



# Canton event celebrates Gandhi's life

A special Gandhi Jayanti Celebration takes place Sunday, Oct. 2, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Doors are set to open at 1:15 p.m. with the performance scheduled to start at 2 p.m. This popular annual event is presented by the Canton Cultural Commission Multicultural Committee in association with The Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

The presentation honors the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi by celebrating the values that he lived every day. "In a gentle way, you can shake the world," said Mahatma Gandhi.

Canton Township Trustee Dr. Syed Taj will provide the program's welcome and introduction to an afternoon of songs, dances, sitar, and a skit. The program will



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Canton Township Trustee Dr. Syed Taj provides the welcome and introduction for the Gandhi Jayanti celebration Oct. 2 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

also feature members of Canton's Multicultural Committee speaking

about Gandhi's life and legacy.

The Canton Cultural Commission Multicultural Committee's mission continues to focus on getting to know our neighbors and their culture through the arts.

In addition to Gandhi Jayanti, subcommittees continue to host many special events, including an International Festival annual event at The Village Theater (Jan. 21) and a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Jan. 16).

Admission to this Gandhi Jayanti Celebration is a \$2 donation at the door and includes a punch and cookies pre-show reception starting at 1:15 p.m.

For more information on "Gandhi Jayanti" and other upcoming cultural events and performances at The Village Theater, please visit [Cantonvillageattheater.org](http://Cantonvillageattheater.org) or call (734) 394-5300.

## TEACHERS

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The union settled on three other candidates for endorsement:

- Sheila Paton of Plymouth — Founder of the district's Legislative Action Network and a frequent participant in legislative discussions, along with a variety of other work within the district. "Her Legislative Action Network and continual work within the schools over a long period of time has been absolutely impressive."

- John Barrett of Plymouth — A Plymouth city commissioner who opted not to seek re-election so he could run for the school board, Barrett spent 40-plus years in education, lastly as a

principal in the Farmington district. "His experience (in Farmington) and with our community ... he's done some work in our schools," Fistler said. "He's worked to build relationships between the community and our students, including kids at Starkweather."

- Abdul Muhiuddin of Canton — He's a 2003 graduate of Salem High School. "He's the youngest one in the field, but we liked his young energy," Fistler said. "We liked his work with non-profits and his interest in diversity. Our community is changing, we see that in our schools all the time."

Fistler said the union's participation in the campaigns of their endorsed candidates will be left up to the candidates themselves.

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# Ladies enjoy Plymouth's 'Night Out'

By Julie Brown  
Observer Staff Writer

Amanda Briones, 20, of Belleville and Stephanie Limberger, 20, of Ypsilanti were having a good time Thursday at Ladies Night Out in downtown Plymouth.

"I'm leaving for Virginia tomorrow," said Briones, planning to visit her ill grandfather. She and Limberger decided to visit Plymouth.

"We had no idea it was Ladies Night," said Limberger. "It's awesome. There's so much going on. I love it."

The young women were impressed with the Ironwood Grill restaurant on Ann Arbor Trail. "It's really nice out here tonight," added Briones, among many enjoying the evening's beautiful weather.

"We're going to get about 800 ladies at least," said Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, which coordinates the event with merchants.

There's also a Diva Day for women in the spring in Plymouth. New this holiday season will be "Dashing Through the



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Each lady got a rose during the Plymouth Chamber's 'Ladies Night Out' event.

Stores," a night in which women will create their wish lists.

"Two weeks later, the guys come back and buy what's on the wish lists," Graff said of "Men's Panic Party."

At the Ladies Night Out, Ribar Floral gave women shoppers roses. Graff agreed women customers are essential.

"The downtown stores do primarily cater to women," he said. "That's why these events are so perfect."

As the sun set in

Plymouth, groups of women shoppers traveled from store to store, checking what's new. There were refreshments, drawings for prizes and small gifts. Some women met for dinner out with family and friends.

Pausing between stops, Linda Juenemann of Northville Township noted she hadn't shopped in Plymouth lately and wanted to visit.

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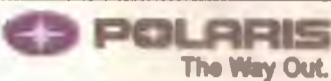
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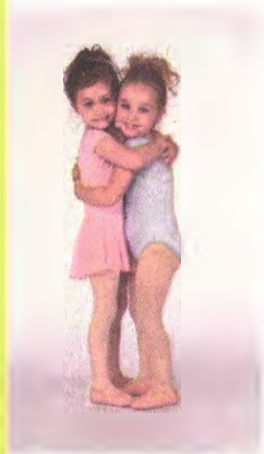
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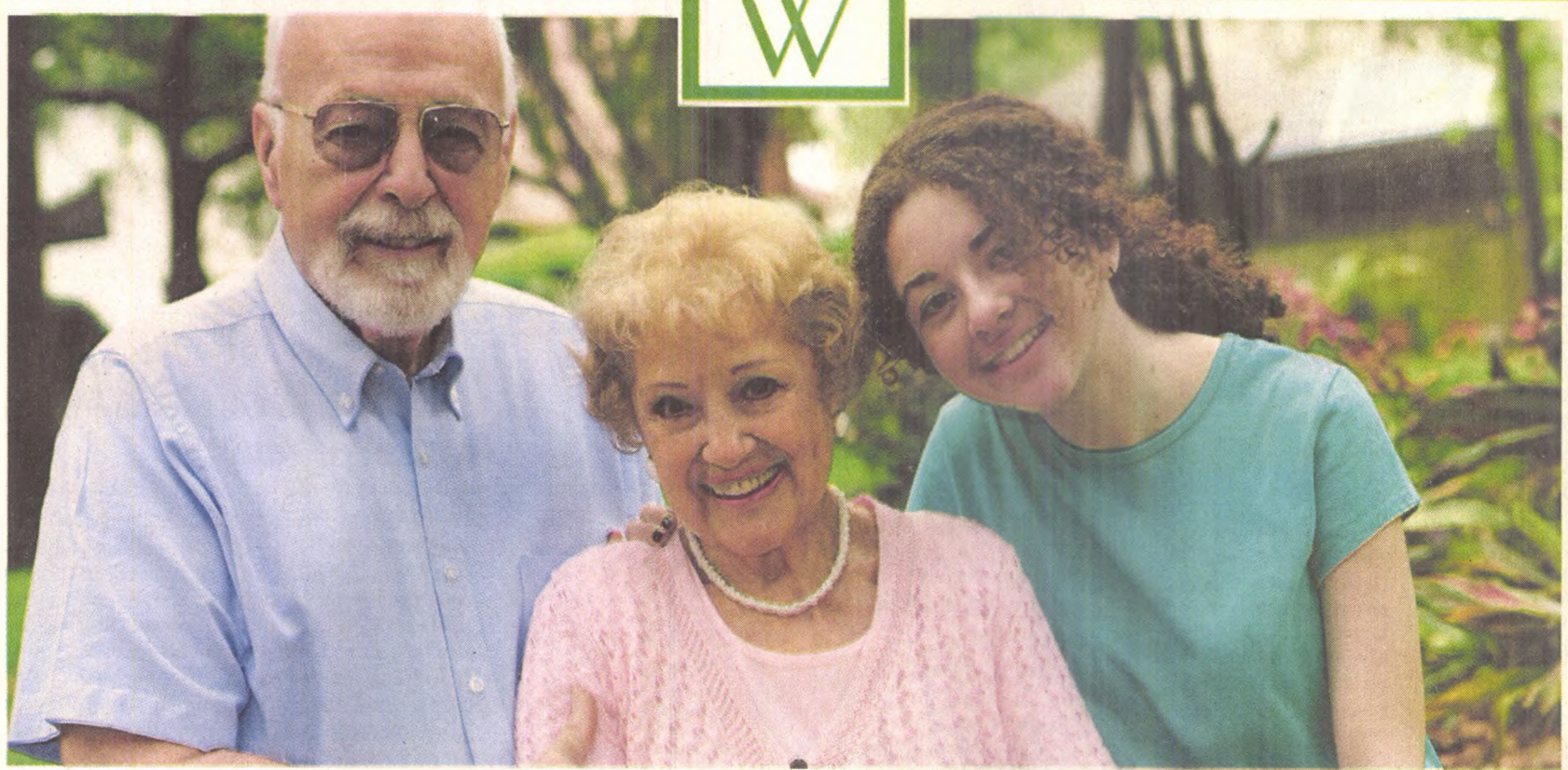
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**DRUGS**

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials have teamed with Growth Works, the Plymouth-based youth assistance organization, will present the second in its series of social media seminars this week.

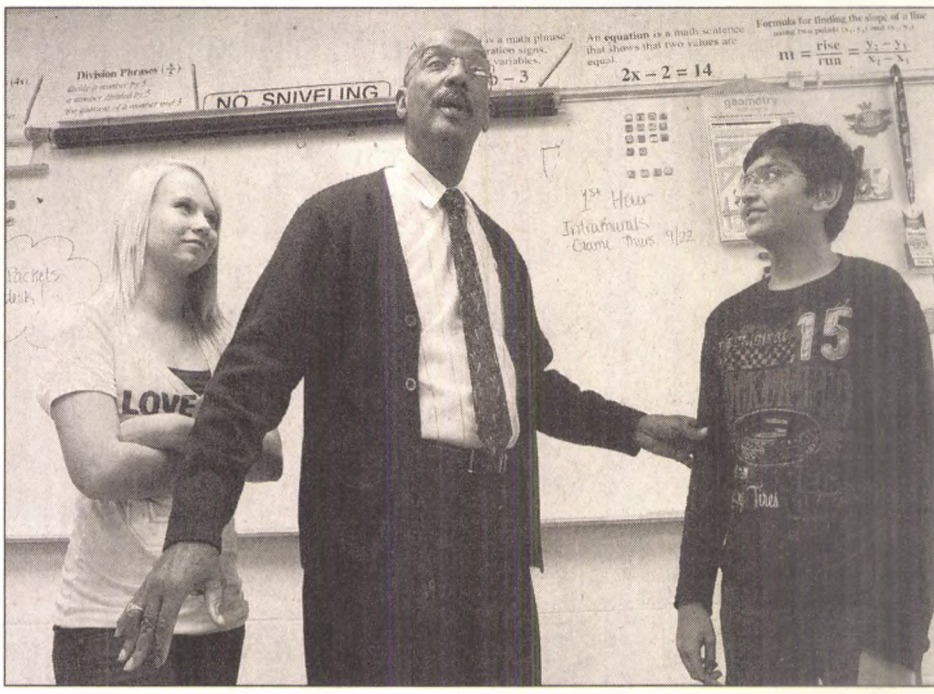
"Is it our biggest problem? No, it isn't," said Ruggirello. "But we'd be naive to think it's not a problem at all."

To do that, the district has convened a panel of experts to talk to parents in a 7 p.m. seminar, "Prescription Drugs and Your Child," Wednesday at the Plymouth District Library. While Growth Works currently has people in the middle schools talking to every sixth-grader in the district about drugs, this seminar is designed to help parents primarily understand the issue of prescription and over-the-counter drug use and the impact of social media on drug use among students.

"Kids are selling drugs using social media," Ruggirello said. "It's very often a communications device for kids that isn't necessarily closely supervised by parents."

According to statistics provided by Growth Works, over-the-counter and prescription drugs have become the third most-common drug of choice for young people (behind marijuana and alcohol). For many kids, they're easily accessible. Parents have some surgery or other medical issue and doctors prescribe drugs for it.

Parents frequently don't take all of the doses, and the leftovers wind up first in the medicine cabinet, then in the hands of children. Those drugs are often peddled on social media and wind up in



Will Burgess conducts a simulation involving a conflict between Natalie Conroy and Akash Patel.



Allison Hodge listens to the presentation.

schools.  
"It's pretty much customary for some sort of prescription or over-the-

counter drugs to be part of the menu of drugs kids will take ... the accessibility of it is unbelievable

now," said Brian Spitsbergen, director of treatment services at Growth Works. "It's clean, it's hard to detect. It's tough for folks to understand the nature of the problem."

Spitsbergen said he often sees kids in treatment talk about "the best high" they've had, and more and more those highs are including prescription and over-the-counter medications.

The problem, he said, is that, while "there's a predictability" to the effects and behavior of a drug user who has, say, smoked marijuana, the effects of prescription drugs is far less predictable.

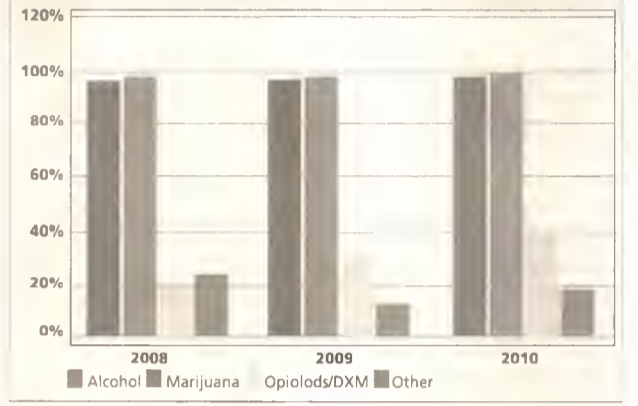
"It becomes an irritant to other social problems in kids who are already having a hard time making smart decisions," Spitsbergen said. "It irritates other problems that already exist. (Prescription drug use) lends itself to making a bad situation worse."

In addition to heightening awareness of the prescription drug problem and the part social media

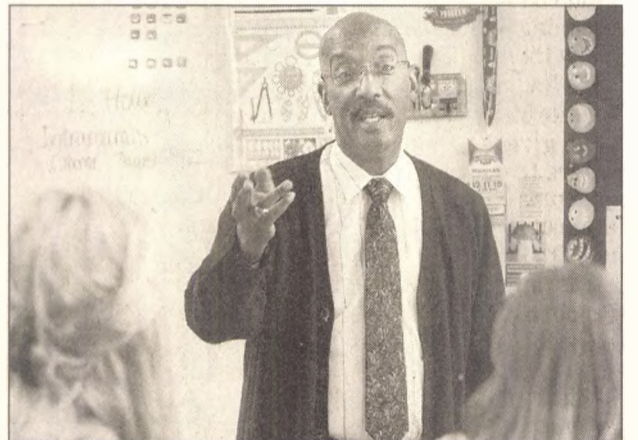


Bria Baker and Jennifer Ruiz listen to the discussion with Growth Works' Will Burgess.

**YOUTH IN TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE**



Source: Growth Works



Will Burgess speaks to the East Middle School class.

plays in it, Wednesday's seminar is designed to show parents what police see in their schools, ways kids can harm themselves, behaviors parents should look for and who to call.

"When we see something that could be a

potential problem, we want to make sure our parents and our students are aware of it," Ruggirello said. "Sticking your head in the sand is never the solution."

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# Scary things afoot at Plymouth museum

Halloween is just around the corner, and things at the Plymouth Historical Museum are starting to get spooky.

On Oct. 16, the museum will host "Mourning Matters Tea," full of chilling details of mourning rituals of the past. Guest speaker Kim Parr, director of the Crocker House Museum

and Macomb County Historical Society in Mount Clemens, will discuss these morbid details dressed in full mourning attire, along with a display of various mourning and funeral artifacts.

Anyone looking for something a little creepier can spend some time in the graveyard on Oct.

29 during the Plymouth Characters Cemetery Walk at Riverside Cemetery. Participants will listen to tantalizing tales of Plymouth's ghosts from Civil War soldiers Calvin Crosby and Charles Westfall and others that haunt the city at night. Walks begin at 4 p.m. and

last 60-90 minutes. The tour starts at the Don Massey Field Parking lot, east of the 35th District Court on Plymouth Road, with refreshments served by sponsor The Courtyard Grille of Plymouth. Guests are encouraged to wear sensible walk-

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Miss Wayne County 2010 Sarah Suydam crowns Shelby Gardiner as Miss Wayne County 2011.

A 19-year-old Oakland University student and DTE Energy Squad member from St. Clair Shores has been chosen as the new Miss Wayne County. "I am already looking forward to my duties this year - traveling, meeting new people and getting the word out about my platform, which is Date Rape Education and Prevention," said Shelby Gardiner just moments

after being crowned Miss Wayne County. As Miss Wayne County, Gardiner receives a \$1,100 scholarship and the opportunity to compete for the Miss Michigan title in Muskegon on June 16, 2012. Gardiner is majoring in elementary education and hopes to obtain a master's degree in elementary education, specializing in language arts.

During her year as Miss Wayne County, Gardiner will travel throughout the state advocating her platform issue. She will talk to various government representatives, business leaders, community groups and citizens-at-large, urging them to get involved promoting date rape education and prevention. "Shelby Gardiner

embodies the qualities a role model for young women and girls should have," said Sheila Sigro, executive director of the Miss Wayne County Scholarship Program. "She's talented, ambitious and accomplished. We are excited about working with her this year."

The Miss Wayne County Competition was held at Churchill High School in Livonia on Sept. 17 and featured 12 contestants from around the Wayne County area.

Receiving awards were Sydney Learman of Livonia, first runner-up; Jasmine Jones of Detroit,

second runner-up and swimsuit award; Paula Langley of Novi, third runner-up, talent award and community service award; Jenae George of Harper Woods, fourth runner-up and Miss Congeniality; Da'Stanza Murphy of Taylor, Non-Finalist Talent Award, and Sarah Bermudez-White of Dearborn Heights, People's Choice Winner. Rounding out the contestants were Olivia Trocchio of St. Clair Shores, Nicole Marie Johnson of Detroit, Erin Hall of Dearborn, Jessica Jackson of Detroit and Ashley Welch of Livonia.

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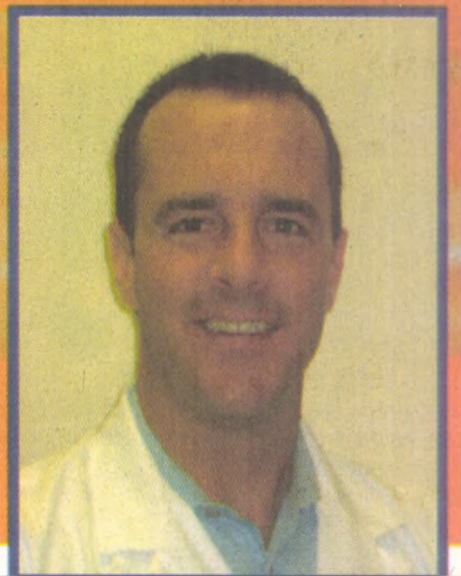
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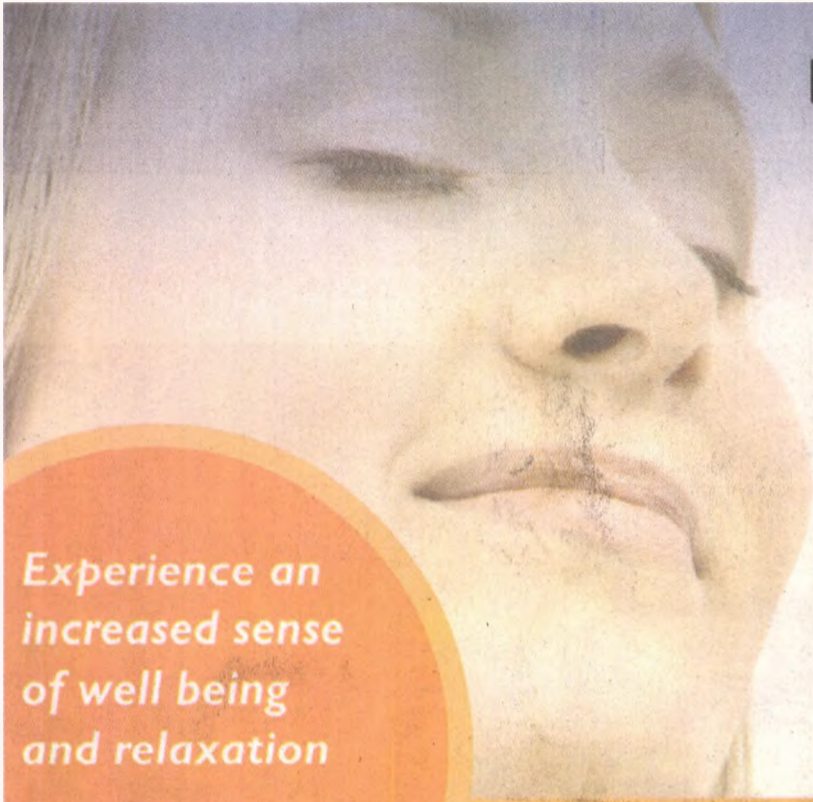


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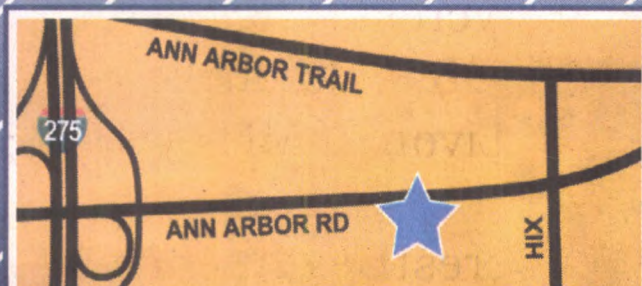
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## FOOTBALL NIGHT IN CANTON

## Red-hot Chiefs rout Rockets

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Talk about a blowout with a capital 'B.' The fans at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were barely in their seats when Canton 5-7 junior running back Kendall Scott blew through Westland John Glenn's defensive line, sprinting untouched for a 24-yard touchdown.

That was just the start of Canton's 66-13 onslaught in Friday's KLA South Division contest. The Rockets saw plenty of red in the stands (on Canton's Homecoming Night) as well as on the field, thanks to the barrage of big-play TDs.

"Our offensive line executed, our backs ran hard, we threw the ball, caught the ball well," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "Offensively it was an awesome first half. And defensively we were much more physical."

Some might wonder why any tweaking was required. The Chiefs, already ranked No. 7 in



Westland John Glenn's Duron Govantes (No. 6) tries in vain to stop Canton senior running back Ryan Jones Friday night. Jones finished with 59 yards in nine rushes.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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## Whalers drop opener

The Owen Sound Attack scored three quick goals in the second period Wednesday and went on to defeat the visiting Plymouth Whalers, 6-2, in the opening game of the 2011-12 season.

A thorn in the Whalers side was Bredan Childerley, with two goals. Scoring for the Whalers were Mitchell Heard — just back from the Toronto Maple Leafs training camp — and Andy Bathgate.

After falling behind 1-0 in the first period, the Whalers turned up the heat trying for the equalizer. Plymouth outshot Owen Sound 7-0 during a stretch early in the second stanza, but could not score.

The Attack then took control of matters with their three-goal surge before the midway point of the frame.

Plymouth finally got on the board when Heard scored at 18:07 of the second period, from Stefan Noesen.

Owen Sound tacked on two more goals before Bathgate finished the scoring in the third. He scored his first-ever Plymouth goal on a partial breakaway.

Making 25 saves in the defeat was Whalers net-minder Matt Mahalak.

## Wildcats pounce on Franklin

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Livonia Franklin tried to throw everything but the kitchen sink at state-ranked Plymouth Friday night — mid-field fourth-down gambles, blitz packages and a no-huddle offense.

The host Wildcats, however, had an answer for everything the Patriots attempted and rolled to a 47-7 KLA South Division football victory.

Senior quarterback Shaun Austin trumped the Patriots' defense hitting 14-of-23 passes on the night for 233 yards and four touchdowns.

He was particularly good in

the second quarter going 9-for-11 for 122 yards and two TDs as Plymouth (5-0, 3-0) turned a 14-7 first-period advantage into a 34-7 halftime lead.

"Shaun (Austin) is a very intelligent, composed kid, and we're lucky to have him," Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk said. "When they start bringing a bunch of people in the box and play us man-to-man, we think we have some weapons outside. Our offensive coordinator and our offensive staff do a great job of blitz protection and give Shaun a lot of time in there."

Senior running back Donte Fox was the Wildcats top rusher with 145 yards on 20 carries.

He got Plymouth off on the right foot with a 54-yard TD run on his team's first possession.

Franklin came back and answered with Joe McRobb's 84-yard TD run with 3:32 left in the first period to knot the game at 7-all (following Ryan Tikey's extra point).

"When they (Franklin) scored, that was when we went for it on fourth down and didn't get it, and our tight end missed a block," Sawchuk said. "Our offensive coach was talking to him and they (Franklin) came back out, and we only had 10 people on the field when they

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Plymouth's powerful senior tailback Donte Fox (No. 5) leaves Livonia Franklin would-be tackler De'Angelo Peete (No. 44) in his wake Friday evening. Trying to block for Fox is Jared Davis (No. 40).

## MU upsets Spring Arbor

Behind the strength of goals from freshmen Mo DeGrandis and Ashley Parent, the Madonna University women's soccer team pulled off its biggest upset in recent memory Wednesday with a come-from-behind 2-1 win over No. 7-ranked Spring Arbor.

Spring Arbor (7-1-1) got on the board first in the fourth minute when Maegen Smith finished off a pass from Olivia Clark to put the Cougars on top 1-0.

The Crusaders (3-3) pulled even just over eight minutes later when senior Diana Brda (Livonia Franklin) controlled a pass from sophomore Amanda Jenaway off of a corner kick and found DeGrandis who fired in a header and beat Cougar goalkeeper Brooklyn Morgan.

Brda had the assist on the game-winning goal as well, chipping her pass over the defense to Parent, who sent her shot past Morgan for what held up as the winner.

The Cougars peppered Crusader keeper Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville) with shots throughout the remainder of the match, but the senior keeper was up to the task, turning away all seven shots to earn her third win of the season.

MU returns the pitch at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, against Rochester College at Canton's Independence Park.

## Hang 10: Canton kickers keep winning streak alive

The hot streak continues for Canton's varsity boys soccer team.

Thursday's 3-1 win over Livonia Churchill marked Canton's 10th victory in a row. The Chiefs, ranked No. 4 in Class A, improved to 12-1-1 overall and 6-0-0 in the KLA South Division.

Opening the scoring early in the contest was Canton senior Mitch Posuniak, converting a feed from sophomore Griffin Parks. Posuniak also assisted on a goal by senior Mitch Pepper, making it a 2-0 game.

Churchill carried play for most of the second half, but Canton senior

goalkeeper Steven Murphy repeatedly came up big to keep the Chiefs on top.

He dove on a ball that was bouncing around in front of the net in the half's 12th minute to keep Churchill off the scoreboard.

But just past the half's midway point, Churchill junior Mike Murphy jumped on a loose ball in the Canton goal box and scored to bring the Chargers within a goal.

A few minutes later, Churchill was awarded a penalty shot, but Steven Murphy pushed the shot over his crossbar, and then punched out the

resulting corner kick to swing momentum back Canton's way.

The Chiefs put the game away with two minutes to play, when senior Connor Furgason redirected Parks' corner kick with a header.

**STEVENSON 2, SALEM 1:** John D'Agostino picked up a goal and assist Thursday to power host Livonia Stevenson (8-2, 4-2) to a KLA Central Division triumph over the Rocks (4-6-3, 3-3).

D'Agostino's first-half goal from Christian Gajor staked the Spartans to a 1-0 lead.

Zack Atwood's goal from D'Agostino with

only two minutes left gave Stevenson a two-goal cushion before Salem's Chris Dierker answered in the final 30 seconds from Blake Townes.

Zach Verant went all the way in goal for the Spartans.

"In the end you can say it was a typical, hard-fought game with Salem," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "It was a gutsy performance and a big win for our program."

**PLYMOUTH 3, FRANKLIN 1:** On Wednesday, second-half goals by Chris Lebioda, Brian Eggenberger and Chandler Olah carried the host Wildcats (6-

6-2, 4-2) to a KLA South Division victory over Livonia Franklin (5-4-2, 3-3).

Jake Talerek's unassisted goal cut the deficit to 2-1 for Franklin, but Olah's goal with only eight seconds remaining sealed it for Plymouth.

"We were great through the middle of the field, but finishing was a problem," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said. "We got our share of opportunities, but didn't capitalize."

Ryan Tikey made 11 saves in goal for the Patriots, while Mario Gruszczynski went all the way in goal for the Wildcats.

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### On the ball!



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## Winning week for Salem netters

The Salem varsity boys tennis team swept Walled Lake Western 9-0 on Tuesday in a KLAAs crossover matchup.

On Thursday, the Rocks followed up with a 6-3 triumph over Pinckney.

Salem's singles lineup is paced by junior co-captain Jacob Scott at No. 1, followed by senior Mike Keum, junior co-captain

Alek Zultowski and sophomore Jake Sealy in the 2-4 slots.

In doubles play, the No. 1 tandem is comprised of junior David Bloxsum and sophomore John Clark while senior Kyle Latak and junior Kartik Rajeev are the No. 2 doubles team.

Rounding out the lineup for Salem are senior Sam

Cloutier and freshman Rohan Thanedar at No. 3, junior Nick Ortiz and sophomore Amol Carvalho at No. 4 and junior Shaheer Rabbaig and sophomore Shivan Patel at No. 5.

The Rocks will face Westland John Glenn on Tuesday and then host a conference match on Saturday, Oct. 1.

# Eagles nearly hang on against top team

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

For 73 minutes Thursday, it looked as though Plymouth Christian Academy would get some pay-back against Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

The host Eagles led 1-0 against the Chargers in a Michigan Independent Athletics Conference varsity boys soccer game. A penalty-kick goal in the first half by Danny Ross had some staying power.

But the deeper Chargers, who mercied PCA 8-0 earlier this season, finally broke through with 7:24 to go and finished off a come-from-behind 2-1 win with a tally in the final three minutes.

"They (Chargers) are the No. 1 team in the state (in Class D) as of the rankings from last week," said Eagles head coach Larry Machonga, following the contest. "Last time we played them we came in and played terribly on their home field. They demolished us, picked us apart and we lost 8-0.

"So to come back from a loss like that and play as well as we did for 75 minutes, ... but again it takes 80 minutes, and play two good halves to win a game."

On Ross' goal, with 9:57 left in the first half, he drilled a low shot inside the left post past Inter-City Baptist goalkeeper Nathaniel Packwood.

The Eagles (5-3, 3-3 in the MIAC) had a couple subsequent rushes but could not pad their lead. Packwood dove to deny a bid from Chris Scagnelli (from Jacob Bailey) and Kurtis McKenzie sent a feed over to Bailey, whose header just missed the



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Putting a strong foot into one during Thursday's game is Plymouth Christian Academy's Dan Mullett (No. 10). At right for the Eagles are Josh Middleton (No. 17) and Ryan Machonga (No. 4). In the background for Allen Park Inter-City Baptist is Steven Fiema (No. 9).

And early in the second half, the Eagles had some pressure.

Ross rushed down the right wing and cut inside toward Packwood, but could not find the net with his shot.

With about 25 minutes left, off a corner kick, another point-blank header by Bailey just failed to click.

### Losing steam

But the Chargers (11-1) started gaining an edge in territorial play, and won more 50/50 balls as the second half progressed.

Still the Eagles hung on to their precarious lead — thanks to some clutch saves by PCA goalie Jamie Putney (he dove to rob a scoring chance by Steven Fiema midway through the second half), along with a hustling defense (particularly Dan Mullett, Ryan Machonga and Matt Read) that helped cut off several potential rushes.

Then, the Chargers got on the board on a goal by Evan Kratz at 32:36. Kratz broke free inside the box and sent a low, sizzling shot inside the right post.

Fiema followed up with the game-winning marker with 2:47 to go.

He broke in and beat Putney on another low shot to the right corner.

"It takes two 40-minute halves to finish a game," Machonga said. "When our guys our getting gassed and they're not on target, we just need a little bit more depth to push us over the edge.

"It was a good, physical match. The thing I love about our guys is they'll never quit, ever."

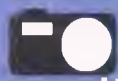
Machonga, however, added that the team needs a few reserve players to step up and provide the kind of depth PCA needs to improve against top competition.

"We continue to want to develop our guys, especially our bench players, so we just don't have our starting 11 that can contribute to the attack," he said. "We need other players and we're getting there.

"... It'd be nice to get there sooner, because that way we win games like this and not lose."

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# Friendly rivalry on upswing for 'Cats, Chiefs

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Before campus girls golf rivals Canton and Plymouth squared off for the second time in less than a week, there was time for players from both teams to mingle and catch up on life at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Then the host Chiefs and Wildcats put the smiles away, put in some practice cuts and went to work Thursday at Hilltop Golf Course. That's where the young and improving Canton squad tried to even the score for a previous loss to state-ranked Plymouth.

But Plymouth — led by medalist Kelsey Murphy, who registered 36 for nine holes — prevailed yet again, this time 166-198 to improve to 6-0 for the season.

Canton's only two losses have been to the Wildcats.

"We're glad that it's competitive now, so the girls know they have to come out ready to play and it's not an easy win," Plymouth head coach Chris Moore said. "It's great because they all know each other, but it's still competitive."

Concurring was Tom Alles, head coach for the Chiefs, who said his team is much-improved from 2010.

"I think the work they did over the winter and the play they did in tournaments over the summer, a lot of them took lessons and just improved," Alles said.



Plymouth's Sarah Thompson gets in a practice swing before Thursday's dual meet against Canton. Watching and waiting for their turn are (from left) Plymouth's Kelsey Murphy, Canton's Paige Osler and Kaylie Lobb.

"Almost everyone's average has come down from last year."

On Thursday, Murphy and Sarah Thompson (39) led the way for the Wildcats. According to Moore, both have a shot at All-State honors this season.

Finishing with 45 was Kelsey Murphy's freshman sister, Sydney Murphy, while Lindsay Dean topped 46.

The 46 golfers for Canton were senior captain Paige Osler (43) and Kelsey McDougall (49), followed by Chloe Luyet (51).

The Wildcats currently are in the top 10 among Class A teams and Moore would like that ranking to be elevated several notches — perhaps into the top five.



Golfers for Plymouth and Canton are friends as well as rivals, walking together down the fairway at Hilltop.

## Friendly rivals

But there's something special going on when Canton and Plymouth get together for a match, whether at Hilltop (with the tricky, sloped greens)

or Fox Hills. "They've still got that competitive edge when they're putting and they want to win," Moore said. "But walking between shots, they're just talking



Lining up a putt is Canton's Paige Osler, while teammate Kaylie Lobb (far right) and Plymouth's Sarah Thompson (far left) and Kelsey Murphy watch.

about what's going on." Players from both squads said the Canton has upped the ante and is a strong team in its own right is ramping up the friendly competition to a heightened level.

"That intensifies it a little bit more, but it's always a good thing," Plymouth's Thompson said. "We know almost everyone on the other team. We share the same schools."

Canton's Lobb said the Chiefs are "getting more evenly matched with Plymouth now, we're getting our scores down now. So it should be a good rivalry, a good couple matches with them in the future."

Agreeing that the rivalry is stronger now was the Chiefs' McDougall. "But it's almost more fun and not as intense because we go to the same park and we're kind of friends," she said. "It makes it fun."

According to Osler, the Chiefs "want to beat them, but it's all in fun."

Meanwhile, the rivalry takes a back seat when individuals are trying to

figure out how to navigate the course itself.

"Many times we don't look at our competitors, we're looking at the course," Moore said. "Don't let the course beat you."

And the bottom line, as far as Kelsey Murphy is concerned, is doing well at driving, chipping and putting.

"We just got to play our game and we'll do good," she said. "Have our short game and go out and play some golf."

**PLYMOUTH 166 CANTON 198**  
Sept. 22 at Hilltop GC  
Plymouth scorers: Kelsey Murphy, 36 (medalist); Sarah Thompson, 39; Sydney Murphy, 45; Lindsay Dean, 46; Danielle Allen, 55; Carly Curvin, 58.  
Canton scorers: Paige Osler, 43; Kelsey McDougall, 49; Chloe Luyet, 51; Rachel Pisano, 55; Kaylie Lobb, 63; Kayla Lagola, 67.  
Dual match records: Plymouth, 5-0 overall, 5-0 KLAASouth Division; Canton, 4-2 overall, 4-2 KLAASouth.

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# New MU soccer home in the works

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Within a month, both the Madonna University men's and women's soccer teams will enjoy a place they can permanently call a real home.

Construction began Aug. 22 on a new soccer and lacrosse facility, which is located off Newburgh Road just south of Five Mile.

The target date to open the new facility is Saturday, Oct. 15 when the Crusaders host Cornerstone University in a scheduled men's and women's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference double-header.

Since MU launched its men's and women's soccer programs, matches were played at Livonia's Greenmead Field and occasionally at area high schools.

But that will soon change as they lose their gypsy status.

"We've been discussing the idea of a soccer field for the better part of six years," Madonna athletic director Bryan Rizzo said. "The biggest obstacle we faced was land. It wasn't until a year and-a-half ago that we got some land that we could finally put it on. Then, it took some time, and we obviously afford this? How are we going to do this? And so on."

"We began planning at the beginning of last school year (2010-11) and then got serious about it in February and March."

Frank Rewold and Son, Inc., is the general construction contractor, while Grissom Metz Associates is the designated architectural design company.

The 115 x 75-yard field will feature a synthetic surface provided by AstroTurf GameDay Grass XPE of Rochester Hills.

"The (team) benches will be up against the creek, which is east side of the field," Rizzo said. "The bleachers will be at mid-field — two sets, home and away — on the Newburgh side. It will seat about 200 (100 each). Soccer is a sport where people tend to bring their own chairs anyway, so we want to encourage a little bit of that."

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## Livonia Catholics join nationwide rosary campaign

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E staff writer

Ron Danowski and Paul Daniel are praying for a big turnout at their "rosary rally" next month at Madonna University in Livonia.

"My vision is to look down the road and say, could we fill Comerica Park," said Daniel, who is helping Danowski with publicity for the outdoor rosary recitation on Saturday, Oct. 15. "This year our goal is to fill this parking lot at Madonna."

"Or maybe have the largest rosary rally in Michigan," Danowski added.

The Livonia residents, both members of the Thomas Dooley Council of the Knights of Columbus at St. Colette Parish, have enlisted the help of the organization and Madonna University to present one hour of outdoor, public prayer, using the rosary, a Catholic devotion.

Their rally, from noon to 1 p.m., will be among more than 7,000 nationwide scheduled at the same time and on the same day through a non-profit campaign called America Needs Fatima. Rally captains, like Danowski, can register their rallies through the organization's Web site, which promotes public prayer through the rosary.

Participants may bring chairs. The Rev. Alex Kratz, a Francis-



can priest, will lead the session, although other members of the Catholic clergy will take turns reciting portions of the rosary, with the crowd following along. It is open to the public.

"I think nowadays our country certainly needs prayer. Pray for peace. I think everyone will agree with that," Danowski said.

"Hopefully people will see all of us praying — you don't have to be Catholic to pray — and they will come and join us."

### Starting small

Danowski said he'd be pleased to draw at least 300 worshippers to the event, but won't be disappointed if attendance is smaller. He's used to it.

"I started it four years ago with just four people," Danowski explained. He, his wife, Bernadine, daughter, Janet, and a friend from church, held their first rally in 2008 at Rotary Park in Livonia. He felt compelled to join the America Needs Fatima Public Square Rosary Crusade after learning that his sister-in-law's

### ROSARY RALLY

**What:** A one-hour public recitation of the rosary  
**When:** Noon to 1 p.m.; participants gather in the parking lot between 11-11:45 a.m.  
**Where:** Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia  
**Details:** Bring a rosary or just follow along; led by the Rev. Alex Kratz. Chairs are permitted and restrooms are available  
**Contact:** (734) 591-0360  
**Other rallies:** Noon to 1 p.m., Oct. 15, Lourdes grotto at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township; noon to 1 p.m., Oct. 15, on the baseball diamond at St. Fabian, 32200 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills  
**Rosary Rally website:** www.americaneedsfatima.org

son had been diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, a form of cancer.

"I promised the blessed Virgin I would do this as long as I could," Danowski recalled.

But after her son died and Danowski considered the low turnout at his rally, he didn't plan to organize a second rosary session.

"I changed my mind. I figured I shouldn't give up. It was meant to be a challenge to me. Nothing comes easy," he recalled.

"I said to Father Alex (Kratz) that I had been praying but my prayers weren't answered. He said, 'think of it this way, he probably went to heaven sooner because of you.'"

### Growing interest

The second annual rally picked up approximately 40 more participants; last year it drew 94 worshippers.

Daniel attended the

rally at the park for the first time last year.

"I showed up without the intent of anything but seeing what it was like and saying the rosary out in public," he said. "I like doing something different, seeing what else is out there, and I had never prayed in public before. So, I figured I would try it."

He enjoyed the experience and offered to help Danowski with the event this year. They moved the rally from the park to the Madonna parking lot hoping to increase visibility and attract more participants.

Daniel also invited 26 churches in the Northwest Wayne Vicariate. The pair also created a Facebook page for Rosary Rally 2011, Livonia.

"We want to make public prayer less unusual," Daniel said.

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He'll guide a large group class, suitable for all levels, from 2-4 p.m. in the community room of the Zieger Building on the east side of Botsford's campus, 28050 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$10. Yoga class participants should bring an exercise mat to the session.

Price teaches a weekly yoga workshop that is part of Gilda's Club programs at Botsford Cancer Center. His Tuesdays@Botsford workshop participants have formed

a walking team that has registered for the Gilda's Club Family Walk and Health Fair later in October. The yoga session will help the team raise its fundraising goal for the walk.

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit offers emotional and social support to individuals with cancer, their families and friends through networking groups, education lectures, workshops, specialized children's programs and social events in a nonresidential and home-like setting. The nonprofit organization is located in Royal Oak.

To register for the yoga class, e-mail Price at markprice6@gmail.com.

## Vying for the crown



Jadyn Graham, 23, of Livonia will compete for the title of Miss Michigan USA 2012 during a pageant, Sept. 30-Oct. 1 at the McMorran Entertainment Center in Port Huron. Graham holds the current title of Miss Livonia USA. She graduated in 2006 from Livonia Franklin High School and studies adolescent psychology at Eastern Michigan University. She'll be among more than 100 women from throughout Michigan competing for the title and prizes that include travel, wardrobe and college scholarships. Contestants are judged in evening gown, fitness/swimsuit and question categories. The winner will represent Michigan at the Miss USA competition. Tickets for the show in Port Huron are available by calling (810) 985-6166.

## Get pets blessed, vaccinated, walked

Many churches — including Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden City and St. Aidan in Livonia — hold pet blessings in early October to coincide with the feast of St. Frances of Assisi.

Congregation members acknowledge the presence of animals in their lives and offer blessings for a long life, good health and happy home.

Good Hope's "Blessing of Animals" starts at 10 a.m. Oct. 8, at the church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road. The church welcomes all animals including dogs, cats, turtles, goldfish, lizards, and hamsters. Prizes will be awarded in several categories and treats will be served to animals and their human friends. The church asks all owners to be responsible for "little accidents" that might occur while their furry or feathered friends are on hand. For more information call (734) 427-3660.

St. Aidan's starts at 1 p.m. Oct. 8, at the Marian Shrine at the church, located at 17500 Farmington Road. (734) 425-5950.

### Vaccinations, bowling

Tail Wagger's 1990 of Livonia will wrap up its monthly low cost clinic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 25 at Premier Pet Supplies, 31215 Southfield Road, in Beverly Hills. Rabies, distemper and bordetella for dogs will cost \$30 for all three vaccines or \$12 individually. Rabies and distemper vaccines for cats will be \$12 each.

The nonprofit organization, dedicated to helping animals by offering low-cost vaccination clinics, spay/neuter services, a food pantry and emer-



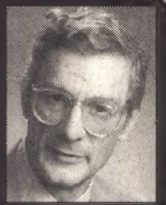
gency medical assistance, is gearing up for its annual bowling event on Nov. 5 at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. It's accepting registration now online at www.tailwaggers1990.org. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for youth and includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, lunch or dinner and a commemorative gift for \$25. Adults bowl at 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. or 8 p.m. Youth bowlers are scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Grand prizes will be awarded to the highest donations collected per bowling squad. For more information call (734) 560-4660.

### MHS walk

There's still time to sign up for the Michigan Humane Society's annual Mega March for Animals at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit. The two-mile walk runs 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, and will include humans and animals alike. Walk check-in starts at 9 a.m. The route stretches from Hart Plaza up Woodward Ave. to Campus Martius Park, along E. Lafayette to Rivard and down to the Detroit RiverWalk. A shorter route also will be available on walk day. Water will be provided for people and pets at several points along the route. Sign up the day of the event or online at www.michiganhumane.org.

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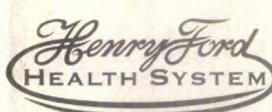
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# Appliance industry news is useful

Many of the rebates given homeowners last year have expired, but it looks like New York is reinstating theirs when it comes to the purchase of a refrigerator or washing machine. Beginning Sept. 2, New York consumers began receiving a rebate of \$350 when purchasing a refrigerator and \$250 for a clothes washer. Naturally they have to purchase the high efficiency models in order to qualify.

In Michigan it would be nice to see us follow suit. I think we are more in need of a kick in the pants than the state of New York. As it stands now, our utilities are giving us money for our old refrigerators and they will even pick them up.

Speaking of labels on appliances stating the product is rated energy efficient (Energy Star), things are about to change. Under an agreement between the E.P.A. and the Department of Energy you will soon see a label that says, "most efficient". The Consumer Reports magazine has commented and is playing a role in this change. It stated that "When more than 35 percent of all products sold in any category qualify for Energy Star, that should signal that the technology and economies of scale have reached a point where achieving an Energy Star is too easy and that the bar needs to be raised."

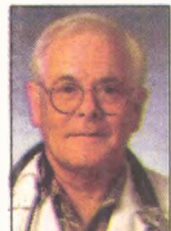
Now I'm no different than the next guy who wants to save energy, but if you ask a service technician who services these products you may get a very negative response. The advancement of technology leads us into more sensitive components and electronics which

take the savings right out of your pocket due to the cost of increased service calls to repair them. The foreign brands are leaders in energy savings and will this new policy allow more sales of products not manufactured in this country. I wish that government had the ability to look past its nose and picture the after affect of its thinking.

I recently read an article that pointed out a Federal law that has been in the books since the year 1956. It's called the Refrigerator Safety Act which prohibits leaving old refrigerator and freezers laying about where they can be dangerous to the safety of children. It reminds me of the two little kids in Ann Arbor a few years back who climbed into a chest freezer and perished so needlessly. The federal law can fine a person \$200,000 if a death occurs and the homeowner is held responsible. I would ask everyone who observes a refrigerator or freezer without the doors removed to contact the local police department and report this accident waiting to happen.

There is a big appliance out there called a self-start generator which is being sold in increasing numbers. I had an expert in this field tell me that in years it will be compared to the advent of color television. Think of how many power outages that occur all across this country and how important electricity has become for so many homeowners and I agree with my expert's viewpoint. This is an up and coming business venture which means that you as a consumer should check out a generator business to the best of your ability. Know who you're dealing with, especially in this business. Stay tuned.

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Talking with doctors about cancer and cancer treatments can feel like learning a new language. Angela Fagerlin, associate professor of internal medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School and her colleagues hope to improve the way health care professionals communicate information to patients.

"People are making life and death decisions that may affect their survival and they need to know what they're getting themselves into. Cancer treatments and tests can be serious. Patients need to know what kind of side effects they might experience as a result of the treatment they undergo," said Fagerlin, a U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center researcher.

Fagerlin and her colleagues have published a commentary in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute that outlines 10 things health care professionals can do to improve the way they explain treatment risks to patients. Patients can tap into these same best practices to become fluent in the language of cancer care and better understand their options. Here are their tips:

1. Insist on plain language. If you don't understand something your doctor says, ask him or her to explain it better. "Doctors don't know when patients don't understand them. They want patients to stop them and ask questions," Fagerlin said.

2. Focus on the absolute risk. The most important statistic to consider is the chance that something will happen to you. "It's important that patients and doctors know how to communicate these numbers, and patients need to have the courage to ask their doctor to present it so they can understand,"



Fagerlin said.

Sometimes, the effect of cancer treatments is described using language like "this drug will cut your risk in half." But, such risk statements don't tell you anything about how likely this is. Research has shown that using relative risk makes both patients and doctors more likely to favor a treatment, because they believe it to be more beneficial than it actually may be.

If, instead, your doctor told you that "the drug will lower your risk of cancer from 4 percent to 2 percent," you'll know the exact benefit you'd get from taking the drug. Fagerlin suggests asking doctors for this absolute risk information for a truer picture.

3. Visualize your risk. Instead of just thinking about risk numbers, try drawing out 100 boxes and coloring in one box for each percentage point of risk. So, if your risk of a side effect is 10 percent, you'd color in

10 boxes. This kind of visual representation, called a pictograph, can help people understand the meaning behind the numbers. Ask your doctor to draw it out for you, or do it yourself.

4. Thinking of risk in terms of groups of people can make statistics easier to understand. What does it mean to say 60 percent of men who have a radical prostatectomy will experience impotence? Imagine a roomful of 100 people: 60 of them will have this side effect and 40 will not.

5. Focus on the additional risk. You may be told the risk of a certain side effect occurring is 7 percent. But if you didn't take the drug, is there a chance you'd still experience it? Ask what the additional or incremental risk of a treatment is. "You want to make sure the risk number you're being presented is the risk due to the treatment and not a risk you would face no matter what," Fagerlin said.

6. The order of information matters. Studies have shown that the last thing you hear is most likely to stick. When making a treatment decision, don't forget to consider all of the information and statistics you've learned.

7. Write it down. You may be presented with a lot of information. At the end of the discussion, ask your doctor if a written summary of the risks and benefits is available. Or ask your doctor to help you summarize all the information in writing.

8. Don't get hung up on averages. Some studies have found that learning the average risk of a disease does not help patients make good decisions about what's best for them. Your risk is what matters — not anyone else's. Focus on the information that applies specifically to you.

9. Less may be more. Don't get overwhelmed by too much information. In some cases, there may be many different treatment options but only a few may be relevant to you. Ask your doctor to narrow it down and only discuss with you the options and facts most relevant for you.

10. Consider your risk over time. Your risk may change over time. "What seems like a small risk over the next year or two may look a lot larger when considered over your lifetime," said study author Brian Zikmund-Fisher, assistant professor of health behavior and health education at the U-M School of Public Health.

If you're told the five-year risk of your cancer returning after a certain treatment, ask what the 10-year or 20-year risk is. In some cases, this data might not be available, but always be aware of the timeframe involved.

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### September

##### WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT

One Step Aweigh, a free weight loss support group, kicks off at 7 p.m. Sept. 27, in the Farmington Hills municipal offices, 31555 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. For more information e-mail group founder Jeffrey Weiss at OneStepAweigh@yahoo.com.

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• "Massages, Manicures, Mammograms & More," runs 9 a.m.-noon in the hospital's south lobby, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Participants can learn about breast health, the latest in breast screening detection, cancer prevention, and heart health, as well as pamper themselves with a manicure or massage. The event includes health screenings, cooking and Zumba demonstrations, food, refreshments and giveaways. It's free but registration is recommended. Mammograms must be scheduled in advance and include a doctor's order. To RSVP or for information call (734) 655-1182.

• The Michigan Bariatric Institute at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers free monthly educational seminars, 6-7:30 p.m. in the hospital's auditorium. Dr. Tallal Zeni, director of minimally invasive and bariatric surgery and Dr. Jacob Roberts, bariatric surgeon, present information about laparoscopic bariatric surgery. Sessions are Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1. For information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at (877) Why-Weight. It's located at 14555 Levan, Suite 311, in the Marian Professional Building, Livonia.

• Delair Gardi, a cardiologist, and Peter Galea, a podiatrist, will speak at a seminar called "Feet, Circulation & How They Affect Your Heart," 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, in the Marian Professional Building at the hospital, classrooms 1 and 2. They'll talk about risk factors associated with Peripheral Arterial Disease, non-invasive procedures, and early intervention. To register for the free program, call (734) 655-8940 or visit [st.marymercy.org](http://st.marymercy.org).



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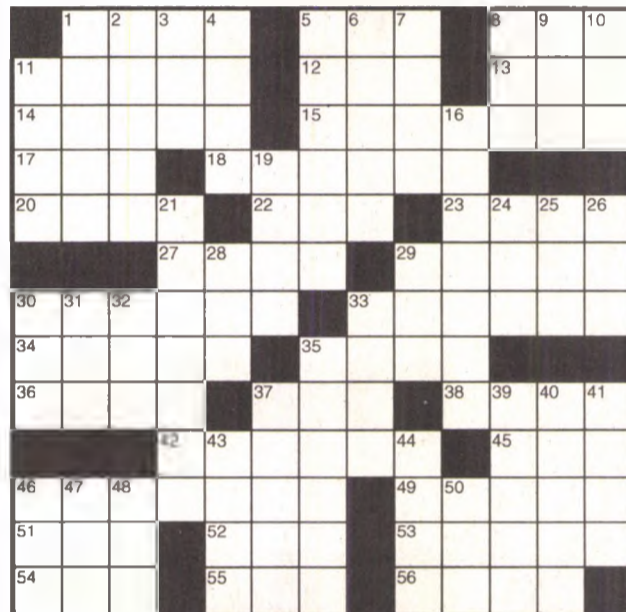
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