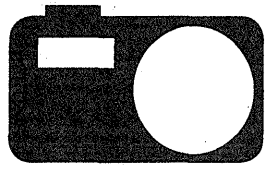


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Lawyer: Polygraph casts doubt on ID

Accused killer passed test about hardware store presence

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Accused killer Alexander Letkemann took and passed a polygraph test the results of which his attorney believes proves he was never in a Canton hardware store two days

before the murder of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen. Letkemann, 18, of Westland and 17-year-old Jean Pierre Orlewicz of Plymouth Township are accused of luring Sorensen, an acquaintance of theirs from River Rouge, to a Canton Township garage and killing him

Nov. 7. Prosecutors say the pair then beheaded Sorensen and burned his body in an attempt to impede identification. Orlewicz, a Canton High School student, and Letkemann, a former Livonia Churchill student, face an April 7 trial date on charges of first-degree murder, mutilation of a corpse and felony murder. The latter charge, originally dismissed by 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou at the preliminary hearing, was reinstated by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Annette Berry, who called it a

"matter for the jury to decide." At their preliminary hearing in 35th District Court in November, Lucy Heenan, the store manager at a Canton ACO Hardware store, identified Letkemann as someone she saw in the aisle containing hatchets and torches. According to police reports, Heenan told Canton police she "couldn't be 100 percent sure" it was Letkemann she saw in the store, and later admitted she may have recognized him from media accounts of the crime.

At the preliminary exam, Heenan denied making those statements. In a motion asking Berry to suppress Heenan's testimony, Raymond Cassar, Letkemann's attorney, called Heenan's identification "suspect" and asked Berry to suppress it, based on Heenan's statements and the results of the private polygraph test administered by Leonard West of West Polygraph and Consulting in Farmington.

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Growing business from the inside

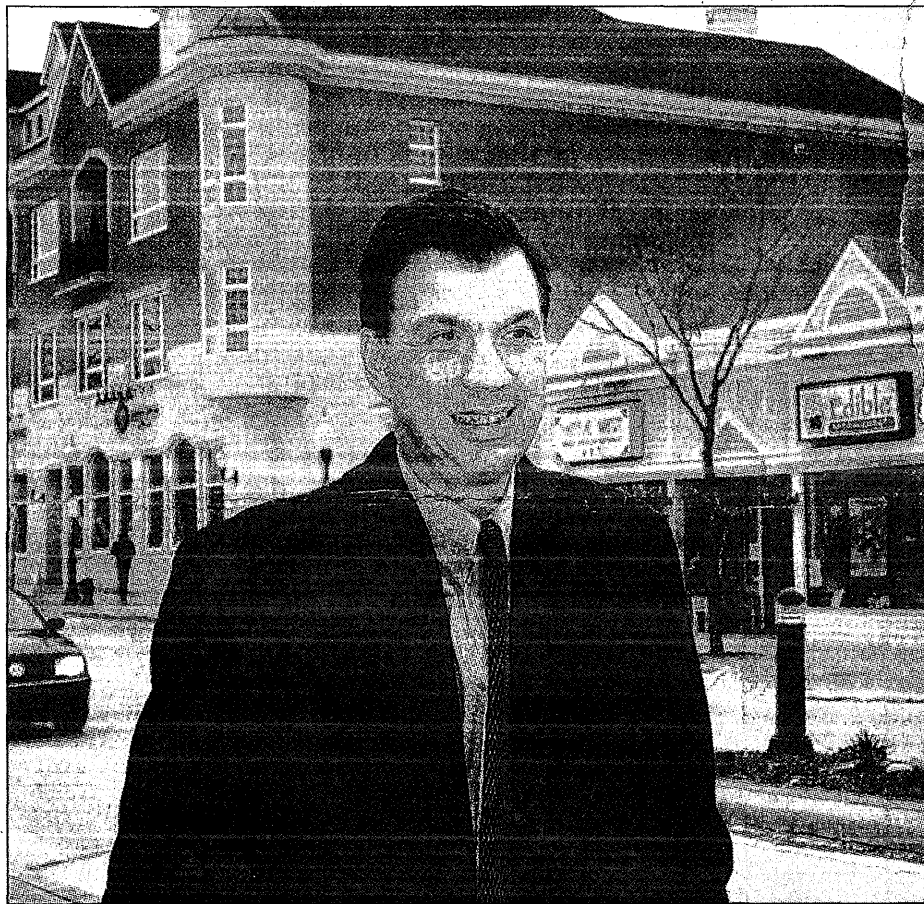
New chamber head eyes 'hometown heroes'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As the incoming executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, Wes Graff said he's looking for the next home-grown superstars to locate their businesses in the Plymouth community. "In Michigan, the communities that will be successful are those that will be able to grow their own businesses," said Graff, 43, from his downtown Plymouth office. "I'm impressed by the research and technology firms in the industrial parks, and while we'll be able to attract some business there, we've got to grow our own hometown heroes. They are the next superstars, and those who will be the most

Plymouth says goodbye to Toney, A4. loyal to the community going forward. "We know a lot of businesses won't make it," added Graff. "But, if you get a group of them, then you'll have new success stories and new business leaders in your community." While he had most recently been director of marketing for a Garden City catering company, Graff has extensive experience in chamber work. From April 2003 to September 2006 he was president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. He left Livonia for a similar job at the Greater Mankato (Minn.) chamber, but left after seven months to return home to family and friends. Graff's

Please see **CHAMBER, A4**



New Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce director Wes Graff takes a walk around the streets of downtown Plymouth.

Taxes rising despite decline in home values

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Michigan's notoriety as a state with one of the highest home foreclosure rates and slumping home sales is now rearing its ugly head on area homeowners in the form of increased property taxes even as residential property assessments drop dramatically.

Because of Proposal A, which was passed in 1994, most homeowners will still experience an increase in property taxes in spite of decreasing home values. That's because property taxes are tied to the rate of inflation, which this year — as dictated by the State of Michigan — is 2.3 percent. "It's the first time I've seen property values decline in this fashion," said Aaron Powers of Wayne County Assessing, which contracts with Plymouth and Plymouth Township. "Occasionally you'll have some market conditions that don't increase as fast as others. But, in most communities we're seeing a widespread reduction in assessments. "The volume of home sales are down about 50 percent compared to prior years, and the homes are selling for less," added Powers. "When do I think it will be over? I don't have a clue."

Powers said the average residential assessment decreased by 6.7 percent in Plymouth and 6.9 percent in Plymouth Township. That compares to reductions in Canton Township of 10.3 percent, Northville Township 7.5 percent, the portion of Northville in Wayne County 2.9 percent and Livonia 9.1 percent.

The two figures listed on the assessment received recently by homeowners in the mail are the State Equalized Value and the taxable value. The SEV is typically half the market value of the home, based on comparable home sales. The taxable value is used to calculate property taxes and is normally lower than the SEV, unless the property recently changed owners.

For years, increases in SEVs have been higher than the increases in taxable values, which are capped at the annual rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less. SEVs have typically increased by 5-8 percent, creating a gap between the figures.

For the first time, this year's assessed value is based on a one-year sales study instead of a two-year study, which offers a better reflection of the area's housing slump than in past years.

Board closes in on new leader

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A contract in principle has been reached with Craig Fiegel, the finalist from suburban Chicago the school board is considering hiring as Plymouth-Canton's next schools superintendent.

And, unless something dramatic occurs on Wednesday, when five of the seven Plymouth-Canton trustees make a one-day visit to Fiegel's current district in Evergreen Park, Ill., it appears Fiegel will be hired to succeed Jim Ryan, who retired Thursday.

"We talked to him (Fiegel) and we talked to the board about parameters (of a contract)," said PCCS board President Judy Mardigian. "Our goal is to approve his contract at our March 11 meeting. It's all progressing."

Trustees have scheduled an executive session concerning contract negotiations after Tuesday night's budget workshop.

Fiegel earns \$180,000 as superintendent of the 1,900-student Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124. While Mardigian acknowledged that

none of the candidates interviewed by the board would come to Plymouth-Canton without a pay increase, she declined to discuss details of Fiegel's "concept" contract.

"The market has gotten a lot tighter, and it's definitely a shrinking market," she said. "Candidates definitely can command a higher wage than they could six years ago." Ryan earned an annual salary of \$161,000.

Mardigian said board members will meet with employee groups, parents and people in the Evergreen Park community to find out more about Fiegel.

Fiegel cautioned board members not to expect too much from his elementary-only school district.

"They need to be realistic, they won't see anything like to Plymouth-Canton," Fiegel said. "I'll show them our schools, and I'll take them into the classroom to see some real quality education."

Fiegel said if he's hired by Plymouth-Canton, he'll start July 1 as his contract in Evergreen Park runs through June 30.

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Shoveling out

Scott Dwojak usually spends his workday washing dishes at Plymouth's Box Bar and Grill. Thanks to Friday's snowstorm he got to put down the dishrag for a while and pick up a snow shovel. Dwojak lives in Livonia.

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Coming Thursday in filter
Rochester resident and Olympics champ Todd Eldredge returns home in the Smucker's Stars on Ice competition at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Former PCA teacher seeking reduced sentence from judge

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Stephanie Ann Stein will be back in court later this month asking a Third Circuit Court judge if she would reduce her jail sentence if she pleads guilty to four charges stemming from her alleged relationship with a 15-year-old boy.

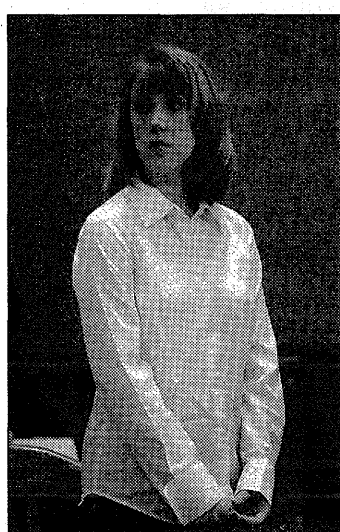
Stein, 32, a former Plymouth Christian Academy teacher who once taught the student, is accused of having a sexual relationship with the boy from February 2007 to September.

Her attorney, Todd Flood of Royal Oak, has requested that Judge David Groner make a Cobbs ruling in the case, which would offer a glimpse at a possible lower sentence if the Canton woman pleads guilty to two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, each a 15-year felony; one count of using the Internet to communicate with a minor to commit a crime, a four-year felony; and one count of distributing obscene material of a sexual nature to a minor, a two-year felony.

In order to lower state sentencing guidelines, Flood must show that Stein, a mother of two, has substantial and compelling circumstances that would justify a lighter sentence.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Lora Weingarden said there are no such circumstances with Stein, who allegedly had sex with the teen at his house, her mother's house and at a hotel.

"I cannot object to the defense requesting a Cobbs ruling so we have to go along



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Stephanie Stein wants her sentenced reduced in exchange for a guilty plea.

with it," said Weingarden, adding that she feels the case is moving along slowly. "There was a deal on the table that dragged on and on for months and when we gave them a deadline, they rejected it. They are counting on the judge doing less than the 30 months (the state offered)."

Flood could not be reached for comment. In the deal the state offered, Stein would have received 30 months to 15 years in prison if she pleaded guilty to one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct.

According to state sentencing guidelines, Stein could be sentenced to nearly five years to almost eight years if she pleads guilty to all the charges, Weingarden said.

Stein's relationship with the teen unraveled when the boy's mother caught them at her home during the summer.

At the preliminary hearing in September, the boy testified that he had to convince his former teacher to be intimate with him.

"She said she probably shouldn't do it," he said.

The boy, who said that he loved Stein, admitted to being untruthful about aspects of his relationship with his former teacher and that he put a virus on her computer, so he could monitor its use. He also asked his former teacher to send him an explicit picture of herself to his cell phone and she complied.

Stein resigned from her part-time teaching position at the academy on Joy Road in June.

Preschool parade

Area parents who are looking for preschool options for their children should plan on attending the Preschool Parade at the Plymouth District Library 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 4.

More than twenty area preschools will share information about their individual schools, philosophies, enrollment procedures, tuition costs and class sizes. The Library will provide door prizes - parents should register for this free event by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

Child seat clinic

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free Child Safety Seat clinic 10 a.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Plymouth Township Police Department, located at 9955 N. Haggerty.

The inspections will be by "appointment only," and limited space is available. If you would like to have your child's seat inspected by a national certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734) 354-3232.

LWV scholarship

The League of Women Voters of Northway County will award a \$1,500 scholarship in June to a qualified United States citizen, male or female, college undergraduate. Applicants need to meet the following criteria: Reside in Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne or Westland; attend a Michigan college or university; major in government, political science or public policy; and be entering the third year of undergraduate studies.

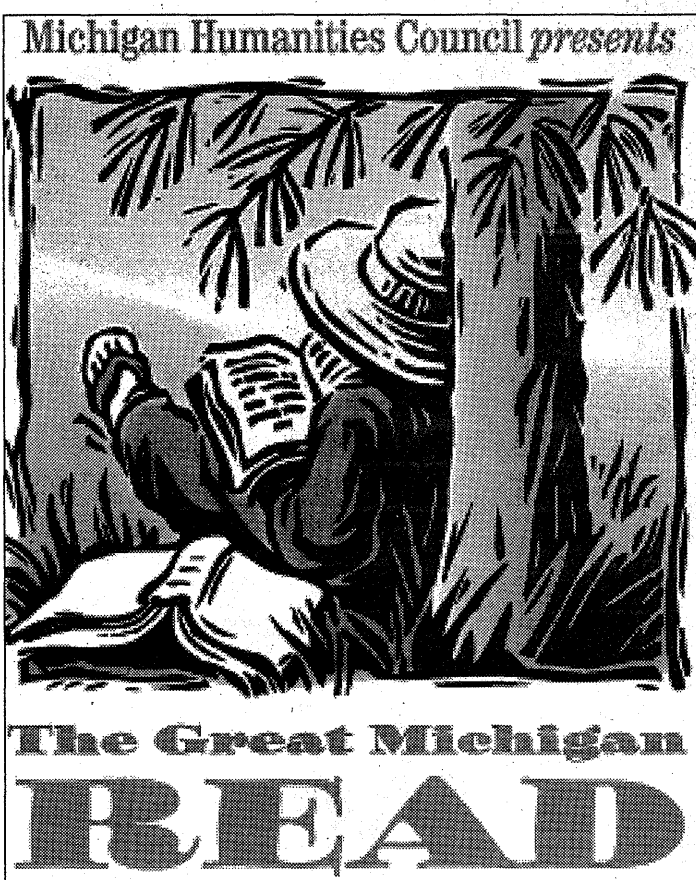
Additional information can be found, and the application can be downloaded, from the league's Web site at www.lwvwww.org. Click on 2008 Scholarship Application. Applications must be post-marked by April 18.

Music boosters craft show

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters hosts its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble Saturday, March 15. The juried art event is produced each year by the PCMB to assist the music programs at the Plymouth-Canton Education Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Last year, over 1500 attendees vis-

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Hearing Hemingway

The Plymouth District Library was recently awarded a Michigan Humanities Council grant to participate in The Great Michigan Read, a one-book, one-state reading initiative. In partnership with other local organizations, a number of programs will take place this spring. The Great Michigan Read seeks to increase the reading of literature by focusing on 'The Nick Adams Stories' by Ernest Hemingway. These stories are a coming of age tale inspired by the author's boyhood experiences in Northern Michigan. Plymouth joins more than 100 communities participating in The Great Michigan Read. Additional information is available at www.greatmichiganread.org.

ited the Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton, Mich. The Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, baked goods, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

'Black Coffee' auditions

Barefoot Productions of Plymouth conducts Auditions for the group's Spring mystery, Agatha Christie's *Black Coffee*, 7-9 p.m. March 3-4 at The Book Cellar & Cafe, 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

Roles are available for nine males and three females, with character ages ranging from late 20s to early 60s. Auditioners should bring a resume/headshot and a prepared monologue (if available). There will be cold readings from the script.

For more information call Craig at (734) 582-9688 or check out the Barefoot Productions Web site at www.performancefoot.com

Performance dates are Mother's Day weekend, May 8-11.

Historical walking tour

The Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth Preservation Network host an historical walking tour of the Shattuck-Garlett House 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 8.

Peter Fralick originally built this structure as his harness shop on Penniman in 1841. Join us for a tour of one of Plymouth's oldest buildings and learn about it's travels before it settled in its current location on Church Street.

Cost is \$10 per person for members of the museum. \$15 per person for non-members; limit of 12 people on tour. Tickets available at the Plymouth Historical Museum or through PayPal on the museum's web site at www.plymouthhistory.org/walking-tours.html. Contact the museum for more information at (734) 455-8940. The museum is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Council on Aging

The Plymouth Council on Aging will host Sanford Burr, president of the Plymouth Historical Society, who will deliver a presentation on "The History of Plymouth," 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 10 at the

Plymouth Cultural Center. Refreshments will be served. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 for more information.

On Friday, March 14, from 10-11:30 a.m. the Plymouth Council on Aging will host "Oil Painting by Sharon Dillenbeck," who will present a demonstration using oil and water colors. This demonstration takes place at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Refreshments will be served. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to register for this free demonstration. Space is limited.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Northville/Plymouth chapter, meet Monday, March 19, for a noon sandwich luncheon at the Northville District Library.

The program will be on the DAR American Indians Committee and Indians of Southeast Michigan.

For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

Newcomers' craft party

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors hosts a kids craft party 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 15 at Michael's Crafts on Ford Road in Canton.

Kids will enjoy a snack, beverage and treats while creating an Easter craft to bring home. The cost is \$12 per child payable at the event in form of cash or check (payable to Plymouth Newcomers). This fee includes the non-refundable room charge and supplies.

This event is suitable for kids 4 years and older. Parents are welcome to stay and join in the fun. Please note that Family Fun event volunteers will not be responsible for items left behind.

RSVP to Amy Hoover before March 8 at info@plymouth-newcomers.com or visit the Web site at www.plymouth-newcomers.com.

McCotter staff

The staff of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter (Michigan District 11) will conduct office hours in several locations. This time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member one on one regarding any federal issue that they might have.

Congressman McCotter's staff will be available Thursday, March 6, from 9-10 a.m. at the Canton Summit Senior Center and 1-2 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library.

McCotter has two offices in the district to serve his constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 or the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

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Members of the cast of 'Snow White' include Kathleen Sharpe of Plymouth as Happy (bottom row, from left), Sandra Iannucci of Plymouth as Sneezzy, Mickey Edell of Canton as Doc, Michelle Rogers of Novi as Grumpy (top row, from left) and Melissa Mosquera of Livonia as Snow White.

AAUW ready to present 'Snow White'

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As an eighth-grade drama teacher, Melissa Mosquera requires her students to see a play, and she's made it easy for them to do so by inviting them to see her in the Plymouth-Canton AAUW's production of *Snow White* next weekend.

"The boys are groaning and complaining, but I told them if their teacher is going to get up on stage and perform, they can be there to watch," said Mosquera.

The Livonia resident is playing Snow White in the play which will be presented at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium Thursday-Saturday, March 6-8.

Mosquera is excited to play the role of Snow White. It was one of two roles — the other was Happy — she auditioned for last fall. She admits she's nervous about playing the lead role, especially since it's a step up from a "minor role" she had in last year's production. But it gives her the opportunity to create her own version of the fairy tale character.

"I've decided Snow White is a little naive," Mosquera said.

"I'm trying to go through her lines with a naiveté like when the woodsman tells he's taking her to the woods to kill her. She thinks it's a joke."

Monica Nick of Plymouth also is stepping out of the supporting cast to play Snow White's nemesis, Queen Braggamore. This is her third production and has had roles as a candlestick seller in *Jack and the Beanstalk* and a playing card in *Alice in Wonderland*. She tried out for the part because she thought "it would be neat to be a queen and wear a crown." She admits now she didn't realize the queen has the most lines in the play.

"I've been studying my lines every night," she said. "I love doing this because it's creative and challenging, the role is the opposite of what I see myself as."

This is the 48th year the Plymouth-Canton American Association of University Women has presented live children's theater. The organization, with members from Plymouth, Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Ann Arbor, Novi, Northville and Wyandotte, takes classics like *Pinocchio*, *Snow White* and

Cinderella and crafts hour-long AAUW versions. Its first production was *Hansel and Gretel*. It now has a repertoire of seven plays that are rotated through and updated every few years.

"We took out some older lines that the dwarves say," said Becky Copenhaver, who is sharing directing duties with Kay Paupore, Diana Wilcox and Shirley Zaetta. "In the palace scene, when they talk about Prince Michael, they talk about seeing him on myspace. We make it a fairy tale, but update it for the kids."

The play will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 6-7, and 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at the high school at 6500 Middlebelt north of Ford.

Presale tickets cost \$5 and are available at Fanatic U, 30409 Ford, Garden City, call (734) 266-0893; The Book Cellar, 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, call (734) 455-2665; and Perkos Shoes, 33426 Five Mile, Livonia, call (734) 427-3477. They also will be available at the door on performance dates at \$6 each.

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Ficano pushes Cobo plan in State of County speech

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano used his annual State of the County address Wednesday to continue his embattled fight for an expanded Cobo Convention Center.

"The expansion of Cobo is not about headlines. It's about real people and real jobs," he told a standing-room-only audience at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

Ficano has proposed a 120,000-square-foot expansion of Cobo at a cost of \$323 million. Legislation has been introduced to extend a three-county (Wayne, Oakland and Macomb) hotel and statewide liquor tax for seven years to pay for the expansion. Legislation has also been introduced to create a convention center authority and to make Cobo a tax-free zone.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson has been a steady vocal critic of Ficano's plan, challenging Ficano's financing arrangements. Recently, Detroit political leaders have criticized the plan for creating an authority that would take ownership of the hall away from the city.

On Feb. 22, Gov. Jennifer Granholm met with representatives from the three counties and the city of Detroit to begin preliminary discussions about their differences.

On Wednesday, Ficano recognized several supporters from Oakland and Macomb, whom he said would benefit from the expansion.

An opening film and several slides shown while Ficano spoke showed Ficano and Patterson enjoying each other's company.

"We're fighting to preserve our crown jewel and will not



Ficano

sit by waiting to see what happens," he said. "We're going to make something happen for the good of our region and state."

Ficano and others argue that if Cobo is not expanded, the city would lose the annual North American International Auto Show.

"This show is worth nearly \$600 million to this region each year — the equivalent of five Super Bowls or 40 World Series games," he said.

Wednesday's speech did not contain the usual laundry list of new initiatives that spotlighted Ficano's five previous State of the County addresses. He used the language of change and can-do optimism to describe the area's future in spite of recent hard times. He congratulated county AFSCME union employees on reaching a tentative four-year agreement, though some members were picketing outside the museum.

Accomplishments cited included the deal to buy the Guardian Building as the new County Building and ongoing discussions about purchasing the historic County Building, which the county leases from a private owner.

He also touted the county's TURBO program which provides incentives for redeveloping residential and business property throughout the county.

"Thanks to TURBO, we have: new retail projects in Highland Park and Detroit; manufacturing facilities in Van Buren Township and Livonia; hotels in Romulus; and food service facilities in Canton Township and Taylor," he said.

Among those recognized by Ficano, were Deborah Rush and her three children, Shawn, Chris and Angela. The Rush family were the subjects of a story by *Observer* reporter Darrell Clem on the Wayne County Family Center in Westland during the holidays. Following the story, many area people came to the support of the family. They were also recognized by Ficano.

New initiatives by county government and private developments in the county included:

■ Creation of the Second Chance Through Expungement Program (STEP). Residents who have only one, nonviolent conviction and have lived a clean life for at least five years will be eligible to set aside the past conviction.

■ IAV Automotive Engineering, a German-based company, will locate its North American headquarters in Northville Township this year. IAV will build a \$16.5 million R&D facility that would create 65 engineering jobs and 180 total jobs over five years.

■ A proposal before the county commission to create a Job Creation Fund to offer financial incentives to bring jobs to the county.

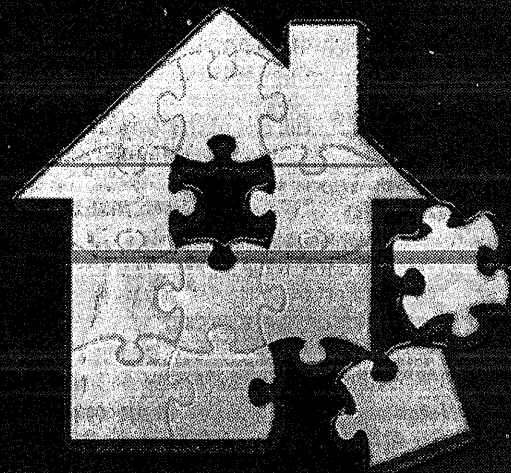
■ Next month, the county will begin construction of a mile and a half long sewer extension for the Pinnacle Aeropark near Metro Airport.

"This will be the first major infrastructure improvement at Pinnacle and it paves the way for businesses to locate there as part of the aerropolis," Ficano said.

■ Alternegy, a Delaware company, is building a 25,000-square-foot biodiesel fuels production plant in Romulus.

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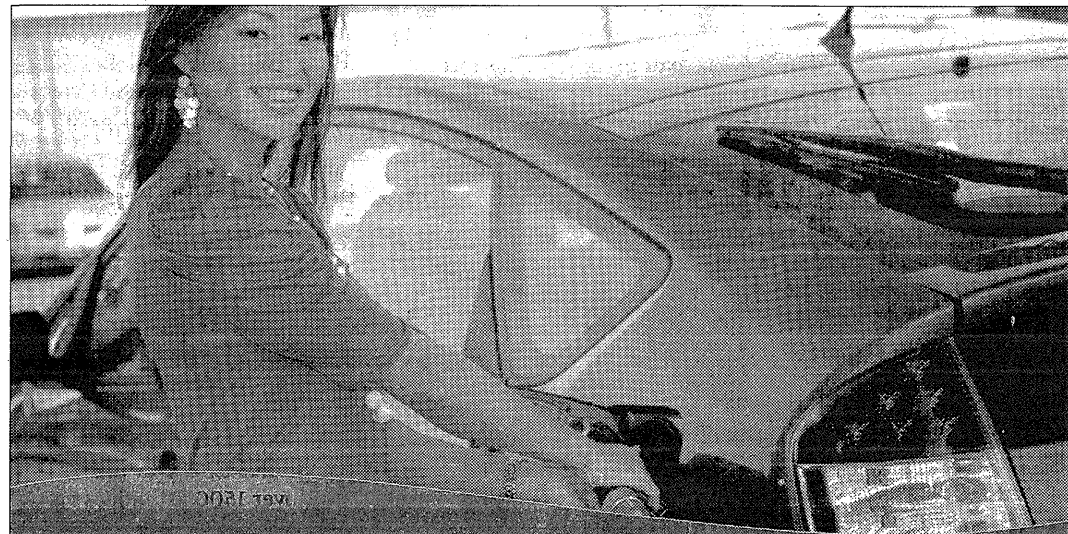
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Reporting agencies must make credit histories available

Dear Rick: Is it true that you can get a free credit report? I see all these ads on the internet for free credit reports and I am somewhat leery.

Yes, you can receive a free copy of your credit report. There are three major credit reporting agencies, Equifax, TransUnion and Experian. Each is now required to provide customers, upon request, a copy of their credit report every 12 months. The key is you must request a report. To receive a free credit report go to www.annualcreditreport.com or call (877) 322-8228. These are the only places you can go to get a free report without strings attached.

There are many others that advertise free credit reports. Unfortunately, most of these so-called free offers have strings attached and in many cases hidden fees.

In the old days, credit reports were only used to



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

bottom line is credit reports are used in situations that have nothing to do with credit and that is why it is important to make sure your report is accurate.

If you find your credit is inaccurate, take steps to correct it. The Fair Credit Reporting Act outlines an individual's rights under the law.

Unfortunately, the process of removing inaccurate information can be a frustrating time-consuming process. However, the time spent correcting your report

obtain credit. Today, credit reports are used by auto insurance companies to determine premiums. In fact, credit reports are also used by potential employers. The

can save you a substantial amount of money.

One other frustration. A report can be accurate at one company and inaccurate at the other two companies. So it is important to review reports from all three companies. Do not request your credit reports all at the same time but rather stagger them throughout the year.

Dear Rick: I'm giving advice to my daughter who is 23 and has been employed full time since last year. Last year, on my recommendation, she opened a Roth IRA. This year her employer plans to offer a 401(k) and there will be no employer match. There are about 10 fund options for the new employees. My recommendation for her is to max out her Roth IRA first. What do you think?

I love the advice you gave your daughter. At her age it is a slam dunk that she funds her Roth IRA first. If she has

additional money, then use the 401(k) plan.

My advice would only be slightly different if she had a matching program through work. In that case, I recommend funding the 401(k) Plan up to the match and then use the Roth IRA.

The advantage of funding the Roth before the 401(k) is having her money grow tax-free vs. tax-deferred. When your daughter eventually retires and begins to withdraw money from her Roth, the money can be withdrawn tax-free. Money in a traditional 401(k) is taxed at the ordinary income tax bracket. Typically, your ordinary income tax bracket is the highest bracket.

The one downside of the Roth you are investing post-tax money. In a 401(k) plan, you are investing pre-taxed money. By funding the Roth IRA first you pay a little higher tax today. The slight increase in tax now is more than offset by the future benefit.

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Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money-matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

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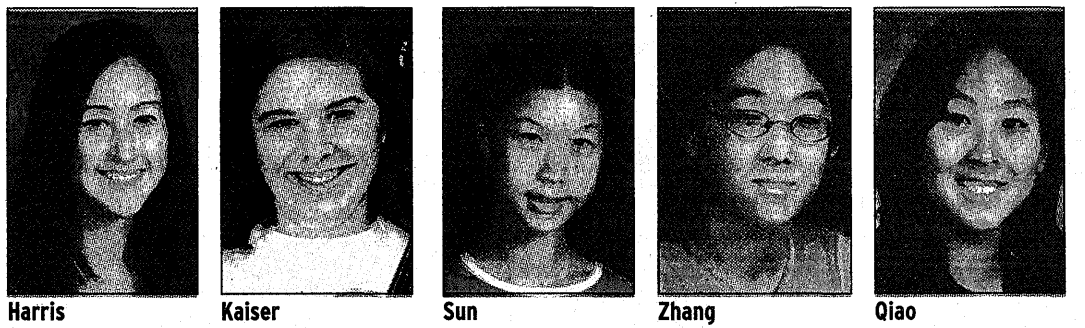
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Teens win symphony's Youth Artist honors

Five students shared some \$1,200 in cash prizes when the Plymouth Symphony Society announced the winners of its annual Youth Artist Competition.

The competition is an annual concerto competition for piano and orchestra students in Grades 7-12. Students compete for up to \$1,500 in cash prizes and an opportunity to perform with either the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra or Orchestra Canton.

The winners will be presented their awards at the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's season finale, "American Romance," April 5 at 8 p.m. at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.

This year, Ashley Harris of Livonia (flute) and Erica

Qiao of Novi (bassoon) shared first prize for the "Senior Instrumental" division, winning \$350 apiece. Violinist Nika Zhang of Northville won first place and \$250 in the "Junior Combined" division.

Kelly Kaiser and Amy Sun, both violinists from Canton, were awarded honorable mentions, with cash awards of \$150 each.

PCCS officials said the Youth Artist Competition is possible "because of the generous support" of Evola Music, Plymouth Rotary Foundation, Optimist Club of Plymouth, Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation, and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

"PCCS and its Board of

Directors have always been interested in increasing the musical opportunities available to young people, and presenting special children's concerts to contribute to their education and exposure to the arts," said Jennifer Philpott-Munson, the symphony's executive director. "With five outstanding Youth Outreach programs currently serving young people in Western Wayne, Eastern Washtenaw and Southern Oakland Counties, the PCCS is proud to be known regionally as the "music education symphony."

For more information on the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society programs, concerts and events visit the symphony's Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org or call (734) 451-2112.

TSA accepts signups for holiday meal

The Senior Alliance Holiday Meals program is gearing up to provide hot, festive meals to homebound seniors in the 34 southern and western Wayne County communities on Easter Sunday. And it's still not too late for individuals to sign up.

Seniors interested in receiving the meal must be homebound, age 60 years and older, or disabled and be home alone and without a meal on the holiday. Current recipients of home delivered meals are eligible for the holiday meal.

TSA has a meal request form available at senior centers in its service area that can be mailed to The Senior Alliance, 3850 Second St., Suite 201, Wayne, MI 48184. Meal request forms can also be obtained by calling Lori Tooles-Carrington at (734)

727-2063.

On the forms, the individual or individuals must indicate if they will alone on Easter Sunday. They must include their names, address and telephone number and name of apartment complex where applicable, as well as their age and if the receive home delivered meals. One meal will be given to each eligible person.

With Easter on the horizon, Pete the Fuzzy Peep is back again to help The Senior Alliance raise money to serve even more homebound seniors this Easter holiday. Peeps are sold for \$5, which covers the cost of the meal for a homebound senior. Watch for the Peeps sale Friday, March 14, when TSA volunteers who will be at many neighborhood banks, credit

unions, and grocery stores raising funds for the Easter holiday meals.

The holiday meals program serves dinners on Easter, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas, however, there are 12 holidays throughout the year that holiday meals are not served due to lack of funding. There is no state or federal funding for holiday meals; its existence is entirely dependent upon the generosity of individual donors. Anyone interested in contributing toward the program can make a check, payable to The Senior Alliance Holiday Meals, or "SAHM" in the memo area.

People who would like to volunteer to help or make a contribution, call Jaelyn Kochis at (734) 727-2060 or by e-mail at kochis@tsalink.org.

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The Kilpatrick scandal is far more than just bad publicity

Kwame Kilpatrick has really mucked it up this time. There's no need to rehash the details of the mess he is in. By now even the Martians are talking about it. But this is far from over, and who knows what the repercussions ultimately will be.



Greg Kowalski

from buying the building. He wanted to renovate it and turn it into a charter school but was blocked by Detroit and Wayne County bureaucracy.

After that meeting Cockrel met with the key parties involved to get the roadblocks removed.

He did. Now the building is in the process of being completely restored. It's not an overstatement to say the neighborhood is being saved. I suspect there are more such stories in other areas of Detroit.

But now everything is being overshadowed by the scandal in Detroit city hall.

It is yet to be seen if major investors interested in Detroit are going to be put off by the continuing story. But what company wants to be associated with the Kilpatrick administration now?

Who wants to invest in the laughing stock of the nation, which is what Detroit is becoming? If the revitalization of Detroit does stall because of this horrendous story Mayor Kilpatrick should be held fully accountable.

It's a shame. I like Kwame Kilpatrick. He's extremely bright, personable and energetic. In another reality he might have ended up being one of Detroit's greatest mayors — the man who engineered the city's rebirth.

But now he should resign and be left as no more than a footnote in Detroit's history. Too bad. Too, too bad.

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Thanks, Dr. Ryan

The trustees of the Educational Excellence Foundation offer our sincere gratitude to Dr. James Ryan for his service to our community. Dr. Ryan has been Superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Schools for the past six years. PCCS was fortunate indeed to have such a wonderful man at the helm to help steer our schools in the direction they needed to go.

Dr. Ryan also served on the Educational Excellence Foundation Board as an ex-officio trustee, where he provided background and guidance regarding the District's status and needs. He kept us apprised in a genuine, but formidable manner, never passing the buck. We always felt well-informed because we knew that Dr. Ryan was an honest and forthright man.

Dr. Ryan has been instrumental in the growth of The Educational Excellence Foundation during his tenure. His support of our fund-raising ventures contributed to the foundation being able to provide over \$500,000 in the form of teacher grants and funding for the Summer Skills Academy. He participated in every one of our events during his term, and we will truly miss his jolly demeanor and wonderful personality.

Dr. Ryan has been an active player in the wider community as well. He has the ability to make those around him comfortable, and was always approachable.

LETTERS

He continuously and successfully endeavored to make this district better. He will be missed by many, but especially by the trustees of the Educational Excellence Foundation.

Sharon Belobraidich
chair, Educational Excellence Foundation

Who's kidding whom?

One must wonder how disappointed the old-time Republicans must feel about how low their party has descended.

As if the present administration in Washington with its disastrous war, coming recession, unbelievable deficits and attacks on the environment and the Constitution were not enough, we have just as bad a group in the Michigan Republican party.

In order to regain house seats lost to Democrats recently, they have targeted three Democrat representatives, including our Marc Corriveau, for a recall on the ground that they voted an increase of the Michigan income tax of less than one-half of one percent.

For most taxpayers, after deductions on their adjusted gross income, it will mean a little more than the cost of a Red Wing ticket and a pizza dinner. Those with low income or unemployed will be paying even less or nothing. For the State of Michigan, it is much-needed money to cover the deficit.

Who do these right-wingers think they

are kidding when they claim they are doing it for our benefit? Well, thank you so much, but I am not happy with your using my tax money for a special election a few months before November to help you win back those House seats.

I am not easily bought by your vulgar appeal to my pocketbook and although I am in my 80s, I strongly recommend that when you send your signature-gatherer to my door, he better be wearing his running shoes.

Irene Piccone
Northville

What good is Kennedy's support?

Are you kidding me? Obama sought out the support of Ted Kennedy? The same Ted Kennedy who is a serial adulterer, an alcoholic and arguably responsible for at minimum the negligent homicide if not outright homicide involving Mary Jo Kopechne?

If you don't recall, note that he purportedly crashed his car at 12:40 a.m. and did not report it to the police until after spending the night in his hotel room as well as after he found out the body had been discovered around 8 a.m. the next morning.

If this is the sort of person's support that you seek out to help you win the presidency, why would I vote for you?

Ed Johnson
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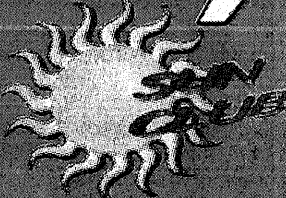
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Canton grapplers battle Davison to the end

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

DIVISION 1 TEAM WRESTLING FINALS

Canton's wrestling team didn't beat Davison Friday night in a Division 1 state quarterfinal match, but the Chiefs sure did make the state's No. 1-ranked team sweat.

Canton trailed the highly-touted Cardinals just 32-21 with two matches left before dropping a 41-21 decision in front of a packed house at Kellogg Arena, which is located in the heart of downtown Battle Creek.

Canton, which looked anything but intimidated by Davison's 31-1 record and

trophy case-ful of state titles, finished 27-8.

It was the Chiefs' second appearance at the Team Wrestling Finals in the past three years. They lost to eventual champion Rockford in 2006.

"I think we turned a lot of heads and proved that we're a legit team," said Canton senior captain Rodger Kropp, who registered a pin over Kyle Thick at 171 pounds. "We prepared to beat them and we're all disappointed that we didn't."

Judging by the postings on state-wide internet chat boards, the Chiefs would have been lucky to reach a double-digit point total against their powerhouse opponent.

Canton interim coach Mike Pantaleo said that sentiment proved to be a motivating factor for his team.

"One of the key things for us tonight was gaining respect," said Pantaleo, who was filling in for suspended coach Casey Randolph. "No one gave us credit for even being here — we weren't even a blip on a lot of people's radar screens — and the kids were inspired by that. We knew we deserved to be here and we knew we

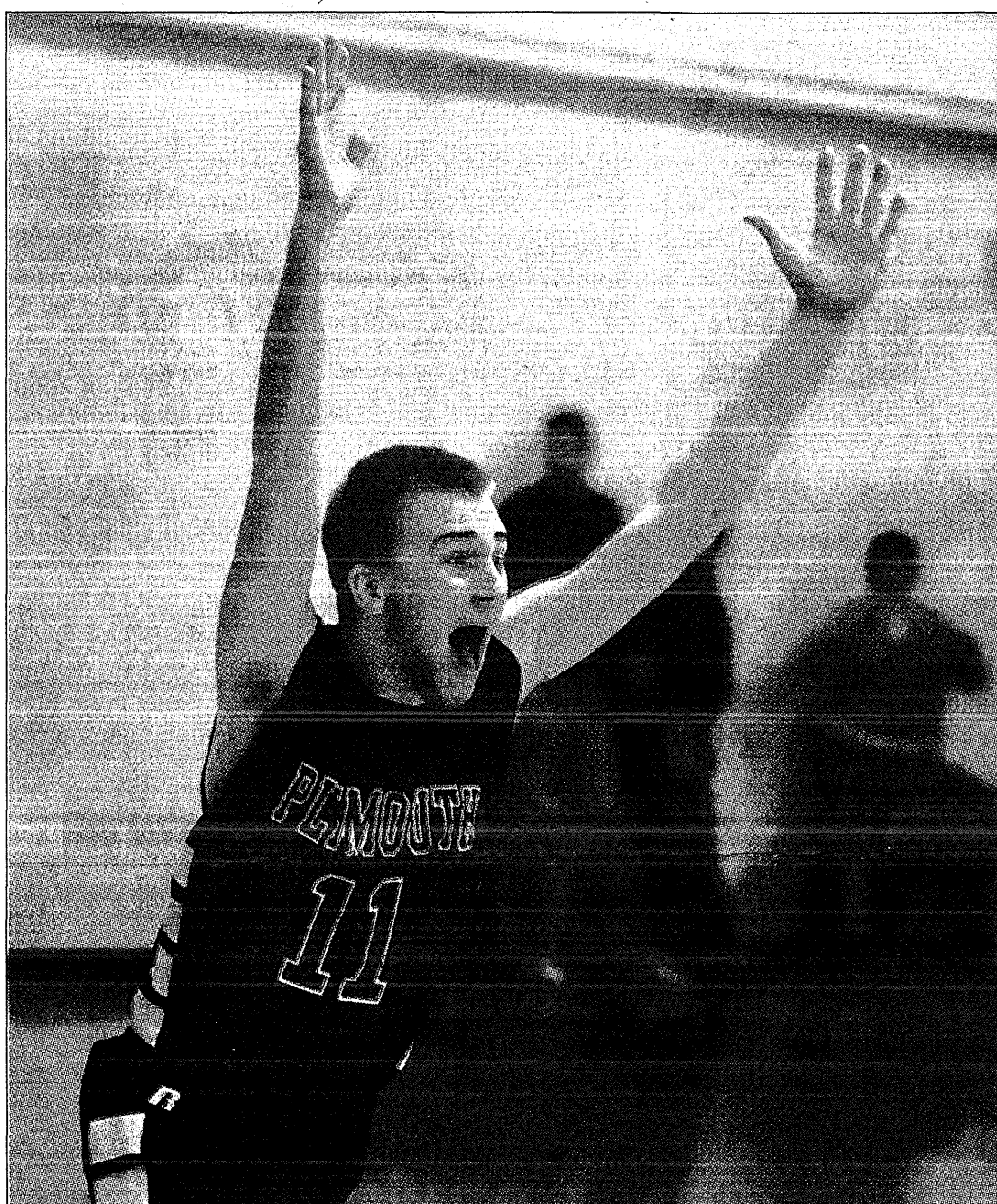
were going to wrestle these guys tough. "If we had a few matches swing back our way, it might have been a different story. The name Canton is going to be synonymous with Battle Creek — that's what we're working for."

The Cardinals jumped to a 6-0 lead when Bryan Rickard pinned Canton's Carl Lucke in 1:16, but the Chiefs rebounded to deadlock the score at 6-6 on identical 4-2 victories by Donnie Watkins at 125 and Jeremy Filippelli at 130.

Davison built a 23-9 lead by winning

Please see **WRESTLING, B3**

Class D District Basketball Finals



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Christian senior co-captain Trevor Zinn lets his feelings be known after the final buzzer sounded following the Eagles' dramatic 58-55 victory over Lutheran Westland in Friday night's Class D District final at PCA.

JOY RIDE

Eagles complete an improbable journey to District championship

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

"Rocky," "Rudy" and "The Little Engine That Could" have nothing on the Plymouth Christian Academy boys basketball team.

Not after the Eagles pulled off an amazing week-long underdog performance that was capped with Friday night's Class D District title-clinching 58-55 victory over Lutheran Westland.

On the heels of a 4-16 regular season, the Eagles captured their first District championship since 2000 in spectacular fashion when they overcame a nine-point halftime deficit against the Warriors to win with clutch, last-minute free-throw shooting and air-tight defense.

When the final buzzer sounded, the black-clad PCA student cheering section stormed the floor and embraced their conquering heroes.

"At no time this week did we ever talk about turning in our uniforms — we stayed optimistic and the boys did an amazing thing by pulling together like they did," said first-year PCA coach Mike Doyle. "We lost a lot of close games this year. It seems like we'd play really well for three quarters

and not very well for one. We'd run out of gas.

"Playing at home in front of a large crowd was huge for us. Our fans came out in force tonight. They kept us energized with their support."

With the game knotted at 55-55 and less than a minute to play, the Eagles' Spencer Wiard stole the ball at mid-court and was fouled while going in for a layup at the other end.

He made one of two free throws to give PCA a 56-55 lead.

Following a missed Lutheran Westland shot, senior guard Trevor Zinn snared the rebound, was fouled and made one of two free throws, giving the Eagles a 57-55 advantage.

Reid Barber added another late rebound and free throw with 2.5 seconds remaining before the Warriors' Sam Ahlmsmeyer missed a last-second heave at the buzzer.

History was not on the Eagles' side heading into the tournament, Doyle noted.

"Redford Covenant, who we beat last night, beat us 64-30 last year," he said. "But the guys stayed upbeat and it showed."

Brent Zinn led a super-balanced PCA scoring ledger with 15 points. Trevor Zinn, Brent's older brother, added 13, Ross

Please see **PCA, B6**

Miller, Mullett lead Agape to 1st District crown

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Extreme pressure turns coal into diamonds.

On Friday night at Wyandotte Mt. Carmel, it helped the Canton Agape boys basketball team earn a gem of an accomplishment.

Playing against Allen Park Inter-City Baptist's full-court, in-your-face pressure defense, the Wolverines stayed calm, cool and collected while collecting a monumental 55-40 Class D District final victory. It is the school's first boys basketball District crown since it joined the MHSAA in 1993.

The Wolverines will take their 17-6

record — and a gym-ful of momentum — into Monday night's Regional semifinal contest against Sterling Heights Parkway Christian at Birmingham Roper High School. The time of the game was not determined as of Friday night's deadline.

The Chargers' season ended with a 15-8 mark.

"Tonight fulfilled a lifelong dream for me," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner, who started the school's sports program in 1987. "We've been affiliated with the MHSAA for the past 14 years and this is our first boys District basketball title. It's a landmark for the school and all the guys on the team are to be congratulated."

"They pressured us the whole game. Mark Mullett, our point guard dribbled

right through them so many times and he never turned the ball over."

Anleitner also had high praise for senior center Jared Miller, who netted 19 points and 15 rebounds despite feeling under the weather.

"Jared played an incredible game," Anleitner said. "He even blocked a couple of shots against Nick Packwood, their 6-5 All-State center. He was playing sick tonight — he had a sore throat and he was coughing like crazy — but he showed a lot of courage."

Agape led 12-10 after one quarter but trailed 23-21 at the half.

"I told the guys at halftime that we were right where we wanted to be," said Anleitner. "We were the big underdogs

tonight, so the fact that we were still in the game at that point was huge."

"They play in the MIAC Blue, which is the higher division, and they'd beaten us in the past by 20, 25 points."

The Wolverines sealed their historic accomplishment by outscoring the Chargers 14-2 in the third quarter and 20-15 over the final eight minutes, which featured several trips to the free-throw line by the winners.

Mullett finished with 16 points and Ty Majeski added nine.

Garrett Daniel led Inter-City with 19 points and Packwood closed his stellar high school career with 12.

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Plymouth's Pitts wears 'C' with pride

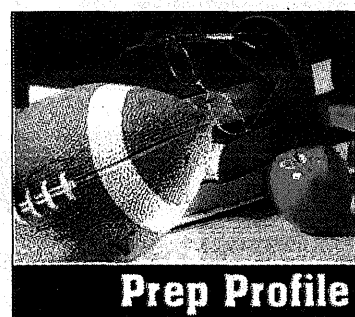
'Cats nipped by Falcons in Regional final. See story, Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

How did the senior-year conversion from elite-level travel hockey to the high school version of the sport pan out for Plymouth's Jerry Pitts?

About as well as it worked out for the Wildcats — splendidly.

Both Pitts and Plymouth's hockey team thrived this year as the former was instrumental in helping the latter rack up a school



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record 15 victories before bowing out in Friday night's Division 2 Regional final to once-beaten Farmington Unified, 6-3.

The addition of Pitts and two

other long-time hockey stand-outs but first-year high school skaters — Colin Rolfe and Jake Jossey — proved to be invaluable to first-year Plymouth coach Paul Fassbender.

"Jerry's been a team leader from the start," said Fassbender. "He helped bring the team together at the beginning of the season and he's helped everyone keep their focus throughout the season."

Important 'C'hoice

Few decisions are more pivotal

Please see **PITTS, B3**



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Senior Jerry Pitts played a huge role — both on the ice and in a leadership capacity — in Plymouth's record-breaking season.

Sidelines

Softball Showcase

The Paramount Scouting Bureau and National Scouting Report will host the Motor City Showcase Friday, July 4, as part of the Paramount Softball Showcase Series.

The showcase, which begins at 10 a.m., will be held at Victory Park in Canton.

Professional scouts will rate all players with the top players receiving invitations to play in a national showcase.

A college recruiting session will follow the showcase.

For more information, contact Steve LaMay at (248) 249-0129 or slamay@nsr-inc.com.

Diesels tryouts

The Detroit Diesels, a minor league football team, will be holding tryouts March 8 and March 15 — both Saturdays — from 2-5 p.m. at High Velocity Sports, which is located at 46245 Michigan Ave.

Tryouts are for men 18 years old and older. The fee is \$35, which includes a T-shirt.

For more information, call (313) 299-1277 or visit www.dieselsfootball.homestead.com.

Ignition honors

The Detroit Ignition's Major Indoor Soccer League team swept MISL Player of the Week honors last week.

Danny Waltman was named Goalkeeper of the Week after stopping 22-of-26 shots against Baltimore on Sunday. Included in the saves was Waltman's 1,000th career stop.

Droo Callahan earned Defensive Player of the Week honors after posting five blocks in the Ignition's 19-8 win over the Blast.

He also registered a pair of assists.

Ricardinho was named Offensive Player of the Week after scoring seven points on three goals against Baltimore.

His second goal of the night marked the mid-fielder's 50th MISL career goal.

Coaches needed

The Christian Football League of Michigan is looking for high school and middle school coaches for a new team in the Plymouth/Canton/Livonia area. Interested coaches should download the coaching application and background check available at www.cfl-mi.com.

The Christian Football League of Michigan is set to begin play this fall.

Plymouth skaters give Farmington all it can handle before falling

BY DAN O'MEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Farmington coach Mark Vellucci has often talked about his hockey team's conditioning level and third-period effectiveness throughout the season.

The Falcons certainly needed it Friday night to overcome an upset-minded Plymouth squad in a Division 2 regional final at Novi Ice Arena, 6-3.

With the score tied after two periods, 3-3, senior forward Andy Hall scored the first two goals of the third to give Farmington the winning advantage.

"We're all real proud of the third period," Hall said. "It was a good thing for the team to play a tough game. We won't underestimate anyone else, because we can see what could happen."

Hall scored the game-winner at 9:51 in the third from D.J. Vandercook,

who had three assists. Hall, who has knack for being in the right place at the right time, was there to knock in the rebound.

His insurance goal came at 6:19 on a power play with assists going to Mike O'Neill and Vandercook.

"Our power play consists of me sitting in front of the net and screening the goalie," Hall said. "We have other players moving the puck. I set up for the rebound if it doesn't go in on the first shot."

"It's always a thrill to score, but scoring in the playoffs makes it that much better."

Plymouth killed another Farmington power play at 3:05 before Topherson Gendron added an empty-netter for his second goal of the game with 1:21 remaining.

After being outplayed in the first period and fighting to keep pace with the Wildcats in the second, the Falcons

owned the third period.

In its second season as a single-school team, Farmington (25-1-1) won its first regional championship and the first for any city team.

The Falcons move on to the Division 2 quarterfinals to play either Walled Lake Northern or Hartland 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Novi Ice Arena.

Plymouth (15-10-2) carried the play to Farmington at the start of the game and had two early power plays, which the Falcons managed to survive.

In the final minute of the first period, Farmington goalie Chris Newton stopped a breakaway by Jake Jossey, and Colin Costello got behind the right angle for a shot.

"A 0-0 tie against a team with one loss in the first period? I'll take it," Wildcats coach Paul Fassbender said. "Then the gas tank started running low."

"I think we got tired (in the third period). The heart was there; the emotion was there. We just ran out of gas."

Fassbender compared Farmington being cast as a heavy favorite and Plymouth trying to pull an upset to an egg sitting on a counter.

"That team didn't expect to lose," he said. "They weren't scared of us. If we get a couple early goals, maybe we can get the egg to crack. Maybe they start panicking."

"Honestly, I think they overlooked us. Nobody expected us to get this far. We're a young team. We rely on a lot of sophomores to carry the bulk of the load."

The Wildcats were first to score at 14:48 in the second period with Jossey's goal from goalie Christian Blick. Farmington's Ian Ellis tied the score at 11:23.

The Falcons took a 2-1 lead with Ethan Range's unassisted goal follow-

ing a takeaway in front of the Plymouth net at 9:12. It was the Wildcats' turn to tie when Jerry Pitts scored off a scramble in front of the net at 7:42.

Richard Cigile gave Plymouth a 3-2 lead with a power-play goal at 4:35, and Farmington's Gendron created another stalemate with his shot from 20 feet at 3:07.

Connor Dresser had two assists for the Wildcats; Plymouth's Luke Merandi and Pitts and Farmington's Matt Scott, Zach Jugan, Range and Joe Ramirez had one assist apiece.

Plymouth was minus one of its top players, Colin Rolfe, who had to sit out the final after he was ejected from the previous game.

"Anytime you have a guy like Colin and you give him a breakaway, it's in the net," Fassbender said. "We had two or three in the first period. Maybe we capitalize (and the game goes differently)."

Plymouth icers dominate Pats, 4-0

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's hockey team skated into the school's record books Wednesday night with style, flair and — most importantly — a grip on its first-ever pre-Regional title.

The Wildcats thoroughly dominated Livonia Franklin, 4-0, in a Division 2 pre-Regional final played at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

The victory propelled the winners into Friday night's 6:30 p.m. Regional final against 24-1-1 Farmington Unified.

Friday night's game will be played at the Novi Ice Arena, which is located on Novi Rd. between 9 and 10 mile.

Wednesday night's win upped Plymouth's record to 15-9-2 — a record number of victories for the surging Wildcats.

Franklin closed its season with a 9-14-2 mark.

"I feel great for these guys — they've worked really hard all year," said first-year Plymouth coach Paul Fassbender. "They started the season in the shadows of the players on last year's team who a lot of people said

were bigger and better, but this year's team went out and got the most victories ever by a Plymouth team."

"The kids played smart tonight and got the puck out of our zone when they needed to. They didn't take too many chances, stayed out of the penalty box and kept their composure."

The Wildcats outshot the Patriots 33-8 over the final two periods. Only a stellar performance by Franklin senior net-minder Austin Messler prevented a more lop-sided final score.

Leading the Plymouth charge were seniors Jake Jossey, a 5-foot-10, 180-pound forward, and Christian Blick, a 5-10, 180-pound goalie.

Jossey scored the winners' first three goals while Blick — a late-season sensation between the pipes — stopped all 17 shots he faced.

"Jake always plays hard and has a nose for the net," said Fassbender. "He's really picked it up the past two or three games for us."

"Christian is an outstanding leader. He's very vocal and communicates very well with his

coaches and teammates. He's a great guy to have back there."

Jossey staked the Wildcats to a 1-0 lead 2:34 into the game with a goal assisted by Evan Swieczkowski.

He doubled Plymouth's lead to 2-0 with 2:6 to play in the second period when he rifled his team's 17th shot of the period past Messler. Swieczkowski and Noel Aspenwall assisted.

Jossey completed his natural hat trick when he controlled a pass from senior captain Jerry Pitts and deposited the puck into the back of the net top shelf. Colin Rolfe also earned an assist on the goal.

Aspenwall added an insurance lamp-lighter with 8:04 left when he scored on a rebound shot with the Wildcats two players down.

Franklin coach Scott Wirgau said the game was a disappointing ending to a season that saw the Patriots triple their win total from a year ago.

"I think Plymouth came out and expected us to play better than we did and we expected to play better than we did," said Wirgau, a first-year coach. "We were a lot flatter than they were and they seemed to want it

more than we did."

"We wanted Plymouth. We felt we matched up well against Plymouth and we came in on an emotional high. We had a really good game last Saturday and we had a great practice yesterday, so we were confident. Maybe overconfident."

Wirgau praised Messler, who stopped 43-of-47 shots.

"He keeps us in every game we play," Wirgau said. "We're really going to miss him next year."

A scary incident marred the final minute of the game. Franklin's Carson Gurski was checked head-first into the boards behind the Wildcats' net. He laid on the ice for approximately five minutes before getting assisted off by a pair of teammates.

Wirgau said Gurski had suffered possible thumb, collarbone and back injuries. An ambulance arrived at Eddie Edgar Arena a short time after the game's conclusion.

Rolfe was disqualified for the hit and cannot play in the Wildcats' Regional final contest Friday night.

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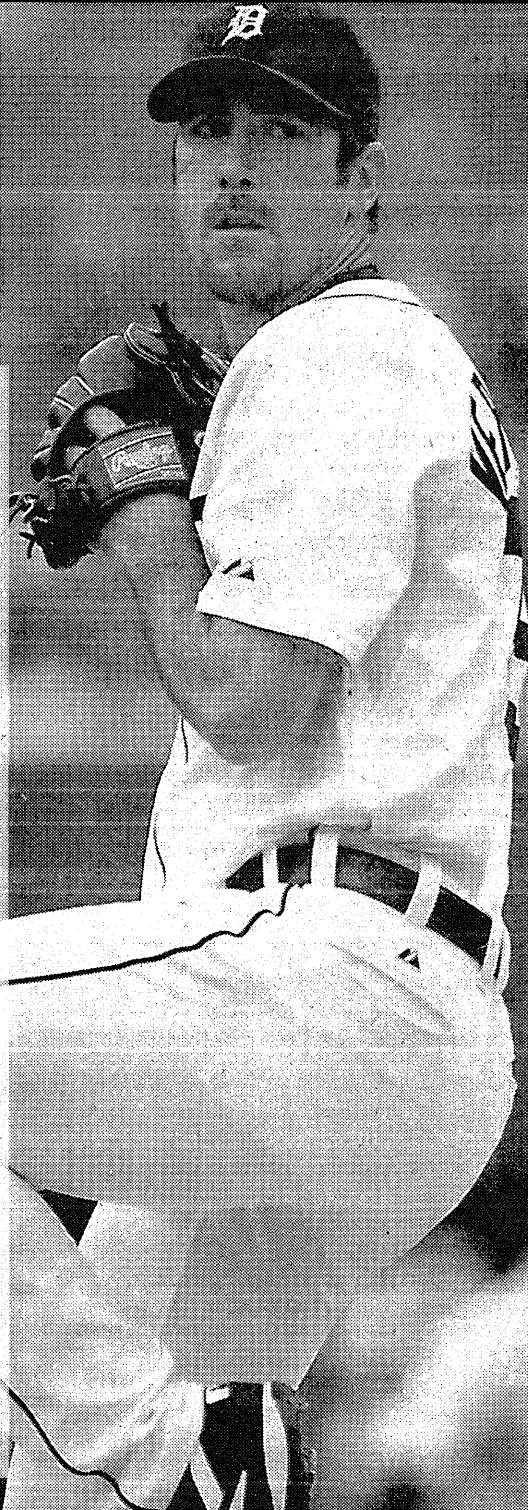


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four of the next five matches. The lone Canton victory in the stretch was Brent Winekoff's 9-4 decision over James Hyatt at 14:5.

"Brent's wrestling really well," said Pantaleo of Winekoff, who improved to 46-4. "I expect him to go deep in the individual state meet next week."

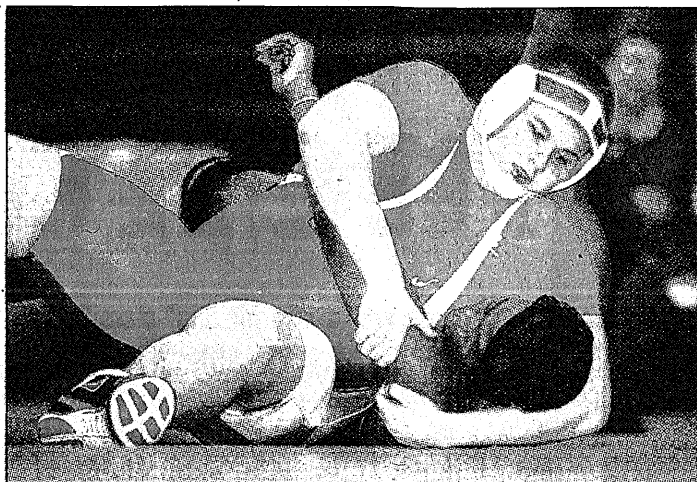
Kropp's fall over Thick brought the Chiefs to within 23-15, however, Davison's Josh Connell won a hard-fought 9-6 battle over Adam Powers at 18:9 to extend the cushion to 26-15.

When Davison's Richard Kirksey notched a 1:04 pin over Dan Wanshon in the 215 contest, the Chiefs needed to record pins in the final three matches to stay alive.

Heavyweight Luke Konsitzke did his part when — while facing a 4-2 deficit in the third period — he put 30-6 Jared Cowan on his back and finished the pin at the 4:21 mark to make it 32-21.

"Luke battled all the way through to the end there," said Pantaleo. "He stayed in the match against a really good kid and once that big heavyweight gets on top of you, it's tough to roll back off."

"I told him, 'Put everything you have into it, Luke, and just



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Canton heavyweight Luke Konsitzke, pictured above in a match earlier this season, notched a pin in the Chiefs' quarterfinal match against Davison Friday night. The junior finished the season with a 29-16 record.

hold him there' and he picked up a big win. That's something he can build on for next year."

Davison clinched the victory one match later when Dakota Thronson edged Waleed Faraj, 7-6, in an entertaining 10-3 pound encounter. Faraj appeared to tie the match with a late escape, but the referee ruled the move came after the final horn.

Randolph was not allowed to be in Kellogg Arena Friday night due to a 2007 infraction, however, his spirit was present, according to Kropp.

"Coach Randolph's always with us," he said. "His training is always going to help us on the mat, whether he's here or not. I think we all wrestled for him tonight."

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160: Nick Boan (D) pinned Keith Zech in 5:10;
171: Rodger Kropp (C) pinned Kyle Thick in 4:21;
189: Josh Connell (D) dec. Adam Powers, 9-6;
215: Richard Kirksey (D) pinned Dan Wanshon in 1:04;
285: Luke Konsitzke (C) pinned Jared Cowan in 4:19;
103: Dakota Thronson (D) dec. Waleed Faraj, 7-6;
112: Cody Robbins (D) pinned Connor Johnson in 2:19.
RECORDS: Canton, 27-8; Davison, 32-1.

PITTS

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for a first-year coach than whom he selects to serve as his team's captain. After careful consideration, Passbender chose Pitts — a move that turned out to be golden.

"Since I was new to the program and didn't know everybody, I watched all the kids' demeanor the first couple weeks of practice," he said. "I wanted to see how everyone carried themselves and how they interacted with the rest of the team. That's when I picked Jerry to serve as captain."

"On the ice, he's not the fastest skater on our team, but he's always in the right position and he can play physically if we need him to. He has a very good shot and he makes up for what he

lacks in speed with positioning and aggressiveness."

Born to lead

The leadership role was a natural one for Pitts, who had served as a captain on numerous occasions throughout his youth-league years.

"Playing high school hockey this year has exceeded all of my expectations," said Pitts, who finished the year with 13 goals and 12 assists. "Even though we had a lot of new players join the team, our chemistry was good because I used to play travel hockey with Colin and I had played against Jake, so I knew what he could do."

"I think our success this year was due to good coaching and the fact that we played as a team. It's been fun."

Pitts said the large, enthusiastic crowds were a welcome

bonus. "It was fun playing in front of a lot of my friends," he said. "The people at school really got into the hockey team. Kids would congratulate me in the hallway after we won a big game."

Never a dull moment

When Pitts is not immersed in hockey — he's played virtually year-round for as long as he can remember — he enjoys riding his dirt bike on his family's 40-acre spread near Jackson and working at Mickey Shorr's, where he installs stereos and sound equipment into cars.

"I'm going to go to Schoolcraft for two years and then to Grand Valley," Pitts said, referring to his post-high school plans. "I'd like to major in business and maybe become a sales rep or something."



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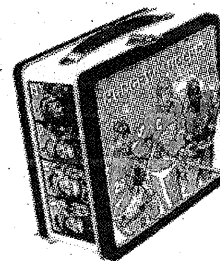
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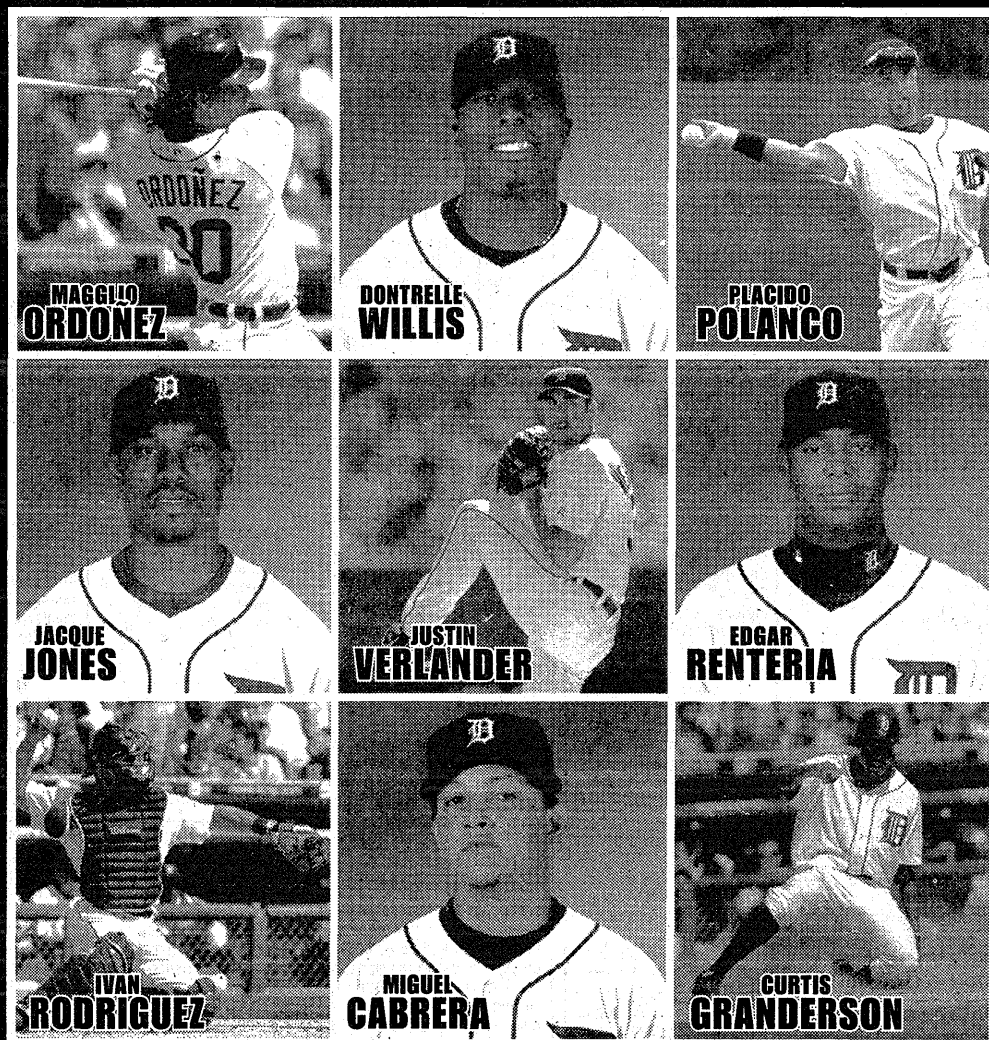


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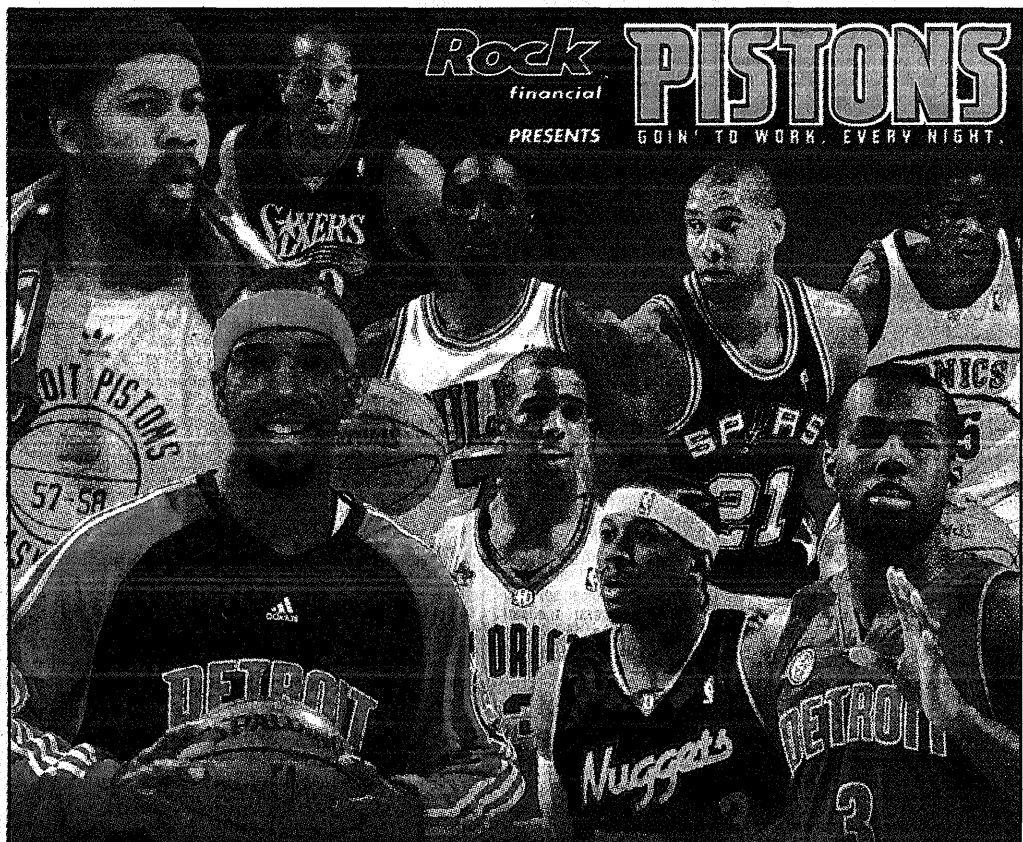
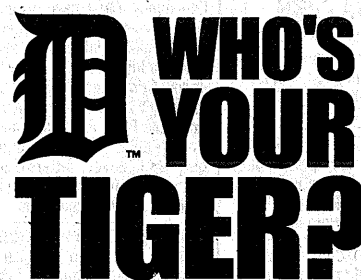
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Preventive medicine

Drug could prevent kidney damage from dyes

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Dr. Aine Kelly suspects the average patient is unaware of the risks for kidney damage from the dye used to provide contrast in computed tomography (CT) scans. Patients usually receive the dye or contrast agent intravenously before an angiogram, angioplasty, or CT scan which uses X-rays to produce cross-sectional images of the body.

The good news is that a recent study found that an inexpensive drug, N-acetylcysteine, taken beforehand can protect patients at risk of kidney damage from the iodine-containing contrast agent.

Kelly, a medical doctor and assistant professor in the radiology department at the University of Michigan Medical School, led researchers in analyzing data from 41 randomized controlled studies of drugs to reduce the chance of contrast-induced kidney damage during angiograms which use the same dye as CT scans. She suggests patients ask their health care provider prior to undergoing a CT scan about the possibility they could be at risk for nephropathy, the medical term for dye-induced kidney damage. About 25 percent of high-risk patients suffer kidney damage from the dyes. In the study published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* in February on the effectiveness of drugs for preventing

contrast-induced kidney damage, N-acetylcysteine offered protection and cost about 25 cents.

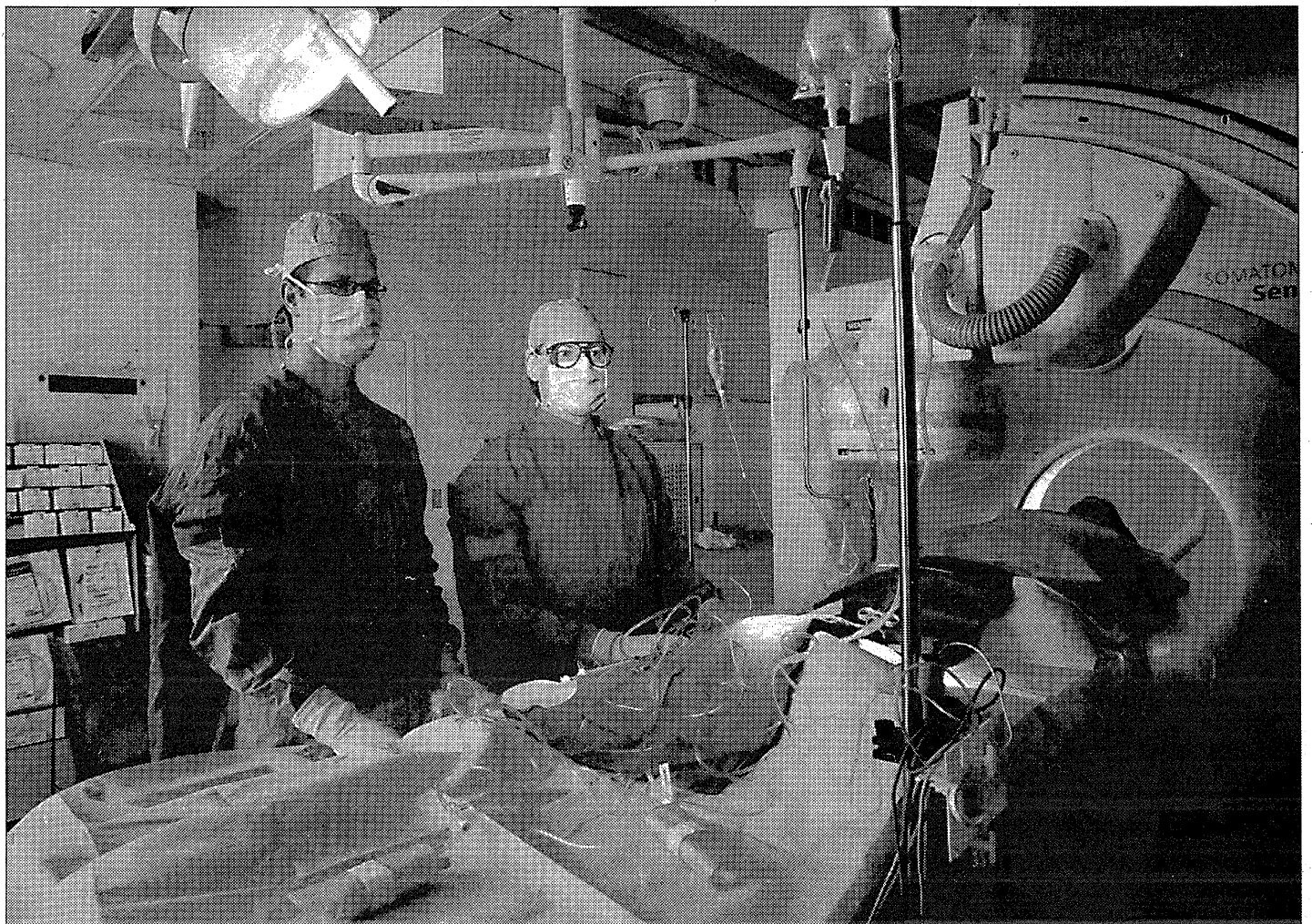
"The contrast agent impairs the excretory function," said Kelly. "The work unit of the kidneys is the nephron. Some blood vessels are constricted and toxic substances don't get excreted as well, stay in the blood stream and cause problems. In some patients there's a possibility that a transplant or dialysis might be needed. Sometimes it can be a life or death thing. If it shuts down completely, the kidneys could be permanently damaged."

Even patients without kidney problems should probably request a blood test to determine creatinine levels. A rise in creatinine indicates the kidneys aren't functioning efficiently.

"There is a small risk (even for normal kidneys) for about one in 10. They'll get it for two or three days until it is excreted in the urine," said Kelly. "My advice is if middle-aged or older, there's no harm to be aware of your kidney function. They should probably have kidney function checked."

"Second is to drink lots of fluid. It helps flush the contrast out. Drink lots of clear liquids not alcohol, but make sure your doctor doesn't have you on a special diet. A lot of times, fluid is restricted for kidney problems."

Although the initial analysis looked at angiogram data only, Kelly's future plan is to study CT scan patients



University of Michigan physicians use a CT scanner in one of the special rooms that contain both the scanner and angiogram imaging equipment.

to see if N-acetylcysteine or another drug like theophylline could lower the risk of kidney damage caused by contrast agents. Kelly specifically came to this country to do research at the University of Michigan after working as a physician in Ireland and then training as a radiologist in the United Kingdom. She decided to do the study after talking to colleagues who were giving patients N-acetylcysteine pre-scan. She was curious as to whether

there was evidence the drug offered protection against contrast-induced kidney damage so she could better advise colleagues and patients. Kelly says the problem of kidney damage is not a recent one.

"It's probably been happening all along," said Kelly. "The studies went back 15 years. CT took off in the '80s and early '90s. Angiograms have been around for 30 years. I suspect patients are unaware of it from talking

with patients and my own friends and relatives."

The benefits of CT scans and angiograms still outweigh the risk of kidney damage from the contrast agent.

"In most situations when a CT scan is ordered it's to answer a serious situation," said Kelly, "a patient is suspected of having cancer or a clot in the lung, or a kidney stone which needs to be diagnosed and specific treatment begun quite soon."

Kelly is hopeful that

researchers will soon find a safer way to diagnose diseases. She has seen progress over her 12 years in radiology.

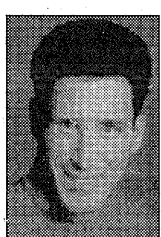
"Contrast agents are getting better," said Kelly. "We have different contrast agents. Contrast agents are becoming less toxic than they used to be. It's certainly become much less of a problem. Maybe we could make it such a tiny risk it would be less of a worry."

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Vibration platform tightens abs

Brad from Wixom e-mails asking if there is anything he can do to tone up his abs. He has been trying crunches and ab work, but he still feels flabby.

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Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Researchers put mice on a vibrating platform for 15 minutes a day for 15 weeks. At the end of the study they found the mice had 27 percent fewer abdominal fat cells. They also saw a decrease in triglycerides in the liver. Now those are some well-toned mice!!

One more note, the mice did not lose weight, but experts believe the vibration changes fat distribution in a beneficial way. Experts believe humans can achieve the same results. I have actually been on one of these platforms and it is a great workout! Pam from Keego Harbor e-mails about her teenage son. He smokes and she is worried he may be doing more. What can she do?

Pam, it is crucial to get your son to quit smoking because it may lead to more unhealthy behavior. A new study found teenagers who smoke are five times more likely to drink and 13 times more likely to use marijuana. Experts believe the nicotine in tobacco products can produce structural and chemical changes in the brain that can cause teens to be more vulnerable to alcohol and other drugs. Researchers also found teenagers who smoke have a higher risk of depression and anxiety disorders. It is time to get them to quit, now!

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Food for thought

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Fibromyalgia lecture

7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, with Dr. Peter Ianni, a behavioral pain psychologist, present a demonstration of surface EMG and Biofeedback, at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. RSVP a few days before the lecture if you will be attending, by sending e-mail to smo23915@aol.com. Cost is \$5 to help pay for the cost of the room. For more information, call (248) 344-0896. Loren DeVinney, P.T. will discuss the role of physical therapy in the treatment of fibromyalgia and how Biofeedback and physical therapy complement each other in a multidisciplinary treatment program. There will also be a round table question discussion. New Fibromyalgia patients, spouses or friends are welcome to attend the meeting.

Workshop series

Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do, an ongoing series, is presented by Ronald Harrison, SW in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott, Ypsilanti. Part One: What To Know, runs 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, and provides information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. For details, call (734) 973-7892, send e-mail to jessa@med.umich.edu or visit www.teensusingdrugs.com.

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takes place 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham (\$24). Presented by Lorraine Stefano, A.C.S.W. For details, call (248) 828-7333 or visit thinktrim.com.

Smoking cessation clinic

With Dr. Arthur Weaver 10:30 a.m. to noon March 7, 10-14, and 17, at Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church fellowship room, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. For more information, call (248) 349-5683.

Low vision support group

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

Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions on a first come, first served basis, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Fibromyalgia support

The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS Support Group features speaker Esther Morton on Pain Relief at Your Fingertips, Serenity ear acupressure program 1-3 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford. Donations accepted. Group meets monthly on second Thursday. For information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768.

Vegetarian seminar

Nutrition and cooking seminar 2:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church fellowship room, 4295 Napier, between Ann Arbor and Warren roads. Lectures by a physician and nutritionist will be followed by cooking demonstrations with recipes and menu plans. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. To register, call (248) 349-5683 or (313) 531-2179.

Art of aging

Ninth annual Art of Aging Successfully 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at Greater Grace Temple, 23500 W. 7 Mile. Detroit icon Sonny Eliot talks about his decades of working in radio and TV and his personal triumphs and tragedies. Cost \$18 for age 55 and older, includes sit-down lunch. To register, call Donna at (313) 577-2297. Hosted by the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University.

PLAY Project Level I Workshop

With Rick Solomon, M.D., 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 29, for family members of children with autism and education and health care professionals, at The Futures HealthCore Therapy Center, 3231 South Gully, Dearborn. Visit www.futurestherapycenter.com or call Dawn Ham-Kucharski at (734) 407-2500, Ext. 459.

Volunteers needed

For Camp Discovery for children with epilepsy (June 29 to July 3), at Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center in Augusta, northwest of Kalamazoo. Volunteer training from experts on epilepsy and camp procedures Saturday, June 28. Free room and board. For information or an application, visit www.epilepsymichigan.org, call (800) 371-6226, option 1, Ext. 231, or send e-mail to sdarroch@epilepsymichigan.org.

'Do You See What I See' campaign raises awareness about vision loss

Do You See What I See? For seniors who suffer with an eye disease known as Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD) the answer is always no because the central area of the retina known as the macula is losing function. The retina is made up of layers of nerve cells that sense light and allow you to see.

Picture a large black hole in the center of your sight that robs you from seeing complete images and eats away at your vision from the inside out. That is what happens for 10 million Americans who suffer from AMD, a devastating eye disease and the leading cause of vision loss in people 65 years or older in the U.S.

In honor of March's AMD Awareness Month, EyeCare America is launching a campaign to educate people about risk factors (age, race, family history) and treatment options. For seniors who have not been diagnosed with AMD, the national organization would like to connect those people with a free eye exam through its AMD EyeCare Program. The eye exams will be provided by more than 7,000 volunteer ophthalmologists across the U.S. For more information, call (866) 324-EYES (3937). Eyeglasses, medicines, hospital services and fees of other medical professionals are not included.

"There is no cure for AMD, but early detection and treatment may lessen severe vision loss and slow the progression of the disease," said Dr. William Tasman, chairman of the EyeCare America program.

To supplement its award-winning referral program, EyeCare America has recently created a new Web site specifically designed to assist online users in learning more about eye problems such as AMD. The site, eyecareamerica.org, contains up-to-date clinical information about AMD and other eye diseases reviewed by certified ophthalmologists with links to current treatments and an interactive tour of the eye's anatomy. Visitors can share important health topics with family and friends through a convenient e-mail forward function and order free brochures that give in-depth information on treatment, tests/diagnosis, and causes and risks factors for a wide variety of common eye diseases.

Other easy to use functions include online tools such as a vision simulator which allows users to see how vision would be affected from common eye diseases, and informative videos created by the American Academy of Ophthalmology that will provide visitors with a complete interactive experience.

Established in 1985, EyeCare America, the public service program of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, is committed to the preservation of sight by providing eye care services to the medically underserved and for those at increased risk for eye disease. More than 90 percent of the care made available is provided at no out-of-pocket cost to the patients. EyeCare America includes programs for seniors, glaucoma, diabetes, AMD, and children.

Sarnia stings Whalers with last shot

Jamie Arniel's goal with 1:16 remaining in regulation snapped a 5-5 tie and the Sarnia Sting defeated the Plymouth Whalers, 6-5, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before 3,582 at the Sarnia Sports and Entertainment Centre.

Plymouth is now 32-23-2-3, good for 69 points and fifth place in the tight Western Conference playoff race. Sarnia improved to 33-26-2-0, good for 68 points and eighth place in the Western Conference playoff race.

On a night when offense ruled, the last shot won and that was Arniel's, when he pounced on a loose puck just outside the Plymouth goal crease with Whalers goaltender Jeremy Smith down on the ice. Sarnia star Steven Stamkos - whom many project to be the first overall selection in this summer's National Hockey League Entry Draft in Ottawa - continued to torment Plymouth this season with a hat trick and his 47th, 48th and 49th goals of the season. Stamkos has eight goals and an assist in five games against Plymouth this year.

Mark Katic (5) and Jared Gomes (18) scored the

other Sarnia goals. Plymouth received two goals and an assist from former Sarnia player Christian Steingraber (2-3) and one each from Chris Terry (team-leading 40th), Kaine Geldart (11) and Ryan Hayes (10).

The Whalers came back four times from deficits (1-0, 2-1, 3-2 in the first period and 5-3 in the third) only to lose.

Trailing 5-3 after 40 minutes, Plymouth tied the game in the third period on Steingraber's second goal of the evening at 2:10 (snap shot from the high slot that handcuffed Sarnia goaltender Andrew Perugini) and Hayes' power play goal at 10:09 (rebound in front after Perugini made the save on a Steingraber point shot). That set the stage for Arniel's game-winner.

Sarnia outshot Plymouth, 48-27.

Plymouth is home this afternoon (2 p.m.) against Saginaw. Tickets can be purchased for all Plymouth games by calling the Compuware Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

Eagles soar over Covenant in District semifinals, 71-61

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Brian Alexander carefully measured his words after his Redford Covenant boys basketball team lost 71-61 to Plymouth Christian Academy in Thursday night's Class D district semifinal.

"Every coach doesn't want it to end," he said. "But take your hat off to Plymouth Christian, they took us out of our game." The Spartans head coach then emphasized that his squad did not rebound, shoot well or play very good defense against the district host Eagles - who were powered by a raucous home crowd and 31 points by senior guard Trevor Zinn.

"Those things have been our Achilles heel all season," Alexander said. "It caught up with us."

Alexander did not give the home-court advantage much weight when discussing what sparked the Eagles, a team that came in with a 5-16 record.

"The home-court advantage didn't have anything to do with it, it's just that we weren't focused," he said. "And, Plymouth Christian did a great job."

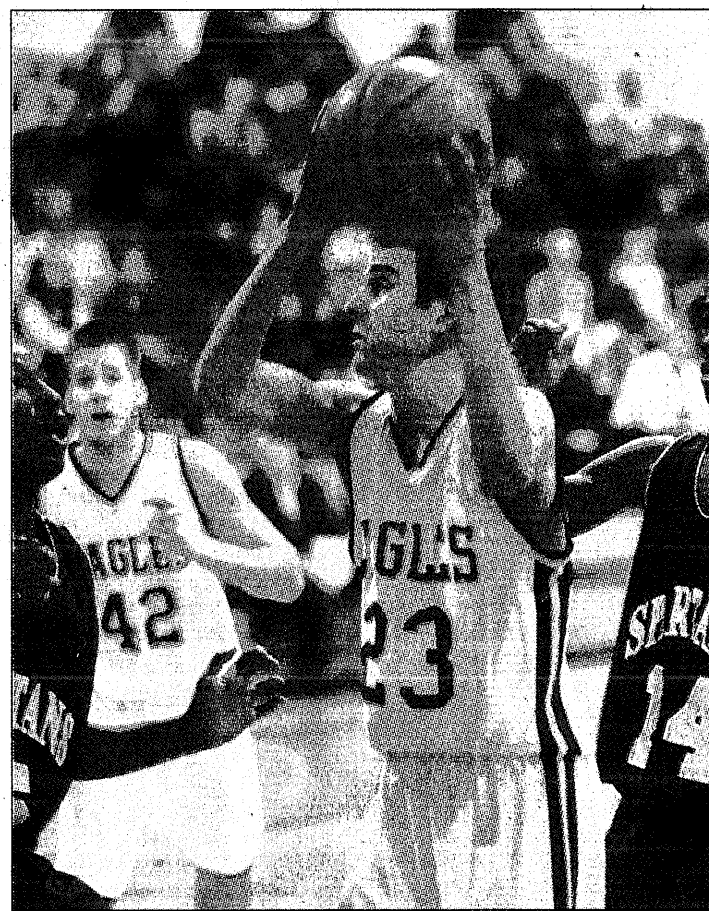
He noted how the Eagles turned the tables on Covenant.

"They got the ball out quick, so we could not set up our defense," Alexander said. "And they ran a little bit. We had problems getting back, something that we normally do (to other teams)."

Plymouth Christian head coach Mike Doyle did give credit to the home fans, however. "It was a big home-court advantage. They filled the whole student section and the fans were awesome and they rushed the floor after the game," said Doyle, with a laugh.

And that supportive noise ratcheted up his squad in the energy department.

"It gives us a lot because all year we've been playing two or three quarters very well, and in the fourth quarter we just run out of gas," Doyle said. "I think with that extra adrenalin, the crowd cheering, that gave us a big, extra boost."



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PCA's Spencer Wiard grabs a rebound during Thursday night's Class D District semifinal victory over Redford Covenant.

Doyle, of course couldn't ignore the other big reasons for the win. The Eagles more than doubled Covenant in the rebounding department (with 10 by junior center Reid Barber), hit many more free throws and rode Trevor Zinn's coattails.

"It would be his last game, he's a senior and he was on a mission for sure," Doyle said. "He played the whole game, he didn't come out one time."

The Eagles started strong, racing out to a 12-2 lead that featured back-to-back treys by Trevor Zinn and his junior brother, Brent Zinn (13 points, seven rebounds).

It was 17-12 after the first, following a brief Covenant rally. Chester (17 points) nailed a triple, sophomore wing guard Lawrence Ridgell (16 points) converted a put-back and freshman point guard Ben Kil (11 points) connected on a beautiful, spin-a-rama jump shot from the paint after taking a nifty

inside feed from senior guard DeAndre Bracken.

The Spartans forced a 36-36 halftime tie after a better showing in the second, with six points each by Chester, sophomore guard Julian Ridgell (who finished with nine) and five by Kil.

But Covenant never really seemed to get in sync, even after moving ahead 44-40 midway through the third following a great play by Bracken. He picked off an in-bounds pass in the Plymouth Christian end and dished through traffic to Julian Ridgell for a layup.

An example of how the Spartans couldn't sustain anything positive took place late in the first half. After an Eagle missed a free throw, Chester pulled down the rebound. But then he came down on the foot of a Plymouth Christian player and slipped - enough to be whistled for traveling.

Ignition vaults to first with 24-11 triumph

The Detroit Ignition defeated the California Cougars 24-11 Friday night at Compuware Arena in the club's third consecutive victory.

The victory, which was nationally broadcast on Fox Soccer Channel, gives Detroit a share of first place in the Major Indoor Soccer League with a 15-7 mark. California slipped to 8-14.

The first points of the match came from Ignition midfielder Ricardinho, a two-point score less than two minutes into the first quarter. California mid-

fielder Majell Aterado responded for the visitors at 5:42, notching two points off an assist from Semir Mesanovic.

With just 12 seconds remaining in the first, Detroit got two more points on the scoreboard off the head of rookie Vahid Assadpour. Midfielder Ze Roberto assisted on the goal.

The second quarter belonged to Detroit as Worth Sampson, Ricardinho and Jamar Beasley each scored two-point goals to put the club up 10-2 at halftime.

Nineteen seconds into the

third, Brighton native Doug Rice put a two-point tally past California keeper Sanaldo, who played for Detroit last season. Less than two minutes later, Roberto increased the club's cushion to 13 with a three-point score that spurred the Cougars to bring netminder Matt McDougall in for Sanaldo.

The Ignition will travel to Florida on Friday, March 7 to face the expansion Orlando Sharks (3-20), and will return home to host the Chicago Storm (13-10) on Sunday, March 9.

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Warriors with 14 points. Jake Kruger contributed 12.

Gerulis twined 11 and Wiard chipped in with nine.

The Eagles sank just 13-of-26 free throws. LW was 15-of-22 from the stripe.

Barber led all rebounders with eight.

Ahlsmeier paced the

at Birmingham Roeper. Its opponent and the time of the contest was not known as of Friday night's deadline.

Lutheran Westland closed with a 6-15 mark.

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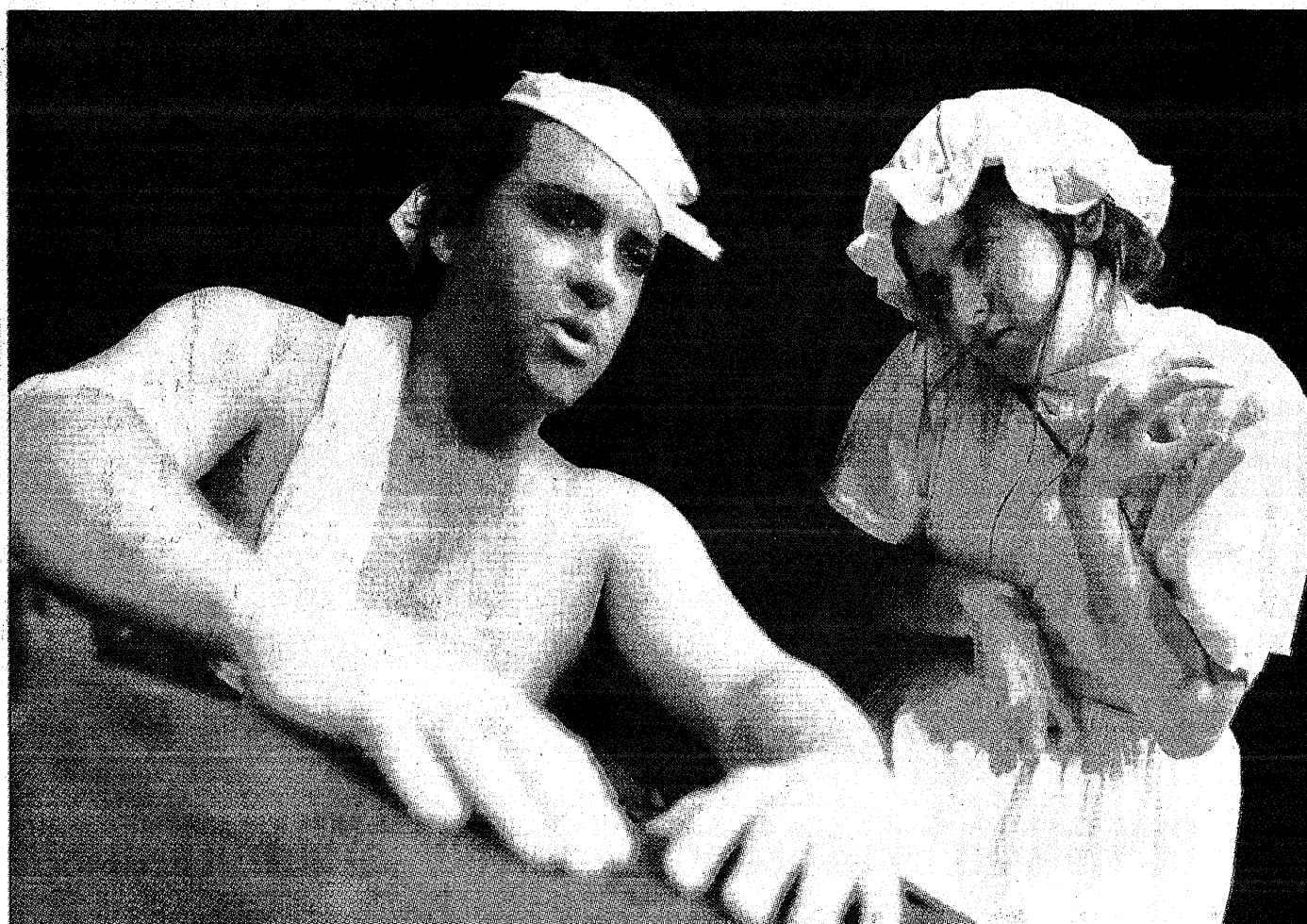
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Christian Cash as Jean-Paul Marat and Stephanie Lee as Simonne Evrard rehearse a scene from 'Marat/Sade,' a drama which takes place in an insane asylum. Marat is stabbed to death by Charlotte Corday (played by Melissa Humphrey, not pictured) while taking a bath.

This is madness

'Marat/Sade' deals with dark side of human nature

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Michael Ludlum likes to think of Hannibal Lecter, the serial killer in the *The Silence of the Lambs*, when re-creating the Marquis de Sade. The Canton man plays the French aristocrat in the Schoolcraft College production of *Marat/Sade* opening March 21.

Marat/Sade is a play within a play and based in part on history. De Sade, for whom sadism was named, wrote plays while an inmate in an insane asylum in Paris. Set in 1808 in an asylum where patients are putting on a play, the drama culminates with the assassination of revolutionary journalist Jean-Paul Marat in a flashback to 1793. Marat and de Sade spend much of the play debating relevant issues of the time.

Besides learning his lines Ludlum had to research the period after the French Revolution. He is a part-time Web development instructor at the college who's fairly new to acting. He appeared in his first Schoolcraft play, Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*, last season.

"I analyzed the character and the historical figure," said Ludlum. "The Marquis de Sade wrote things in a very manipulative way to enforce his beliefs."

'MARAT/SADE'

What: Peter Weiss' drama about the Marquis de Sade, Jean-Paul Marat and patients in an insane asylum in early 1800s France

When: 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 21-22 and March 28-29 (dinner theater), and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 4-5 (performance only)

Where: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia

Tickets: \$24 (dinner theater), \$12 (performance only). Vegetarian dinner available. Call (734) 462-4596.

James Hartman did his research before he took on the job of directing Peter Weiss' play at the University of Cincinnati many years ago. This is the third time the Schoolcraft College professor has staged the play. He warns, the production is not for children. Hartman remembers walking to the car with his stomach in knots after seeing the play at a theater in Cincinnati.

"I got permission to go through an asylum. I needed background information," said Hartman. "I saw some pitiful, awful and horrifying things some of which I put on stage, some things I could not. It was a scary experience."

Ever since directing the play 14 years ago at Schoolcraft College, Hartman says at least one audience member at

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Trevor Wnuk as Herald rehearses a scene for the Schoolcraft College production of 'Marat/Sade.'



Schoolcraft College theater professor James Hartman, left, directs Michael Ludlum as Marquis de Sade, right, with actors from left, Diana Oswald, Lia Liade Biasi, and Paige Pavlos as they rehearse a scene from the college's production of 'Marat/Sade.'

Friendships need a break sometimes

I have a friend that gets into a lot of trouble ... I mean, A LOT of trouble. She's even been to juvie. She has spent a lot of time at my house but she keeps getting arrested for things. I want to help her and be a good friend to her, but now she's mad at me for hanging out with other friends. What should I do?

Caring Friend
Westland



Teen Talk

Monica Fulton

It sounds like you really need to ask yourself if this is the kind of friend you want to have in your life. Have you been friends for a long time? How good of a friend is she to you? It sure sounds like you go out of your way for her ... does she go out of her way for you? Besides, it's OK to have lots of different friends. Why is this friend angry that you've been hanging out with other people? Being possessive of you isn't being a good friend.

Sometimes, friendships need a break. Maybe this is a good time to take a breather from the friendship and explore other activities and other friends. You might want to ask your parents for help and support during this "break" so that you can think clearly about what you want in a friend. But, make sure you're not saying negative things about this friend to other people. Just because you two aren't getting along right now is no reason to be mean. And this includes teaming up with other friends to harass or bully this friend. Just focus on what you want and surround yourself with people that will help you, not hurt you.

I'm trying to stay sober but everyone around me drinks or uses drugs. My friends, my family ... everybody! What should I do?

Almost Sober
Garden City

It's important to surround yourself with people that are not using drugs or alcohol. If you're not comfortable attending Alcoholics Anonymous, you might want to try Ala-Teen. There are lots of teens dealing with families that are alcohol or drug involved, as well as dealing with sobriety themselves. Many local churches, community centers, hospitals, and Salvation Army centers have AA, Al-Anon, and Ala-Teen groups. One of the biggest things you can do to help yourself is to avoid places where there will be alcohol and/or drug use. If your family is having a big celebration where you know most of them will be drinking heavily, choose not to go. But be prepared, your family isn't going to like it. Simply tell them that you aren't interested in being around a bunch of people that are drinking. Creating a new support circle of friends who don't use is important too. Seek out activities that don't involve alcohol and drugs, and you'll find people who don't drink or use drugs. Sounds simple enough - right? It's a little more challenging than that because you're using friends aren't going to like you breaking away from their circle. Just remember to keep your own best interests at the top of your list. You are in charge of realizing your goals ... make sure you're on the right road to get to them!

One of my really good friends recently died and I'm having a really hard time dealing with it. It's hard to see his parents, it's hard to go to school, it's hard to go to the movies ... everything reminds me of him. Help!

Grieving in Garden City

It is so hard to lose someone you care so much about. It's especially hard when that person is so young, with his whole life ahead of him. It is going to be hard to do things or go places without reminding you of the loss of your friend. It's important to recognize that this is normal. It's also important to understand that there are different stages of the grief process. Denial, anger, bargaining, and acceptance are all normal feelings. When we're in the denial stage, we almost don't remember that the person died. We look for the person in public places, we go to the phone to call the person, or we think about the person in the present tense. During the anger phase, we tend to feel angry at the person who left, angry at God, and angry that we don't have control over the situation. When we are in the bargaining stage, we tend to avoid doing things that we used to do with the person who died as a way of trying to keep the person alive in our minds. Finally, during acceptance, we can move forward in our lives and have memories of our loved one that brings a smile to our faces and lifts us up, rather than bringing us down. Give it time. Recognize that grief is a process. And by all means, talk to a school counselor, a parent, or another adult that you're comfortable with about what you're feeling. Reach out to other kids that knew your friend ... you might find out that you're not alone in how you feel.

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Mama Jazz receives Salute to Women



Midge Ellis (right) received the Salute to Women Award from the Livonia Branch of the American Association of University Women at the annual luncheon. Janet Bennett (left) is chairperson for the award.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Midge Ellis started promoting jazz back in high school in Kentucky. The 84-year-old Livonia woman hasn't stopped since. In recognition of her support for the music Ellis was recently presented with the 2007 Salute to Women award from the Livonia Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

Once a year, women are nominated for their contributions to the community. Laura Callow received the award in 1978 for her work on behalf of furthering the Equal Rights Amendment.

"We look for women who have made a contribution to the community and Midge certainly has made a number of contributions through her career. She actually improved not only life in Livonia but the region," said Callow, co-

president of the AAUW, Livonia branch. "She brought many musicians to the Clarenceville school district helping to further and preserve the true American art form which jazz is."

SCHOOL DAYS

Ellis chuckles when she remembers her student days in Corbin, Ky.

"The first band I hired was in high school. I was on the prom and year book committees and talked them into bringing a big band to the prom instead of a year book," said Ellis. "I've been promoting jazz since 1945. I started right after my husband got out of the service and we joined a country club and started bringing in bands for dances in Greenwood, Mississippi, then Baton Rouge."

Ellis has been bringing musicians to the Livonia area for nearly 40 years. Local jazz fans

were fortunate to be able to see and hear the big bands thanks to her efforts on behalf of the Clarenceville series. The big band concerts ran from 1969 to 1982 in the high school's Louis Schmidt Auditorium in Livonia.

"They had built the new auditorium. It was big and beautiful and the taxpayers were saying why do we have it," said Ellis. "We brought in children's programs that didn't pay for themselves. I suggested bringing in bands. At the time big bands were traveling all over the country. We got Buddy Rich. He was the first."

Over the years Stan Kenton, Maynard Ferguson, Woody Herman, Harry James, and Count Basie were among the bands spotlighted on the series. While in town the musicians shared their knowledge with

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students. It was during this time the late *Detroit Free Press* columnist Bob Talbert gave Ellis the nickname, Mama Jazz. Talbert, who announced many of the concerts, began noticing how the musicians would go to Ellis to sew on buttons and take care of them like a mother.

"We had clinics and brought in jazz students. The 940 seats would be full. They would come in from high schools from all over Michigan," said Ellis.

NOT SLOWING DOWN

After 1982, Ellis was so busy as coordinator of special events at Schoolcraft College she didn't have time to book bands. Then in the early 1990s she and vibraphonist Jack Brokensha met with the owner of the Botsford Inn to bring jazz to the Farmington area on a weekly basis. The Jack Brokensha Quartet with Matt Michaels, Dan Jordan and Jerry McKenzie played the historic venue for several years as the Wednesday jazz nights were so popular.

Then Ellis was asked to use her organizational skills to coordinate the Michigan Jazz Festival, the dream of big band leaders Johnny Trudell and the late Emil Moro. The event had been held at Freedom Hill for the first time in 1995. For the next four years it was held at the Botsford Inn before outgrowing the space and moving in 1999 to Schoolcraft College where it continues to take place. The next event is scheduled for July 20, and as always showcases Michigan jazz musi-

cians on multiple stages.

Ellis serves as vice president, treasurer and director of the annual event which means she organizes the fund-raisers to make the festival a reality. Right now she's working on the April 13 program featuring jazz pianist Cliff Monear and his group, the annual Father's Day brunch, and a fall fund-raiser Oct. 12. For more information, call (248) 474-2720.

"We look for somebody who's done an outstanding job in the community (over a lifespan)," said Janet Bennett, chair of the Salute to Women award. "Midge provided that kind of support for jazz. She brought public attention to Louis Schmidt Auditorium which is marvelous for its acoustics and the Livonia Symphony now uses it. She made a real contribution."

Bennett was the one who informed Ellis that she was receiving the AAUW's Salute to Women. The award is hanging in place of honor in Ellis's living room.

"When she called and told me I'd won I couldn't believe it especially when it was for the education of jazz," said Ellis. "That's been my mission in life to teach about jazz so they can love it as much as I do. I love it because it's an American art form. It started here in the United States. The freedom in the music is what our forefathers fought for. There's such a freedom because of the improvisation. The musicians are not reading the music. They can play a solo one night and the next night not be the same. Each instrument plays such a vital part in the music."

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Livonia Symphony Orchestra celebrates spring

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The weatherman is calling for another 3 to 5-inches of snow but Tom Bjorklund doesn't seem to care. He's looking forward to the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's Marching into Spring concert Saturday, March 8, at Clarenceville High School Auditorium in Livonia.

On the program is Robert Schumann's *Spring Symphony* which was inspired by the February of 1841, *First Cuckoo of Spring* by Frederick Delius, and several marches. For sure the cuckoo calls that identify with nature should be fun and there's nothing like a rousing march to boost the spirits.

"The music committee has put together some neat pieces," said Bjorklund, president of the LSO board of directors. "I'm looking forward to it. The Schumann symphony is going to be a lot of fun to listen to. I encourage people to come and listen."

"It's such a bargain to listen to our great musicians in an auditorium with great acoustics for a grand total of \$17 and only \$5 for students and children. We lowered the price (for chil-

MARCHING INTO SPRING

What: Livonia Symphony Orchestra concert featuring Schumann's 'Spring Symphony' and marches
When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 8
Where: Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Tickets: \$17 adults, \$5 children and students. Call (734) 421-1111 or visit www.livoniasymphony.org

dren and students) a couple of years ago and it's nice to see an increasing number of young people because they enjoy the music."

Like all nonprofits, the LSO continues to struggle to raise the funds to keep the LSO alive.

"It's not just our problem," said Bjorklund. "There's not a symphony orchestra in the country that can get by just with ticket sales. Fund raising is an important part. With the economy in Michigan as it is, I encourage people to send in their donations and attend the golf outing in June and the concerts."

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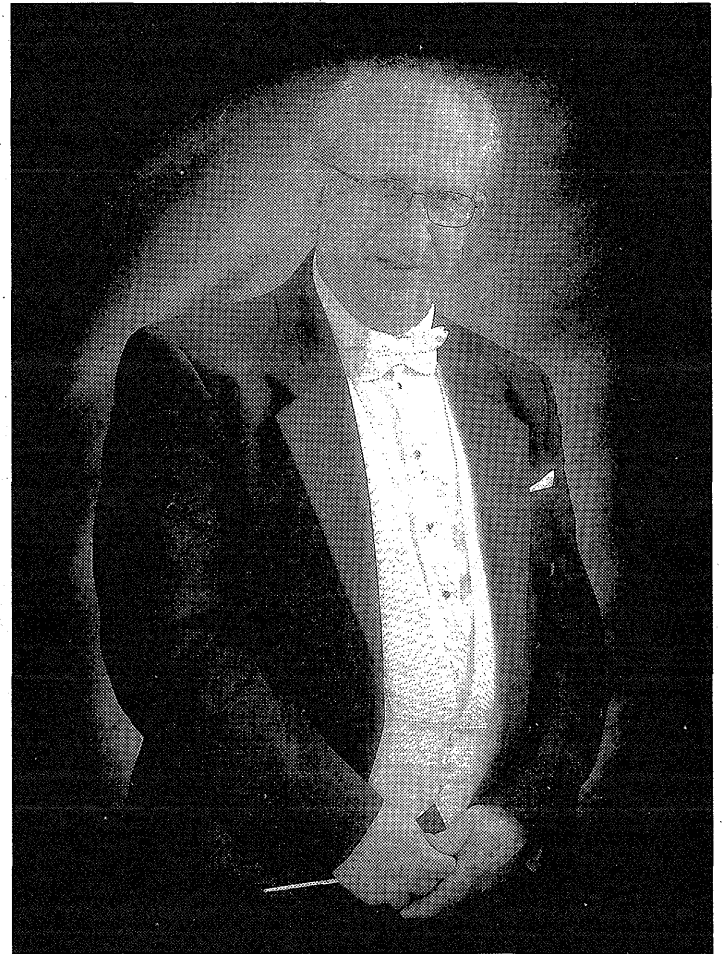


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Volodymyr Shesiuik conducts the Livonia Symphony Orchestra in its Marching into Spring concert on March 8.

Bowlathon to raise money for Goodwill work programs

Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit is registering teams for the first annual Goodwill's Motor City Bowlathon. The month long event, which culminates on March 31, encourages Metro Detroiters to Bowl for Jobs at 11 area bowling centers in an effort to raise thousands of dollars to put people to work in Southeast Michigan. Bowling centers include Beech Lanes in Redford; Drakeshire Lanes, Farmington Hills; Mayflower Lanes, Redford; Thunderbird Lanes, Troy; Westland Bowl, Westland; and Woodland Lanes, Livonia.

Registration information and other details are available online at www.MotorCityBowlAThon.com. Blue Ribbon Quality Bowling Centers will host the event at 11 locations throughout Metro Detroit.

"The Bowlathon is an opportunity for families, co-workers, neighbors and friends to get together, have a fantastic time and contribute to a cause that impacts everyone in Michigan," said Ed Deeb, president and CEO of the Michigan Food & Beverage Association and the Michigan Business & Professional Association, and co-chairman of Goodwill's Motor City Bowlathon. "Every pin that falls and every dollar raised will help put people to work in this region."

The total cost to participate in Goodwill's Motor City Bowlathon is \$150 per team of three, four or five individuals. Each participating team member will receive two games of bowling, shoe rental, two pieces of pizza or two hot dogs, and a soft drink. Proceeds from all registration fees benefit Goodwill Industries of

Greater Detroit. "Everyone in Southeast Michigan recognizes the importance of jobs to the future of our communities," said Jerry Harris, proprietor and general manager of Blue Ribbon Quality Bowling Centers member locations in Novi and Farmington Hills and co-chairman of the Bowlathon. "We're looking forward to providing the places where bowlers from across the region can come together to support this initiative."

Eligible participants will have the opportunity to win a number of prizes including a lease on a new vehicle for the individual bowler with the highest score among all participants and two trips to tropical destinations. Any bowler recording a perfect 300 score during the Bowlathon will have the chance to win an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) from Motor City Harley-Davidson.

The first bowler rolling a turkey (three strikes in a row) on each team will win a \$15 Meijer Gift Card courtesy of Meijer. Participants will also be entered into a raffle for a number of other prizes. Those wishing to contribute to the Bowlathon, but are unable to bowl may submit suggested donation of \$30 via the Web site. By doing so, donors will be eligible for the raffle. In addition to prizes awarded for bowling accomplishments, Goodwill's Motor City Bowlathon also will award a prize to the team producing the best one- to two-minute video promoting the fund-raiser.

Entries will be shown on Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit's YouTube Web

site, www.youtube.com/goodwilldetroitpr. The winning team will receive up to five digital video camcorders.

"At its core, the mission of Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit is to put people to work, not just in the city of Detroit, but throughout Southeast Michigan," said Lorna Utley, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit.

The organization's clients include individuals facing a wide range of barriers to employment. Many were recently laid off and left lacking the skills to find new work in the changing economy. Others require assistance developing life skills necessary to communicate with customers and handle stressful situations. Still others suffer from physical or mental disabilities or have transportation or housing issues.

Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit provides people with opportunities to become independent, self-supporting citizens through training, work experience and employment in the community. In 2007, the organization successfully put nearly 1500 residents to work in the counties of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and provided nearly 14,000 individuals with employment and training services.

Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit provides people who have disabilities and other barriers to employment with opportunities to become independent, self-supporting citizens through training, work experience and employment in the community. For information, visit www.goodwilldetroit.org.

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Before After

Spaghetti dinner to raise funds for Women's Resource Center

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College holds its annual Spaghetti Dinner & Wine Glow Tuesday, March 18, in the VisTaTech center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia.

Guests can mingle during the Wine Glow which begins at 6 p.m. The 7 p.m. dinner and 8 p.m. program follows.

Tickets are \$30. For more information, call (734) 462-

4443. Proceeds go to support the Women's Resource Center which provides scholarships and programs for Schoolcraft College students.

During the 2006-2007 academic year 519 men and women received more than \$200,000 in grants and scholarships which came from multiple sources like the Spaghetti Dinner. Last year's Basket Raffle was especially popular with the crowd rais-

ing an additional \$1,500. This year themes include State of Michigan, Gardener's and Mystery baskets. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and available at the event.

The WRC has earned national recognition for From Chocolate Chips to Micro Chips to Blue Chips, the educational training program that's helped more than 600 women transition from working inside to outside of the home.

League to hold used book sale

Members of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County are busy working on their 26th annual used book sale March 14-16, at Livonia Mall on the northwest corner of Middlebelt and Seven Mile.

The Preview takes place 9 a.m. to noon Friday, March 14. Admission is \$3. Regular hours for the sale run noon to

8 p.m. Friday, March 14; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 15, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 16.

Bag sale is \$6, two for \$11. Most books and magazines cost \$1 or less. Videos, CDs and DVDs are individually priced.

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MADNESS

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every production has asked when he's going to do the play set in an asylum again. Hartman places actors as patients in the aisles of the theater to make the audience feel as if they are in an asylum.

"They're moaning or shouting things out," said Hartman. "I want the audience to be very involved in it. It helps draw the audience in. The two leads get very loud and emotional. It was done by the Royal Shakespeare Company in London in the 1960s and made such an impact it is included in many theater history books."

Hartman finds the play intriguing partly because it's based on history. He says it does create some controversy.

"A lot of speeches are very relevant to what's going on in our lives today," said Hartman. "We do have poverty today and people talk about freedom and how far the government can be in your life."

Critics describe the drama as total theater as it combines singing and movement with drama. The relatively large cast of 18 is composed of relatively new talent.

Melissa Humphrey is still struggling to define the line between her character and the one her character plays in Marat/Sade. Charlotte Corday is the French aristocrat who assassinates Marat.

This is Humphrey's first time acting in a production at Schoolcraft College. Originally she became interested in theater as a student at Macomb

Community College after landing the lead role in a Shakespeare play in 2000.

Like de Sade, Humphrey enjoys writing dramas and plays. She's published poetry and a short story and writes for the school newspaper, *The Connection*, and is on the staff of the national literary magazine, *The MacGuffin* from Schoolcraft College.

Humphrey is working towards a master's degree in English while minoring in theater.

"The patient who plays Charlotte Corday is a narcoleptic and suffers from melancholia. She's so depressed as a patient," said Humphrey of Redford.

Christian Cash plays Jean-Paul Marat, the French revolutionary journalist. The 40-year-old Fenton actor says it's been an educational experience and forced him to rethink positions involving politics and equality of the classes.

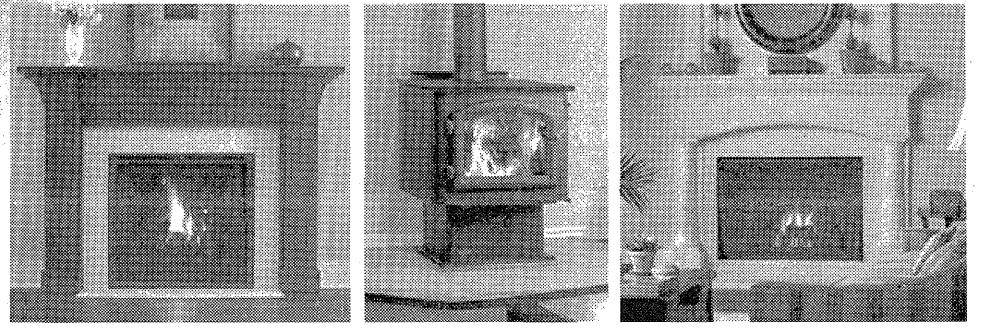
Cash regularly performs with the Spotlight Players, a community theater group based at The Village Theater of Cherry Hill in Canton.

"I don't want to scare them away. It is a theatrical extravaganza," said Cash of Fenton. "Marat is one of the leaders of the French Revolution of the people against the aristocrats. De Sade wrote plays to rehabilitate the inmates and for the aristocratic crowd to come and see the plays. It all really did happen. My character gets everybody worked up (in the asylum). He's a paranoid schizophrenic. It all ends in complete chaos and bedlam."

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The group that combines traditional Finnish schotisches and polkas with blues, funk, Latin, reggae, rock, and Caribbean beats, will perform a concert called "Finnish Reggae and Other Sauna Beats," from 8-10 p.m., Saturday, March 15 at Cranbrook's Art Museum, in

Bloomfield Hills. The concert, co-sponsored by The Finlandia Foundation National and The Finnish Club of Detroit, will include a cash bar and traditional Finnish refreshments. Doors will open at 7 p.m., allowing time to check out the museum's current exhibit, "Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future," a look at the life and work of one of America's most innovative architects. Admission to the concert, which includes entrance to the exhibit, is \$15 per person for the general public

and \$10 per person for members of the Finlandia Foundation National, Finnish Cultural Center and the Finnish American Club of Detroit. The event is free for ArtMembers@Cranbrook. To reserve tickets, call (248) 645-3314.

The foundation also is sponsoring a lecture, featuring Susan Saarinen, Eero Saarinen's daughter, and Mark Coir, director of Cranbrook Archives, at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 14, at the deSalle Auditorium at Cranbrook.

Art workshop focuses on O'Keeffe

Three Cities Art Club presents a free O'Keeffe workshop 7-9 p.m. Monday, March 3, in the lower level of the Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill.

Club member Elizabeth Gullikson will give the opening presentation on one of America's most acclaimed artists of the 20th century, Georgia O'Keeffe. Guests as

well as club members will then be able to choose a work by O'Keeffe and try their hand at reproducing it. This is an open studio event and there will be no instructor on hand.

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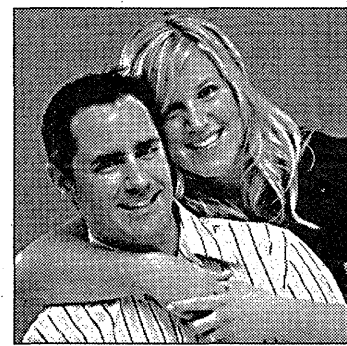
ENGAGEMENTS

Dew-Kusmierz

Rick and Carolyn Dew of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Ashley Dew, to Matthew Scott Kusmierz of Howell, son of Michael and Linda Kusmierz of Bay City.

The bride-to-be received a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry from Michigan State University in 2005. She is a third year medical student at Wayne State University School of medicine.

The future groom received a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in packag-



ing engineering in 2005 from Michigan State University. He is currently working as a packaging engineer at Nissan.

A June 2008, wedding is planned at MSU Alumni Chapel in East Lansing, Mich.

Foley-Kasten

Kristen Colleen Foley and Timothy Robert Kasten are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Debbie Foley of Plymouth and Pete Foley of Plymouth. She is a graduate of Canton High School. She will be graduating in May 2008 with a bachelor's degree in architecture from Lawrence Technological University. She is employed at Studio Design.

The future groom, son of Fred and Cathy Kasten of Plymouth, is a graduate of Salem High School. He is attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn, majoring



in mechanical engineering. He is employed at Power Sports.

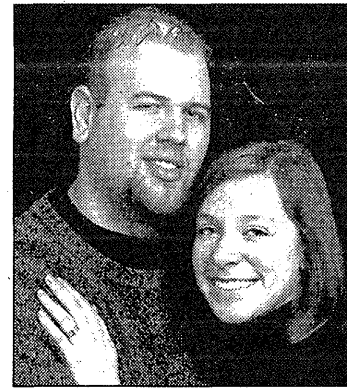
A May wedding is planned for Weller's in Saline.

Kingery-Amb

David and Christine Kingery of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Louise Kingery, to Mark Amb of Kalamazoo.

The bride-to-be is a 2006 graduate of Central Michigan University. The groom is a graduate of Mattawan High School.

A June wedding is planned.



Spencer-Jacovetti

John and Lorie Spencer of Lakeland, Fla., formerly of Redford, announce the engagement of their daughter, Crystal Marie, to Christopher Jacovetti, son of William and Karen Jacovetti of Livonia.

Crystal is a 2001 graduate of Thurston High School and is currently attending college in Lakeland, Fla.

Christopher is a 1999 graduate of Catholic Central High School and resides in Daytona Beach, Fla., where he is employed as an operations manager with Sunbelt Rentals in Ormond Beach.

An August 2008 wedding is



planned. The couple will make their home in Daytona Beach, Fla.

BIRTH

Jacob Daniel Cardwell

Daniel Cardwell and Tracey Halaberda of Belleville announce the birth of their son, Jacob Daniel Cardwell on Jan. 24 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn.

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Of Bloomfield Hills, peacefully February 24, 2008 surrounded by her loving family. Beloved wife of the late Anthony J. "Bud". Devoted mother of Mary Lee Jelinek (Gary), Joanne "Joey" Stotsky (Alan), Amy A. Peash (David) and the late Tommy Anzick. Dear grandmother of Brooke, A.J. and Caroline. Loving companion of Joseph Westergom. Services have been held. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



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February 26, 2008 peacefully at home in Bloomfield Hills, surrounded by her loving family. Age 86. Josephine's most important legacy from her allotted time on earth was her unwavering devotion to her family. Beloved wife of Martin J. Caserio for 63 years. Dear mother of Richard Martin Caserio (Patricia), Kathleen Jo Stroh (John), Joseph Michael Caserio (Karen) and Patricia Marie Clark (Kevin). Grandmother of Vincent and Martin III Caserio, Kristin Stroh, Jacqueline and Michael Caserio, Catherine and Timothy Clark and the late Carolyn Caserio. Sister of Ann Spicko. Sister-in-law of Jennie Spolarich. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Services have been held. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to The Village Women's Club Foundation, 190 E. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 or Christ Child Society, 15751 Joy Rd., Detroit, MI 48228 or the charity of donor's choice. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com.

HOPE (BRIGDEN) GILFERT
Age 88, of Longwood Dr., Westwood, MA, died Feb. 27 at the Clark House in Westwood. Born in Freehold, NJ. Nov. 13, 1919 daughter of the late George and Evelyn (Forman) Brigden she has lived in MA since 1992 previously living in Birmingham, MI for 25 years. Mrs. Gilfert graduated from Smith College and the Kathryn Gibbs Secretarial School. She volunteered in the recovery room at Wilmette Hospital in Wilmette, IL and Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI. She was a lover of the Arts and Symphony, her favorite painter was Winslow Homer. Pre-deceased by her husband Robert John Gilfert in May of 2006 and a brother George I Brigden who died in WWII she is survived by a son Roger and his wife Vicki Gilfert of Bedford, NH, a daughter Kiela and her husband Ralph June of Chilhowie, VA, a sister Mary Margaret Summers of Antioch, CA, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be held at Lakeview Cemetery in Wolfeboro, NH in the spring. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, One Bedford Farms Dr., Suite 105, Bedford, NH 03110 or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. The Baker-Gagne Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Wolfeboro is in charge of the arrangements.

ELEANOR J. KIND

Age 79, February 27, 2008. Loving wife of Wayne of 60 years. Dear mother to Joy, Michael and Jill. Grandmother of Cory and Katey. Sister of Larry Crommer, the late Margaret Case and the late Charles Crommer. Sunday visitation at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford at 3 pm until her funeral service at 4 pm. Arrangements entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Memorials suggested to the National Kidney Foundation in Eleanor's honor.



ELIZABETH ANN "LIZ" NEEFF (nee HOUCK)

Died February 28, 2008 at age 81 under the loving care of her newest friends at Hospice of Jackson-Home. Born January 21, 1927 on the kitchen table at the home on Griggs Ave. in Detroit of her parents, Harry David, Sr. and Hazel Blanche Houck (nee Carmichael). She was a life-long resident of Michigan. She is survived by husband, A. William (Bill) Neeff; their four sons, David, Stephen, Eric and Jonathan; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Liz and Bill would have celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on March 1st. Liz wanted immediate cremation and no funeral. A memorial celebration will be arranged after this winter. Liz graduated from Detroit's Redford High School in January, 1945 and attended University of Michigan for one year. She played the lead part in her senior play, and was an accomplished singer. For years she sang in her beautiful soprano voice at the Birmingham Congregational Church, in the choir and as soloist. She was frequently guest soloist at the Church of Later Day Saints in Birmingham and at several other churches near Oakland County, and at many weddings. In her youth, Liz spent summers at her folks' cottage on Little Wolf Lake in Jackson County. Bill and Liz replaced the cottage with their home on Little Wolf Lake in 1976, and moved in on January 1st 1977. They had lived 9 years on Forrer Ave. in northwest Detroit, and 20 years on Gilbert Lake Rd. in Bloomfield Twp, and finally 31 years on Wolf Lake Rd. in Napoleon Twp, Jackson County. Liz became interested in genealogy and joined the Jackson County Genealogical Society. For years, she devoted much of her time and gained many dear friends while doing volunteer tasks for the society. She joined husband, Bill, in operating their Wolf Lake Sailboards business from their home. She showed prospective women customers that the sport was not just for men. Liz's preferred charities for any desired memorial donations: Jackson Co. Genealogical Society, c/o Jackson District Library, 244 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI 49201; Cascades Humane Society, 1515 Carmen Dr., Jackson, MI 49202 or Hospice of Jackson-Home, 2150 Kingsbrooke Dr, Jackson, MI 49202.

SHIRLEY L. LAVIGNE

Shirley died peacefully in Orinda Convalescent Hospital, Orinda, CA on February 18, 2008 at the age of 88. A native of Michigan, she moved with her husband, Louis, to Antioch, CA, in August 1995. Shirley was born February 12, 1920 in Cheboygan, Michigan and graduated from Cheboygan High School and Alma College, Alma, Michigan. She later acquired a Masters Degree in Education from Mercy College of Detroit. Shirley began her career as a social worker. Her teaching career began doing substitute teaching in parochial grade schools in Michigan. She later switched to Farmington East Junior High, Farmington, MI and taught as a reading specialist. She retired with her husband after moving to Howell, MI and remodeling an old salbox barn into a house. She is predeceased by her beloved husband, Louis. She is survived by son, Louis Jr. and daughter-in-law, Shelley; daughter, Cara and son-in-law Andy. She was Grandmom to Stephanie and Gordon, Great Grandmom to Zachary, Benjamin, Max, Emily, Jack and Maddie. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Hospice of the East Bay, 3470 Buskirk Avenue, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 or Half the Sky Foundation, 740 Gilman St., Berkeley, CA 94710.

JUANITA PITUCH

Age 77. Beloved wife of the late Stephen. Loving mother of Kathryn (Steve) Thompson, Larry and Dr. Stephen Pituck. Dear grandmother of Nick, Jaimie and the late Adam. Sister of Erma Greenshields and the late William Beachum. Will be missed by her many nieces, nephews and loving friends. Funeral Services were held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia.



CHARLOTTE E. SCAGGS

Age 70, February 29, 2008. Beloved wife of Phillip. Loving mother of Autumn (Jim) Keller, Summer and Travis. Dear mamaw of Savannah and Jackson. Dear daughter-in-law of Virginia Alley of Catlettsburg, KY. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Sunday 1-9 pm. and at Church of Christ-West, 291 E. Spring St., Plymouth, Monday from 10 am. until time of Funeral Service at 11 am. Memorial contributions may be directed to Schults-Lewis Childrens Home, P.O. Box 471, Valparaiso, IN. 46384. Please sign the online guest-book at: www.rghharris.com

FRANCES H. TOUTANT

Age 85, February 27, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Lawrence Jr. Loving mother of Dana and Darrell (Judith). Proud grandmother of Victoria. A memorial gathering will take place on Wednesday, April 2, 2008. Please contact the funeral home for details at 248-541-7000. Memorials to In-House Hospice Solutions of Southfield appreciated. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak. Share your memories at: www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

FRANCES K. WARNER

Age 88, passed away at Plymouth Inn on February 28, 2008. A Memorial service is being planned for a later date and will be announced. Services entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. 734-453-6928. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com

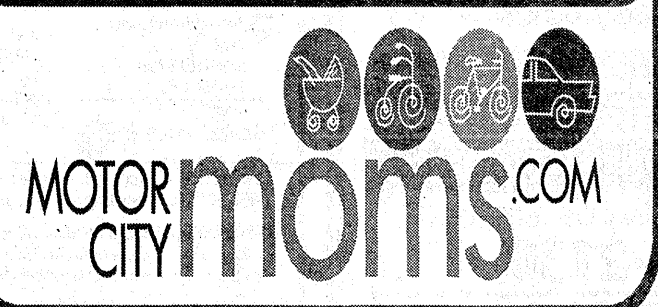


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Class of 1989

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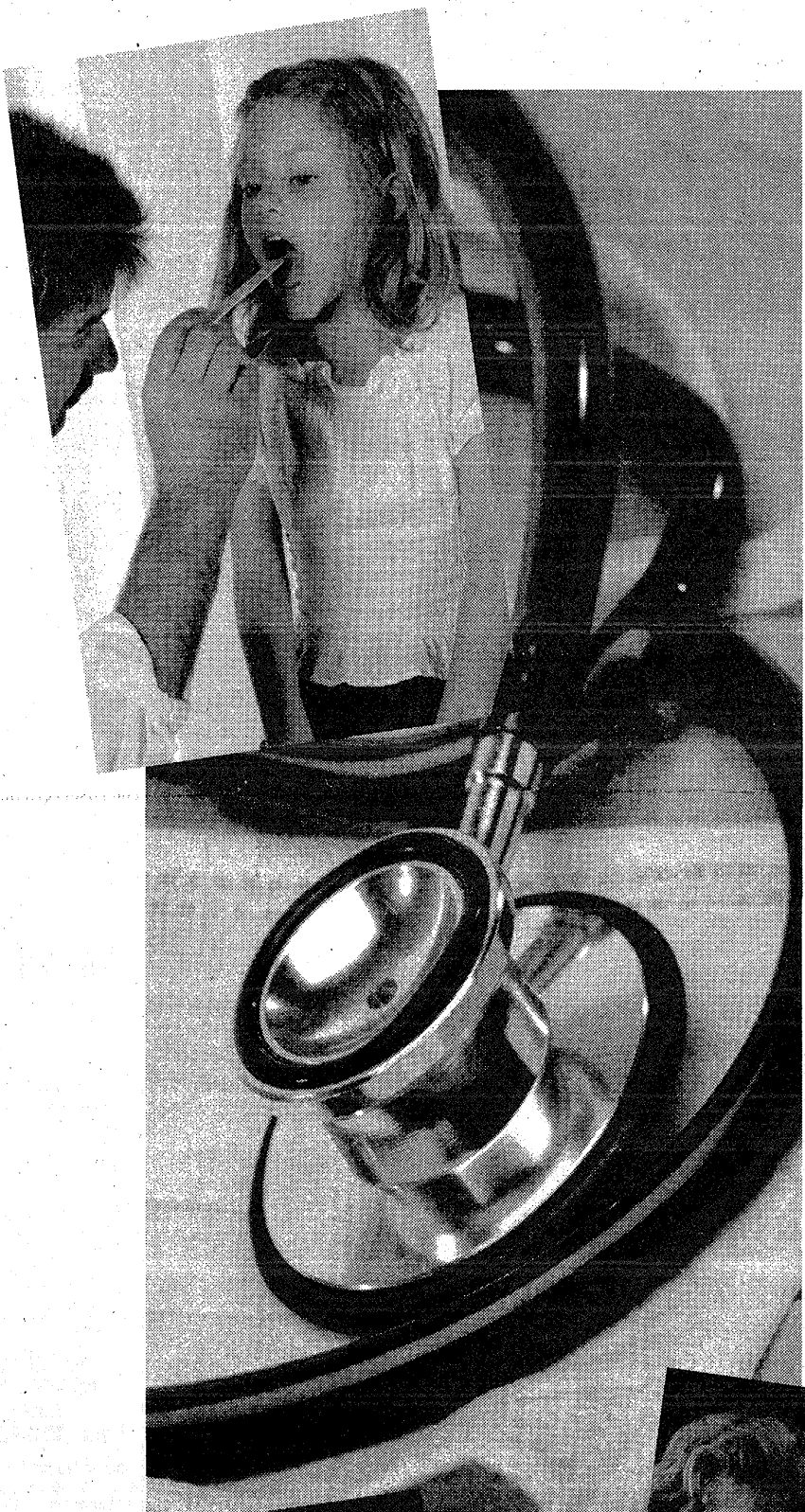
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HELPING A STRESSED CO-WORKER

WORKWISE
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Even if you have stress under control, the stress of a co-worker might bother you. Productivity diminishes and a cloud seems to descend on the workplace. You're not out to be a psychologist, but you do deserve to work in a comfortable environment. How can you help?

Not everyone agrees on the same method. In fact, while there are established methods to reduce personal stress, there doesn't seem to be even one for helping a co-worker. Instead, there's a smattering of tactics to consider when situations arise:

— Ann Latham, president of Uncommon Clarity Inc., in Easthampton, Mass., recommends, in cases of diminishing productivity, that you "set some boundaries and figure out how to work around them. Focus on specific facts, such as 'This is what you're doing and this is the impact on me,' to avoid putting him on the defensive or passing judgment. Limit your comments to behavior, impact and solution-seeking questions."

For example, she explains, "When you slam the phone down and begin to sob, first I am startled and then I find it difficult to recover my train of thought. This has

happened three times this week. Is there something I could do, or you could do, that would help us both get more accomplished?"

— If this method seems unsuitable, consider interceding more frequently, "whenever you perceive that a co-worker is having a hard time dealing with demands of the job, taking a toll on productivity or having problems overall. This idea comes from researcher Jeanne Hurlbert of Optin Resources L.L.C., in Baton Rouge. But she refers to an "overture" explaining that this is what you perceive and that the person could use help at work now.

— "Don't only allow the person to vent, but help make plans about how she can actually decrease the stress," points out Bob Livingstone, licensed clinical social worker in private practice in San Francisco. "Talking can lead to the sharing of empathy... (about the) anger, frustration, fatigue and sadness. This demonstrates that you understand what is happening. For example, you might say, 'I am so tired from all of this work that I haven't had time to have any fun. Do you feel the same way I do?' This might open the door for further discussion."

— A completely different approach — being ready to act — comes from Jay Liebowitz, associate professor in the Palumbo Donahue School of Business at Pittsburgh's Duquesne University. "Determine what the co-worker is likely to do," he advises, "by asking a question that begins with the phrase, 'Does this mean that you're

going to...?' He also recommends making certain that the person wants advice before offering it, or doing something that will help him navigate his way through the situation."

MORE TACTICS

Hurlbert further recommends drawing attention to the larger world by discussing subjects other than work that you have in common, such as hobbies or current events. Is your co-worker isolated from other people? She suggests sharing your contacts, internally and externally, to increase the person's social interaction and support (and decrease your need to help). Encourage him to enjoy a hobby, even if it's reading a good book.

Guard against assuming the person's burden (Latham). Don't react and watch the stress attack stop (Joanie Winberg of Happy Wednesday Inc., in Lakeville, Mass.). If there's no progress, consider consulting with your boss about the impact on your work (Latham), or your boss and HR, but only if the problem is serious (Hurlbert). Don't respond with "Suck it up," which doesn't console and, in fact, makes the stress worse or "a comment in jest about job performance, which could be misinterpreted as a slam" (Livingstone).

Don't make these mistakes, either:

— "reasoning with the person" on the spot (Winberg);

— ignoring, belittling or criticizing the person (Hurlbert); and

— giving advice, guessing at motivations and



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Photo: Jeanne Hurlbert (facing camera) speaks with student Danielle Smith about measures to take with a stressed co-worker. Hurlbert's research at Optin Resources L.L.C., in Baton Rouge, focuses upon social networking.

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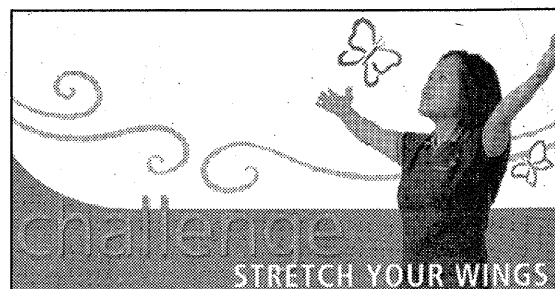
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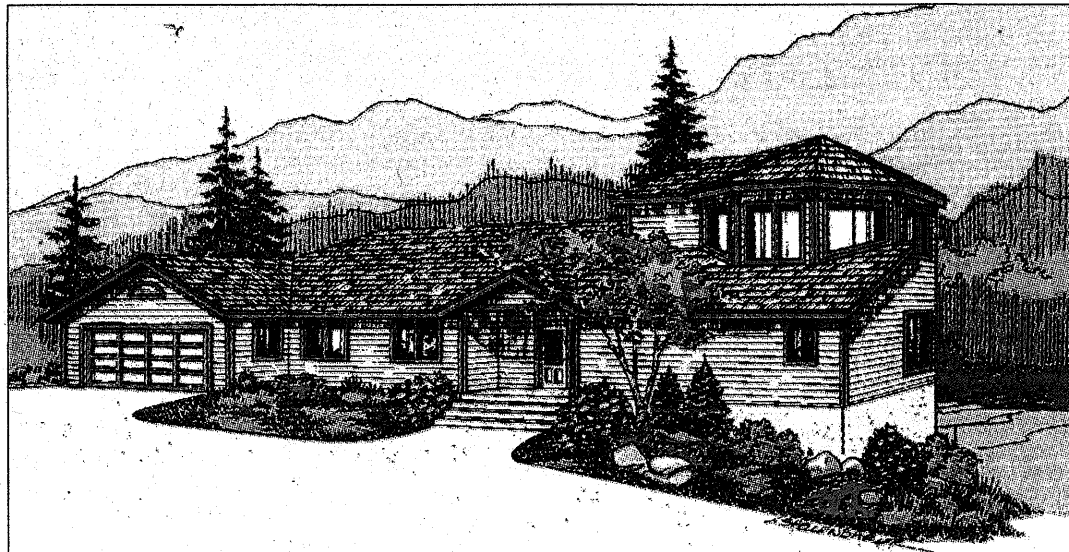
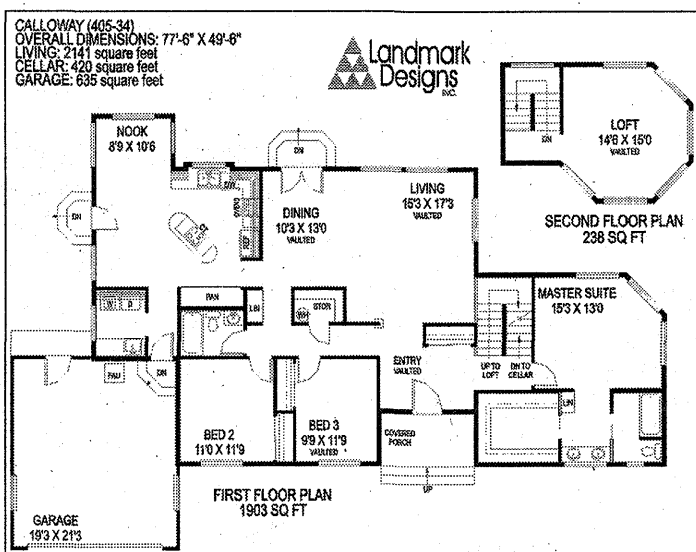
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Park your cab in roomy garage of bright Calloway

The weather directly affects our lives and how homes are designed. The Calloway (405-34) has been designed to provide shelter in the form of a 420-square-foot cellar, a good hiding place from the storms of the middle area of the United States. The living area of the Calloway is open and large, containing 2,141 square feet.

The covered porch invites the visitor into an airy entry, facing a large living and dining room. To the right of the entry is the master suite. A full bath with an enormous walk-in closet adds amenities to the suite as does three large windows pouring light into the area. At the door to the master suite are stairs down to the cellar and up to a hex shaped loft.

There are two bedrooms in the front of the Calloway, just to the left of the entry. Adjacent is a full bath with a walk-in storage closet and a linen closet. The kitchen is L-shaped with a cook top island.



The pantry faces the kitchen and provides a great storage area for stocking up on necessities. Three large windows surround the breakfast nook, which floods the area with light.

The utility room is near the garage entry and contains its own sink. It provides a mud-room area to wash hands and

change clothing before entering the house. With the door from the garage facing the kitchen, it is very convenient to unloading groceries and carrying them inside. The garage is a two-car unit with one garage door. There is plenty of room to put a workbench on the rear wall for the weekend mechanic or the gardener.

The Calloway provides a stable, sturdy look that inspires confidence in its design. It would be ideal for a sloping lot, but would also work equally well on a flat lot. With the loft located high, encased in windows, it would also be wonderful overlooking the ocean, somewhere along the coast, espe-

cially during a storm (not of hurricane proportions). For a study plan of the CALLOWAY (405-34), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with search functions are

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"Flip This House," a presentation by Than Merrill will be sponsored by the Real Estate Investors of Oakland 6-9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River. Novi. Seminar free to members. \$20 guests. Call (800) 747 6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com)

Scholarships

The first six buyers who participate in a Kheder Homes incentive will receive Michigan Education Trust scholarships. Kheder Homes, a Farmington

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"We believe that providing a MET makes so much sense, relative to purchasing a home," said Joseph Kheder, president. "With the state of the housing market, builders are giving away everything imaginable to promote themselves, so in order to truly stand apart, we feel that providing a fair price on a home, along with a MET would be the most powerful

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Get the help you need to pass the Michigan State builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Birmingham Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Education Seminars. The seminar is scheduled for Monday/Wednesday, March 10, 12, 17, 19, from 6-10 p.m. at Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and

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Get the help you need to start and maintain a successful business with an eight-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Wayne-Westland Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders

Education Seminars. The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, March 11 & 13, from 6-10 p.m. at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland. This seminar is designed to help make sense of purchasing, starting and maintaining a successful business. The cost of the seminar is \$105 for residents plus \$20 for the course textbook. Pre-registration with payment is preferred as classes may cancel. Please call Wayne-Westland Community Education at (734) 419-2425 to register Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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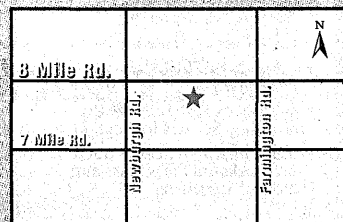
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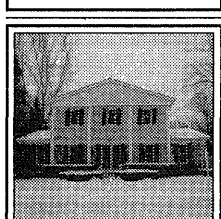
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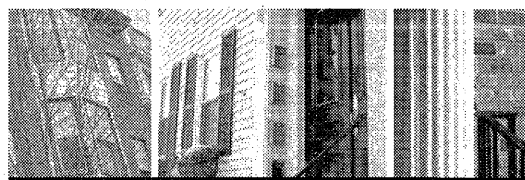
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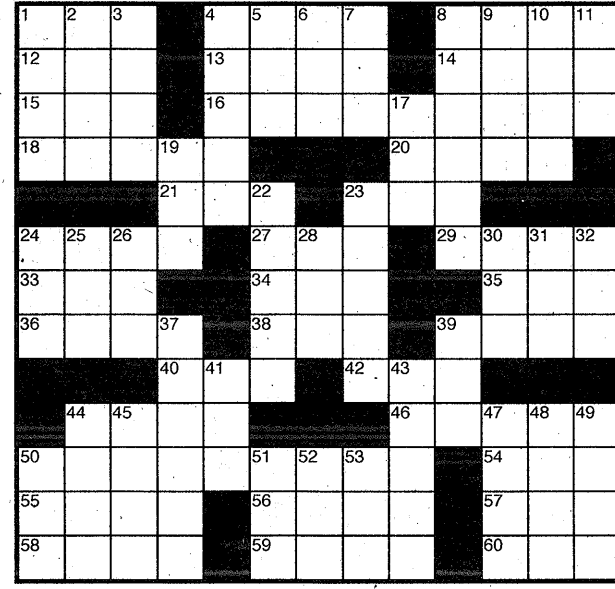
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Wall Street figure
 - 4 Q.E.D. part
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 - 13 Large tawny cat
 - 14 Debate side
 - 15 Society column word
 - 16 About to happen
 - 18 Popular mixer
 - 20 Swit costar
 - 21 Volcanic emission
 - 23 Birthday count
 - 24 Reach across
 - 27 Skipper's okay
 - 29 The facts
 - 33 "Tiki"
 - 34 Stockholm carrier
 - 35 Mail display
 - 36 Hairy humanoid
 - 38 Low card
 - 39 Quick snack
 - 40 Regret deeply
 - 42 Luau fare
- DOWN**
- 44 Thunder god
 - 46 Pillages
 - 50 Directed
 - 54 Skip stones
 - 55 Roll call reply
 - 56 Have an effect
 - 57 Frost
 - 58 Watched carefully
 - 59 Jug
 - 60 Doze off
- Answer to Previous Puzzle**
- 14 Debate side: **DEBATE**
 15 Society column word: **COLUMN**
 16 About to happen: **ABOUT**
 18 Popular mixer: **MIXER**
 20 Swit costar: **SWIT**
 21 Volcanic emission: **EMISSION**
 23 Birthday count: **COUNT**
 24 Reach across: **REACH**
 27 Skipper's okay: **SKIPPER**
 29 The facts: **FACTS**
 33 "Tiki": **TIKI**
 34 Stockholm carrier: **CARRIER**
 35 Mail display: **MAIL**
 36 Hairy humanoid: **HUMANOID**
 38 Low card: **LOW**
 39 Quick snack: **SNACK**
 40 Regret deeply: **REGRET**
 42 Luau fare: **FARE**
 44 Thunder god: **THUNDER**
 46 Pillages: **PILLAGES**
 50 Directed: **DIRECTED**
 54 Skip stones: **SKIP**
 55 Roll call reply: **ROLL**
 56 Have an effect: **EFFECT**
 57 Frost: **FROST**
 58 Watched carefully: **WATCHED**
 59 Jug: **JUG**
 60 Doze off: **DOZE**



- 23 Fable author
- 24 Moon's place
- 25 "Uralume" poet
- 26 Diligent insect
- 28 Hit heavy seas
- 30 "Who -- to say?"
- 31 Make lace like granny
- 32 Goodall subject
- 37 Did a laundry chore
- 39 Sci. class
- 41 Footed vase
- 43 Of longer standing
- 44 The other guys
- 45 Jack rabbit
- 47 Valhalla host
- 48 Baja fast food
- 49 Rushed
- 50 Ernesto Guevera
- 51 Summer in Quebec
- 52 Ordinance
- 53 Use sparingly

SUDOKU

	7		1	5		6		
4	6		9	2		7	5	
	5	9						
	1			9		3	4	
2	9	4	5	3				1
				8		6	9	
1			4			5	6	
3		6		1	9	2	8	
6				3	1			

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7	4	3	5	2	8	6	9	1
2	6	9	4	8	1	3	7	5
1	8	7	9	5	4	6	2	3
4	1	5	6	2	7	1	9	8
3	1	2	7	9	4	6	8	5
5	7	8	2	6	9	1	4	3
6	9	4	1	5	8	7	2	3

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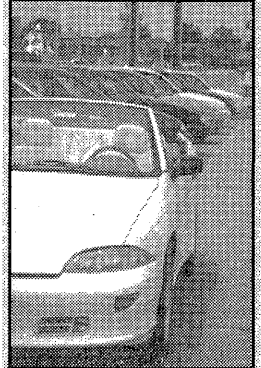
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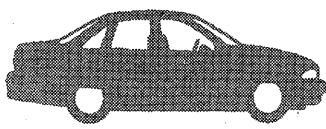
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2008 Lincoln Mark LT 4x4 a truck with Lincoln heritage But who is this truck aimed at?

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By Dave Menard
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I have to confess: I have no idea why there is a Lincoln Mark LT truck on the market. Lincoln making a truck seems to make about as much sense as Cadillac making a truck ... OK, bad example.

Seriously, I don't understand the point. Who is this truck aimed at? It's not a true luxury vehicle - I mean, it's still a truck - and if you're looking for a true working truck and wanted to stay with the Ford family of vehicles, I'd imagine you'd be looking for a F-Series. The folks at Lincoln-Mercury must believe there's some kind of demand for a truck with the Lincoln name, or I wouldn't have the Mark LT 4x4 in my driveway this week.

Not that there's anything really wrong with the truck, particularly in the way it's styled. The LT comes as either a 4x2 or 4x4, with either a short or long wheelbase (138.5 and 150.5 inches, respectively). The Lincoln waterfall grille is there, along with chrome lower bodyside cladding, chrome exterior accents on the front and rear bumpers, side mirrors, the tail pipe tip and on the optional running boards.

The running boards, by the way, are a good option, at either \$495 as a stand-alone option or as part of a more expensive package that includes power adjustable pedals, power moonroof, power sliding rear window, trailer tow package, navigation system, reverse camera, and reverse sensing system; that package goes for about \$4,800. This truck isn't easy to get in and out of and the running boards are a big help.

The reverse camera and sensing system are good ideas, as well. The truck is tricky to park and back up and the camera helps out a lot.

The Mark LT 4x4 comes with 18-inch aluminum wheels (20-inch wheels are available at \$1,495, as well), tailgate with tailgate assist, fog lamps and power heated side mirrors.

Inside, the truck resembles Lincoln SUVs, with many of the same styling touches. There's plenty of chrome and wood accents throughout the interior, with leather applied to the steering wheel, center



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console and floor shifter.

The standard power leather seats are comfortable and easy to adjust. There's plenty of room in the cabin, and this includes the rear seats area on this four-door truck. The rear seats are fold-down 60/40 split seats.

There's a roomy center console storage area with two cupholders built in. I was surprised not to find an extra 12V power outlet up front; there is the cigarette lighter, but an upscale truck should have an extra power outlet.

The Mark LT comes with automatic climate control, power windows, driver information center, remote keyless entry and a universal garage door opener. The standard audio system is an AM/FM/six-disc CD changer with a subwoofer and an input for your mp3 player. Satellite radio, with a six-month subscription, is also included at no charge.

The Mark LT is powered by a 5.4-liter three-valve SOHC V8 engine. It's rated at 300 horsepower and 365 lb.-ft. of torque, which is plenty for everyday driving. This engine is mated to a four-speed automatic transmission that shifts fairly smoothly. On the 4x4 model, you get electronic shift-on-the-fly. Gas mileage is a concern, though, with EPA estimates of 13 mpg in the city and 17 on the highway. The good news, however, is that it takes regular fuel. You can order a larger (35.7 gallon) fuel tank for \$95.

If you were thinking that the Lincoln name on the front would mean a truck that handles like a luxury car, you'd be mistaken. This is still, after all, a truck, and it rides and handles like one (and that's not a criticism, by the way). The front suspension system is a coil-over-shock, long-spindle double-wishbone independent system, while in the rear, it's a

Hotchkiss-type non-independent live type, with leaf springs and outboard shock absorbers. It's a fairly good quiet ride, for a truck.

Handling is a mixed bag. Due to its size and large turning circle, parking and U-turns are pains in the neck. The power-rack-and-pinion steering responds quickly, though and the truck maneuvers fairly well on the open road. The four-wheel ABS brakes are excellent.

The Mark LT comes with dual-stage front airbags and an anti-theft system.

The 2008 Lincoln Mark LT 4x4 starts at about \$42,000. Add the optional skid plates (\$160), remote starter (\$455), 20-inch wheels, larger fuel tank, chrome box rail bars (\$250), and the "Elite" Package (running boards, navigation, etc, described above), and you're at over \$50,000.

For a truck. Yes, it has the Lincoln name, and it's a nice truck, but it is still a truck. See one for yourself, and compare it to what you'd get with a similarly equipped Ford F-Series, for instance.

The Mark LT is a nice-looking, comfortable truck. I'm just not sure who it's aimed at.

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