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**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 leaves.

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at [bkadrich@hometownlife.com](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com), making sure to include your family's name, address (not for publication), the names of anyone who might be in the picture and a phone number (also not for publication) we can call if we have any questions.

**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 candidate 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.lvwnw.org](http://www.lvwnw.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 monitor student activity.

**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

*"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 have.

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



Viar

"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 is accused of striking a 58-year-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 long.

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**

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 Africa where people are becoming sick or dying because they drink and use dirty water hauled miles from polluted ponds.

New figures show the Ridge Runners team from Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Westland, South Lyon, Novi, Northville, Detroit and other communities has raised \$544,274 — outstripping a goal that was set prior to the Oct. 7 Chicago Marathon.

Bryan Amann, a Canton resident and NorthRidge director of spiri-

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 Kristine 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-



Kim Torres and her whimsical playing card paintings.

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

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 stick-ons, 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 face-painting 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 Public Policy)  
**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 hands-on 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 non-profit fundraising. These experiences prepared me for responsible community service.


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## Museum hosts cemetery walks

Participants can meet and greet some of the characters from Plymouth's past at Plymouth's Riverside Cemetery during the Plymouth Historical Museum's "Plymouth Characters" Cemetery Walk, Saturday, Oct. 27. Visitors will hear the tales of Plymouth's ghosts.

Walks begin at 4 p.m. from the Mausoleum inside Riverside Cemetery. Parking is available inside the cemetery. Refreshments, provided by our sponsor Courthouse

Grille of Plymouth, will be available at the cemetery following the walk. Walks begin at 4 p.m. with small groups departing every 15 minutes.

The walk lasts 60-90 minutes and involves some walking over uneven ground so please wear sturdy walking shoes. Bring flashlights for later tour times. Your tour time will be assigned upon purchase. If you are coming with a group, please let us know so we can schedule your group together. Call (734) 455-8940 for more

information.

Tickets are \$10 per person, or purchase a Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum membership and receive up to two free tickets. A purchase of a Kellogg Park membership (value \$25) will get the recipient one free ticket; a purchase of a Daisy membership (value \$50) will get the recipient two free tickets. Tickets can be purchased on the museum's website, [www.plymouthhistory.org](http://www.plymouthhistory.org), using Paypal or at the Museum during open hours.



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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.

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## 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 for-

ward."

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 benefiting from two consecutive Pay it Forward Tuesdays, and that it's pos-

sible 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 win-win," 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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**MEDICARE COUNSELING**

**Date/Time:** Thursday, Nov. 1, 1-3 p.m.

**Location:** United Home Health Services office, 2200 Canton Center in Canton

**Details:** United Home Health Services offers free counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor. The counselor can help you review Medicare and Medicaid eligibility

ply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D drug insurance, assist with Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify & report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse issues, and explore long term care insurance options. No reservations necessary.

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

**JAZZ @ ELKS**

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

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor

Road, Plymouth

**Details:** The Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 has Jazz @ The Elks in a beautiful club setting on the last Tuesday of every month. On Tuesday, Oct. 30, for the first time at Jazz @ The Elks, we are happy to welcome the Latin group, Nuevo Jazz Detroit. The artists are Duncan Jones on Keyboard, Don Lewandowski on Bass, Patrick Fitzgibbon on Vibes, Chuck Golemba on Drums and Jerry LeDuff on Congas. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.



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**CHARITY EVENT**

**Date/Time:** Friday, Nov. 2, 6-10 p.m.

**Location:** Genitti's Hole-in-The-Wall in Northville

**Details:** United Home Health Services, a not-for-profit home care company in Canton, hosts its sixth annual charity event. The Murder Mystery Dinner Theater includes a seven-course Italian family style dinner followed by the hilarious audience participation murder mystery, "Murder at Party Beach." Reservations are \$50. All proceeds go to United's Patient Support

Fund, which is used to provide home care to patients who do not have health insurance or whose needs go beyond insurance coverage. It is also used to provide food, clothing, emergency medications, transportation, and medical equipment for patients in need.

**Contact:** For reservations or more information, contact Mary Jane Swanson at (734) 981-8820.

**QUARTER AUCTION FRIENDZY**

**Date/Time:** Thursday, Nov. 8, 6 p.m.

**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 luncheon."

**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:** OLG 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.

**HOSPICE SUPPORT**

**Date/Time:** Third Saturday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

**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 feelings. The program is free of charge.

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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 solution.

"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."

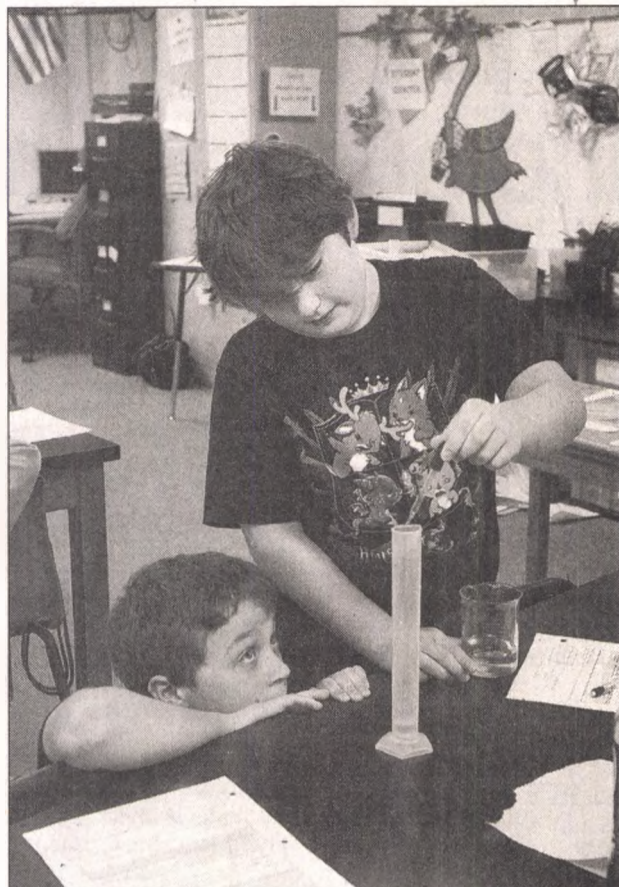
The three-story building, which originally housed the first high school and has been added on to several times, is simultaneously drafty and stuffy. There is no central air conditioning and classroom temperatures, according to teachers and students, often hover around the 100-degree mark in the spring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

"There is lots of



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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 temperature," 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."

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

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."

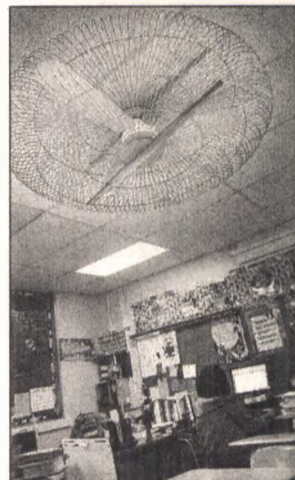
Ruela said the building presents other, more physical, challenges. With all the additions, sight lines are often skewed and hall monitors have to vacate one spot in order to observe another as the school's 852 students pass through the halls.

### 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 eighth-grade 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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### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ENGINEERING SERVICES Community Development Block Grant

In compliance with Federal requirements, the Charter Township of Plymouth is seeking proposals for Engineering Services to assist in the implementation of projects funded through the Community Development Block Grant program. The Scope of Services shall include coordination and assistance of engineering matters and projects for the Charter Township of Plymouth's Community Development Block Grant program, exclusive of road and large pavement projects, such as pedestrian bridge design, pathway location cross section and grading, design, field inspections and administration of sidewalk ramps, etc. All services shall conform to the laws and regulations of the United States Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant program including all required ADA regulations. The term of contract shall be for a period of three (3) years.

Any firm desiring to be considered for this project and having the capabilities for this work shall submit three (3) copies of proposals containing information on the qualifications and experience of the firm. Proposals received will be reviewed against the following criteria:

1. Understanding and interpretation of project requirements and familiarity with federal rules and regulations of the Community Development Block Grant Program.
2. The firm's prior experience with the Community Development Block Grant Program.
3. Professional experience of principal personnel which will be assigned to the Charter Township of Plymouth specific project.
4. Availability of adequate staffing levels, staff resources and present work load to complete the project as assigned.
5. Geographical proximity of the main office or the active branch to the Charter Township of Plymouth.
6. Pricing information.

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.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, marital status or handicap. The Charter Township of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject in whole or in part, any and all proposals, to waive irregularities and to act in the best interests as determined by the Plymouth Township Board. This announcement is being made for the purpose of conforming to the United States Housing and Urban Development Procurement Regulation 40 CFR Part 85.36.

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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 community'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 three-mile 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.

ly hard to make the area attractive," Salla said. "We want to keep it vibrant."

Amid an ongoing traffic and environmental study, MDOT continues to seek public opinion on what should be done to ease traffic congestion. One of five potential MDOT solutions involves transforming Ford Road into a boulevard by replacing the center turn lane perhaps with a grassy area, prohibiting left turns at intersections and installing vehicle-turnaround areas similar to those on Michigan Avenue.

"I think we would have loved to have had a boulevard, but we worry that it's about 30 years too late," said Melissa McLaughlin, township treasurer and DDA board chair. "We have worked really hard to do everything we can to support the businesses and make their enterprise successful. We worry that throwing them into a construction zone for two or three years would be devastating."

### Address flow

MDOT has suggested that any long-term improvements should address projected traffic flow through the year 2035, McLaughlin said, though it's uncertain when any project could begin and what funding mechanism would pay for it.

In the meantime, MDOT is accepting public opinion through this Thursday. Go to [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) and click on the MDOT link to obtain a comment form that can be mailed to MDOT Taylor TSC, 6510 Telegraph Road, Taylor, MI 48180 or emailed to [MDOT-ford275@michigan.gov](mailto:MDOT-ford275@michigan.gov).

# MARATHON

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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 nonprofit



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

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](mailto: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 village 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 youngsters 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 NorthRidge 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 representative 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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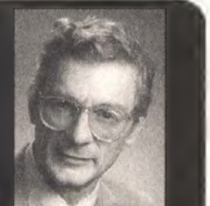
Conviction of assault with intent to murder carries a penalty of up to life in prison.

Viar, police said after the attack, is known to

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## TAKING MEDICINE

Each medical tablet or capsule has its own pattern of usage. For example: if a person is taking a steroid such as prednisone, the proper time to take the medication is in the morning. The reason for this timing is because prednisone is closely related to the body's adrenal hormone, cortisone. Taking prednisone in the morning brings the medicine into the body's production of the same chemical and allows integration of the medicine into the body's chemical cycles.

Other drugs are best taken two times a day because of the way the body handles the medicine. A patient on salicylate will take the medicine in two separate doses because the kidneys flush the salicylate out of the body in 6-12 hours. Dosing in the morning and again in the evening allows an adequate concentration of the drug in the bloodstream at all times.

In other instances, as when a patient takes a medicine such as Imuran, 3 x a day, the only dosing rule is that the tablets need to be separated by at least 4 hours. In this case the liver and kidneys rid the medication from the body fast enough to prevent a buildup from close dosing that could result in a toxic concentration of the Imuran.

The types of medicine that physicians like best are injections such as Methotrexate and Enbrel. The medication is completely absorbed so the patient receives 100% of the intended dose, and there is no chance the medicine will cause an upset stomach since none of the medication is absorbed by the intestinal tract.

If a patient has any question on the timing of a medicine, he should check with his doctor on this matter.

# 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 Party.

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



Shelia Johnson



Bridget McCormack



Colleen O'Brien

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-

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.

Kelley 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

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 litigation.

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

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 criminal 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 Christmas.

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 Goodfellows.

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 throughout the area," said Cheryl 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 face.

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 said.

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 needed — church 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 experience!"

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

# 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."

The emergency center has 50 specialized treatment rooms, each designed for clinical-specific needs including trauma, rapid assessment, behavioral medicine and senior emergency care.

The two floors of private rooms incorporate natural healing elements and provide sufficient space for techno-



Kids' activities at the open house will include clowns, balloon animals and face painting.

logical advancements and overnight guests. Soon after opening the 154,000-square-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

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 Ditties, 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 as the opportunity to meet community rescue teams. Refreshments featuring a healthy food menu will also be available. For a complete list of activities, visit [stmary.org/grandopening](http://stmary.org/grandopening).

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## PROPOSAL 2: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

## CON: Voting 'no' protects students

By Kathy Hayes and William Mayes  
Guest Columnists

When we think back to our time in elementary school we quickly 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 taking a big test.

While most Michigan voters completed school some time ago, we still face a big test this Nov. 6 when we head to the 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 Proposal 2.

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 Proposal 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.



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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 strikes.

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 subjects.

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

Why 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-to-work law, joining 22 other states. The right wing, which controls Michigan's legislative and executive branches of government, clearly does not support unions.

This is why voters should approve Proposal 2, which would enshrine the rights of workers to collectively bargain.

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.

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 give-and-take dialogue. This proposal protects a level playing field, and keeps union-represented employees on fair footing. It also prevents politicians or the governor



Bogater

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.

## PROPOSAL 5: LIMIT NEW TAXES BY STATE GOVERNMENT

## PRO: Language will level playing field

By Charles Owens  
Guest Columnist

Among 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 two-thirds 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 dis-



Owens

tracting voters from the common-sense, 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 Lansing-speak 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 voters 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 crafted.

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](http://www.NFIB.com/MI).

## CON: A prescription for gridlock

By Roger Martin  
Guest Columnist

Of 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 Michigan.

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 override 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 benefit him, at the expense of the rest of Michigan. 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-



Martin

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 gridlock.

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.com](http://www.voteNOonprop5.com).

**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 and I will be forced to pay the taxes — something I'm not interested in doing. I feel I'm between a rock and a hard place. Do you have any suggestions?

**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 salesperson as he/she will receive a substantial commission if you do roll it over.

In your situation, I have a couple viable options. The first is to 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 of time that I would want to commit to any fixed annuity. Down the road when rates and guarantees are higher, I may commit to a longer period, but not in today's low interest rate environment.

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 example, you go into a 10-year annuity, if you decide that you want out after year two or three, you're going to have to pay a penalty. However, there are annuities where you can withdraw money whenever you choose and there would be no penalty. You can take out as little or as much as you want whenever you want. Therefore, you have the flexibility to control your taxes. You don't have to worry about paying your taxes in one lump sum — you can spread it out over a period of time.

There are many companies that offer these types

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 anything 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 salespeo-

ple tell you, you do have options and those options are viable. Good luck!

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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 team.

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 again.

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

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 difference.

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.

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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 murder 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 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 1945.

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.

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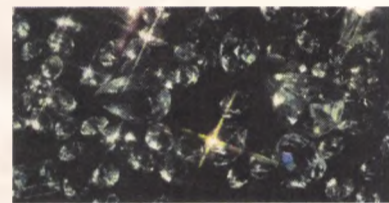
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# Disaster drill sharpens pros' skills, trains students



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 make-believe, 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 vitals.

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 said.

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.

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Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly by email to sjtanner@nlac.org. Written comments should arrive at NLAC 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 McDaniel, 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 mall.

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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 nail-biter 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 season.

"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 field.

## 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 semifinal are Canton's Scott Piwowar (No. 3) and Salem's Alex Price (No. 14).

## 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 Smith  
Observer 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-out.

"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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### PCS Penguins tryouts

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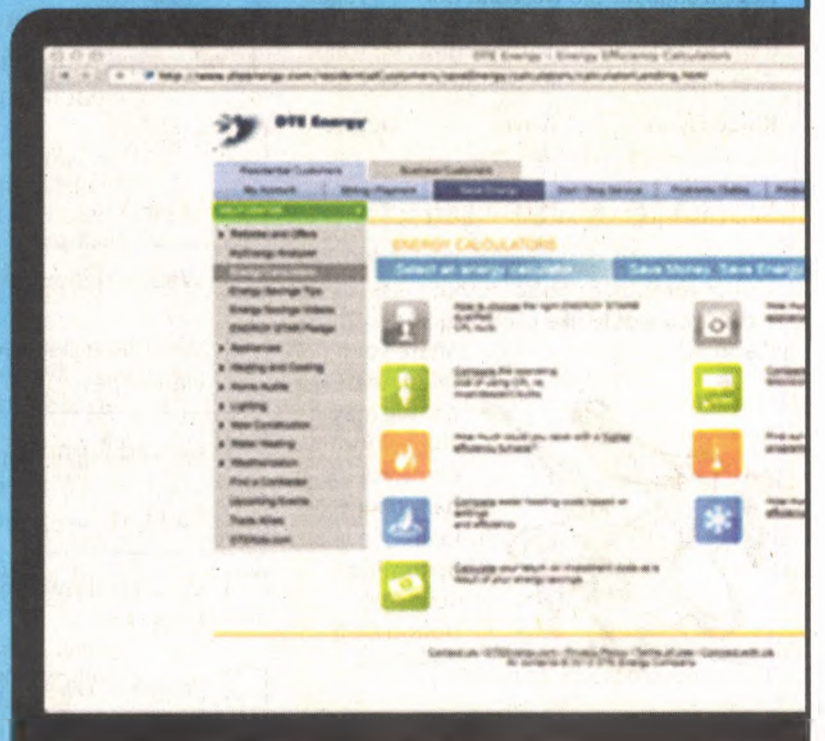
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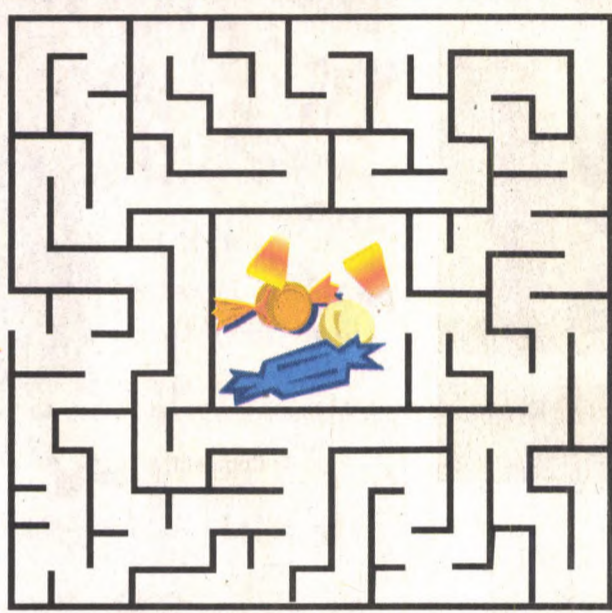
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## Enduring Love

### 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 Livonia.

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-



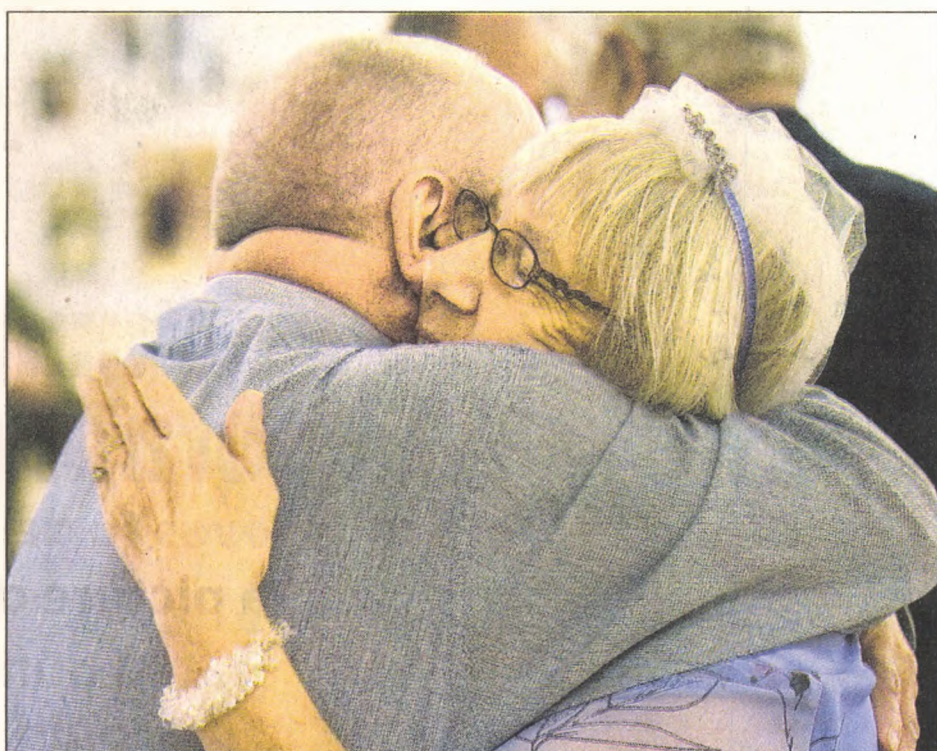
June Dore, married to Al Dore, shows off her garter. Marge Stuebben, who is behind Dore, didn't offer to show her garter to the photographer.

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

"The tea cups were the start of it," said Patri-

cia Wachtel, recreation supervisor. "We asked everyone to go into their personal collections and

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The grooms meet their brides for the ceremony. Nelson and Pat Taylor show that not much has really changed through all of the years.

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Lisa Swanson (left) and Janice Reissenweber of Chicks for Charity donned scary costumes to encourage participation in their upcoming Fright Night Road Rally through Canton, Plymouth and Northville.

## 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 co-chairing 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 \$100.

"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](http://www.chicks4charities.net) or call (248) 719-4687.

## 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](http://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 school-wide 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.

"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.

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

#### Taking appointments

Tail Waggers 1990 is offering vaccination clinics at its offices through November.

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— 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 Villarreal,

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 Bui. In addition, Farmington retailers Framery One and Miller's Art supply will have displays with donated door prizes.

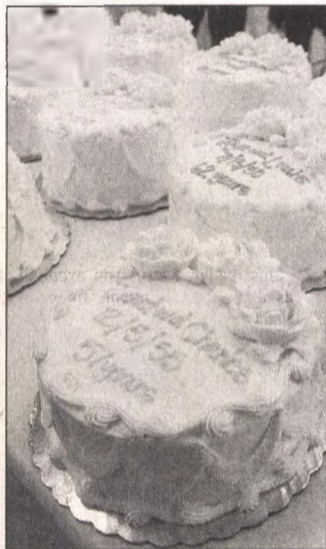
Admission to the art show is free. For more information call Barb Smith at (248) 615-2898.



Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey officiates.



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



Each couple received their own wedding cake.

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These couples renewed their vows Wednesday, Oct. 17 at the Civic Park Senior Center in Livonia: Emily and Russell Anderson  
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Ann and Jerry Rzeppa  
Donna and Ron Sipperley  
Marge and Ron Stueb-ben  
Pat and Nelson Taylor  
Lorraine and Victor Wal-ing  
Ramona Hadley said her husband of

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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



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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 eyes."  
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."  
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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.

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### 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 redcross-blood.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)

227-2345.

##### 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

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, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. To register, call (248) 473-1830.

#### Ongoing

##### AQUATIC CLASSES

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 YMCA branch or visit www.

ymcadetroit.org.

##### 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 SUPPORT 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

the second Thursday of the 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.

##### CPR CLASSES

Classes range from basic CPR for people who want 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.

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##### HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION

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.

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##### LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

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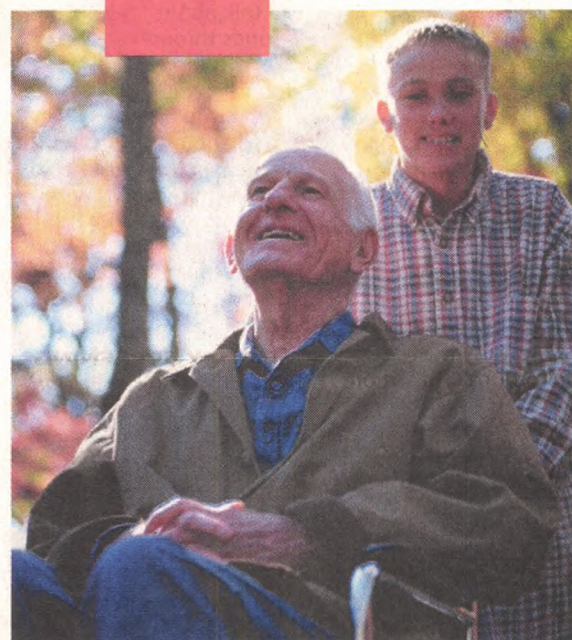


## We need you to join us

**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. "Pennies 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

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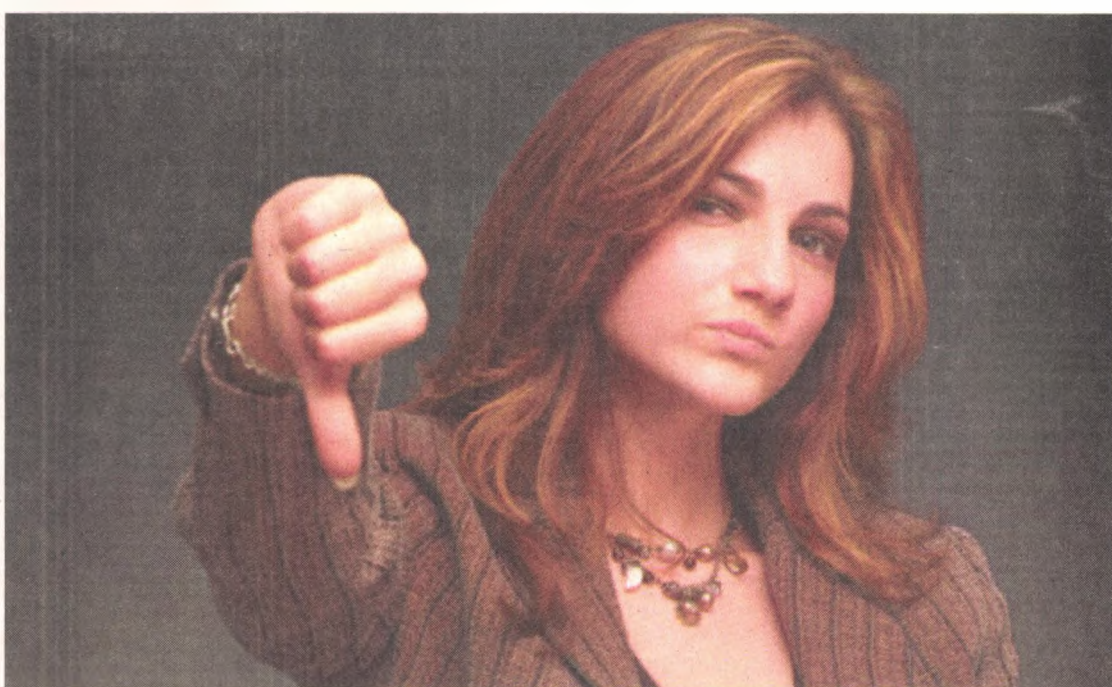
Your attitude can make or break your job search. Having a bad attitude -- whether that means you no longer care enough to put effort into your applications or you think no one is ever going to hire you -- is one of the fastest ways to fail in your job search. Having a good attitude, on the other hand, 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 Boston-based 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 self-fulfilling 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. "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 Lies & 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 Chicago-based 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 someone hard to manage

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 job 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 effectively."

"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 run through the line.'"

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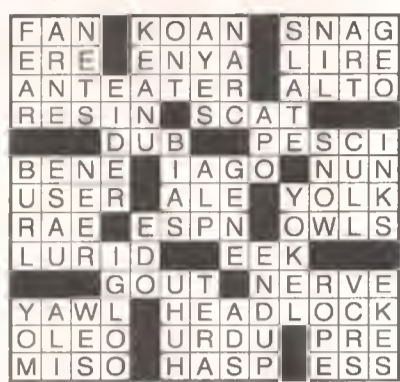
**ACROSS**

- 1 Onetime West German capital
- 5 Triangle part
- 9 Skip stones
- 12 "And Still I Rise" author — Angelou
- 13 PC operating system
- 14 911 responder
- 15 Smashed to pieces
- 17 Prickly flora
- 19 Chapeau
- 20 Start of a famous boast
- 21 Little Richard's hometown
- 24 Mariachi wear
- 27 — Saint Laurent
- 28 Take a spill
- 29 Half a bray
- 30 X, for Caesar
- 31 Frequent
- 32 Period

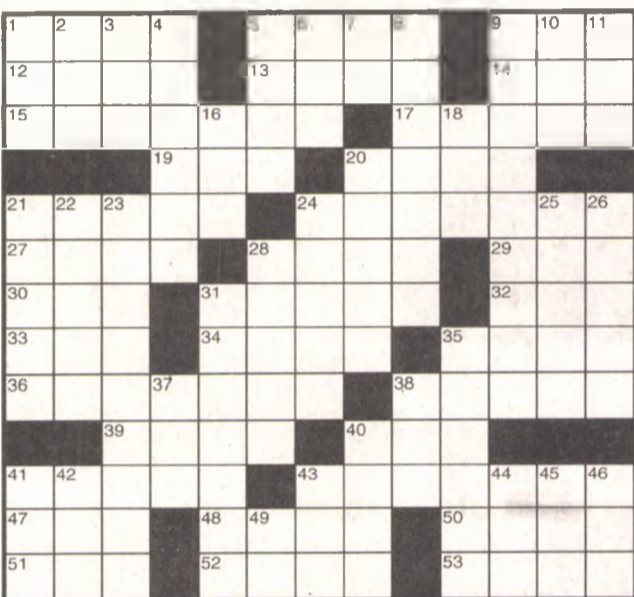
**DOWN**

- 33 Coll. credits
- 34 Dazzles
- 35 Unsmiling
- 36 Hurt a toe
- 38 Foundations
- 39 Attack
- 40 Filly's mother
- 41 Lithograph, e.g.
- 43 Speakers' places
- 47 Untold centuries
- 48 Sacked out
- 50 Viking name
- 51 Store-bought hair
- 52 Luau spread
- 53 Count on

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**



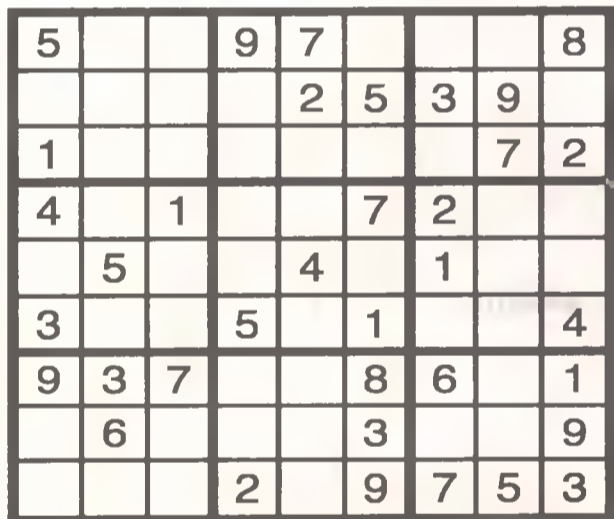
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- 6 Swing voter (abbr.)
- 7 Prince Harry's mom
- 8 Selected passage
- 9 Cracks a code
- 10 Lb. or oz.
- 11 Tire pressure meas.
- 16 Jayhawker st.
- 18 Santa — winds
- 20 Ribs of a leaf
- 21 Legends
- 22 Ward off
- 23 Criticizing harshly
- 24 Fishtailed
- 25 Hair-raising
- 26 Coal strata
- 28 Made logs
- 31 Environment
- 35 Stronger-tasting
- 37 Forbid
- 38 Counterfeit
- 40 Long-gone bird
- 41 Uncomfortable seat
- 42 French monarch
- 43 — annum
- 44 Suffix for press
- 45 Wire gauge
- 46 Where to see a vapor trail
- 49 College deg.

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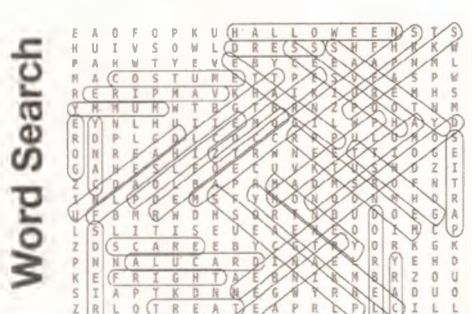
- Autumn
- Candy
- Cemetery
- Costume
- Doorbell
- Dracula
- Dress
- Flashlight
- Friends
- Fright
- Ghost
- Ghoul
- Gore
- Halloween
- Houses
- Makeup
- Money
- Monster
- Mummy
- Neighborhood
- October
- Parties
- Pirate
- Police
- Pranks
- Princess
- Ranger
- Safety
- Scare
- Scary
- Shaving cream
- Treat
- Trick
- Undead
- Vampire
- Zombie

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**



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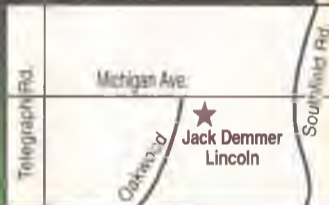


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