and changes. They did a lot and they were good. But we got lucky."

For much of the night, it looked as though the Rocks were going to get payback for the previous week and in the process end two long droughts. It's been more than a decade since Salem defeated Canton, and since the Rocks reached the postseason.

With the bitter defeat, however, the 5-4 Rocks now must wait until the MHSAA's Selection Sunday show to find out if they squeak in to the playoffs.

"We're a bubble 5-4 team," Britnell said. "I don't know exactly how they do things in East Lansing. But if they look at this game ... we can be competitive and we're worthy."

Still hoping

The senior quarterback who almost directed the Rocks to a miracle finish, Jake Deprez, sat on the wet turf following the game trying to compose his thoughts, wondering if his prep career was over.

"We've been down the last couple weeks, but I thought we stepped it up tremendously," said Deprez, who completed 12-of 25-passes for 236 yards and two touchdowns. "We came out and we played how we used to

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Grid playoffs show on Fox

Qualifying teams and first-round pairings for the Michigan High School Athletic Association football playoffs will be announced during the annual Selection Sunday Show at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, on Fox Sports Detroit.

Two hundred-fifty six teams, with 32 in each of eight divisions, will begin playoff competition across the state Friday night.

The five-week tournament includes two rounds of district play Oct. 26-27 and Nov. 2-3, regional championship games Nov. 9-10, semifinal games Nov. 16-17 and the state finals Nov. 23-24 at Ford Field in Detroit.

Farmington (6-2)
has already qualified
for the playoffs with a
minimum of six wins.
Harrison (5-3) must win
Friday against visiting
West Bloomfield (2-6)
to make the playoff

BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS

Salem knocks out reigning champs

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

There was no escaping the fact that the 2012 season would end Thursday for a team with the potential to win a state varsity boys soccer championship.

That's because the best teams in the Division 1 district at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park met in a district semifinal. A late goal off a corner kick by Salem senior co-captain Tyler Fosdick gave the Rocks (16-2-4) a 2-1 win, propelling them into Saturday's district title matchup against Plymouth.

"Anytime you have to play
Canton it's always a very difficult game," Salem head coach
Ed McCarthy said. "And it's very
unfortunate that we had to play
each other so early, and it's very
unfortunate that someone had
to lose this game because it was

such a high-quality game.

"But, at least the one positive is, playing Canton brings the best out of us and I think we played about as good as we can play tonight."

According to Canton head coach George Tomasso, whose squad would not have the chance for another long run of success, the Chiefs "created opportunity, we created enough to have a different score line. But the ball didn't bounce our way and it bounced Salem's way. So I want to say good luck to coach Ed (McCarthy) and Salem for the rest of the way."

A blue-collar effort by Fosdick resulted in the winning goal against Canton senior goalkeeper Ian Wingate, with 7:47 remaining in the second half.

Taking a corner kick from the

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Fighting it out for a 50-50 ball during Thursday's Division 1 district semifi-

PCS Penguins tryouts

The defending Division 2 state champion Plymouth-Canton-Salem varsity girls hockey team is holding tryouts 4-5 p.m. Oct. 29 and 31 and Nov. 2 for the 2012-13 season.

Tryout fee is \$60 for all three skates, to take place at Arctic Edge Arena on Michigan Avenue near Canton Center Road in Canton.

For more information, contact Penguins head coach Mary Beth Trainor at smeemb@

Big second half sparks Wildcats in district semifinal



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Plymouth senior forward Chandler Olah (No. 2) looks to maneuver around Westland John Glenn defender Daniel Sovor during Thursday's Division 1 district semifinal. Olah scored twice in the Wildcats' 3-0 win.

By Tim SmithObserver Staff Writer

A three-goal second half Thursday lifted Plymouth to a 3-0 victory over Westland John Glenn in a Division 1 varsity boys soccer district semifinal contest.

The Wildcats (10-7-0) advanced to face Salem in Saturday's district final at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park soccer field. Results were not available as of press time.

Getting Plymouth on the scoreboard about five minutes into the second half was junior forward Viet Nguyen — who later set up senior forward and co-captain Chandler Olah to open up a 2-0 edge.

"He (Nguyen) definitely got us going," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "John Glenn, they just kept getting better as the year went on and they really gave us a match tonight.

"Chandler was a big spark for us again tonight and I think our defense held up and played a very strong game."

Olah tacked on another goal late in the half and senior goalkeeper Mario Gruszczynski held the fort to preserve the shut-

"Mario was solid," Neschich added. "He didn't make a mistake."

On Plymouth's first marker, off a scramble in front of the Rockets' goal, Nguyen said he was "just looking to play the ball to our key player Chandler. He's always going up in the box and he's our main guy to get the ball in the air to. I was fortunate enough that it deflected in."

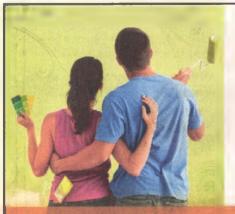
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Coaching jobs open

New Salem girls track & field coach Dave Gerlach is looking for two coaches to add to his staff. Coaches must have prior coaching experience or competed in the events.

Coaches are needed for the sprint events, relays, hurdles and jumps. Please contact coach Dave Gerlach, (734) 416-7708, or the Salem Athletic Department, (734) 416-7774.



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Salem girls 2nd at conference meet

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Seven Salem runners cracked the 20-minute mark at Thursday's Kensington Conference girls cross country meet at Huron Meadows.

But the Rocks could not eclipse Northville, the third-ranked Division 1 team in the state, finishing second with 52 points (to the Mustangs' 36).

"One thing I preach to these kids is if you can't win make the one ahead of you break the record," Salem head coach Dave Gerlach said. "That's a

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"Today, for us to have seven kids under the 20minute barrier, and finish second tells you how great Northville ran today.

"My hat's off to them. They ran terrific, and we gave it our best shot. But in the end, they're the thirdranked team in the state and they got what they deserved with the conference championship."

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The top Salem performer was junior Kayla Kavulich, who was second overall with a time of 18 min-

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utes, 31.7 seconds.

Gerlach said Kavulich hung in lockstep with eventual medalist Rachel Coleman of Northville for about 4.800 of the 5.000-meter course. Eventually, Coleman won out with a time of 18:29.3.

"Kayla ran well, a very strategic race," Gerlach said. "I had no issues with the way she ran. In the last 200 meters got passed by Rachel Coleman and just couldn't respond."

Joining Kavulich on the first-team all-conference (top seven) Lauren Arguette, seventh with a mark of 19:05.05.

Following Kavulich and Arquette for the Rocks were Anya Cho (11th, 19:16.5), Natasha Stevenson (14th, 19:24.5), Alejandra Beltran (18th, 19:47.5), Emily Bizon (21st, 19:51.3) and Alexis Foley (22nd, 19:53.0). Cho and Stevenson made the second team while Beltran and Bizon made the third team (Foley missed third-team honors by one place, but was an honorable mention recipient).

Other runners from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to finish on the first team were Canton's Mary Galm (fourth, 18:48.7) and Plymouth's

Marina DeBiasi (19:03.7). In the team stand-

ings, following the Rocks in places 3-6 were Livonia Churchill (91), Canton (136), Livonia Stevenson (150) and Plymouth (154).

Gerlach said it was the first time in his coaching career that he had seven runners finish under 20 minutes.

He added that the team is still on course for a successful showing at the upcoming D1 regional finals Oct. 27 at Willow Metropark in New Boston. The top three teams there will qualify for the state finals.

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE **CROSS COUNTRY MEET** Oct. 18 at Huron Meadows

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 36 points: 2, Salem, 52; 3. Livonia Churchill, 91; 4. Canton, 136; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 150; 6. Plymouth, 154; 7 Livonia Franklin, 175; 8. South Lyon, 184; 9. Novi, 213; 10. Westland John Glenn, 293; 11. South Lyon East, 309; 12. Wayne Memorial, 389.

Individual winner: Rachel Coleman (Northville), 18:29.3 (5,000 meters).

TEAM-BY-TEAM RESULTS Northville (36): 1. Coleman, 18:29.3; 3. Erin Dunne, 18:41.4; 9. Alison Robinson, 19:14.0; 10. Nicole Mosteller, 19:14.6; 13. Erin Zimmer, 19:20.2; 16. Emma Hermann, 19:38.7. Salem (52): 2. Kayla Kayulich.

18:31.1; 7. Lauren Arquette,

Salem junior Kayla Kavulich, shown from earlier this season, finished second at Thursday's Kensington Conference meet.

19:05.5; 11. Anya Cho, 19:16.5; 14. Natasha Stevenson, 19:24.5; 18. Alejandra Beltran, 19:47.5; 21. Emily Bizon, 19:51.3; 22.

Churchill (91): 5. Sydney Anderson, 18:57.0; 8. Kerigan Riley, 19:12.1; 20. Michelle Azar, 19:48.3; 24. Vivien Okechukwu, 20:24.0; 34. Elyssa Hofmann, 20:48.3; 36. Jenna Hickson, 20:54.1; 38. Alexis Lombardo, 20:57.6.

Canton (136): 4. Mary Galm, 18:48.7; 30. Jessica Siegler, 20:43.3; 31. Samantha McGrath. 20;43.7; 32. Olivia McIntee, 20;44.0; 39. Laura Murphy, 21:02.9; 56. Keara Sullivan, 21:57.5; 59. Marissa Campbell, 22:05.8

Stevenson (150): 12. Lindsey Gallagher, 19:19.4; 27. Karlie Gallagher, 20:38.1; 28. Barbara Scupholm, 20:39.8; 40. Emily Kwasnik, 21:06.9; 43. Natalie Moore, 21:15.6: 54. Maggie Law, 21:52.7; 74. Emily Chapski,

Plymouth (154): 6. Marina

DeBiasi, 19:03.7; 29. Brianna Lax, 20:41.9; 33. Alexa Chicon. 20:46.2: 42. Renae DeBrito. 21:15.2; 44. Charlotte Clark, 21:18.6; 45. Allison Morren, 21:20.2: 52. Shannon Shaver

Franklin (175): 19. Natalie Douglas, 19:47.9; 25. Natalie Martinez, 20:35.6; 37. Anna Snider, 20:55.3; 46. Mandy Pokryfky, 21:20.7; 48. CC Shoemaker, 21:37.1; 49. Katelyn Kovach, 21:38.8; 61. Tina Olter, 22:26.5. **South Lyon (184):** 23. Meghan Burke, 19:53.8; 26. Katie Beaber, 20;37.6; 35. Gretchen Gorman, 20:49.8; 47. Madison Swaitlowski, 21:21.1; 53. Brady Covert, 21:52.0; 57. Kaylie VanOrd, 22:01.1; 60. Kristen Bronson, 22:20.4.

Novi (213): 15. Jackie Mullins. 19:33.2; 17. Hannah Lonergan, 19:40.8; 50. Karissa Koomen, 21:44.6; 64. Summer Mitchell, 22:38.9; 67. Melanie Murphy, 23:11.9; 70. Carrie Subject, 23:13.8; 72. Samantha DeLisle, 23:20.2.

John Gienn (293): 42. Barb Messics, 21:11.9: 51, Shekinah Johnson, 21:50.7; 63. Caroline Michalak, 22:36.7; 65 Courtnie MacQuarrie, 22:49.8; 73. Hannah Mitchell, 23:23.2; 78. Bailey Paddock, 26:53.8; 79. Carissa Root, 27:22.1.

South Lyon East (309): 55. Jessica LaVoie, 21:53.1; 58. Lea Fields 22:04 6: 62 Devon Fields 22:28.9; 66. Hallie Hollister, 22:54.5; 68. Erin O'Donnell, 23:12.3: 69. Mackenzie Wolschleger, 23:13.4; 71. Michelle Rinkel, 23:16.8.

Wayne (389): 79. Kendelle Hoods, 23:38.6; 76. Megan Macek, 24:54.5; 77. Kayla Hood, 26:03.7; 80. Kaiserin Macairan, 27:31.4; 81. Victoria Boyd, 29:04.3; 82. Alexanda Arzooyan, 20;15.2; 83. Angeilia Baker, 31:31.4.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE **CROSS COUNTRY MEET**

Oct. 18 at Huron Meadows BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 47 points; 2. Salem, 87; 3. Plymouth, 100; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 116; 5. Livonia Churchill, 133; 6. Novi, 152; 7. South Lyon, 167; 87. Canton, 178; 9. Livonia Franklin, 218; 10. Wayne Memorial, 246; 11. Westland John Glenn, 340; 12. South Lvon East, 360.

Individual winner: Dan Sims (Northville), 15:55.2 (5,000 meters).

TEAM-BY-TEAM RESULTS Northville (47): 1. Sims, 15:55.2; 4. Nick Noles, 16:27.3; 7. Drew Kanya, 16:33.6; 14. Sean Mc-Cullough, 16:47.0; 21. Jason Ferrante, 17:00.7; 22. Conor Naughton, 17:01.1; 26. Jimmy Castel-

Salem (87): 6. Steve McEvilly, 16:31.9; 9. Chaz Jeffress, 16:38.0; 20. Michael Karizat, 16:57.0; 27. Riley Doxtader, 17:09.2; 25. Evan Bruyere, 17:05.6; 38. Donovan Drouillard, 17:21.3; 44. Jeremy Drouillard, 17:27.6.

18. Liam Cardenas, 16:53.8; 19. Brandon Dalton,

16:55.8; 28. Jonny Dalton, 17:11.8; 33. Max Rogowski, 17:15.7; 46. Matthew Pahl, 17:32.3;

51. Nicholas Williamson, 17:45.6. Stevenson (116): 8. Stephen Fenech, 16:35.6: Jacob Colley, 16:41.5; 31. Michael Sopko, 17:15.0: 32. Peter Walkuski, 17:15.3: 34. Luke Green, 17:17.2; 35. Andrew Stratton, 17:19.1; 44. Erik Grisa, 17:27.2.

Churchill (133): 13. Ben Yates, 16:44.8: 16. George Bowles, 16:52.5; 29. Jonathan Hovermale, 17:13.4; 36. Sean McKeon, 17:19.5; 39. Andrew Malik, 17:21.7; 50. Jonathan Alessandrini, 17:43.3; 52. Matt Cohan, 17:46.0. **Novi (152):** 10. Brian Barnes, 16:40.2; 15. Nathan Hall, 16:47.4; 40. Michael Dickmann, 17:22.1; 42. Ben Jenkins, 17:26.2; 47. Tim MacPherson, 17:33.7; 55. Cameron Richman,

17:49.7; 58. Allen Potter, 17:57.1. **South Lyon (167):** 3. Andrew Thomas, 16:26.5; 23. Bryce Van Asselt, 17:01.6; 41. Spencer Ruggiero, 17:25.6; 46. Billy Cooney, 17:39.9; 54. Travis Burnette, 17:48.6; 68. Andrew Janos, 18:18.1; 69. Justin Pearson, 18:25.1

Canton (178): 17. Billy Toth, 16:53.2; 30. Evan

Dunklee, 17:13.8; 37. Tom Walkinshaw, 17:19.9; 48. Josh Joy, 17:35.5; 56. Andrew Stephens, 17:54.1; 60. Evan Childs, 18:01.8; 64. Owen Ash, 18:07.6

Franklin (218): 5. Ross Cecil, 16:30.1; 12. Keenan Jones, 16:44.5; 65. Calvin Hilt, 18:11.6; 66. Tony Floyd, 18:13.8; 70. Alex Perelli, 18:30.5; 72. Jacob Forgacs, 18:31.9; 73. Nick Robertson,

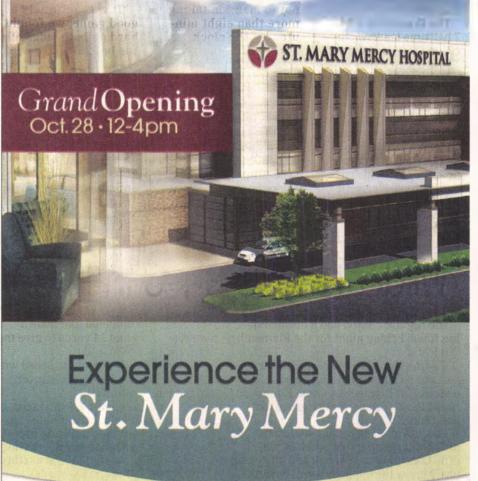
Wayne (246): 24. Devin Gibson, 17:04.0; 45. Daniel Malcolm, 17:28.3; 57. Tim Flores, 17:54.5; 59. Michael Gibson, 18:01.1; 61. Zack Williams, 18:03.5; 76. Uriel Figueroa, 19:09.7; 84. Jordan Whitehouse, 22:40.6.

John Glenn (340): 53. Micah Orr, 17:46.4; 62. Eduardo Maya, 18:03.9; 71. Jesse Osoria, 18:31.3: 75. Chris Codd, 18:59.4; 79. Ayron Franka, 19:58.7; 82. Austin Hickerson, 20:28.8; 83. Darian Reilly, 20:57.7.

South Lyon East (360): 64. Jack Hardy, 18:07.1; 67. Alex Hoorn, 18:14.3; 74. Ryan Tedd, 18:55.3: 77. Paul Domanico, 19:28.3: 78. Ethan Novilla, 19:29.0; 80. Jon Kessler, 20:13.8; 81. Aaron Hoorn, 20:25.1



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PREP CROSS COUNTRY MHSAA REGIONAL MEETS

Saturday, Oct. 27 (Division 1) at Willow Metro, 10:30 a.m. at Lake Erie Metropark, TBA. (Division 2) at Woodhaven, TBA

(Division 4) at Hudson, 10 a.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING Tuesday, Oct. 23 Lady. at Cranbrook, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25 Ladywood vs. Marian at Liv. Comm. Rec. Ctr., 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26 KLAA South at Glenn, 4 p.m. KLAA Central at Novi, 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 KLAA South at Glenn, noon.

KLAA Central at Novi, noon. COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Wednesday, Oct. 24 MU at N'western Ohio, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 26-27 (MCCAA Tournament) Schoolcraft at Jackson CC, TBA
COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER Wednesday, Oct. 24 N'western Ohio at MU, 1 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 26 (NJCAA Region 12 Playoffs) S'craft vs. 1st-round winner at Grand Haven H.S., TBA. Saturday, Oct. 27 MU at UM-Dearborn, 3 p.m (NJCAA Region XII Finals) at Grand Haven H.S., TBA. **COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER**

Wednesday, Oct. 24 Indiana Tech at MU, 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 MU at Cornerstone, noon. (NJCAA Region XII Playoffs at Jackson CC) S'craft vs. Delta College, TBA. Owens vs. Muskegon, TBA.

Sunday, Oct. 28 Region 12 final at Jackson, TBA. Madonna vs. Purdue-Calumet at Munster (Ind.) H.S., 2 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.

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play. This is good to see. I'm just hoping we get

Salem did give up the first touchdown of the night, however.

With 4:56 left in the first quarter, Canton sophomore quarterback Greg Williams (5-of-5 passing, 159 yards, two TDs) shot-putted the football to senior running back Malcolm Hollingsworth in the right flat. Hollingsworth (18 rushes, 163 yards, two TDs) eluded tacklers and rolled down the field for an 86-yard score. Connecting on the extra point was Connor Shennan as the Chiefs went up 7-0.

Deprez brought his team right back, leading a 57-yard march in seven plays. Culminating the drive was a 46-yard toss to junior running back Drake Jordan, who collected 232 all-purpose yards.

Jordan got past the Canton secondary, reached the Chiefs' 10-yard line and turned around with his back to the goal line. He stood waiting like an outfielder before catching the long throw and then ran into the end zone. Kendrick's extra point tied the game at 7-7 with 8:01 remaining in the half.

The Rocks took a 14-7 halftime lead. Another long toss, this time a 42-yarder to senior wideout Youssef Barakat (five receptions, 104 yards), keyed Salem's 82-yard scoring drive in the final minutes of the second quarter.

Following that catch near the midfield stripe, Jordan took over with runs of 5, 4, 14 and 10 yards (the latter good for a TD).

Canton answers

Canton made some adjustments at halftime and scored on the third play of the second half on a 68-yard run by Hollingsworth. He burst through the line of scrimmage and raced down the field along the right hash marks.

But the extra point was off the mark, enabling Salem to maintain a 14-13 lead.

With 3:57 left in the third, the Chiefs finally regained the edge (20-14) on a 24-yard TD strike from Williams to senior tight end Scott Gring (two catches, 40 yards).

Back came the resilient Rocks, on an 80yard drive in 13 plays that stretched from the end of the third quarter into the fourth.

Passes of 21 and 22 yards to Barakat moved the chains, and Deprez helped his cause with an 11-yard run down to near the goal line.

He then scored on a quarterback sneak, and Kenrick's extra point made it 21-20 Salem with 10:12 left to play.

Some textbook Canton football followed, namely 15 consecutive running plays that accounted for an 80yard scoring drive not to mention taking more than eight minutes off the clock.

When Hollingsworth finally carried it in from the 5-vard line with 1:48 remaining, the Chiefs were up 26-21. To compensate for the earlier missed extra point, senior tailback Kendall Scott (185 all-purpose yards) tacked on a two-point conversion run.

Undaunted, the Rocks came right back. Deprez completed passes of 17 and 39 yards to Jordan (the latter a juggling, circus catch at Canton's

12-yard line). Then, Deprez threw the ball to Barakat, sweeping around right end for the TD to slice Canton's led to 28-27 with 31 seconds left.

Going for it

Salem tried for a two-point conversion pass, which if successful would have put the Rocks back in front. But the throw bounced off a receiver's hands in the back, right cor-

"I said to the guys on the sidelines, 'Do you want to win it or do you want to tie it?" Britnell said. "Everybody to a man said let's go win it."

The Rocks still had life when Kenrick's onside kick was pounced on by senior Steve Elugbemi with 28 seconds to play. That gave Kenrick his chance to kick a winning field goal, but it wasn't to be.

Canton senior lineman Cameron Dillard breathed a sigh of relief that the pesky Rocks were finally dispatched and that the Chiefs' season isn't

over. "It was definitely a good game, we fought hard on both sides of the ball," Dillard said. "It just came down to the last field goal. They missed it and we came out on top.

"Now we got to do full, all-out practice next week, no mistakes and get ready for the start of playoffs. One and done.

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left side of the pitch was Salem junior forward Connor Cole, who neatly served it inside the 18yard box.

His twin brother, Brady, redirected the ball toward Wingate but it hit a Canton player and dropped down a couple feet in front of the goal line.

Fosdick needed a couple tries, but he kept his ground and from pointblank range slam-dunked the ball into the cage.

"It bounced right to me inside the box and I hit it," Fosdick said. "It hit a defender in the chest and I just followed up with my foot. We didn't want to go to overtime at all, we wanted to end it in regulation."

Fitting reward

McCarthy said it was fitting that Fosdick would be rewarded for his hard work with the game-winning marker.

"I was thrilled that he (Fosdick) got the game winner," McCarthy said. "He's been our toughest and most gritty player and that's what this game is. This was a hard, physical, aggressive, challenging game and if I had to pick the game winner and who would get it in a game like this I would pick Tyler Fosdick.

"And he came through in the biggest of moments for us with the season on the line."

McCarthy also praised the work of Brady Cole on the play for "keeping the ball alive (in the box). He was very good all night in the attacking end. He was very creative and certainly had a big part in the first goal, too.'

That came in the first half, with about 11 minutes remaining. Connor Cole dropped a pass back to Brady who chipped a 10-yard shot over Wing-

The Chiefs (16-4-2) were not about to go quietly, however, not with players such as Connor Shennan, Dan Ovesea, Bryan Tolinski and several others who were key pieces to the 2011 championship puzzle.

With 25:57 to play in regulation, Canton evened things up at 1-1 on a goal by sophomore Jack Zemanski.

Shennan took a free kick from near midfield and the ball ping-ponged inside the box until Zemanski drove it past Salem junior goalkeeper Collin Hewett — who was a difference maker down



Aidan Shennan (No. 13) and Salem's Grant McKinney (No. 19).



Scoring in the second half to tie the district game is Canton's Jack Zemanski (No. 19), while teammate Cody Widlak (No. 6) watches in the background.

the stretch.

Coming up big

Moments after Wingate sprawled to block a dangerous scoring chance by Salem senior forward Chris Dierker to keep it a tie game, it was Hewett's turn to make a brilliant

Canton junior forward Griffin Parks ripped a shot from about 15 yards that looked ticketed for the top-left corner. But Hewett — a couple feet off the ground - dove to his right to bat the ball

Hewett had to come up clutch later on, including a stop on Parks' low laser with about 10 minutes remaining.

"Collin probably made three saves where I thought they had sure goals," McCarthy said. "If you want to go anywhere in this tournament you need your goalkeeper to make big saves.

"With the game on the line he had three highquality saves and overall a very solid performance. He was tremendous all night."

That was to the dismay of Tomasso and his players, who sat in stunned silence following the crushing loss.

"We could have done a better job capitalizing on their mistakes," Tomasso said. "But when it was 1-1, it's a tight ballgame. Anything can happen.

"Salem did a good job to get to the end line, get a corner kick. The ball bounced around, we failed to clear it and they got on the end of it."

And in the process, that was the end of Canton's hopes and dreams for back-to-back championships.

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Wildcats lose 34-6 in finale

The regular season had a disappointing finish Friday night for the Plymouth Wildcats.

Visiting Grand Blanc scored 27 firsthalf points and went on to record a 34-6 victory at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's junior varsity grass football field.

The loss gives Plymouth a record of 7-2 entering the first week of playoffs. Coach Mike Sawchuk and his team won't know the opponent until Selection

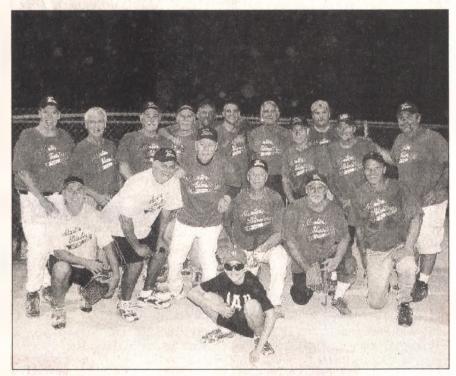
Grand Blanc quarterback Justin McElroy was the biggest thorn for the Wildcats. He completed touchdown passes of 12, 20 and 14 yards to give the Bobcats (5-4) a 20-0 lead.

Plymouth finally got on the board with 8:17 remaining in the fourth quarter, making it a 27-6 contest.

Eiland connected on a 46-yard scoring strike to senior receiver Nate Emminger. Other than that, however, Eiland had a struggling night — hitting just six of 20 passes for 152 yards (three to Emminger, good for 100 yards).

In the rushing department, DJ Rossell led the Wildcats with 73 yards in 10 attempts.

Softball streak



The Master Blasters Softball Club, despite finishing in the middle of the pack during the regular season, captured the Wayne Friday Night Softball League division title for the seventh consecutive year with victories in the playoffs over St. Michael, 25-2, and Warfield Eletric, 20-12, highlighted by five inside-the-park homers. Members of the Blasters, managed since 1984 by Ed Hamacher, include (back row, from left) Denny McMahan, Dearborn; Don Buchan, Warren; Glenn Smith, Livonia; Bob Courter, Canton; Ted Kerr, Highland; Jason Grosso, Westland; Hank Grosso, Woodhaven; Kevin Miller, Westland; Scott Barrick, Livonia; Bob Rousseau, Westland; Brian Kerr, Livonia; (front row, from left); Pete Banko, South Lyon; Bob Genna, Canton; Ed Hamacher, Livonia; Jim Carron, Troy; Ernie Comini, Westland; Paul Mardeusz, Livonia; (seated) Anthony Genna, Canton. Not pictured is Phil Camp, Hartland; Dale Champine, Commerce; Roger Frayer, Livonia; Scott Kerr, Brownstown; Rocky McHenry Canton; Bob Moriarty, Livonia; Jeff Spiteri, Birmingham

PLYMOUTH

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Nguyen's corner kick led to Plymouth's next goal, with Olah in front to chip it in.

Olah then drove a shot into the top-right corner with about 9:26 left for

an insurance tally. That gave him five

goals in the first two games of the districts. He scored all three goals in Tuesday's 3-2 overtime victory over Livonia Churchill.

As for the district final looming against stateranked Salem, Nguyen said he and his teammates would be ready. "They have a very, very great team," he emphasized. "But we

have a lot of guys willing to work, willing to put the effort in to get the victory on Satur-

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good for Wildcats

So far, so good for Plymouth's varsity girls golf team at the Division 1 regionals.

The Wildcats finished the first day of action at Michigan State University's Forest Akers

East with a score of 331 strokes, good for the top spot just ahead of Utica (338).

Plymouth senior Kelsey Murphy had the lowest score Friday, with a round of 73. Canton's Kelsey McDougall, meanwhile, tallied an 86.

The regionals were scheduled to conclude on Saturday; results were not available as of press time.

Locals 'Tri' versatility on for size

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, October 21, 2012

Going for the Triple Crown just isn't exclusive these days to Miguel Cabrera.

The first-ever Try Tami's Tri, a 5-kilometer run, 20K bike and ninehole golf scramble, was staged Saturday, Oct. 6 at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Superior Township drawing a total of 20plus participants.

"As to my knowledge, this was the first Tri event of this kind in the state of Michigan," said PGA Golf Professional Tami Bealert, also an avid runner and cyclist. "Once people find out more about the logistics, etc . . and how much fun everybody had, I know next year's event will be even bigger and better."

Each of the participants were given the option of doing all three, two or just one event.

On the heels of the Summer Olympic Games in London, those who competed in all three events at Try Tam's Tri received a gold wristband, while dual or solo participants received a silver and bronze wristbands, respectively.

Several of the participants ran their first 5K run and 20K bike.

First across the line in



Plymouth's Peggy Gerou and Livonia's Jim Betz do the 20-kilometer bike ride portion of Try Tami's Tri Oct. 6 at Hickory Creek Golf Course. They also ran a 5K run and competed in a nine-hole golf scramble.

the 5K were two women, Ann Kurtis of Livonia and Peggy Gerou of Plym-

Capturing the four-person golf scramble with a score of 33 was the team Mary and Jim Cicala, of Northville, along with

Gerou and Livonia's Jim

promoted good health through golf, running and cycling, but proceeds from the event went to Growth Works, Inc., a non-profit which focuses on developing relevant and successful programming to meet the needs struggling with chemical dependency and delinquent behaviors.

Try Tami's Tri not only of teens and families

JV Rocks 2nd at tourney



Salem's junior varsity boys hockey team enjoyed a successful run at the JV/Prep Fall Kick-off Classic in Lansing. The Rocks finished second, falling 6-4 to Brighton in the championship tilt. But previously during the tourney (Sept. 28-30), they defeated Novi (7-3), Hamilton (10-3) and Hartland (4-3 in the semifinals). Pictured are team members as follows: (front row, from left) Travis Stott, Liam Winchip, Jon Clark, Steven Homrich, Nathan Blank, Dillon Phillips; (second row, from left) coach Ross, coach Hayes, Connor Groff, Patrick Louis, Bailey Thompson, Zach Goleniak; (third row, from left) Andy Posa, Nick Caligari, Mitch Coral, Brad Visel, Nate West, Nate Homrich, Logan Ross, coach West; (back row, from left) Anthony Zorney, Noah Willer, Zach Newsom, Justin Katulski and Taylor Burris.

Youth wrestling

Registration for the Westland Bottle Rockets Wrestling Club (ages 4-14) will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the John Glenn High School (wrestling room), 36105 Marquette, Westland.

The membership fee is \$50 (includes T-shirt).

Beginners meet from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and advanced wrestlers from 6:15-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Nov. 27.

To obtain a copy of the registration form, visit www.glennwrestling.com. For more information, e-mail brclu-

bwrestling@gmail.com; or call Judy Lawrence at (734) 634-4595.

Girls lacrosse

Tryouts for the 2015 Westside Women's Lacrosse Club under-14 through under-17 teams will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 and 28 at ITC Community Sports Park, located at Eight Mile and Napier roads in Novi.

The tryout fee is \$25. To register, visit www.miwwlc.com.

For more information or interesting in coaching, call Beth Donovan at (734) 231-7766; or e-mail bethd@miwwlc.com.

Livonia wrestling

The Livonia Wrestling Club, a unified wrestling club serving Livonia and surrounding communities for grades K-8, will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 27 through March 28, at the Franklin High School wrestling room.

All coaches and volunteers will be under direct supervision of the

Franklin coaching staff. Registration can be done at the first practice or throughout the season.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

The cost is \$100 (includes T-shirt and registration into My-Way).

For more information, call Dave Chiola at (248) 752-2340; or e-mail chiola44@yahoo.com.

Men's basketball

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its men's winter basketball league managers meeting for new teams at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard Road (at Five Mile Road).

The registration deadline for returning teams is 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26. The league projected starting

date is Jan. 7, 2013.

The fee is \$400 per tam (plus nonresident and official fees of \$28 per

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

Turkey Trot

The seventh annual Livonia Turkey Trot, a 5-kilometer run-walk, will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

Late registration and T-shirt pickup will be at 9 a.m.

The \$10 fee includes T-shirt (if reg-

istered prior to Oct. 24), snacks and refreshments. All proceeds and canned food dona-

tions will go to the Livonia Goodfellows (and automatically be entered in a prize raffle).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410; or visit www.ci.livonia. mi.us.

CHS 5K Fun Run The Churchill Family 5-kilometer Fun Run will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 with the start at the high school parking lot.

There will also be a 1-mile 10-andunder fun run. (Donation is a can of

pet food.) The pre-register cost is \$12 (ages 13-18) and \$15 (adults). Race day fees are \$15 and \$20, respectively. Family

of four can pre-register for \$45.

To ensure a race T-shirt, register by Oct. 21 online at www.chs-cap.com. For more information, call (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

Rosedale 5K run

The Rosedale Area Neighbors will observe Veterans Day with its annual Red, White and Blue 5-kilometer run-walk starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 at Rudolf Kleinert Park in Livonia.

Registration will be from 9-10:30 a.m. at Rosedale Garden Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia.

Proceeds will go to the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. Participants are also encouraged to bring canned good for the Boy Scouts' annual Can-

Long-sleeved T-shirts will go to the first 150 registrants. Pizza and pasta feast, along with prizes, will follow at Rosedale Garden Presbyterian. Patriotic apparel is encouraged.

Pre-registration fees are \$15 (adult); \$10 (middle school and high school); \$5 (younger); and \$40 (family). Race day fees are \$20 (adult); \$15 (middle school and high school); \$10 (younger); and \$50 (family).

To download a registration form, visit www.oldrosedalegardens.com. Online signup will be at: http://rosedale5k.eventzilla.net.

For more information, call Jeff at (734) 367-0260.

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

MISCA SWIM MEET OCT. 13 AT B.H. ANDOVER

200-yard medley relay: 1.Grosse Pointe South, 1:49.37; 3. Salem (Abby Aumiller, Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang, Julia Su-riano), 1:50.18; 5. Canton (Emily Meier, Hannah Jenkins, Delaney Adams, Destinee Barmore-Hicks), 1:51.55; 19. Plymouth (Linda Erickson, Lydia Matson, Lydia Plencner, Emily Weiner), 1:55.40.

200 freestyle: 1. Morgan Bullock (Zeeland), 1:51.97; 2. Sarah Dombkowski (Plymouth), 1:54.64; 5. Aumiller (Salem), 1:56.53; 20. Claire Green (Canton), 2:00.35; 23. Madeline Madison (Canton), 2:00.58.

200 individual medley: 1 Haley Shaw (Fenton), 2:07.58; 4. Linda Zhang (Salem), 2:08.63; 5. Lisa Zhang (Salem), 2:09.79; 9. Alexa Earls (Plymouth), 2:11.94; 13. Adams (Canton), 2:13.09; 14. Jenkins (Canton), 2:13.53; 17. Emily Toro (Plymouth), 2:13.88. 50 freestyle: 1. Danielle Free-

man (Hudsonville), 24.18; 6. Barmore-Hicks (Canton), 24.79. 100 butterfly: 1. Bullock (Zeeland), 56.37; 11. Lisa Zhang (Salem), 59.77; 17. Erickson Plymouth), 1:00.79; 18. Toro

(Plymouth), 1:00.85. 100 freestyle: 1. Catie DeLoof (Grosse Pointe South), 52.24; 10. Barmore-Hicks (Canton), 54.97; 22. Carolyn Stoddard (Plymouth), 55.87; 23. Weiner (Plymouth), 56.00.

500 freestyle: 1. Dombkowski (Plymouth), 4:57.30; 13. Suriano (Salem), 5:15.02; 15. C. Green

(Canton), 5:15.21. 200-free relay: 1. Saline, 1:38.86; 3. Plymouth (Toro, Stoddard, Earls, Dombkowski), 1:40.03; 25. Canton (Adams, Caitlin Orr, C. Green, M. Madison), 1:45.72; 44. Salem (Maddie Gorman, Patricia Freitag, Annie Patterson, Vincenza Zaia), 1:48.62.

100 backstroke: 1. DeLoof (GPS), 57.31; 5. Aumiller (Salem), 59.33; 13. Earls (Plymouth), 1:00.45; 14. Stephanie Solterman (Salem), 1:00.56; 19. Suriano (Salem), 1:00.88; 48. Orr (Canton), 1:04.06.

100 breaststroke: 1. Shannon Cowley (Ann Arbor Skyline), 1:05.89; 2. Linda Zhang (Salem), 1:06.10; 12. Jenkins (Canton),

400-free relay: 1. Saline, 3:36.16; 2. Salem (Lisa Zhang, Suriano, Linda Zhang, Aumiller), 1:22.12; 4. Plymouth (Dombkowski, Toro, Earls, Weiner), 3:40.07; 20. Canton (Meier, Orr,

Jenkins, Barmore-Hicks), 3:48.90. **DUAL MEET RESULTS** PLYMOUTH 140 LIV. FRANKLIN 45

OCT. 18 AT PLYMOUTH 200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Alexa Earls, Emily Toro, Linda Erickson Sarah Dombkowski), 1:56.64; 2. Plymouth (Casey Wing, Lauren Metz, Lydia Matson, Carolyn Stoddard), 2:17.40; Franklin, 2:19.82.

200 freestyle: 1. Emily Weiner (P), 2:11.09; 2. Allison Lennig (P), 2:19.78; 3. Megan Theisen (LF), 2:20.74; 4. Kelly Erickson (P), 2:25.89; 5. Amber Elinsky (LF), 2:31,30.

200 individual medley: 1. Stoddard (P), 2:36.10; 2. Abby Humphries (P), 2:43.29; 3. Clarissa Roberts (LF), 2:51.67; 4. Emily Vos (P), 2:52.22; 5. Kaity Swenson (LF), 3:08.36. **50 freestyle:** 1. Dombkowski (P), 25.84; 2. Earls (P), 26.36; 3.

Lauren Wischer (P), 29.98; 4. Maddison Stanchina (LF), 32.73; 5. Nichole Clark (LF), 39.32. **1-meter diving:** 1. Katy Telega (P), 165.60 points; 2. Megan McKeehan (P), 154.40; 3. Jacquelyn Dziurgot (LF), 142.05; 4. Angelica Stewart (LF), 116.50; 5. Jill Chernavage (LF), 112.10.

100 butterfly: 1. Samidha Visai (P), 1:13.57; 2. Wing (P), 1:14.97; 3. Jenna Michniewicz (LF), 1:17.25; 4. Elinsky (LF), 1:20.48; 5. Sruthi Sundar (P), 1:25.79.

100 freestyle: 1. Dombkowski (P0, 55.41; 2. Earls (P), 57.85; 3. Theisen (LF), 1:05.70; 4. Stanchina (LF), 1:14.12; 5. Humphries

(P), 1:17.43. 500 freestyle: 1. L. Erickson (P), 5:41.81; 2. Wischer (P), 6:15.79; 3. Isabella Yardley (LF), 6:30.17; 4. Kailey Morren (P), 6:55.06. 200-free relay: 1. Plymouth (Stoddard, Matson, Caylin Waters, Wischer), 1:53.79; 2. Plymouth (Visai, Wing, Humphries, Kelly Erickson), 1:58.66; 3.

Franklin, 2:04.06. **100 backstroke:** 1. Toro (P), 1:04.30; 2. L. Erickson (P), 1:07.13; 3. Weiner (P), 1:12.55; 4. Yardley (LF), 1:21.68; 5. Roberts

(LF), 1:24.30. 100 breaststroke: 1. Stoddard (P), 1:25.18; 2. Megan Sullivan (P), 1:32.31; 3. Michniewicz (LF), 1:32.32; 4. Ella Savalox (P), 1:34.68; 5. Natalie Modes (LF),

400-free relay: 1. Plymouth (Toro, Weiner, Earls, Dombkowski), 3:49.19; 2. Franklin, 4:20.53; 3. Plymouth (L. Erickson, Emily Vos, K. Erickson, Matson),

Hawks building MIAC momentum

The Westland Huron Valley Lutheran girls volleyball team is trying to build some late season momentum before heading into the postseason.

On Thursday, the Hawks improved to 24-12-5 overall and 6-2 in the White Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a 22-25, 25-21, 25-22, 28-6 victory at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

That victory came on the heels of a 25-12, 25-16, 17-25, 25-14 MIAC White Division win Tuesday at home over Birmingham

Roeper. "It was nice to see the girls come back and beat a couple of good teams that we lost to in the first round of the conference," HVL coach Mike Dest said. "With the two wins this week, we put ourself in a position to have a chance at capturing another conference championship."

Over the last four MIAC matches, Lexus Medina paced the Hawks by averaging 20 kills and seven blocks, while Madison Dest averaged 17 kills, nine aces and was 25-of-27 in serve reception.

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Other leaders based on four-match averages included Dayna Schroeder (11 kills, five blocks, 21of-27 serve receive) and

Anne St. John (40 assist-tokills, five kills, seven aces). "We also have been getting some great play from Sarah Setian, Julie

St. John, Bethany Schaffer, and Nikki Alcini," Dest said. "It will take our whole team coaches and players as one to help accomplish our end of the season goals." Meanwhile, it will be a

busy upcoming week for the Hawks who will play Tuesday in the Lutheran Westland Quad and Wednesday in the Livonia Ladywood quad before finishing the regular season Saturday in a tournament at Saline Washtenaw Christian.

EAGLES FALL

Plymouth Christian lost 3-0 to Ann Arbor Greenhills in a Tuesday night matchup of MIAC girls volleyball teams Jen Malcolm paced the Eagles with seven kills and 12 assists. Other contributions were turned in by Sydney Burton (eight assists), Mary Anleitner (eight kills, nine digs) and libero Callie Morby (15 digs).

Spartans lose in PKs

Livonia Stevenson's 2012 boys soccer season ended Wednesday night on the dreaded penalty kicks in Wednesday's Division 1 district semifinal.

The host Spartans and Novi battled to a 2-2 draw through 80 minutes of regulation and a pair of 10-minute overtimes before the Wildcats won the battle of PKs, 5-4, for

a 3-2 aggregate victory. Novi, now 12-3-3 overall, marches on to the district final beginning at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Stevenson to face Farmington Harrison, which also advanced with a 1-0 OT

semifinal win over North

Farmington.

Novi's Ryan Kobakof opened the scoring in the ninth minute, but Stevenson's Austin Rynicki answered with a header off a corner kick from Billy Werthman in the 27th minute to square the match at 1-all.

Novi's Don Nakashima then scored in the 55th minute to put the Wildcats on top again, 2-1, but Stevenson senior John D'Agostino responded in the 77th minute when he finished a long throw-in from Tom O'Brien.

Stevenson held the edge in shots, 13-7.

Spartan goalkeeper Zack Verant made four saves, while Andy Netter had six stops for the Wildcats.



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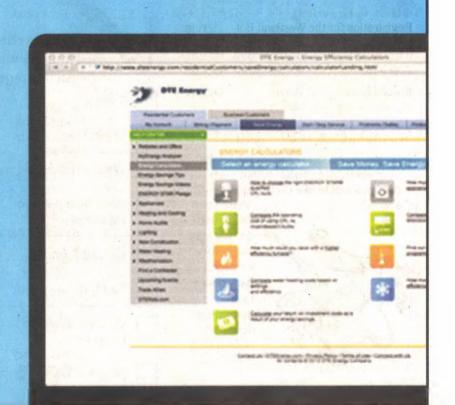
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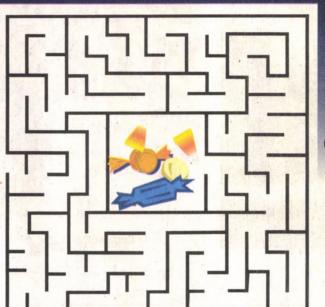
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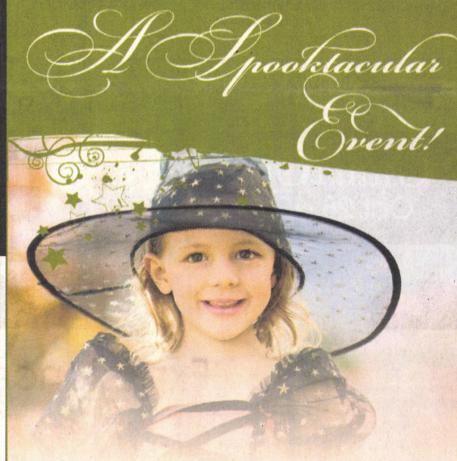
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COMMUNITY LIFE

Enduring Love

Senior couples reaffirm their wedding vows in Livonia

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

After 60 years of marriage to her husband, Ron, Donna Sipperley finally got the chance last week to wear a bride's gown and veil.

"We knew each other three weeks and we got married. I had a short, white eyelet dress. I didn't have a wedding gown. That's why I am so excited," said Sipperley, as she waited to renew her vows, along with 22 other women at the Civic Park Senior Center in

The makeshift bride's room at the senior center buzzed with talk about the impending ceremony, Wednesday afternoon as the women, some wearing street clothing and others, like Sipperley, formal attire, adjusted their veils, donned garters and selected bouquets.

Their husbands waited in a separate room down the hall for the cue to join Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey in the center's lunchroom where family members had already gathered to watch their moms and grandmothers walk the aisle to Here Comes the Bride.

Plans for the celebration, complete with Kirksey officiating, an appetizer buffet, formal photos, complimentary flowers and accessories, decorations and individu-



June Dore, married to Al Dore, shows off her garter. Marge Stuebben, who is behind Dore, didn't offer to show her garter to the photographer.

al wedding cakes, began taking shape as seniors collected fine china tea cups last summer.

"The tea cups were the start of it," said Patricia Wachtel, recreation supervisor. "We asked everyone to go into their personal collections and

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Fright Night

Compete for prizes, help charity at road rally

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Flashlights, a smartphone and a knack for solving puzzles.

That and a little knowledge of the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area will make life easier if you hit the road Saturday, Oct. 27, with Chicks 4 Charities Fright Night Road Rally.

"You have to solve clues. Some are hard and some are kind of easy," said Janice Reissenweber of Plymouth, who is cochairing the event with Chicks' president, Lisa Swanson, of South Lyon. "I think it's going to be fun. It's been a lot of fun planning it."

Competing teams will follow the rally route — which takes two-three hours to complete — by deciphering clues and solving puzzles along the way. Correct answers point to the next stop on the route. The game will begin at 5 p.m. at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth and return to the site later that evening for a Halloween party.

"One thing we didn't like about other road rallies is you work and work and then come back and find out someone has already won. We wanted to figure out a way to change that," Reissenweber said.

Their Fright Night Road Rally is based on a point system. The team winning the most points — not necessarily the one that finishes first — will win the \$500 first prize. Second place prize is \$250 and third place will win

"There are ways to earn extra credit," Reissenweber explained. "And even if you didn't win the road rally, you could still win the costume party."

Party-only tickets cost \$15 and include the costume contest, chances to win prizes and music by Dale Hick's Band. The road rally and party costs \$30 per person or \$110 for a four-person team. The rally is open to families, although the party is more appropriate for adults.

Proceeds will benefit the No Kid Hungry campaign, which is dedicated to ending childhood hunger in America.

Giving back

Chicks 4 Charities has raised thousands of dollars for a variety of causes since Swanson's mother-in-law, Pat Swanson, founded it in 2008.

"She was looking for a way to give back to the community," Reissenweber said. "She had a group of friends and everyone talked about how, yeah, we'd like to do something. We've been so blessed and we wanted to do something to give back."

The friends formed an organization and attained nonprofit status. Their first event, for a cancer care center at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor, raised \$15,000 and bolstered the group's confidence in their fundraising abilities. A bowling event to support patients with ovarian cancer drew another \$15,000.

"We've done many things, for breast cancer, ovarian cancer. We did a benefit for Ellie's Place, which is a center for grieving children. We usually do one large event a year and lots of small things," Reissenweber said. "We usually take a family or two and try to make a better Thanksgiving or Christmas for them."

Swanson said other "Chicks" groups have spun off of the Wayne County-based organization — or simply taken a cue from their work — and now "give back" in their own communities.

"At first I thought, oh, they're copying us. But when you think about it, it's great to think about how many people have blossomed and are helping out their community in their own way," Swanson said. Chicks 4 Charities meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month, in private homes. For more information about joining the group — or to buy tickets to the Fright Night Road Rally — visit www.chicks4charities.net or call (248) 719-

Wine tasting benefits residents with disabilities

The Community Opportunity Center will sponsor a Wine Tasting Benefit & Auction 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at Laurel Manor, located on the I-96 service drive, west of Newburgh, in Livonia.

Ten vendors of fine wine, including several international wines, will be available for sampling. The event also will include a silent auction, live auction, and an elaborate array of hors d'oeuvres. Auction items include a Napa Valley wine tour, a vacation home stay in Frankfort, hot air balloon ride, dinner for six prepared in a private home by Chef Larry Janes, and a wine tasting party for 24 individuals featuring 15 wines from around the world.

In addition to the live auction, many items will be available for bidding at the silent auction tables. They include

Detroit Pistons and Plymouth Whaler tickets, massage certificates, paintings, a house cleaning service, restaurant certificates, wine baskets, and assorted gift baskets. Live music will be performed during the event.

Tickets are \$65 per person or \$120 per couple and are available by calling Diane or Larry Janes at (734) 422-5525. All major credit cards are accepted. Credit cards also will be accepted the night of the event to pay for live and silent auction items.

Community Opportunity Center, based in Livonia, is a non-profit management corporation that provides leadership and oversight to nearly 100 individuals with developmental disabilities who live in western Wayne County. Homes and apartments are in Plymouth, Livonia, Garden City, Westland and Redford.

Hands-on compassion



Myrna Woods of Farmington recruited her niece, Heather Mott, and her children to help Helping Hands Touching Hearts pack boxes for shipment to South Africa. Mott said she wants to teach her children to have compassion and help others in need. Sidney Bonvallet (center) of Farmington Hills founded the charity to help African communities obtain clothing, shoes and equipment and supplies needed to improve their lives. Bonvallet's helpers packed seven boxes. The Mott children are Marinin (left), Eamen, and Liam. Woods is seated in the background and Mott is at right. Visit Helping Hands Touching Heart's website at clotheavillagenow.com.



Shiranthi Desilva, director of Montessori Center of Our Lady, (left) and Sister Paulita Bikowski, along with children from the center, show the collection of pet food they donated to the Humane Society of Livingston County.

Schools collect food, rescue offers wellness clinic

Filling tummies

Montessori Center of Our Lady, St. Mary Child Care Center and Ladywood High School, all in Livonia, recently collected pet food for the Humane Society of Livingston County.

Kayla Dempster, a junior, is spearheading the project at Ladywood. The collection will continue through the end of the month as a schoolwide community service project.

So far, Ladywood has collected 78 cans and bags of food.

Kayla also sparked food drives at the Montessori school, where her mother, Janet, works as a teacher's aide, and at the child care center. The two centers collected 75 bags and cans of food, which Kayla and her mother delivered to the Humane Society.

While collecting food for the cause, the campaigns at the Montessori center and the child care center also offered a learning opportunity.



According to Sr. Juanita Szymanski, youngsters learned about St. Francis of Assisi as a model of kindness to "all of God's

creation."
Students at the Montessori Center of Our Lady range in age from 3-6.
The St. Mary Child Care Center's charges are from two weeks to six years.

years.
"The Felician Sisters have always been a big proponent of giving back," said Elizabeth Raetz, who handles marketing and development for the Felician Sisters

Child Care Centers, Inc. Core values for Felician Sisters' ministries and schools include compassion, respect for human dignity, transformation, justice and peace and solidarity with the poor.

Raetz said children are taught those values through hands-on events, such as the pet food collection.

Taking appointments

Tail Wagger's 1990 is offering vaccination clinics at its offices through November.

Rabies, distemper and bordetella vaccines for dogs are available for \$12 each or \$20 for all three. Cats and kittens can receive their distemper and rabies vaccines for \$12 each. Heartworm testing is available - with results on the spot - for \$18. Microchipping is \$30. Appointment days are Saturday, Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 17 and 24; and Thursday-Friday, Nov. 1-2.

Call (734) 855-4077.

- By Sharon Dargay

Senior citizens show their art in style

Residents at Botsford Commons Senior Community in Farmington Hills will display more than 200 paintings at their 3rd annual Watercolor Exhibit and Sale.

The event will run 2.-6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2 and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 in the Botsford Town Commons, 21300 Archwood Circle. The community is located between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Roads, north of Eight Mile and south of M-5 and Grand River Ave.

The paintings are the result of Botsford Commons' watercolor class, which meets every Monday. The class was the brainchild of resident Berta Villarreal, who enlisted the help of Karin Phillips, a well-known local artist, to lead the class.

"I am so impressed with how everyone has progressed," said Villarreal, in a press release. "Everyone should be proud of what they have accomplished."

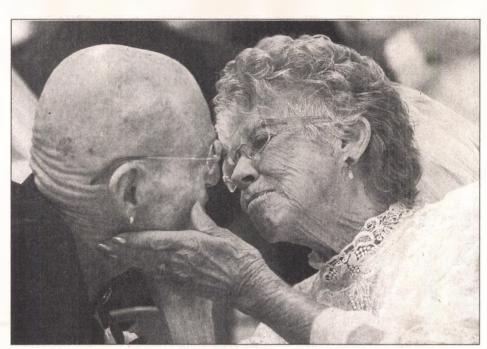
In addition to Villarre-

al, resident artists include Jane Langa, Bill Waddell, Betty Gilbert, Tom Burnowsky, Joe Thomas, Florence Ptak and others. They will show their works alongside visiting artists Phillips, Marilyn Lynch and Doreen Buier. In addition, Farmington retailers Framery One and Miller's Art supply will have displays with donated door prizes.

Admission to the art show is free. For more information call Barb Smith at (248) 615-2898.



Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey officiates.



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Ron and Donna Sipperley celebrate the renewal of their wedding vows.



Each couple received their own wedding cake.

HAPPY COUPLES

These couples renewed their vows Wednesday, Oct. 17 at the Civic Park Senior Center in Livonia: Emily and Russell Ander-

Judy and Ron Arsenault Mary and Bob Berg June and Al Dore Diane and Robert Gam-

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VOWS

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donate one tea cup, so that when we had special events we could use them.'

Wachtel collected 120 cups and then decided seniors "needed to do something fun with them."

"And then one of the ladies came in and said they'd never had a real wedding,' Wachtel said. "We started putting it together and it had a life of its own.

'My only concern was how we would fund it. I shared it with AM Livonia Rotary and all these people came forward.'

Sponsors included American House of Livonia, The Alpha Group, Archie's Restaurant, Heritage Bakery, Thomas's Catering, French's Flowers, Oakmont Senior Communities, Autumnwood Nursing & Rehab Care, Cardwell Flowers & Gifts, Evola Music and The Dollar Store in Redford.

Wachtel valued the event at about \$5,000 but said she spend just a few hundred dollars because of the donated services and goods.

"I was willing to do this even if we only got five couples. I wanted it to be that if you never had a wedding, you'd get all the benefits of a wedding. Some of the couples have had serious health issues and so, this might be the last really fun event for them. That's why we added the photographer to it."

Shutters snapped as the "brides" walked along a white runner to the front of the room, where they joined their husbands. Kirksey, standing beneath a decorated pergola, asked the men to repeat their vows first, because "wives always have the last word."

After promising to love each other "in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, through good times and bad," the couples shared personal stories with the crowd.

Ramona Hadley said her husband of



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Jim Knakal recites his wedding vows to his bride, Joyce Knakal.

37 years proposed on their first date and then called her at work the next day to propose again. Six weeks later they wed on Valentine's Day.

Tom McGarrie said he met his wife, Pat, on a blind date, "and it opened my

Pat Taylor was a lifeguard at a lake in Waterford when she met her husband Nelson.

"After the beaches closed I was dancing with a girlfriend. This young man said, I hate to see two girls dancing together. I said, if you don't like it, ask one of us to dance.

"He did and we've been married 55 years."

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Hospice event offers sports-related fun

Show your team spirit at Angela Hospice's sports-themed fundraiser, Light Up a Life Benefit, 6 p.m.-11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

The event will include an open bar, silent auction, "Pick-a-Player" game, fishbowl raffle, music for dancing by the Rick Lieder Band, and dinner. Individual tickets are \$100 each, and tables of ten are available for \$1,000. All proceeds benefit programs for terminally ill patients and their families.

Make reservations by calling events coordinator Barb Iovan at (734) 953-

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Livonia Garden Club

Lisa Steinkopf, who is a houseplant guru from Steinkopf Nursery, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the Senior Center, located at 5 Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia. Her presentation will focus on the care and cultivation of indoor houseplants, pests, diseases, soils and fertilization. Steinkopf is a certified indoor landscape technician, certified nurseryman and a member of the Garden Writer's Association. Refreshments will be served; www.orgsites. com/mi/livoniagarden-

English Gardens

· Get tips on holiday decorating at a free presentation, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27.

• Youngsters, 3-12, can attend a free Halloween costume and bring a pre-decorated pumpkin for judging in the store's annual contest, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27. Pre-register online at englishgardens.com.

• Santa arrives at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4 and

will be on hand for photos until 5 p.m. Free photos will be available or bring your own camera. The annual holiday open house will include caroling and refreshments.

Shoppers can see professionally-decorated trees and other holiday decorations.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

REUNIONS

FARMINGTON HARRISON CLASS OF 1982

7 p.m.-1 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 24, at Uptown Grille, in Commerce Township; www.hhs1982alumni.info

GARDEN CITY WEST

CLASS OF 1972

6:30 p.m. Oct. 27; for more information e-mail to Janine (Alioto) Brown at jbrown@psm-inc.net.

LIVONIA BENTLEY

ALL CLASSES

Class of 1972 will celebrate its 40th

reunion, Friday, Nov. 23 at the Marriott Hotel - Laurel Park, in Livonia and invites all Bentley alumni to the party. Steve King and the Dittilies will entertain. For information about the event and to register, e-mail the reunion committee at Bentley72@QPA.US.COM

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

CLASS OF 1982

30-year reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, in Livonia. For information or to register contact Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail rsculbert@sbcglobal.net.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.

October

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 21 Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: All-you-can-eat French toast and pancakes breakfast also includes scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's

Contact: (734) 425-4421 **CLOTHING BANK**

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

COAT EXCHANGE

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia

Details: The kids coat exchange will be held the church's fall festival and "trunk or treat" activities. Participants may take a coat if needed or donate coats for others. Any remaining coats at the end of the day will be donated to Redford Interfaith for distribution to local children in need of a winter coat. Coat donations will

office during regular business hours Contact: (734) 422-1470

be accept in the church

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: The Detroit Lutheran Singers 48th season with Bach's "Singet den Herrn" and many other songs. Tickets are

\$10, \$7 for seniors and students 12 and over Contact: www.detroitlutheransingers.com

FAMILY COMMUNITY

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal Contact: (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12

MOVIE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Free featured movie is "Luther." A German meal also will be served. RSVP for the freewill offering dinner

Contact: (248) 553-3380 SPAGHETTI DINNER Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Fri-

day, Oct. 26 Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden

Details: A silent auction also will be held. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children, 4-11, and free for children, 3 and under

Contact: (734) 427-3660 TRUNK OR TREAT

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28

Location: Kenwood Church, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The event is for all ages and will include corndogs, hotdogs, popcorn, caramel apples, homemade donuts, and candy. Participants can bring their cleaned-out pumpkins and show off their carving skills. The church asks that children refrain from wearing scary costumes or carrying weapons

Contact: (248) 476-8222

TRUNK OR TREAT

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster Road,

Details: Games, treats and fall activities are designed

for children through age 12. Church members will park in the parking lot and pass out treats as the children "trunk or treat" from car to car. Costumes are encouraged. Parents or guardians must accompany all children

Contact: (734) 422-1470

TRUNK OR TREAT Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 24 Location: Grace Moravian Church, 31133 Hiveley

Ave., off Fernwood, near the corner of Cherry Hill Road and Merriman, in Westland

Details: One prize will be awarded to the scariest trunk and one prize will be awarded to the friendliest trunk. Food and beverage will be available inside the church for a donation of \$2 per person; children 5 and under are free

Contact: For information or to RSVP call Cheryl Hice-Hilton at (248) 756-3592

YOUTH HALLELUJAH **PARTY**

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31 Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Wear a costume to this party and carnival. It's designed to be a safe place to play games, eat snacks, win prizes and get candy

Contact: (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12

November

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4

Location: Basilica of St. Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit sponsors a benefit concert for International Orthodox Christian Charities. The Orthodox Choir of Metropolitan Detroit, conducted by Vickie Kopistiansky, will sing hymns to the Virgin Mary. Admission is free, although donations will be collected. An afterglow will follow the

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BOOTHROYD, SHIRLEY L.

Age 84 of Canton Township, formerly of Royal Oak, died Octo-ber 13, 2012. Beloved wife of the late George. Dear mother of Deborah Drager, Steven, and Scott (Belinda). Proud grandmother of six, and great-grandmother of three. The family will gather with friends on Satur-day October 20, 2012 from 10:30 AM until the 11 AM Memorial Service at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street (west of Main Street) Plymouth MI 48170. Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, or to Starr Presbyterian Church of Church 1717 William 1717 Milliam 1717 Mi Church, 1717 W. 13 Mile Rd, Royal Oak MI 48073.

To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com CHRISTY. LORELEI L.

Age 78, October 11, 2012. Significant sweetie of C.M. Novess III, beloved wife of the late Bernard. Dearest mother of Brad, Scott and the late Lori Kilpatrick. Loving grandmother of Allison Kilpatrick, Brandon (Jenny), Heather, Caitlin and Sean Christy. Lorelei was an accomplished artist, collector of owls and member of the Farmington Arts Foundation, Visual Arts Association of Livonia, Artifacts and St. Andrews Society of Detroit. Memorial Service Saturday, October 27 at 2pm at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers memorial contri-butions may be made to the Leader Dogs for the Blind. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



DAHLSTROM HELEN JOAN

(DIGON) Of Farmington Hills, MI passed away on October 14, 2012. She was born in Detroit on July 12, 1930 and later moved to Ferndale where she attended Lin-coln High School. Helen graduated as salutatorian in January 1948. With the help of scholarships and working several jobs she put herself through college, graduating with a Bachelor of Education degree from Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University). She later received her Master's in Education from Wayne State University. Helen met Carl Dahlstrom at MSNC and they married in Ferndale in 1953. Helen taught in Southfield and Lapeer before coming with Carl to Farmington. They both taught in the Farmington Schools 37 years, retiring in 1992. During this time they raised three children, Jon, Laurie and Nancy. Helen was involved in many organizations over her lifetime, including the Farmington Education Association and later the retired teachers association. She was a longtime member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), various church organizations and the Swedish Club of Farmington. Helen was a kind and generous person who will be sadly missed by family, friends, and all who met her. Helen is preceded in death by her husband Carl, daughter Nancy and brother Ri-chard. Left to cherish her memories are son Jon (Barbara) Dahlstrom, daughter Laurie Ulrich) Dahlstrom, grandchildren Jennifer, Kevin, Angela, Christopher, Brian (Molly) and Allison, brother Michael (Evelyn) Digon and sisterin-law Mary Digon. Also missing her will be many nieces, nephews, cousins and long-time friends. Funeral Saturday 11 a.m. First Presbyterian Church of Farmington 26165 Farmington

Rd., Farmington Hills 48334. Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington. www.thaver-rock.com

PINEGAR KATHRYN A.

Age 82 October 19, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Harold. Dear mother of Michael, Bo (Jennifer), Patty Jones, Dannie, Karen and the late Ken. Grandmother of Jason, Dean, Erin and Will. Sister of Bill (Bev) Huellmantel, Nancy (Dave) Reiss, Helen Huellmantel SSJ and Paul Huellmantel. Memorial gathering Wednesday 9:30am until 10:30am Mass at St. Dunstan Catholic Church, 1515 Belton (2 blocks west of Inkster, 2 blocks south of Ford Rd.)



VIRGINIA ANN (MEEK)

Virginia went to be with the Lord on Sept. 17, 2012. She was the loving wife of Albert for 63 years and beloved mother of Sandra (Gary) Milis and Judy (Christopher) Nelson. Ginny was the proud grandmother of Chris-topher and Matthew Ockerman, Timothy, Steven, Andrew and Peter Nelson and Great Grand-mother to Seth and Emma Ockerman. Virginia was a member of Ward Evangelical Presby-terian Church in Northville, and a former member of Trinity EPC in Plymouth. Virginia enjoyed gardening and was actively involved with Friends for the Development of Greenmead in Livonia. During the many years she served on this committee, she helped organize both the Greenmead Garden Walk and Christmas Walks. Visitation and a Memorial service were attended by many friends and family on Thursday, September 20th at

Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home. If you wish to remember Virginia, memorial contributions can be made to Friends for the Development of Greenmead



Passed away October 18, 2012 at the age of 90. He was born August 7, 1922 in Arcadia, PA. Albert was a resident of Detroit for many years and Westland since 1990. He served in the U.S.Army during WWII and received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. Albert retired from the Wayne County Clerks office in 1987 after 25 years of service. He was a kind and very generous man. He s survived by his sisters Elizabeth Repko, Genevieve Buckley, Bernice Angell and his brother Robert (Carolee) Gladish. He was preceded in death by sisters Emily Sebuck, Rose Sebuck and brother David Gladish. Albert is also survived by his sister-in-law Irene Gladish and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, 10AM at St. Christopher Catholic Church, 7800 visit at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St. Ply-Tuesday 2-9PM and Wednesday at church beginning at 9:30AM. There will be a Scripture Service Tuesday at the

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funeral home, notice of time later. Albert will be intered in St.

Hedwig Cemetery, where he will



Age 83, October 18, 2012 of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Loving mother of Larry (Mechele) and Robert (Lisa). Dear sister of Willie Mae Gould. Dear grandmother of Douglas, Mariah, Danielle and Alyssa. Visitation Saturday 5-9 PM and Sunday 2-9 PM at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd. Livonia and Monday from 10 AM until time of Funeral Service at 11 AM at St. Matthew Methodist Church, 30900 W. 6 Mile Rd., Livonia. Memorial donations are requested to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. Please share a memory at www.rggrharris.com

WESTCOTT, RONALD L.

Age 68, passed away Sept. 20th, 2012 at his residence in Mesa, Arizona after a 4 year battle with Cancer. Ron grew up in Beverly Hills, MI, and Franklin, MI. where he was a 1962 Graduate of Birmingham Seaholm H.S., attended Northwood Institute, and Parsons College. After college, Ron worked for Dunham's Sporting Goods, and Dick's Sports in Howell, MI before retiring to Arizona in 2008. He was the son of the late Damon L. Westcott of Franklin, MI and Clearwater, FL. He is survived by his Mother, Ursula Westcott of Clearwater, FL, brother Rick & wife Jean-nette Westcott of Mesa, AZ, Son Chris Westcott of Wyoming, MI, and Daughter Dr. Kathryn 'Katie' Westcott of Cape Cod, MA.



MILLER (nee HYDE),

MARGARET
July 14, 1922 ~ Sept. 12, 2012.
Wife of the late Joe Miller, mother of Mary Miller (Mike Swallow), Barbara Staniszewski (Gary), Katherine Miller (Jim Stiff), and Ann Anderson (Gary). Grandmother of Katherine, Daniel (Lauren), Samantha, Monika, and Kalena. Sister of the late James Hyde and the late John Former editor, Observer and Eccentric Newspapers. Memorial service to take place Sunday, October 28, 4 PM, Newburg United Methodist Church, Livo-



MARY ANN (KATZ)

Beloved mother, wife and daughter died peacefully Mon-day morning after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease at the age of 74. Mary Ann is survived by her husband, Don Perry, who was at her side when she passed away. She is also survived by her three children, David, Daniel and Deanna and her five grandchildren; David, Joe, Ian, Danny and Mac. Mary Ann was born and raised in Negaunee, Michigan and did everything at Negaunee High School; starring in school plays, cheerleading, serving on the student council and getting straight A's which earned her a full scholarship to Western Michigan University. While there she met and married her first husband, settled in Livonia, Michigan and raised their three children. She was first and foremost a wonderful mom who shuttled her kids to hockey and ballet, helped them through school and lifted them up with guidance, love and support. Mary Ann was known for her keen intelligence, wicked sense of humor and her kind heart. She loved to make porcelain dolls, take long motorcycle trips with her husband Don and was a voracious reader. Mary Ann excelled as a purchasing agent, financial planner and business owner but her favorite job was being a grandmother and spoiling her grandkids with toys and laughter. Private family funeral services are Thursday (today) at the St. John's Episcopal Negaunee. Mary Ann will be buried beside her sister Katie and her wonderful parents, Donald and Helen MacDonald in the Negaunee City Cemetery. After a long and brave struggle, her suffering is over. She is home.

SALSBERY.

DEBRA ANN Born March 1, 1955, passed away October 15, 2012, age 57. Loving wife of Michael Sr. Dear mother of Kimberly (fiance Jerry Vaughn), Michael Jr. and Crystal (Richard Harding). Grandmother of Tyler Salsbery, Dale Vaughn and Hannah Harding. Daughter of Roy and Margaret Jerrell, Sr. Sister of Roy (Lisa) Jerrell, Jr. Visitation Thursday 5pm-9pm and Friday 12 noon until 9pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth, where the funeral services will be held on Saturday, 12 noon. Share your special thoughts and memories at:

SCOTT, PATRICIA M.

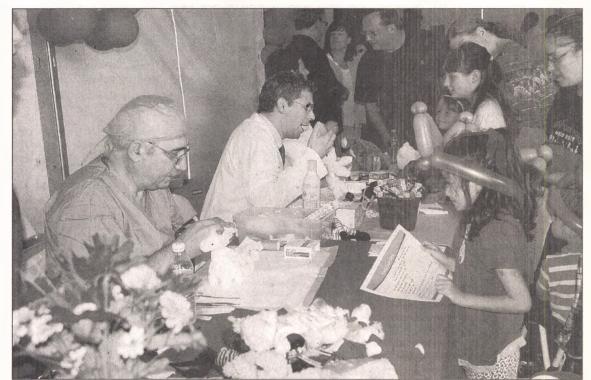
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Asheville, NC, age 87, died October 13 in Asheville, NC. Born in Detroit, MI she graduated from Denby High School in A long-time resident of Plymouth, MI and Blacksburg, VA, Pat served as Exhibits Director of the Plymouth Historical Museum and was active in several community organizations, in-cluding the Plymouth Garden Club. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Robert Bruce Scott, with whom she raised three children; Lana Burns of Asheville, Jeffrey Scott of Lexington, VA, and Chris Scott of Brentwood, TN. She was the proud grandmother of Rachel, Ethan, Lara, and Kira, and was an avid gardener, birdwatcher, and collector. A private interment will be held in Plymouth, MI at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Alzheimer's charity of your choice. Groce Funeral Home at Lake Julian in Arden, NC is assisting the family and a memorial register is available online at

www.grocefuneralhome.com.

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Doctors administer care to "wounded" stuffed animals at the Teddy Bear Clinic during a previous open house at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. The activity will be a part of the hospital's grand opening celebration for its new addition on Sunday, Oct. 28.

Hospital shows off new addition

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will celebrate the opening of its new 154,000-square-foot building with an open house, noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28.

The addition includes a state-of-the-art emergency center and 80 private patient rooms.

Visitors will get a chance to tour the new addition and meet community rescue teams. The event also will include health activities, strolling magicians, a Teddy Bear Clinic, photo opportunities with a National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Dragster Team driver and car, and kids' activities with clowns, balloon animals and face painting. Steve King & the Dittilies will perform and Blaine Flower, WDVD radio morning show host, will be on hand from noon-2 p.m. Refreshments featuring a healthy food menu will also be available.

"Our state-of-the-art emergency center and private patient rooms are focused on patient care and innovation," stated President and CEO Dave Spivey, in a press release. "We are excited to celebrate this milestone with our area communities."

The hospital is located at 36475 Fiver Mile, at Levan, in Livonia; www.stmarymercy.org/grandopening.

October

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Red Cross are sponsoring a blood drive 6 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 25, in the hospital auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. To schedule an appointment call (800) GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

November

COPING WITH CANCER Botsford Hospital, in partnership with the American Cancer Society, will present "I Can Cope," a free, educational program for adults facing cancer, either personally or as a caregiver, 9:45-11:45 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the hospital's administration and education center, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Get answers to questions about diagnosis and treatment, treatment side effects, community resources, nutrition, physical activity, fatigue and more. Registration is limited to 25 participants. Call (800)

DIABETES AND SKIN

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will present "Your Skin, Keeping it all Together" 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the hospital's Auditorium. Donna Choma, a registered nurse and nurse specialist at St. Mary Mercy, will be the speaker. According to the American Diabetes Association, diabetes can affect every part of the body, including the skin. As many as 33 percent of people with diabetes will have a skin disorder caused or affected by diabetes as some time in their lives. Choma will talk about preventing wounds through good skin care, common wounds, wound myths and basic wound care for individuals with diabetes. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required. For more information call Community Outreach at (734) 655-8961, or visit stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events.

MEMORY SCREENING Botsford Commons Senior

Community in Farmington Hills will offer free memory screenings Tuesday, Nov. 13

227-2345.

as part of National Memory Screening Day 2012. The screenings are simple and take approximately five minutes to complete. The Social Services Department from Botsford Commons will administer the screenings from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the William Costick Center,

(248) 473-1830. Ongoing

AQUATIC CLASSES

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ton Hills. To register, call

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join or for more information, interested individuals can contact their local

ymcadetroit.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

ARTHRITIS SUPPORT 2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

BREAST CANCER SUP-

PORT GROUP Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy. org.

BIPOLAR SUPPORT

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon Road, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression . and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group. Call Nancy at (734) 536-3457 or Katrina at (734) 837-7700 with questions.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT **GROUPS**

 St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

•Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Avenue, Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on

month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

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CPR CLASSES

Classes range from basic CPR for people who want to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hvsh. org/hvsh/calendar or call (248) 937-3314.

DIABETES SUPPORT

An adult diabetes support group sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club meets 2-3:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, in downtown Plymouth. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion will facilitate. There is no charge to attend. Discussion topics will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies. Call Vining at (734) 454-0859.

FITNESS CLASSES

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@ charter.net.

FOOD ADDICTS

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a recovery program for people having trouble controlling the way they eat. It's based on the 12 steps of AA. Open to all and free. Weekly meetings are held 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton. (248) 320-6842; www.foodaddicts.org

HEALTH EDUCATION, SUPPORT & EXERCISE

Classes for cardiac rehabilitation, cardiac wellness, diabetes exercise and yoga are

offered by the Garden City Hospital Health Enhancement Center. For information call (734) 458-3242. CPR (Adult & Infant), childbirth and child care education, support groups for cardiac patients, cancer, stroke and diabetes patients; eating disorders; hearing loss; and Alzheimer's caregivers, are part of an array of offerings of Garden City Hospital's Community Education. For more information call (734) 458-4330. Free blood pressure and \$5 cholesterol testing are available 10 a.m.-noon on the first Tuesday of the month in the Garden City Hospital Lobby. No registration required. The hospital also offers free blood pressure testing for senior citizens 10 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center. Call (734) 458-4330 for dates. Most insurances cover new CPAP and BIPAP supplies every year. Garden City Hospital Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free mask fitting clinic for users, 5-6 p.m. every Wednesday, at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Try a new style of mask and learn how to get one. No appointment needed. For information call (734) 458-3330.

HEARING LOSS ASSO-CIATION

The Western Wayne Chapter; provides information, education and support for those with hearing loss, their families and friends. Meetings are 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. Contact aferack@comcast.net or (734) 664-3297.

INCEST SURVIVORS

"LIVE," a self-help group for women who were victims of incest as children, meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul of the Cross, 2333 Schoolcraft, Redford. Call Antoinette at (313) 971-4747 or Cheri at (586) 489-1785.

LOW VISION SUPPORT

GROUP Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

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1. Food/blanket drive in support of Active Faith, a non-denominational charity based in South Lyon. Canned food (especially soup) and blankets are needed. Drop off your donation between 10 a.m. and noon on Oct. 27 at the South Lyon Herald Office, 101 N. Lafayette, in downtown South Lyon.

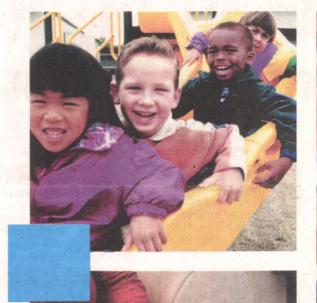
2. "Pénnies from Heaven," collection to benefit Canton Goodfellows, a group dedicated to ensuring every child has a Christmas.

Bring your pennies to the Canton Summit (Community Center) from 10 a.m. to noon and meet other Goodfellows and O&E Media staff. The Canton Goodfellows recently lost its leader — Nancy Spencer, a longtime community philanthropist.

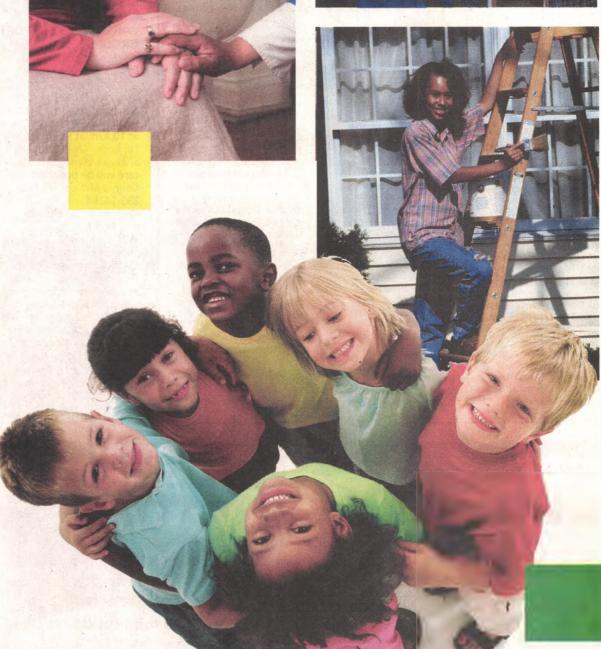
The goal is one million pennies.

3. Jaycee Park Beautification: Volunteers are needed to clean up/spruce up Jaycee Park in Redford. The Redford Jaycees along with O&E Media staff and other community volunteers will work from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come help and make a difference for all of the youth and families who use this community park. If you are a Redford resident, a former Redford resident or someone who just wants to make a difference for the Redford community, join us at Jaycee Park, 10102 Beech Daly Road, between Plymouth and W. Chicago Roads. Refreshments will be served.













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5 attitudes that lead to job search failure Plus 5 that lead to success

Kaitlin Madden, CareerBuilder Writer

Your attitude can make or break your job search. Having a bad attitude -whether that means you no longer care enough to put effort into your applications or you think no one is ever going to hire you -- is one of the fastest ways to fail in your job search. Having a good attitude, on the other hand, can help your cause as much as a bad one can hurt it.

"Attitude is vitally important in a job search, because it's the one thing out of the entire process you can control," says Dave Sanford, senior vice president of business development at Winter, Wyman, a Bostonbased staffing firm. "You can't control if and when someone is going to call you back, or if the person liked you or what the economy is going to be like, but you can control your attitude and how you conduct yourself throughout the process."

Five attitudes that will get you nowhere in your job hunt:

1. "I'll never find a job." OK, so it may sound obvious, but a negative attitude will seriously hinder your job search. It will not only kill your motivation, but like the old saying goes, "If you think you can't, you probably won't."

"A negative attitude can lead to job-search failure right from the start," Sanford says. "If you are sitting in the room anticipating the end of the play before the

first act, it can be a selffulfilling prophecy. So that's where you have to pump yourself up and not go down the negative road." 2. "Woe is me." Don't fall into the downward spiral of feeling sorry for yourself. No one will want to help you in your job search, let alone hire you if you can't get out of your own way.

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"Think about the way you ask for help, for example." Sanford says. "Stay away from, 'I know you don't have time for me...' and instead say, 'I have a lot to offer and would love to be able to share what I know and what I can do with you." 3. "I'll take anything." Applying to every job you see is a waste of time. A successful job search is driven by the quality, not quantity, of applications you submit. "Applying for just about any open position may hurt you in the long run," says Heather Huhman, founder of Come Recommended, a digital public relations firm focusing on the recruiting industry, and author of the book "Lies, Damned Lie & Internships: The Truth About Getting From Classroom to Cubicle." "Failing to be focused and specific not only wastes your time and the employer's but can confuse your network of contacts as well if they have the chance to refer you."

4. "I'm not good enough." "Confidence, or a lack thereof, is easily noticed by hiring managers," Huhman says. "Feeling as if you're not good enough can be a deal-breaker in the job



search. You cannot sell what you don't believe in." This is especially important going into an interview, where confidence is integral to success. Remember that if you got the interview, the company thinks you're good enough to be there. Don't change their minds. 5. "When is something going to fall into my lap?" Acting entitled is a sure-fire way to repel an employer. Your attitude signals your mindset, values and possible behavior in the workplace, says Ginny Clarke, president and CEO of Chicagobased Talent Optimization Partners and author of "Career Mapping: Charting Your Course in the New World of Work." "Someone who says, 'When is something going to fall into my lap?' for example, likely has a big ego, is arrogant and lacks self-awareness. These tendencies make

and an ineffective leader." Five attitudes that impress employers:

1. The "can-do" attitude. "If you want to impress your potential employer, think carefully about all of the things going on in his or her work life, causing stress and anxiety. Talk about how you can go into that iob and make things easier and better for the manager. 'I'm here to lighten your burden and lighten your load' [should be the message you send]," Sanford says. 2. "Give me the ball; I don't have to have my hand held." 3. "I'm an awesome team player; not a lone wolf." 4. "I am determined; I run through walls to get the job

done.' 5. "I'm aware of politics in the field of play around me and can navigate effec-

tively." "The job-search process inherently comes with ups and downs," Sanford concludes.

"Moments of excitement and anticipation blended with feeling defeated and beaten down. It's crucial that job seekers do everything they can to keep the negativity of the process from affecting their attitudes and overtaking the job search. If negativity starts seeping into your game, and you start to feel defeated and hopeless, the hiring manager will see and sense the baggage and will likely pass. They want someone who is positive and upbeat; someone who says, 'Give me the ball and let me

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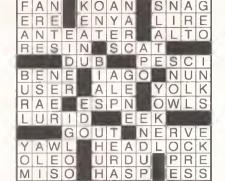
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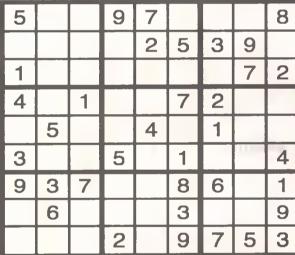
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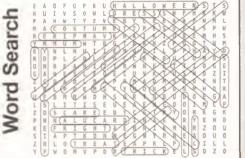
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