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PIPELINE

Pastor honor

Dr. William C. Moore was honored Friday at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth for his 31 years as the founding and senior pastor of the church.

Church members, friends and family from as far away as Denver and Seattle attended the program which used Moore's favorite movie, "It's A Wonderful Life" as its theme.

Members honored Moore and his wife, Cindy, for the difference that he and she have made in the lives of hundreds of people. Dr. Moore is an avid gardener and fittingly a prayer garden in Moore's honor will be created on the church property. The garden is anticipated to be completed by June.

Moore founded the church in 1979 as a church plant from Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Trinity first began meeting at Isbister Elementary School and built at its current location at 10101 West Ann Arbor Road in what was formerly an apple orchard. At present, the church is home to more than 650 members.

Over the 31 years, the church has planted a daughter church, Knox Presbyterian, in Ann Arbor, and is well known in the community for its monthly food distribution program.

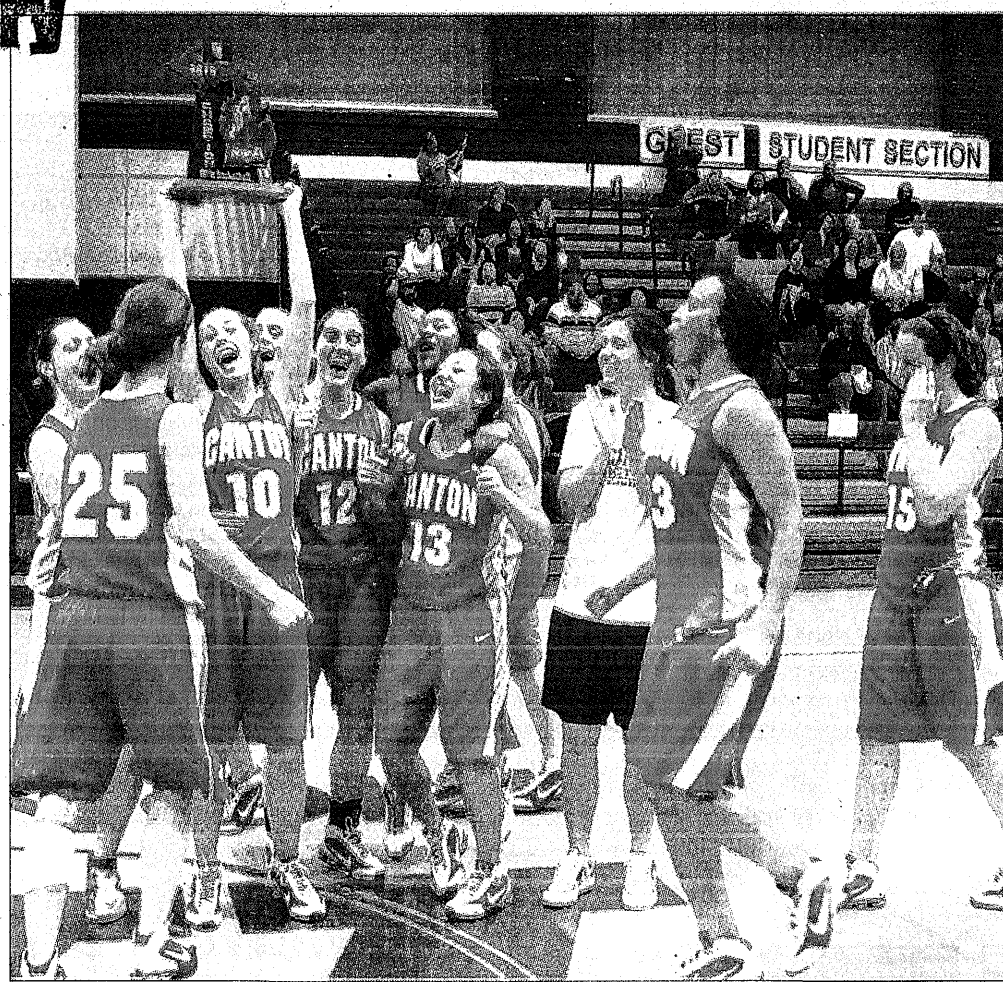
Moore will be transitioning from his role as senior pastor into responsibilities for pastoral care and education as Rev. Mark Fuller officially takes the position of senior pastor March 21.

Road rally

Registration is now open for the Plymouth Newcomers and Neighbors' annual Plymouth Road Rally - a car race, scavenger hunt, trivia contest and party all in one. Similar to the popular televised race, Road Rally teams work together to solve clues, find community landmarks, and perform tasks as they race to the finish line. At their final destination, teams will gather for food and drinks, and prizes will be awarded to the top teams.

The race takes place Saturday, April 24, starting promptly at 4 p.m. The starting location will be revealed in a clue sent to registrants. Cost is \$20 per person before March 27, \$22 per person after March 27.

Early Bird Registration due by March 27 (teams will receive 10 bonus points). All entries must be received by April 10. Contact Melissa Travers at roadrally@plymouthnewcomers.com.



JOHN KEMSKI

Winning never gets old

For the second time in six days, Canton celebrated on the basketball floor after winning a title Thursday night. Senior guard Lindsey Winters (No. 10) hoists the Class A regional trophy with her teammates swarming to join in on the fun. The Chiefs had garnered a district trophy on March 5. For more, please turn to today's Sports section.

Hop to it: Rabbit rescue offers beer, chocolate samples

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Plymouth-based rabbit rescue organization is getting ready for one of its biggest annual fund-raisers.

Hops for Hope, a beer and chocolate-tasting event that benefits Midwest Rabbit Rescue & Re-home, is planned for 1-5 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at The Corner Brewery in Ypsilanti.

The event, which is limited to 100 participants, will offer samples of a half-dozen or so beers, samples of organic chocolates, fair-trade coffee and a silent auction of donated Easter baskets.

They'll even serve "rabbit food" - a vegetarian appetizer buffet.

Hops for Hope typically sells out, said Lisa Powell, a Midwest Rabbit Rescue & Re-home board member.

"This is a very good fund-

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Midwest Rabbit Rescue & Re-Home's "spokesbunny" hopes for a successful fund-raiser to benefit the Plymouth-based shelter.

United Way collections drop by 30 percent

BY TONY BRUSCATO
CORRESPONDENT

The Plymouth Community United Way reported at its annual meeting last week it raised approximately \$800,000 in the 2009 campaign.

PCUW Board Treasurer Howard Behr told the group of several dozen people gathered at Comcast in Plymouth Township - mostly representatives of the organizations the United Way supports and volunteers - the figure is down from 2008 collections by about 30 percent.

"Yes, 2009 was a very tough year, both for us at the United Way and I am sure for all the organizations represented here today," Behr said. "The good news is because of the cautious steps your United Way has taken over the past few years and our donors ... our community will not see the full impact of our decreased revenue."

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PCUW BOARD TREASURER HOWARD BEHR

Community Council on Aging, Plymouth Opportunity House, the Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, Senior Citizens Club of Plymouth, the Plymouth YMCA branch and several food banks.

This year's campaign Chairman Greg Meyer acknowledged 2009 was a year of economic surprises.

"I do not think any of us have experienced such a difficult economic time trying to raise funds that benefit others in our community," Meyer said. "Who would have thought we would see GM and Chrysler on the brink of financial disaster in 2009? Or the continued downsizing of automotive suppliers in our area?"

Among the Key Contributor awards handed out by the Plymouth Community United Way were a Platinum award to Johnson Controls and Gold awards to Automotive Component Holdings, Comcast, DTE Energy, General Motors, UAW Local 845, United Parcel Service and Visteon Corp.

Community Service awards were given to several groups for their commitment and service to the Plymouth Community United Way. They included Brownie Girl Scout Troop 40427 in Livonia; Cadette Girl Scout Troop 40196, Troop 1581, Troop 40626 and Ambassador Girl Scout Troop 870, all representing Plymouth and Canton; and First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

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Plymouth readies for 'green' festivities

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth community offers plenty of places for St. Patrick's Day celebrants to wear the green this Wednesday.

Favorites like the Box Bar and E.G. Nick's will likely be going strong, while a number of Irish-themed places around town are offering discounts, adding menu items and bringing in Celtic entertainment.

Sheehan's on the Green, on Five Mile east of Haggerty in Plymouth Township, is adding corned beef and cabbage and Irish stew to its everyday menu (burgers, sandwiches, nachos, buffalo wings, salads and the like), plus serving green Miller Lite and, of course, the Irish brews Guinness and Smithwick's (pronounced "Smiddicks"). Sheehan's will also feature dif-

ferent Irish bagpipers throughout the day, and will be hosting a visit by The Fan Girls from the sports radio station WDFN-AM (1130). Sheehan's will open at 10 a.m. and will not have a cover charge.

Sheehan's is celebrating its 33rd anniversary this year.

"We've built up quite a crowd and reputation over those years," said the owner, Tim Sheehan.

At Sean O'Callaghan's, on Penniman in downtown Plymouth, the doors will open early, at 7 a.m., with a special breakfast menu until 10 a.m.: egg sandwiches, bangers and mash (a dish of mashed potatoes and sausage) and Scotch eggs. O'Callaghan's has also added corned beef sandwiches and corned beef sliders to its menu for the day, and will have a special on draft beers, \$5 for a 16-ounce pint. The Irish band The Galway

Celts will be performing beginning at noon, and there will be a \$10 cover charge all day.

In addition, O'Callaghan's will be holding a Pot O' Gold drawing, with a \$500 top prize and other prizes to be announced. The drawing will be limited to the first 100 people in the door and will be held at 10 a.m.

At Bode's Corned Beef House on Main in Plymouth, owners Pam and Richard Meacham will feature a bagpiper and will be serving corned beef and cabbage, which is normally a Tuesday menu item.

At Doyle's Tavern on Fralick in Plymouth, they'll be serving up green beer, adding Irish sausage, Irish stew, bangers and mash and corned beef and cabbage to the menu, and featuring live bagpipe music.

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Grief seminar

Emmanuel Lutheran Church is sponsoring an eight week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope" beginning on April 14. This free workshop is open to the community and will be held on eight consecutive Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses. The workshop will meet at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. For registration information, please call (248) 442-8822. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115 or visit the Web site www.newhopecenter.net.

Senior spellers

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging together with the Northville Senior Center will host the annual Wayne County Senior Spelling Bee on Wednesday, April 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Northville Senior Center located at 303 W. Main Street, Northville. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext.236 to RSVP as a speller or spectator,



Chess champs

Brothers Shane and Davis Vorva of Plymouth, along with teammates Andrew Elenbogen and Andrew Hanna of Ann Arbor took first place in the state team high school chess competition held at Oakland University last week. The Greenhills School team coached by University of Michigan Professor Dr. Bruce Elenbogen edged out strong competition from around the state.

Wayne County will offer a free lunch, prizes and raffles for everyone who attends. Remember you don't have to be a speller to participate.

Ice cream social

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts a free "ice cream social" with state Rep. Marc Coriveau at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to RSVP. All invited to enjoy an ice cream sundae and to listen and voice any concerns or questions you may want to ask.

St. Patty's lunch

The Council on Aging and Heartland Plymouth Court invite the public to join them on Wednesday, March 17, for a delicious traditional St. Patrick's lunch of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes,

dessert and a beverage. The lunch is free and takes place in the main floor dining room at Heartland Plymouth Court, 105 Haggerty at 12:30 p.m. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to RSVP; call (734) 459-8888 to arrange transportation.

Sagear scholars

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District High School senior who has overcome adversity with the \$500 Sandra Sagear Rotary Scholarship. The club is looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier. The recipient of this award will receive a scholarship named after Sandra Sagear, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with polio. Application deadline is March 30, and the award will be announced April 16. Applications can be downloaded at www.storytellerdesign.com/SagearRotaryScholarship.pdf. For more information, contact Debra Madonna at clarion@storytellerdesign.com or call (734) 377-0914.

Damaris scholars

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will recognize a Plymouth-Canton School district senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field with the \$1,000 Damaris Fine Arts

Award. Students' artwork will be judged on its originality, creativity, and use of material. Artwork will be professionally juried. Applications will be accepted April 27-30, the work will be juried April 30-May 3, and the Damaris Fine Arts Award will be announced May 4. Applications can be downloaded at: www.storytellerdesign.com/DamarisAward.pdf. Contact Tamara Trudelle at the PCAC, (734) 416-4278 to make an appointment to submit application and portfolio.

Egg hunt
The Plymouth Lions Club is making plans for their annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 3. Youngsters through age 14 will be eligible to take place. The Plymouth Lions Club is looking for donations to help make the hunt a success. For more information or to make a donation, call Debbie Baudino-Dowling, (734) 207-7464.

Hospice volunteers
Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based organization committed to providing excellent hospice care for patients and their families. The group is currently seeking caring and dedicated individuals to provide support by being a friendly visitor to patients in the Western Wayne County area. Training is provided. For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Volunteer Coordinator, toll-free (888) 983-9050 or e-mail at achristensen@cch.net.net.

Prisoner family support

Do you have a family member currently in prison? Do you feel alone? Do you wish you had a support group that you could turn to? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this support group is for you. Contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or e-mail bonnie@hope4healing.com for more information. This support group is to provide adult family members with support and a place to talk with others that have experienced similar pain. Meetings are free and run 6:30-8:30 p.m., the second Monday of every month at Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland.

Rabbit sponsors

Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary, the largest rabbit rescue in the United States, is looking for individual sponsors of its 500-plus bunnies. The sanctuary, located in Willis, near Ypsilanti, is seeking sponsors for \$15 per month. To view rabbits in need of sponsorship and to sign up, visit www.rabbitsanctuary.org. For more information, call (734) 461-1726.

PLAV members

PLAV Post #166, located at 39375 Amrhein in Livonia (at the southeastern corner of Amrhein and Eckles) is seeking new veteran members (the first year is offered free). The Post meeting is the second Monday of every month (except July and August) and begins at 7:30 p.m. with a light lunch that follows the meeting. Contact Sr Vice Cmdr/Adj Roger L. Kehrier, (734) 453-2031.

Hearing waived; drunken driving suspect headed to circuit court

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Westland podiatrist charged with seriously injuring a Canton Township woman while driving drunk in Plymouth Township waived his preliminary examination Friday morning in 35th District Court. Meanwhile, the prosecution charged Jason N. Choos with an additional felony, related to injuries to the young son of Dawn Hengesbaugh, 40, who remains hospitalized in a coma. Choos, who also lives in Canton, now faces two counts of causing a serious injury while driving drunk, one count of marijuana possession and one count of

illegally possessing a pistol. District Judge Mike Gerout sent the case to Wayne County Circuit Court; Choos is to be arraigned there on Friday, March 26. Choos, a member of a Westland podiatry practice, is accused of driving a Lincoln MKX into the rear of a Chevrolet Trailblazer driven by Hengesbaugh on the evening of Jan. 29. Hengesbaugh's husband, Larry, and two children, a boy and a girl, were also in the Trailblazer. The crash occurred on Ann Arbor Road near I-275. Police said Choos did not have a permit for the semiautomatic pistol found in the Lincoln. He is free on bond and required to submit to alcohol testing several times a day.

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D.C. trip brings Discovery classrooms to life

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Caili Johnson has been to Washington, D.C., once before, and she's looking forward to going back. Julian Gabriel hasn't ever been there, and he's excited about his first trip to the nation's capital.

Both are among the 64 Discovery Middle School students (and 22 adult chaperones) headed to Washington, D.C., on a school band field trip designed to connect their love for music with the knowledge they're gaining in the classroom. The trip, led by Discovery band director Marc Whitlock, takes place April 28 to May 2.

"This trip will provide a rare insight into the subjects of music and American history and it will connect them to what they're learning," Whitlock said of students making the trip. "Our goal is to make Washington, D.C., an extension of our classroom."

The band will play a slate of music — including songs such as *America the Beautiful* and *The Star-Spangled Banner* — near the reflecting pond at the Lincoln Memorial. They'll also get a visit to places like the Smithsonian, where they'll see such artifacts as the hat Lincoln wore when he was shot by John Wilkes Booth, and the snare drum used to lead his funeral procession. They'll also visit the Vietnam Memorial.

It's a chance to put a tangible touch on the things students are learning in school, Whitlock said.

"There's only so much the textbook can teach," Whitlock said. "We have an opportunity to bring the classroom to life by showing the kids the sights and sounds of Washington."

It sounds like a good plan to Johnson, 13, a Discovery seventh-grader who remembers being impressed with Arlington National Cemetery — "It's a sacred place, with a peaceful feeling," she said — the last time she went to Washington.

"I love the music we're going to play," Johnson said. "Washington has so many cool places to go, and so many fun places to play. It's going to be a great experience."

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter has arranged for an American flag to be flown over the Capitol Building in their honor while they're there, a flag that will then be shipped back to the school.

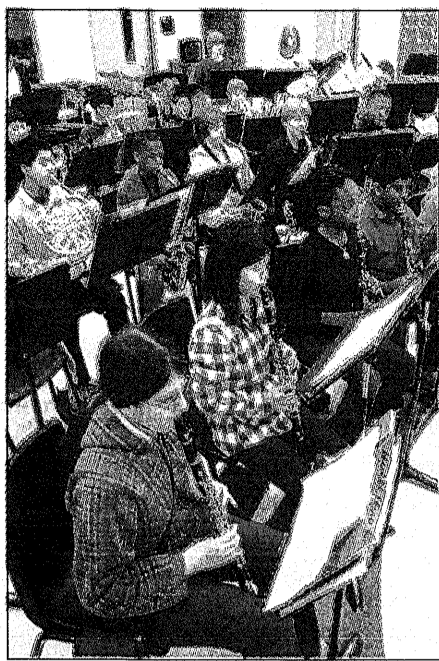
Even more impressive is the deal Whitlock worked out to get his students some pretty prestigious partners — members of the U.S. Marine Corps Band will act as clinicians with the Discovery students.

"We're going to be playing some pretty amazing pieces, and we're going to be playing with experts," said Gabriel, a 13-year-old eighth-grader from Canton. "One of the coolest things we're going to do is get to work with the very best. They're going to help us get better. That's amazing."

Money from a cookie-dough fund-raiser the students did last fall will be used to help offset the expense of the trip, as will money raised in an upcoming fund-raiser at Max & Erma's in Canton. Whitlock said the money spent by parents on the trip is indicative of the quality of the trip.

School Principal Roche LaVictor said the trip is in keeping with others they've done, such as trips to Toronto to see plays such as *The Phantom of the Opera* and *The Lion King*.

"Being the nation's capital, Washington gives (students) a chance to play at some pretty interesting places," LaVictor said. "We can't replicate in school the things this trip will give the students. It's a great learning experience for them."



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Members of Discovery Middle School's band hit the high notes during a practice session as they get ready for a trip to Washington, D.C.



Elan Johnson plays flute in the Discovery Middle School Band.



The trombone section is Josh Gendron, Jacob Marti, Arunpreet Singh and Sachin Diravim.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **What:** Discovery Middle School band trip to Washington, D.C.
- **When:** April 28 to May 2
- **Who:** Some 64 Discovery Middle school band students
- **Why:** Teachers hope to "bring the classroom to life" by visiting historic places in Washington
- **How to help:** Max & Erma's in Canton sponsors a fund-raiser Monday, March 22, during which 20 percent of proceeds generated by use of a special coupon will be donated to the trip. Get the coupon, and more information about the trip, by e-mailing Discovery band director Marc Whitlock at marc.whitlock@pccsmail.net

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EDUCATION

Michael's message: Libraries help keep son's memory alive

BY MAGGIE WUNDERLICH
CORRESPONDENT

After Paula Mallia experienced the tragic loss of her infant son, Michael, she looked for picture books that could help her 5-year old daughter cope.

However, she couldn't easily find them, even at the public library. The need for this type of book was on her mind at the same time her family was deciding on a way to keep little Michael's memory alive. She said,

"Michael loved to sit on my lap and look at books," Mallia said, "so we knew it would have to be related to books."

That's how the idea was formed to create the first "Michael's Message Library of Hope" at Allen Elementary School in Plymouth, where she taught first and second grades. The library is a living memorial to Michael and is dedicated to providing families easy access to a collection of books that spread hope during difficult times.

Dodson Elementary, where Mallia currently teaches Kindergarten, is home to a second Michael's Library, which also honors the memory of Andrew Holmlund, a former Dodson student. The cost of this book collection comes from fund-raisers and donations.

Each February, Mallia faithfully holds a pop can/bottle drive. She said, "Dimes turn into books so that children may see that there is hope in all situations." She's thankful that this year's fundraiser brought in \$300 and donations were about \$200.

Recently, two Canton authors, Tia Barbero and Melissa Israel, visited Dodson and donated their picture books to Michael's Library. Each book is exactly

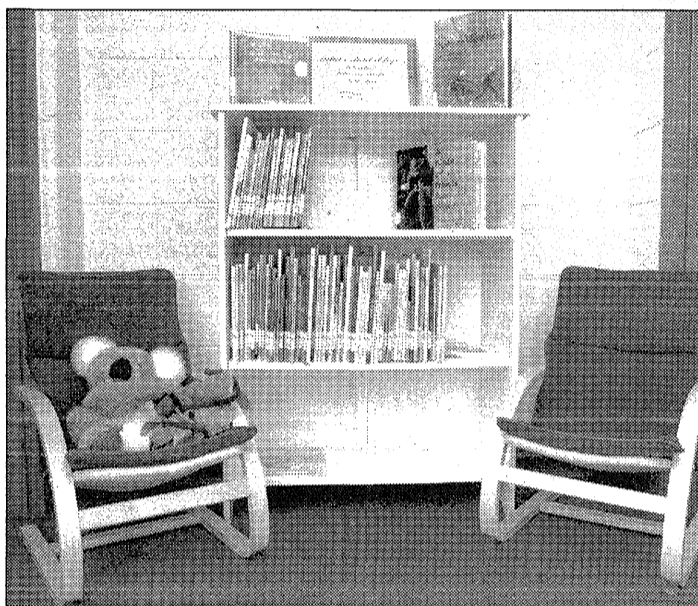


Paula Mallia holds a plaque for the Library of Hope in honor of her son Michael Mallia and Andrew Holmlund. Authors Tia Barbero and Melissa Israel have their books in the library.

the kind that Mallia wants children and caring adults to read together, as a way to promote appropriate discussion during troublesome times.

Barbero's book, *Dadsongs, Remembering a Loved One's Melody*, is a picture book about a young girl's struggle to understand her father's terminal illness and how her family learns to keep his memory alive. Barbero felt it was important to donate her book to Michael's Library.

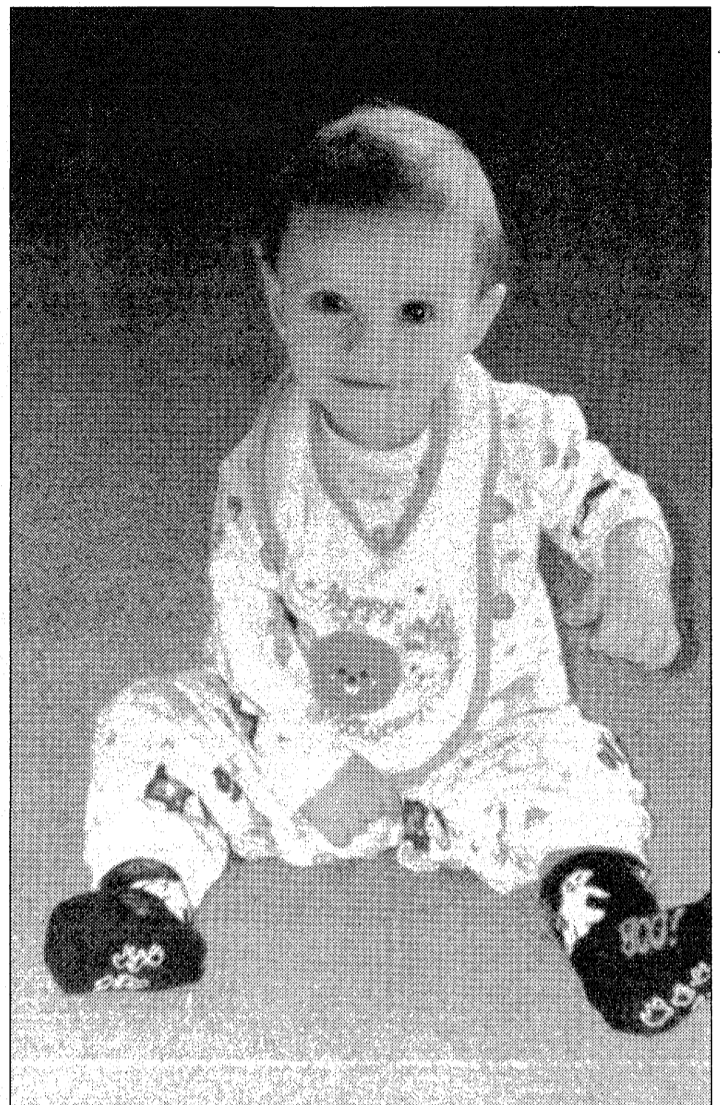
"Grieving is a very painful thing, but you have to go through some pain in order to be able to accept joy again," Barbero said. "I want children, especially, to know that their memories may hurt at the beginning, but their memories are of love and love never dies." To order Barbero's book/schedule



This corner of the Dodson Library is the Library of Hope.

an author visit, go to www.tiabarberobooks.com or contact Nelson Publishing &

Marketing at (248) 735-0418. Israel also felt compelled to donate her book, *Heaven*



Michael's Library honors the memory of Paula Mallia's son, Michael.

Sent.

"It's an honor that Heaven Sent can be part of such a collection," Israel said. "When something challenging happens or our faith is tested and our hearts are saddened, something positive can grow from that. When you can spread this hope to other people, that's probably the most honorable thing that can happen." Heaven Sent is about a young girl who tries to make sense of her beloved Grandma's death. To order Israel's book/schedule an

author visit, contact Melissa Israel at misrael@novi.k12.mi.us or 734 748-1911.

Other books included in Michael's Library are books that deal with child abuse, health, celebrating differences, anger/fighting/bullies, alcohol/drugs, adoption, separation/divorce and self-esteem/unconditional love.

If you are interested in starting a Michael's Library of your own or make a donation, contact Beth Sexton, Media Specialist, at beth.sexton@pccsmail.net.

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raiser for us," she said. The organization relies heavily on donations.

Hops for Hope will also be promoting the nationwide Make Mine Chocolate campaign, which encourages people to buy chocolate rabbits, rather than real ones, for Easter presents.

Midwest Rabbit Rescue & Re-home shelters abandoned domesticated rabbits, adopts them out to applicants who pass a screening process, and provides people with free education on rabbit care. The group has a no-kill policy for the rabbits it shelters.

According to Powell, the group has found homes for more than 750 rabbits and helped more than 1,000 rabbits in not quite five years of existence. Volunteers — there are no paid employees — donate more than 1,100 hours a month to the group.

Rabbit "surrenders" usually climb in the months after Easter, Powell said, as the bun-

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nies grow and the novelty wears off for people who've purchased them. Surrenders have grown with the downturn in the economy, she said, as people are less able to afford their pets, and Midwest Rabbit Rescue & Re-home even rescues rabbits from houses that struggling families have abandoned.

Tickets to Hops for Hope can be purchased by calling (734) 717-8545, or on line at www.rabbitrr.org. Tickets are \$20 each; those who don't drink alcohol can sample the chocolates, coffee and buffet for \$10 each. Drinkers must be 21 or older; children under 12 can get in free. No tickets will be sold at the door. The Corner Brewery is at 720 Norris Street, Ypsilanti.

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Plymouth-based rabbit rescue offers education to owners

BY MATT JACHMAN
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Think a baby bunny rabbit might make a cute Easter present? The Plymouth-based Midwest Rabbit Rescue & Re-home wants you to think again.

While adorable and intelligent, a pet bunny represents a 10-year commitment that many people find — after the fact — they aren't ready to make, said Lisa Powell, a board member and spokeswoman for Midwest Rabbit Rescue & Re-home.

"Easter isn't the time to, on a whim, adopt a rabbit," said Powell, of Canton Township. "They're cute and they're hard to resist, but if you're not ready for that commitment ..."

Rabbits need attention, Powell said, can be aggressive if not spayed or neutered, and are potentially destructive (they love to chew electrical cords). If kept outside, they're vulnerable to predators, disease and the elements, she said.

Midwest Rabbit Rescue & Re-home, which marks its fifth anniversary this year, shelters unwanted domesticated rabbits and adopts out rabbits to applicants who pass its screening process.

Just as importantly, the group provides education and support to rabbit owners who want to keep and

care for their rabbits responsibly.

"I want people to understand that they've made a commitment to the animal," said Powell, who has two rabbits at her home.

The shelter, on Holbrook in Old Village, has regular open houses from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Visitors can learn about the care and feeding of rabbits, and even have their rabbits' nails trimmed.

"Our ideal situation, is to have someone, rather than just come and drop their rabbit on our doorstep, come in and learn about their rabbit," said Powell.

Midwest Rabbit Rescue & Re-home relies entirely on volunteer support and heavily on donations.

There is a core group of about 25 volunteers, Powell said, who keep the place running. Powell herself has volunteered for about two years, since losing her job.

"I needed somewhere to go," she said. "I needed something to do with my time."

Midwest Rabbit Rescue & Re-home is at 882 North Holbrook, near Spring Street, Plymouth. The phone number is (248) 912-7976 and the Web site is midwestrabbitrr@yahoo.com.

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Vernors: 'Detroit's Drink' has distinctive taste, history

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Keith Wunderlich of Troy began collecting Vernors memorabilia about 30 years ago.

"I love Detroit, love Detroit history," said Wunderlich, speaking Thursday to the Plymouth Historical Society. His parents gave him some old Vernors pop bottles.

"They were delighted to get rid of them," he told some 150 historical society members and guests.

Wunderlich, an administrator with the LAnse Creuse schools, wrote a book on Vernors history, *Vernors Ginger Ale*, published in 2008 as part of Arcadia Publishing's "Image of America" series.

"Most of you probably know more about it than I do because you lived it," he said Thursday.

"I am not the only Vernors

nut out there," the father of four said. "I don't own this," he said, showing a slide of the Miss Vernors hydroplane.

His wife is understanding of his hobby, provided his memorabilia collection stays in the basement. "I like to tell my wife I don't have this in the back yard," he said of the hydroplane.

The evening at the Plymouth Historical Museum, which drew some 150 people, ended with Boston coolers, the name of which prompted some debate. Also served were Better Made potato chips, a Detroit product.

Wunderlich's collection includes a business card from 1875-80, which notes that James Vernor was both "pharmacist and florist." The company's roots go back to the Civil War.

James Vernor was a delivery boy for a Detroit drugstore. "He began to experiment

with a formula for ginger ale," Wunderlich said. Vernor was in the Union Army in a medical unit in the Civil War. After the war, he opened his own pharmacy and florist shop at 235 Woodward Ave. in Detroit.

"Much like the CVS of today," he said of a photo of the store, much like modern drugstores with a variety of merchandise. Vernor's store was in the Grand Circus Park area, then considered too far north of downtown for a good business. He formed the Michigan Board of Pharmacy, out of concern for better druggist standards, and held license No. 1.

Vernor opened an oak barrel of ginger ale he'd created before the war.

"It had aged for four years and was now perfect," Wunderlich said of the barrel's contents. The druggist expanded his business

by selling extract; the cost seemed a bit high for the time, but Wunderlich said a gallon would make 355 cases of the pop. Soda jerks, a term of endearment, served pop then, with Vernors among those that didn't start as a medicine.

James was a Detroit alderman, active in civic affairs. Vernor Highway is named for him.

It's the oldest continuously produced pop in the U.S. "So it's some pretty potent stuff," said Wunderlich of the extract, which was being sold in places like New York state as early as 1900.

In 1896, a heavy bottle was developed to hold Vernors with a wired-on cap. Son James Vernor II came into the business, which moved downtown on Woodward south of Jefferson. Wunderlich recalled his parents going out for Vernors in the 1940s when they were dating. In its heyday, the soda fountain in Detroit served 60,000-75,000 glasses a day.

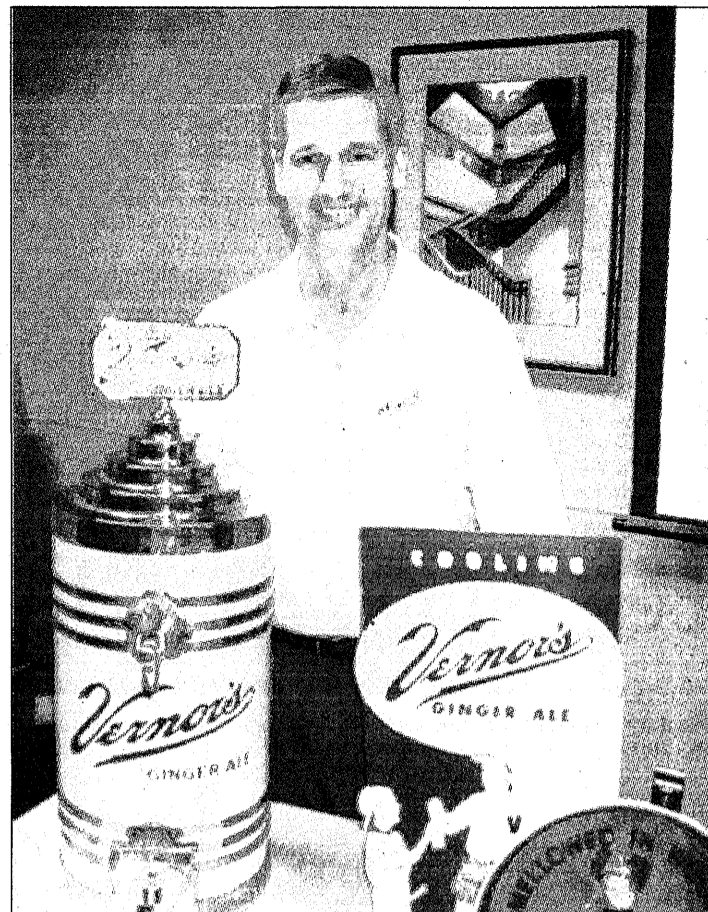
"It was quite a night out to have a Vernors at the soda fountain," he said. The original had a cork to keep carbonation in. The formula is a secret, the speaker said, noting it includes ginger from Jamaica among its 19 ingredients. James Vernor V has the formula, but doesn't share it.

The product was advertised as "Detroit's Drink," and earlier ads weren't all the yellow and green of today.

The plant had grown to a city block by the time of World War II. James Sr. died in 1927. James Sr. remained president and worked until his death.

His son was beloved as a company leader, with wives of staffers amazed he could remember their names and children at annual Christmas gatherings. "He was also a good businessman," Wunderlich said.

His son experimented with mixers which were only on the market a few years. About 1920, the gnome appeared in ads, gradually replacing a delivery boy. The gnome's



Keith Wunderlich spoke Thursday, March 11, at the Plymouth Historical Museum on the history of Vernors.

appearance varied from artist to artist. There were even live gnomes featured in the Detroit Thanksgiving parade with a log-type float.

Wunderlich showed buildings specializing in serving Vernors (the apostrophe in the original name disappeared in the late 1950s). "The Detroit-Toledo market is the biggest market for Vernors," he said. The drink was also popular in Buffalo, N.Y., and closer to home in Flint.

Heir James Vernor IV didn't become company president. The city asked the company to move to accommodate river-front plans, with the new plant costing \$5 million. In 1954, a recently remarried James II died. His new wife took a great deal of money from the company. In 1957, James III died at age 39, beset by personal problems.

"The 1950s were not kind to Vernors ginger ale,"

Wunderlich said. Stock was sold, and the business eventually left family hands; it's had a series of owners since.

It's still bottled in Detroit by Pepsi which doesn't own it but has bottling rights. In the mid-1950s, an old convention hall on Woodward was retrofitted at a cost of \$5 million to become the new Vernors plant.

"I'm painting a picture of a company bleeding millions and millions of dollars," he said.

Wunderlich's cousin, Bob Holmes of Canton was in the audience. "I learned a lot this time," he said. "I think he's changed it," Holmes added of the presentation. "I've seen his basement. It's something else."

Bob's brother, Richard Holmes of Farmington Hills, also Keith's cousin, came along to hear the lecture for the first time. "I thought it was really interesting," he said. "I think he's a really good speaker."

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W-W unions agree to concessions

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools district has gotten help from two employee groups and its top administrators in its effort cutting millions of dollars out of its budget.

Wayne-Westland Building Administrators Association and the Wayne-Westland Central Office Administrators Association have both agreed to forego a 1.5 percent pay increase and step increases for

2010-11. The changes affect the third year of four-year agreements. The unions also agreed to a \$480 per year co-pay for health care which is equal to what teachers now pay.

Superintendent Greg Baracy and Deputy Superintendents Charlotte Sherman and Gary Martin also have agreed to pay freezes for 2010-11 and the same health care co-pay. This is the second year that the trio have taken pay freezes.

"I think these members for their efforts to help in this time of economi-

crisis," said board President Skip Monit. "I want to express our thanks for your stepping up and helping out."

The unions are the first employee groups to agree to concessions that represent \$315,000 in savings. School officials are in negotiations with its remaining employee groups, most of which are represented by the Michigan Education Association.

According to Martin, talks with those groups are in the preliminary stages. However, if the teachers were to agree to freeze their wages and

step increases next year, the district could save \$3.5 million.

"The administrators went out on a limb by doing it first," said Martin. "They're leading by example."

Wayne-Westland officials want to cut costs by \$19 million in hopes of surviving the next two years with a minimal fund balance. It has a three-pronged plan which includes the closing of six elementary schools, which will save some \$5 million, and seeking \$4.5 million in concessions from employees.

The remaining \$10 million will

come from "board actions," such as layoffs, a cut in supplies and selling property, Martin said.

Board Trustee William Gabriel noted that the agreements "are a great start," but the two unions only represent 100 of the district's 1,800 employees.

"I hope union leaders take this back to their members," he said. "This district has a lot of challenges. If we can get this done, I'll probably do a dance in the aisle."

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Be cautious on reporting ex-spouse to IRS

Q: Dear Rick: I recently read if you turn someone into the IRS for failing to pay their taxes you could get a reward. My ex-spouse hid some money from the IRS and didn't report it on our tax return. We have been divorced for about a year. I wouldn't mind turning him in and collecting on the reward. Is anything that I should be concerned with and can you tell me what I have to do to collect the reward?

A: The IRS has a program that allows informants to receive up to 15 percent of the amount of the tax that has been underpaid.

In order to begin the process, you need to contact the IRS through the Web site at www.irs.gov or the fraud hotline (800) 829-0433.

In order to prevent someone from arbitrarily contacting the IRS with bogus claims, you must provide a variety of information when you contact the hotline or when you complete the form online. The information includes details about the



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fraud and the individuals involved.

Although the information — as to the name of the informant — is kept private, there may be some issues that you have to take into consideration before you decide to contact the IRS.

You mentioned that you and your ex-husband filed joint tax returns. If you signed those tax returns you could have some liability to the IRS if they assess taxes and penalties. You need to be cautious. If you think you may have some liability you may want to seek the assistance of an attorney before you contact the IRS.

I recommend that people file honest and fair tax returns. I have no problem with people turning in tax cheats because when people aren't paying their fair share, it costs you and me more. However, there is a big

difference between someone who makes an honest mistake on their tax returns and someone who is cheating. Because consequences of falsely accusing someone of cheating on their tax returns can come back to haunt you, be sure to proceed with caution.

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Spotlight on Youth brings 'The Pied Piper' to the stage at the Village Theater in Canton March 18-21.

Spotlight on Youth presents the heartwarming "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," March 18-21, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Show organizers said "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" is about doing what is right, keeping your promises and the consequences of what happens when you do not. This classic is the root of the expression - "you must pay the piper."

The show is approximately 90 minutes long. Spotlight on Youth is comprised of actors 5-18 years of age and is excited to share this wonderful play with the community. The show has two casts with alternating actors to give more children the opportunity to participate.

James Broderick of Plymouth plays James Roland; Jacob Eliett of Canton plays Mayor Hackenberry; Lexi Fata of Westland and Amanda Buchalter of Canton alternately play The Piper. Actors come from Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Belleville, South Lyon and Northville.

"This play is based on the

classic tale and is updated by Susan Berg to give us a lighter, funnier version that still contains all the elements of the original tale," said director Barbara Bloom. "You will meet concerned citizens, a pompous Mayor, a visiting school master, a mysterious piper and lots of children and rats - after all it is all about the children and rats!"

The play runs Thursday and Friday, March 18-19, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 20, at 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, March 21, with a 2 p.m. showing.

Spotlight on Youth Theater is a new Spotlight Players initiative that exists to create an extraordinary youth centered theater experience and to advance theater as a means of educating, challenging and inspiring young people. Spotlight on Youth Theater at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill seeks to create a cultural center for youth and families, where programs and activities will celebrate diverse art forms, ideas and cultures.

Spotlight on Youth Theater

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Spotlight on Youth is part of Spotlight Players, who are the resident adult theater group at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild, Spotlight Players is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and has been part of the community for 64 years.

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A celebration of Irish heritage at the Barn

BY BARRY CUTLER
CORRESPONDENT

As the Irish prepare to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, The Farmington Players Barn is honoring their heritage with the play, *From The Mountains of Mourne to the Mines of Montana*.

It is a little known tale of "The West," that depicts the Irish immigration west of the Mississippi, complete with "rogues, ruffians, and raconteurs." The play is particularly significant to the Detroit Irish community because Henry Ford lured many of these immigrants to Michigan with the promise of \$5 dollars a day wage.

Director Sue Rogers of West Bloomfield says the play is "dedicated to their valiant spirit."

Rogers emphasizes that the work by Lisa Hayes "provides a very personal opportunity to share that pride in our heritage; to sing songs, tell stories and enjoy each other's company — what the Irish refer to as 'craic.'"

The play focuses Henry on Joseph Doyle and his trans-Atlantic and trans-continental adventures as he makes his way in the world. It runs March 19-21 at The Farmington Players Barn in Farmington Hills. Tickets are available at farmingtonplayers.org and by calling (248) 553-2955.

A PLAYWRIGHT'S INSPIRATION

The playwright Lisa Hayes, discovered her inspiration on a web site created by Doyle's granddaughter Fiona Jones, who traced the genealogy and passionately writes about the Miners of Mourne and their journeys.

Jones possesses what she calls, a "fierce personal pride"



From left, Frank Markus, Greg Maxwell, Jim Jernigan, Sue Rogers, George Monticello as they rehearse a scene from the play, 'From The Mountains of Mourne to the Mines of Montana.'

in her Irish roots.

"I hope that after watching this play that the audience will have a deeper understanding of the cost our ancestors paid to provide us with the life we have today," says Jones. Her web site is: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mourneminers/>

READERS STYLE THEATER

Director Rogers is excited about performing *From The Mountains of Mourne to the Mines of Montana*, in Readers Theater style in which the actors read rather than memorize the script. They are also encouraged to break the so-called "4th wall," and make direct contact with the audience.

"The Reader's Theater style of the show may be new to many," says Rogers. "But I believe it lends itself well to the oral tradition so revered by

the Irish."

SING-A-LONG

Before the show begins,

audiences will get a special treat as they interact with musicians performing classic Irish tunes. Thomas Adams

will sing, *Look to the Rainbow*. Jason Wilhoite will perform, *Danny Boy*, and second grader Makenzie Ryder will perform, *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*. Rachael Rose and Greg Maxwell will also offer their voices in tribute to the Irish.

STREETS OF GOLD

Hayes wrote the play as a tribute to Irish immigrants like Doyle who left their families behind in the 1860s for the town of Butte — known as a land where the "streets were paved with gold." They wound up working the copper mines until tragedy or labor disputes forced many of them out, and some left Montana for Michigan to work in the motor industry.

Director Rogers is related to the main character Doyle. Her grandfather was one of the miners of Butte who headed east for a better life, and Doyle became his brother-in-law. Rogers refers to her grandfather as a "fierce advocate for the working man," through his role in the labor movement.

"The right to work, fair pay and safe working conditions were no doubt imbedded in his psyche by the injustices witnessed back in Butte," says Rogers, who also plays a role in the production.

Those injustices played out in the form of poor working conditions in 1917 that led to a horrible mining accident in Butte — 168 miners were killed and their deaths triggered a general strike. The walkout in turn led to the mysterious murder of a union organizer.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Tickets cost \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. They are available today at farmingtonplayers.org or at the box office (248) 553-2955.

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Northville resident eyes state Senate seat

BY PAM FLEMING
NORTHVILLE RECORD STAFF WRITER

Seven-year Northville Township resident Colleen McDonald recently announced her candidacy for the State Senate 7th District race in Wayne County.

The 7th District includes the communities of Belleville, Brownstown Township, Canton Township, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile Township, Huron Township, city of Northville (Wayne County portion), Northville Township, city of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Rockwood, Sumpter Township, Trenton, Van Buren Township and Woodhaven.

McDonald ran her family auto dealership business for 26 years before automakers pulled the rug out from under numerous dealerships last year.

In May, she received a letter from GM and Chrysler officials that said they would not be supporting her three dealerships - Livonia Chrysler Jeep, Country Dodge and Holiday



McDonald

Chevrolet. "I was just in awe and furious that this could happen in this country," McDonald said. "More than 2,500 viable businesses were shut down." "Ever since that happened, I have been fighting to get my franchises back," she said. "I had 170 employees, I was profitable, and I was in the Top Ten Women in Business in Michigan for the last six years."

In 2007, she was nominated as one of the most influential women in Michigan, with her business being one of the top 50 women-owned businesses in the country.

FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT

McDonald has fought hard to have her three dealerships reinstated and has been to Washington, D.C., twice to plead her case. She was one of three out of 789 dealers that testi-

fied in a New York bankruptcy court on behalf of auto dealerships in that state to say how wrong it was that they were doing.

She talked to as many senators and congressman as would listen to her. "What really started my interest in running for office is that I would have to explain to their office staff the most basic things about running a business," McDonald said. "And, it kind of fell on deaf ears. We're in trouble in this country when people making decisions for us don't even understand these things."

COMMITTEE FORMED

When she returned to Michigan, dealers formed the Committee to Restore Dealers Rights.

"We were finally able to get binding arbitration passed in December," she said, which means dealers are now able to go before an arbitrator.

"I'm still fighting," McDonald said. "I'm hopefully going to get two of my dealerships back."

She's only asking for the two

Chrysler dealerships back since deciding to terminate her franchise agreement with General Motors before the company filed for bankruptcy.

"I'm not only fighting to get my stores back but I'm also helping other dealers across the country," McDonald said. "I've been the most vocal in this state."

She's been on CNN and other shows to keep the story alive.

"Americans need to realize that what happened to us (the dealerships) could happen to them," McDonald said. "Government needs to stay out of our lives and let us do what we do best, which is employ people. It's very frustrating that more people aren't irate about this. I'm a fighter, and I will do whatever it takes to make things right."

McDonald said she ran debt-free dealerships, and she knows what it takes to balance a budget.

She said she decided to run for State Senate because she can take her business experience to Lansing and

help end the budget crisis once and for all. "We need business people who understand what to do," she said.

Married with two children, she said she also understands how important education is to the future of Michigan.

"Without our kids being properly educated we have no future in Michigan," McDonald said. "And, we can't let viable businesses go down the tubes." So, her platform consists of cost control, jobs and education.

McDonald has a bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University in 1987. She's familiar with Northville because her biological father used to run the former gas station at Wing and W. Main streets. To stay in shape, she plays tennis twice a week at the Sports Club of Novi.

"I will be the people's voice in Lansing," she said.

For more information, go to McDonald4Senate.com.

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2010 GIRLS BASKETBALL REGIONALS

Chiefs nab regional title

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For most of the first half, Canton trailed Ann Arbor Huron in Thursday's Class A girls basketball regional final.

The River Rats were slashing their way to the Chiefs' basket on more than one occasion, scoring points, drawing fouls — or both.

But Canton finally pulled ahead late in the second quarter and totally took control after the break, registering a 54-37 triumph at Ann Arbor Pioneer for the program's first regional championship since 1994.

The 23-1 Chiefs now play 7 p.m. Tuesday against Midland Dow in a Class A quarterfinal at Davison.

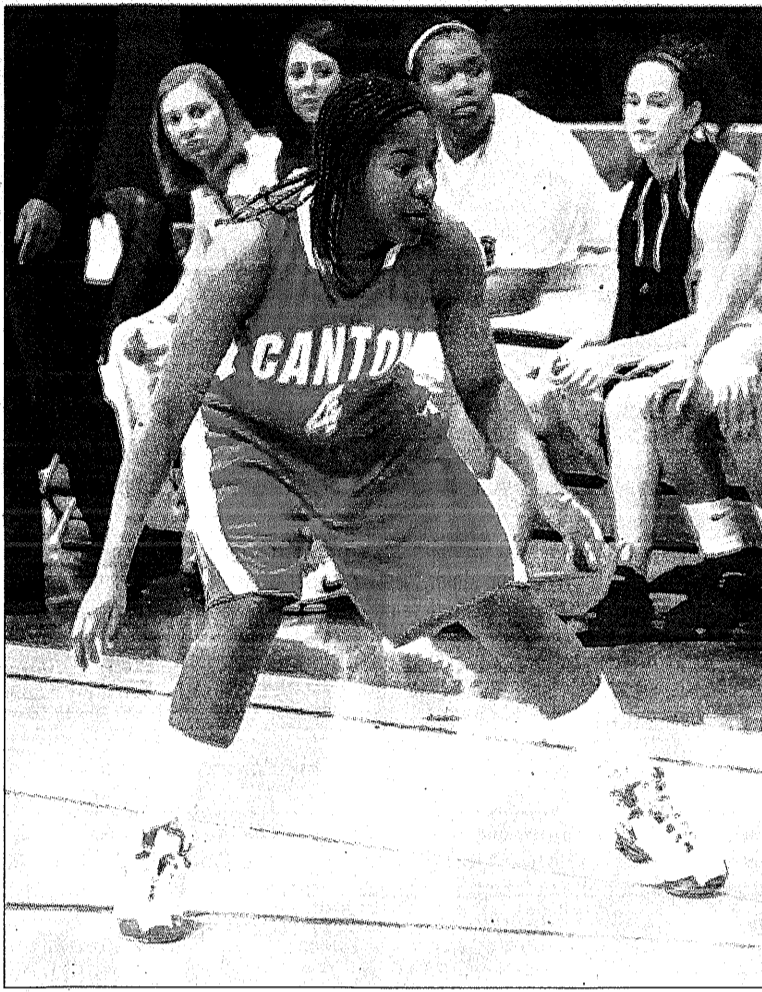
"These are outstanding kids, hard workers, they deserve everything they're getting," said Canton head coach Brian Samulski, shortly after the team's second trophy presentation in less than a week. "They're getting it all because of all the hard work they put in throughout the spring, summer and fall."

It wasn't easy against Huron (21-4), who took an 11-7 lead after the first frame thanks to being able to get to Canton's rim for five layups. Quick, aggressive guards such as seniors Charlise Slater and DeVonya Johnson (10 points) played havoc on the Chiefs.

It was a 17-13 lead for the River Rats with about five minutes left in the first half when Chiefs' sophomore spark plug guard Robyn Mack and her teammates cranked up the urgency dial.

Junior forward Sara Schmitt (10 points, four rebounds) sank two free throws and then twin sister Kari Schmitt (13 points, eight rebounds, two steals) nailed a jumper from the right flank to knot the score at 17-17.

Then Mack pulled down a defensive rebound and sailed an outlet pass down court to the streaking Alyssa Cottrell and the



JOHN KEMSKI

Canton sophomore Robyn Mack was her usual self during Thursday's regional final, playing with spark and doing whatever she could to help her team pull out a 'W.'

senior forward scored a layup to give Canton a 19-17 advantage.

Mack (three points, five rebounds, two steals) then scrapped for another loose ball in the Canton zone and Kari Schmitt found Cottrell (eight points) for another layup to help the Chiefs take a 22-19 halftime lead.

"Robyn's been big for us all year," Samulski said. "That's what she does."

GOING TO WORK

Mack emphasized that she just

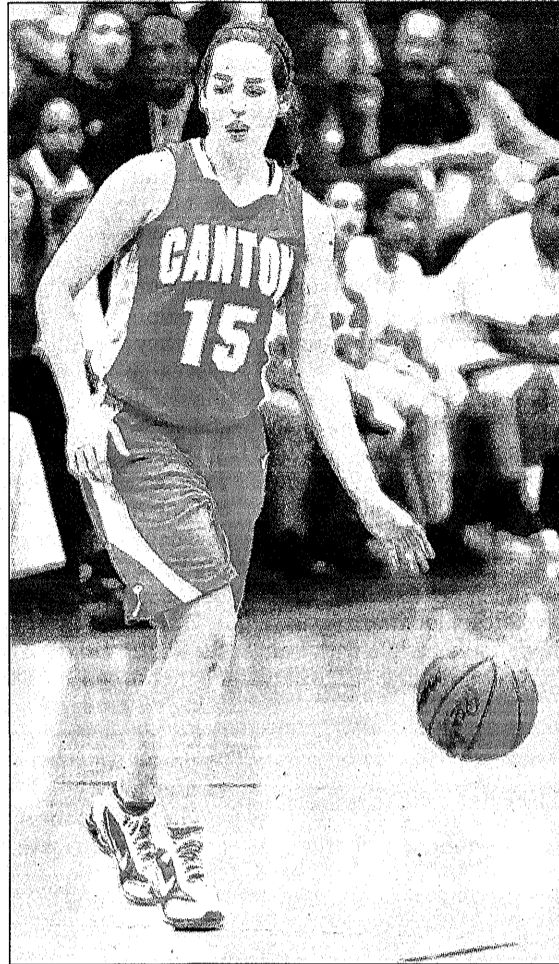
wanted to do whatever she could to help her team take the step it couldn't in 2009, when Canton won the districts but couldn't follow that up with a regional title.

"I want to win," said Mack, with a grin. "So I was going to get any loose balls that I thought I could and even if I didn't think I could get it I was going to go for it."

Besides, Mack said she wanted to chip in wherever she could since she wasn't scoring much.

"I knew if the shots weren't

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JOHN KEMSKI

Melanie Pickert missed Canton's district championship run because of playing soccer in Portugal. But she made up for lost time during Thursday's regional final.

Pickert happy to be part of it

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sure, Melanie Pickert was thrilled to have the chance to play soccer in Portugal.

But the junior guard knew she was missing out on all the fun with her Canton girls basketball teammates as the Chiefs won the Class A districts without her.

So when the chance came to play during last week's regionals, Pickert went all out to somehow make up for not being there for the first leg of the state playoffs.

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SIDELINES

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The Canton Lions Cheer Teams have been WSJLF Cheer Champions for three straight years. Registration will continue through the end of April, but don't delay to guarantee your spot for the upcoming season. Visit the club Web site at www.eteamz.com/cantonlions to register.

Seguin-mania

Tyler Seguin of the Plymouth Whalers is featured in the *Hockey News* Future Watch issue that has just come out.

Seguin is touted to be the first or second pick in June's National Hockey League Entry Draft. Fans can catch his act at 2 p.m. Sunday, when the Whalers host Saginaw in the regular-season finale.

Wolfpack tryouts

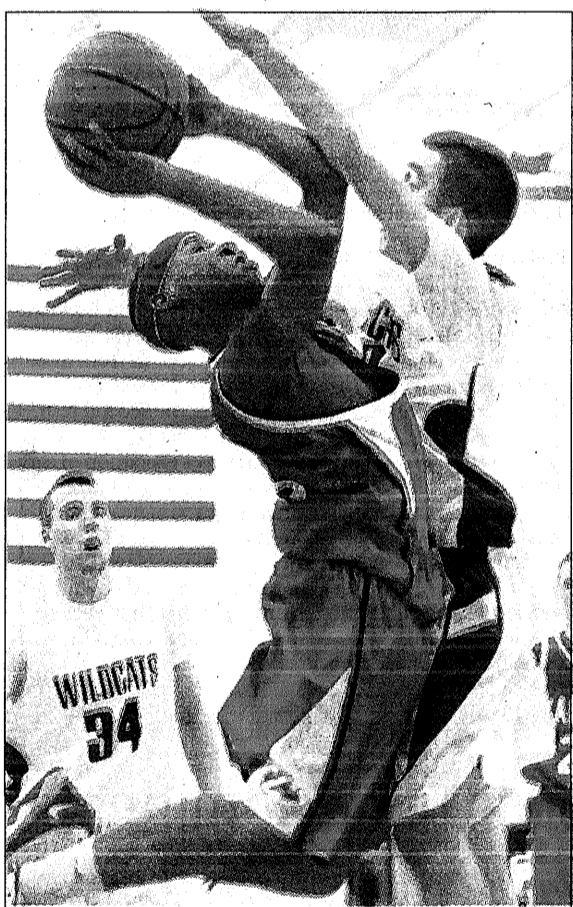
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JOHN KEMSKI

Canton's Dietrich Lever tries to shoot over a defending Novi player during Friday's district final.

Novi surge dashes Canton's season

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was as if a switch was flipped off for Canton's boys basketball team Friday night at Novi High School.

The Chiefs were up 24-19 in their Class A district final against Novi with less than three minutes left in the first half when the Wildcats turned on their jets and sliced through the Canton lane for several easy buckets — suddenly making it 29-24 for the district hosts.

That momentum carried into the third quarter and Novi earned a 63-55 victory and the district championship.

"We were up five and it got away from us a little bit," Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy said. "They ended up going up five at halftime and had the momentum and they kept rolling in their own gym and

they had a great crowd and a great second half."

According to Novi head coach Cory Heitsch, his Wildcats were tight at the start of the game thinking about how to stop Canton junior point guard Dietrich Lever.

But Heitsch reiterated to them that "we just realized the things we work on are good enough to stay in front of people" and Novi collectively relaxed.

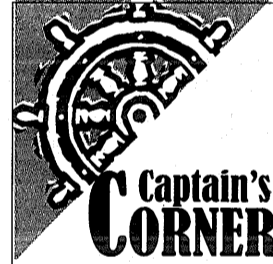
Having big, quick forwards doesn't hurt, of course.

"We took advantage of our size, we got on the offensive glass and then we finished," Heitsch said. "And that seemed to relax us."

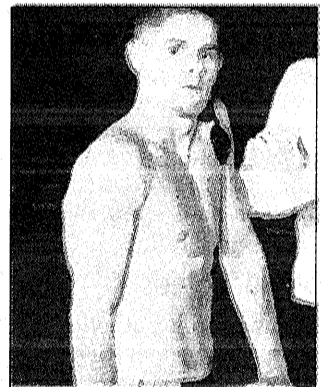
TURNING POINT

Reddy said his team stopped making shots during the 10-0 Novi spurt, and the Wildcats took

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STEVEN WATTS



Who: Steven Watts, senior captain, Canton boys swimming & diving team.

Miscellany: Watts, 18, carries a 3.4 grade-point average and was a MHSAA Scholar Athlete in 2009 and 2010. He also was captain of Canton's boys cross country team and JV lacrosse captain in 2009. Among achievements in swimming are being named to the 2008 KLAAs preliminary team and winning a Canton Coaches Award; he was all-area honorable mention twice in cross country. **Captain's job:** "My job as captain this year was to leave a legacy for the team to hold on to, be positive and always support and lead the team. (The job) is mentoring the freshmen, helping the injured with therapy

and designing workouts, and training the juniors to be better captains next year."

Leadership style: "Leading by example to do what is right and not follow the crowd. I would never ask the guys to do something that I wouldn't do."

Why him?: "Because I have always helped and always put the team first. I had the opportunity to be a junior captain in sophomore year. My teammates know they can always come to me for help."

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(there) I was going to pass to my teammates because they were getting open," Mack continued. "So I just wanted to drive to the basket and pass it off.

"And they were making the shots, thank God they were." Samulski made a couple defensive adjustments during halftime and the Chiefs came out of the gates with a 10-2 spurt to open up a 32-21 lead.

Strong rebounding played a big role with putbacks by junior forward Kayla Bridges (four points, four boards) and Kari Schmitt in the first minute setting the tone.

"We picked up our defense a little bit," noted Kari about the start of the second half. "The third quarter's been our quarter for the past couple games, so we just want to come out and get a lead in the third and that's what we did."

Samulski said the Chiefs did what he wanted them to do in the second half, make it harder for Slater and Johnson to penetrate the lane and either score or find an open teammate.

"We tried to switch all that stuff on the perimeter," Samulski said. "That seemed to help, (plus) our pressure's

relentless. We came out and had a great start to the third quarter and that got our momentum rolling and we just continued to push."

The River Rats tried to chip away at Canton's lead, with a trey by senior forward Yonica Dupree (10 points) making it a 32-24 game.

But later in the stanza, both junior forward CarolAnn Sexauer (four points) and junior guard Melanie Pickert (12 points) drove with purpose to the bucket for important layups to help the Chiefs craft a 38-27 lead with one quarter left.

Pickert picked up where she left off early in the fourth, scoring seven of her team's first nine points (with Sexauer getting the other two).

Five of Pickert's seven were from the free throw line as the River Rats were forced to foul. For the night, Canton took 36 foul shots, compared to just 16 by the River Rats.

The closest Huron would get after that was 12 points (47-35) when senior guard Kristyn Arbour sank a triple with four minutes remaining.

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PICKERT
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"At first I thought it was going to be rough, getting back into it," said Pickert, who scored 12 key points Thursday night at Ann Arbor Pioneer as the Chiefs defeated Ann Arbor Huron for the regional crown. "But the atmosphere playing with these girls ... I love the fast pace so I got back into it."

Pickert was at her best during the second half, when the Chiefs pulled away from the pesky River Rats.

She drove to the basket, scoring layups or drawing fouls that led to tack-on points. Her quickness and defensive savvy also helped the cause.

Melanie smiled when asked about whether an adrenaline rush from being able to contribute to a Canton postseason victory might have given her more oomph to her game.

"I think that's what got me through," Pickert said,

"because coming back after being gone for so long, it's hard to get back into your shooting and just playing basketball ... instead of playing a sport with your foot, you know? I felt like I owed them something."

Pickert was in Portugal during late February and through the first week of March, playing for the United States Youth Soccer 1993 Region II Girls Olympic Developmental Program.

With the Region II ODP team, Pickert was one of the best players from a 13-state pool to draw from.

"Well, it's like," she said, "when do you get to go to Portugal to play soccer, you know?"

This spring, she'll play varsity soccer for Canton, too. But for now, there's still some roundball to be played, with Tuesday's state quarterfinal on deck.

And for that, Pickert couldn't be happier.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Rec lacrosse coach sought

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is taking applications for a recreational lacrosse coach for girls in grades 5-8. Female lacrosse playing or coaching experience is preferred but not required. Please contact recreation director Steve Anderson, (734) 455-6620 x 302 or via e-mail, sanderson@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Football inductees

Longtime Detroit Catholic Central assistant coach Rick Coratti and former Wayne Memorial standout Al Slamer (Holt) will be among those honored at the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame induction and banquet Saturday, March 27, at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in

Ann Arbor.

Doors open at 5:45 p.m., with the social hour at 6 p.m. Dinner is at 7 p.m., followed by induction ceremonies at 8 p.m.

Guest speaker will be University of Michigan head coach Rich Rodriguez.

To obtain tickets, call Gandalf Church at (269) 963-0865. For more information, call Larry Merx at (845) 837-9438; or e-mail lmerx@max-preps.com.

Coaches, please call

Coaches of high school teams for the winter season are reminded to send in results to Tim Smith, Plymouth-Canton sports editor, in order to spotlight the achievements of local student-athletes. Call (313) 222-2637 or e-mail him at tsmith@hometownlife.com.

Novi ends Plymouth's season

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Home cooking is suiting Novi's varsity boys basketball team just fine.

The Wildcats took care of Plymouth, 66-45, in Wednesday's second Class A district semifinal. Canton defeated Northville in the opener.

Novi's big front line of 6-8 Samer Ozeir, 6-6 Chris Milon and 6-5 Ryan Jok pummeled Plymouth and led to numerous extra chances to score.

"They're a tough team right now, they're dialed in," said Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup. "... They're at home and they're really focused. They just came out and beat us up physically tonight, they really did."

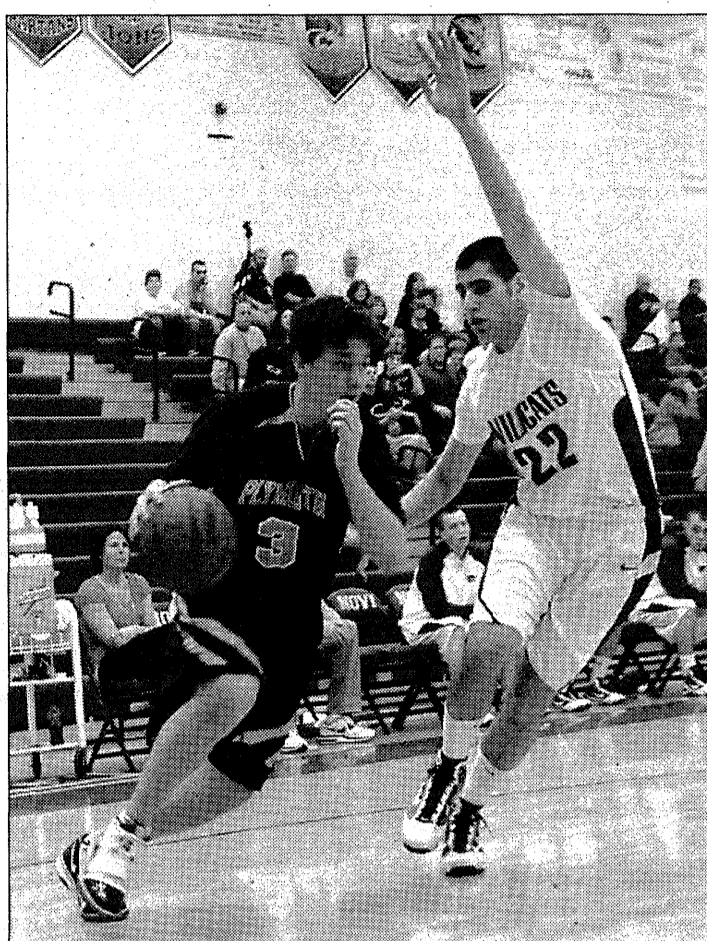
When Ozeir wasn't battling in the paint, he was nailing treys to further complicate matters for the visiting Wildcats. Ozeir scored 16 points including four treys.

"They shot unbelievably from the field," said the first-year Plymouth coach. "That's something we keyed on and tried to get out on shooters, and obviously we didn't do a good enough job."

"But I put in my second unit and they kept fighting and we came out at the start of the second half and fought back a little bit. We never quit, and that's what I want to be the mark of my program."

Exemplifying that kind of attitude and effort was junior forward Pat Salo, who led the Wildcats with 13 points including the first nine of the third quarter — mostly on hard-driving charges to the Novi basket.

"Pat had a great game, he was attacking all night long



JOHN KEMSKI

Plymouth junior forward Pat Salo (No. 3) goes strong to the Novi basket despite pressure from junior forward Samer Ozeir (No. 22) during Wednesday's Class A district semifinal.

and we knew he was going to be one of the keys for us," Soukup said. "And he certainly did that."

Other solid Plymouth performances were turned in by juniors Brennen Beyer (nine points) and Mike Nadratowski (seven points). The top Wildcat rebounder was junior Jake Morris with four.

But Salo's efforts couldn't put a dent into Novi's double-digit lead, which was 26-16 at half-

time and 39-25 after his fourth field goal of the third with 3:30 left.

BIG SHOTS

A big reason why Plymouth (11-10) couldn't get closer was the host Wildcats ability to hit their shots when needed.

Ozeir's triple from the left corner made it 44-25 with 2:45 to go and seniors Brandon Rydzewski and Antwan Batwo connected with treys in the

DASHED HOPE
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advantage with quick strikes through the paint. Scoring layups and drawing fouls within a one-minute span were Novi forwards Nick Regnier (15 points, six rebounds), Samer Ozeir (17 points, 10 boards) and Chris Milon. Those players stand between 6-3 and 6-8.

"We didn't do a great job of stopping the ball there in that run in the second quarter," said Reddy, whose KLAA South champions finished 16-7. "They either scored in transition or got an offensive rebound and scored, so we got caught there."

Novi's physicality contributed to a 37-20 edge in the rebounding department, which either gave the Wildcats extra chances down low or kept Canton from sustaining anything offensively.

Not even the prolific scoring of junior point guard Lever during the third quarter (he scored 28 points for the game, and all 11 of his team's points in the third) could bring Canton back.

The closest the Chiefs would get in the second half was 55-48 with 3:30 remaining in the game following a trey by senior guard Alex Martin.

But the Wildcats came right back and senior guard Brandon Rydzewski buried a

three-ball from the left corner to make it 58-48.

"Dietrich (Lever) comes down, hits a three and makes it 55-48 and Brandon Rydzewski comes back on a hustle play and drills one to keep the lead at 10," said Heitsch, whose 18-5 team advances to the Hartland regional.

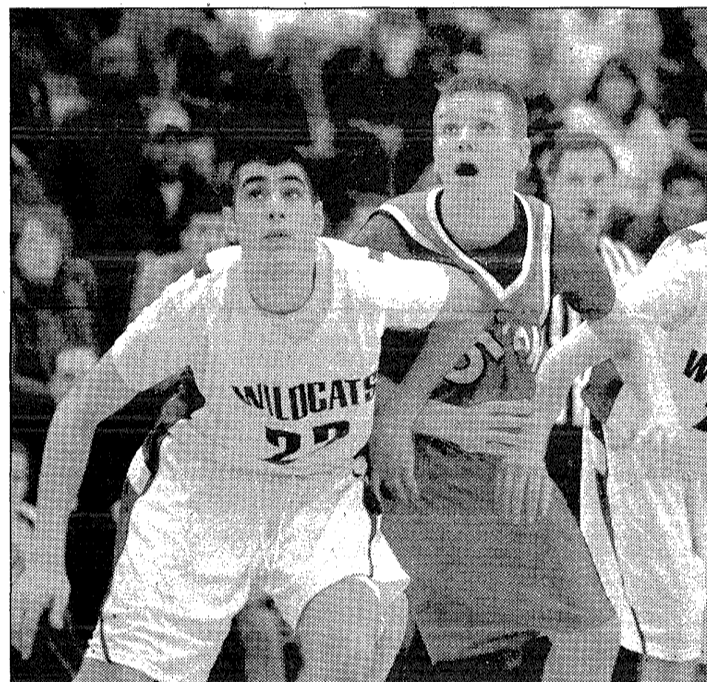
Despite the loss, Reddy said it was a positive season for his team and the senior contingent of forwards Brandon Duffey (11 points), Kevin Weisz (four points, five rebounds), Kai Walther and guards Yusef Bazy, Alec Martin and Hayatt Ali. That group left it out on the floor in their final Canton game.

"The kids played hard, we were division champs," Reddy said, finishing his first season as head coach. "It's a good group and the seniors did a nice job this year, they did a really good job."

Heitsch said it was Novi's first district title since 2003 and ended a string of four straight years where the Wildcats reached the district final but could not advance.

Also in double figures for the Wildcats was senior guard Jeremy Mims, with 11.

PCA 57, WASHTENAW CHRISTIAN 40: In Friday's Class D boys basketball district final, Plymouth Christian Academy defeated Saline Washtenaw Christian, spoiling the tournament host's bid for a championship in front of its fans.



JOHN KEMSKI

Vying for position to rebound the basketball during the district final are Novi's Samer Ozeir and Canton's Paul Baumgart.

Further details about the victory were not available as of press time. PCA advances to the Class D regionals hosted by Hillsdale College against the winner of the Litchfield district. The Eagles' first regional game is slated for 6 p.m. Monday.

PCA 55, CENTRAL 50: Plymouth Christian Academy rode a roller-coaster Wednesday night but the Eagles held on for a Class D boys basketball district victory over Central Academy.

Scoring 19 points for PCA was Eric Jipping, with Mick Noel (16) and Don Mullett (nine) also helping the offensive cause.

After going up 31-13 midway

final 1:10 to open up a 52-33 edge after the third quarter.

"We shoot a lot of triples, that's typical," said Novi head coach Cory Heitsch. "We do tend to shoot them much better at home which I think is common. Lately, we've kind of had a sense of calm about us which has helped."

Heitsch said his team (17-5 entering Friday's district final against Canton) needed to iron out a few wrinkles after the first half, despite the 10-point lead. He was satisfied that they did just that.

"We're a big, athletic team. that doesn't mean much if you're not playing hard," Heitsch added. "We started to get to the point where we're fairly consistent effort wise and attitude wise, but we still did some things in the first half that we kind of left on the table."

"But that was a heckuva third quarter and a great response from our kids."

Meanwhile, Soukup said there was "marked progress" this year, "but we can't be happy with that. We have to be happy with ... always trying to push the limits of how far the program can go."

Soukup stressed that his returning players will hopefully learn from the district disappointment.

"This moment should discourage but not dishearten us," he said. "We should be thinking about this through our summer workouts, through our shootouts, thinking about how hard we have to play in order to raise our game to a level to compete and beat these types of programs. That's where we're headed."

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Canton's big lead holds up in semifinal

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Northville's best Jekyll and Hyde impression gave Jimmy Reddy plenty of reason to get nervous in the fourth quarter of a Class A boys basketball district semifinal.

The Chiefs' first-year coach watched his team build a 34-10 lead at the intermission, but needed to wring his hands more than he thought necessary down the stretch as the Mustangs scored 28 fourth quarter points.

It was 61-53 with 1:45 to play, but to Reddy's relief, Canton (16-6) made seven free throws in the final 90 seconds to secure a 68-55 win Wednesday at Novi High School.

The big gun in Northville's comeback was senior forward Tim Hasse, who scored 16 of his 21 points in the second half

(including three treys). When Hasse fouled out late in what was his final prep game, he received a warm ovation from Mustangs fans.

Northville trailed 49-27 entering the fourth quarter and Canton expanded that to 51-29 when sophomore forward Paul Baumgart (eight points, six rebounds) scored on a dunk.

Baumgart was called for an unsportsmanlike foul because of the jam and starting with three subsequent free throws (making it 51-32), that seemed to fire up the Mustangs.

Northville then went on a 24-10 run, including treys by juniors Bryce Grochek (16 points), Andrew Baldwin (nine points) and two by Hasse — one from well behind the three-point arc to make it 60-51 with 2:10 remaining.

The Chiefs were able to hold Northville to just one

field goal the rest of the way, while senior guard Yusef Bazy, senior forward Brandon Duffey (11 points, four rebounds, three assists) and senior point guard Dietrich Lever (29 points, nine boards, four assists) all made clutch free throws.

Lever picked up where he left off Monday in Canton's district win over Salem, with numerous spectacular plays.

The first half was an entirely different scenario, featuring Canton's aggressive defense and Northville's off-kilter offense.

The Mustangs made just two of 14 first-quarter tries from the floor as Canton built a 14-5 lead. Keying that early surge was senior forward Kevin Weisz (14 points), who buried two three-balls in the first 4:31 of play.

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Synchronized skaters 'golden' at Minneapolis-hosted nationals

The newly formed Allegro! synchronized skating teams made an impressive showing at the United States National Synchronized Skating Championships in Minneapolis, Minn. last weekend.

The Masters team brought home the gold medal from their division by winning the National Championship and the Adult team finished fifth in a busy, but satisfying, weekend to head coach Carrie Brown.

"I am so proud of what my athletes accomplished this weekend," Brown said. "We've been working for this all year and when it came time to perform, each skater gave it 100 percent. I could not have asked for more."

Allegro! General Manager and Masters team skater Elise Metric, of Trenton, summed up the weekend perfectly.

"It was an honor to watch the entire Allegro! organization work together so well on and off the ice," Metric said. "Our coaches, managers and skaters all contributed to make it a successful and fulfilling event."

"As an adult skater I am out there to accomplish goals I have set for myself and to show everyone how much I love to skate" Metric said. "But we are still just as competitive as the kids and were thrilled to bring home the gold."

The Allegro! synchronized skating teams were formed in 2008 under the direction of Brown. The Adult team is comprised of skaters ranging



The newly-formed Allegro! synchronized masters team recently captured a gold medal at the U.S. National Synchronized Skating Championships held recently in Minneapolis, Minn. Team members include (top row, from left): Kathy MacMillan, Farmington Hills; Lindsey Hale, Trenton; Jeannine Smith, South Lyon; Pam Weber, Ann Arbor; Lucy French, Plymouth; Diane Neafsey, Northville; Christopher Klaff, Farmington Hills; Liz Mace, Brighton; Kim Asbury, Ann Arbor; Elise Metric, Trenton; Carolyn Crabtree, Rochester; assistant coach Nikki LaBelle, South Lyon; (bottom row, from left) head coach Carrie Brown, Livonia; Mary Moss, Allen Park; Karen Caicco, New Hudson, Kim Hayes, Northville; Marjorie Bryen, Farmington Hills; Paige Perry, Farmington; Amanda Vidusic, Brownstown Township; and Erin MacDonald-Behrend, Trenton.

from 22-44 years of age and the Masters skaters range from 27-57 years of age.

Almost all of the skaters participated in the sports as children. The teams train out of the Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia and the Compaware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

Synchronized skating is the fastest growing of the four US Figure Skating disciplines (singles, pairs, dance, and synchronized); and in the United States

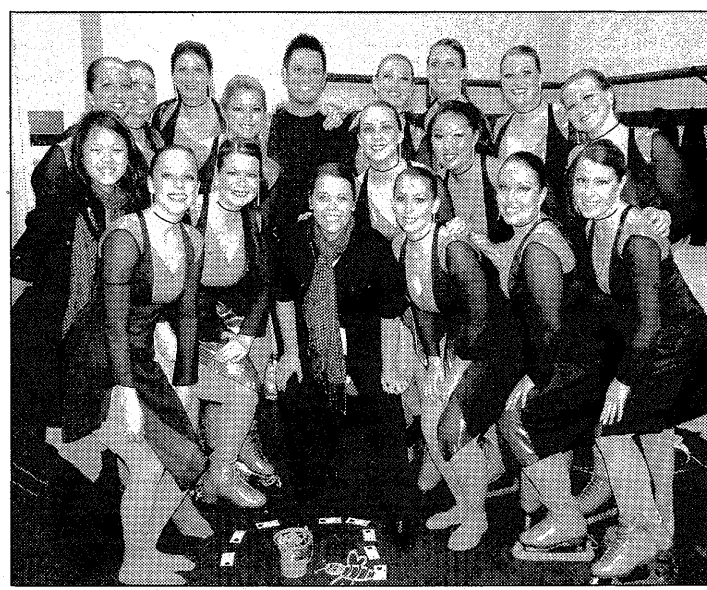
alone there are now over 500 synchronized skating teams encompassing over 10,000 skaters.

The sport originated in the United States and the US is now a strong contender at major international competitions, including making the podium for the first time ever at the 2007 World Synchronized Championships.

Masters roster

Following is the roster for the Allegro! Masters team: Kim

Asbury, Ann Arbor; assistant coach Nicole LaBelle, South Lyon; coach Carrie Brown, Livonia; Marjorie Bryen, Farmington Hills; Karen Caicco, New Hudson; Carolyn Crabtree, Rochester; Lucy French, Plymouth; Lindsey Hale, Trenton; Kim Hayes, Northville; Christopher Klaff, Farmington Hills; Erin MacDonald-Behrend, Trenton; Liz Mace, Brighton; Kathy MacMillan, Farmington Hills; Elise Metric, Trenton;



The newly-formed Allegro! synchronized adult team recently placed fifth at the U.S. National Synchronized Skating Championships held recently in Minneapolis, Minn. Team members include: Jenn Ayan, Macomb Township; Cynthia Baran, Plymouth; Amanda Goetz, Howell; Erica Grunwald, Chesterfield Township; Kim Hayes, Northville; Ashley Jewell, Farmington Hills; Christopher Klaff, Farmington Hills; Daniel Kovacevich, Royal Oak; Lauren Lippert, Canton; Diane Neafsey, Northville; Renee Perry, Findlay (Ohio); Maria Russo, Twinsburg (Ohio); and Gina Sommariva, Plymouth. Carrie Brown (Livonia) is the head coach assisted by Nikki LaBelle (South Lyon).

Mary Moss, Allen Park; Diane Neafsey, Northville; Paige Perry, Farmington; Jeannine Smith, South Lyon; Amanda Vidusic, Brownstown Twp.; Pam Weber, Ann Arbor.

Adult roster

Following is the roster for the Allegro! Adult team: Jenn Ayan, Macomb; Cynthia Baran, Sterling Heights; Carrie Brown, Livonia; Michelle Cook, Traverse City; coach

Jennifer Downham, Grosse Ile; Jennifer Dunn, Plymouth; Amanda Goetz, Howell; Erica Grunwald, Chesterfield; Kim Hayes, Northville; Ashley Jewell, Farmington Hills; Christopher Klaff, Farmington Hills; Danielle Kovacevich, Royal Oak; Nikki LaBelle, South Lyon; Lauren Lippert, Canton; Diane Neafsey, Northville; Renee Perry, Findlay, Ohio; assistant coach Maria Russo, Twinsburg, Ohio; Gina Sommariva, Plymouth.

PCA clipped in regional final game

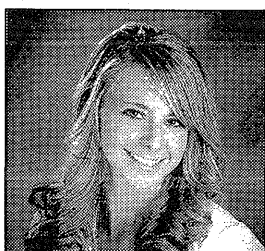
Plymouth Christian Academy's excellent girls basketball season came to a grinding halt with Thursday night's 41-39 loss to Adrian Lenawee Christian in the Class D regional final at Wyandotte Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

No further details were available as of Friday night about the game, which ended the Eagles season with a record of 10-12.

PCA had defeated Camden-Frontier 57-34 on Tuesday in a regional semifinal.

CLARIFICATION

KYLIE HAKALA



Who: Kylie Hakala, senior co-captain, Canton girls gymnastics team.

Miscellany: The 18-year-old Hakala, whose parents are Pam and Paul Hakala, carries a 3.5 grade-point average. She also is in National Honor Society, was a Michigan High School Gymnastics Coaches and Judges Association regional qualifier and earned a Scholar Athlete gymnastics certificate of Academic and Athletic Achievement.

Captain's job: "To be someone who anyone can feel comfortable coming to. Being captain

doesn't mean that you have to be one of the best on the team, but someone who can lead and help make the team the best that it can be."

Leadership style: "I am responsible, organized and communicate well with the team, coaches and parents."

Why her?: "I have always tried to show respect for each team member, help them grow as an athlete and to gain confidence in themselves."

SIDELINES

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Saberettes Kids Clinic

The Plymouth Saberettes are holding a Kids Pompon Clinic from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 20 at the Plymouth High School cafeteria. The clinic is open to children ages 5-14.

Pre-registration is now open on the www.pompons.plymouthwildcats.com Web site. You may also contact Saberette parents Lisa Krahel at lisalynn1509@aol.com or Lori Schroeder at wearefamily@aol.com.

Flag football

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking Summer NFL Youth Flag Football Registrations (for grades 3-8) now through April 16 at the recreation office from noon to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The office is located in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. For more information, call (734) 455-6620. Check out more program and registration information, including Spring Classes which are now open for registration, at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

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NEIGHBORS

Shop for a new spring look at First Step's fund-raiser

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Look for ruffles, daytime sequins, tie dye and other spring fashion trends on the runway at a special fashion show of Karen Kane clothing designs during the 16th annual Steppin' Out in Style, March 21, at Parisian at Laurel Park Place, in Livonia.

"We are the number two Karen Kane retailer in sales in the U.S. She is one of our most fashion forward trendy sportswear vendors," said Parisian events coordinator, Jill Engel. "Karen Kane wanted to come out and do an event with us. They were available this spring. It (Steppin' Out in Style) seemed like the perfect opportunity."

For the first time in years, Steppin' Out in Style patrons will have an opportunity to watch a full fashion show, in addition to informal modeling during the private shopping event that raises funds for First Step, Wayne County's agency on domestic and sexual violence.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door and include after hours shopping, with a 20 percent discount on most items, entertainment, fashion, signature food from local restaurants and caterers, and a raffle with prizes including \$500 cash. All proceeds from ticket and raffle sales will be used to help victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault.

"We always try to add a fashion piece to the event so we can benefit this wonderful cause," Engel noted. "We also have a fashion piece to see what the spring trends are."



The Karen Kane spring collection will be on the runway at Parisian, during the annual Steppin' Out in Style fund-raiser for First Step.

NEW LOOKS

Katie Szurpicki, assistant national fashion merchandising director for Karen Kane will be on hand at the event. She said that in addition to tiers of ruffles on dresses and cascading ruffles on blouses, tie dye and daytime sequins, shoppers will see neckline detailing, such as hand-beading and lace; leggings, twin prints — two prints that complement each other — and dresses that can transition from daytime to night with a simple change of shoes and accessories.

"The most exciting thing is that we're shipping our April collection. Everything we'll show will be available for purchase," Szurpicki said, in a telephone interview last week.

Steppin' Out in Style is one of two private shopping events Parisian co-sponsors annually for charity. The store is involved in other community outreach activities and has



Luxury, longevity and comfort are Karen Kane fashion standards,

partnered with Goodwill, Gleaners, the Livonia Jaycees, among others.

"I think that makes us different," Engel said, adding that some store employees request to work at the Sunday evening

event every year. "Our associates know what it's all about."

FOR THE CAUSE

The Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi dedicates all of its charitable funds, as

STEPPIN' OUT IN STYLE

What: A fund-raiser for First Step, Wayne County's agency on domestic and sexual violence

When: 6:30-9:30 p.m., Sunday, March 21

Where: Parisian, Laurel Park Place, 377006 Six Mile, Livonia

Tickets: \$20 in advance, available at Parisian; \$25 at the door

Details: Fashion show, informal modeling, after-hours shopping with 20 percent discount on most items, entertainment, raffles, food tastings.

Presented by Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi Area and Parisian

Participating restaurants: Carlson Catering, Papa Romano's, Genitti's, Jeff Zak Catering, Mary Dennings Cake Shoppe, Buffalo Wild Wings, P. F. Changs, Embassy Suites, Max & Erma's, Romano's Macaroni Grill, Martino's, Coffee Beanery, and Main Street Catering

well as volunteer time and effort to First Step. Members have given Halloween parties for children living at First Step's temporary shelter. They've donated Christmas gifts, painted shelter rooms, and compiled birthday party kits for moms, in addition to planning and volunteering at Steppin' Out in Style.

Judith Lombardo, a member from Novi, said the group's focus on First Step goes hand in hand with the Zonta mission — to enhance the status of women.

"I grew up in the '50s and my mother was a victim of domestic violence," she added. "There were no resources at the time, no where my mother could go to and she had five children."

Lombardo said some other Zonta members have been drawn to First Step's cause because of a personal connection with a victim of domestic violence.

Zonta Club's interest in First Step is a "natural pairing," said Theresa Bizoe, associate director for the agency.

"Zonta Club's mission is the

betterment of women and girls and — not always — but those who come to us the most are women and girls," Bizoe said.

First Step served 7,162 individuals in the last fiscal year. Assistance ranges from counseling and support groups, to temporary shelter, to educational programs.

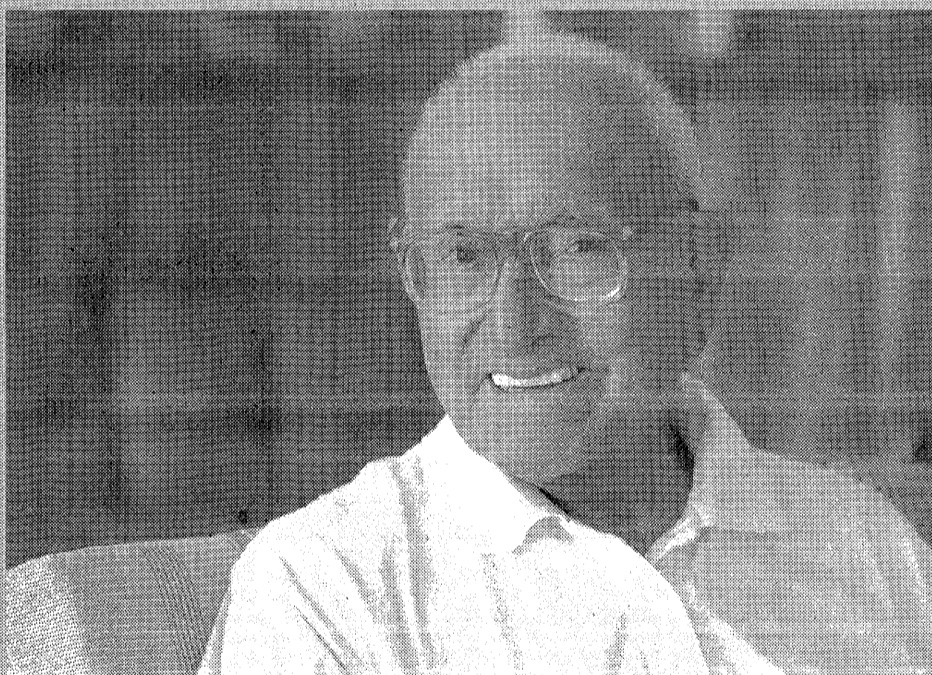
"We've been in business for 25 years and we hope the community values First Step as a part of the safety net of the community."

She said fund-raisers such as Steppin' Out in Style are essential to help "fill in the holes" in First Step's budget, especially now that corporate donations have decreased.

"We're up to about \$30,000 at this event. Almost all the sponsorship and ticket sales come back to First Step. The more people we can get to the fund-raiser, the better it is for us," Bizoe said. "It's an easy sell once we get people there because they come back every year."

Trained counselors are available 24 hours a day through First Step's helpline. Call (888) 453-5900 or (734) 722-6800.

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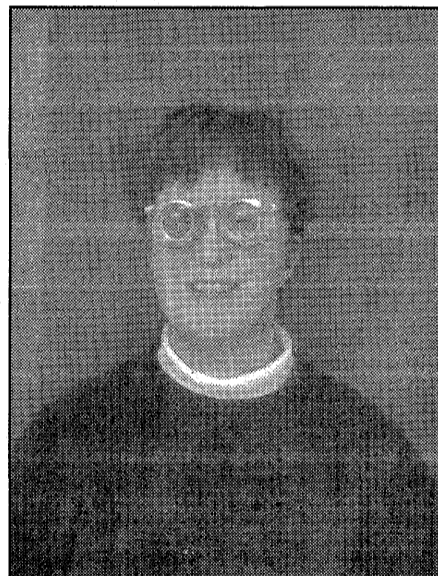
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Dance and music celebrate Irish culture at event

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Jeff and Deidre Dolowy's children typically start their St. Patrick's Day celebration by searching for the candy leprechauns hid around their Plymouth home.

Deidre, whose family has Irish roots — Jeff's is Polish — sometimes makes corned beef and cabbage for the occasion.

But the family always top off the day with a visit to the annual Irish Fest at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland.

"We always attend this party because it's such a great thing to do for families," Deidre Dolowy said. "It's a great place to bring the whole family. There's such a variety of music that day — musicians, singers, dancers — it's really fun."

This year their daughters, Bridget, 12, and Ella, 10, will dance at the festival in addition to joining their brothers,

Duggan, 13 and Dermot, 6, in playing Irish fiddle, while their parents and two younger siblings cheer them on.

"The girls take lessons at O'Hare School of Irish Dance in Plymouth, where their mother also learned to dance as a youngster."

"Having girls, I was excited for them to participate. Their cousins also dance. It's kind of a common bond between them," she said. Dolowy is one of 11 siblings and is expecting her seventh child in a few weeks.

Although both daughters have performed for audiences and Bridget won a trophy in competitive Irish dance, they'll find a more relaxed setting at the St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest.

"You just go out and have fun dancing," Bridget said.

"It's not as much of a performance at this particular event," her mother added. "But the girls will be playing their fiddles with their brothers."

They take fiddle lessons with Mick Gavin of Redford, a long-time musician who offers both fiddle and accordion instruction in his students' homes. He teaches them to "get their ear in tune" by playing without music at first.

"I teach them to love their fiddle and play from their hearts and listen to the romantic and emotional part of Irish music," Gavin explained. "It's a slow process. I have to bond with the child in the home. Sometimes the parents are all excited and there's too much stress."

Gavin strives to make the sessions fun and enriching.

"I also teach the kids in the Gaelic language — just little things. I might teach the 'Our Father' in Irish or 'How old are you.' They think it's funny."

Dolowy likes the added cultural lessons.

"I know there are times he'll teach them and say, 'now this song was written by somebody in a county your great-

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Bridget Dolowy, 12, of Plymouth (left) and sister, Ella, 10, Irish dance and fiddle. They'll do both at the St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest in Westland.

Dolowy occasionally joins her daughters in an Irish jig or two at home.

"It's great to have a house full of music and dancing," she added.

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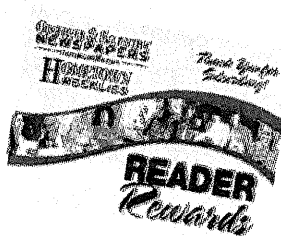


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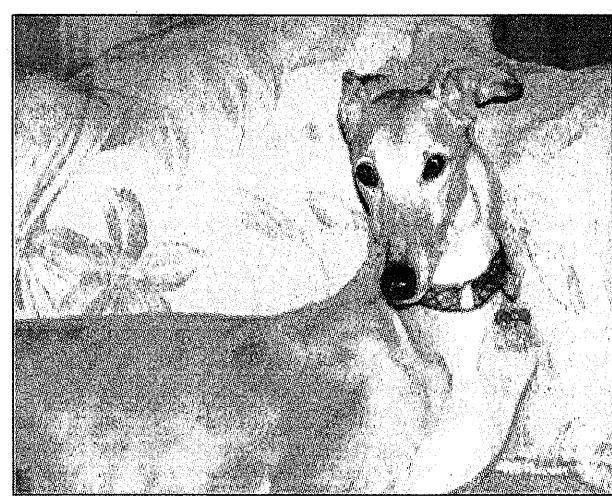
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GOT MEATBALLS?

Ikea in Canton is accepting recipes for its "Ikea Meatball Chef Contest," through Wednesday, March 17 online at www.IKEA-USA.com/Canton or at the store, located on Ford Road, at Haggerty.

Participants submit their own meatball plate recipe using IKEA Swedish meatballs as the main ingredient. Store representatives will contact the authors of the top 10 entries on March 20. Winners

will pick up a complimentary bag of Swedish meatballs and present their dish to the judges on March 27.

The top prize is a refrigerator of the winner's choice valued between \$699-\$999. The winning recipe also will be prepared as the daily lunch special in the IKEA Restaurant and Café from April 3-30 and will be posted on the IKEA Canton Web site. The winning "chef" also will serve the first plate to customers on April 3 in the IKEA Restaurant. There will be prizes for second and third place winners.

The meatball contest is in conjunction with the grand re-opening celebration, March 27, of the store's 10 remodeled display kitchens. The showroom will open at 9:30 a.m. that day.

The first 200 families entering the kitchen and dining department that day will receive a gift and a chance to win a refrigerator valued up to \$699. *Observer* columnist, Joe Gagnon, will broadcast his radio show live, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the store. Starting at 11 a.m., the Eastern Michigan Improv Troupe, Upside Down Frown Productions will perform in the redesigned kitchens. Visitors also will get a chance to sample Swedish food throughout the day.

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Garden City High School Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Garden City East Class of 1964

Picnic, Aug. 21, in Garden City Park. For more information e-mail Karen Berry at karber@comcast.net or Teri Friedman at sweetlit2001@yahoo.com

Garden City West Class of 1970

40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at

Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Oak Park High School Class of 1980

30th reunion, July 2-4; for information e-mail to ophighschool1980@yahoo.com

Redford Union Class of 1960

50-year reunion, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14. For more information contact Mike and Carol (Gerogeff) Pontius (248) 446-9948 or e-mail to mikecarol91500@att.net. Or call Tena (Fear) Keith at (248) 437-6827.

Warren Fitzgerald Class of 1974

35-year reunion, 6 a.m.-midnight, March 20, at Crank's Enchantment Banquet

Center, 46915 Hayes, at 21 Mile, in Shelby Township. Tickets are \$30. Call Louise DeLuca at (248) 496-8916 or Lisa Zientek, (586) 291-7998.

Wayne High All classes

Reunion banquet, 5-10 p.m., Friday, May 14 at Wayne Tree Manor, Wayne. For more information call Wanda Boice at (734) 326-7767 or www.waynehighalumni.com.

Westland John Glenn Class of 1985

25 Year Reunion, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sept. 25 at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia. Tickets are \$25 per person before Aug 1. Includes appetizers and entertainment. Mail payment to JGHS Class of 1985, P.O. Box 871023, Canton, MI 48187 or contact Tracy Dunsmore at tracy1420@wideopenwest.com or (734) 748-8904 for more information.

Laugh and make chili for canine causes

Friends of Canton's Dog Park and Canton Leisure Services are teaming up to present an evening of laughter to benefit the Canton Dog Park, 8 p.m., Thursday, April 1, at Kickers All-Star Grill, 46555 W. Michigan Avenue, Canton.

Tickets for a night of comedy with local comedians are \$15. They're available in the parks office located in the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Call (734) 482-1600 for ticket information.

Patrons also will receive 25 percent off of their meal or half off a pizza during the evening. A \$5 minimum drink or food purchase is required. The show is for age 21 years and older.

Fund-raising efforts are underway to raise \$65,000 needed to create a six-acre, outdoor, fenced dog park in Canton. Designs for the park include two separate areas, one for large dog above 20 pounds, and a small dog section. This and other specific guidelines will allow all dogs to enjoy a safe and positive experience socializing off leash.

For more information on the dog park fund-raiser, call (734) 482-1600 or visit Cantonfun.org.

CHILI LOVERS NEEDED

Tail Wagger's USA is looking for participants for its first



"Chili, Hoops & Hounds Chili Cook-off on Sunday, March 28.

For a \$25 entry fee, all Chili Cook-Off participants will receive a signature apron and have a chance to win the People's Choice award of a Char-Broil Commercial Series 3-Burner Quantum LP Grill valued at \$399. Other prizes will be awarded in the categories of red meat, white meat (turkey or chicken) and vegetarian.

Interested participants should contact Marilu Reznik at tailwaggersusa@aol.com or (248) 231-2842 to register.

The cook-off will run from 1-5 p.m., at UAW Local 182, 35603 Plymouth Road, Livonia. The public may taste samples for \$1 each or buy an all-you-can-eat ticket for \$15.

Other activities will include an interactive basketball challenge and face painting.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, April 1, 2010 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 1, 2010 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

Application #1470, vacant lot (W of Beck between Powell & N. Territorial). The applicant is requesting three variances and is in an R-1-E zoning district.

- A minimum lot area of 1 acre (43,560 SF) is required; the existing lot area is 13,550 SF.
- A minimum lot width of 150 feet is required; the existing lot is 74.5 feet wide.
- Allowable lot coverage is 15%, the proposed site design requires 17% lot coverage.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734-354-3210.

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LEGAL NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

DADCO, Inc.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the request of DADCO, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures located at 43850 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of DADCO, Inc. is on file in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. During the public hearing any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the Legislative Board of any affected taxing unit in the Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the Clerk will be considered.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Town Hall at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, March 23, 2010. Phone Number 734-354-3224. Following the public hearing, the Board may decide on the request by resolution.

Joe Bridgman, CMC
Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

SECTION 00010

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Bid Package #27:

Kiddie Campus - Canton High School

will be received until 2:00 P.M. local time on Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed proposals will not be accepted. This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

Bid Division Description

- 112: Trowelable Cementitious Coatings
- 148: Landscaping
- 158: Playground Equipment & Surfacing

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; Builders Exchange, Grand Rapids; Construction News Service, Grandville; and Reed Construction Data, Novi, MI.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. The bid division being bid is to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00300) and the Proposal Execution Form (Section 00400). The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at the office of the Construction Manager located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

Any and all questions in regards to the bidding or the Bid Package Documents should be addressed in writing to the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. Questions or clarifications will be promptly answered and returned to the bidder/bidders.

The Board of Education for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

This project is to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Nancy Eggenberger, Secretary

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PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

SECTION 00010 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Bid Package #26 consisting of Casework Replacement Projects at:

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| Allen Elementary School | Bird Elementary School |
| Farrand Elementary School | Fiegel Elementary School |
| Gallimore Elementary School | Isbister Elementary School |
| Smith Elementary School | East Middle School |
| Pioneer Middle School | West Middle School |
| Salem High School | |

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This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

Bid Division Description

- 108: Interior Architectural Woodwork - ALTERNATE
- 128: Pre-Manufactured Casework
- 140: Plumbing

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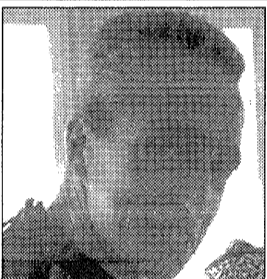
HAPPY 29th BIRTHDAY BRIAN
March 16, 1981
We love and miss you very much.
Love your family

JUAN DIAZ

Age 90 of Redford. Beloved husband of the late Pelagia. Loving Papa of Remedios (Roger) Encinara, Alfredo (Daisy), Ramon (Marilou), Gloria (Frank) Canilao, Antonio (Maria Leslie), Elizabeth (Todd) Robertson & John. Proud grandpa of 13 & great-grandpa of two. Dearest brother of Rosing. Also survived by many other loving family & friends. Visitation will be held at the Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel) 36100 5 Mile Rd. (E. of Levan) Friday 5-9pm, Saturday & Sunday 1-9pm. Friday & Saturday there will be evening prayers at 7pm & Saturday Scripture 6:30pm & then a Sunday 7pm prayer service. Funeral Service will be Monday at St. Edith Catholic Church 15089 Newburgh Rd. Instate 10am Mass 10:30am. Please visit online guestbook: fredwoodfuneralhome.com.

STANLEY JOHN DOWN

Age 82, passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 3, 2010, surrounded by family at Select Specialty Hospital-St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. His death resulted from complications caused by a fall inside his home. Beloved husband of the late Barbara, he was the dear father of Pamela Down (Charles Pfeffer), Jacqueline Mines, Deborah Belz-Rubis (Roger), and Candice Koda (Philip), proud and loving grandfather of Andrew Belz (Sabrina), Jennifer Koda, Kimberly Koda, and adoring great-grandfather of Juliana Belz. He is also survived by sisters, Marion Dohring and Patricia McCormick, a sister-in-law, Donna Jean Nagel and many nieces and nephews. He will be fondly remembered by his friends who enjoyed his sense of humor and love of life. A devoted cat owner and an avid animal lover, he will be missed by his neighbors' pets who enjoyed his treats or a day of pet-sitting. In accordance with his wishes, a private observance was held. Arrangements entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Downtown Farmington.
www.thayer-rock.com



JOHN A. FERGUSSON
March 6, 2010 Age 49 of Birmingham, formerly of Grosse Pointe and Anchorville. Beloved husband of Lisa. Son of Mary Ellen Hartsig (William) and the late John Fergusson. Step-father of Chloe and Maddy Rae Hajjar. Brother of Kimberly Fraley (Thomas Mines) and Lorie Plegue. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. A memorial Mass was held Thursday at Holy Name Church, Birmingham. Memorial tributes to Houston's Ronald McDonald House, 1907 Holcomb Blvd., Houston, TX 77030. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500



EDITH HAMILTON SESTOK
Age 94, March 5, 2010 of Birmingham, MI. Beloved mother of Charles III (Nancy), Robert and Mary. Grandmother of Charles IV, Evan and Erika. Memorial Service Saturday April 10, 2010 at 11am Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

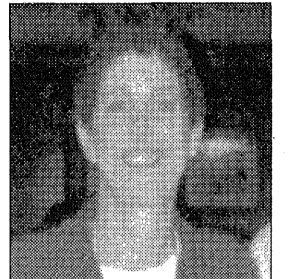


In Memory of Rayland Jarosz "PAPA BEAR"
We thought of you with love today
But that is nothing new
We thought about you yesterday
And days before that too.
Your memory is our keepsake
With which we'll never part
God has you in his keeping
We have you in our heart.
Your Loving Family,
Pat, Heather, Kim and Bill

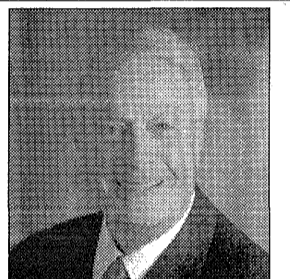
THOMAS W. SMITH
Age 65, of Farmington Hills. Passed away March 10, 2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.

CATHERINE HOWELL

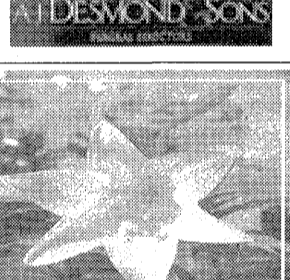
Died March 10, 2010 at the age of 89. Livonia resident since 1959 and former member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Beloved wife of the late Carl. Dear mother of Carl, Fred (Cindy), and the late Marilyn. Grandmother of Justin and Lauren. Services were held at White Chapel Cemetery on Saturday March 13th. Share a condolence or memory at www.mannsfuneralhome.com



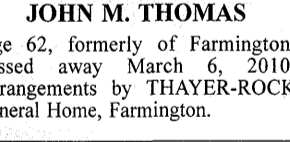
ERIN M. KURTZ
Passed away March 10, 2010 at the age of 48. Beloved wife of Scott A. Dearest mother of Andrew (Nikki) Kurtz, Christopher Kurtz, Nicholas Kurtz and Lauren Kurtz. Dear daughter of Duane and Diane Lucas. Dear sister of Bridget (Bruce) Gerish, Michael Lucas and Kelly (Tom) Haar. Dear daughter-in-law of Donald M. Kurtz. Erin loved child care, family gatherings and taking care of her family. She always enjoyed watching her children participate in all types of sport activities. She graduated from Salem High School (class of 1979) where she was a student athlete. Her sport was Track and Field, excelling in running hurdles and the high jump. She also ran in the 1/4 mile. Erin generously gave of herself in many ways, even after death she donated her corneas so that others may see. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 13, 2010, at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, Canton. Memorials may be given to a foundation to be set up in Erin's name in conjunction with the National Institute of Health. Checks may be made to Diane Lucas. To share a special thought or memory www.schrader-howell.com



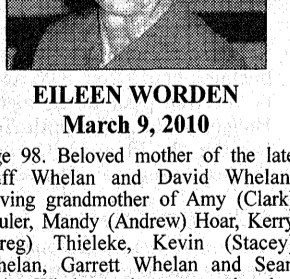
ROBERT C. LARSON
March 11, 2010 surrounded by his loving family. Age 75 of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Commercial real estate and community leader. Adored husband of Bonnie A. (nee. Borgeson). Loving father of Elizabeth Larson Willoughby (Michael), Eric B. Larson (Kathy), Kathryn W. Larson and stepchildren, Amy Cunningham (Jason), Todd Blanding (Kimberley) and Scott Blanding (Leesa). Grandfather of Daniel, Sarah, Paige, Makenzie, Ty, Abigail, Jordan, Brady, Lydia, Ruby and Ethan. Brother of David Larson (Emily) and the late John Larson (Linda). Memorial service in celebration of his life will be held Friday, March 19th 2p.m. at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500.



DORIS V. MEADOWS
Age 87, passed away March 10, 2010. She was born on September 14, 1922, in Canada, to the late Russell & Agnes (Rolls) Bell. Doris is survived by her loving children: June (Donald) Gregory, Roy (Karen) Meadows, Rick Meadows, Darryl Meadows; six grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and her siblings Bernice (Dick) LeMaitre and Carl (Judy) Bell. She was preceded in death by her husband James Meadows in 2008. Visitation will be held on March 13th, Saturday, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm and Sunday from 10:00am to 4:00 pm. A Funeral Service will be held on March 14th, Sunday, at 4:00pm at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to American Holistic Medical Association, 23366 Commerce Park, Suite 101B, Beechwood, OH 44122.
Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



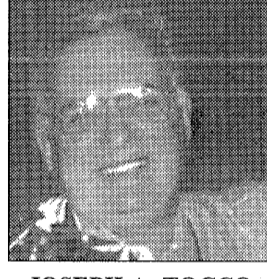
JOHN M. THOMAS
Age 62, formerly of Farmington, passed away March 6, 2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.



EILEEN WORDEN
March 9, 2010
Age 98. Beloved mother of the late Buff Whelan and David Whelan. Loving grandmother of Amy (Clark) Shuler, Mandy (Andrew) Hoar, Kerry (Greg) Thieleke, Kevin (Stacey) Whelan, Garrett Whelan and Sean (Erin) Whelan and great-grandmother of Katie, Hannah, Maddie, Molly, Nicholas, Julia, Brooke, Haley and Robbie. Services were held by the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River. Donations can be made to the Detroit Zoo or Michigan Humane Society.
On line sympathy message www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



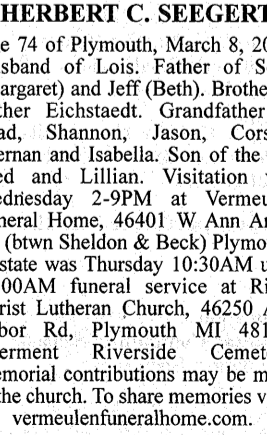
WILLIAM R. MCBRIDE
March 10, 2010, age 74, of Ortonville, MI. He was born May 17, 1935 in Detroit, MI. Mr. McBride graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder, CO. as a mechanical engineer where he was a member of the gymnastics team. He worked at Ebbert Engineering in Troy, MI until the 70's and joined his family business as a third generation family member. The business was established in 1910 as Russell Hardware Company with two locations, Bloomfield Hills, MI and Harbor Springs, MI. He loved flying, he restored and owned several airplanes presently housed at his property in Ortonville. He loved animals especially his German Shepherd, "Winnie". He was an avid snowboarder at Harbor Springs. He is survived by his wife, Judith Schaffer whom he married October 14, 1988. Children, Lincoln J. (Claire Pairaud) McBride of Belmont, CA, Jane (Mark Wilson) McBride of Royal Oak, MI, Morgan S. McBride of Ortonville, and Mackenzie A. McBride of Ortonville. Grandfather of Clare, Henry, Max and Leo. Brother of Jack (Linda) McBride of Maui, Hawaii. Memorial Service will be held Sunday, March 14, 2:00 p.m. at ADI Aerodynamics, Inc. 6544 Highland Rd., Waterford, MI 48327, Hanger #1. Memorials suggested to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, NY 10008-0780, Grand Traverse Conservancy - Benzie Co. 3860 N. Long Lake Rd. Suite D, Traverse City, MI 49684 or MI Humane Society, Memorial Dept. 30300 Telegraph Rd. Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4507. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Utica, MI. (586) 731-2411



JOSEPH A. TOCCO
Canton, MI, age 64, passed away Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born February 13, 1946 in Detroit, MI, the son of Joseph and Nellie (Eusebio) Tocco. On July 12, 1968, he married Sharon McKay in Allen Park and she survives. Joseph worked for Detroit Edison for 40 years before retiring January 7, 2007. Joseph enjoyed eating good foods, especially the sweet foods from all the various bakeries he loved and he enjoyed being a grandfather where he was affectionately known as "papa" and "grandpa" by his four grandchildren. In addition to his loving wife Sharon of 41 years, survivors include: two sons, Scott (Michelle) Tocco of Belleville and Paul (Debi) Tocco of Canton; four grandchildren, Alyssa, Olivia, Justin and Hailey Tocco; one brother, James (Antoinette) Tocco of Brownstown Township; and seven nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. The funeral service will be 11 am Monday, March 15 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Street, Plymouth with Pastor Gordon Moore officiating. Burial will follow in MI Memorial Park, Flat Rock. The family will receive friends at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 1-9 pm Sunday. Arrangements handled through Stark Funeral Service. Please sign his guest book at: www.starkfuneral.com



ROBERTA VOLINSKI
Age 86 of Plymouth, formerly of Wayne, March 8, 2010. Loving mother of Geri (Harold) Galfano, Diana O'Brien, Suzette McCord and Bridget Volinski (Alexander Petniunas). Dear sister of Thomas (Josie) Bebeau. Proud grandma of 8, and great grandma of one. Roberta was proud of her 40 years with Ford Motor Company and U of M Hospital as a Data Entry Person. She was involved in the early years of computer technology at Ford Motor. Private cremation services were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



HERBERT C. SEEGERT
Age 74 of Plymouth, March 8, 2010. Husband of Lois. Father of Scott (Margaret) and Jeff (Beth). Brother of Esther Eichstaedt. Grandfather of Brad, Shannon, Jason, Corson, Kiernan and Isabella. Son of the late Fred and Lillian. Visitation was Wednesday 2-9PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In state was Thursday 10:30AM until 11:00AM Funeral service at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth MI 48170. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. To share memories visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

MILESTONES

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Donald and Patricia (Bruske) Priehs of Garden City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 27 with a dinner at Angelo Brothers Restaurant in Westland.



Donald and Patricia Priehs on their wedding day

The couple wed in 1960 in Detroit. Donald retired in 1985 from Western Electric in Plymouth.

The couple has been involved at St. Matthew Church since 1962. They enjoy vacationing in Florida and spending time with their children and two grandchildren.

Their children are Deborah Hall (Gary) of Westland; Denise Bourdeau (Dan) of Westland; and Douglas Priehs (Tonya) of Garden City. Their grandchildren are Kevin Hall, 10, and Hannah Bourdeau, 8.



Walker-Mileo

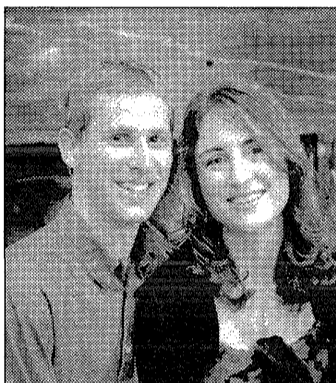
AUGUST WEDDING PLANNED

Mr. and Mrs. Brady A. Walker of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Leah, to Jesse Keenan Mileo, son of Aleta and George Lampman and Vincent and Phyllis Mileo, both of the Bay area in California.

Rachel is a 1999 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 2003 graduate of Madonna University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

Jesse is a 1994 graduate from Carlmont High School in Belmont, Calif. He is a 2009 graduate of Michigan Theological Seminary, where he earned a master's of divinity degree.

An August wedding is planned.



Anders-Gruber

ANDERS-GRUBER

Mark and Esther Anders of Westland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Marie Anders, to Jonathan Richard Gruber, son of John and Mary Gruber, of Monroe.

The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Thomas Edison State College with a bachelor's degree in music and a 2007 graduate of Michigan State University with a master's degree in piano pedagogy. She teaches piano in her own studio in Westland, at Schoolcraft College, and the Ward School of Fine Arts.

Her fiancé is a 2004 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in economics. He is employed at Tenneco Automotive in Monroe as a credit analyst.

A July 2010 wedding is planned at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, in Livonia.



Thomas-Washington

SEPTEMBER WEDDING

Ciara G. Thomas and Nicholas M. Washington, both of Farmington Hills, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Thomas, of Youngstown, Ohio, graduated with a bachelor's degree in communication in 2007 from The University of Cincinnati. She is employed as a financial counselor for GreenPath Inc.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Melvin and Melvin Washington, all of Detroit, graduated in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in graphic design from Eastern Michigan University. He also received a master's degree in information systems in 2009 from the University of Phoenix. He is employed as a team leader for Party City.

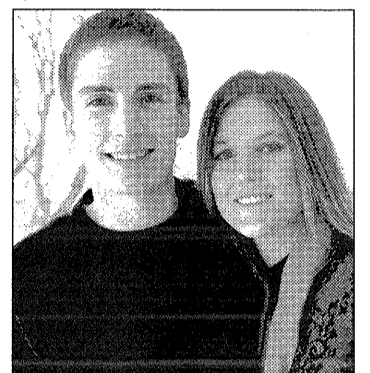
A September wedding is planned in Youngstown, Ohio.

STEVENS-BOOMS

Brian and Carolyn Booms of Canton announce the engagement of their son, Jason Booms to Samantha Stevens, daughter of Danny and Georgia Stevens of Fort Payne, Ala.

The bride-to-be is a 2005 graduate of Fort Payne High School, and will graduate in May 2010 from the University of Alabama Huntsville, with a degree in elementary education.

The groom-elect is a 2005 graduate of Salem High School in Canton, and a 2009 graduate of the University of Alabama Huntsville with a degree in mechanical aero-



Stevens-Booms

space engineering. Jason is employed with Lockheed Martin as a systems engineer in Huntsville, Ala.

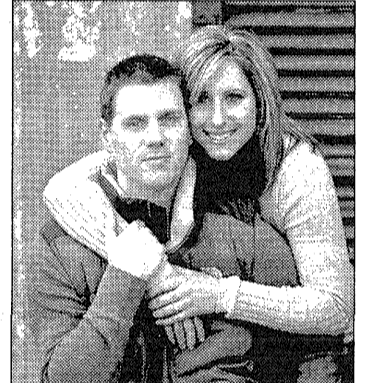
A June 2010 wedding is planned in Fort Payne, Ala.

JULY WEDDING PLANNED

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Kavanaugh of Addison Township, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Darcel Marie, to Ryan James McBroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McBroom of Livonia.

Darcy is a graduate from Western Michigan University and is currently completing the accelerated nursing program at the University of Detroit Mercy. Ryan attends Wayne State University and is an automotive components engineer.

A July wedding is planned.



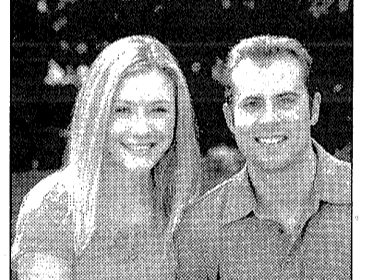
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MAY WEDDING PLANNED

Charis Anne Fischer and Adam Michael Ralko announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Steve and Linda Fischer of Short Hills, N.J., earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science in 2009 from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. She currently works for the Show-Me Institute, a free market think tank in Clayton, Mo.

Her fiancé, son of Greg and Mary Anne Ralko of Livonia, graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 2002 and from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., in 2006. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in biology and



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expects to graduate in May from Washington University School of Medicine. He is applying for a medical residency in internal medicine with plans to specialize in cardiology

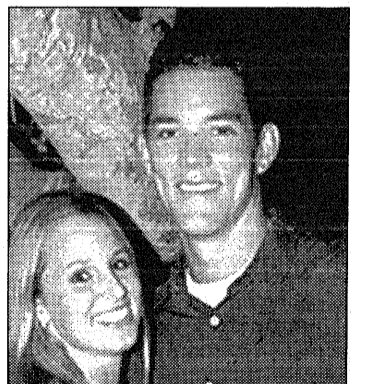
A May wedding is planned in Short Hills, N.J.

JUNE WEDDING PLANNED

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Thompson of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie, to Eric Michael Finn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Finn of Longwood, Fla.

The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2008 graduate of Florida Atlantic University, in Boca Raton, Fla. She received a degree in exceptional student education and teaches autistic children in elementary school, in Boca Raton, Fla.

Her fiancé is a 2004 graduate of Lake Mary High School in Lake Mary, Fla., and is a 2008 graduate of Florida Atlantic University. He



Thompson-Finn

received a degree in business marketing and owns a commercial fishing business in south Florida.

A June wedding is planned.

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Walkathon registration, training under way

Lace up those walking shoes and get ready to step out for charity, starting with the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure training kick-off on March 20, at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44175 12 Mile, Novi.

Anyone who has signed up for the 60-mile walk, which runs Aug. 13-15 in Southeastern Michigan, or anyone interested in participating, can attend the training kick-off at the New Balance store at Fountain Walk. The event will run from 9 a.m.-noon and will include a footwear seminar and fashion show of apparel that is appropriate for a three-day walk.

Registration is still open for the 2010 Michigan 3-Day for the Cure. For more information, visit The3day.org, Michigan.

ARTHRITIS FUND-RAISER

Walk one, two or four miles in support of the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter, on May 1 at the Detroit Zoo.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the Arthritis Walk is set to start at 8:30 a.m. All participants may visit



zoo exhibits free of charge, after the walk. Children's activities, free massages, and a health fair also are planned. The health fair is an opportunity to learn more about the 100-plus forms of arthritis and related diseases, as well as available treatments.

Funds raised during the 2010 Arthritis Walk support critical research, advocacy efforts, and local programs and services aimed at the prevention, treatment and cure of arthritis.

The Detroit Zoo is located 8450 West 10 Mile, in Royal Oak. For more information or to sign up for the walk, call Laurie Rupp at (248) 649-2891, Ext. 230, or e-mail lrupp@arthritis.org. For more information about the arthritis walks throughout Michigan and the Arthritis Foundation, visit www.arthritis.org.

WALK FOR WISHES

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan plans its fund-raising, non-competitive, two-mile walk May 8 through the Detroit Zoo. Participants will check in beginning at 7:30 a.m., witness the opening ceremony at 8:45 a.m. and begin walking at 9 a.m. Lunch and other activities will run from 10 a.m. to noon.

Walkers set a fund-raising goal and obtain donations from friends, family, and co-workers. All funds raised will go towards the granting of wishes to local Michigan children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Children 13 and under may register for free. Adults who register by April 1 pay \$15; after April 1, \$20; and on walk day, \$25.

For more information and online registration visit www.wishmich.org/walkforwishes.

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The 3rd Annual Walled Lake Passion for Life 5k Run/Walk benefits medical research at U-M C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and current and past "Inspirational Families" at the hospital. It is scheduled for Saturday, March 27 starting in downtown Walled Lake. This year there are two scenic options — a 5k Run/Walk and a 5 mile "Run around the Lake." Organizers hope to draw more than 750 participants.

Registration and packet pick-up runs from 8-10 a.m., at Bayside Sports Grille and Bar, 142 East Walled Lake Drive, Walled Lake. Walks and runs begin at 10 a.m. Race entry fees are \$15 for children and \$30 for adults, if registered online before March 26; \$20 for children and \$35 for adults on race day. The fee includes a long sleeve T-shirt.

For more information on Passion for Life or to register, visit passion5k.com.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

MARCH

Help Multiple Sclerosis chapter

In support of MS Awareness Week, the Grand Tavern restaurant in Farmington will donate 20 percent of patrons' bills to the MS Society Michigan Chapter on Sunday, March 14. Visit the restaurant from 4 p.m.-2 a.m. and tell your server you are there to support the MS Society. Grand Tavern is located at 35450 Grand River Ave. (248) 476-5700 or visit www.grand-tavern.com/.

Day of health

Life-saving Luau, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, March 18, at Brackney Chiropractic Health Centers, 8524 Canton Center Road, Canton offers food, fun games, prizes and more. The practice also will accept new patients at this event. Receive a complete spinal check up including exam, consultation, x-rays if necessary, for \$30. Exam proceeds will go to Relieving Orphan Suffering Everywhere for its Haitian and Russian Orphan Fund. Call (734) 455-4444 to schedule an appointment.

Memory, sleep classes

Wellness coach Sandy Baumann will teach you how to recharge your memory with foods, beverages, fun physical activity and simple lifestyle changes, 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 20 and 27, at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Get tips for common memory challenges. Cost is \$39. Register for CPSI246 by March 17 by calling (734) 432-5804 12:30-4:30 p.m. weekdays. Or go online with a credit card to <http://cms.madonna.edu/pages/academics/continuing-education/registration>. Baumann also will teach a class called "Desperately Seeking Snoozing: Sleep Well Naturally," 6-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 23, at Farmington Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington. Learn about common sleep robbers and ways to create a sleep-promoting bedroom. Cost is \$25. Farmington residents age 60 or better may be eligible for a \$15 discount. Register by March 18 by calling (248) 489-3333, or go to https://www.farmington.k12.mi.us/district/ace/online_registration/adult_register.php to enroll.

Physicians group offers tips for good sleep

Many people lose much more than just an hour of sleep per night on a regular basis because of poor sleep habits.

"Sleep hygiene is an important part of making sure you and your family get all the sleep needed," said Dr. David T. Walsworth, president of the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP). The MAFP suggests these 10 tips to help make getting to sleep

— and staying — asleep easier:

1. Maintain a bedtime and "awake time" schedule. Try to go to bed around the same time every night and wake up about the same time every morning.
2. Establish a regular, relaxing bedtime routine. For example, take a warm bath or shower, or use aroma therapy, reading, or listening to soothing music.

3. Sleep in a room that is dark, quiet, comfortable, and cool; sleep on a comfortable mattress with comfortable pillows.
4. Use your bedroom only for sleep.
5. Finish eating at least 2-3 hours before your regular bedtime.
6. Avoid caffeine within six hours — and alcohol and smoking within two hours

7. Exercise regularly but finish a few hours before bedtime.
8. Avoid naps.
9. Go to bed only when sleepy. Get in bed only for sleeping, not for work or watching television.
10. After 10-15 minutes of not being able to get to sleep, go to another room to read until you do feel sleepy.

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STOPPING MEDICATION THEN STARTING IT AGAIN

These difficult economic times have meant that a number of people on medicines for arthritis, lost their jobs. As a result they could no longer afford medication and dropped their therapy. In some instances the individual again found work and between the employer's health plan and the return of income, the person could afford to take the medication again.

The question arises concerning the effect on the arthritis of stopping arthritis medication and later starting it again.

For most arthritis medications re-starting is straightforward: go back to the dosage and scheduling used previously. If a patient was on Enbrel 50 mg one time a week and can now afford to take the drug again, his doctor would prescribe 50 mg one time a week. The same holds for methotrexate: if the person previously took 15 mg/week, then restart the medication at 15 mg/week.

The doctor likely would inform the patient that it could take weeks or months to return to the level of improvement the patient achieved previously. The medication must both reverse the damage done during the absence of therapy and rebuild a therapeutic level.

If the patient was on prednisone and discontinued this medication, the doctor may take a different approach. The patient may begin at a lower dose than in the past as the doctor in an effort to decrease side effects, seeks to use the least amount possible.

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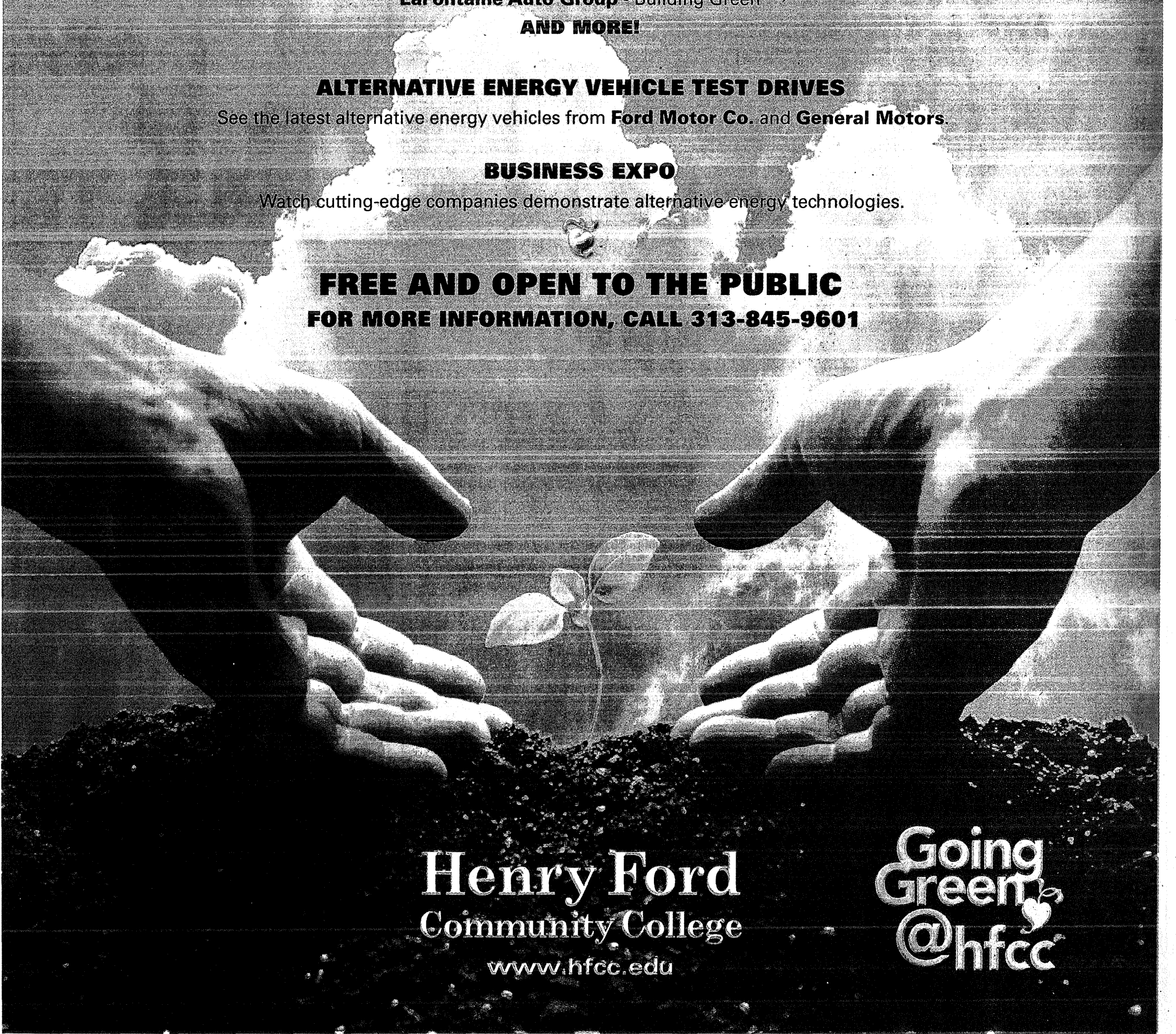
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10 Careers That Didn't Exist 10 Years Ago

Every so often, you meet someone with a job title that makes you go, "Huh?" Either it's too technical to understand, too hard to describe or in some cases, people just may not have heard of it. But, why would someone not have heard about a job's existence?

Simple: All the changes that have come about in the past 10 years, from environmental policy to emerging technologies to the recession, have contributed to the creation of careers that never could have existed before.

Dom Sagolla, co-creator of Twitter, for example, recently made the switch from working in research and development at Adobe to creating iPhone applications with his company, DollarApp. Sagolla is also authoring a book, "140 Characters," which demonstrates the effect of hypertext on literature by redefining the concept of "the book" using Twitter and iPhone to start, he says. Could he have done this 10 years ago? Doubtful.

"I've noticed that the best-of-breed iPhone apps incorporate Twitter and social networks, and the best Twitter apps seem to be on iPhone," Sagolla says. "That is no coincidence: The two came to prominence at roughly the same time. I've worked hard to position myself at intersection of those two industries, which form a vortex of attention and zeal that is unmatched."

Here is a little information about 10 careers that didn't exist a decade ago:

1. Bloggers

What they do: Bloggers research and write blog posts in a conversational style to engage readers online. They work for themselves or for corporations, but their goal is the same: to develop and maintain blogs to promote a brand, mission or objective. Jimmy Moore, owner of "Livin La Vida Low-Carb," started his blog in April 2005 after losing 180 pounds. He wrote about it while still employed in a customer service position. He began blogging full time in October 2006. "My annual income increased from about \$25,000 a year to nearly \$60,000 now. I get to work out of my home, I've written two books, host my twice-weekly health podcast show on iTunes, do YouTube videos and so much more. This is literally my dream job," he says. "[It] didn't even exist a decade ago."



2. Community managers or content managers

What they do: Community or content managers are an extension of a typical marketing role, but on a more personal level. They serve as a liaison between the company and the public, managing a Web site that allows them to engage with community members and spread the word about the company.

Erin Bury has been the community manager at Sprouter, a Toronto company that enables collaboration and networking among entrepreneurs, for almost one year. She says, "A community manager is a nontraditional role, so it requires some unique traits: the ability to adapt quickly, the ability to juggle a multitude of tasks while still keeping a smile on their face, and an innate passion for what they do. This isn't a 9-to-5 job; it's one that involves being an extension of the brand almost 24/7, which is why loving the company and the job is a prerequisite."

3. Green funeral directors

What they do: Green funeral directors incorporate environmentally friendly options to meet the needs of families who want a green service. "A green funeral may include any or all of the following basic options: no embalming or embalming with formaldehyde-free products; the use of sustainable biodegradable clothing, shroud or casket; using recycled paper products, locally grown organic flowers, organic food; car pooling; arranging a small memorial gathering in a

natural setting; [or a] natural or green burial," says Elizabeth Fournier, a funeral home owner who works as a green mortician. "It's a fabulous opening for an individual who is green-minded in all aspects of their work."

4. Interior redesigners

What they do: Instead of spending \$500 on a new couch, why not use that money to hire an interior redesigner who will find new ways to decorate with items you already own? Interior redesigners remodel your home using the things you already have, either repurposing them for other uses or putting them in other rooms, etc. Jennifer Schweikert, owner of Just My Style by JMS, says, "In a time of 'less is more,' people streamlining possessions, baby boomers and seniors downsizing, and the green movement of reduce, reuse and recycle, interior redesign is an up-and-coming field of work that addresses these needs in today's lifestyle and economy."

5. Patient advocates

What they do: There are several types of patient advocates, and although their services vary, all of them want to make sure that the patient and family are informed and to make things easier on everyone. Advocates can go with patients to appointments; ensure they're visiting with the right specialists and taking the right medicines; sort through medical bills and negotiate fees with health-care providers and insurance companies; they can even educate family members on proper care for their sick loved one.

6. Senior move management

What they do: Senior move management companies help older adults and families with the physical and emotional demands of downsizing, relocating or modifying their homes.

7. Social media strategists

What they do: Social media strategists use social media tools to help companies interact with customers, increase brand awareness, create buzz, increase traffic and provide information.

8. User experience analyst

What they do: User experience analysts look for ways to make using a Web site easier, more pleasant and more engaging for consumers. They want to figure out how to keep you on their site and how to make your experience while you're there memorable and useful.

9. Video journalists

What they do: In the 1960s, reporters had to shoot and edit their own stories because of lack of manpower and resources. Now, almost 50 years later, this role is back, but now it's called video journalism. To save money, large-market news groups hire small-market reporters as video journalists at a fraction of the cost. They are usually assigned stories to produce for the station Web site, finding content to drive Web traffic.

10. Virtual business service providers

What they do: Many people are forming their own companies by way of telecommuting, offering such virtual services as customer service, concierge services or even public relations from their homes.

"Thanks to the birth of the Internet and the rise of new industries because of it, my company was born. The rise of virtual companies like ours has provided jobs for lots of people," says Deborah Sittig, owner of Green Room Public Relations.

Rachel Zupek is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and its job blog, The Work Buzz. She researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues. Follow her on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/CBwriterRZ>

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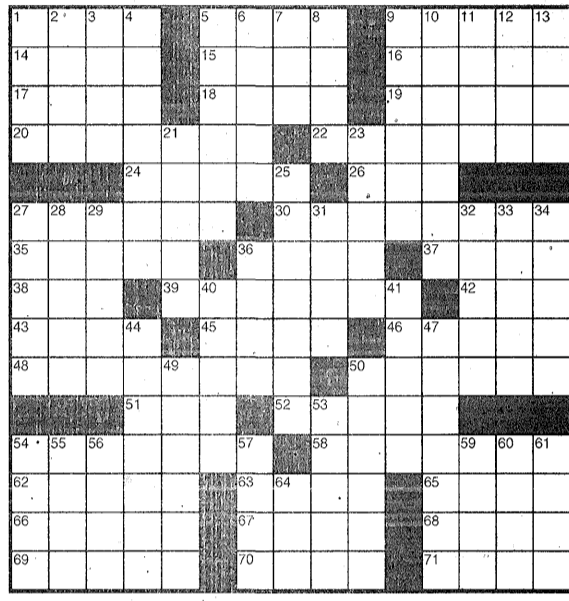
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 - Thought the same
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 - In a panic
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Silverado Is A Great Truck To Pick Up

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There's a reason the Chevrolet Silverado was named the North American Truck of the Year a few winters ago. It's because traditionally it has had enough capability and configurations to suit everyone from the working man to the off-road enthusiast.

The Silverado, a truck of the year in 2007, looks awesome and performs like a trooper.

The most economical Silverado is the WT, short for "work truck." The WT comes with an AM/FM stereo, satellite radio, vinyl-covered front seats, dual glove boxes, two auxiliary power outlets, one year of OnStar service and a four-speed automatic transmission.

The 1 LT adds a cloth-covered front seat with lockable storage under the seat, a CD player and mp3 compatibility, power windows/locks/mirrors, remote keyless entry, auto-dimming rearview mirror with compass and outside temperature displays, 17-inch chrome-styled steel wheels and power folding and heated exterior mirrors.

The more upscale 2 LT comes with premium cloth front bucket seats with six-way power adjustment, dual-zone automatic temperature controls, audio controls mounted on the steering wheel, fog lamps, aluminum wheels, chromed bumper, and a spare tire lock.

The LTZ adds heavy-duty trailering equipment, an automatic locking rear differential, body-colored bumpers, reclining and heated leather front seats with 12-way power, an in-dash six-CD changer with Bose speakers, turn signal indicators in the exterior rearview mirrors and heated windshield washers.

The three main packages for the Silverado are

the Z71 Off-Road Package, which gets you skid plates, off-road suspension and locking rear differential, the Safety Package that consist of power-adjustable pedals, side-curtain airbags and park assist and the Texas Edition. The Texas Edition is all about power, including a 5.3-liter V8, 20-inch alloy wheels, heavy-duty trailering package, locking rear differential and special emblems.

Notable stand-alone options are a navigation system, rear-seat DVD entertainment system, sunroof, power sliding rear window, cargo management system that features tracks with sliding hooks, rear park assist and an "EZ Lift" taillgate that requires very little effort to open and close.

Work trucks come equipped with a 4.3-liter V6 that is good for 195 horsepower. A 4.8-liter, 295 hp V8 powers the 1 LT trucks. A 5.3-liter V8 that makes 315 hp comes standard on 2 LT and LTZ pickups, with a FlexFuel version optional. Available engines on all Silverados but the work truck is the "Vortec Max" 6.0-liter V8 that makes 367 horsepower. With the optional Max trailering package, towing capacity is 10,500 pounds. Wow!!! Right?

A four-speed automatic with a tow/haul mode is standard on all Silverado pickups, with a heavy-duty version mated to the 6.0-liter V8.

Buyers have a choice of either rear- or four-wheel drive. The Work trim with 4 WD has a traditional floor-mounted selector for the transfer case. All other 4 WD trims have AutoTrac, which features an automatic setting that shifts into 4 WD when wheel slippage is detected.



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The Silverado 1500 LTZ gets 14 miles per gallon in the city and 19 miles per gallon on the highway.

The Silverado's suspension eats up bumps and potholes as the truck motors on with power and great handling. There is a minimum of body sway through the sharpest of turns.

Extended cab and crew cab models have back seats and power-operated rear side windows that lower completely. A power sliding rear window is also available on extended cab and crew cab configurations with LT and LTZ trim levels. The extended cab has rear access doors that open to 170 degrees to provide full access to the rear seating area.

The standard cab can be ordered with a standard 6-foot, 6-inch bed or a long 8-foot bed. The extended cab also offers a short 5-foot, 8-inch bed, which is the only bed available on the crew cab.

Safety features on all of the Silverado models include dual front airbags, anti-lock brakes, a tire pressure monitoring system. Safety options include driver and front-seat side-impact air bags, side-curtain airbags, StabiliTrak electronic stability control and Ultrasonic rear parking assist.

Silverado models are very spacious inside, with a lot of storage capacity. This roominess is made possible by the "low and forward" instrument panels.

The Silverado features an interior that can be outfitted for work or pleasure.

The pure pickup interior includes two glove boxes in the dashboard. A single glove box is big

enough to hold a pair of work gloves and a few small items. The 40/20/40-split front bench seat has a center section of the seat back that folds down to form a wide arm rest with lots of storage space. This interior also features interior large door handles that can easily be manipulated even while wearing bulky work gloves.

The luxury version interior includes bucket seats with a permanent center console with 20 liters of storage capacity. The center stack also puts climate and audio controls within easy view and reach of the front seat passenger. This version has a single glove box in the dash.

Extended cabs feature stadium-style seating with an elevated view for those sitting in the second row. The rear seats are split 60/40 so one side can be folded up for cargo while the other is used for seating.

With so many variations, the Silverado is a great buy no matter what you want to use your pickup for. Be warned, you may get dizzy deciding on exactly what kind of Silverado you want

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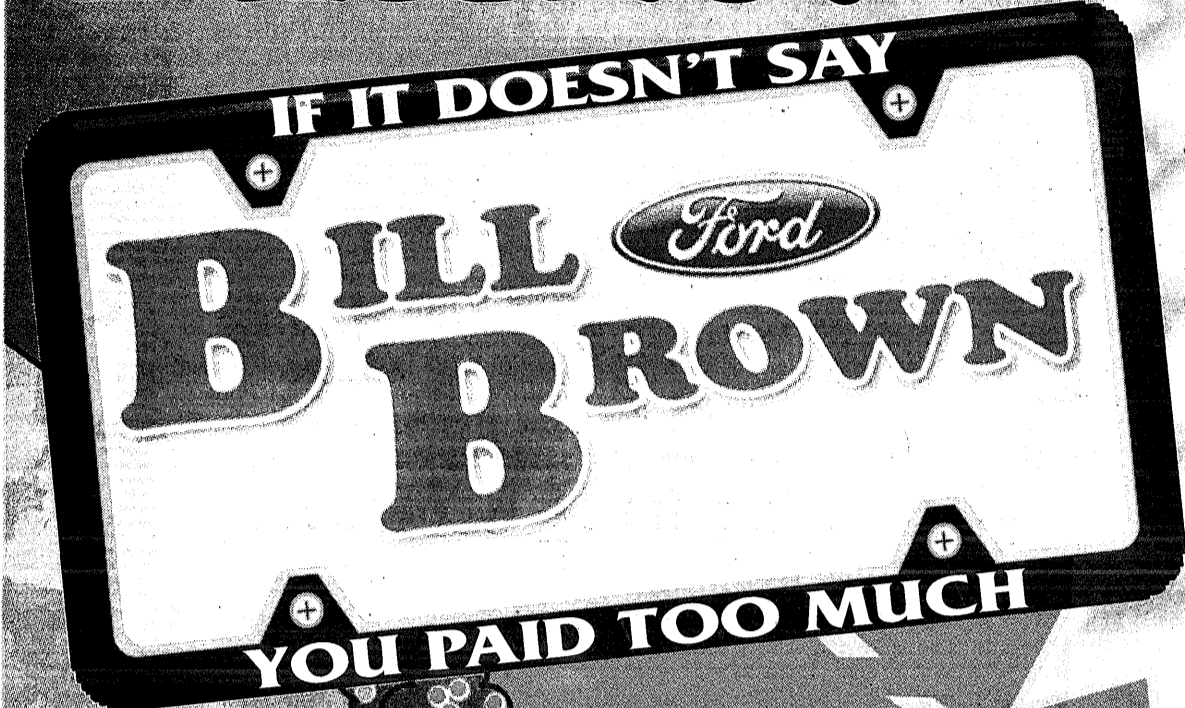
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