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## No decision yet to replace Kay Arnold

**Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township officials debated strategies Tuesday for filling the vacancy left by Kay Arnold, a longtime Board of Trustees member who died Oct. 8, but adjourned a regular board meeting without a decision after the names of possible candidates were

floated.

The board scheduled a special meeting for 6 p.m. Tuesday for the purpose of deciding how to make the pick.

"When we leave next Tuesday, we should have a path forward," Supervi-



Schnettler



Steve Mann

sor Shannon Price said.

State election law gives the board 45 days, from Arnold's death, to appoint a successor; if no one is named within that time, said township attorney Kevin Bennett, the Wayne County

clerk can call a special election, which would be held in May.

Board members seemed to agree they did not want to wait until a special election to replace Arnold. But they couldn't reach consensus on how to choose a replacement.

Price suggested Steve Mann, a former township supervisor and trustee, be

named. He said Mann was willing to take the job and would pledge to not seek election next year, when voters will decide all seven board positions. Mann was not at Tuesday's meeting.

"He has experience on the board. He's been elected by the voters," Price said. "He'd be

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## Kids greet Halloween season in Plymouth



TOM BEAUDOIN

Children gather for one of the many shows held in downtown Plymouth Sunday during the annual Pumpkin Palooza.

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Costumed children — and some grown-ups, as well — welcomed the Halloween season Sunday in downtown Plymouth during the fifth annual Pumpkin Palooza.

The event, organized by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and local business owners, featured costume contests, games and treats, entertainment by a magician and a ventriloquist and visits by critters from the Les-

lie Science & Nature Center and the Barnyard Express petting farm.

Event chairwoman Lindsey Lebovitz, who owns the Creatopia pottery studio on Ann Arbor Trail, said the event went off without a hitch.

"We've got the Halloween gods on our side," she said Tuesday. Five years in a row, we've had perfect weather.

## Local leaders see trouble with student retention

**Joanne Maliszewski**  
Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton school district leaders are disappointed — to say the least — that the Michigan House approved a week ago a controversial bill that would require students to repeat the third grade if they're not proficient readers.

The bill passed on a vote of 57-48, after impassioned pleas from lawmakers on both sides. It now goes to the Senate for consideration. In a second bill, the House approved a bill updating the state's rules on evaluations of teachers and administrators.

But it was the third-grade reading bill that sparked the big debate.

"I certainly understand the problem and the need to address the problem. But this bill does not do it. The threat to hold back a third-grader is not the way to solve the problem," said Rep. Kurt Heise-R-Plymouth. "It does more to punish kids and belittle them."

The bill requires school districts to intervene early with struggling readers and employ early literacy coaches who would assist students and teachers.

"The hot button is the idea of retention," said Nick Brandon, P-CCS community relations director.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education had adopted a resolution opposing the measure. "It takes the discretion away from teachers and parents and makes the retention mandatory," Plymouth-Canton Trustee Kate Borninski said.

During the 2013-14 school year, 30 percent of Michigan fourth-graders who took the now-defunct MEAP exam failed it. The fourth-grade exam tests third-grade material. Meanwhile, on a more rigor-



Heise



Borninski



Pagan

## Man's body found at school; no foul play suspected

**Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

School officials and police moved quickly to shield students and maintain a sense of normalcy Monday morning after the discovery of a man's body outside Smith Elementary School.

No foul play was immediately suspected in the death of the man, a Plymouth resident, and an autopsy was to be conducted by the Wayne County medical examiner's office, police said.

A Smith employee spotted the body, lying in a playground area, about 8:20 a.m. Monday and first responders were called, said Nick Brandon, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools communications director. Smith is on McKinley in the city's southwest corner; its school day begins at 8:55 a.m.

Police used emergency blankets to set up a makeshift screen, arriving students and parents were guided away



PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Smith Elementary School in Plymouth, where a man's body was found Monday.

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# Westland mall hosts annual Festival of Arts

Original watercolors, acrylics, oils, pencil, pottery and photography and more will be on display and for sale Friday-Sunday, Oct. 23-25, at the Three Cities Art Club's fifth annual Festival of the Arts at Westland Shopping Center.

The show will be in the East Court of the mall, located at Warren and Wayne roads in Westland. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. It will feature original artwork, framed and matted prints, note cards and refrigerator magnets and live entertainment.

Westland Mayor Wil-

liam Wild will be joined by state Rep. Hoon-Yung Hoppood, Rotary Club of Westland president Paul Motz and Westland Center general manager Gerry Wheeler in selecting their favorite artwork from more than 90 pieces of fine art, photography and pottery created by 33 artists.

Find out which ones have been selected by the guest judges and hear what it was that influenced their decisions at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. The winning artists will each receive a cash prize donated by Wild for his "Wild about Art" award and Michigan Chiropractic Specialists for the



Artist Anupha Kulkarni of Westland has titled this work as "Snow Birch."

other three winners, an award certificate and a ribbon.

Visitors also can vote

for their favorites that automatically enters them in a drawing for a chance to win a prize. No

need to be present to win. Prizes will be mailed to the selected winners after the close of the festival.

There will be live entertainment from noon to 7 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Performers include J.D. Kilgus of Piano Pleasures, Harmony Town Chorus, Irish Dance Center, Livonia Youth Symphony Orchestra, Pastors of Praise and Gaby Brooks. Go to the art club's website at [www.threecitiesartclub.org](http://www.threecitiesartclub.org) for a list of performance times.

This annual event is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Westland, Michi-

gan Chiropractic Specialists, Ari-El Enterprises Inc., Showroom of Elegance and many other community businesses dedicated to supporting the arts.

People who have thought about exercising their creative side or are just interested in art, can attend a club meetings. Three Cities Art Club meets at Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. For more information about this event or the club, contact Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939, by email [marilynmeredith@wow-way.com](mailto:marilynmeredith@wow-way.com) or go to [www.threecitiesartclub.org](http://www.threecitiesartclub.org).

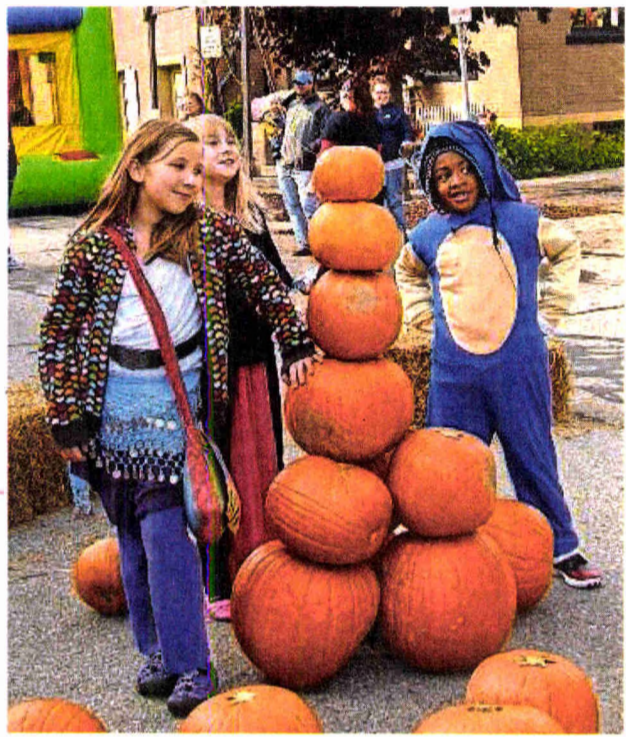
## It's Fantastick!



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Park Players will bring their version of "The Fantasticks," the long-running off-Broadway musical, to Canton High School's DuBois Little Theatre beginning Friday. The cast includes Ali Ghannam (Henry), Rishi Mahesh (Bellomy), Anirudh Keshamouni (El Gallo), Mackenzie Grosse (Luisa), Amanda Barberena (The Mute), Ryan Wagner (Matt), Jasper Hrubak (Mortimer), and Brett Moore (Hucklebee). Shows are at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and again at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, and Saturday, Oct. 31. Tickets are \$12 each and will be available at the door, or can be reserved by emailing director Shannon McNutt at [Shannon.McNutt@pcsk12.com](mailto:Shannon.McNutt@pcsk12.com). Group discounts are available.

## Get haunted Sunday in Old Village



MARK OPPAT

These young visitors to last year's Old Village Haunted Halloween Block Party had a good showing in the pumpkin-stacking contest. This year's event — the ninth annual — is noon to 4 p.m. Sunday on Old Village streets. It will feature games, a bounce house, train rides for children and more. The event is a fundraiser for the Old Village Association.

## BODY

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from areas from where the body could be seen, some classroom blinds were closed and students lined up indoors, instead of outside, to start their day.

"The building administration, along with the city of Plymouth police, just did a remarkable job," Brandon said.

Police said it was soon determined there was no risk to the public.

"There's no public safety concern. Neither the students nor the staff were in any risk of danger at any time," Police Chief Al Cox said.

Brandon said students and families, if they had followed the school's directions, wouldn't have been able to see the body or the activity by first responders, though they

may have noticed yellow caution tape.

Indoor recess had been planned, Brandon said, but the police response "was so quick and so effective," students were able to go outside for recess, he said. Actions by police and the school, he said, "turned it into a relatively normal day."

Cox said police left the scene about 10 a.m. Police were not immediately identifying the man.

Brandon said parents of Smith students were informed of the incident through robo-calls and a mass email and that it was left to parents whether to inform their children.

"It's a sensitive topic and we wanted to respect Smith families," he said.

Brandon added: "Our thoughts go out to the gentleman who passed away and his family. It's something we should acknowledge as a district."

## BOARD

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honored to fill out the remainder of Trustee Arnold's term."

Trustee Bob Doroshewitz, however, said he respected Mann, but leaned toward naming the fifth-place finisher in the trustee race in the August 2012 Republican primary.

"That's better than somebody being appointed who nobody voted for," Doroshewitz said.

The fifth-place Republican finisher in 2012 was Jennifer Mann, who was motivated by opposition to cuts in fire department staffing that had been made earlier that year. Steve Mann and Jennifer Mann are not related.

Price asked why, under the process Doroshe-

witz suggested, the board shouldn't go back to the November 2012 general election results. Doroshewitz replied that the vacancy should be filled by a Republican, the party of Arnold and all board members.

### 'Republican seat'

"It's a Republican seat. It's unambiguous," Doroshewitz said later. The fifth-place finisher in the November 2012 election was Alanna Maguire, one of two Democrats in the trustee race that year.

Price later said he would contact also-rans in the 2012 trustee race to find out if they were interested in the spot.

Clerk Nancy Conzelman asked whether Doroshewitz would support Steve Mann.

"Not tonight," he replied, saying the board

should take more time. "It's an important decision."

Conzelman said she believed the board should take action this week.

"We're always being pressured to do everything right now," Trustee Chuck Curmi said, drawing applause from people at the meeting.

The board also discussed choosing a member of the Planning Commission — Arnold was a longtime commission member — or the Zoning Board of Appeals. Members also discussed asking for applications from interested citizens.

Doroshewitz said he would want the latter process to be fair and referred to the appointment of Price to the supervisor's office in April. The board had interviewed several hopefuls

at that time, but the selection of Price was heavily criticized as predetermined.

"Eight people came out here — you know exactly what I'm talking about — and they put their resumes before the public and they never had a chance," Doroshewitz said.

Later, during public comments at the end of the meeting, several residents said they'd like to see Don Schnettler, a longtime board-watcher and a critic of the current board, replace Arnold.

Schnettler, who has previously run for supervisor and trustee, later said he would accept the appointment and that he plans to enter the trustee race in 2016.

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## RETENTION

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ous national exam — the National Assessment of Educational Progress — nearly 70 percent of Michigan's fourth-graders were not proficient.

"Thirty percent of Michigan third-graders have not been afforded the gift of literacy," said Rep. Amanda Price, R-Park Township, the bill's chief sponsor. "This number is unacceptable and to me heartbreaking."

But Democrats, while saying they supported the bill's primary focus on intervention and help for struggling readers, raised concerns about a number of issues. They cited research that says children retained are more likely to drop out.

Many education groups were opposed to the bill. Members of the state Board of Education, in a unanimous statement a week ago, said they opposed the bill's mandate on retaining students.

"While there are situations where retaining students in their current

*"It absolutely has an impact on finances and in terms of time. We would have to administer a whole new system."*

**NICK BRANDON**  
P-CCS community relations director

grade is warranted, that decision needs to be decided on case-by-case basis, between educators and parents," the board said. "It should not be automatic."

Some students would be exempt from the retention mandate. They include special education students who aren't able to take the state exam, a special education student who has already received intensive intervention in reading but is still struggling and a student who has had less than three years of instruction in a program for students who have limited English speaking skills.

Calling HB 4822 "a gimmick bill" that appeals to more conservative Republicans, Heise said he let his counterparts in Lansing know he would not support the measure. "I really don't think it will address the

problem," he said.

In fact, Heise made it clear that children who don't achieve a certain level of reading skills is not just a teacher or school district problem, but includes family and cultural issues, as well. Referring to research, Heises said that the prospect of flunking at ages of 8 or 9 "is tantamount to losing a parent."

State Rep. Kristi Pagan, who also voted against the bill, said, "while this bill has many positive provisions, such as identify students' reading difficulties early, develop individual intervention plans, employ research-based literacy improvement strategies and increase training and coaching for teachers in literacy instruction, I could not support a bill that includes mandatory retention for third-graders who are unable to

pass a standardize test."

Heise and Pagan are concerned about the mandatory retention's financial impact on local school districts. Though the bill allows a two-year window to prepare districts, Heise said the legislation is essentially an unfunded mandate, despite a \$95 million budget allocation for early childhood.

"There is nothing that specifically funds this (retention)," Heise said.

Brandon expressed concern about the financial impact: "It absolutely has an impact on finances and in terms of time. We would have to administer a whole new system."

Pagan offered similar comments: "There is no guarantee future budgets will include such funding resulting in an unfunded mandate for early literacy intervention."

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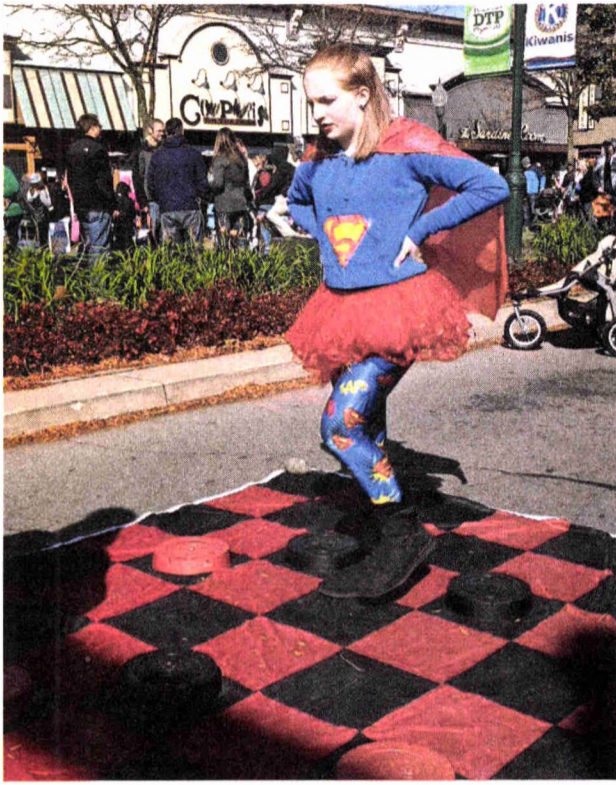
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# Plymouth's Pumpkin Palooza kicks off Halloween season



TOM BEAUDOIN

Supergirl — Allison Shaw of Westland — plays checkers on the giant board at the Pumpkin Palooza in downtown Plymouth.



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Ashley, dressed as Groot from "Guardians of the Galaxy," and won for Scariest Costume in the 7-and-over category.



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Atakiss won in 7-and-over for his Marty McFly ("Back to the Future") costume. He's pictured with his father (as Doc Brown).



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Julia Penrice, 3, of Novi tries out a hula-hoop at Pumpkin Palooza.

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Gabriel and Max were the Best Costume winners in the under-6 category.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Ashley Krueger of Plymouth Township shows off her reindeer dog Blueberry as her children, Rhemy and Anders, get a ride at the annual Pumpkin Palooza. Blueberry won last year's pet costume contest.

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Donovan won Best Costume in the 7-and-over category with this Dorothy ("The Wizard of Oz") outfit.



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An accident on westbound Interstate 696 at the northbound I-96/I-275 exchange Oct. 15 left two dead.

The accident occurred within the city of Novi at approximately 10 a.m., according to Lt. Calvin Hart of the Michigan State Police-Metro Post. Preliminary information revealed that a tow truck was stopped on the left shoulder assisting an-

other motorist with changing a flat tire. Another vehicle, believed to be an SUV, left the roadway and struck the tow truck.

The tow truck's driver, Freddie Scroggs, 25, of Westland, was killed, along with the driver of the Tahoe, a 37-year-old man from Canton. Both men were pronounced dead at the scene. The woman whose car

needed assistance was uninjured.

The tow truck driver's employer issued the following statement the day of the accident:

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"The entire Westland Car Care family is devastated by this accident and our prayers and condolences go out to his family and friends. Freddie was an outstanding employee who loved his job. He had a passion for helping people and was always the first to help

someone in need. He will be greatly missed by many.

"Please let this be a reminder to all drivers to slow down and move over whenever you see a tow truck, police car or emergency vehicle. Help keep our roads, our community and our families safe."

Anyone who witnessed the crash can call the Metro Post at 248-584-5740.

## CANTON CRIME WATCH

### Speeding teen driver jumps curb, plows into garage

A Canton teen speeding in a residential neighborhood apparently lost control of the new Chrysler 300 he was driving — hitting the curb, going airborne and hitting a parked car before plowing into a garage, a police report said.

No one was injured. Police arrested the 18-year-old suspect for reckless driving, but he was released after his mother posted bond.

The incident unfolded about 6:45 p.m. Saturday in the 1500 block of Rustic Ridge, north-east of Palmer and Lilley, when witnesses watching the football game between the University of Michigan and Michigan State University heard an engine revving and saw the 2015 Chrysler 300 speeding.

Witnesses told police the car jumped the curb, struck a 2003 Dodge in a residential driveway and then hit a roll-up garage door, also damaging the frame of the garage, the report said. An ornamental light post in the yard also was broken at the base.

A 2009 Honda parked inside the garage also was damaged.

According to police, the teen motorist initially said he was driving 60 mph through the residential neighborhood, but then changed his story to 50 mph — still well above the speed limit. He reportedly blamed the incident on brake

failure, though police said there appeared to have been no attempt to stop the car. He told police he was going to a friend's house.

A couple inside the house told police they had been watching the football game when their garage was struck. Some of their neighbors — also watching the game — actually were looking out their window when the crash happened.

The teen is now facing a court case in 35th District Court for the reckless driving charge.

### Drug arrest

Police arresting a 28-year-old Livonia man for driving while his license was suspended found that he was carrying Suboxone, a drug that can be used for treatment of other drugs such as heroin.

Police searching the man during his arrest found he had seven Suboxone file strips in his wallet. He said he had a prescription for it from a nearby pharmacy, but police checked out his story and learned he did not.

He was cited for possession of a controlled substance.

### Money scam arrest

An employee of a Speedway gas station in Canton was arrested after police say she used a Green Dot card to withdraw \$350 from the cash register and also stole \$264 in lottery tickets, a report said.

Police went to the Speed-

way, located southeast of Ford and Lilley roads, about 6 p.m. Oct. 13 after receiving reports the thefts had been captured by a video surveillance camera.

According to police reports, the 31-year-old female suspect denied stealing any money from the Green Dot card, but admitted taking the lottery tickets. She was fired on the spot and arrested.

Back at the Canton police station, the Green Dot card was found in her purse during a search, the report said.

### Marijuana grower

Police found 16 marijuana plants growing just east of the Stoneybrook apartment complex, southwest of I-275 and Joy Road, a report said.

Police were called to the complex about 10:30 a.m. Oct. 13 by a manager who said the plants had been spotted growing in a wooded area near the apartment property.

The manager said the plants had been covered by white bags and even had a makeshift underground sprinkler system, including a black plastic line. The source of water wasn't immediately known, however, because the report said the plastic line didn't come from the apartment building.

The marijuana plants were confiscated so they could be destroyed.

— By Darrell Clem

## PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

### Man regrets using 'n-word' in road argument

A Plymouth Township man in his 20s told police he regretted calling a woman the "n-word" during an argument in a township residential area Friday morning.

The woman, who had filed an ethnic intimidation complaint after the incident that occurred about 7:45 a.m. Friday, later told the reporting officer that she didn't want charges pressed, but wanted police to talk to the man, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

It was unclear what precipitated their argument, which took place in a neighborhood in the area of Beck and North Territorial. The complainant told police she was turning her vehicle from Braeburn Lane onto Latheron Drive when the man stopped his car in front of her, called her the "n-word" and told her to "get out of here." She said she was concerned because her 6-year-old son was in her vehicle. She was able to get a license plate number.

The car the man was driving was registered to his mother and, when an officer spoke to the man at his home Friday afternoon, he said the complainant had told him to "kiss my ass" and that he had responded with the "n-word." The man said he regretted

using the term and would handle the situation differently in the future.

### Disorderly arrests

Two men, 24 and 25, were arrested for disorderly conduct the night of Oct. 12 after reports of a loud argument in the area of Canton Center Road and Partridge Drive.

The complainant told police a gun was mentioned during the argument, but neither arrestee was armed and officers who combed the area couldn't find a gun, a police report said.

One man ran when a police car pulled up to the scene shortly after 11 p.m.; a city of Plymouth officer later located him nearby and he was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia after a breath test showed he was extremely intoxicated, the report said.

The second man was argumentative and uncooperative at the scene and appeared intoxicated, police said, and gave officers a false name. He was eventually identified and charged with giving police a phony name.

The man who ran from police later said he did so because he was wanted on a warrant from Westland on a marijuana possession charge. He said the argument had started while they were on their way to buy crack cocaine, but that no drugs had been obtained.

— By Matt Jachman

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# Local personal trainer aims for national figure competition

**Pamela A. Zinkosky**  
Correspondent

Mel Weldon stands 5-foot-3 and weighs 115 pounds. One look at her will tell you those pounds come from muscle, not fat. She has less than 6 percent body fat — far below the 21 percent to 24 percent measurement that's typical for fit women.

Weldon's physique is no accident. The 32-year-old personal trainer at Life Time Fitness in Canton is in training for the women's figure competition in this Saturday's National Physique Committee Central States at Lincoln High School in Ypsilanti. Central States will also include physique, bodybuilding, fitness and bikini competitions.

Weldon, a Livonia resident, has been a personal trainer for four years and a lifetime athlete. She played volleyball and softball and was the top long jumper and sprinter on the Churchill High School track team.

"In high school, they called me 'Miss Fitness,'" she said.

The mother of a middle-school daughter and a 9-year-old son has just one other NPC competition under her belt — the June 2015 Michigan State novice competition. Weldon entered the competition with friends who backed out at the last minute, but she stuck with it and ended up taking fourth place.

Saturday's Central States competition is a national qualifier. The top five in each category will compete at one of several national competitions. For Weldon, that would mean competing in Chicago next



Mel Weldon of Livonia is a personal trainer at Life Time Fitness in Canton.

whole oats, cage-free chicken and egg whites for protein and organic vegetables like asparagus. She's cut out sugar — even natural sugar found in fruit — as well as dairy. Her lab work — yes, she has blood taken regularly to see how her body is breaking down food — showed that she does not break down dairy well.

This type of eating can be boring, but Weldon said she simply does not dwell on it. "You learn not to focus on the food," she said. "I stick with the same foods because I know what works. I eat every two hours. It's just fuel to me."

She does cook "regular" food for her family, she said, but she'll make herself a plain piece of chicken on the side. Her family already eats healthy, she said, so she doesn't impose her diet on them.

"I do go out to eat with friends," Weldon said. "I eat my own chicken ahead of time and I order a side of vegetables and a water or black coffee. I'm very social. I focus on the people, not the food."

### Peak fitness

Weldon said NPC figure competitions are all about overall muscle tone, muscle symmetry and a "V taper" body that starts with wide shoulders and angles into a small waist. Muscles have to not only be developed, but equally developed, she explained.

Every week, Weldon's professional trainer closely examines her body to determine which muscles need more work and which may be too developed. She creates her workout plan based on that.

These days, she's doing six

days of 30-minute cardiovascular workouts twice a day to get lean for the competition. She also does three days a week of strength training with weights for 30-40 minutes.

In these last days before the competition, she'll load up on complex carbohydrates and cut down on water so the muscle pops through more, she said.

"As I get closer (to the competition), I'm looking at my body daily," Weldon said. "Everything is about timing it, so you peak on that one day."

Weldon puts this "peak fitness" principle to work in her personal training as well. "I like to train people for events," she said. "Maybe someone's getting married. I can take them through a similar training program so they look their best on that day."

### Leading by example

Weldon sees figure competitions as an extension of her love for fitness. "It's taking my hobby and putting it towards my body," she said. "It's fun to see what changes my body will make. It's good for my kids to see and it makes me feel good."

Learning the discipline of nutrition and exercise also benefits her business. "I try to lead by example and I don't push the healthy eating on my friends and family," she said.

Weldon said she used to enjoy eating whatever she wanted and never thought she could be this disciplined about nutrition. "It's possible," she said. "I didn't think it would be. If I can conquer this discipline, then I can teach it. I can help other people."

One thing she uses to help people maintain a healthy diet

is to have them think about how they'll feel after eating or drinking something unhealthy.

Weldon does this herself. She stopped drinking alcohol at age 30 because it led to poor food decisions, she said. "I think, 'If I have that drink, it's going to lead to another one. And then I'm going to eat something unhealthy. And then in the morning I may have a doughnut.' I play the whole tape through."

### Competition

The competition itself is just a culmination of all the prep work, Weldon explained. For the fitness competition, the day consists of getting spray tanned, putting on makeup, donning a skimpy bikini and five-inch stilettos and doing 10-second poses on stage.

"It almost feels like you're an actor getting ready back stage, but then it's mixed with fitness and exercise," Weldon said, noting that she was an actress and vocalist in high school.

The nutrition and body work ahead of time is what gets you to those moments of showing off your top-shape body on stage, she said. "The hard part is all the prep," she said.

After the competition, Weldon said she'll take some time off from the strict diet, but she'll add in carbohydrates very slowly so she doesn't bulk up, especially if she's set to compete in nationals next June.

Tickets for the Central States competition are \$30 each and available at <https://secure.jotformpro.com/form/51864562394969>. Call 734-730-0351 for more information.

# Plymouth Hilton Inn purchased by Ohio-based management firm

Westlake, Ohio-based Emerald Hospitality Associates, a full-service hotel management and development company, has purchased and will manage the Hilton Garden Inn Plymouth.

The acquisition is in partnership with Nimbus Investment Fund, LP, an independent affiliate of Emerald Hospitality. The announcement was made by James R. Gerish,

president of Emerald Hospitality.

"This is an exciting opportunity for us to enter the Michigan market as we take the reigns of this outstanding performing hotel," Gerish said. "The Hilton Garden Inn Plymouth represents our eighth Hilton Garden Inn and brings our portfolio to 24 hotels."

The Hilton Garden Inn Ply-

mouth, 14600 Sheldon Road, offers 157 guestrooms, an extensive lobby featuring the Garden Grill & Bar, 24-hour fitness center, business center, indoor pool, sundry shop, 1,408 square feet of meeting space and complimentary shuttle service within a five-mile radius.

In early 2014, the hotel completed a comprehensive \$2.7

million renovation introducing the Hilton Garden Inn's Project Grow lobby refresh, thorough upgrade of all guestrooms as well as public interior and exterior upgrades.

The Hilton Garden Inn Plymouth provides travelers with award-winning service, inviting social spaces and high-end amenities, ensuring a great stay at an even greater

value. All Hilton Garden Inn guests will enjoy the brand's signature bedding featuring fresh, white duvets and crisp linens, complimentary Wi-Fi, a 24-hour business center, fitness center, Keurig coffee maker and a full service restaurant and bar offering full cooked-to-order breakfast, dinner, cocktails and evening room service.



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## European Wax Center opens on Ford in Canton

European Wax Center recently opened its first Michigan outlet, 41804 Ford Road, in Canton. The center's opening included a VIP red carpet party and ribbon-cutting in partnership with the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Guests enjoyed complimentary refreshments from neighbors, Jimmy John's and Chili's and indulged in free wax services. Radio personality Julia of 98.7 AMP Radio also enjoyed complimentary services while visiting with her street team during their AMP takeover, which provided guests with giveaways and prizes.

During the grand opening event, Shehzad Khan, Michigan regional developer, and Marci Karp, Michigan regional development manager, made a special presentation of \$250 and EWC gift cards to First Step, a nonprofit organization in Wayne County that provides programs and services to help prevent

domestic and sexual violence.

"We are honored to receive European Wax Center's generous contribution, along with its commitment to help others our community," said Theresa Bizoe, associate director of First Step.

EWC's well-trained staff provides healthy body waxing and skin care services for women and men in full-privacy wax suites within a professional environment. The center also offers a complete line of luxurious and affordable products that are specially designed for everyone's regular skincare routine.

"We appreciate the warm welcome we've received in Canton and look forward to expanding our services to other communities throughout Michigan," Karp said.

EWC in Canton is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.



Theresa Bizoe, associate director of First Step, accepts EWC's donation from Marci Karp.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Promoted

Plante Moran named Plymouth resident Gabrielle Cairns, CPA, an associate in the firm's Southfield office. She previously served as a staff member with the firm.

Cairns has five years of experience with a primary focus on not-for-profit and health care clients, including A-133 single audits. She also has experience with employee benefit plans with a focus on 403(b) and 401(k) plans.

Cairns, who joined Plante Moran in 2010, has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in accounting from Michigan State University. She's currently a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. Cairns is also a member of the board of directors for Scleroderma Foundation, Michigan Chapter.

#### Award winning

Logos Communications of Canton has won a national award for its "Windows of Opportunity"

public relations campaign on behalf of the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center.

Logos won a Clarion Award in the one-time campaign with an annual budget of \$10,000 or less category from the Association for Women in Communications. Logos Founder and President Susan Voyles received the award at the association's national conference in Kansas City this month.

"This award belongs as much to the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center as it does to us," said Voyles, who founded the company 16 years ago. "Windows of Opportunity was a tremendous program by the center. It was a privilege for us to work on the campaign.

"It's really a testament to our clients and the quality services they provide," added Voyles, an AWC member since 1990. "I think it also speaks to the tremendous dedication and hard work of our team members at Logos."

The St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center began in 1844 as St. Vincent's Academy in Detroit, a kindergarten for orphaned children. The Windows of Opportunity exhibit showcased the organization's history through stained glass

windows and interactive displays while promoting the future with a three-month long exhibit at the Detroit Historical Museum from October through December 2014.

#### Donated

DFCU Financial, a Michigan credit union with a Canton branch, has donated \$100,000 to Game On Cancer, a joint initiative between the Detroit Lions and the Josephine Ford Cancer Institute. The donation will help patients in need cover non-medical-related expenses and will also fund research at JFCI, which is a leader in developing new therapies and applying new technologies to combat cancer in Michigan and around the world.

"Through DFCU Financial's continued partnership with Game On Cancer, our team has an opportunity to continue to create positive change in the communities that surround us as we have together for more than two years," said Mark Shobe, CEO, DFCU Financial. "Many of us have friends and family members who have been affected by cancer and through our \$100,000 sponsorship, we'll continue to lead the fight in their honor and, in partnership with the Detroit

Lions and the Josephine Ford Cancer Institute, we'll tackle cancer once and for all."

In addition to providing monetary support, DFCU Financial employees will participate in fundraising activities at Ford Field during Detroit Lions games and in their local communities across the state of Michigan.

"Game On Cancer's partnership with DFCU Financial will be instrumental in allowing us to continue to lead the fight against cancer in Michigan and around the world," said Christina Johnson, manager, Game On Cancer. "Team DFCU's generous sponsorship will allow us to remain at the forefront of the fight against cancer and to continue to give hope to thousands of patients, friends and family members annually."

Earlier this year, DFCU Financial, an active community partner in the Detroit, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids and Lansing areas, announced that its local education donations have topped \$500,000 since 2004. These donations primarily funded financial education and efforts to help children build positive lifelong financial habits.



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## Madonna ranked one of most affordable online accounting degrees

Madonna University in Livonia has been ranked among the most affordable online accounting degree programs by College Values Online.

The ranking was published on the organization's website in June. Madonna University was ranked 80th.

The following criteria were used in this ranking:

- » accreditation/degree field (accredited schools offering a bachelor's degree in accounting, accounting and business/management, and accounting and finance)
- » affordability
- » distance degree option (schools with distance learning options in accounting and related fields)
- » undergraduate population (3,000 or fewer students)

From among more than 200 qualifying schools, the top 100 most affordable schools were selected and ranked based on the most recent tuition rate as listed by the National Center for Education Statistics' College Navigator database.

Madonna University was established by the Felician Sisters more than 75 years ago as a Catholic, independent college dedicated to the liberal arts, career preparation and public service. True to its mission of making a college

education accessible, Madonna has outreach centers in Gaylord, Mombomb and southwest Detroit, where the underserved and disadvantaged attend classes.

"This ranking exemplifies Madonna's commitment to academic excellence and ensuring Catholic higher education is accessible and affordable," said Dr. Michael Grandillo, Madonna University president. "Madonna continues to deliver the quality liberal arts education and career preparation that students and employers have come to expect."

The Accounting and Business Law Department at Madonna University offers a bachelor's degree in accounting for CPA and non-CPA track majors. While the school is accredited, the program is in the process of obtaining accreditation from the International Association of Colleges and Business Administration. Students learn how to apply knowledge of fundamental accounting practices and concepts, prepare financial reports and statements, and interpret financial data and economic information. Business ethics, auditing practices, and taxation within private and public entities are covered within the program. Read more about the program at <https://www.madonna.edu/academics/departments/accounting-and-business-law#ACT>.

## Task force's vehicle helps fight mortgage fraud

The Wayne County Mortgage and Deed Fraud Task Force has received another tool to combat mortgage and deed fraud in Wayne County.

Since 2005, when the Wayne County Register of Deeds, prosecutor and sheriff created the first of its kind Joint Mortgage and Deed Fraud Task Force, the investigators in the unit have driven their personal vehicles in the course of their duties: fraud investigations as well as transporting suspects to and from court proceedings.

This month, the Fraud Unit received a new vehicle that has signage that identifies the telephone number for the Fraud



The Wayne County Joint Mortgage and Deed Fraud Task Force is using its vehicle to promote its mission.

Unit's hotline (313-224-5869) where they can report mortgage or deed fraud. It also provides the website where individuals can check for fraudulent documents that may have been recorded against their property ([www.waynecounty-landrecords.com](http://www.waynecounty-landrecords.com)).

It's a great benefit to citizens of Wayne County who may not be aware of these resources that are used in the fight against mortgage and deed fraud, according to Bernard J. Youngblood, founder of the Task Force and Register of Deeds.

"This type of criminal

activity is not unique to Wayne County, but our task force is," Youngblood said. "Ten years of creating the nation's model for this challenging work has culminated in closing 1,450 cases and, more importantly, returning 174 homes to their rightful owners here in Wayne County."

"Often it is painstaking and tedious detective work to identify perpetrators, but extremely rewarding to return a family's most valuable asset. I am most grateful to our other elected officials who contribute the talented staff for the success of this unique team," he added.

## Women's Alliance of Oakland County introduces Business Protocols for Success

The Women's Alliance of Oakland County will host Business Protocols for Success, an innovative training program designed to help women at all stages of their career excel in the professional world. The conference will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at the Auburn Hills Marriott

Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac.

Business Protocols for Success includes an interactive presentation, small-group activities, self-assessments and a luncheon with dining etiquette instruction. The goal of the conference aligns with the mission of the Women's Alliance of Oakland County, a non-

profit organization committed to seeking, developing and supporting career opportunities for women. Attendees will learn how to improve their professional communication skills and develop successful workplace behaviors.

According to facilitator Joscelyn Davis, president and chief strategist

of JADE Strategies, "Business Protocols for Success provides training on the essential skills all women need to be successful in the workplace. Helping women overcome obstacles to economic empowerment is the mission of this program."

The conference includes a panel discussion

featuring three industry leaders who will share insights and lessons learned on their paths to leadership. A highlight of the event will be the Women's Alliance's first-ever Glass Ceiling Award, a special recognition honoring a professional who personifies the key attributes of leadership: strength,

intelligence and grace.

General admission tickets are \$40 and \$28 for full-time students and senior citizens. To register, go to [WAofOC.Eventbrite.com](http://WAofOC.Eventbrite.com).

For more information, contact Asker Consulting, LLC President Denise Asker at [askerdenise@gmail.com](mailto:askerdenise@gmail.com) or 248-766-5599.



## OUR VIEWS

# Vote for Dalton, Pobur, Wright and Deal

It's not exactly been an edgy or boisterous campaign to fill four seats on the Plymouth City Commission in the general election Nov. 3. Certainly candidates disagree with each on certain issues, but overall the race has been mild.

Still, it's an important race for Plymouth residents because whomever is elected — the top three winners will be seated for four-year terms and the fourth will earn a two-year term — will determine the city's immediate and, perhaps, long-term course.

That's why voters Nov. 3 should cast their votes for the commission's three incumbents — Daniel Dalton, Colleen Pobur and Michael Wright. To round out the mix with a newcomer, Suzie Deal should be voters' fourth



Dalton



Pobur



Wright



Deal

choice. Current Commissioner Ed Hingelberg is not seeking re-election.

Dalton, Pobur and Wright have served the city well. Each has a working knowledge of local government and of Plymouth. They are keenly aware of the city's need for succession planning, as many employees are approaching retirement.

Deal, a planning commissioner, may not at this point have all the answers, but that's OK. She is a quick learner, has her ears to the

ground and is willing to listen to residents and business owners. Deal is conscientious and embraces the need to foster and improve communication between residents and officials. Above all, she has a keen love of the community and, as a business owner, realizes the local economy is beyond instrumental in maintaining the city's health.

The incumbents have worked well with sitting commissioners. Each brings their own strengths to the job and undoubtedly has the good of

the city in mind when they sit in commission chambers. There is no doubt they are committed to doing what's right for the city and of creating progress.

Yet they are indeed a quiet bunch. The city commission isn't as colorful or filled with as much dissension as many other communities' governing bodies. Sure, disagreement makes life interesting. But their even-keeled discussions and processes don't mean they aren't committed to doing what's right.

For the primary, the *Observer* also endorsed challenger Jack Wilson, a newcomer to the commission race, but, nonetheless, a resident who has definite opinions and who is willing to dig for information on issues facing the city.

His interest and dedication

should not be wasted. Based on his individual research, he has certainly disagreed with the commission and the incumbents on a number of issues, particularly the quiet zones. That's why Wilson should play a role in the city, perhaps being appointed to the planning commission, where his analytical abilities may be useful. Certainly not a back-handed compliment to Wilson, but every person who is interested in the governing of a community can and should be an asset.

At the polls Nov. 3, voters should choose the three incumbents — Daniel Dalton, Colleen Pobur and Michael Wright. To balance the mix, voters should also pick planning commissioner Suzie Deal.

They are the right choices to move Plymouth forward in a balanced manner.

## Donations large and small help those most in need on Make a Difference Day

You hear the stories all the time, folks who received their first toy or some other generous gift from the Goodfellows.

That's because the Goodfellows organization has been helping to make sure no child goes without a Christmas for years. And one of the hallmarks of its efforts has been the annual Make a Dif-

ference Day campaign.

This year's Make a Difference Day for Canton takes place from 10 a.m. to noon at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. In Plymouth, the event will be from 9 a.m. to noon at the farmers market, 760 Penniman, in front of the Penn Theatre.

If you're wondering if you

can make a difference just by dropping off some loose change, consider this: In the past three years, O&E area residents have donated more than \$12,000 to Goodfellows in Canton, Garden City, Farmington, Livonia, Milford, Novi, Plymouth, Redford and Southfield on Make a Difference Day, a National Day of Doing Good.

The Pennies From Heaven campaign was launched by a wonderful woman and Goodfellows leader from Canton, Nancy Spencer, who started it in honor of her father.

The *Observer & Eccentric* is proud to once again take up that mantle and partner with Goodfellows organizations in our readership communities. We urge you to

stop by, have a doughnut and some cider and be the difference in a great Christmas for area children.

Anyone — regardless of age, location or resources — can accomplish amazing things. Come out Saturday and watch your contributions make a tremendous difference in the lives of a child.

## Talk to your teenagers about safe driving habits

Everywhere you look, people are texting, talking, watching movies or catching up on their favorite TV show from mobile devices. At work, at home, at school, at play, cellphones have become our constant companion.

But that constant companionship comes with danger — distracted driving. We're all guilty of some form of distracted driving. It seems to get the most attention when it involves a young driver and cellphone use, specifically texting.

This week, Oct. 18-24, is National Teen Driver Safety Week, seven days dedicated to raising awareness and solutions to preventable teen deaths and injuries on the road.

According to the Stop

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A survey by State Farm Insurance of drivers ages

16-19 revealed that more than 90 percent said they understand texting while driving is distracting, yet 44 percent said they do it. When asked to choose the top three things that would deter them from reading or responding to text messages, concern about crashing was the No. 1 answer (51 percent), followed closely by getting caught by

the police (50 percent).

Other common responses included arriving safely at their destination, knowing someone who has caused a crash while texting, stories about crashes caused by texting, getting caught by parents, friends who encourage safe driving and parent/teen safe driving contracts.

While young drivers should be focusing their attention on their drive, they admit that cellphones aren't their only distraction. The top three distractions were talking with a passenger, listening to a navigation system/GPS and searching for music. Cellphone usage for accessing the Internet, reading social media and taking pictures with their phones were third, fourth and fifth on the

list.

Michigan is one of 43 states that have banned texting while driving. For a first offense, motorists are fined \$100. Subsequent offenses cost \$200. But the consequences can be even more when distracted driving results in an accident or fatality.

This week is dedicated to raising awareness and seeking solutions to preventable teen deaths and injuries on the road. It's a good time to start the conversation about safe driving with teens.

Teens may not want to hear it, but they need to be told to not take their eyes off the road, their hands off the wheel or their mind off what they are doing. Distracted driving can kill.

## GUEST COLUMN

# Pagan: Pay equity for women battle continues

As a young elected official, I am immensely proud of the advances past generations have made toward equality for women. Each day I take to the floor of the Michigan House of Representatives, I am reminded of the shoulders I stand on from the women who have come before me. From earning the right to vote to fighting social injustice to dying on a picket line, we have come a long way.

Unfortunately, some of the same struggles that our foremothers fought are still issues today and one of those issues threatens our entire family structure and the economic security for women. Equal pay for equal work seems by now to be a value our society holds true — that by the year 2015, both men and women working the same job, with the same educational background and work experience, with identical in resume and job title and



Kristy Pagan

GUEST COLUMNIST

description, should make the same salary, regardless of gender.

To make this point even more engrained in our moral fabric, in 1963 President John Kennedy signed into law the Equal Pay Act, prohibiting any employer from pay discrimination based on gender. Yet, 52 years later, little progress has been made to close the wage gap.

Wage discrimination is an issue across the nation, but here in Michigan, the problem is worse than in most other states. According to data from the Institute for Women's Policy Research, Michigan ranks 36th in pay equity in the nation. White women who work full

time in Michigan earn nearly 30 percent less, on average, than their male counterparts. That equates to roughly \$13,000 in annual earnings lost.

The statistics on the wage gap for women of color is striking. The institute reported that African-American women earn just 67 cents to every dollar to what a white man makes. For Latinos, the figure is 58 cents on the dollar. This is simply unacceptable.

These infuriating pay gaps are why my colleagues in the Progressive Women's Legislative Caucus and I have introduced a package of bills to combat wage discrimination. My bill, House Bill 4489, would require businesses to post information about pay equity laws. Another bill would require employers, on request, to disclose certain wage information. Other legislation in our package of bills would create an Equal Pay Commission to study the issue of pay equity and increase penalties for companies that unfairly discriminate against their employees.

I remember vividly the case of Lilly Ledbetter, the woman who sued her employer after she learned that she had been underpaid for decades. The case reached the Supreme Court, which ruled against her because the law required her to file her case within 180 days of her first unfair paycheck,

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even though she was unaware she was facing wage discrimination. That is why Congress passed an updated pay equity law that bears her name.

Unfortunately, the Michigan Legislature has shown no such commitment to equal pay. Our bills have languished in committee for six months without a hearing. I cannot think of a single reason why we have not taken any action on this legislation. The problem is clear, it's bipartisan and the solution is straightforward.

The issue of pay equity goes beyond simple fairness. While paying two people with the same job and same qualifications the same amount is common sense, we also have to think about the broader implications.

In many families, a woman is the primary breadwinner. When women are unfairly paid less, their partners and children also suffer. On the other hand, when families have more

money — especially low- and middle-income workers — they tend to spend it. They have cars to maintain, food to put on the table and other necessary expenses. When people spend more money, it stimulates the local economy, helping small businesses create jobs. Pay equity is a win-win.

Although I am frustrated to be fighting some of the same battles that my mother's generation fought, I am proud to follow in their footsteps. I will continue doing whatever I can to get a hearing for pay equity legislation and I will continue to be a voice for issues that matter most to the men, women and families of Wayne County.

State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, represents the 21st District, including Canton, Belleville and most of Van Buren Township. She can be reached at 517-373-2575 or at KristyPagan@house.mi.gov.

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Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle chair Cindy Kabza Vercruyse, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy and vice chair Jennifer Belveal pose after they deliver flowers to guest speaker Worthy.

# Giving Hope: Women philanthropists say giving here keeps the HOPE here

The 2015 annual meeting of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle earlier this month focused on the building blocks of the organization: help, opportunity, philanthropy and education - HOPE.

The group hosted Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, who outlined the progress that has been made testing the thousands of rape kits which had been discovered in 2009 in a Detroit Police storage lab.

Worthy addressed nearly 150 women Oct. 7 at the Village Theater, reporting that tests of the kits - some dating back 35 years - have helped authorities identify 2,616 criminal suspects, including 549 serial rapists.

Giving Hope chairwoman Cynthia Kabza Vercruyse said the group invited Worthy because of "the significant importance of the Enough SAID campaign in not only identifying and prosecuting the perpetrators of previously unsolved rapes, but with the knowledge that the Enough SAID campaign, under Worthy's leadership, shines a light on the incredible and unacceptable extent of the backlog of unsolved rapes."

"Thus far, the crime lab has matched Detroit rapists to crimes committed in 38 different states. That is an astounding fact," Vercruyse added.

Enough SAID (Enough Sexual Assault in Detroit) is an independent collaboration between Michigan Women's Foundation, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and the Detroit Crime Commission. The goal is to raise private sector funding to test the more than 11,000 forgotten rape kits, investigate the crimes and prosecute the resulting cases in an effort to securing justice and closure for victims.

The Oct. 7 event raised some \$4,000 for Enough SAID.

Giving Hope also announced the following grant awards at the event:

- » \$3,000 grant to The Plymouth/Canton Community Literacy Council
- » \$8,000 grant to the Students Helping Homeless Students organization through the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
- » \$250 grant to the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra for its

participation at the 2015 Giving Hope Annual Event

The grants are a part of Giving Hope's mission to address the needs of women and families in the greater Canton and Plymouth area. Giving Hope, in its ninth year as an endowed fund of the Canton Community Foundation, has granted more than \$59,000 to area groups, individuals and organizations.

In addition, a collection called "Pass the Purse" is made at each meeting for a local group needing immediate assistance. More than \$11,600 has been distributed to organizations including the Detroit Area Diaper Bank, which serves Wayne County, the Salvation Army's "Back 2 School Blitz" and personal care products for women receiving assistance.

Giving Hope's 2016 Signature Charity Event, to be held next spring, will benefit St. Joseph Mercy Health System's SHAPEDOWN®, a national weight management program for youth and their families

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2016 and Vercruyse said the group's goal is to increase membership.

"This has been a low-key effort by a relatively small group of women dedicated to improving the lives of women and their families in the Plymouth and Canton communities," Vercruyse said.

"In order to increase our positive impact, we must increase our membership and outreach. We now have two different membership levels allowing women to make a choice about how financially invested they wish to be in our work, depending upon the stage of their life, and to still contribute significantly to our endowment and granting."

"It is the Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle Endowment Fund that will allow us to make a positive impact on the lives of women and their families for many years to come," she added.

Giving Hope will host a winter social 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, at Dixboro General Store. Contact Carole Porambo at cporambo@gmail.com for more information.



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Barbara Rodenberg, Dee TenBroeck, Marly Birchmeier, Mickey Edell, Cathy Koepeke, Debra Pike and Teri Stonework gather at this year's Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle annual meeting at the Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton.



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Debbi Maloni with Chef Paul Penney after he is presented with an award for his service to Giving Hope. He is retiring to spend time with his family.



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Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation chair Stephanie Goecke, Megan Schaper of the American Cancer Society and former state Rep. Dian Slavens.



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Desiree Herrick, Loren Wadington, Carolyn Dew and Carla O'Malley.



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Canton Township Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler, Jill Engel, Jean LaJoy, Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin and Deputy Police Chief Debra Newsome.



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Members of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle Lorraine Zaksek, Ann LaFond, Judy Stone, Juliana Lenyo, Michelle Abboud and Betty Bloch dine before guest speaker Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy spoke.



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CONFERENCE FINAL

## Novi struts No. 1 stuff

Canton spikers unable to stem tide against top-ranked Wildcats

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

So that's what a No. 1 team looks like.

From the opening serve through three rapid-fire sets, Novi's varsity volleyball team dismantled host Canton in Tuesday's KLAAs Kensington Conference championship contest.

Novi, now 37-2 overall and the top-ranked team in Class A, dispatched the Chiefs with lopsided 25-8, 25-16, 25-9 scores.

"We've been working really hard to defend better in practice the last week or so, because our schedule has slowed down a little bit," Novi head coach Jennifer Cottrell said. "I think we did a really good job of defending at the net and behind our block."

"Our libero, Claire Pinkerton, and Victoria Iacobelli did a great job (on defense)."

According to Canton senior outside hitter Emma Clark, the Novi attack was tough to defend because it comes from different points on the floor.

"They were a really good team," said Clark, who led the Chiefs with eight kills and 12 digs. "They kept hitting hard at us, they had a really great defense and we didn't play to the best of our abilities."

Canton head coach Irick Gardner, whose KLAAs South Division co-champions fell to 24-14-1 overall, lamented the lack of competitive fire against Novi.

"They did what they were supposed to do, play hard and aggressive and play like they're the No. 1 team in the state," Gardner said. "They did that, but we didn't do our end of the bargain, which was at least be competitive. Give yourself a chance to succeed."

Relentless

With an impressive array of serves — alternating lasers and float-

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Trying to power the ball over the arms of Novi's Emmy Robinson is Canton senior Emma Clark (right).

DIVISION 1 BOYS SOCCER DISTRICT



Plymouth's Dylan Dwyer (left) and Livonia Stevenson's Sandro Lytwyn square off for possession of the ball during the first half of Monday's Division 1 district game.

# EPIC ENCOUNTER

Plymouth advances with 5-4 double OT triumph over Stevenson

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Two-goal leads proved to be about as safe as a visit to Jurassic World during Monday's night's Division 1 opening-round boys soccer district thriller featuring Plymouth and host Livonia Stevenson.

In a classic clash that saw momentum being blown around like a leaf in the 30 mph wind gusts that swept through the Spartans' stadium, the Wildcats survived an improbable Stevenson rally to win 5-4 in double overtime.

Plymouth was scheduled to play in Wednesday's district semifinal against campus rival Salem, while the hosts' season ended with a 10-6-3 record.

Playing with the wind at their backs in the first half, the Spartans surged to a 2-0 lead in the opening 30 minutes, only to succumb to a four-goal barrage by the Wildcats, who led 4-2 with just 24:28 to play.

To make matters worse for the home team, a Spartans player was red-carded for excessive arguing with an official with 13:42 to play in regulation, forcing Stevenson to play the rest of the way with just 10 players –



ED WRIGHT  
Plymouth's Stephen Rowley (left) and Stevenson's Ryan Theisen run stride for the left flank during Monday's game.

and into the teeth of the relentless breeze.

Playing with a gutsy bravado, short-handed Stevenson rallied to tie the score at 4-4 before Plymouth junior forward Adam Saunders broke its

heart with a slick move while motoring down the right side before depositing the eventual game-winning goal into the net with 8:14 left in the second

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL DECISION

## BUCKEYE MIKE

Plymouth lineman Jordan announces he'll enroll early at Ohio State

Evan Paputa  
Correspondent

Michael Jordan was ready to become an Ohio State Buckeye and didn't want to wait until National Signing Day in February.

The senior offensive lineman from Plymouth High School announced Saturday morning that he intends to enroll at Ohio State University in January and play in the U.S.

Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio, Texas. He will graduate early from Plymouth.

"Today, I want to confirm that I am going to the Ohio State University," Jordan said during a press conference held at the Plymouth Cultural Center. "I will be going early in January, because I feel like that will help me be the best player I can be."

"As a bonus, I will be playing in the U.S. Army All-Amer-

ican Bowl."

That "bonus" turns out to be an honor that only few high school seniors in the country get to experience. The game will be played Jan. 9, 2016, and Jordan understands the honor in playing in it.

"It's a very honorable moment for me," Jordan said. "Only 90 players in the country get to go to it and I feel

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MICHAEL VASILNEK  
Plymouth senior Michael Jordan talks during Saturday's press conference about his decision to enroll early at Ohio State.

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Veteran Canton football coach Tim Baechler and his team must travel nearly 450 miles this week for a Week 9 contest.

PREP FOOTBALL

# LOST IN THE SHUFFLE

P-CEP football teams need to unite, renew rivalries, make sure players' voices heard above all else

The long road — 443 miles, to be exact — awaits the Canton varsity football team, finishing the 2015 regular season with Saturday's game in Galesburg, Ill., of all places.

Looking to 2016 and beyond, however, the three football programs at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park need to get together with administrators and take the high road.

That means getting those teams together on the football field, at least in semi-regular fashion.

For background purposes, the Park features two perennial powerhouses (Canton, Plymouth) and a third team (Salem) that is working hard to get to that level of excellence.

At the heart of the matter is a desire by Salem officials to level the competitive playing field and bolster a program trying to finally end a long playoff drought.

Nobody blames them for wanting to build something great, but there is no reason why the two oldest rivals at P-CEP (Canton, Salem) can't crack helmets in the name of tradition.

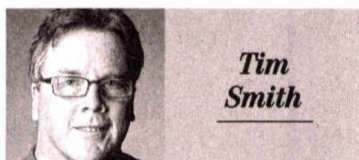
To make the playoffs, six victories are required. But Salem folks lamented being forced to automatically face the Chiefs and Wildcats every year.

**Missed opportunity**

But now, the Rocks aren't playing their neighbors and the Chiefs have to travel virtually to Iowa, a trip that will cost several thousand dollars during a time when public school districts are bleeding money.

Plymouth opened the 2015 schedule in Macomb County, against Utica Eisenhower. That's not a short trip, either.

"The fact that Plymouth and



Tim Smith

Canton (are) having to travel for their games has nothing to do with Salem not playing them," Salem athletic director Brian Samulski wrote in an email to the *Observer*, "but with the fact that they struggle to find teams that want to play them because of their historical success on the field."

By the way, Salem didn't win enough this year to join the playoff party — even with a schedule not including Canton and Plymouth.

Lost in the shuffle are the players and other student-athletes at the Park.

Ask any Salem player if he wants to go up against the Chiefs, against kids he goes to class with. Bragging rights are pretty big for 16- and 17-year-olds.

Of course he would want the chance. But in recent years, the opportunity hasn't been there.

Earlier this year, Salem officials decided to not honor an apparent verbal agreement for the Rocks and Chiefs to square off in the opening game of the 2015 and 2016 seasons.

"In the eyes of administration at Salem this was an equity issue that was resolved by allowing Salem to always schedule an open opponent just as the other schools do for week 1," Samulski wrote. "This will continue next year, as we open with Belleville week 1 and will be in a week 9 rotation with the KLAAs."

The latter is new for 2016, as a second KLAAs crossover contest is being added to the sched-

uling mix.

And two years earlier, the longstanding Sandman/Cummings game between the Chiefs and Rocks — a tradition for Week 9 — was scrapped at Salem's request.

The last time the Chiefs and Rocks got together in the game honoring two former Park athletic directors was 2012. Although the Rocks lost 28-27, they were a field goal shy of knocking out their rivals and in turn keeping Canton from the six-victory plateau.

**Never again**

Then and now, Canton-Salem match-ups are a win-win for kids, families and the schools. So are meetings between the Rocks and Wildcats.

Since the Sandman/Cummings series was yanked in 2013 by a former district administrator, the Chiefs were forced to scramble more than Matthew Stafford for Week 9 opponents.

One year it was Ann Arbor Pioneer, another it was Detroit Western.

This year was a nightmare for Canton athletic director Vernon Crump and head football coach Tim Baechler, trying to come up with a dance partner.

By February, there was nobody left anywhere near Canton Center and Joy roads.

Finally, during the spring, with the possibility of an eight-game season looming, Canton hooked up with Galesburg.

That's a long way to travel. It's something that shouldn't have to happen again.

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# PLYMOUTH

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10-minute extra session.

**Never say die**

Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker was highly complimentary of how his one-down warriors nearly pulled out a backs-against-the-wall triumph.

"The 10 boys we had out there at the end never quit — that's the part I want to remember from this game," Shingledecker said. "Obviously, it didn't end the way we wanted it to, but the effort was there."

The game was scoreless until the 25th minute, when Stevenson's Ian Henzi alertly knocked down a clearing effort by Plymouth goalkeeper Damon Favero about 12 yards from the goal line, then rocketed the ball into the back of the net.

Six minutes later, Spartans forward Ryan Theisen was fouled in the box while attacking from the left side, setting up Valjon Qejvani's successful penalty kick to expand the hosts' advantage to 2-0.

Theisen came within a razor's edge from making it 3-0, but his rebound shot following a corner kick rammed into the left post.

The Wildcats countered quickly, scoring a crucial goal with six minutes remaining in the half when Jaden Huxtable roped a sizzling bender through the wind and into the left corner of the net to cut his team's deficit in half.

**Step it up**

Plymouth didn't score off the second-half restart, but it set the tone for things to come when Anthony Iacopelli blasted the midfield kick on a trajectory toward the top of the Stevenson net, but goalkeeper Turner Miller, who replaced starter Austin Kaczmarek after the break, secured the ball to protect Stevenson's lead — but only momentarily.

"At halftime, we told the boys to play with more urgency, especially knowing we had the wind going with us," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "What an exciting

game, back and forth all the way. Just when we thought we had them put away, back they came. And early on, when I thought they had us put away, but rallied."

The second half started in bizarre fashion. Just 22 seconds in, Plymouth's Michael Blake was fouled in the box and lasered home the ensuing penalty kick to even things up at 2-2.

Just 23 seconds later, an onfield official ruled that Miller fouled Blake as he pursued a wind-blown pass that was just a couple of revolutions away from crossing the end line.

In addition to Miller being issued a yellow card — an infraction that necessitated putting Kaczmarek back in the game — Blake was awarded another PK.

Kaczmarek was up for the challenge, however, as he stoned Blake's low liner while diving to his left.

**Just perfect**

Stevenson couldn't dodge Plymouth's next bullet — a well-struck header by Huxtable off a cross from Blake to put the visitors up 3-2 with 34:02 on the second-half clock.

Plymouth appeared to score an insurance goal at the 34:28 mark, when Andrew Liakos finished a sweet pass from Blake.

The daunting deficit seemed to pump up the desperate Spartans, who pulled to within 4-3 with 10:12 left on goal off the right foot of Tyler Gregory.

Four minutes later, Theisen took advantage of a Wildcats defender's misplay about 35 yards out, dribbled the ball inside the 18 before juking Favero with a stop-and-go move and poking in the game-tying goal.

The first 10-minute overtime was scoreless thanks largely to Kaczmarek, who denied Huxtable from point-blank range with 10 seconds left.

The second 10-minute segment was highlighted by Saunders' goal, followed by eight minutes of victory-protecting defense by the Wildcats.

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# VOLLEYBALL

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ers that found spots in the middle of the floor — Novi kept the Chiefs on their heels all night.

In the first set, Novi sophomore setter Erin O'Leary (33 assists) set the tone with an eight-point service run — including a pair of aces.

Following that up with four service points was Emma Hammelef, then Ally Cummings (eight kills) added a five-point string to make it 23-8.

Closing out the opening set was senior Iacobelli, an all-around standout with 15 kills and 16 digs.

The second set was the closest of the three, but even that one opened with Novi taking a 13-3 lead following six service points by Pinkerton.

The Chiefs showed a bit of life, getting to within 21-13 when sophomore Kassie Tanana registered an ace.

But Novi got the remaining points it needed, clinching on a spike by Kathryn Ellison (seven kills).

The third set was more of the same, with the Wildcats riding hot streaks at the stripe to the one-sided win.

According to Iacobelli, it was a fun night because everything was in sync. And it didn't matter who was on the floor.

"The offense is coming from different places," Iacobelli said. "You never know what to expect. It keeps it exciting."

Pinkerton (19 digs), Iacobelli and Paulina Iacobelli (11

digs, seven kills) took care of the defensive end, but the orchestrator on offense was O'Leary.

"We've got a great setter dishing out the ball," Cottrill said. "That's what we think our strength is. If someone starts shooting one way, we've got something going the other way. We like to have a balanced attack."

**Work to do**

For the Chiefs, the telltale stat of the night was setter Alyssa Burke's nine assists in 40 attempts. That meant either passes were off the mark or not put away at the net.

Of course, Novi's blocking defense had a lot to do with that.

Defensive specialist Emily Meredith (10 digs) and outside hitter Gabrielle den Boer (three kills) had some nice moments for Canton, but there weren't nearly enough of them.

After emerging from a long post-game meeting, Clark said the seniors on the team talked about not going out on such a bad note.

"We need to learn how to play as a team better and we need to find a way to just find the desire to win," Clark said. "Especially for the seniors, we were talking about that. This is our last season and we don't want it to end with a big loss."

"We want to at least fight as hard as we can."

They'll get an opportunity Saturday at Milford High School, in the KLAAs tournament. Districts then open Nov. 3 at Northville.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Canton's Kassie Tanana (right) goes up at the net Tuesday against Novi.

**OBSERVER FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS**

All games 7 p.m. unless noted

Friday, Oct. 23	Ed Wright	Dan O'Meara	Tim Smith
Liv. Clarenceville (1-7) at B.H. Cranbrook Kingswood (7-1), 4 p.m.	Cranbrook	Cranbrook	Cranbrook
Pontiac (0-8) at Redford Union (2-6)	Union	Union	Union
Berkley (6-2) at Garden City (2-6)	Berkley	Garden City	Berkley
University of Detroit Jesuit (5-3) at Redford Thurston (5-3)	U-D	Thurston	Thurston
Livonia Franklin (5-3) at Royal Oak (4-4)	Franklin	Franklin	Franklin
Dearborn Edsel Ford (4-4) at Wayne Memorial (0-8)	Edsel Ford	Edsel Ford	Edsel Ford
Southfield-Lathrup (5-3) at Westland John Glenn (1-7)	Lathrup	Lathrup	Lathrup
Livonia Churchill (4-4) at Livonia Stevenson (6-2)	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson
Plymouth (6-2) at Waterford Mott (5-3)	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Salem (3-5) at Hartland (5-3)	Hartland	Hartland	Hartland
Farmington Harrison (7-1) at West Bloomfield (8-0)	W. Bloomfield	Harrison	W. Bloomfield
Farmington (5-3) at Lake Orion (3-5)	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
<b>North Farmington (4-4) at Oxford (3-5)</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>Oxford</b>	<b>Oxford</b>
<b>Saturday, Oct. 24</b>			
Canton (6-2) at Galesburg, (Ill.) (4-4), noon	Canton	Canton	Canton
Det. Westside Christian (0-8) at Lutheran Westland (2-6), 2 p.m.	Luth. West.	Luth. West.	Luth. West.
<b>Last week's record</b>	<b>10-3</b>	<b>8-5</b>	<b>8-5</b>
<b>Overall record</b>	<b>80-22</b>	<b>75-27</b>	<b>66-36</b>



D1 GIRLS GOLF FINALS

# Adversity doesn't stop Wildcats

Plymouth shows resiliency on Day 2 at Meadows; Salem duo draw kudos

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

The final team standings showed Plymouth down in the pack at the Division 1 girls golf state finals.

At the top after two 18-hole rounds at The Meadows at Grand Valley State University were Traverse City West and Rochester, each with 685 (West won the tie-breaker). In 12th out of 15 teams with a 745 score was Plymouth.

But as far as Wildcats head coach Dan Young was concerned, his team showed championship skill and mettle Day 2, after a rough-and-tumble opening session.

"After having arguably our worst day in four years on the first day, these girls bounced back like the champions that they are," Young wrote in an email to the *Observer*. "Team unity and compassion for one another (concerning) an honest, unfortunate mistake on Friday, led to the fifth-best team score of all the teams on Saturday."

Weather was miserable both days, with wind, mid-40s temps and even snow flurries.

Young was referring to the disqualification Friday of senior stalwart Katie Chipman, who was coming off an individual championship at the D1 regional at Fox Hills.



Plymouth's varsity girls golf team members, including (from left) Erin Johnson, Alaina Strzalka, Katie Chipman, Ariana Strzalka and Heather Muir, finished fifth among teams on Day 2 at the D1 finals.

During the opening round, according to a Young text message, Chipman "lost a ball, hit a second, then someone found her first and she thought she could still play the second because (it) was playable. It was an honest mistake."

With Chipman's opening round deleted, the Wildcats finished with 400 Friday, second from last. On Saturday, however, Chipman registered a splendid 79 as Plymouth tallied a 345 score.

"This group had nothing but pride to play for our last day together," Young wrote. "But they fought and competed like the champions they are. Very proud."

Senior twins Ariana Strzalka (97-88—185) and Alaina Strzalka (100-88—188) showed some moxie, particularly during Day 2. So did Erin Johnson (94-92—186) and Heather Muir (109-90—199).

**Salem golfers solid**

Salem had two golfers competing at The Meadows, individual qualifiers Darby Scott and Hope Warkoczeski.

Scott, a junior, finished 29th with a score of 87-87—174; senior Warkoczeski placed 32nd overall with a 88-87—175 scoreline.

"Both girls handled the elements very well and played pretty consistently throughout

the day," Salem head coach Ryan Nimmerguth said. "On Saturday, we even saw some snow flurries; that tended to lighten the mood a little bit."

"But both had some stretches where they played some pretty good golf. It was just a very difficult course and it's a course where it's hard to avoid a blowup hole or the big number."

"And we had a couple of those, but overall I was very pleased with their effort. To place 29th and 32nd in the state tournament is quite an achievement for those girls."

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Following through on a shot Saturday at the girls golf state finals is Salem junior Darby Scott.



Salem senior Hope Warkoczeski rolls a putt at The Meadows at Grand Valley State University.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Michael Jordan celebrates his decision to go to Ohio State with his parents, Jacquie and Michael Jordan Sr., Plymouth Principal Cheri Steckel (left) and Wildcats head football coach Mike Sawchuk (right).

## JORDAN

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very honored to play in it."

Deciding to enroll early at Ohio State was easy for Jordan. The chance to get an edge on his future classmates by taking a semester of college classes and to compete in spring football sold him on it.

"I plan to enroll in January to get acclimated to the college life. So when the season starts, I'll be into college and I want to get a head start in my studies," Jordan said.

On the field, Jordan is projected to be an offensive tackle for head coach Urban Meyer, the same position he plays for Plymouth (in addition to defensive tackle). At 6-foot-7 and 293 pounds, Jordan has all the makings of a prototypical Big Ten offensive tackle.

Early playing time is something that "appeals" to Jordan and Ohio State provides a good opportunity after it loses two starters who are both seniors.

"It (my mindset) is to go into practice mentally prepared and be focused," Jordan said.

**Plymouth pipeline**

Plymouth has produced Division I college football players like Brennen Beyer, Kyle Brindza, and Brent Zuzo during head coach Mike Sawchuk's tenure as head coach.

Jordan gave Sawchuk credit for being the reason he was

ever on college coaches' radar.

"It all started when Michigan State came down to school and asked coach Sawchuk if there was any players they should look at," Jordan said. "Coach Sawchuk vouched for me and said that Michael Jordan is a good athlete and you should take a look at him."

"So I went to Michigan State's football camp and they said I did very well, but (I) didn't get offered."

As for Jordan and Plymouth High School, he will defer his senior seasons on the Wildcats' wrestling and track and field teams. He is happy about his time at Plymouth and the foundation for his life he has formed.

Jordan credits Sawchuk for his development as a person, not just a football player.

"It's been a great four years playing for coach Sawchuk," Jordan said. "He has taught me a lot about the game of football, a lot of life lessons — to always persevere and get through adversity."

"They helped me develop personal skills like how to be a great young man."

**Long process**

The recruiting process is notorious for taking its toll on players and Jordan is just thankful he got his dream offer and that it is now officially over.

"College recruiting is done," Jordan said in relief.

Jordan endured one of the most unique recruiting proc-

esses of any highly touted player in recent history. He committed May 7 to Ohio State over eight other offers, including Michigan, Notre Dame and Michigan State.

After playing varsity as a sophomore during the 2013 season, Jordan stayed under the radar. He continued to stay under the radar until camping at the University of Michigan's week-long camp and left with his first scholarship offer.

"I went to Michigan's camp (June 2014) for four, five days and at the end of that camp, I got a scholarship (offer). After Michigan, the scholarships started to pile up," Jordan said.

Less than a month later, Jordan camped at Ohio State's "Friday Night Lights" camp and earned his second scholarship offer. The Ohio State offer was a dream offer.

"To be honest, (the Ohio State offer) felt like a dream come true. I've wanted to play for Ohio State since I was six years old," Jordan said.

With no offers as a sophomore and an under-the-radar player, Jordan has been humbled by his recruiting process and gave a little bit of advice to players of all ages that don't have offers.

"My advice is to keep working hard and show on the field. Also, don't let anyone say you can't do anything. Go to football camps. If you want to get recruited, go to that specific school's camp," Jordan said.

D1 BOYS SOCCER DISTRICT

## Canton flattens Rockets in opener

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

The first step in what Canton's varsity boys soccer team hopes will be a long postseason march was quick and sure, with the Chiefs routing Westland John Glenn, 8-2.

Canton opened the Division 1 district Monday night at John Glenn with a pair of early goals (by junior forward Luke Kurili and senior midfielder Jimmy Walkinshaw) and the Chiefs built a commanding 5-1 lead.

Scoring two goals and assisting on two others for the defending D1 champions was senior forward Hunter Olson, who now has 20 goals for the season.

"It's playoffs, we're going into it and we knew we had to win (Monday) if we want to go far," Olson said. "We plan on winning states again and so we were fired up to start playoffs."

According to Canton head coach Mark Zemanski, whose team (15-5-3) was scheduled to play Wednesday against Livonia Churchill in a district semifinal match-up, it was a good all-around team effort.

Key contributions came from expected and unexpected sources, he added.

**Stepping up**

"We had a lot of guys step up," Zemanski said. "We had two starters that couldn't go today (Sam DeLoy and Jason Ren) and two other guys stepped up."

"Luke Kurili got to play and so did Jordan Forney and both of them scored a goal. That was big time. It helps to have guys that can come off the bench and score goals for us."

About Olson, the coach said, "Hunter's always working hard. He's had a really good season, but he's not the only one. Jimmy Walkinshaw in the middle did a great job of winning the ball and distributing it."

Senior Walkinshaw had a goal and two helpers with junior Kurili (two goals); both sophomore Forney and senior Pri Yank Patel collecting one goal and an assist.

Another senior, Jordan Percy, scored a goal on a penalty kick with 4:29 to go in the first half to put the

Chiefs up 5-1.

For the young Rockets, who ended the season 4-12-1, freshman forward Cameron Simpson and freshman defender Blake Grove both scored a goal. Drawing two assists was senior midfielder Brendan Murphy.

"I'm really proud of the way the guys continued to battle through," John Glenn head coach Jeff Parrish said. "We gave them a little scare early on when we made it 2-1 (on the Simpson goal at 10:46)."

**Losing steam**

Parrish said he thought the Rockets might be able to rally after intermission, with the wind behind them.

Unfortunately, that plan lost steam quickly when Olson got on the end of a bouncing ball inside the 18-yard box, spun and rifled a shot into the top-right corner just 2:41 into the second half for his 20th of the season.

About five minutes later, it was a 7-1 game after the rebound of an Olson free kick was buried by Kurili.

John Glenn got one back with 28:38 to go. Murphy chipped a through ball into the box that Grove drilled into the Canton net past sophomore goalkeeper David McGrath.

Closing out the scoring was Forney, completing a nice play by Patel.

While the future looks bright for the Rockets, who lost promising players Mitch Richter and Alfredo Vivar to injury most of the season, the postseason beat goes on for the Chiefs, looking to match the magical run of last autumn.

"It's going to be a battle; nothing's going to be easy," Zemanski said. "The boys realize they got to keep working, because it's one and done."

Whichever team manages to get out of the district has an excellent shot at having a lengthy stay in the tournament.

Provided Canton gets past Churchill, it will either play Salem or Plymouth in Thursday's district final.

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## USA HOCKEY

# Development is top goal for Under-17 players



Snaring a Madison shot Saturday night at USA Hockey Arena is NTDP Under-17 goalie Adam Scheel. He made 42 stops.

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## Despite back-to-back losses against Madison, Granato sees plenty of on-ice progress

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

On Friday night, USA Hockey's National Team Development Under-17 team suffered an 8-1 setback against the Madison Capitols.

Those teams were back at it again Saturday and it was a much different story, despite the Capitols still emerging victorious — this time 3-2 in a shootout at USA Hockey Arena.

But for U17 head coach Don Granato, even a tough weekend against a United States Hockey League opponent is a worthwhile one. That's because, as depicted by the program's name, it's about "development" more than victories and losses for 16-year-old kids facing players four and five years older.

"We've got what we feel are the best players in the country that we select," Granato said. "It wouldn't be conducive for us from a development standpoint to put them in a league that they're going to win all the time."

"So we need to find a league, that challenge, where they're not going to win all the time."

The USHL is the perfect vehicle for that.

"And that's playing against players that are three, four years older than them," he said. "So now they have to learn the game, learn details of the

game and how to use their teammates more."

Saturday's contest featured outstanding goaltending at both ends. Team USA goaltender Adam Scheel made 42 saves — including a couple of sensational glove stops during the seven-minute overtime (which at the four-minute mark goes to a three-on-three format).

"(Scheel) is so calm in there," Granato said. "He just sees things and feels things. He makes it look easy."

Caps goalie Ryan Edquist turned aside 33 shots, but got lucky during the shootout. He got a piece of a Josh Norris' shot, but not all of it. The puck then bounced off the right post.

Scoring the Team USA goals were Graham Slaggert (from Grant Mismash and Phil Kemp) and Evan Barratt (from Max Gildon and Randy Hernandez). The goals came 5:37 apart late in the second period to briefly put the home team up 2-1.

Madison scored the equalizer at 2:24 of the third when Guillaume LeClerc put one past Scheel.

Meanwhile, Granato said the three-on-three portion of overtime was another situation where his young players could learn.

"What I try to do is use the whole bench, just to get some film on guys," he said, "so you can start working on

tactics with respect to that, because we haven't had that yet.

"But this is an older players league, typically, and we've got a U17 team, which means all the kids are 16. It's a challenge every day. I thought the OT was no different. They'll learn fast, which is why I wanted to use the whole bench and I was able to do that."

With the shootout loss, Team USA's combined record in the USHL (including both the U18s and U17s) is 3-2-0-1. The older squad also plays against college and international teams.

The U17s will return to USA Hockey Arena for games Friday and Saturday against the Lincoln Stars. Both games will start at 7 p.m.

### Under-18 recap

The NTDP U18s had a successful weekend against collegiate opponents.

On Friday, the U18 squad defeated Boston University, 7-4. Scoring two goals each were Kieffer Bellows and Trent Frederic, with goalie Jake Oettinger making 41 stops.

Bellows and Clayton Keller scored two goals Saturday night to lead the U18s to a 5-4 victory over Dartmouth College.

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USA HOCKEY  
Jake Visser, equipment manager for USA Hockey's NTDP Under-17 team, is spearheading a Facebook auction of hockey memorabilia. The money will help families travel to be with their son or daughter for Marine graduation ceremonies.

## NO MARINE STANDS ALONE

# Auction will unite Marines, their families

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

Hockey, families and fans are a wonderful kind of hat trick.

Jake Visser, equipment manager for USA Hockey's National Team Development Program Under-17 squad, is banking on a convergence of all three to help future U.S. Marines.

Visser organized a Facebook auction of hockey memorabilia to raise money for "No Marine Stands Alone" which continues until 10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25.

"My brother (Nate) joined the Marine Corps back in August," said Visser, in his sixth year with the NTDP, now based out of USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. "He has a graduation date of Nov. 20 in San Diego and, in talking to him, through letters and researching a little bit, we came across No Marine Stands Alone, which helps families financially to attend graduation for their son or daughter."

"We decided that, with our connections in the hockey world, we could get a lot of memorabilia and raise a lot of money to help families."

Visser will travel to California with his parents, wife and two sisters and hopes many other families will be able to have a similar experience thanks to money raised by the auction.

### How to help

By going to the Facebook auction page (type <https://www.facebook.com/groups/987583947971831/> in the web browser), participants can click on the photo of an item they want to bid on (such as signed game sticks from former USA Hockey players and current Detroit Red Wings Dylan Larkin and Jimmy Howard).

There also are game sticks signed by Detroit's Justin Abdelkader, Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby and an official Chicago Blackhawks game puck signed by Jonathan Toews.

"It started off as kind of volunteering to do a sports theme gift basket and I called my buddy at Penn State and he donated a jersey," Visser said. "And I called my buddy with the Pittsburgh Penguins and he donated Crosby, Malkin and Kunitz sticks, so it kind of took off from there."

"Next thing we knew, we had 85 items. So we decided to put them up on a Facebook auction and see how much money we can raise."

The hope is to generate \$10,000 from the auction.

"There's a couple different ways people can help," Visser said. "The first one is they can go to the Facebook page and click the 'share' button at top, so all their friends on their time line see it."

"The second would be just to bid on items. And the third one, you can actually just donate directly to the website. There's a donate button on the USMC grad website ([www.usmcgrad.org](http://www.usmcgrad.org))."

### Holiday shopping

Visser said he is excited about the endeavor because "in talking to families that have been there in the past, it's heartbreaking to see new Marines huddled together with nobody there."

"These young men and women go through 13 weeks of intense training and little sleep, little food and very minimal contact with their loved ones," Visser added. "And so for somebody not to have a loved one there to welcome them into becoming a Marine is kind of heartbreaking."

"So that's what we're trying to get rid of, so every new Marine has someone there."

Visser added that "every dollar helps, even if it's only 10 dollars, that helps one family member get out there to see their son or daughter."

"There's a lot of great items on the Facebook auction page, a lot of items you won't find anywhere else, a lot of rare stuff and Christmas season is coming up."

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## GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

# Canton seniors make winning splash

Senior night includes victory for Chiefs; Salem topples Novi

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

Once again, Canton's varsity girls swim and dive team is entering its victory lap as the quest for another KLAA South Division title is reaching a culmination.

During the senior night meet Oct. 15 against Wayne Memorial, the Chiefs kept the positive flow going with a 94-83 victory over the Zebras.

Head coach Ed Weber said 16 seniors were honored during their final home meet of their prep careers.

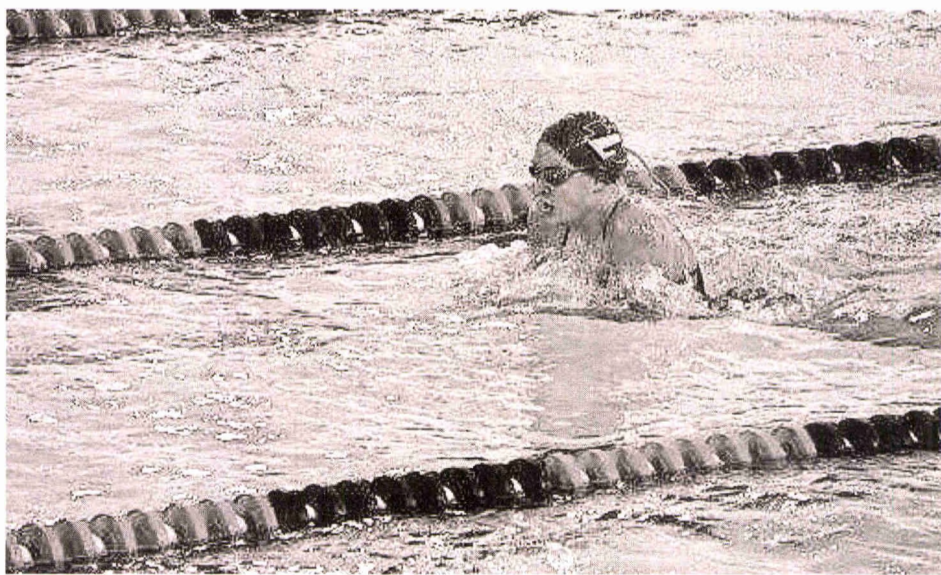
That list included Madelaine Brownley, Arianna Bruglia, Stephanie Cox, Sydney Darnall, Danielle Drechnowicz, Kelly Hansen, Alyssa Jacobsen, Rachel McGue, Emily Osika, Adrienne Paton, Federica Russo, Ally Schwinke, Danya Raza, Ruoxuan Shi, Andrea Simons and Brenna Wayne.

"The evening concluded with (a celebratory) event of pictures, senior bios and the traditional splash off the diving board," Weber said. "Our seniors will be truly missed next season, but their leadership and team commitments will be noticed for years to come as our underclassmen continue their swimming careers."

The seniors made the most of their night, with an all-senior exhibition heat in the 100 butterfly with Osika, Darnall, McGue, Jacobsen, Brownley and Hansen.

In the 200 free relay, doing the honors was the quartet of McGue, Darnall, Brownlee and Paton.

Some underclassmen had their moments. In the 100 backstroke, junior Meghan Mans swam a time of 1:00.33,



Canton senior Emily Osika competes during a recent race. She was one of 16 seniors honored Oct. 15 after the Chiefs defeated Wayne Memorial.

CANTON SWIMMING

which bettered Allison Schmitt's pool record of 1:00.61.

» On Oct. 13, the Chiefs dropped a 118-67 decision to KLAA Central front-runner Northville.

Kristen Wiseman (200 free) swam well, as did Osika and Russo in the 200 IM. Weber said Ellie Caruso dropped the most time, shaving off eight seconds in the event.

Other solid performances included Stephanie Cox (diving), Jessica Clark (PR in 100 fly), Caitlyn Marsac, Mans (500 free with a state cut time) and Camille Carpenter.

Canton's 'A' relay pulled off an impressive win in the 400 freestyle relay with Clark, Mans, Russo and Osika.

### Rocks down Novi

Also Oct. 15, Salem defeated visiting Novi 100-86 in a KLAA Central Division match-up.

The Rocks took the top spot in the opening and closing relays. In the 200 medley relay, the tandem of Katie Xu, Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang and Jenna Chen won with a state-meet cut of 1:52.93.

The 400 free relay also went to the Rocks, with Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang, Patricia Freitag and Xu earning the victory with a time of 3:43.42 (another state cut).

In individual races, Salem victories were scored by Lisa Zhang (200 IM, 2:13.31, state cut; 500 free, 5:28.43), Linda Zhang (50 free, 25.50; 100 free, 54.50), Camille Burt (1-meter diving, 224.35 points), Xu (100 butterfly, 1:01.89; 100 breaststroke, 1:12.01) and Freitag (100 backstroke, 1:01.90).

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RELIGION CALENDAR

OCTOBER

CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25  
**Location:** Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township  
**Details:** Detroit Lutheran Singers perform Bach, Beethoven, Brahms and more. \$15 general admission; \$10 for seniors and students, 12 and older, children under 12 are admitted free  
**Contact:** detroitlutheransingers.com

FAMILY DINNER DANCE

**Time/Date:** 5:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24  
**Location:** Ss. Simon and Jude Parish, 32500 Palmer, Westland  
**Details:** Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, 4-12, and free for ages 3 and under and include dinner, live entertainment. The event also includes a raffle of cash prizes from \$100-\$3,000, a gift basket raffle and 50/50 raffle  
**Contact:** www.stsimonandjude.com; stsimonandjude@gmail.com

HALLOWEEN CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25  
**Location:** St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** Pipes Spooktacular! concert will feature spooky and silly music for organ and other instruments. Performances by Julie Ford, director of music, the church's youth choir, a handbell duo, and guest narrator Christine Kapusky Moore. Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot follows the 45-minute concert. Concertgoers may wear costumes. A \$5 donation for individuals and \$15 for families is suggested  
**Contact:** 734-453-0190; stjohnplymouth.org

HEALTH, NUTRITION SEMINAR

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Oct. 25-28  
**Location:** Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church Fellowship Hall, 4295 Napier, Plymouth  
**Details:** Mary Bernt, owner of Veggies, a vegan restaurant and health food store, and author of *The Best of Veggies*, will present information on nutrition and lifestyle, and natural remedies. Cost is \$40 per person/\$60 per married couple. It includes four gourmet vegan meals, lecture notes, information packet and a copy of *The Best of Veggies* cookbook  
**Contact:** iloveveggies.info; 989-965-4861

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**Time/Date:** 2-5 p.m. Oct. 24  
**Location:** Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** "Sex Trafficking and Domestic Violence: Is There a Link?" will include informational speakers, survivor speakers, Detroit Handbell performance, food and vendors. Raffle tickets \$1; free will offering for admission  
**Contact:** Lynda Ashbay at 734-765-8344; info@heavenlyhopeinternational.org

FILM

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22  
**Location:** Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** The documentary, *A Chorus in Miracles* by James Twyman, was created as a homage to the book *A Course in Miracles*. Admission is \$10  
**Contact:** 734-421-1760; office@unityoflivonia.org

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

**Time/Date:** 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25  
**Location:** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Event includes trunk or treat in the church parking lot; pumpkin decorating; hot dogs, cider, doughnuts for purchase; games and bounce house; prizes  
**Contact:** 734-464-0211 or holytrinitylivonia.org

RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 24  
**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, one block east of Farmington Road, north side of 12 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Sale includes clothing,

household goods, furniture, small appliances, linens, bedding, jewelry, toys, books, boutique, baked goods and \$3 and \$6 bag sale on Saturday.  
**Contact:** 248-553-3380

RUMMAGE SALE

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 24  
**Location:** Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn  
**Details:** Clothes, coats, shoes, purses, linens, and more. Cash sales only. \$2 bag sale Saturday  
**Contact:** 313-581-2525

TRUNK 'N TREAT

**Time/Date:** 5-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24  
**Location:** Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** Car trunks will be filled with goodies for trick or treating. Children may paint a pumpkin to take home for \$1 and decorate a cookie for 25 cents. Costumes are welcome. Donations will be accepted for baked goods, coffee, cider and hot chocolate  
**Contact:** Mary at 248-471-1322

TRUNK OR TREAT

**Time/Date:** 6-7:30 p.m. Oct. 30  
**Location:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia  
**Details:** Children, accompanied by an adult, will trick or treat in the church parking lot. Congregation members will give out treats from their parked cars. Children and adults may dress in costume. Bring your own bag to collect treats  
**Contact:** 734-522-6830

NOVEMBER

BULLYING WORKSHOP

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7  
**Location:** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Jun Sung Hong, Ph.D., assistant professor in the School of Social Work at Wayne State University, will cover risk factors and outcomes associated with school bullying and victimization among children and adolescents, as well as prevention and intervention programs. Angela Chunovich, creator of "No Hurt Words" anti-bullying program, will conduct learning activities for the youth that focus on why we judge others and ways kindness can be used to promote respect and inclusion. Registration deadline is Oct. 28. CEUs for social workers are available. Call Laurie Emery at 313-577-9348.  
**Contact:** Kathy Weinberg at 734-464-0211 for more information.

DVD COURSE

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Wednesday, starting Nov. 4  
**Location:** Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** "Why Evil Exists," is a 36-part series featuring Charles Mathewes of the University of Virginia. Two 30-minute lectures will be screened each week, followed by a brief discussion. No reservations needed  
**Contact:** Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyelen879@att.net

PARADE OF PARTIES

**Time/Date:** Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7  
**Location:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Concordia Lutheran School presents a shopping event featuring such vendors as Tupperware, PartyLite, Mary Kay and more  
**Contact:** 313-937-2233; concordials.org

SINGLES DANCE

**Time/Date:** 6:30-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14  
**Location:** Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, Livonia  
**Details:** Livonia Christian Singles Community's annual square dance is \$12 per person. No partner needed, but RSVP requested. Includes refreshments.  
**Contact:** catholicisingles@livoniastmichael.org

VETERAN'S DAY MASS

**Time/Date:** 9:45 a.m. color guard and flag raising ceremony; 10 a.m. Mass, Sunday, Nov. 8

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** An informal reception will follow  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, ext. 200; livoniastmichael.org

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

**Our Lady of Loretto**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** 313-534-9000

**Faith Community Wesleyan**  
**Time/Date:** 4-5 p.m. every Saturday  
**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one  
**Contact:** pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month  
**Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton  
**Details:** No documentation needed  
**Contact:** info@cantoncf.org

EXERCISE

**Time/Date:** 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday  
**Location:** Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com  
**Contact:** 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday  
**Location:** Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Free meal  
**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

**Time/Date:** Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month  
**Location:** The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.  
**Contact:** Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners  
**Contact:** Ethanief Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.  
**Contact:** Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.  
**Contact:** 313-563-0162

PRAYER

**St. Edith Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** Parish office, 15089

Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows  
**Contact:** Parish office at 734-464-1223  
**Contact:** 734-464-1223  
**St. Michael Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday  
**Location:** 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.  
**Contact:** 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING

**RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month  
**Location:** 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth  
**Details:** Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.  
**Contact:** Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304  
**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.  
**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dw.org

First Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.  
**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville  
**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5  
**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.  
**Contact:** 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

**Congregation Beth Ahm**  
**Time/Date:** Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat  
**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.  
**Contact:** 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

**Apostolic Christian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily  
**Location:** 29667 Wentworth, Livonia  
**Details:** Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.  
**Contact:** 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday  
**Location:** 3855 Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free  
**Contact:** Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202  
**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems  
**Contact:** 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August  
**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Western Oakland

Parkinson Support Group  
**Contact:** 248-433-1011  
**Merriman Road Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations  
**Contact:** www.metrofibrogrouppark.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday  
**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center  
**Contact:** 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

**Time/Date:** 10-11 a.m. Saturday  
**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available  
**Contact:** 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

**Time/Date:** Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton  
**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly  
**Contact:** Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia  
**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous  
**Contact:** 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday  
**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township  
**Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.  
**Contact:** Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

**St. James Presbyterian**  
**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford  
**Contact:** 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

**Time/Date:** 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May  
**Location:** 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth  
**Details:** Women's fellowship  
**Contact:** 734-637-7618

TOUR

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month  
**Location:** The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit  
**Details:** Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.  
**Contact:** 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

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HELLAND, AL  
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VALLE, JAMES LEONARD  
 Age 64, of Fenton, died Friday, October 16, 2015.

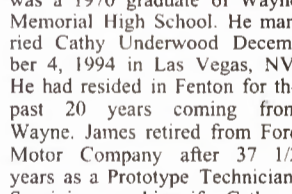
A Memorial Gathering will be held Sunday, October 25, 2015 from 12-5 PM at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society. James was born June 7, 1951 in Ypsilanti the son of Leonard and Venus (Higginsen) Valle. He was a 1970 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. He married Cathy Underwood December 4, 1994 in Las Vegas, NV. He had resided in Fenton for the past 20 years coming from Wayne. James retired from Ford Motor Company after 37 1/2 years as a Prototype Technician. Surviving are: his wife, Cathy; 4 daughters, Christine and husband Norm Boston of Ypsilanti, Angela and husband Eric Cranford of Northville. Linda and husband Craig Power of Castle Rock, CO, and Tina and husband Brian Smith of Westland; 9 grandchildren, Nathan, Elyssa, Gabrielle, Gillian, Issac, C.J., Adam, Emily, and Joey, great grandson, Manson; mother, Venus Valle of Wayne; brother, Lee Valle of Chicago; sisters, Judy Valle of Ypsilanti and Cheryl Valle; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Leonard Valle. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



LUCAS, SANDRA  
 October 20, 2015 age 65 of Superior Township.

Beloved wife of Robert. Grand Mama of Connor. Loving mother of Robert (Laurie) Lucas Jr., Kimberly (Ronald) Lucas-Calhoun, the late Nancy Lucas and Tammy (Barry) Abner. Proud grandmother of Robert, Angela, Kayla, Dillon, Devvin, Brooklyn, Brenden, Sheana, Shayna, Bristolle and Barry Jr. Funeral Friday 11:00 a.m. at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (btwn. Sheldon and Beck). Visitation Thursday 1-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to American Lung Assoc. or Brain Cancer. To share memories, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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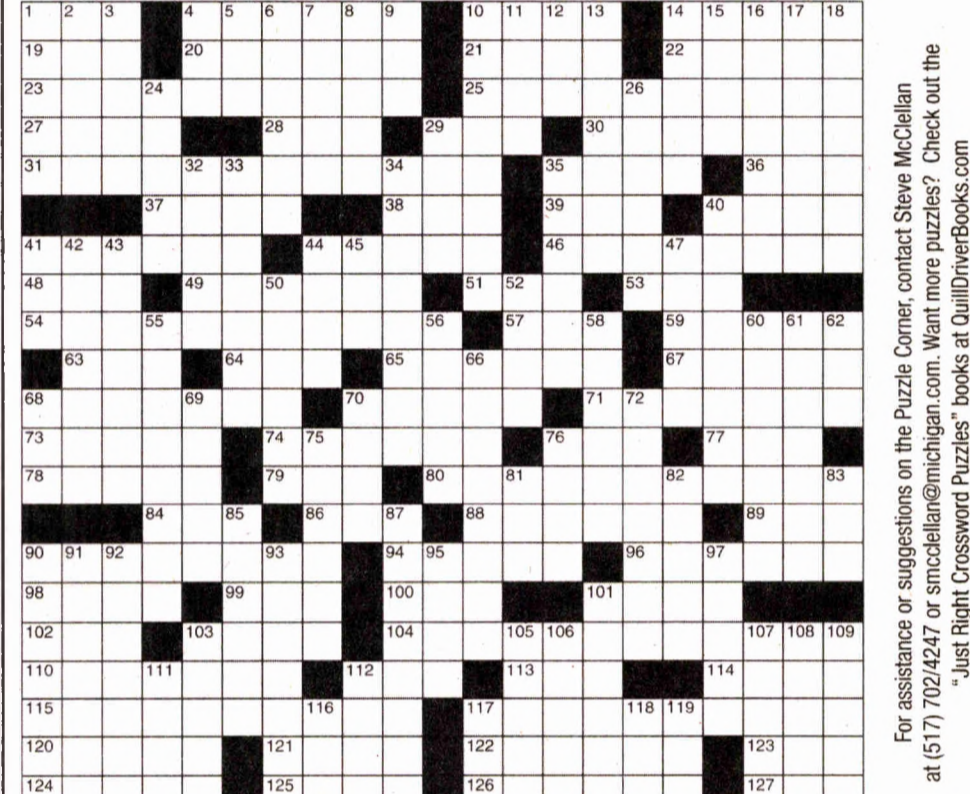
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Charlotte of "Diff'rent Strokes"
  - 4 Champion
  - 10 Insect feeler
  - 14 Slight smell
  - 19 North Dakota's tree
  - 20 Farewells
  - 21 Regal Norse name
  - 22 Sharpening device
  - 23 Talk show host with three Emmys
  - 25 Best Actor nominee for "Hotel Rwanda"
  - 27 Giant in retail furniture
  - 28 "— be my pleasure"
  - 29 Cold cubes
  - 30 Childishly trivial
  - 31 "Quantum Healing" author
  - 35 Cause a floating log to spin by walking on it
  - 36 Direct (at)
  - 37 Sorority letters
  - 38 Apt. units
  - 39 30-day mo.
  - 40 Writer Rice
  - 41 Very familiar (with): Fr.
  - 44 Irked greatly
  - 46 He played Clark Kent on "Lois & Clark"
  - 48 Ending of some pasta names
  - 49 Gestures from 4-Acrosses
  - 51 Start to fail
  - 53 Juice brand
  - 54 "Designing Women" co-star
  - 57 Kickoff prop
  - 59 Catholic leaders
  - 63 Univ. helpers
  - 64 MD's gp.
  - 65 Jim who played Gomer Pyle
  - 67 Psychic glows
  - 68 Rats on
  - 70 Jet airliner model that's an apt alternate title for this puzzle
  - 71 Talks glibly
  - 73 Zones
  - 74 Fit for — (regal)
  - 76 Small, like Abner
  - 77 Building wing
  - 78 They bray
  - 79 Slimy stuff
  - 80 Sixth actor to play James Bond
  - 84 Pop music's — Lobos
  - 86 Ending for Brit
  - 88 What you might call a cool cat
  - 89 4 p.m. social
  - 90 She played Frenchy in "Grease"
  - 94 —ski party
  - 96 Landscaping tools
  - 98 Kiwi cousins
  - 99 "— cool!"
  - 100 "Kill bill" vote
  - 101 Brit's prison
  - 102 Red Cross skill, for short
  - 103 Big birds of myth
  - 104 "How to Win Friends and Influence People" author
  - 110 Selma locale
  - 112 32nd prez
  - 113 Cur's threat
  - 114 Nada
  - 115 "Wayne's World" co-star
  - 117 She played Alice in "Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice"
  - 120 — nous
  - 121 Snack
  - 122 Breathing problems
  - 123 USN officer
  - 124 Navigate
  - 125 Zoomed
  - 126 E. Sicilian volcano
  - 127 King, to Juan
  - 17 Filmmaker Federico
  - 18 Ex-slaves
  - 24 Sorority letter
  - 26 Cry from a 4-Across
  - 29 Old TV's "My Friend —"
  - 32 "— always said ..."
  - 33 Tastelessly artistic
  - 34 Being there
  - 35 Harass
  - 40 Equip
  - 41 Give relief
  - 42 Ally makers
  - 43 Obsesses
  - 44 Farming-related prefix
  - 45 Leveling stuff
  - 47 Attack like a playful pup
  - 50 Sean Penn drama
  - 52 Slews
  - 55 Galilee residents
  - 56 Assessed
  - 58 Eyed
  - 60 High-ranking cleric
  - 61 Previously
  - 62 Mil. draft gp.
  - 66 Sudafed alternative
  - 68 Goat's call
  - 69 Pt. of NBA
  - 70 Threads
  - 72 Not closing seasonally
  - 75 Five womb-mates
  - 76 Pan covers
  - 81 Scot's denial
  - 82 Nucleotide triplet
  - 83 With 118- Down, fuel container
  - 85 Wine region in California
  - 87 Like batik fabric
  - 90 Century parts
  - 91 Embed firmly
  - 92 Comic Jimmy
  - 93 Extreme diet rule, perhaps
  - 95 Jack of early TV
  - 97 Beck of radio
  - 101 January gem
  - 103 Relay athlete
  - 105 Wine locale
  - 106 Heavy lifter
  - 107 Lost cause
  - 108 Hole — (ace)
  - 109 Itsy-bitsy
  - 111 Undecorated
  - 112 Gala
  - 116 Big shot
  - 117 Beaver work
  - 118 See
  - 83-Down
  - 119 Simile part



For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702/4247 or [smcclellan@michigan.com](mailto:smcclellan@michigan.com). Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at [QuillDriverBooks.com](http://QuillDriverBooks.com)

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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2	7					1				
9	3				7			1		
6			1							
4										2
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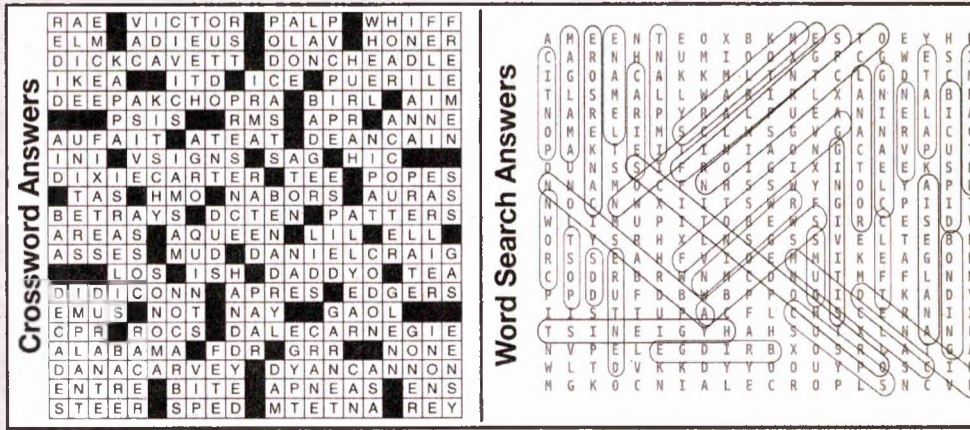
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CLEFT	ORTHODONTICS
CROWN	PALATE
CUSPIDS	PONITIC
IDOS	PORCELAIN
DENTIN	POST
DENTURE	RESIN
ENAMEL	ROOT CANAL

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

**Crossword Answers**

**Word Search Answers**





# Yessian reflects on Armenian massacre

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Dan Yessian hopes his first classical music trilogy teaches an Armenian history lesson that leaves listeners wanting to learn more.

"Maybe, just maybe having listened to the work, they will be spurred on to dig a little deeper from a cultural perspective and historical perspective to see what it's all about," said Yessian, founder of Yessian Music, Inc., in Farmington Hills.

Yessian's *An Armenian Trilogy* focuses on the Armenian massacre by the Turkish Ottoman Empire in 1915. He wrote the 13 ½-minute piece for violin and piano, but plans to score it for orchestra next year. Its three movements reflect on freedom, fear and faith.

It will debut at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Macomb Center of the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Township. Violinist Sonia Lee and pianist Shawn McDonald will perform the work during Hope Dies Last, a multidisciplinary program commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. The Detroit Chamber Wind and Strings also will play a new composition for chamber ensemble by Alexandra du Bois, which will be accompanied by photographer Michelle Andonian's works. Tickets are \$15. Visit [macombcenter.com](http://macombcenter.com).

Yessian said he was at a concert in church when his parish priest, the Rev. Garabed Kochakian of St. John Armenian Church in Southfield, asked him to write the commemorative music.

"I said yes. It would be a tremendous challenge. It's not in my wheelhouse of music that I'd customarily write. I started in January or February writing. I was writing that music in between writing apple pie, hot dogs and

Chevrolet," he said, referring to his commercial compositions. "I've written thousands of ads in 40-plus years of doing music. Although I've written serious music, this is more involved and complex. It was a labor of love."

## Family connection

While growing up, Yessian occasionally heard his grandparents talk about the massacre. He remembers hearing that his grandfather saw his spouse die. There were other stories of enforced marches, with women, children, and the elderly left to die in the desert. Children were stabbed, women were raped and bodies were thrown into the river.

"I told my wife of 43 years

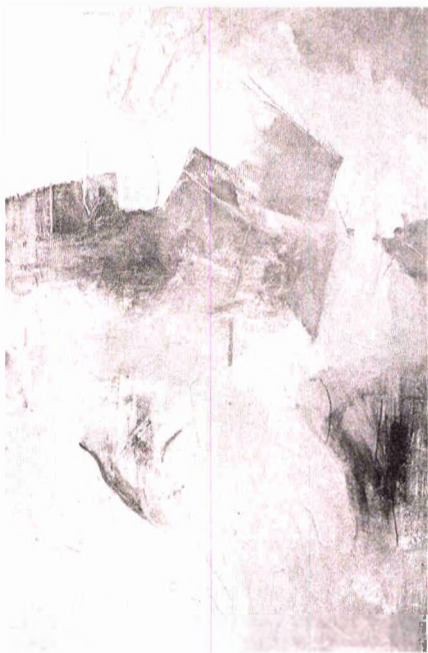
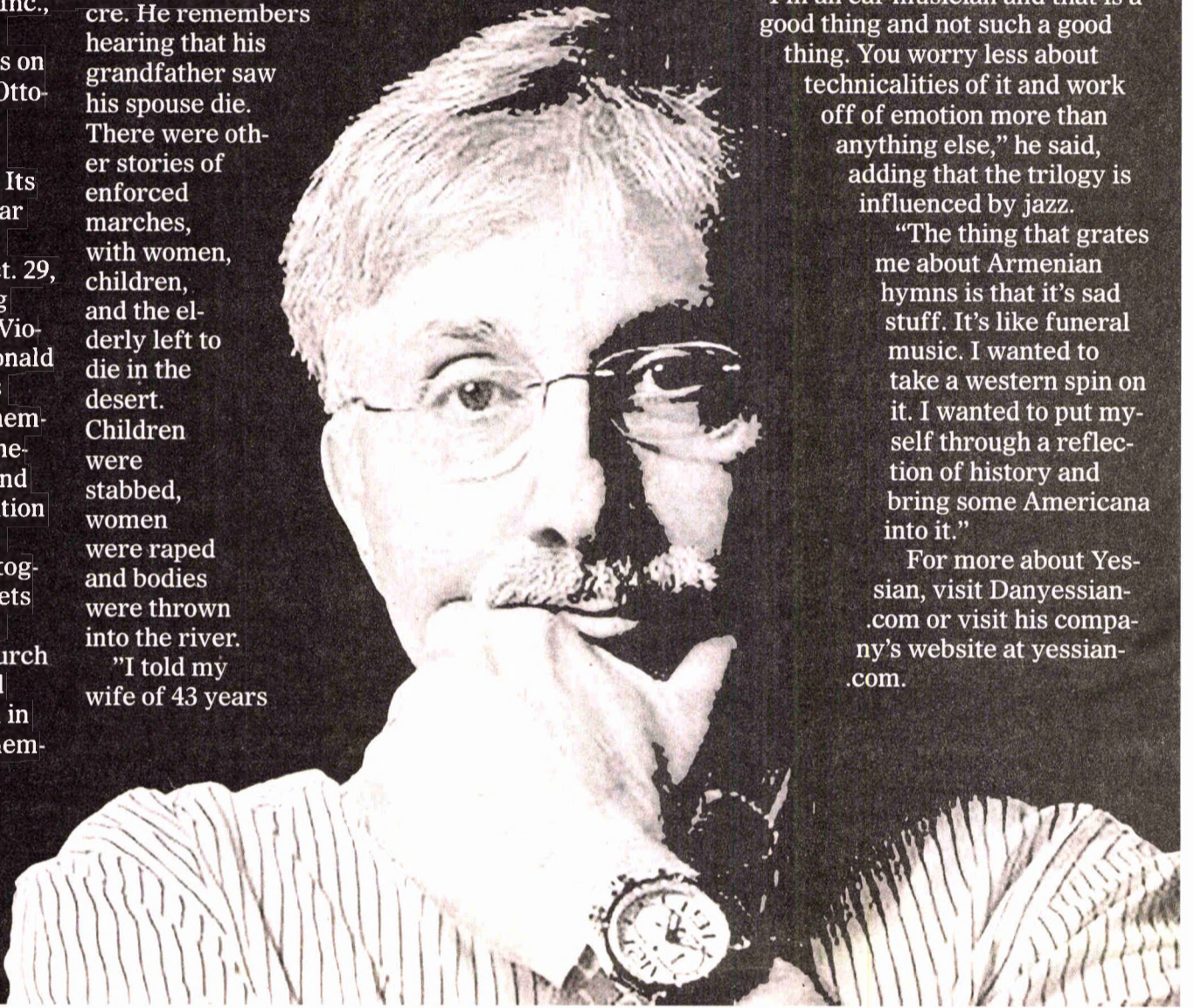
I didn't feel like I was writing it myself. I felt like it was writing itself. Maybe God was in control," said Yessian, who composed the piece mostly by ear at his Milford home on a piano formerly owned by Burt Bacharach.

Yessian studied classical and jazz clarinet and saxophone, but didn't formally study piano. After he wrote and recorded the trilogy, one of his staff composers transcribed the work.

"I'm an ear musician and that is a good thing and not such a good thing. You worry less about technicalities of it and work off of emotion more than anything else," he said, adding that the trilogy is influenced by jazz.

"The thing that grates me about Armenian hymns is that it's sad stuff. It's like funeral music. I wanted to take a western spin on it. I wanted to put myself through a reflection of history and bring some Americana into it."

For more about Yessian, visit [Danyessian.com](http://Danyessian.com) or visit his company's website at [yessian.com](http://yessian.com).



Abstract work by Betty Lewis of Brighton.

## Livonia art organization awards exhibiting artists

Artists from Canton, Northville and Brighton won top prizes in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia's fall art exhibition.

Betty Lewis, VAAL's vice president and a Brighton resident, won first prize for an abstract painting. Al Weber of Canton took second place for a watercolor, and third place went to Barbara Eko Murphy of Northville for an acrylic painting.

Honorable Mention awards went to Sandra Spiteri of Livonia for "Road Forgotten," Sue Mallick of Plymouth for "Thin Red Line," and Dean L. Racke of Livonia for "Faithful Service."

Jan Brown, an artist and a teacher at Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, judged the exhibit. She taught in the Wayne-Westland school district for 35 years and works primarily in printmaking, abstract and figure drawing.

Formed as a nonprofit organization in 1983, VAAL provides a variety of art programs and services for livonia and surrounding communities. It is located at 37653 Five Mile, in Livonia. For more information, call 734-838-1204 or visit [vaalart.org](http://vaalart.org).

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**Contact:** 248-344-0497 or [www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org](http://www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org)

#### THREE CITIES ART CLUB

**Time/Date:** Friday-Sunday, Oct. 24-26; starts 10:30 a.m. Friday and runs through 5 p.m. Sunday. Mall hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland

**Details:** Thirty-three artists show more than 90 pieces of art, including paintings, drawings, photography, pottery, framed and matted prints, note cards and refrigerator magnets. Meet the guest judges at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Live entertainment runs noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday

**Contact:** Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939; [threecitiesartclub.org](http://threecitiesartclub.org)

#### VILLAGE THEATER

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances, through Oct. 28

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** 23rd annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition 2015 includes more than 40 works of art. Free

**Contact:** [cantonvillagetheater.org](http://cantonvillagetheater.org); 734-394-5308

### FILM

#### AMC LIVONIA 20

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28

**Location:** 19500 Haggerty, Livonia

**Details:** Advance screening of *Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse*, will include a commemorative T-shirt

**Contact:** [ScoutsAndZombiesMovie.com/ultimate-fanexperience](http://ScoutsAndZombiesMovie.com/ultimate-fanexperience)

#### BERMAN CENTER

**Time/Date:** 3 p.m. Nov. 1

**Location:** At the Jewish Community Center of Metro Detroit, located at Drake and Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** *Pirates of Penzance*, filmed at the English National Opera; tickets \$12



Lauren Perugi, left, The Motown Tribute Band, and Callen Snyder perform at Op, Pop, Bop, a free concert Friday at Madonna University.



Ron Kischuk Quartet performs Oct. 27 at Jazz@The Elks in Plymouth.

**Contact:** [theberman.org](http://theberman.org); 248-661-1900

#### MJR DIGITAL CINEMAS

**Time/Date:** Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 24-25

**Location:** All MJR locations including Westland Grand Digital Cinema, 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Free for kids, 12 and under. Parents pay \$1. Tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis at the theater. Movie is *Minions*

**Contact:** 734-298-2657

#### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, and 4:15 and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 24-25

**Location:** 760 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** *Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation*, \$3  
*Shock-tober Classics: Young Frankenstein*, Oct. 22; *Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein*, Oct. 29. Movies screen at 7 p.m.. Admission is \$3

**Contact:** 734-453-0870; [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com)

#### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Oct. 23

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Avenue in Detroit

**Details:** *Young Frankenstein*; tickets \$5

**Coming up:** *Son of Godzilla*, 2 p.m. Oct. 24 and *Godzilla vs. Monster Zero*, 8 p.m. Oct. 24. Tickets for each movie, \$7. Ron Sweed, "The Ghoul," emcees each movie

**Contact:** 313-898-1481; [redfordtheatre.com](http://redfordtheatre.com)

### HALLOWEEN FUN

#### COSTUME PARTY

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 31

**Location:** Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** First Annual Ol' Skool Halloween Costume Party will include a plated dinner, beer, wine, and music by Eclipse. Tickets \$30

**Contact:** 734-953-9724

#### GLUTEN-FREE PARTY

**Time/Date:** 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

**Details:** Tri-County Celiac Support Group presents trunk or treating with distribution of gluten-free candy from 7-8 p.m. Gluten-free doughnuts and cider will be served in the church hall along. A dance party will be held from 8:15-9 p.m. and children's games will run until 9 p.m. Nonmembers pay \$10 per family; members enter free. RSVP via email

**Contact:** [marci.faro@gmail.com](mailto:marci.faro@gmail.com) or [borgnes@aol.com](mailto:borgnes@aol.com)

#### HALLOWEEN CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24

**Location:** Steppingstone School, 30250 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills

**Details:** Michigan Philharmonic's haunted concert with scary classics and movie music favorites. General admission is \$30. Seniors, 62 and over, pay \$25, students with ID pay \$10

**Contact:** [michiganphil.org](http://michiganphil.org)

#### MEDIUM MESSAGES

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 30-31, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1

**Location:** Two Muses Theatre at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, south of Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Elizabeth Bethorn and Charles Klepadlo, mediums, will give messages to attendees from their deceased loved ones. Tickets purchased at least four hours before the event are \$20. Tickets at the door are \$23.

**Contact:** [twomusetheatre.org](http://twomusetheatre.org)



## Turn mangoes into a comfort food

**W**ith cold and flu season knocking on the door, it's time to start preparing your immune system to battle not only that pesky cold, but other chronic diseases as well.

Research has found that a diet rich in fruit and vegetables may provide protection against cardiovascular disease, several cancers and other chronic diseases. Several of the micronutrients associated with diets high in fruit and vegetables, such as vitamin C, have also been shown to support immune function.

Mangoes, which are bursting with antioxidants and more than 20 different vitamins and minerals, including vitamin C and vitamin B6, can help support immune function as part of a healthy diet.

A diet poor in nutrients can reduce immunity and your body's ability to fight off illness; mixing up some of those go-to comfort foods when you're not feeling well and replacing them with healthier options can be both comforting and nutritious.

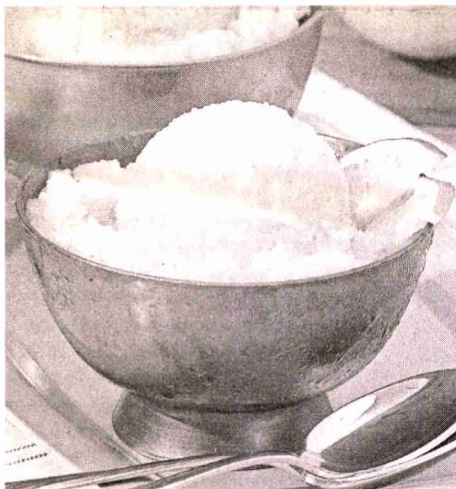
Try switching out that bowl of chicken noodle soup for a bowl of Gingered Mango Soup, or soothe that sore throat with a Tropical Mango Sorbet instead of that big scoop of ice cream.

Find more healthful comfort food recipes and other ways to help boost your immunity at [Mango.org](http://Mango.org).



Mangoes have more than 20 different minerals and vitamins, including vitamins C and B6

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### TROPICAL MANGO SORBET

Servings: 8  
Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 1 hour

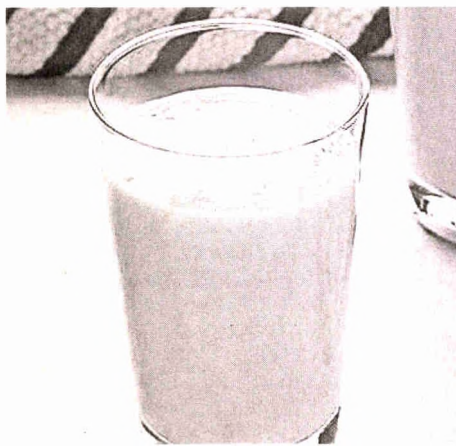
**3 ripe mangoes, peeled, pitted and cubed (makes 2 cups of puree)**  
**2 tablespoons sugar**  
**2 tablespoons lime juice (juice from 1 medium lime)**  
**¼ teaspoon coconut extract**  
**1 cup chilled pineapple juice**  
**lime peel or small lime wedge**

In blender or food processor, puree mangoes, sugar, lime juice and extract until smooth.

Transfer to ice cream maker bowl and stir in pineapple juice; freeze according to manufacturer's instructions.

Cover and place in freezer for at least 1 hour or up to 1 week.

Garnish with twists of lime peel or small lime wedges.



### MANGO AND BANANA SMOOTHIE

Servings: 2  
Prep time: 5 minutes

**3 mangoes (about 3 pounds), peeled, pitted and chopped**  
**¼ cup low-fat milk**  
**1 cup ice**  
**½ banana**  
**1 teaspoon honey**

Combine all ingredients in blender. Pulse until desired consistency. For a thicker smoothie, add more ice.



### ALMOND CRUSTED PORK WITH MANGO RELISH

Serves: 6  
Prep time: 30 minutes  
Cook time: 30 minutes

**2 large, ripe mangoes, peeled, pitted and diced**  
**¼ cup minced red onion**  
**¼ cup minced red bell pepper**  
**1 teaspoon chopped fresh mint**  
**¼ cup chopped, toasted almonds, divided**  
**2 tablespoons brown sugar**  
**1 teaspoon ground cumin**  
**1 teaspoon ground coriander**  
**1 tablespoon red wine vinegar**  
**¼ teaspoon cinnamon**  
**1 ½ tablespoons extra virgin olive oil**  
**2 pounds pork tenderloin**  
**Sea salt and freshly ground pepper to taste**

For the relish, stir together mangoes, onion, bell pepper, vinegar, mint and salt and pepper in a medium bowl; cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

To prepare pork on grill, finely chop ½ cup almonds and stir in brown sugar and seasonings. Brush pork with oil then season with salt and pepper; roll in almond mixture, pressing into the surface. Transfer to a piece of heavy-duty foil and press any remaining nuts onto the top.

Grill over medium heat, turning occasionally to brown each side, for 35 to 40 minutes or until the internal temperature reads 160°F on a meat thermometer. Let stand for 5 minutes before slicing.

To prepare pork in oven, adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 450 degrees. For the pork, finely chop ½ cup almonds. Stir in brown sugar, cumin, coriander and cinnamon, transfer almond mixture to baking sheet. Brush pork with 1 ½ tablespoons oil then season with salt and pepper; roll in almond mixture, pressing into the surface. Lightly spray pork with olive oil spray.

Cook pork on foil-lined baking sheet until exterior is golden brown and meat reaches 160 degrees, 35-40 minutes, turning pork halfway through cooking. Let stand for 5 minutes before slicing.

To assemble, top sliced pork with mango relish and toasted almonds. **Serving tips:** Place pork on bed of arugula lightly dressed with olive oil, vinegar and salt and pepper to taste.



### BRUSSELS SPROUTS WITH MANGO AND BACON

Servings: 4  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes

**6 slices bacon, chopped**  
**1 pound Brussels sprouts, halved**  
**2 large mangoes (about 2 pounds), peeled, pitted and diced**  
**1 tablespoon brown sugar**  
**¼ teaspoon salt**  
**¼ teaspoon pepper**

Place chopped bacon in large non-stick skillet on medium heat. Cook until crisp and fat renders, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove bacon with slotted spoon and transfer to paper-towel lined plate; set aside.

Remove all but 1 tablespoon bacon fat from skillet and increase heat to medium-high. Add Brussels sprouts, mango, brown sugar, salt and pepper. Cook until Brussels sprouts and mango are beginning to brown and become tender; about 6 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Remove from heat and toss with reserved bacon.

### GINGERED MANGO SOUP

Servings: 4  
Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 1 hour chill time

**4 ripe mangoes, peeled and pitted**  
**1 tablespoon chopped fresh ginger (or to taste)**  
**3 cups coconut milk**  
**2 tablespoons fresh lime juice**  
**¼ cup water**  
**4 tablespoons plain yogurt**  
**4 tablespoons mangoes, peeled, pitted and finely chopped**  
**4 tablespoons finely chopped peeled and seeded cucumber**  
**finely grated lime zest**

In a blender or food processor, puree mangoes and ginger. Stir in coconut milk and lime juice; cover and chill for at least 1 hour for flavors to blend.

Stir in water and incorporate until smooth. Spoon into 4 shallow bowls and top each with spoonful of yogurt, stirring once to swirl. Sprinkle with mango and cucumber and grate lime zest over top.





The Vet Program (Suits for Soldiers) is being helped by the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors.

## Local Realtors reach out to welcome veterans home

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors held its fourth annual charity golf outing Monday, Sept. 14. The maximum number of golfers allowed at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield, 144, turned out to enjoy a round of golf. Later, attendees were served dinner in the country club's main dining hall as several prizes were raffled off and awarded to the winners of the men's, women's and mixed divisions.

All \$3,000 plus raised through the event is donated to The Vet Program (Suits for Soldiers). The Vet Program serves as a one-stop-shop for veterans to get back on their feet and return to gainful employment upon returning from service to our country. They provide veterans with things such as clothing, assistance with resume writing, mentoring, benefits, legal help, IT training, VA loans and job opportunities.

The GMAR Member Services Committee planned and carried out the event with support from several generous sponsors and donors. Committee Chair Katie Weaver said, "We really worked hard to top last year's total and we're happy to succeed

with the help of all our members and sponsors."

GMAR President Frank Tarala stated: "It was such a beautiful day for golf and the members just had a blast. I love seeing everyone get together and have a good time for a great cause. Proud to be a GMAR member, always!"

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors is also throwing a party at the Hard Rock Cafe in Detroit on Nov. 6. The event is open to the public and tickets cost \$50 per person (on sale at [www.GMARonline.com/calendar](http://www.GMARonline.com/calendar)).

"We usually have a Holiday Party each year to get all our members together for a good time before the year ends. We felt that was becoming old hat and decided to shake things up a bit by just having a huge party at a great venue to celebrate our wonderful members, as well as honor our veterans," said Katie Weaver, GMAR Member Services Committee 2015 chairman, the group in charge of planning and coordinating the party.

The ticket price pays for your parking, appetizers, dinner, dessert, midnight Cones from Lafayette Coney, three drinks, freebie giveaways, raffle prize giveaways,

red carpet souvenir photo, and music and dancing. Each year, GMAR chooses a charity to benefit from monies made at their events. This year's is The Vet Program (Suits for Soldiers). Several sponsors have already given to this event and more are welcome. Contact GMAR if interested at 248-478-1700 or [info@gmaronline.com](mailto:info@gmaronline.com). Tickets to this event are open to the public and are available for purchase at [www.GMARonline.com/calendar](http://www.GMARonline.com/calendar) (hover over and click "Register Now"). You can also download a flier there by clicking the "More Info" link.

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors is an association in Southeast Michigan, providing services and support to the real estate profession and the communities they serve. With over 6,000 members, GMAR is the largest local Realtor association in the state. GMAR provides many benefits to its members, such as access to the Realcomp MLS, over 220 continuing education and designation courses per year, the largest Realtor-specific store in the area, the ToolShop™, Metropolitan Minute weekly newsletter and Metropolitan REALTOR monthly electronic

magazine. GMAR's mission is to be the leading resource for the real estate community in Southeast Michigan. Visit [www.GMARonline.com](http://www.GMARonline.com) to learn more.

The VET Program/Suits for Soldiers was created and started by Army veteran Scott Fader while he was still boots on ground in Afghanistan. The VET Program/Suits for Soldiers is about serving those who served our country and not just them, their families as well.

After their careers, military personnel and their families need that assistance to help them get back into the civilian life to find jobs, get their benefits, find a home or just get reacquainted with life out of the military. The VET Program/Suits for Soldiers helps veterans by offering NO RED TAPE services to ensure their transition from military to civilian life is as easy as possible.

The VET Program/Suits for Soldiers strives to end the days of unemployed service men and women. To date, organizers have helped over 1,000 obtain employment, written over 5,000 resumes and given away over 10,000 pieces of business attire.

## Reasonable transfer standards apply in sale

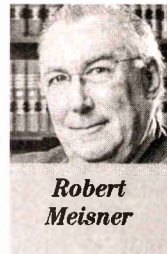
**Q: We are a board of a homeowner association and the seller of a home in our subdivision is complaining about the fact that we will not give the purchaser a letter indicating that certain things will occur if there is a casualty to the home that he is purchasing. Do we have a responsibility to deal with this matter?**

**A: There are reasonable undertakings that the association needs to take in any sale transfer, but it would appear that what this purchaser and/or seller may be asking is something beyond the reasonable scope of the responsibilities of the association. I have had this type of experience in other communities which has resulted in substantial legal fees being incurred to deal with what appears to be unreasonable requests without recourse against the parties involved. I would contact your lawyer, and make it clear that you will not engage in the utilization of an attorney to deal with the inquiries unless there is a firm commitment to reimburse the association for the costs of it.**

**Q: I am the sole member of a Limited Liability Company that owns an undeveloped parcel of real estate. A bank mortgage and note were executed during the land purchase process and the existing first mortgage held against the property was satisfied. After my business experienced some financial difficulties, the bank loan was defaulted. The bank conducted its due diligence and then discovered that my business also held a mortgage that was recorded prior in time to the satisfied mortgage, and therefore was never extinguished at closing. The same attorney represented both parties at the closing and later admitted that he neglected to record a release or subordination regarding the prior mortgage. As a result, the prior mortgage still held priority over the bank's mortgage lien. The bank initiated foreclosure proceedings and the trial court held that the bank was equitably subrogated to the original first mortgage that it had satisfied at closing. However, an appellate court reversed on the basis that the bank had actual notice of the prior mortgage because the attorney knew about it. What are the chances that the appellate decision will be reversed if the matter is reviewed by a higher court?**

**A: The principle theory behind the Doctrine of Equitable Subrogation requires that the party seeking its benefit have no actual notice of any outstanding mortgages of higher priority. In a similar case, the Supreme Court in South Carolina ruled that an attorney that overlooked the mortgage priority scheme was acting as an agent for the bank and, therefore, as an agent his knowledge imputed only constructive knowledge to his principal. Specifically, a principal has constructive knowledge of all material facts that become known as an agent who is acting within the scope of his authority. As a result, the principal's constructive knowledge of the prior mortgage did not rise to the level of actual knowledge and was not enough to defeat a claim for equitable subrogation. This is obviously a complex issue which demands advice from an experienced real estate practitioner.**

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### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 1-5, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office.

Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

<b>BEVERLY HILLS</b>	
31493 Lost Hollow Rd	\$402,000
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	
455 Bird Ave	\$225,000
1451 Cedar Dr	\$386,000
998 Chesterfield Ave	\$739,000
889 Chestnut St	\$245,000
755 Coollidge Rd	\$220,000
1925 Fairway Dr	\$525,000
720 Graefield Ct	\$130,000
1507 Haynes St	\$240,000
749 Henrietta St	\$1,080,000
712 Hidden Ravines Dr	\$580,000
1686 Holland St	\$225,000
1810 Maryland Blvd	\$380,000
1859 Maryland Blvd	\$270,000
635 N Old Woodward Ave	\$360,000
512 Rivencak St	\$930,000
475 S Adams Rd # 14	\$96,000
1339 S Eton St	\$245,000
1710 Stanley Blvd	\$1,189,000
550 Watkins St	\$1,224,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>	
2375 Hunt Club Dr	\$545,000
4159 Meadowlane Dr	\$250,000
1008 Satterlee Rd	\$435,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>	
38 Barrington Rd	\$124,000
1851 Golf Ridge Dr S	\$690,000
954 Hickory Heights Dr	\$270,000
1802 Long Pointe Dr	\$400,000

4113 Telegraph Rd # C-124	\$135,000
4518 Walden Dr	\$480,000
501 Weybridge Dr	\$306,000
2501 Wildbrook Run	\$313,000
432 Wilshire Dr	\$278,000
42160 Woodward Ave Unit 9	\$172,000
<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>	
5690 Blackmoor St	\$162,000
2188 Britton Ct	\$330,000
9015 Garris Dr	\$68,000
3221 Mandrake St	\$50,000
8100 Mario St	\$150,000
4151 McAlpine Dr	\$207,000
2240 Winston Dr	\$323,000
<b>FARMINGTON</b>	
23194 Frial St	\$120,000
32255 Leelane	\$177,000
22415 Lilac St	\$74,000
23691 Whittaker Dr	\$247,000
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>	
23704 Doris Ct	\$141,000
25601 Branchester Rd	\$264,000
38831 Country Cir	\$121,000
29805 Farmington Rd	\$210,000
30474 Fox Club Dr	\$404,000
30118 Greenboro St	\$208,000
29102 Hemlock Dr	\$231,000
28887 Hidden Trl	\$315,000
38585 Horton Dr	\$365,000
21296 Juniper Ct	\$139,000
21711 Middlebelt Rd	\$44,000
30594 Orchard Lake Rd Unit 42	\$117,000
30594 Orchard Lake Rd Unit 49	\$90,000
24064 Raleigh Rd	\$245,000
24640 Ridgeview Dr	\$325,000
37850 River Bnd	\$278,000
30437 Salisbury St	\$172,000
24136 Tana Ct	\$170,000
32600 W 11 Mile Rd	\$200,000

<b>FRANKLIN</b>	
31069 McKinney Dr	\$280,000
<b>HIGHLAND</b>	
1850 Elkridge Cir	\$320,000
993 Gleneagles	\$450,000
2794 Obie Ln	\$75,000
477 S Millford Rd	\$100,000
2025 Shevchenko Dr	\$249,000
662 Tierney	\$213,000
895 Troon	\$365,000
4308 W Highland Rd	\$140,000
<b>LATHRUP VILLAGE</b>	
28060 Eldorado Pl	\$150,000
18280 W 11 Mile Rd	\$145,000
<b>MILFORD</b>	
315 Cabinet St	\$187,000
2285 E Maple Rd	\$140,000
772 Old Millford Farms	\$400,000
1277 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$320,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
43714 Doris Ct	\$205,000
21204 Eastfarm Ln	\$295,000
38643 Wakefield Ct	\$250,000
<b>NOVI</b>	
45556 Addington Ln	\$484,000
28372 Carlton Way Dr	\$200,000
27923 Hopkins Dr	\$172,000
23150 Inverness Ct	\$700,000
44598 Kall Ct	\$430,000
40602 Lenox Park Dr	\$309,000
24833 Mallard Trail Ln	\$769,000
27914 Middleton Dr	\$236,000
47240 Northumberland St	\$530,000
24805 Overlook	\$668,000
13964 Oakwood Ct	\$408,000
30304 Pennington Ln	\$412,000
24526 Picara Dr	\$359,000
25062 Portsmouth Ave	\$369,000
24577 Redwing Dr	\$379,000
42051 Ridge Rd W	\$205,000

27404 Sloan St	\$308,000
1127 South Lake Dr Unit 203	\$105,000
27510 Taft Rd	\$175,000
45260 W 10 Mile Rd	\$335,000
42746 Whitman Way	\$328,000
<b>SOUTH LYON</b>	
54420 Birchwood Dr	\$398,000
26582 Blackwood Ct	\$390,000
58659 Castle Ct	\$380,000
1129 Fountain View Cir	\$145,000
123 Harvard Ave	\$142,000
24307 Padstone Dr	\$430,000
59032 Peters Barn Dr	\$390,000
24844 Ravine Dr	\$487,000
1084 Shetland Dr	\$318,000
1080 Stable Ln	\$240,000
838 Timber Trail Ct	\$340,000
24235 Villagewood Dr	\$380,000
24465 Wedgewood Dr	\$379,000
52859 Willowbrook Dr	\$330,000
21388 Winding Creek Dr	\$400,000
<b>SOUTHFIELD</b>	
22529 Bell Brook St	\$186,000
27445 Berkshire Dr	\$162,000
30560 Everett St	\$139,000
20800 Greenview Rd	\$30,000
29641 Marshall Ln	\$60,000
26888 Princeton Ct	\$270,000
28070 Stuart Ave	\$85,000
19760 Wildhern Dr	\$155,000
<b>WHITE LAKE</b>	
931 Denbar Ct	\$335,000
12743 Lenhane	\$325,000
10232 Elizabeth Lake Rd	\$105,000
8465 Huron River Ct	\$220,000
9545 Lone Pine St	\$128,000
1426 Orchard St	\$139,000
9524 Portage Trl	\$161,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 22-26, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office.

Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

<b>CANTON</b>	
4149 Berkeley Ave Unit 78	\$130,000
43785 Cherry Grove Ct E	\$191,000
5100 Dewitt Rd	\$725,000
6636 Edgewood Rd	\$253,000
296 Edington Cir	\$207,000
4116 Forest Bridge Dr	\$180,000
39876 Hillary Dr	\$150,000
3971 Hunters Cir E	\$105,000
6612 Kennesaw Rd	\$410,000
43550 Lotus Dr	\$192,000
44766 Lowell Ave	\$167,000
4202 Monarch Ave	\$180,000
1355 N Beck Rd	\$585,000
43634 Nowland Dr	\$275,000
4753 Pond Run	\$265,000
45177 Quaker Hill Dr	\$257,000
869 Reagan St	\$285,000
4725 Sherwood Cir	\$232,000
49795 Taft Ln	\$440,000
2181 Vanderbilt Rd	\$195,000
8526 Westchester Ln	\$269,000
44635 Westminster Way	\$221,000
<b>GARDEN CITY</b>	
29444 Barton St	\$108,000

29548 Bridge St	\$130,000
32367 Brown St	\$146,000
6026 Harrison St	\$65,000
32121 John Hawk St	\$95,000
6633 Mansfield St	\$100,000
<b>LIVONIA</b>	
10476 Bassett St	\$125,000
37363 Blake Dr	\$219,000
36982 Clairita St	\$332,000
10020 Deering St	\$127,000
14364 Dene St	\$190,000
15054 Fairfield St	\$40,000
18325 Filmore St	\$143,000
20124 Floral St	\$28,000
9890 Garvett St	\$135,000
14506 Gary Ln	\$180,000
18851 Glengarry Dr	\$340,000
34636 Grove Dr	\$215,000
10010 Harrison St	\$80,000
9377 Houghton St	\$90,000
19946 Hubbard St	\$198,000
11155 Laurel St	\$160,000
29083 Lori St	\$159,000
31440 Merriwood Park Dr	\$145,000
31498 Merriwood Park Dr	\$124,000
31537 Merriwood Park Dr	\$156,000
9997 Milburn St	\$140,000
35597 Parkdale St	\$110,000
29913 Richland St	\$145,000
38743 Richland St	\$195,000
19337 Saint Francis St	\$108,000
29718 W Chicago St	\$115,000
18774 Whittby St	\$147,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	

47687 Arbor Trl	\$332,000
48237 Binghamton Ct	\$510,000
17018 Boulder Dr	\$475,000
16411 Old Bedford Rd	\$400,000
17186 Orchard Ridge Rd	\$658,000
19355 Pierson Dr	\$352,000
39662 Rockcrest Ln	\$212,000
39651 Springwater Dr	\$215,000
46900 Stratford Ct	\$965,000
42270 Sunnydale Ln	\$300,000
42047 Waterwheel Rd	\$350,000
16935 Yellowstone Dr	\$478,000
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>	
662 Ann St	\$190,000
396 Auburn St	\$330,000
40515 Brecken Ridge Ln	\$250,000
770 Deer St	\$145,000
9131 Marc Trl	\$220,000
659 N Holbrook St	\$175,000
13964 Oakwood Ct	\$412,000
345 Pacific St	\$303,000
49948 Plymouth Way	\$158,000
973 Ross St	\$270,000
41171 Russett Ln	\$185,000
576 S Evergreen St	\$111,000
449 Sunset St	\$260,000
<b>REDFORD</b>	
14145 Brook Dr	\$174,000
25775 Deborah	\$90,000
19196 Delaware Ave	\$111,000
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# 2015 Nissan Murano is a roomy five-seat SUV

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Gas price instability and the economic downturn got shoppers rethinking how much SUV they really need, with most deciding a compact SUV was enough. Consumers with a few kids, who needed more room, chose a three-row crossover. That left the midsize, five-seat SUV an unwanted commodity by most.

The redesigned 2015 Nissan Murano — available at Nissan of Canton, 42175 Michigan Ave. — is a quiet, comfortable, roomy five-seat SUV, perfectly executed for empty-nesters or others who prize a spacious cabin and cargo area, but who have no desire for a third row, where kids routinely wind up.

These shoppers want a solid road-trip vehicle, not a rally car.

## Exterior and styling

While the Murano delivers on the practicality and electronic wizardry its target buyer may demand, its styling panders to folks who may be more daring than those shopping this segment.

The radical front end has curvaceous fenders and a grille that drops down in a V pattern. It makes the Jeep Grand Cherokee look stately and Ford's upcoming Edge redesign look a bit staid in comparison.

Eighteen-inch wheels are standard and look appropriately sized for the vehicle. The 20-inch wheels on the Platinum model seem a bit too big, visually, but there will likely be plenty of people who opt for them.

## How it drives

Nissan's venerable 3.5-liter V-6 remains the workhorse under the hood, producing 260 horsepower and 240 pounds-foot of torque. It's teamed to a continuously variable automatic transmission that uses artificial shift points to make it seem like a traditional automatic. The experience feels more CVT than automatic, but power comes on fast and won't leave drivers wanting much, whether the engine is mated to front- or all-wheel drive.

The brakes are also solidly



The 2015 Nissan Murano.

predictable, and when it's running on its standard 18-inch wheels and tires, the Murano is one of the smoothest non-luxury SUVs out there. Mileage is 21/28/24 mpg city/highway/combined for both front- and all-wheel-drive versions. A V-6 Jeep Grand Cherokee gets identical mileage with all-wheel drive and 22/30/25 mpg with rear-wheel drive.

The Murano cabin is as quiet as can be.

## Interior

In the past, Nissan has made a few interiors that felt close to its Infiniti luxury brand, and the Murano follows suit. In its highest, Platinum, trim, which offers a dark brown leather interior, there are few areas that distinguish it from an Infiniti.

Even on the more accessible SV trim, there are still swaths of leather everywhere from above the gauge cluster to on the armrests on the doors.

Even if you're sitting in a cloth driver's seat, you're seeing and

touching leather.

Space is considerable in the backseat, which Nissan expects to be used for adults on a double date, not preteens being shuttled to soccer practice. The outboard seats are also Zero Gravity types, and on the Platinum trim they're also heated.

## Ergonomics and electronics

Nissan should get an award for its center console, a near-perfect mix of physical buttons, four knobs and a touch-screen. Buttons are either piano black with illuminated text and icons, or chrome-covered plastic with the labels above.

The 8-inch touch-screen — standard on SV trims and higher — has terrific resolution and has been completely rethought from the previous generation of Nissan systems. Luckily, everything is still laid out in a straightforward way that should cause few headaches for the tech-averse.

There are separate screens for music, navigation and various other functions, as well as a home screen that gives brief glimpses of many systems that are active.

The base stereo has good sound, and you can connect two devices via USB — one for front passengers and one for rear. Either can pipe music through the car's stereo.

## Cargo and storage

There's a nice covered tray between the cupholders and a cubby in the center console that can do duty as a smartphone bin; otherwise, the driver will have to rely on the door pocket to stash frequently used items like loose change and other miscellaneous things.

There's also a small tray behind the cubby for rear passengers to put items, namely smartphones, into, because the rear USB ports are directly beneath it.

A generous cargo area is another benefit of moving up to an SUV this size. At 39.6

cubic feet, the Murano doesn't disappoint, providing plenty of room for four good-size pieces of luggage or a mix of luggage and golf bags.

The rear seats fold flat via release handles by the lift gate; this expands cargo room to 69.9 cubic feet.

## Safety

A backup camera is standard on the Murano, while Nissan's Around View Monitor is standard on SL and Platinum trims. When activated, it offers a bird's-eye view of the SUV by using cameras in front, back and in the side mirrors.

Blind spot warning is standard on SL and Platinum trims, as is a system to detect objects moving behind the car, called Moving Object Detection, and rear cross-traffic alert. Intelligent cruise control, forward collision warning and forward emergency braking are part of an optional Technology Package on those two trims, as well.

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