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Admission is free with advance registration or \$10 at the door. Call (734) 710-9492.

Note: An advertisement in the *Observer & Eccentric's* Wedding Guide, published Feb. 26, included an incorrect date for the event.

Money talks

The Plymouth-Canton School board continues discussion of the 2009-10 budget with a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 Harvey.

School board members will talk about their \$156 million budget and cuts they'll need to make to cover a deficit some expect could reach some \$3 million.

Scholarships

The deadline of the Canton Community Foundation's Education Grant Program is quickly approaching. Residents from Canton Township, Plymouth, or Plymouth Township, who have been accepted to a postsecondary educational institution, are eligible to apply for 21 community-based scholarships. The deadline is 5 p.m. on March 13.

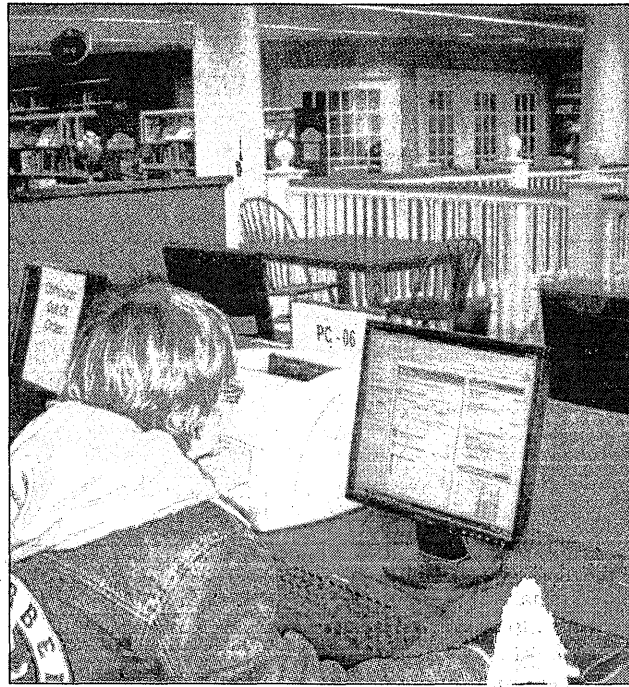
A diverse committee, composed of Canton Community Foundation volunteers, will review all qualifying applications and take into consideration the following: overall content of the application, financial need, and academic achievement. The foundation is particularly eager to provide scholarships for students in need.

If you applied and did not receive one of the scholarships in the past, the foundation encourages to apply again.

To obtain an application or for more details about the requirements, contact the foundation at (734) 495-1200 or visit www.cantonfoundation.org.

Library provides help for workers

BY BRAD KADRICH
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



The Plymouth District Library has seen its foot traffic roughly double with people wanting to use public computers to look for jobs or job-related research material.

With a quarter-century of human resources experience behind her, Kim Wright has had to deliver news of layoffs to enough people in her time.

She's even gotten the same person twice. Herself.

With that unique perspective of the employment layoff seen from both sides of the desk, Wright will try to help Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents find their way back from that experience.

Wright, director of Human Resources for First Mercury Financial of Southfield, will facilitate a workshop at the Plymouth District Library next week designed to help laid-off workers write resumes, cover letters and hone interview techniques aimed at getting them out of the unemployment line and back to work.

"Over the last couple of years, I can't believe how many people — friends, family — have I've been approached by to look at their resume or ask for advice," said Wright, who approached the library with the idea for the workshop. "I wanted to do a workshop. Everyone's asking me the same question (individually) and

SEARCH WORKSHOP

- **What:** Job search workshop
- **When:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10
- **Where:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main
- **Who:** Kim Wright, director of human resources, First Mercury Financial of Southfield
- **Registration:** Call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4, or register online: plymouthlibrary.org

I thought, 'Maybe there's a better way to do this.'"

The workshop, scheduled for 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, is the latest of steps taken by the library to help workers displaced by the continually slumping economy.

Their programs range from job skill coaching in areas ranging from computer classes and career assessment to test preparation and business communication skills. Some of it is done in-house, some is offered online, and reference materials in almost all of it are available in the library's collection.

Materials and programs are available to

Please see **LIBRARY, A5**



Amy Boerma conducts the PCEP High School Wind Ensemble during Friday competition.

Bands on the run

Doddie VandeGiessen figured her Plymouth Christian Academy band would do OK at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra District Festival at Thurston High School in Redford Thursday.

And they did, scoring an overall "2" rating.

The thing VandeGiessen was concerned about was her band's performance in the sight reading phase. But she needn't have worried, because her charges aced it.

"The outstanding thing is they got a 'Y' in sight reading," VandeGiessen said. "You have to go in and play music you've never seen before. I was worried about that, but they did an excellent job."

PCA and several Plymouth-Canton Educational Park bands were part of the festival, which is divided into two parts, a concert performance and a sight reading. Ensembles perform before three judges. They are evaluated on tone, intonation, rhythm, technique and interpretation. They receive a let-

ter grade in each of those categories and then receive a division rating based on the predominant letter grades.

The combined concert performance and sight reading evaluations determine the final rating. First division is rated superior, second division good, third division average, fourth division below average and fifth division poor.

P-CEP had its wind ensemble and varsity band under the direction of Amy Boerma at the festival, along with its concert and symphony bands under the direction of Martin Montoya. All four Plymouth-Canton bands scored straight "Is."

The bands took the stage at Thurston's newly remodeled state-of-the-art William F. Weber Auditorium, a venue for which VandeGiessen had high praise.

"They just remodeled it, it was just really wonderful to be able to play in such a nice place," VandeGiessen said. "We play in the church auditorium, and the acoustics aren't nearly that good."



Plymouth Christian Academy orchestra members Matthew Sumner and Drew Ibach wait in the hallway until their next competition begins.

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Overdoses suspected in brothers' deaths

BY MATT JACHMAN
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two Livonia brothers in their early 20s died Wednesday, in separate incidents, of what police say were apparent drug overdoses. Their names were being withheld.

The first death occurred in Livonia at a house on Henry Ruff south of Five Mile. A 23-year-old man was pronounced dead at the scene, said Lt. Greg Winn of the Livonia Police Department. A friend had called 9-1-1 about 7:30 a.m. after finding the man unresponsive, police said.

In the second incident, about 12 hours later, emergency personnel were called to a house on Brookline, near Five Mile and Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township, after a man found a 21-year-old friend unresponsive in a bathroom, said police Chief Thomas Tiderington. An ambulance crew tried to resuscitate the man, and he was transported to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Tiderington said there was drug paraphernalia in the bathroom and the man appeared to

Detectives in both communities were continuing their investigation. Complete autopsy results, including toxicology reports, could take several weeks.

have suffered "some type of narcotics overdose." He said he did not know what drug may have been used.

Likewise, the earlier death is a suspected drug overdose, Winn said. "We don't have anything else we're really looking at," he said.

Winn said the second victim was at the house on Henry Ruff when the first incident was reported, but was not the person who called 9-1-1.

Detectives in both communities were continuing their investigation on Thursday. Complete autopsy results, including toxicology reports, could take several weeks, Tiderington and Winn said.

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Talking books

Central Middle School Principal Anthony Ruela takes the short walk across the street Tuesday to the Plymouth District Library. Ruela will lead the library's monthly Books & Bites discussion group at 3:30 p.m. *The Revealers* by author Doug Wilhelm has been chosen as the book to read; it will be discussed on Tuesday. For more information, call the Library at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

Spaghetti dinner

The Plymouth Council on Aging hosts a Spaghetti Dinner 1-3 p.m. Monday, March 9 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The dinner will be catered by Choice Catering and the menu will include spaghetti with or without meat sauce, bread, salad, cheese cake and beverage. Tickets are available at the PCCA Office, 201 S. Main Street. \$8 for PCCA Members and \$10 non-members. For information call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Barefoot auditions

Barefoot Productions of Plymouth announces auditions for its next production, *Prescription: Murder*, by William Link and Richard Levinson. Auditions take place March

9 and March 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library. Roles are available for three men (late 20s to early 50s) and three women (mid-30s to 50s).

Actors should bring Headshot/Resume/Prepared Monologue, if available. Performances are scheduled for April 30-May 10.

For more information visit the Web site at www.justgobarefoot.com or call (734) 582-9688.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution-DAR-Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter meets noon Monday, March 16, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady, in Northville.

The speaker will be Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township, the director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, whose topic will be "Our Environment."

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

Easter Egg Hunt

The Plymouth Lions Club will be sponsoring this year's Easter egg hunt at Plymouth Township Park Saturday, April 11.

The park is located off Ann Arbor Trail at McClumpha. The hunt will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Don't forget to bring your baskets, bags and cameras! We will also be collecting hearing aids, eyeglasses and cell phones.

For more information e-mail Debbie Baudino-Dowling at debbaudino@hotmail.com, call (734) 207-7464 or see the Web site at www.plymouth-lions-club.org

Senior party fund-raisers

The PCEP Senior Party Committee is inviting diners

to dine out for "a wonderful cause," supporting the senior party by dining out at one (or more) of the area restaurants which have agreed to donate 20 percent of the purchases made during a specific time and date.

Fund-raisers take place at the following restaurants on the following dates: Max & Erma's, Tuesday, March 10, all day, a flyer is needed, which can be downloaded from our web site. They will donate 20 percent of their profits to the senior party; Monday, April 6 at Palermo's; and Thursday, May 7, also at Palermo's. All restaurants are on Ford Road in Canton.

Detail information and a flyer is available at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/classof2009/senior-party09.htm> (this flyer must be presented at time of purchase for us to receive 20% credit of your purchase).

Visit the committee's blog at <http://pcep09seniorparty.blogspot.com/> or its Web page at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/classof2009/senior-party09.htm>

To volunteer or for questions, contact pcep-senior-party@comcast.net

DIA series

Join the Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Detroit Institute of Arts each month for informative lectures offered by highly trained presenters. These lectures bring the DIA's world-class collection to life through informative slide presentations, while also speaking on the various facets of art appreciation. Presentations last 45-60 minutes and are free.

At noon on the second Tuesday of each month are the Brown Bag Lectures at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts located

at 774 N. Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Attendees may bring a bagged lunch to enjoy during the presentation. The next discussion topic is "American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell" and will take place on Tuesday, March 10.

For Evening Lectures you may visit the Plymouth Public Library at 223 South Main Street in Plymouth. Discussions are the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. The next discussion will take place on March 4th and the topic is "The Portrayal of Women."

These lectures are made possible by sponsorship from Huron Valley Ambulance. To find more information on this and other PCAC programs please visit the Plymouth Community Arts website: www.plymoutharts.com or call (734) 416-4278.

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters host their annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble Saturday, March 14. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fund-raising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos by early February or contact Carol Rosati at (734) 455-0714. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this event. Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in

Canton. The Spring Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 14. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

New band members

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, a 22-time Bands of America Finalist at Grand Nationals in Indianapolis, hosts a series of informational meetings for students and parents who are interested in joining the 2009 Marching Band program.

The meeting is designed for existing eighth graders, but is open to any high school student. Interested students will spend time with the existing marchers, while parents listen to a presentation by the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters on how eighth-graders can become a member of the award-winning marching band for the 2009 summer/fall season.

Parents and students are asked to attend one of the scheduled Open House meetings Tuesday, March 10, Wednesday, April 22, Thursday, May 7 or Monday, June 15.

All meetings begin at 7:00 pm in the Plymouth High School band room (enter near the big yellow truck). For more information, call Barb Hawkins, New Member Representative, PCMB, 734-420-5355.

CORRECTION

The last name of former Plymouth Township Board of Review member Carol Leroue was misspelled in a front-page story in Thursday's *Plymouth Observer*.

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Developers seek deadline extension

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plans to turn an empty Plymouth factory site into a commercial and residential development anchored by a YMCA have apparently hit a snag, as developers are seeking to extend a project deadline for a second time.

Connektiv Communities of Royal Oak has until the end of this month to complete demolition at its site on Mill Street north of Ann Arbor Trail, the former Bathey industrial complex. But Connektiv has asked that the deadline be delayed until the end of the year, Plymouth City Commission members said Monday. The deadline has already been extended once.

A formal request for a new deadline will appear on the commission's agenda for its next meeting, on Monday, March 16.

"Hopefully, we can put some clarity into all of this," said City Manager Paul Sincock on Friday.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Developers of the former Bathey property are hoping for another extension of the deadline to clear the property.

Although Connektiv has presented conceptual drawings for an initial phase of its planned development — a YMCA with a swimming pool, plus a 16,000-square-foot office and retail building at Mill and Amelia — the city has no formal site plans.

Calls to Connektiv went unreturned on Friday. Commissioner Ron

Loiselle sounded skeptical Monday about the company's latest request.

"How many times are we going to extend this?" he asked. He added later: "I'm really not in favor of extending this another nine months."

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Office expansion plans OK'd, with restrictions

BY MATT JACHMAN
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Plans to more than double an office building on Wilcox Road were recently approved by Plymouth Township officials, along with guidelines intended to ease the concerns of nearby homeowners.

Herriman & Associates Inc., a condominium management company, is planning a two-story addition to its building, a former bank, on Wilcox near Schoolcraft Road. A site plan for the addition shows a one-story office space of nearly 4,000 square feet; a company spokeswoman said a second floor is also planned for possible future expansion.

Residents of the adjacent Lake Pointe subdivision had raised concerns that the expansion would be an eyesore and an intrusion on their privacy, and would mean additional traffic in the area. Six people spoke about those fears at a Feb. 18 township Planning Commission meeting, at which the Herriman site plan was approved by an 8-0 vote.

A draft of the meeting minutes indicates the plan's approval comes with stipulations about the site, which is zoned for office services use.

The stipulations say Herriman must maintain a fence between its site and residential neighbors to the west, plant more greenery

as another screening method, cannot dump waste from other sites in its office Dumpster, and can park only passenger vehicles in its lot, for periods of less than one day at a time. Some neighbors had complained that work trucks and vans were being stored on the site.

Lake Pointe resident Sonia Mayer, whose lot backs up to Herriman, continues to watch the expansion plans.

"There's a question about the nonconforming (use). I'm trying to find the answers," Mayer said.

Mayer hired an attorney, Robert Magill, who contended in a Feb. 12 letter to the Planning Commission that given the current use of the Herriman site, a building expansion would not be permitted without a designation of the site as having a non-conforming use, which would require a public hearing. Meeting minutes don't indicate the Planning Commission addressed that issue.

Mayer, however, did say maintenance on the screening fence, visible from her house, appears to have begun. "They were in my back yard today" fixing the fence, she said Friday.

Company president Daniel Herriman did not return calls Friday.

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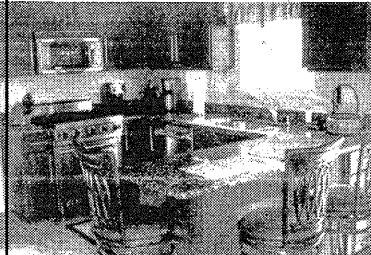
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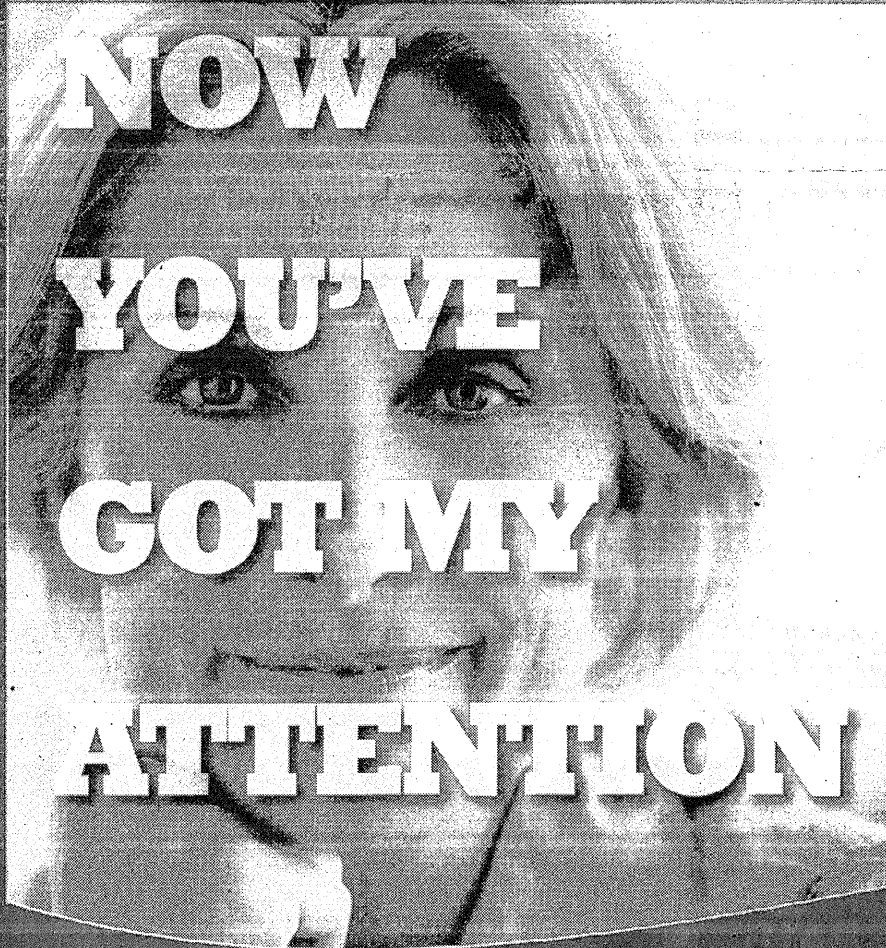
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Dodson students go on worldwide journey

BY BRAD KADRICH
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When they get home from school Monday afternoon, some 600 students at Dodson Elementary School will have completed a journey that took them to six countries in two days.

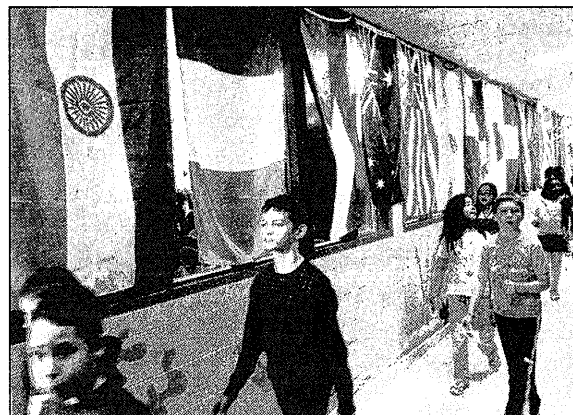
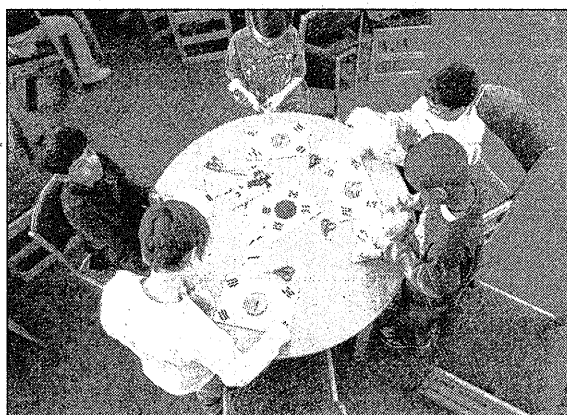
And they never left the building. The students tomorrow will finish what they started March 2 - a "Reading Around the World" program designed for March is Reading Month that will have taken them to India, Brazil, Sweden, Korea, Ghana and Saudi Arabia that organizers hope will have taught them more about the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' diverse population.

From the chart at the front of the school listing the various origins of the school's population to the books and crafts that dotted each "country," teachers and parent "ambassadors" hoped to teach the students about various cultures.

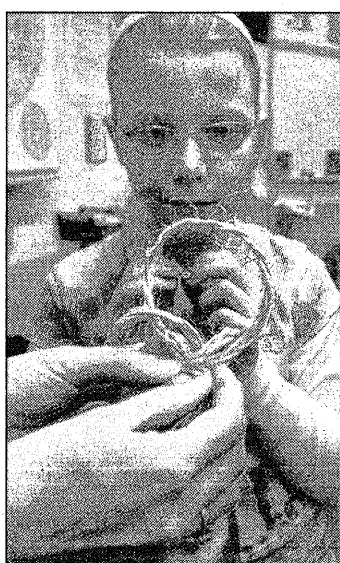
"It was really kind of fun to see where the family roots were," said Bonnie Goodrich, the teacher who organized the program.

The six "countries" were scattered around the school, and students traveled room to room, using books and crafts

Nick Freda, David Mitchell, Trevor Turko, James Kinville and Cameron Motley work on a pillow with the design of the flag of South Korea.



Dodson students walk by the media center, decorated with flags of many nations.



Abigail Tucker watches parent Jeannie Berger fashion a Swedish Love Knot.



Third-graders Madison Packer, Morgan Holmlund and Alexandra Wallman work on Swedish Love Knots.

and other props to learn about the different cultures. In

Saudi Arabia, they made bookmarks. In Sweden, they constructed horse puppets. In India, students made "Rangoli" designs, using paper layouts and dyed rice - Goodrich dyed some 50 pounds of rice for the program - to replicate the chalk designs displayed outside homes on a daily basis to welcome the God to the house.

Parents taught most of the countries, acting as ambassadors for the students. Durga

Jalluri, a native of Andhra Pradesh in India, brought in her daughter's dresses for students to try on.

"It was my first time doing it, and I probably babbled at first," Jalluri said. "Trying to cover such a vast subject and do it at their grade level is a challenge."

The students had a ball with the project. "It's a lot of fun trying on

all these things," said fourth-grader Tessa Quinlan, 10, of Canton. "You actually get to feel like you're there."

Goodrich had high praise for the parent ambassadors, many of whom were volunteering for the first time in the schools. They picked a good learning experience to get started, she said.

"These are parents 'running' the countries," Goodrich said.

"They're learning things at the same time."

Janet Whitlock has a fifth-grader, Courtney, attending Dodson, and she wanted to be on hand for the experience.

"Our schools are becoming more and more diverse, and our kids are learning that," Whitlock said. "I wanted to be part of it."

That was the beauty of the program, according to Beth

Sexton, the school's media specialist who helped set up the event.

"We have a mini-United Nations here," Sexton said. "We were trying to figure out how to incorporate all those cultures. We tried to choose based upon the countries that we have. We wanted to represent who we are as a community."

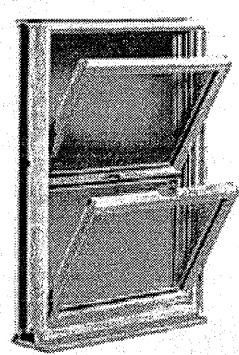
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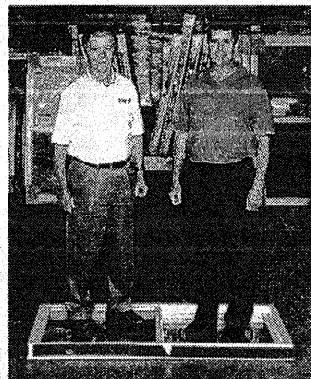
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help those who've lost jobs or are looking for a little more employment stability find some reassurance — and a job.

"We are seeing a huge increase in people needing job search help," said library spokeswoman Susan Stoney. "A lot of these things we've had all along, but we're pulling them together ... doing a better job of making sure people know what we have."

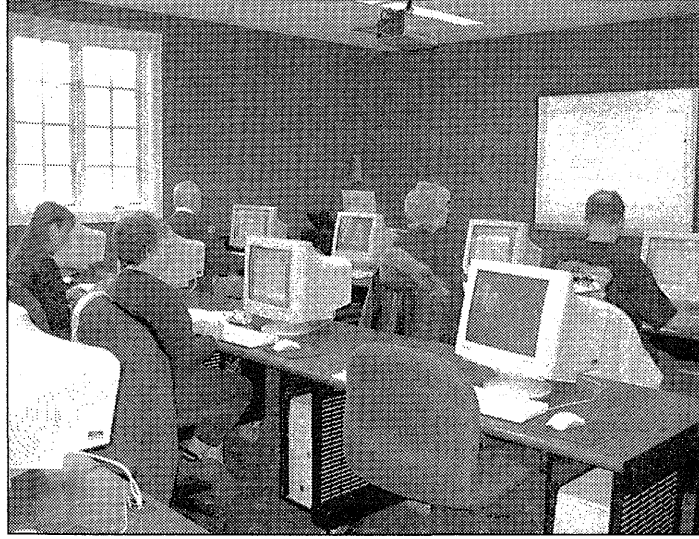
More people are taking advantage of that knowledge. Web site visits from library computers to job-search links increased from the first half of 2008 to the last. According to Stoney, foot traffic and inquiries for job search/unemployment help on their public computers "has roughly doubled."

Circulation of all career, job search and skills improvement

materials are up 35 percent the first two months of 2009 over the same period a year ago. One area the library sees a need for help is in computer skills and business communications skills such as interviewing and resumé/cover letter creation.

"A lot of people have been in a job a long time and haven't had to use those skills," Stoney said. "What we're seeing is people who didn't need those skills in their job and now they're coming in here and needing them."

To help, the library is also bringing in new help. A CD book series, "Coach in a Box," has "been well-received with 40-plus titles," Stoney said. The library also recently received a series of DVDs to help individuals work at their own pace in improving their computer abilities with Microsoft Word, Excel Powerpoint and other pro-



Computer classes are becoming more popular at the Plymouth District Library as job seekers try to learn new skills.

grams. And they're hosting workshops like the one this week with Wright, who is looking forward to helping. "I've had to lay myself off twice in past jobs, so I know

what it's like to sit on that side," Wright said. "I don't profess to have all the answers. (But) in this job market yourself, so we're going to talk about that."

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Disinheriting a child requires legal advice on will



Money Matters
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Q. Dear Rick: I am 85 years old and have never written a will. I am somewhat old fashioned, I don't use computers and I want to write the will myself. I have two children,

a son and a daughter, and I want to leave everything to my daughter. I was at one of your library speeches and I picked up a copy of the Michigan Statutory Will. In my situation is the Michigan Statutory Will good for my situation or is it better to do it myself? I don't want to go to an attorney. I don't trust them.

A: In reviewing your situation, I do not believe the Michigan Statutory Will is the correct choice for you. Although I think this is a great will and I love the fact that it is free, it probably won't work for you. The reason is you are disinheriting a child. Whenever you disinherit a child, you have to make sure to dot all the I's and cross

the T's or you're opening your estate up to a will contest. There are specific ways to disinherit a child but unfortunately, the Michigan Statutory Will is not geared for this. The next issue is whether you can write a will on your own. First, no one should ever write a will by hand. Just by their nature, handwritten wills are

not favored and in many situations not enforced. If your goal is to keep lawyers out of your affairs, do not create a handwritten will. In many situations your will can be typed without using the services of an attorney as long as a proper will-form is followed. There are a variety of software packages that you can use that can be of assistance.

I recognize many people are intimidated by attorneys, but that should not be the case. When you hire an attorney, he/she works for you. If you use an attorney and they intimidate you, it is a sign that you need a new attorney. Particularly, when dealing with an estate planning attorney, where you are discussing very sensitive family issues.

I believe in many situations people can execute their own wills. The Michigan Statutory Will was established to allow people with relatively straightforward estate planning needs to do just that. However, the will is limited in scope and does not cover all situations.

My advice for most people that have different or unusual estate planning needs is consult with an estate planning attorney.

I recognize many people are intimidated by attorneys, but that should not be the case. When you hire an attorney, he/she works for you. If you use an attorney and they intimidate you, it is a sign that you need a new attorney. Particularly, when dealing with an estate planning attorney, where you are discussing very sensitive family issues. You should have the type of relationship in which you feel comfortable asking questions and discussing a variety of issues.

Many people think that the main job of an estate planning attorney is just to draft the documents. I don't believe that is the case. The real value of the attorney is to ask you a variety of questions and pose a variety of scenarios in which you can select the one that best suits your situation. A good estate planning attorney asks a variety of questions so they know how to draft the document specifically for you. Unfortunately, software packages do not have the capability of discussing various important issues with you. The main reason people do an estate plan is because they love their families and want to make sure things go smoothly upon their death.

If you hire an attorney to draft an estate plan, I recommend dealing with one that specializes in estate planning. An attorney who specializes in estate planning is staying current on changes in the law and that is important. Estate tax laws are going through a variety of changes over the next few years and it is important that your documents are drafted in a way as to minimize your tax liability.

Before you hire an attorney, know their fees. Don't be afraid to bring up the subject. An attorney should be upfront and open in regards to discussing their fees. You definitely want to be sensitive to cost, but at the same time this is not an area to nickel and dime yourself. After all, the consequences of making a mistake when it comes to estate planning documents can be extremely expensive.

My new website, www.bloomassetmanagement.com, contains some free estate planning documents available for public use.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at monematters@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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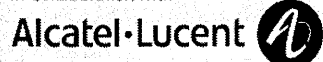
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Jocelyn and Jim Kollar of Alleycat Designs have come up with everything from children's onesies to muscle shirts and mouse pads to promote their Web site, www.imaboobist.com, a fundraiser for breast cancer research.

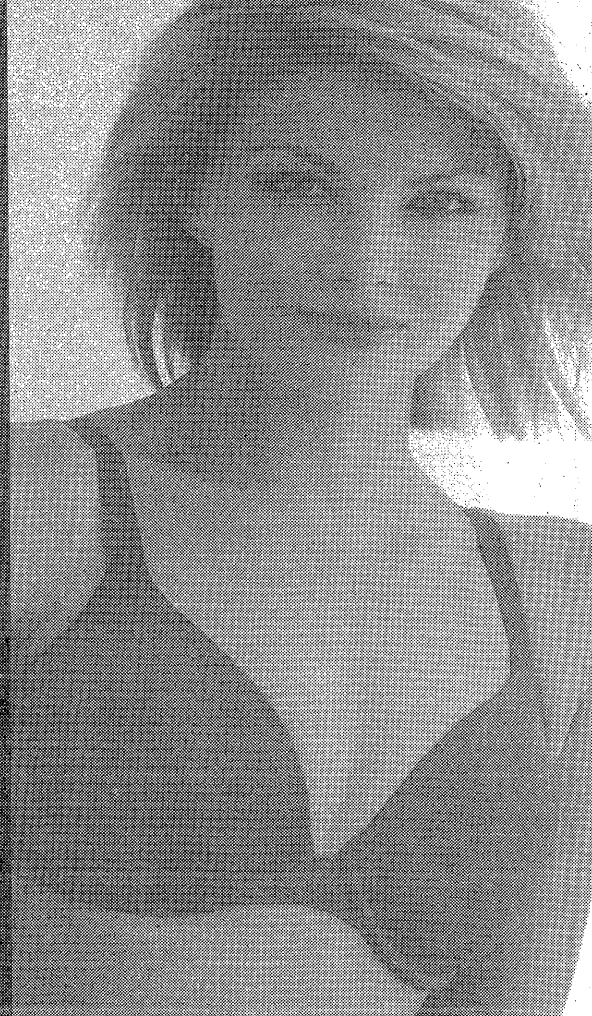


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Imaboobist Web site supports breast cancer research

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jim Kollar is a Boobist, so is his wife, Jocelyn. They belong to a pseudo-religion called Boobism which has as its credo, "Big or small, save them all."

There's a Web site — www.imaboobist.com — a mascot named Ima who has her own pages on the MySpace and Facebook Web sites, and a logo plastered on everything from T-shirts to mouse pads.

Yes, it's all about women's breasts. That might offend some people's tender sensibilities, but for the Kollars and their small band of Boobists it's not about female body parts, it's about raising money for breast cancer research.

"When people see what we're doing, they like it, but getting the word out is hard," Jim Kollar said. "Some breast cancer survivors have expressed to me that they're tired of the same old stuff, they want something catchy. That's why we gear it this way."

Boobism got its start in 2007 when a group of friends started talking about who wins an argument — men or women. One woman said women and when asked why, told the group, "That's easy, we have boobs!" According to Jim Kollar, he came up with the idea to start the Boobism

"religion" after the men couldn't come up with a rebuttal and had to agree with her.

After joking around with this new "religion" for some time, the Westland residents decided to do something with it. The owners of Alleycat Designs in Westland, they tapped into their T-shirt business and created shirts with different sayings related to Boobism. They also decided to use the T-shirt sales to support the breast cancer cause, so 15 percent of sales is donated to breast cancer organizations.

"People don't realize how many women — and men — have had breast cancer. There's not a person here who doesn't know someone who has had it," Jim Kollar said. "We've been told that 1,700 men a year are diagnosed with breast cancer and one in eight women."

The Kollars launched [ima-boobist.com](http://www.imaboobist.com) at the end of January. They're working with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and will be participating the 24-hour Relay in Chelsea May 16-17. They've also joined a team for the Westland Relay for Life May 30-31.

Imaboobist is a family affair of sorts. While Jim takes credit for the title, it was his wife who said they should do something with it.

"I came up with the design and our son Justin revamped it and trademarked it," said Jocelyn

Kollar.

Justin also came up with mascot Ima, and their daughter Jenna, 17, manages Ima's Web pages.

The [imaboobist.com](http://www.imaboobist.com) line includes T-shirts, coffee mugs, tank tops, hats, visors, knit hats, note pad holders, license plate and trailer hitch covers and mouse pads. Prices range from \$5 for decals to \$22 for a muscle shirt.

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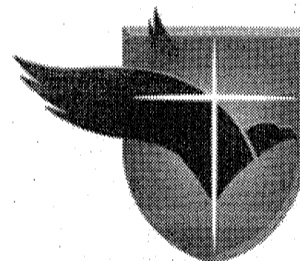
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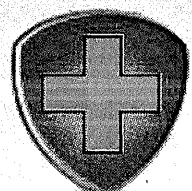
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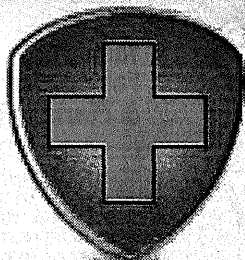


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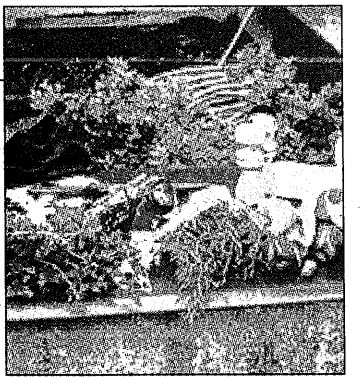


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2009 GIRLS DISTRICT HOOP FINALS

Eagles soar to Class D District title

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Christian Academy girls basketball team had a double-sided motive for beating Canton Agape Christian Friday night.

The Eagles wanted to earn the school's first Class D District title in five years and, just as importantly, win a medal for teammate Liz Somercik, who was hospitalized earlier this week with an undisclosed illness.

The motivated Eagles accomplished their goals by upending the Wolverines, 48-22, in the PCA gymnasium.

The victory improved coach Carol Gerulis' squad to 17-6 heading into Tuesday's Regional semifinal at Parkway Christian.

"It's a surreal feeling," said Gerulis. "The kids were playing for Liz. They were bummed that she couldn't be here tonight, but they were happy they could win a medal for her."

While Agape did a nice job of containing PCA's strong inside game, it couldn't stop the perimeter efforts of Brianna Harris, who torched the nets for 20 points — 12 the result of four three-pointers.

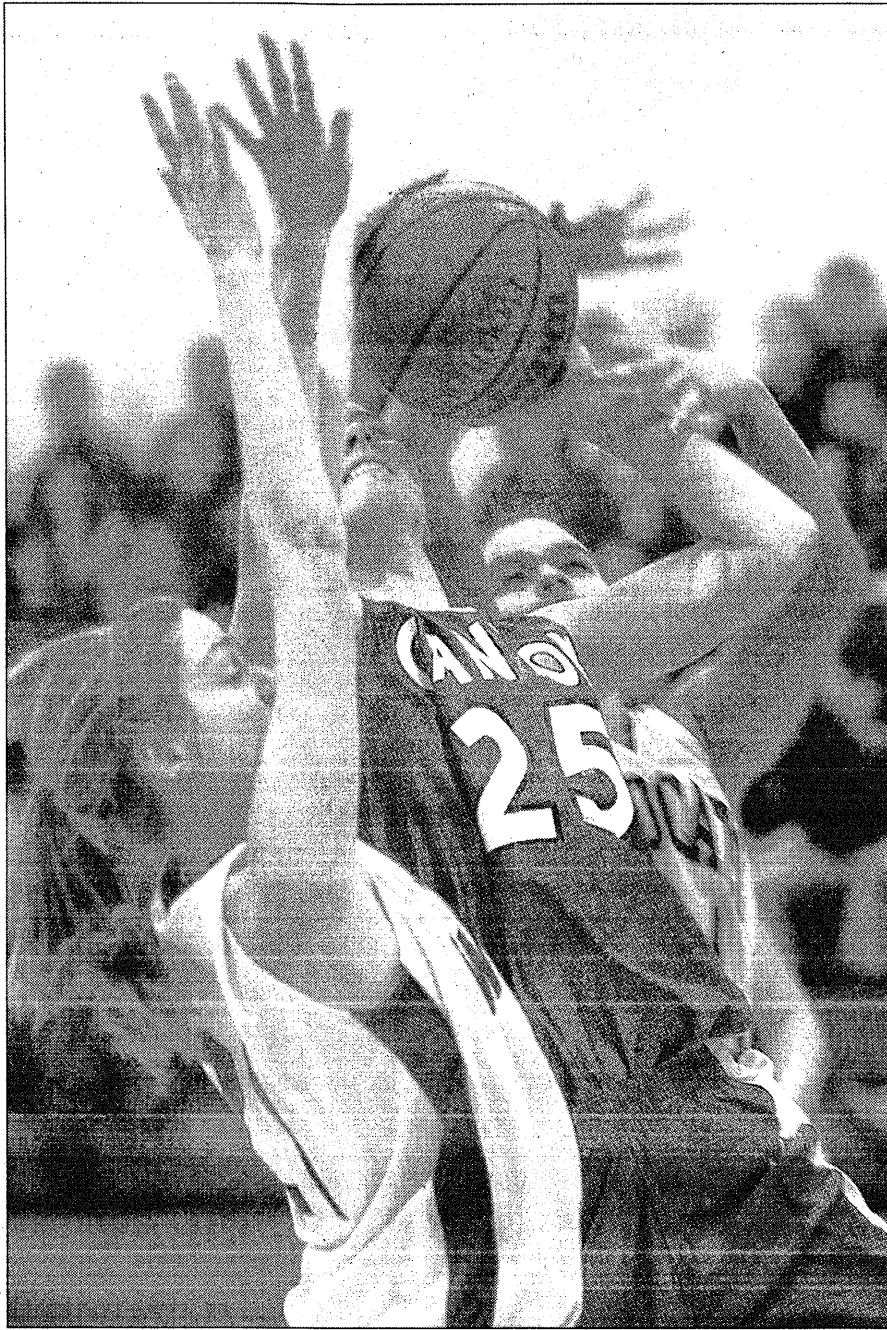
"Brianna had 14 of our 19 points in the first half, so she kept us in it," said

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Plymouth Christian Academy's Autumn McKenzie, pictured in a game earlier this season, scored nine points in the Eagles' 48-22 win over Agape Friday night.



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Canton's Kari Schmitt (25) earns a trip to the free-throw line after getting fouled by a pair of Novi players during the second half of Friday night's 42-27 victory over the Wildcats.

Canton Coach Brian Samulski shares a celebratory fist-bump with CarolAnn Sexauer following the Chiefs' 42-27 victory over Novi Friday night.



Canton's (from left) Robyn Mack, Lindsey Winters, Kelly Larimore and Kayla Bridges were all smiles following Friday night's District final victory over Novi.

Hail to the Chiefs

Defense-minded Canton completes amazing one-season turnaround

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's girls basketball team went after this week's Class A District tournament title at Livonia Ladywood High School like it goes after offensive rebounds and loose balls: with an unmatched level of tenacity.

And, like most of the rebounds and loose balls they pursue, the Chiefs grabbed the title Friday night with a 42-27 triumph over Novi, which defeated Canton in December.

The 20-2 Chiefs will get an opportunity to avenge its other loss when it takes on Livonia Franklin in a Regional semifinal game set for Tuesday at Milford High School. The Patriots flattened Redford Union, 60-33, Friday night.

Canton's District championship feat is amazing for a couple of reasons: It won just six games of 21 games last season; and the majority of its eight-player rotation

is made up of sophomores and a freshman.

"We've worked so hard for this all season, so it feels good to be rewarded," said Canton sophomore Sara Schmitt, who netted eight points and seven rebounds. "Brian told us before the game that if we played defense and rebounded the ball, we'd have a good chance to win tonight."

As usual, the scrappy Chiefs did both, outrebounding the Wildcats 23-17 while forcing Novi into a 9-for-33 shooting night.

During the game's pivotal second quarter, the combination of Canton's deliberate offense and relentless defense limited Novi to just two field-goal attempts while causing seven Wildcat turnovers.

"I couldn't be happier for the kids," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "It's a great accomplishment on their part."

Sophomore CarolAnn Sexauer provided the bulk of the offensive

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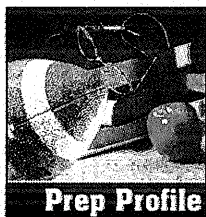
'Brad and Butter'

Wildcat seniors shine on court and diamond

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the not-too-distant future, there's a good chance long-time two-sport teammates and off-the-court buddies Brad Lineberry and Cliff Buttermore — who earned the slick nickname "Brad and Butter" from teammate Ryan Spencer — will be pitted against one another.

The Plymouth High School seniors, who have played vital roles for the Wildcats' basketball and baseball teams, are potentially headed to different colleges — Lineberry to Madonna University, Buttermore leaning toward attending Concordia



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is an infielder and Buttermore is a pitcher, the Brad vs. 'Butter match-up is inevitable.

And neither one of them can wait for it to unfold.

"We joke around about facing each other," said Lineberry, who admitted he'd have a hard time not smiling when he stepped into the batter's box against his pal. "I'll say, 'Cliff, I'm going to jack

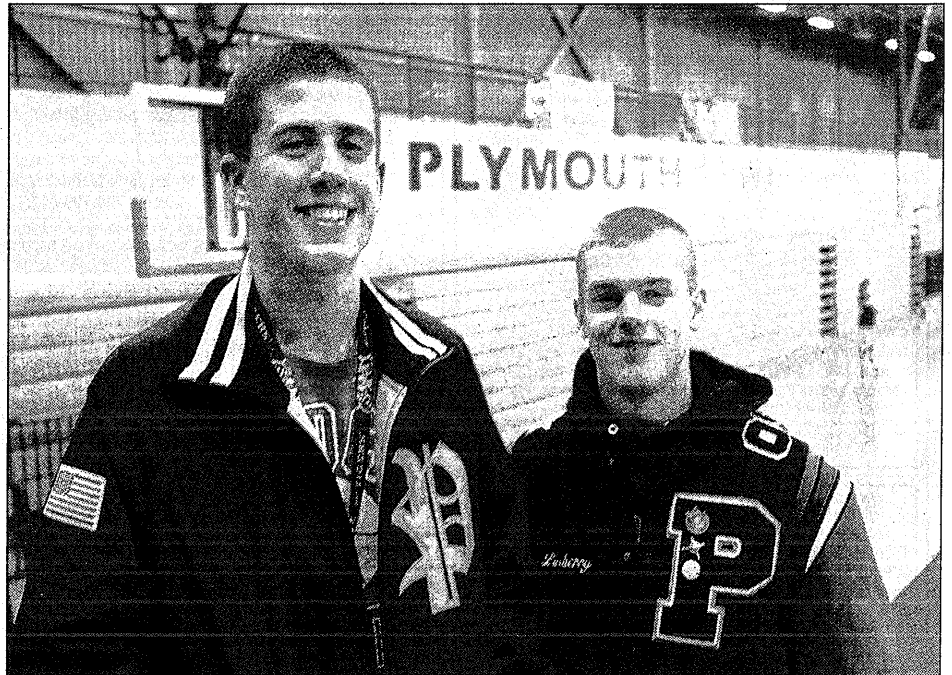
one off you,' and he'll say, 'No way. I'm going to blow it by you.' Stuff like that."

"I'd probably start him off with some high, outside stuff because he can't lay off it," joked Buttermore. "Then I'd try to drop in a back-door curveball on him."

Key components

Both Lineberry and Buttermore played key roles in the Wildcat basketball team's red-hot 8-4 start this season. With Buttermore tossing in three-point bombs at an impressive rate and Lineberry providing a steady stream of points, assists,

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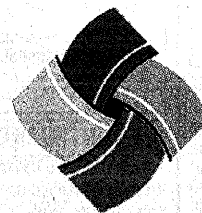


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Plymouth seniors Cliff Buttermore (left) and Brad Lineberry are key members of the Wildcats' basketball and baseball teams.

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Rocks rolling into District tournament

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's boys basketball team appears to be peaking — and streaking — at the right time. The Rocks nailed down their sixth consecutive victory Thursday night by outlasting Brighton, 64-54, in a KLAA association cross-over game.

The win evened the Rocks' record at 10-10 while the Bulldogs slipped to 7-13.

The key word in Salem's resurgence has been balance — and that was the case again Thursday as four players scored in double figures. Anthony Mullins and Jim Dexter led the way with 14 points each while Joe Posler and Jake Peterson added 12. Peterson led all rebounders with 10.

Nick Schroeder paced Brighton with 17 points.

Salem sizzled in the first quarter and seized a 20-6 lead. However, there was no quit in the Bulldogs, who battled back to within 33-28 at the break thanks to a 22-point second quarter.

The Rocks extended their lead to 45-38 after three quarters before outscoring their visitors 19-16 over the final eight minutes.

"We jumped out to a big lead, but they came right back at us," said Salem coach Bob Brodie.

"The key for us in the second half was that we took care of the ball and kept our composure against their pressure.

"We've been getting good balance. Any time you get four guys in doubles, it shows that they're sharing the ball, which is something every coach wants to see."

Salem was nearly perfect from the free-throw line, sinking 13 of 15 attempts. Brighton connected on 11 of 19 freebies.

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BOYS PREP HOOP

45: On Thursday at Plymouth, the Wildcats snapped a seven-game losing skid by posting an impressive victory over the visiting Warriors.

The Wildcats improved to 9-11 heading into Monday's Class A District tournament. The Warriors capped their regular season with a 6-14 mark.

"I thought we played well defensively tonight," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "Any time you can hold a team to 45 points, you should win. They only scored 20 in the first half, so we came out from the start of the game playing well at the defensive end."

Despite the strong defensive effort, Plymouth held a slim 21-20 halftime edge. The Wildcats lengthened their lead to 34-31 after three quarters before outscoring the Warriors 18-14 down the stretch.

Sophomore center Justin Moss led the winners with 17 points. Dion Johnson and Brennen Beyer both contributed eight points. Johnson added four steals.

Senior forward Edison Vushaj paced Western with 18 points. Nick Lewin also played well, tossing in 12.

Neither team sparked from the free-throw line. The Wildcats sank 11 of 20 while Western was 10 for 20 from the charity stripe.

CANTON 54, MILFORD 52: On Thursday at Canton, the Chiefs captured a thrilling KLAA cross-over triumph over the Mavericks.

The two-point Chief win left both teams with 11-9 records heading into next week's Class A District tournaments.

Sophomore guard Dietrich Lever led the winners with 19 points and five steals. Senior

DISTRICT MATCH-UPS

All three P-CEP boys basketball teams will be competing in next week's Class A District tournament at Novi High School. Following is how the brackets shape up:

Monday, 5 p.m. — (Game 1) Plymouth vs. Novi Catholic Central;
Monday, 7 p.m. — (Game 2) Novi vs. Salem;
Wednesday, 5 p.m. — Northville vs. winner of Game 1;
Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Canton vs. winner of Game 2;
Friday, 7 p.m. — Championship game.

guard Marlan Glenn added 12 points and junior forward Kevin Weisz chipped in with 10 points.

In a back-and-forth game, the Chiefs seized the lead for good with three minutes to play when senior guard Kyle Biega buried a three-point shot.

Trailing 53-52 with four seconds left, Milford had an opportunity to win, however, Canton's Kiere Daniels stole the ball from the Mavericks then dished it to Lever, who was fouled. Lever made one free throw to cement the win.

"It was a nice win because it gives us some momentum heading into the post-season said Canton coach Dan Colligan. "It was nice to beat a good team, too."

SALEM 59, PLYMOUTH 52: On Monday at Salem, the Rocks defeated the Wildcats in a KLAA cross-over match-up. Anthony Mullins led the winners' balanced attack with 14 points. Joe Posler added 13, Heath Parling registered 12 and Jake Peterson chipped in with 10.



BRIEN WITKOWSKI

Members of the Plymouth Christian Academy girls basketball program pose with their Class D District title trophy following Friday night's 48-22 victory over Canton Agape Christian.

EAGLES

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Gerulis. "She got some open looks and shot really well tonight."

Autumn McKenzie added nine points while Jessica Murphy and Michaela Wheeler scored five a piece.

PCA freshman Kristin Malcolm was limited to four points, but she excelled in other areas, registering 10 rebounds and seven blocked shots.

Twenty of Agape's 22 points came from two players: Sequoia Hood (12) and Ayanna Martin (eight).

PCA led 19-10 at the half and was never threatened over the final 16 minutes. Both teams struggled from the free-throw line. PCA hits just 4 of 18 freebies while Agape connected on 6 of 17 from the charity stripe.

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UDM lacrosse camps

The Detroit Titans men's

lacrosse program has announced that it will host two summer camps this year. Both camps will be held at Titan Field on the campus of the University of Detroit Mercy.

UDM will host its first-ever Team Travel camp on June 20-21. The cost of the camp is \$1,000.00 per team, which includes a free lunch.

The Titans will also host a skills

camp; open to all high school students, on July 20-22. The cost for attending is \$150.00 per kid, with a free gift provided as well.

Both camps will begin at 8:30 a.m. and run to 4 p.m. To register, please visit the Titans website at DetroitTitans.com

For more information, contact UDM assistant lacrosse coach Chris Kolon at 313-585-8439.

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PCS cheer team shines in Florida

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of hours of practice, thousands of dollars of airfare and a priceless amount of talent added up to an unforgettable day in Orlando, Fla., last month for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem co-ed competitive cheer team.

Competing against the elite squads from across the country, PCS placed fourth in its 16-team division at the 2009 National Cheerleading Championships held Feb. 7 at the World Wide Sports complex in Orlando.

As a result of their top-four finish, PCS's performance will be aired on ESPN2 this after-

noon between 1 and 2 p.m. and on Friday, March 20, between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Each team was judged on a two-minute-and-30-second routine, two-thirds of which was performed with background music.

"Our goal going in was just to make the finals," said PCS head coach Erika Healy, a former Salem and Eastern Michigan University cheerleader. "So we really exceeded our goals by finishing in the final four."

"There was a lot of pressure on the kids considering all the practice time they put into this and all the money their families paid out in these tough economic times. I was very proud of the way they performed."

Healy said her team missed finishing third by a mere 1.5 points.

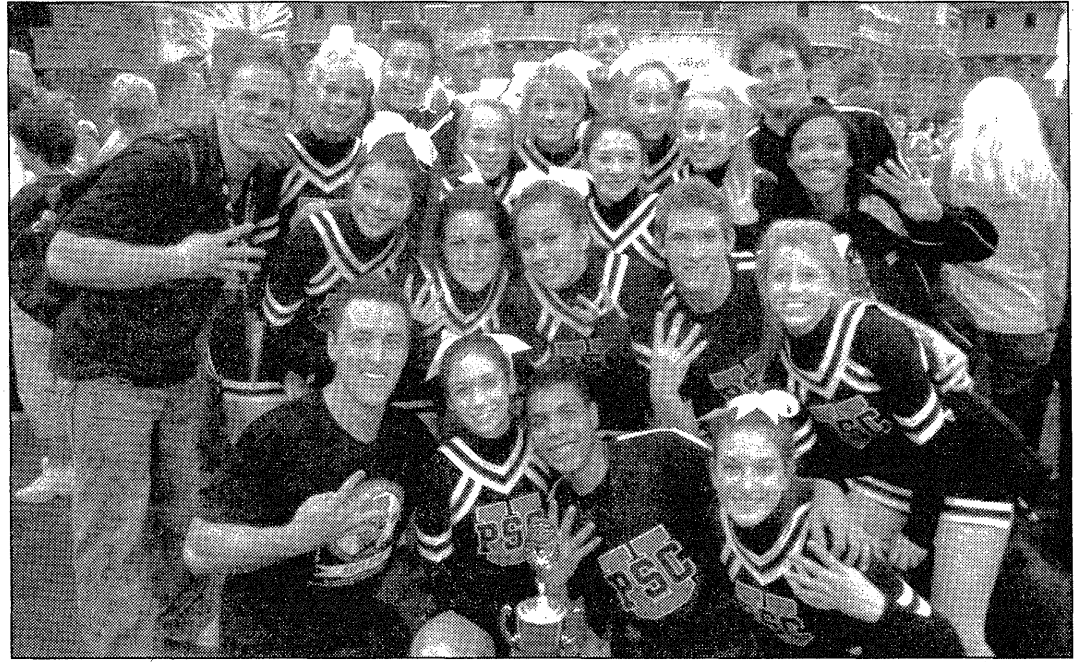
"We actually had a shot at second place, but we had a drop and we didn't hit another part of the routine," she said.

This year's effort broke a three-year finals dry spell for PCS.

"We have a lot more talent than we've had in the past," said Healy. "It seems like we had a lot more experience kids on the team this year. I'm especially happy for our seniors."

PCS was the only Michigan team that qualified for the national competition.

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Pictured are members of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem competitive co-ed cheer team, which earned a fourth-place finish at last month's Universal Cheerleaders Association National High School Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, Fla.

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rebounds and leadership, the 'Cats appeared destined to register their finest season in school history.

However, all that changed nearly a month ago when Lineberry suffered an injured finger. He's been sidelined ever since and the Wildcats haven't been the same without their captain, losing seven of their last eight games.

"Brad was leading our team in assists and he was our third-leading rebounder when he got hurt," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "But more than anything, we miss his leadership out on the court. He would get the whole team going by the way he played so hard."

'Know' passing zone

Lineberry said scoring would be near the bottom of his "Most Wanted" list when it came to basketball.

Leading would be near the top.

"I like the role of being a leader; I like being a captain," he said, during a pre-injury interview. "And I like passing the ball and getting assists. I get just as much satisfaction out of making a good pass to somebody as I do scoring."

Lineberry, whose sculpted a 3.1 grade-point average, said he chose Madonna for a number of reasons, one of which was their quality baseball program.

"I like it because it's close to home, so my dad can come and watch me play," he said.

"Also, I want to get into criminal justice and that's one of the top fields they offer."

Better than ever

After playing basketball his freshman and sophomore years at Plymouth, Buttermore opted not to play as a junior.

"To be honest, I just didn't like it any more," he admitted. "I kind of lost my love for the game. I didn't even play pick-up ball last year."

It turns out that his absence from the game made his heart grow stronger for hoops.

"Sitting around last winter, I realized how much I missed it and how much I wanted to play on the varsity level, so I tried out this year," he said. He didn't lose his touch.

With 40 three-pointers to his credit already, Buttermore has established himself as one of the school's all-time best perimeter shooters.

"Cliff can really shoot the basketball," said Van Wagoner. "He can take pressure off our inside guys by hitting the threes like he can."

Buttermore said there's no magic formula for becoming a good shooter other than hard work.

"My dad got me a hoop when I was 8 years old and I'd go out and shoot all day in the summer," he said. "I think the key to being a good shooter is consistency with your form. It's all repetition. The more you practice, it becomes muscle memory — a lot like pitching."

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Churchill ickers sideline Salem, 6-4

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After a so-so regular season, Livonia Churchill's hockey team has reinvented itself for the postseason.

The Chargers did it again Wednesday night by scoring four goals in the final period to knock off KLAAS South Division champion Salem, 6-4, in a pre-regional game at Eddie Arena.

Churchill, 11-10-5 overall, earned a spot in Saturday's Division 1 regional final against the winner of the other pre-regional game tonight between Northville and Novi Detroit Catholic Central. (Game time is 6:30 p.m. at Novi Ice Rink.)

"The (Trenton) Showcase (Feb. 12-13) made me realize we could play pretty good hockey," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "But we've been so inconsistent throughout the year. So at this point and time nothing surprises me."

After surprising 16-8-1 Canton on Monday night in the state tourney opener, 6-3, the Chargers rallied to end Salem's year at 14-9-3.

Once again the catalyst was junior forward Mike Woynick, who notched his second straight hat trick. In two pre-regional games, Woynick has a whopping six goals and three assists for nine points.

On Nov. 26, Woynick suffered a broken foot in the season opener against Livonia Stevenson and missed 10 games before returning to the lineup.

"He was out four weeks and

it took him a week to get back in shape," Mazzoni said. "He's skilled, he's smart and has a good set of hands, and he sees the ice well."

"When you have to play other teams, they have focus more on him and that creates more time and space for others."

Churchill trailed 3-2 entering the final period before going on a four-goal spree.

Adam Weigand's wrist shot after Dan Bostick hit the post made it 3-3 at the 7:34 mark. (Woynick drew the assist.)

Christo Papaioannou's drive over the shoulder of Salem goaltender Adam Powers then gave Churchill the lead for keeps, 4-3. (Woynick and Bostick drew the assists at 10:11.)

Stefan Kubus scored unassisted at 11:16 on a back-hander to put the Chargers on top, 5-3. And Woynick notched his third of the night with the Salem defense pinching in at the blue line to give the Chargers a three-goal cushion with only 3:10 to play.

Salem's Eddie Mazorowicz scored unassisted with 1:26 remaining, but it was too little, too late for the stunned Rocks.

"We knew Churchill would come after us, they're too well coached," Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher said of the final period. "We were ready, but we did not handle their pressure. They third period defensively we were not good enough in the neutral zone and they (Churchill) had too many chances, which resulted in some breakaways."

After a scoreless opening



Salem's Ryan Oigley (left) closes in on Churchill's Mike Woynick during Wednesday's pre-Regional final at Eddie Edgar Arena.

period, the teams combined to put five goals on the board in the second.

After getting flattened on a legal check, Woynick bounced back on his skates and scored unassisted at 4:52 of the second period to make it 1-0.

Salem answered with the next two goals — Mario Macari on a high wrist shot from Josh Jarvela at 7:11 followed by Sam Ott's goal at 9:37 on assists from Kyle Powell and Nick Hayes.

Woynick tied it again, 2-2, on a power-play effort from Bostick at 11:28, but Salem regained the lead again at 1:39 on Kurt Driscoll's goal from Jarvela and Macari.

Just prior to Salem's third goal, the Rocks' had another disallowed when officials ruled Steve Haburne's rebound attempt was kicked in.

"The (head) referee told me he did not see it, but the linesman said he (Haburne) kicked it in," Ossenmacher said.

During the final intermission, Mazzoni implored his team to pass the puck with more frequency.

"We were overhandling the puck, too much stick-handling," the Churchill coach said.

Meanwhile, Salem suffered a huge blow during the first period when senior assistant captain and defenseman Ryan Blakely suffered an apparent broken arm.

"It was a fluke," Ossenmacher said. "He got caught in a funny way against the boards. We missed his presence because he's one of our fastest players. And in a big game like this, you need that speed."

"I think we ran out of gas unfortunately, and the momentum can turn on a dime. That's why you have to play 45 minutes of hockey. But I don't want to take anything away from Churchill. In the end they deserved to win."

Salem, meanwhile, loses nine seniors to graduation.

"This was our best season in six years," Ossenmacher said. "We continued to get better as the season went along, but unfortunately it didn't continue tonight."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda's and Minutes for the Township of Plymouth Board of Trustee Meetings scheduled for January 20, February 17, March 10 & 24, April 21, May 12 & 26 and June 9 & 23 are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Website: www.plymouthtwp.org.

Minutes and agenda's are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, for public perusal.

Joe Bridgman, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: January 22, February 15, March 8, April 19, May 10, and June 7, 2009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF PLYMOUTH CITY COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH LIQUOR MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing shall be held before the City Commission of the City of Plymouth on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main, Plymouth, Michigan. The Public Hearing will consider the following:

- Application for change in License for Grape Expectations, LLC, from a Tavern to a Class C License.

This is a public meeting and any interested person is invited to attend at the place and time stated.

City Hall is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

Publish: March 8, 2009

CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction, March 10, 2008 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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C135-Joyce Powell- 10 Boxes
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting March 17, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary
Plymouth District Library
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REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1 REQUEST FOR BIDS

Redford Union Schools, District #1 is seeking proposals from (1) self-insurance administrative organizations; and (2) eligible carriers, including premium insurers and Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Associations (VEBAs), to provide medical, dental, vision and other benefits to its eligible employees. Detailed specifications and bid terms may be obtained by contacting:

Susan Featheringill, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
Redford Union Schools, District #1
18499 Beech Daly Road
Redford MI 48240
Phone: 313-242-6009
E-mail: feathes@redford.k12.mi.us

Proposals must be either mailed or hand delivered no later than 2:00 P.M. EST on the 26th day of March 2009 to the Administration Building as noted above. Proposals received after the deadline will be disqualified. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the proposal arrives on time at the right location.

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A hands-on demonstration of making herb butter and bruschetta offers fun at the 4-H Children's Garden.

How does your garden grow?

Modern 'victory gardens' stretch food dollars

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Anita Callender of Garden City's seen an upswing in people growing their own produce. "Most definitely," said Callender, Master Gardener volunteer coordinator, Wayne County office of the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service. "It started years ago with the food safety issue."

In those days, people began to grow such food as lettuce to avoid salmonella problems. With the economy down in recent years, Callender and fellow gardeners see efforts to convert vacant lots to the "victory gardens" reminiscent of the World War II era.

"With it (the economy) really in the gutter, it's just blown. The children are even getting involved," she said. Kids can learn to pick healthful snacks and other good foods.

"The No. 1 thing is to get to know your soil." For \$13.78, her office on Venoy in the city of Wayne can send your soil samples to MSU for testing (payment by check or money order only).

"Lansing will analyze it and they'll send it to my hort educator," said Callender. It'll be translated into what she calls "people speak" for easy understanding.

She recommends you pick what you like to grow. "Make sure you know what to do when you're done." Zucchini grow easily, but you can end up with so much neighbors will avoid you. More isn't always better when it comes to planting.

"Plant what you're going to be able to use." Callender does canning, freezing and also dehydrates produce. She grows fruit as well, and hasn't needed to buy jelly in 20 years.

She'd been on a visit up North and asked a girlfriend if becoming a Master Gardener was difficult. "I'd always had an interest." She joked about her midlife crisis.

"I took the course and never stopped volunteering." When the staff job opened, she got it. "It's wonderful and the people are fantastic."

You can get help through her office with gardening questions. When April starts, there will be spring hotline hours of 1-4 p.m. Tuesday



The garden in Wayne yielded this bountiful supply of herbs and peppers.

and Wednesday and 4-7 p.m. Thursday. The hotline is (734) 727-7240 or (734) 727-7242, and available in March 1-4 p.m. on Tuesdays only.

You can also e-mail gardening questions to Callender at acallend@co.wayne.mi.us. Her phone is (734) 727-7238. The office in Wayne has a diagnostic clinic in which you bring a sample of an ailing plant; it's open May to September, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Thursdays.

Callender agreed that aside from the health benefits of homegrown food, gardening has emotional health benefits. Years ago, she'd tell her husband "I'm taking my Valium, and it was a walk in the garden. It's a little bit of an escape. It's back to nature."

She noted many hospitals have therapy gardens for patients. Gardening is helping to address Detroit's blight: "All of a sudden, you go around a corner and you see this really cool garden park." Such gardens contribute to community togetherness with events like potlucks.

"It's getting communities back to knowing each other," said Callender, who sees community, personal and therapeutic benefits to gardening. She's glad to see hummingbirds by her home "and see the butterflies coming back."

The facility on Venoy includes a children's garden where 4-H, Junior Master Gardeners and Master Gardeners work together to teach kids the basics. Callender recalled children learning to tie up tomato plants. She did a herb butter demonstration. She agreed gardening's

popular in southeast Michigan, and calls are picking up this month on the hotline.

Bruce Forrest of Taylor's president of the Master Gardeners of Western Wayne County. He'll turn 66 this year, and started gardening as a child.

"We had to go hoe in the garden if we were bad kids," said Forrest, retired from a 35-year career in retail management.

This is the first year for the Venoy site's greenhouse with Heirloom tomatoes and peppers, to be grown from seed and sold to defray expenses. If you'd like to help, contact Forrest at (313) 295-1889. Plans are to start planting the third Tuesday of March.

"It's a good way to get out and commune with nature," he said of time in the garden. He also runs the Goodwill Garden, Taylor's community garden. The local 23rd District Court sends nonviolent offenders to work the garden. "We give everything we grow to charity," said Forrest of the effort started in 2002. They support food banks at Our Lady of Angels and Fish & Loaves.

The Taylor garden leases spots at \$20 a growing season, with a waiting list. It's not certified organic but is chemical-free.

"We do this as volunteers," he said, noting it would take a full-time staffer to obtain organic certification.

He agreed it's great to get fresh produce, "especially in the summer. Oh, definitely," it tastes better, Forrest said.

"There's a world of difference."

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Gardening expo

Learn about the latest gardening trends at the Dearborn Area Board of Realtors Home & Garden Expo, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 14, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Admission and parking are free.

The expo will feature Dearborn exhibitors, and offer demonstrations, seminars, and helpful hints from experts. Representatives from the University of Michigan-Dearborn Interpretive Center will offer interactive learning experiences for children. (313) 278-2220.

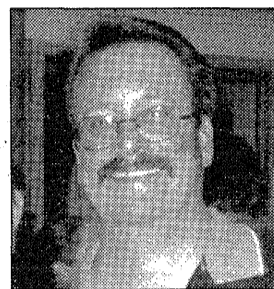
Coastal orchids

Michigan Orchid Society member and past president, Don Farrelly, will give a slide show presentation on "Left and Right Coast Orchid" at

the group's next meeting, 2:30 p.m., Sunday, March 15, at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits, Birmingham. He'll focus on five different conservatories and botanical gardens on the east and west coast of the country, along with the 2008 World Orchid Conference that was held in Miami, Fla. Ron Ciesinski of Taylor Orchids will bring orchids to the meeting. For more information call (586) 416-1496 or visit www.mio-orchids.com.

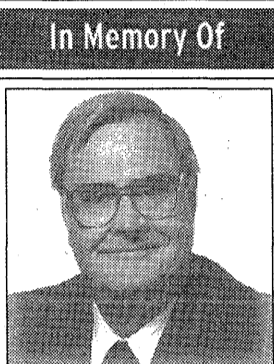
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CRAIG A. BROWN

Age 42, of Canton. March 3, 2009. Beloved husband of Sandra. Dear father of Katherine, Stephanie and Zachary. Son of Kenneth (Blanche) Brown and the late Nancy Brown. Brother of Heather (Rick) Hoffman. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Memorial service was Saturday at Ward Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, donations to Angela Hospice would be appreciated by the family. To leave a message for the family, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



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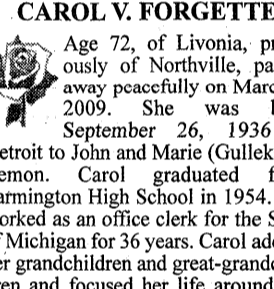
MARJORIE H. TAPPERO (RAUTIO)

Age 88. Feb. 24, 2009. Her first marriage was to Toivo Oikarinen. In 1949, she married Frank R. Tappero. Survived by children, Dennis (Nancy) Oikarinen, Kathy (Gary) Smith, Diane (Robert) Moore; her grandchildren, Dennis, Gary, Michelle, Jeff, Kerry and Elizabeth; and eight great-grandchildren, Grace, Dalton, Kimberly, Dustin, Danielle, Amanda, Melissa and Marilyn. Also sister, Dorothy (Rautio) Byrd; along with several nieces, grandnieces and grand-nephews. A prayer service was held at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home on Feb. 26. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org/tributes. Share memories at www.schrader-howell.com



BRETT JOHNSTON

Age 25. March 5, 2009. Beloved son of Doug and Kim. Loving brother of Scott and Kayla. Grandson of Chuck Dobrick and Beverly Johnston. Visitation Sunday 1-9 p.m. and Monday 5-9 p.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Memorial service Tuesday 11 a.m. at Northridge Church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to U of M Cancer Research. On line messages may be left at www.carepages.com for brettjohnston.

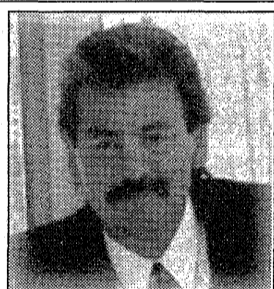


CAROL V. FORGETTE

Age 72, of Livonia, previously of Northville, passed away peacefully on March 5, 2009. She was born September 26, 1936 in Detroit to John and Marie (Gullekson) Lemon. Carol graduated from Farmington High School in 1954. She worked as an office clerk for the State of Michigan for 36 years. Carol adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and focused her life around her family. She is survived by her children: Mike Forgette, Vicky (Paul) Peetz, David (Carrie) Forgette, Cyndi (Brian) Shay, and Rhonda Rule; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; her sister-in-law Susan Lemon; her brothers-in-law Mike Howe and David Nelson; and many loving relatives and friends. Carol was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Joan Howe and Linda Nelson; her brother Paul Lemon; and her son Kenneth Rule. Visitation will be held Monday, March 9 from 2-8 p.m. The Funeral Service will be held Tuesday, March 10 at 11 am at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Rev. Mary E. Biedron will officiate the service. Mrs. Forgette will be laid to rest at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. Memorial Contributions can be made to the Family of Carol V. Forgette, c/o Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

MARY M. KASTEN

Age 93, March 2, 2009. Beloved wife of the late Walter. Dear mother of Donna (Bob) Odmak. Grandmother of Allison, Jacob, Joshua and Abigail Odmak. Sister of Wayne Dufner, Loreen Dufner, Velma Dufner Blant and Bill Dufner. Visitation Monday 9 am until an 11 am Funeral Service at First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman Rd. (NW corner of Merriman and Maplewood). Memorials suggested to First United Methodist Church of Garden City. Arrangements by Santeu and Son, (734) 427-3800.



GARY PARKER

Passed away on the morning of Friday, 27 February 2009 in Atlanta, Ga. He was passionate about being his own man. He graduated from Cooley Law School in 1977 and worked as a self-employed lawyer in Michigan and in Florida but seemed to find this an unfulfilling line of work. He wanted to help people while being his own boss and spent his life in that pursuit. He loved being in Atlanta, Ga. He worked there during the late 80s and eventually found his way back and he was happy being there. Gary is survived by his son Erik, daughter-in-law Amy and his only grandchild, Gabrielle. She was the apple of his eye and he was her "Granddaddy." His sister, Connie and her husband, Jim Owenby spent much of his last days with him in Robertta, Ga. He loved spending time with them and their extended family. His mother Nina and his brother Tom and his family will also miss him dearly. Gary was very proud of his son, Major Erik Parker, presently stationed at Luke Air Force Base as an F-16 Instructor. Fortunately, Gary was able to spend 10 days in Phoenix with Erik and his family over the Christmas holiday. This was truly a blessing for everyone. Preliminary reports from the doctors were that he passed from an extreme bacterial infection of unknown origin. Gary wanted to donate his body to Emory University however, complications combined with the infection, did not allow the university to accommodate his wishes. The doctors assured us that his autopsy would be very educational. His body will be cremated. We believe he was at peace when he passed and was not in any pain. He is now in the hands of God and able to reunite with his beloved father, Edward, who passed 20 years ago. Family and friends will meet in Michigan this summer to celebrate his life. Gary wanted to help children. If you'd like to help children in his name, please donate to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Send checks to Tribute account: #23520462-In Memory of Gary Parker: St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis TN, 38105 Or Call 800-822-6344 debit/cc.

LELIA M. TERRY

Age 95, of Stuart, FL. Died March 2, 2009 at Tiffany Hall Nursing and Rehab, Port St. Lucie. Born in Graves Kentucky, she had lived in Stuart for 29 years coming from Plymouth, Michigan. She received her bachelors degree from Eastern Kentucky College. Before retiring, she was a school teacher in Kentucky and Michigan for over 25 years, starting in a one room school house. Survivors include a son Norman S. Terry of Port St. Lucie; two sisters, Nancy Lyke of Stuart, FL and Mary Caribardi and a brother Charles McLemore, both of Bayonet Point, FL and one grandchild, Tanja Hager. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Marvin E. Terry in 1999 and a daughter, Margaret Sue Hager. Services were March 7, 2009. Interment was in Forest Hills Memorial Park, Palm City. For those who wish, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Southeast Florida Chapter - 3333 Palm Hill Blvd., Suite 101, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, Phone 800.861.7826 or on line at www.alz.org in Mrs. Terry's memory. An on-line registry is available to sign and leave notes of condolence at www.foreshillspalmcityflorida.com.

JACK R. TRUEMAN

Age 61. Of Plymouth, MI. March 3, 2009. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.

CHARLES R. WESLEY

Died on February 15, 2009 in Annapolis, MD after an extended illness. A 1963 graduate of Rochester High School, Charles was preceded in death by his parents Charles A. Wesley and Jean M. Wesley (Colpus), and brother Charles A. Wesley, Jr. Surviving family members include his wife, Lois Wesley of Annapolis; brother Craig Wesley of Oneonta, NY; son Matthew Wesley of Woodbridge, VA; daughter Kara Wesley of Charlotte, NC; stepdaughter Aaryn Zabloski of Annapolis, MD; nephew Aaron Wesley of Seattle, WA; and grandchildren Gavin and Ava. A memorial service was held on February 20 at Saint Mary's Church, Annapolis, MD.

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Kensington golf sign of spring

Kensington Metropark will celebrate spring with the 2009 season beginning this weekend or as soon as the frost clears from the course. This exciting 18-hole golf course that covers 6,345 yards with a par of 71 is open, course conditions permitting. Winter rates are in effect for most of March: \$13 regular, \$10 seniors (over 62) plus cart rental on a first-come, first served basis.

Regular golf rates are as follows: For 18 holes the weekend/holiday rate is \$26, the weekday rate is \$22, the Seniors (over 62) and Juniors (under 17) rate is \$15, power carts are \$13 per person and \$10 for Seniors (weekdays only). For 9 holes, the weekend/holiday rate is \$17, the weekday rate is \$14, the Senior/Junior rate is \$11, power carts are \$8.50 per person and \$7 per person for Seniors (weekdays only). Hand carts are \$2 per person. Regular golf course hours are 7 a.m. until dusk daily with hours extending as daylight increases. Tee times can be reserved up to two weeks in advance and golfers are advised to call in advance of tee time to confirm course conditions.

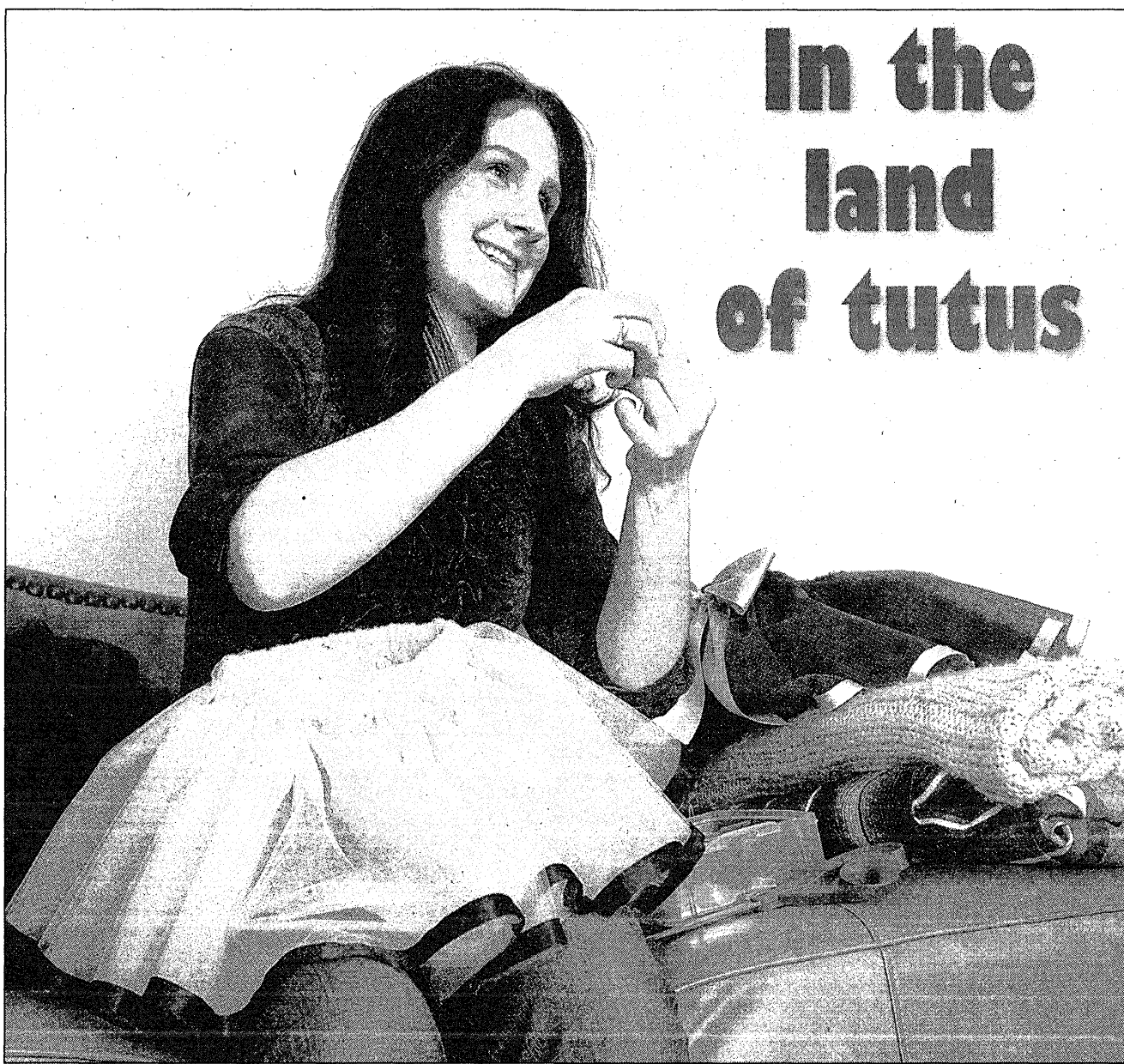
Golf accessories, beer, wine and food are available at the golf starter building. Coolers are not allowed on the course.

A vehicle entry permit is required to enter any Metropark and is \$20 annually for regular admission, \$12 annually for seniors or \$4 daily.

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NEIGHBORS

In the land of tutus



Angela Leonardo makes tutus in her Plymouth home.



Angela Leonardo watches daughters Toni, 3, and Olivia, 5, dance in their tutus.

Plymouth mom makes tutus fun

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Angela Leonardo makes tutus fun for everyone — not just dancers. Just ask her daughters. That might be difficult, though, because as soon as Toni and Olivia don the frilly skirts they're off and running across the living room of their Plymouth home. At ages 3 and 5, the two look like little whirling dervishes as they

twirl round and round. Nothing bad happens in the land of tutus, laughs Leonardo as they continue playing. The 31-year-old mother should know. She began making and selling the costumes usually worn by ballerinas after losing her job a year ago. Since then, she's sold as many as 15 tutus a week to everyone from moms to photographers who use them as props in children's portraits.

The items come in all sizes and colors. Some of the tiniest were ordered for infants. Leonardo made herself a lady bug tutu for Halloween. Olivia and Toni wear them over jeans and a T-shirt. They have a variety to choose from as Leonardo throws her seconds into the girls' dress-up trunk. "I was looking for a creative outlook," said Leonardo. "I like things that not everybody has.

I don't like cookie cutter. I love ruffles, the girly look. They're more of a skirt, more of a wearable for special functions, daddy and daughter dances. I've done ones for Valentine's Day and Christmas." Most recently customers on etsy.com were inquiring about custom orders for St. Paddy's Day. Leonardo sells her tutus primarily on the site which showcases only hand-made goods. So far, the items have been so well-received she moved her daughters in together so she could have a sewing room. It's

obvious Leonardo loves color by the stacks of tulle filling the shelves like a rainbow. "I get lots of orders for first birthdays. They're easy to wash in Woolite or baby soap," said Leonardo who names the colors of her tutus after food. It seems only natural to call them Blueberries and Cream. Her husband, James, is executive chef at Mosaic restaurant in downtown Detroit. James's job keeps him away from home from morning to evening so the hours can seem long especially with energetic ballerinas who never seem to stop. Sewing allows Leonardo some quiet time when the girls are down for a nap or in bed for the night.

classes and expanding her line to include wedding gowns and flower girl dresses. She almost hit a snag recently when the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act went into effect to protect children age 12 and under from overexposure to lead. Manufacturers of the components that go into the tutus already test for lead, but Leonardo put her product under an XRF Analyzer anyway to make sure there were no more than 600 ppms. The legislation came about after thousands of toys were recalled in late 2007. "I use the best," said Leonardo. "I want the tutus to be safe. I put them on my own daughters."

INSTANT GRATIFICATION

"My favorite part of the day is when I sew. It's instant gratification. There's no waiting to see what you're making," said Leonardo, who started sewing 1 1/2 years ago after her mother, Martha Kuciban, taught her the basics.

Olivia seems to be following her mother's footsteps when it comes to having a love for sewing, so she's getting a machine for her birthday. Leonardo's mother bought her one for her eighth birthday, but she never used it. Olivia, on the other hand, likes helping her mother pin fabric. Leonardo plans to hone her skills as well by taking

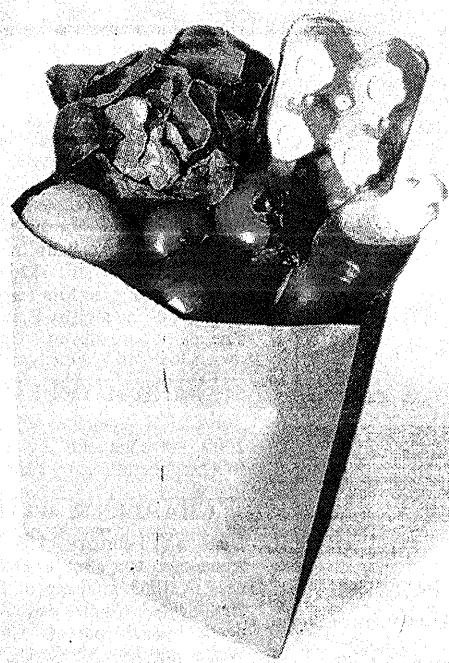
HOLD STILL NOW

Leonardo tries to get Toni to stand still to fluff the layers of the tutu which can have as many as eight. It's almost impossible because the little girl is having so much fun. Olivia has one word for the tutus — good.

She loves playing in them as much as Toni. "It's like magic when you put a tutu on them," said Leonardo. "I even put them on sometimes. I think it's important for them to know their mom loves what she makes."

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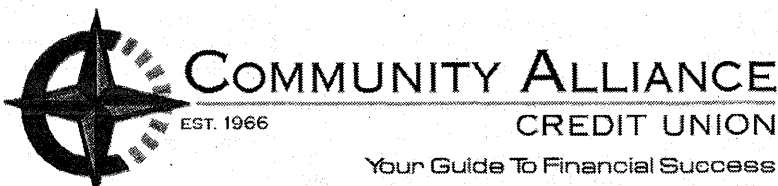
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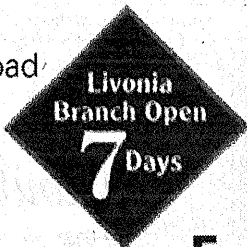
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MILESTONES



Lupa-Kegebein
Lynn Lupa of Livonia and Tony Lupa of Farmington Hills wish to announce the marriage of their daughter Lisa, to Bradley Kegebein of Royal Oak, on January 17, 2009. Lisa is a 2000 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of MSU. She works as a high school teacher in West Bloomfield. Brad is a 2001 graduate of Country Day and a 2007 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He works as a personal trainer in Birmingham. They currently reside in Royal Oak.

REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the newspaper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your reunion announcement at least two weeks in advance to Linda Chomin, e-mail lchomin@hometownlife.com.

Birmingham Groves

Class of 1969
40th high school reunion will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2009, at The Community House in Birmingham. Contact Sue (Dickson) Carlson at (248) 737-1398 or grovesclassof69@aol.com for further information.

Brighton High School

Class of 1989
Planning a July 25 reunion at Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Green Oak Township. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ, and cash bar. Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 375-5773 or at email4kelley@yahoo.com, or see groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989.

Class of 1959

50th reunion with activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. Visit www.casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

Thriller keeps audience on edge of seats

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

He's the man behind the scenes and he likes it that way. He'd rather have students' faces shown than his. After all that's what the theater program at Schoolcraft College is all about.

DEADLY NIGHTCAP

What: Schoolcraft College's Theatre Department presents the mystery thriller by Francis Durbridge
When: 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-21, March 27-28 (dinner theater performances), and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 (play only)
Where: Liberal Arts Theatre on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia
Tickets: \$24 for dinner theater performance, \$12 play only. Call (734) 462-4596

James Hartman has devoted 30 years to building an acting troupe, not only from students but members of the community. On opening night Friday, March 20, they tackle *Deadly Nightcap*, a British mystery thriller in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the campus in Livonia. Set in 1985 in England, Francis Durbridge's story line follows the twists and turns of a planned murder gone wrong. On a recent Thursday night, students were putting the finishing touches on the stenciled wallpaper in the parlor. The production runs through April 4, and includes dinner theater

performances on the first two weekends. "We haven't done many mysteries," said Hartman before rehearsal. "It has a great deal of appeal. A man plots to kill his wife but there's a strange turn of events that will keep the audience guessing."

Hartman expects the intimacy of the 173 seat theater to keep audiences involved, if not a bit jittery. "I believe certain plays do well in intimate theaters," said Hartman. "There's closer communication between audience members and actors. The theater is only nine rows deep and they might jump a little. It's almost like it's happening to you. The ending is very dramatic, one most audience members will not forget."

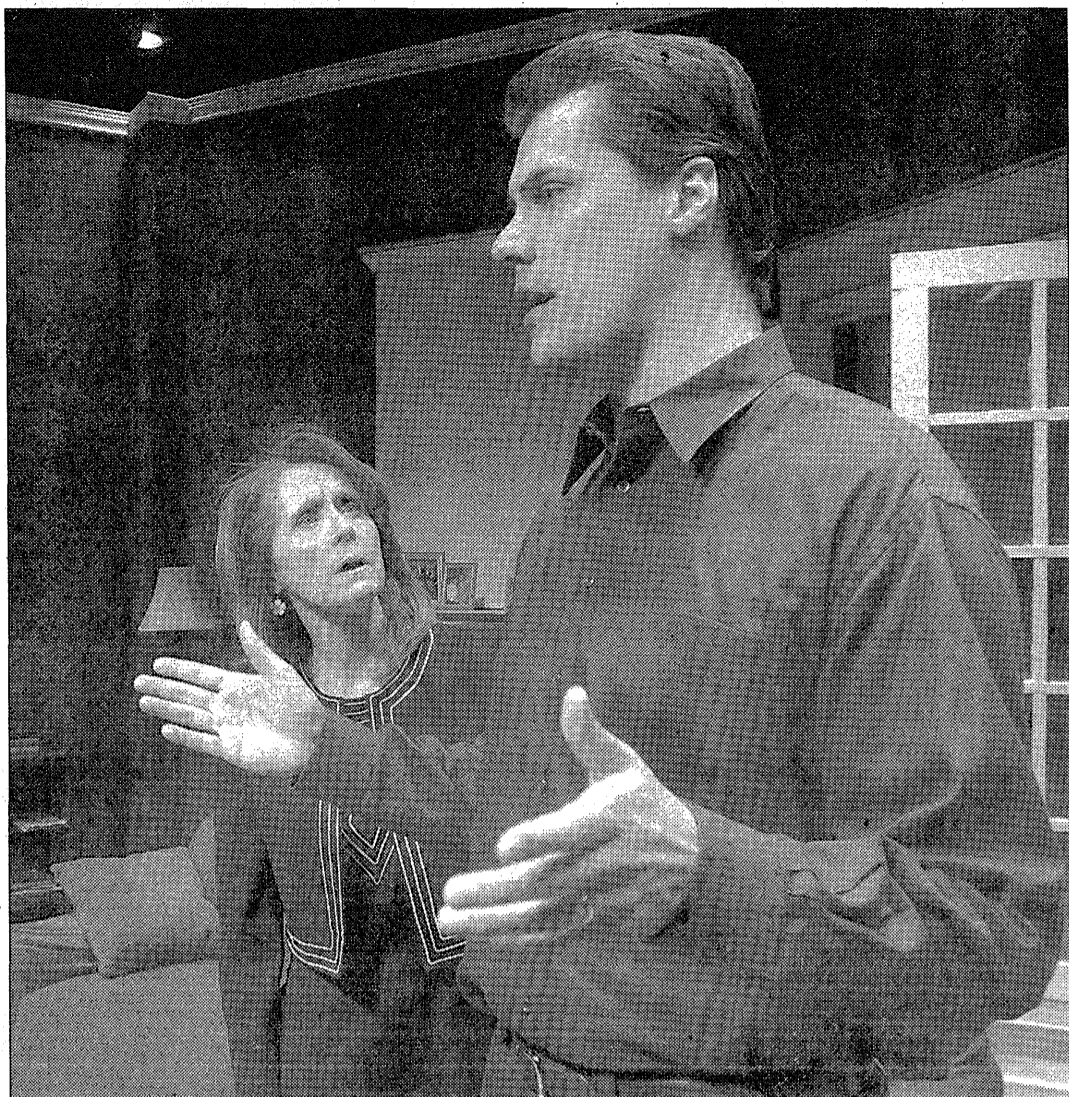
CHALLENGING ROLE

Lead actress Brenda Lane calls the mystery "very intense." She plays Sarah Radford, the woman who barely escapes with her life.

Lane has regularly appeared in Schoolcraft College productions for the last 12 years. Last year she took a directing lab at Purple Rose theater in Chelsea and plans to return for an advanced acting class in April.

"At any given point there are different suspects," said Lane of Northville. "It's challenging for me to figure out the chain of events, keeping all that straight, what I knew when, memorizing all the lines. I interact with every character and am in every scene. It takes a lot of energy and concentration."

Trevor Wnuk's character, Detective Cliff Jordan, is in the same predicament as Lane's trying to keep up with the pace of events. Wnuk of Westland has



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Brenda Lane, playing Sarah Radford, listens to Brian Taylor, playing her husband Jack Radford, in the mystery thriller 'Deadly Nightcap' at Schoolcraft College.

done several shows at Schoolcraft and with Barefoot Productions.

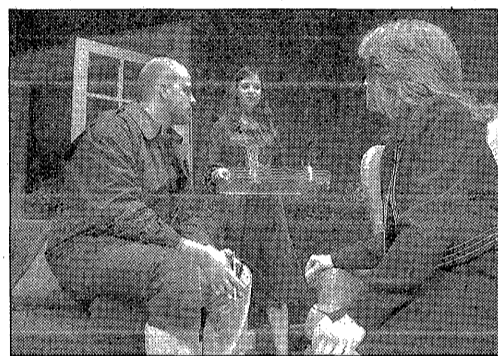
"He's a very clever, very serious detective who writes novels," said Wnuk, 24, a graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia. "He's trying to figure out what happened."

BELIEVABLE CHARACTER

Stephanie Lee adds to the chaos. She plays Kate Warren, the friend who's not afraid to speak her mind to Sarah Radford. Lee previously acted in church at the Tri-City Christian Center in Canton before taking theater classes at Schoolcraft.

"She has the best intentions," said Lee, 18, of Westland. "The challenge is taking her to a different level. She's not as reserved as the other characters. I'm taking her from page to stage and trying to make her believable."

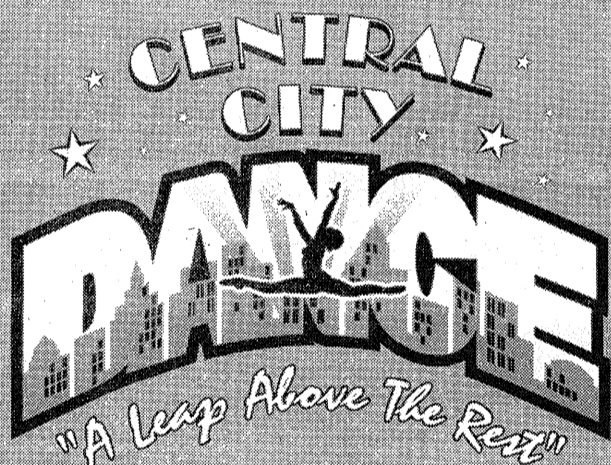
Brian Taylor enjoys the fact it's his character, Jack Radford that keeps everyone in suspense. The 34-year-old Plymouth actor has performed in Schoolcraft productions since spring 1994. He became interested in theater after graduating from Plymouth-Salem High School.



Trevor Wnuk, playing Detective Cliff Jordan, and Brenda Lane as Sarah Radford, pause in their heated conversation as Stephanie Lee, playing Kate Warren, enters the room.

"He's ambitious," said Taylor, who plays Lane's husband. "It was her father's business he's after and he's very unscrupulous. He doesn't care who gets hurt to get what he wants."

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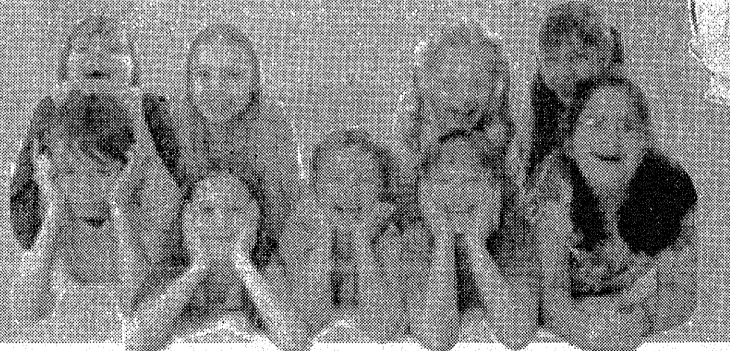
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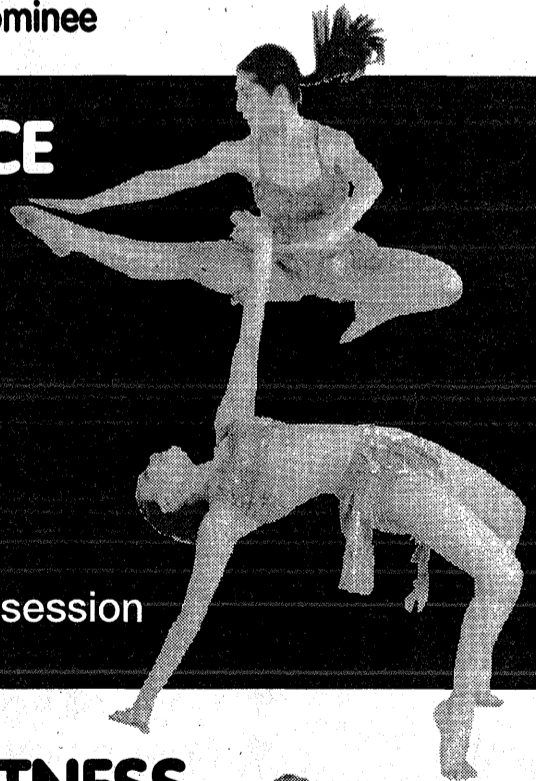
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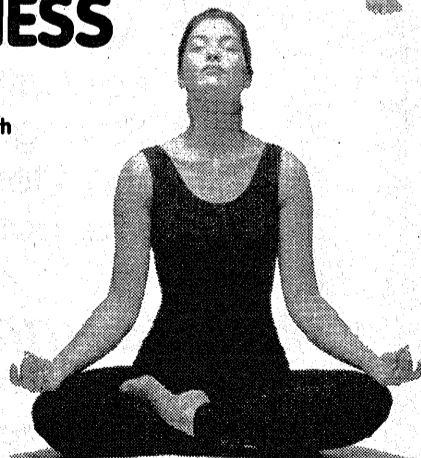


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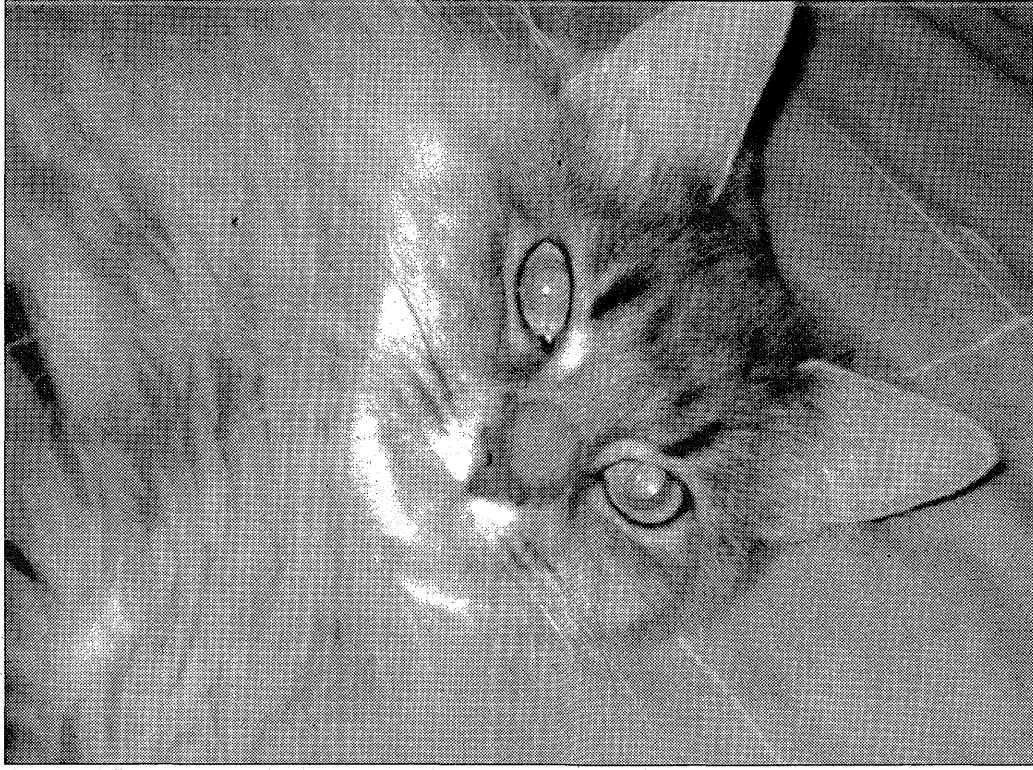
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Perla's previous owners said the cat didn't fit into their lifestyle any more.



PETS OF THE WEEK

The Metro Animal Adoption Agency is trying to place two animals, Ice, a 2-year-old Shepherd mix, and Perla, a 3 1/2-year-old cat, that are in dire need of permanent homes.

Here's what volunteers say about them:

Meet Ice, the dog with one blue eye and one brown eye! Every time that Ice thinks that she has found a home, she is disappointed. A neighbor called the M.A.A.A.A. after Ice was left with a litter of puppies in a foreclosed on home next door. The neighbor and M.A.A.A.A. were surprised that she was left, since the owner had previously rescued Ice off the side of the freeway. She has been in a foster home over the last few months and her foster "parents" cannot understand why anyone would not want to keep this loving and loyal companion. Ice is fully potty trained and knows how to sit. She learns quickly and would respond well to training lessons. While she does have bursts of playfulness throughout the day, Ice's favorite spot is curled up in a bed next to your feet. She loves to be petted and especially enjoys belly rubs! Ice is excellent with children and has a friendly, gentle temperament. Because of her transitions and possible negative exposure to other dogs, Ice is best suited for a one-dog family. While she loves her foster "brother" (a 2-year-old Ridgeback mix), Ice frequently reacts to dogs that she does not know with barking and growling. For this reason,



Ice, a sweet Shepherd mix, has one blue eye and one brown eye.

Ice will not be a dog that you train off leash or take to the dog park, but will be a joy to have around your house. Could you be the forever family that Ice has been looking for?

Meet Perla. She was surrendered to M.A.A.A.A. with her three kittens. Her previous owner raised Perla since she was a kitten. The owner said Perla no longer fit into their lifestyle.

We've learned from her previous owners that Perla was attacked by their dog which is probably why she hates dogs so much. Perla loves to sit and be petted but does not like to be held. Her foster mom said she absolutely loved her 15-year-old daughter and would wait for her to go to

bed so she could cuddle either right next to her or on her. They'd sleep together through the night. Perla needs to be an only pet. She does not like other cats or dogs. Perla is looking for a family that can love her unconditionally.

If you are interested in Ice or Perla and would like to learn more or find out how to meet them, contact M.A.A.A.A. by phone at (313) 571-2985 or by e-mail at MetroAAAA@aol.com

The organization does not maintain a shelter, although some of its cats are located at PetSmart in Southfield and Petco in Allen Park. Visit its Web site at www.metroaaaa.petfinder.com.

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DIA LECTURES

Join the Plymouth Community Arts Council and Detroit Institute of Arts each month for informative lectures that bring the DIA's world-class collection to life through informative slide presentations, while also focusing on the various facets of art appreciation. Presentations last 45-60 minutes and are free.

At noon on the second Tuesday of each month are the Brown Bag Lectures at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. Attendees may bring a bagged lunch to enjoy during the presentation. The next topic is "American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell" Tuesday, March 10.

Evening Lectures take place at the Plymouth Public Library, 223 S. Main. Presentations are the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. For more information on this and other PCAC programs, visit www.plymoutharts.com or call (734) 416-4278.

GOODWILL SALE

Parisian is encouraging customers to participate in its million acts of Goodwill through the semi-annual Goodwill Sale from March 11 to 24. Customers who donate clean, gently-used clothing and home textiles receive 20 percent off coupons toward new spring merchandise including apparel and cosmetics. One coupon is given per donated item.

The donations will be sold at Goodwill Industries retail stores where the revenue funds job training programs and career services for people who need it most in local communities.

As a kick off to this spring's Goodwill Sale, Parisian is introducing a new, interactive Web site designed to track the customer's donations and spread the word about the event. Customers can log on to www.millionactsofgoodwill.com to learn more about Goodwill Industries mission, get tips for cleaning out their closets and read about Parisian's spring fashion trends. When the Goodwill Sale officially begins on March 11, customers may log on to www.millionactsofgoodwill.com and share what they donated. Site visitors will be rewarded for their participation with an additional coupon. A "Million Meter" will track the event's progress and with each step closer to the goal

of one million, Parisian will make an additional contribution to Goodwill Industries.

Goodwill Industries International is a network of 184 community-based, independent member organizations in the U.S., Canada, and 14 other countries. Goodwill Industries trains people for careers in fields such as financial services, computer programming, banking, and health care. To pay for its programs, Goodwill sells donated clothes and other household items in more than 2,200 retail stores, and online at www.shopgoodwill.com. To find a local Goodwill, use the online locator at www.goodwill.org or call (800) 664-6577.

CHA CHA FOR CANCER TREATMENT

Guardian Martial Arts in Garden City is hosting an event for cancer survivor Barb McGrew at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at the studio, 30942 Ford Road. A minimum "love donation" of \$15 is suggested. Call (734) 266-0565 or visit www.guardianmartialarts.com. For more information, call Diana Machnak at (734) 961-8560 or (734) 620-0105.

McGrew's journey with thyroid cancer began 10 years ago. It went into remission, but the same kind of cancer returned to her lungs two years ago. Long a practitioner of holistic methods, she has chosen a completely chemo-free path to wellness. With no insurance and only social security for income, her friends and fellow journeyers are holding a benefit Salsa dance fund-raiser to provide the cost of treatments. The Cha Cha for Cancer Treatment will be a joyous celebration of life. Learn to dance the Salsa, enjoy a variety of delicious Mexican foods, take your chances at the silent auction and 50/50 drawing, and help McGrew kick cancer.

Diana Machnak, a dance instructor at Guardian Martial Arts, has been supporting McGrew with Energy Therapy since the cancer returned. Kelly Perkins, along with her partner and husband Shelby, have been guiding students into the art of Kenpo and physical fitness for decades, and are great believers in holistic healing. Together they are excited to sponsor the event, assisting McGrew into returning to wellness.

McGrew, along with five other Gilda's Club of Royal Oak members, co-authored *The Stories Behind the Red Door*, a series of short writings telling about their cancer experiences and the joy that can be found at all times. Proceeds from *Stories* go to Gilda's Club, a free community for cancer patients and their support groups, with chapters worldwide. All of McGrew's work can be found at LULU.com. *Stories* can also be purchased at Gilda's Club in Royal Oak.

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It's no wonder that Nan Washburn continues to take home awards for adventuresome programming of classical music concerts. On Saturday, March 14, the Plymouth Symphony conductor will invite the Madonna University Chorale, Plymouth



Linda Chomin

Oratorio Society and Ward Presbyterian Chancel Choir to join the orchestra in spotlighting the precious commodity of freedom. At a time when human rights remain in jeopardy all over the world, Washburn has asked composer Zhou Long to share his music and story of living through the Cultural Revolution in China. Zhou not only will attend the concert at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville, but he'll speak earlier in the day at the Plymouth Library and on the evening of Thursday, March 12, at the Canton Library.

During the revolution Zhou was sent at age 16 to a state farm where his only keyboard was an accordion for the next five years. After suffering a back injury he was relocated to a mid-size city near Beijing where he arranged and conducted music until the revolution ended.

"I became interested in composing music during the Cultural Revolution. I brought an accordion to a state farm and studied myself. My mother always said composers are the greatest musicians. She encouraged me to be a great composer and I studied with them privately before the school," said Zhou whose opera singer mother taught lessons regularly overheard by the young boy. "I was a composing student in Beijing sent to the state farm in a remote area. I heard on a train the university reopened. I rushed to Beijing to apply to Central Conservatory of Music.

FANFARE FOR FREEDOM



Zhou Long

What: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra performs Beethoven's Ninth Symphony and a work by composer Zhou Long

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14
Where: Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Tickets: \$25 adults, \$20 seniors, \$10 children/students. Call (734) 451-2112 or visit www.plymouth-symphony.org

Related events: Zhou Long speaks about his music and living through the Cultural Revolution in China 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Canton Library and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Plymouth Library

The university was closed for 10 years so many people applied. I started in spring 1978. You couldn't get materials from libraries which had to be taken from storage and put on book shelves, so these classes were special."

Zhou went on serve as composer-in-residence for the China Broadcast Symphony Orchestra two years before coming to the U.S. because his native country didn't have a graduate program for composers. He applied at Columbia University in New York in 1985 and spent seven years there eventually earning a doctorate. He began teaching about eight years ago at the University of Missouri, Kansas City where today he is working on commissions including compositions for the Boston Opera and Beijing International Music Festival. On March 14, his *Rhyme of Taigu* takes center stage.

The orchestral work features an expanded percussion section which mixes haunting tones with Zhou's recollection of farmers burning their fields. Washburn writes in a review of a collection of his chamber works for Fanfare that *The Future of Fire* builds to thunderous rite-like climaxes.

"Freedom is important to me," said Zhou.

Equality was a major theme back when Beethoven was composing his Symphony No. 9 *Ode to Freedom*. The PSO closes its season with a grand performance by a chorus of 200 and soloists Martha Sheil, soprano; Deanna Relyea, mezzo; Juan Hector Pereira, tenor; and Stephen Lussmann, baritone.

David Wagner took a moment from broadcasting his show on WRCJ-90.0 classical radio to speak about the work on the "Fanfare for Freedom" program. He directs the Madonna University Chorale in Livonia and serves as professor of music on the faculty.

"Beethoven's 9th was his last symphony and probably one of the best known works of Western classical repertoire," said Wagner.

"It incorporates Friedrich Schiller's poem, *An die Freude*, which means Ode to Joy. The text is about universal brotherhood or equality among people. It was kind of a

radical idea in Europe at the time with aristocracy but the world was changing. People know that tune so much because it's also been turned into a hymn. It premiered in Berlin in 1824 and Beethoven was actually there on stage. He had actually lost his hearing. He was basically conducting the piece and had to be turned around to accept the standing ovations, five of them."

Wagner is especially excited about showcasing his chorale which has grown to 60 students, Madonna University faculty and community members. At the end of April they will sing a portion of Bach's *B minor Mass* at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit.

"It's so much fun to sing these major works," said Wagner. "We did Beethoven's 9th with the Livonia Symphony 4 or 5 years ago. It's going to be a great concert, Nan always couples a well known work with a contemporary work. In Fanfare for Freedom these concepts, solidarity is so closely articulated in the music. When you hear the music it's so emotionally overwhelming."

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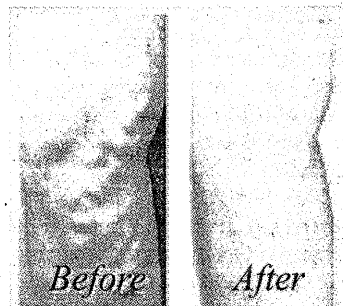
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Red alerts women to heart disease risks

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A sea of red flooded the ballroom of the Detroit Marriott in the Renaissance Center Wednesday, Feb. 25. The scene was living proof that the American Heart Association's message alerting women to the dangers of heart disease is being heard. The annual luncheon not only raises money for research but education. Just as pink is used to promote breast cancer awareness, red has come to symbolize the campaign to reduce the numbers of women dying, in many cases needlessly, because of cardiovascular disease.

Nearly all 650 women in attendance wore the color in some fashion in recognition of Go Red for Women.

One speaker after another encouraged women to learn their risks and numbers, and to spread the word.

Dr. Joan Crawford, medical chairwoman and a Bloomfield Hills resident, relayed the grim facts that heart disease is the number one killer of women ending the lives of more than 450,000 a year.

Lin Cummins of Rochester, luncheon chairwoman, spoke of losing her mother to heart disease.

Dr. Annabelle Volgman captured everyone's attention with a PowerPoint presentation on the symptoms and statistics. Excessive fatigue, shortness of breath, indigestion? It's time to see the doctor.

Volgman encouraged women to measure their waists. A reading of 35 inches or more should signal danger. Regardless of a woman's risk level all could live healthier lifestyles. It can't be said enough that it's important to eat fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and avoid saturated fats. Exercise 150 minutes a week. Quit smoking and heed



Lin Cummins, Go Red for Women luncheon chair, told the audience it's time to stop the number one killer of women and put their hearts first.

warning signs like obesity, high blood pressure and diabetes, all contributing factors to heart disease.

Before lunch Dr. Pamela Marcovitz, past medical chairwoman for the luncheon, answered questions at the table of information for Beaumont Hospital's Ministrelli Women's Heart Center. Earlier in the day guests received free blood pressure screenings and were able to learn about cholesterol. As medical director of the center, Marcovitz is hiring a physician to lead research on women and heart disease. She said for too long only men have been studied yet each year cardiovascular disease takes the lives of twice as many women as all types of cancer combined.

I'm not going to wait to lower my risks. I already eat a vegetarian diet. I admit that's not for everyone, but you can choose leaner meats fewer times a week.

Exercise is key as well so I'm going to take longer walks with my dog through the neighborhood. I've slacked off during the cold weather. We can all make changes to save our lives.

For more information on heart disease or to assess your risks, visit www.goredforwomen.org.

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KNOW YOUR NUMBERS

Women need to know their numbers, keynote speaker Dr. Annabelle Volgman told luncheon guests at the recent American Heart Association Go Red Luncheon. Volgman, a cardiologist, is director of the Rush Heart Center for Women at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. Her prescription for a healthy heart starts with knowing these risks.

- Abdominal obesity (a waist 35 inches or larger)
 - Uncontrolled high blood pressure 130/85 or higher
 - Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 or more
 - HDL good cholesterol reading above 50
 - LDL bad cholesterol reading below 100
 - Triglycerides below 150 (a form of fat in the blood which in high amounts leads to plaque in the arteries)
 - Fasting blood sugar below 100
 - Smoking
- Volgman's recommendations to prevent heart attacks and stroke:
- At least 150 minutes of exercise a week
 - Eat a healthy diet that includes whole grains, fruits, vegetables, Omega 3 fatty acids
 - Keep your BMI at 30 or lower
 - Get to your goal of cholesterol and triglyceride levels by lifestyle modifications and medications
 - Don't even think about lighting one cigarette

H.O.P.E. to bring fibromyalgia documentary to Birmingham

Join H.O.P.E. as they share their recently unveiled 90-minute documentary with the community. This moving, educational production validates fibromyalgia, the painful condition that affects an estimated 10 million people in the U.S. who struggle to gain access to approved treatments.

Fibromyalgia: Fitting the Pieces Together will be shown 2:15-3:45 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at the Birmingham Palladium, 250 North Old Woodward, Birmingham. Immediately following at 3:45 p.m. there will be a Question and Answer session for the audience. It will be led by

Martin S. Tamler, M.D. program director Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Residency, William Beaumont Hospital, and Sharon Ostalecki, Ph.D., author of two books on fibromyalgia and executive director of H.O.P.E. (Helping Our Pain and Exhaustion), a non-profit support group for those suffering with Fibromyalgia.

The question and answer opportunity as well as the documentary address treatment options, pain management, access issues, and ways to live a full life with fibromyalgia.

"Fibromyalgia is a condition with global symptoms and associated conditions. The first line of treatment for any disorder or condition is education," said Tamler. "It's a piece that empowers

patients to become proactive to treatment and eventually healing. The question and answer session, after the screening will provide a forum where patients will feel comfortable to ask questions and receive accurate information and perspective."

The patient screening of the documentary is the first step in H.O.P.E.'s outreach campaign of education and treatment options. A support group, led by Ostalecki, will be launched at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2.

"Fibromyalgia affects everyone associated with the patient. H.O.P.E. is committed to providing support and education to all," said Ostalecki. "We will continue with programs that serve those with fibromyalgia, families, and health care providers. Our support and classes are open to the public and provide a place for participants to exchange information, share concerns and problem solve to learn more effective methods of coping with chronic pain."

Tickets for the screening are \$20 per person. DVD copies of the documentary will be available for \$25 in the lobby before and after event. For tickets or more information, contact Ostalecki at (248) 344-0896, e-mail smo23915@aol.com, or visit hffcf.org.

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RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAREER-CHANGERS



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

As the recession deepens, many people are struggling to find opportunity. One employer with multiple opportunities -- but obvious personal risk -- is the military. The largest force, the Army, needs 80,000 active Army and 26,000 Army Reserve recruits no older than 42 for fiscal year 2009. They'll find more than 150 occupations, including numerous office jobs. Occupational bonuses reach \$40,000.

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Many career-changers encounter brick walls -- a career that didn't give them options or opportunities that lacked meaning. College costs too much. They want better lives. "Older career-changers into the Army out of a desire to serve. Some recruits are only a very small percentage," states Douglas Smith, civilian Army Public Affairs officer, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky.

Recent recruits run the gamut. Sara Mientka, 32, of Burlington, Vt., has a B.A. in English, with a Biology minor, from Trinity College, which has since merged with the University of Vermont. A loan officer for a mortgage company during college, she subsequently worked in a hospital lab, then in retail, where she advanced into management. Local job searches turned up limited options.

Searching for a career and education money, she tested high, opening up almost all occupations except those in Special Forces, Infantry and other areas restricted to men. She chose medic and enlisted for four years.

Pvt. Mientka is now in training at Fort Sam Houston (San Antonio), Tex. She's delighted that the Army offers to pay for college courses and teaches soldiers their Army jobs. "That can lead to excellent opportunities in the civilian world," she comments. "I'm going to test for the National Registry for EMTs. Many people from there go to advanced EMT courses and become paramedics. I think it's a wonderful opportunity. It's even a lot more fun than I thought."

Licensed plumber and EMT Eric Rotondo, 25, of Smithfield, R.I., is a certified bartender looking for career opportunities. He'd worked in the family business, plumbing and heating, since high school until January, 2008, when he shifted to another family member's business, where he managed a bar and bartended. He subsequently looked for something new, with a career path. "The Army gave me the most (career) options," he reported.

Enlisting for six years, Rotondo qualified for about 90 occupations. He chose Infantry because of its Army career training and leadership opportunities. Then a knee injury forced him out. The Army invited him to return after his year-long recovery.

Kaitlyn Cavallaro of Haverhill, Mass., spent two years as a flight attendant. Canceled flights weren't her motivation. "It's just what I wanted to do," stated Cavallaro,

21. She signed on for four years, "hoping to make it a career," and looked forward to a job that would use her HR and computer skills.

Pvt. Cavallaro says, "The Army is a lot more than I expected. If anything, I think it's changed me for the better."

Johan ("Frank") Wissing of North Kingston, R.I., who is Dutch, looked into the Marine Corps, but, at 38 -- he turned 39 three weeks after entering -- didn't qualify. He came to this country in 2005 after working part-time behind a self-service counter in a company cafeteria and other jobs, including administering more than 600 automobile leases. Testing well for more than 150 occupations, he'll begin in financial administration. "My goal is to qualify for officer as soon as possible," he mentioned. He left for basic training in early January.

WAR
Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Caron, Springfield, Mass., station commander, has been recruiting for more than seven years, "before we had a major conflict and afterwards," he says. He mentions that parental influence over recruits above age 25 seems to diminish. Of course, the possibility of going to war is always on the table.

How did these career-changers feel about it? Mientka noted that "it's just as likely that you'll be in harm's way wherever you are, beginning with the freeway." She anticipated learning to remain productive and calm in crisis situations, a skill the Army teaches. Cavallaro also trusts in that training.

How do they feel about battlefield duty? Wissing



At 32, Pvt. Sara Mientka uncovered numerous career options in the Army related to her undergraduate education and subsequent employment in Burlington, Vt. She and classmates are training for their Army occupation in Fort Sam Houston (San Antonio), Tex.

observed, "If other people can deal with it, I think I can deal with it," he states. Rotondo feels the same way he did when he enlisted. "I'd be doing it for a good cause -- the country, our freedom and people here," he comments.

Rotondo returned to Pitcher's Pub, the bar in Cumberland, R.I., where he previously worked, and is job-hunting. He still wants career options. (Dr. Mildred L. Culp welcomes your questions at workwise@comcast.net. Copyright 2009 Passage Media.)

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Cute, outgoing woman, 40, loves animals, the outdoors. Seeking honest, clean, honorable, compassionate gentleman, 40s-early 50s, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. **2295421**

SEEKING A MATURE MAN
Attractive SBPF, 35, N/S, N/Drugs, would like to meet responsible, happy SBPM, 25-50, to enjoy life together. **2300880**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **2230694**

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!
W/WF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. **2297914**

SEEKING FRIEND
D/WCF, 71, looks much younger, 5'2", long dark brown hair, brown eyes, positive attitude, seeks faithful SWM for LTR. **2256264**

HOPING WE CLICK!
SBF, 23, 5'11", 105lbs, wants to meet SM, 30-68, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk. **2307550**

ACTIVE WOMAN
SWF, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. **2262181**

HELLO THERE
Asian woman, 5'2", 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **2113901**

A WOMAN OF CLASS
SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **2271085**

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 23-45, for companionship. **2282578**

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SBMM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. **2282444**

MUSICAL GIRL
Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 19-25, who enjoys the same things. **2292258**

OUTGOING
BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. **2292940**

PRETTY EYES
SBF, 33, voluptuous in all the right places, enjoys life, long walks, intellectual conversation. Seeking SM, 30-50, similar interests. **2298970**

GET TO KNOW ME
BF, 57", full-figured, brown eyes, N/S, social drinker, looking for a gentleman, 45-60, to share good, clean fun with. **2260756**

SEEKING SAVED MAN
SBF, 27, N/S, seeks one good man, 29-51, N/S, no games, who enjoys movies, bowling, church, for friendship first. **2265509**

HI THERE!
Mature SBF, 50, seeks sexy, handsome SWM, to develop a lasting relationship and maybe more. Let's meet soon! **2268278**

MUST LOVE WRESTLING!
Full-figured, shapely SBF, 33, lonely, seeks SWM (only) who enjoys wrestling, football, hockey, fishing, going to the movies for friendship first and maybe more. **2286699**

VERY LOVING PERSON
Looking for a spontaneous, professional male, 25-40, race open, who is willing to go and have fun. **2273234**

COUNTRY GIRL
Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF, 54, platinum/blonde, 5'5", H/W-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. **2275945**

ARE YOU HERE?
SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, laughing, and enjoying life. Seeking an honest SM, 55-62, with varied interests, for possible LTR. **2269770**

TAKE A CHANCE!
SWF, 30, middle school art teacher, likes nature, music and learning new things. ISO nice gentleman, for dating and to share life together. **2283634**

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **2210247**

CHOCOLATE TREAT
Refined, romantic, creative divorcee, enjoys an eclectic lifestyle. Professionally employed, very youthful and fun loving, 60s, enjoys dining, travel, music, the beach, family fun, etc. Seeking fit non-smoking gentleman, 50+. **2281197**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Asian woman, 5'2", 110lbs, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome WM, 40-50, N/S, N/Drugs, clean-shaven, H/W proportionate, for friendship first. **2281229**

IN SEARCH OF
a man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out, and companionship. I'm a SWF, 58, 5'9", HWP, and I enjoy walking, cycling, skiing, snow-shoeing, and more. **2288886**

ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS
BF, 5'9", 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. **2284318**

ZOOMER SEEKS ADDED ZIP
SWF, 55, passionate about life, enjoys the outdoors, good political discussions, dancing, more. Would love to meet a man engaged in life. **53-70**. **2284371**

SINCERE AND HONEST
Happy SF, loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, sincere SWM, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first. **2284932**

MATURE MAN WANTED
SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SBM, 25-40, who enjoys books, movies, dining, water. **2287856**

KEEP COOL
SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SB/HM, 18-25, who keeps it real. **2287598**

PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD
SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a funny, handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. **2292913**

I NEED LOVE
Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, 20, loves having fun. Seeking SWM, 18-30, who shares my lust for life. **2300110**

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **2207254**

SEEKING SBM COMPANION
I'm short and cute, brown eyes, black hair, honest, funny, good cook, very sincere. I hope to find a friend/companion to enjoy things with. Preferably 55-75. Life is too short - have fun with me. **2302311**

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?
SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic, N/S SM, 40-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, walking and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. **2282618**

PLUS-SIZED LADY...
34, 200lbs, sexy single mom, looking for SM, 37+, for friendship and dating leading to LTR. Is this you? Call me! **2217234**

STILL SEEKING
Very cute SBF, 5'9", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-59, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **2113198**

I NEED A LOVE...
to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. **2258059**

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel. ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **2293760**

CLASSY LADY
SWF, 70 years young, 5'6", N/S, average height, brown/brown, enjoys fishing, movies, travel. Seeking honest SWM, 70-75, N/S, who is not boastful, but is well-groomed. Sense of humor a must. Life is one-way street and I don't have time to back up. **2307314**

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HARD-WORKER
SWM, 45, 5'5", short brown hair, grown kids, enjoys music, playing guitar, travel. Looking for similar SF, 35-45. **2298097**

IMMATURE
WM, 61, good-looking, good sense of humor, interested in politics, sports, the arts, food. Seeking BF, 45-63. Glasses a plus. **2278802**

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2269646**

LET'S MEET SOON!
SWM, 44, 190lbs, very good-looking, very fit, I have a good job, seeks nice woman, 25-44, to spend time with, leading to serious LTR. **2247784**

FUNNY & ATTRACTIVE
SWM, 44, 5'7", likes outdoor activities, cooking, movies, kids, animals. Seeking SWF, 30-45, to spend time together. **2297143**

NIGHT SHIFT ISO SAME
DWM, 48, 5'7", 155lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, likes camping, movies, books, motorcycles, bike rides and walks. Looking for LTR. **2309763**

LET'S TALK
SWM, 56, 6'2", 240lbs, Italian, blue eyes, easygoing, blue-jean type of guy, likes kids, looking for a petite woman, 50-55, easygoing, laid-back, who likes dining, shows, gardening, quiet times and more. **2297123**

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH
SBM, 5'11", 156lbs, slim build, likes to relax and chill. Would like to meet a woman, 20-56, who judges beauty from the inside, like I do. **2295446**

DON'T HESITATE...
call for a date! SWM, 55, happy, healthy, N/S, enjoys reading, cooking, home life, road trips, seeks SWF, 40-59, for companionship, maybe more. **2292956**

SEEKING LATIN LADY
WM, 63", dark/brunet, with great sense of humor, likes sports, movies, concerts, dining out. Would love to meet a Hispanic female, 18-50, for dating, possibly more. **2308881**

SO WE MATCH?
SM, likes skating, music, horseback riding, going to bars and spending time at home. Would like to meet a woman, 39-48, who is nice and likes going out. **2308942**

GENUINE NICE GUY
WM, 45, 6'1", blond/blue, N/S, social drinker, honest, caring, compassionate and a great listener, likes most kinds of movies, quiet times at home, music, travel and watching the Steelers play football. Seeking female, with similar qualities and values. Age, weight and race unimportant, just be a sincere person with Christian values. **2308313**

LET'S GO OUT
BM, 5'9", 170lbs, medium build, looking for an intelligent female, 30-45, who likes to go out and have a lot of fun. **2308657**

FULLFILL MY LIFE
SBM, 42, 6'2", 220lbs, short black/brown, dark complexion, loves Italian food, travel, time at home. Seeking that special, sexy, full-figured woman who is honest, caring, sincere, romantic, spontaneous, compassionate, and ready for a relationship. **2309096**

CALL ME
BM, likes going to movies, having a good time, dining out and more. Looking for a lady, 24-52, who wants to go out and have fun. **2309673**

MAXIMUM RETURN...
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SERIOUS REPLY ONLY
SBM, 42, employed, lives alone, seeks full-time companion, 18-35, for friendship first, possibly more if it develops! **2294946**

CALL THIS MAN!
Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoor, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. **2112288**

LIFE IS TOO SHORT
Very athletic SBM, 37, 5'9", 175lbs, loves volunteer work, pets. Seeking nice-looking, fit BF, 28-36, with sweet personality. **2274599**

FEMINE LADY WANTED
Attractive SBF, 48, 5'9", 125lbs, N/S, never married, loves outdoors, going to church, traveling, family time, candle light dinners, movies, long walks, holding hands, good conversation, seeking a feminine lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. **2291990**

LET'S TALK
SBM, 52, N/S, looking for a SBF, 45-56, 180-200lbs, to spend some time with and get to know. Friendship possibly leading to more. **2305631**

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/LTM SWF, for dating and fun times. **2187614**

READY FOR A RELATIONSHIP
Male, 60, tall, slim, attractive, brown/brown, no bad habits, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind female, 40-70. **2287161**

CALL ME!
Honest, hard-working SWM, 5'10", in search of honest, sweet, gentle SWF, 28-35. Friendship first, we'll take it from there. I enjoy mountain climbing, travel, life in general. **2309098**

LET'S GET GOING!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. **2128302**

LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER!
Outgoing SBM, 45, 5'6", average/medium build, N/S, seeks college-educated HF, 25-40, N/S, N/D, 5'5"-5'7", who loves the LTR, for friendship, possible romance. **2259775**

LOOKING FOR A DREAM
SM, Black and Native American, 43, 5'8", 175lbs, enjoys camping, soft rock music, fishing. Looking for a nice, fun-loving SW/HF, 30-43, average with few extra pounds, for possible LTR. **2257062**

WEST SIDE
SBM, 36, 5'9", 150lbs, light brown eyes, smoker, seeks woman, 20-40, race open, who is open-minded. **2260319**

COUGAR LOVER
Some things do get better with age. Blue-eyed, handsome SM, mid 40s, physically fit, laid-back, good sense of humor, seeks woman, with like 20+ years, who likes travel, music, exercising, etc. **2242620**

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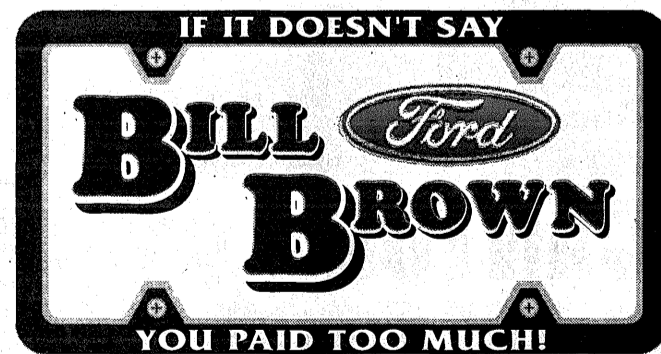
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