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John Brown revisited

The Canton Historical Society will host its first general meeting at 7 p.m., March 11 at the Cherry Hill School on the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. The guest speaker will be John W. Quist, who will discuss "The Michiganians Respond to John Brown." The presentation will examine the responses of Michigan's abolitionists, Republicans and Democrats, to John Brown's activities in the 1850s. The meeting falls one day short of the 150th anniversary of Brown's famous trip to Detroit to meet with Frederick Douglass and Detroit's African-American leadership, when he divulged plans for the assault on Harper's Ferry in October 1859. For more information, contact the Canton Historical Museum at (734) 307-0088.

Road rally

Leadership Canton, a program that develops motivated leaders in Canton, is registering participants for its upcoming Road Rally fundraiser. According to organizers, the rally is not a race, but will pit the intelligence and problem solving abilities of each team. It will take place at various Canton locations.

The event, which will take place May 12, will be limited to 30 cars, with four to six passengers per car. The Finish Line Party will be hosted by IKEA, located at 41650 Ford Road. The entry fee is \$35 per person. Proceeds event will benefit the Cady-Boyer Barn Fund, Senior Prescription Matching and Leadership Canton Alumni Fund.

To sign up or for more information, contact Debbie Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188. Entry forms can be downloaded at www.Rally4Canton.com.

Water rates could jump another 20 percent

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton residents will experience a 20-percent increase in water and sewer rates in May if the Canton Township Board of Trustees approves the proposed recommendation at Tuesday's regular meeting at Township Hall.

If passed by the board, the increase would nearly match a 20.57-percent increase approved by trustees last year.

"The bigger problem is we aren't having the new construction where we're getting extra money coming in," said Rick Eva, township finance director. "Now we're in a position where people are cutting back on (their usage) of

water. And the less they use the water, the less income we have coming in to offset the expenses we know we're going to have."

Canton officials say consumption in 2009 is expected to remain steady with last year at about 3.2 billion gallons.

The rate from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department for transmission of water is expected to go down 3.3 percent. However, sewage disposal rates from Detroit will go up 1.4 percent and from the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority another 5 percent. Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the proposed increase is higher for a number of reasons.

"The average person believes the

only thing that goes into the rate is the cost from DWSD and YCUA, but their costs are for their portion of the system," Faas said. "Their charge is for getting it to the community boundary, and we have 430 miles of water distribution pipes that have to be operated, maintained and replaced over time. While their cost to us may be down, it doesn't mean water rates will go down. Rarely would that occur."

Faas said the average customer — one who uses 32,000 gallons a quarter — will notice a \$46 increase every three months.

Mary Rae of Canton wasn't pleased

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Recent water/sewer rate increases in Canton:

■ 1999	0 percent
■ 2000	6.81 percent
■ 2001	4.62 percent
■ 2002	6.3 percent
■ 2003	6.92 percent
■ 2004	0 percent
■ 2005	0 percent
■ 2006	2.77 percent
■ 2007	6.65 percent
■ 2008	20.57 percent
■ 2009	*20 percent

*proposed

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'We've got it'

LaJoy focuses on township's positives during first State of the Township

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In his first State of the Township address — only two months after taking office — Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy admitted there are plenty of challenges in these tough economic times. However, the message LaJoy gave to the hundreds of people who attended the luncheon and speech at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill was more of optimism, calling those challenges "opportunities in disguise."

Canton has already received notice it will receive the lion's share of Wayne County's stimulus money for road projects. LaJoy would like to see more federal money come Canton's way, including funding for a \$7.5 million project involving the township landfill.

"The proposal is to capture that methane (gas) to power engines that turn generators to make electricity, sell electricity to local businesses near the landfill at a lower cost than DTE can," said LaJoy. "We're hoping we can get some of the stimulus money that would assist us with this project."

Another plan high on LaJoy's list is economic development. The newly elected supervisor announced that Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz will move from Leisure Services to the role of economic development coordinator.

"Debbie will be doing a lot of marketing in Canton, (promoting) Canton's great location and quality of life," said LaJoy. "She'll also be putting together a Web site ... and a liaison team."

"Michigan enacted legislation in 2008 which provides for a 40-42 percent tax credit for filming in Michigan, so Debbie will also be working to make Canton a film-friendly community," he said. "The effort has already begun with an online photo database showcasing possible locations, as well as local



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy discusses Canton's economic situation during his State of the Township address Thursday at the Village Theater.



The audience listens to Phil LaJoy's State of the Township address at the Village Theater.

businesses and contacts that may assist production."

Yvette Pugh, director of external affairs for AT&T who represented the company's new store on Ford Road and Lilley, liked what she heard from LaJoy.

"I think it was very upbeat and optimistic," said Pugh. "We all know that we're in challenging times, but it's also good to see how the community is coming together to work through these trying times."

"We located a store here because we recognize the value of Canton Township and hopefully we can assist in Supervisor LaJoy's efforts," she said.

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Longtime hardware to close its doors

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mathison Hardware, an icon of sorts for 38 years among much newer construction on Canton Center Road between Ford and Hanford, has closed its doors for good.

The property has been sold by the Mathison brothers and will soon be demolished in favor of a medical or office complex on the two-acre parcel.

"The hardware store used to do everything," said Frank Mathison. "Now, every department has turned into a business in itself ... glass, hardware, locksmiths."

Mathison will soon be the only one of four brothers still in the business. With the Canton store closed, and the Garden City store set to close in the next month



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mathison's Canton location is closed after 38 years in business.

or so, the Livonia Mathison Hardware on Plymouth Road is all that will be left.

"I pretty much started when I was 12 years old," said Mathison, 55, who said he's not ready to retire quite yet. "My brothers and I built that store in Canton

ourselves. There's a lot of sweat that went into that building."

The Garden City store was the first to open in 1953 by Mathison's father, B.J. Mathison.

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Canton business meeting

"Surviving and Thriving" in the current economy will be the topic of conversation over coffee when the Canton Marketing Partners get together with Canton business people on March 10 at the new Comfort Suites on Haggerty Road just north of Ford Road. A variety of available resources to help businesses during these challenging economic times will be discussed, including a presentation by Tammy Thompson from the Small Business & Technology Development Center (SBTDC) at Schoolcraft College. The SBTDC offers free counseling to new and existing businesses.

The Canton Marketing Partners, comprised of the Canton Downtown Development Authority (DDA), the Canton Chamber of Commerce, and Canton

Leisure Services, continue to work together to promote the Canton business community. Their ShopCanton brand is used extensively through various media to encourage residents and shoppers from neighboring communities to do their shopping in Canton. Special events, like the summer Friday evening jazz concert series, have drawn hundreds of new shoppers to the area to discover all that Canton has to offer.

The coffee meetings are free of charge and will be held two different times to accommodate busy schedules. Attendees can register for either the 8-9:30 a.m. session or the 1-2:30 p.m. session by calling (734) 453-4040 by March 6.

Young Marines fund-raiser

Canton Young Marines, a national non-profit youth service organization, will host its All You Can Eat Pancake



A couple of princesses

Canton's Lila Smith (right) sits with Mindy Esparza of Brownstown Township during Art Van's recent Princess Breakfast in Westland. Lila was one of about 80 guests to attend the event, which featured breakfast, crafts, storytelling and each child dressing in princess gowns. The event took place in Art Van's youth bedroom area, which features the Disney Bedroom Collections. Esparza is an Art Van employee.

Breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon, Sunday, March 15 at the Wayne AMVETS Post 171, 1217 S. Merriman Road, Westland.

Menu will include pancakes, bacon, sausage, assorted fruit, juice, coffee and milk for \$7.50 per person. Call ahead carry-outs available at (734) 729-8930 and donations are gladly accepted. For more information, please call Sheryl Lamarand at (734) 737-9748 and leave a message.

Arts and crafts show

The 5th Annual Plymouth-Canton Marching Band Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble, which is a juried art and craft exhibition hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters, will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 14 at Plymouth High School. Exhibitors include makers of handcrafted

jewelry, holiday gifts, floral arrangements, purses, wood crafts, glass works, clothing & linens, paintings, painted glass ornaments, and more. In addition to the 100-plus exhibits, there will be food, baked goods, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

All proceeds go towards the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park. This year in particular, the boosters are working to raise enough funds to replace the aging semi-trailer used by the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band to transport all the large band instruments to many competitions and events. The trailer has been repaired numerous times and must be replaced for future band seasons.

For more information visit

www.pcmb.net/artcraft.

Bowling fund-raiser

Super Bowl lanes in Canton will be the site of a fund-raiser Saturday to benefit the Penrickton Center for Blind Children, a nonprofit residential and day care agency in Taylor serving blind and multi-disabled children between the ages of 1-12. The event is being sponsored by Keller Williams Plymouth and Livonia offices.

The fund-raiser, which costs \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under, includes two games of bowling, two slices of pizza and one pop per person. Check-in is at 2 p.m. and bowling commences at 3 p.m.

To RSVP, e-mail GLibby@LibbysLand.com or call (734) 459-4700.

Polish dancing

The Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers will be hosting their 29th Annual Dance Extravaganza on March 21 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Shows are at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Ticket cost is \$10.

The PNA Centennial Dancers are children and young adults who have studied Polish dance and customs for up to 15 years. Also performing will be Radomianie Polish Folk Dance and Ensemble, which is a group of adults that continue to celebrate their Polish heritage through dance.

Tickets are available at Simply Polish, 28841 Plymouth Road, Livonia or by calling (734) 266-9995. For information, contact Kristal Wioncek, director of PNA Centennial Dancers, at DrKristalgw@aol.com.

Talented artists

In keeping with its dedication to promoting the work of local artists, Lotus Arts Gallery, 995 West Ann Arbor Trail (corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey Street) in downtown Plymouth, announced the Second Annual Local Artist Exhibit.

This exhibition, which runs through March 27, will showcase the extraordinary work of some of Michigan's talented artists. Fifteen exciting artists will be displaying their work. Their styles are as unique and diverse as their chosen media. This eclectic array of artwork includes paintings in oils and acrylics, pen and ink renderings, works on paper, ceramic pieces, photography and mixed media on paper and canvas.

Designed to feature local artistic endeavors, this exhibition encourages public dialogue, understanding, and enjoyment of visual art.

The public can preview the exhibition and meet the artists at the opening reception on Friday, March 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. Lotus Arts Gallery is located at 995 West Ann Arbor Trail (corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey Street) in downtown Plymouth. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and conversations with the artists.

The exhibition will be on display March 6-27. The public is welcome to view the exhibit during gallery hours between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. If you have any questions, or for more information, please contact the gallery toll free at (888) 889-4ART or at (734) 453-5400.

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Dodson students go on worldwide journey

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When they get home from school Monday afternoon, some 600 students at Dodson Elementary School will have completed a journey that took them to six countries in two days. And they never left the building.

The students tomorrow will finish what they started March 2 — a "Reading Around the World" program designed for March is Reading Month that will have taken them to India, Brazil, Sweden, Korea, Ghana and Saudi Arabia that organizers hope will have taught them more about the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' diverse population.

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

"It was really kind of fun to see where the family roots were," said Bonnie Goodrich,



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

the teacher who organized the program.

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

and other props to learn about the different cultures. In Saudi Arabia, they made bookmarks. In Sweden, they constructed horse puppets. In India, students made "Rangoli" designs,

using paper layouts and dyed rice — Goodrich dyed some 50 pounds of rice for the program — to replicate the chalk designs displayed outside homes on a daily basis to wel-



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

come the God to the house.

Parents taught most of the countries, acting as ambassadors for the students. Durga Jalluri, a native of Andhra Pradesh in India, brought in her daughter's dresses for students to try on.

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

The students had a ball with the project.

"It's a lot of fun trying on all these things," said fourth-grader Tessa Quinlan, 10, of Canton. "You actually get to feel like you're there."

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

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

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W-W trims footprint with I-SAVE program

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Going green has come to the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, which launched a voluntary I-SAVE energy conservation program throughout the district.

An acronym for Individuals Save and Vie for Efficiency, I-SAVE aims to reduce utility consumption by modifying the behavior of the district's staff and students.

According to Gary Martin, deputy superintendent for administrative and business services, the district is saving hundreds of thousands of dollars a year on utilities by controlling lights from site to site, but the next phase is changing human behavior.

While many school districts have hired consultants, Wayne-Westland utilized Tony Spisak, executive director of maintenance and operations, and Nicholas Thornton, supervisor of energy management, to develop a plan that has helped the district meet its energy saving goals.

"The reward is having money to spend in support of education, rather than on utilities," he said.

The I-SAVE program has a basic goal of reducing consumption by 7.5 percent.

"We have a very sizable carbon footprint," Thornton said. "We want to preserve our resources. We want to help the district be more green by buying products with less packaging that are more Earth-friendly."

According to Thornton, the district's 29 buildings add up to 2.5 million square feet, twice the size of Westland Shopping Center or about 23 Home Depots. Energy consumption for 2007 was enough



Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy poses with the winners of the I-SAVE poster contest - Corinne Johnson from Hamilton Elementary, Nelson Sawa from Edison Elementary and Alexis Dunigan and Hunter Belcher from Schweitzer Elementary.

to run five dozen homes for one year and heat 2,000 homes.

"The more utilities we consume, the more we contribute to pollution," Thornton said.

For I-SAVE, the two men asked each building to have one point person. They ended up with 42 who signed pledges to put together bulletin boards in the schools. Schools have been given energy-efficient light bulbs and stickers for switches to remind people to turn them off when leaving and empty room.

There have been walk-throughs of buildings to see what is being done well, with the goal of conserving. The result is that it's working, Thornton said.

"If you walk through a building the lights are off in empty classrooms, copiers are turned

off at night," he said. "If you look at the bills, electric has fallen and we hope to see that with the gas. Down the road, we'd like to look at water conservation, paper recycling, glass, plastic and aluminum recycling."

The two men added that I-SAVE was launched this school year and they anticipate the first-year savings will be \$350,000.

"We're finding that the students and the staff are taking ownership," Thornton said. "We still see room for improvement, but we're making progress."

The signs of student ownership were apparent with entries received in the first ever I-SAVE poster contest. Four elementary students were honored before that Wayne Westland school board for finishing first, second and third

in the contest.

Top honors went to Nelson Sawa of Edison Elementary, while Alexis Dunigan and Hunter Belcher of Schweitzer Elementary tied for second place. In third was Corinne Johnson of Hamilton Elementary.

In addition to their artwork, those of students from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center also were on display at the meeting.

"I think (Westland) Mayor (William) Wild may be interested in you," Trustee Bill Gabriel told the four students in presenting them with certificates of recognition. "You may have a job in his administration."

Gabriel was referring to Westland's Mission Green initiative to reduce the city's carbon footprint.

"I'm grateful we've included the students in this operation," said Trustee Ed Turner.

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Spelling Bee finalist

Siddharth Varanasi, a fifth grader at Canton Charter Academy, successfully advanced through 11 rounds of competition to become one of four Wayne County finalists in the Detroit News Regional Spelling Bee held Feb. 21. The Detroit News Spelling Bee will take place on Saturday, March 13. The winner of that contest will compete in Washington D.C. on May 26-28 in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Foundation scholarship program offers help

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With the economy faltering, paying for college tuition has become an even more difficult prospect for college students.

The Canton Community Foundation's Education Grant Program offers some help. Residents from Canton Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township are eligible to apply for 21 scholarships offered through the program.

"The Canton Community Foundation has a long track record of supporting college students' educational goals and in this tough economy it is even more important to be there," said Canton Community Foundation President Joan Noricks.

The scholarships vary in their monetary value, from the two \$2,000 Yazaki North America, Inc. Scholarships, to the \$300 Marvin Schulz Memorial Scholarship, which is open to students attending

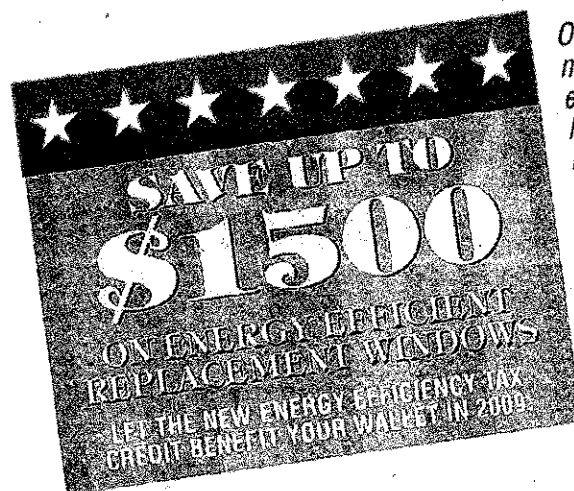
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor.

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

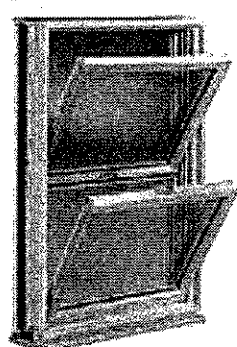
Noricks said those who may have applied in the past and did not receive scholarships are encouraged to apply again.

The deadline to apply for the scholarships is 5 p.m., March 13. To be eligible, applicants must have been accepted to a post-secondary educational institution. To obtain an application or for more details about the requirements, contact the Foundation at (734) 495-1200 or visit www.cantonfoundation.org.

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to hear the news about a possible increase in her bill.

"I'm on a fixed income and I don't have the money," said Rae, who is cognizant of how much water she uses. "I take short showers, try to keep full loads in the washing machine, yell at my husband if he leaves the faucet dripping. I'm just sick of everything going up."

Faas said the proposed increase will go toward current operations and not to increase the \$14.1 million water and sewer cash balance.

"That money is sitting there in case we have to address maintenance, repair and replacement of the water and sewer system," Faas said.

"There's been an erosion of fund balance over the past five years and that's largely been from a decrease in revenues — especially from the private development side — that has really impacted our operation."

Over the past 10 years, Canton Township trustees voted not to pass on water and sewerage increases to residents three times. Rate increases the other seven years ranged from 2.77 percent to 6.92 percent.

"If you look at the history, Canton has actually not passed a lot of these increases from Detroit to consumers," Trustee Todd Caccamo said. "There's been a time it's been a subsidy, if you will. The last two rate increases, that subsidy has been erased and the rate increases have been passed on, so we're seeing some spikes."

Two other trustees appeared to believe the rate increases are a reality of the economic situation.

"We're going to pay for it now or we're going to pay for it later," Trustee John Anthony said. "The rates aren't going to get any better."

Trustee Pat Williams figured it was going to cost his family of five \$250 more a year.

"It's bad news, but it is what it is," Williams said.

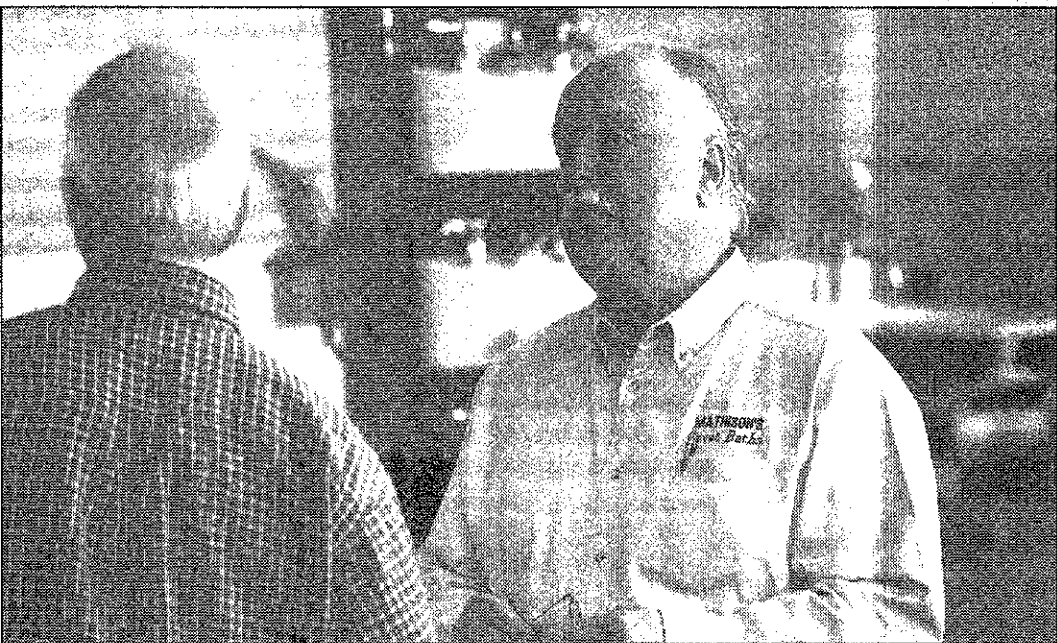
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Presented by
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Parents of diabetic children should be aware that their children may display signs of gum disease as early as age six. This note of caution comes from dental researchers, who were surprised to learn that periodontal disease in diabetic children starts much earlier than once thought. It also worsens in adolescence. When researchers examined the gums of young diabetic children, they found significantly more plaque (the bacteria-laden film that covers teeth and gets under gums) than was observed among non-diabetics. This finding underlines the importance of having young children, especially diabetic children, undergo regular dental examinations. The earlier a problem is found the better the chance that the dentist can control it.

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"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. Patients often end up using weak, clumsy hand-held magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely, Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to use.

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Matthew and Gunnar Nelson, twin sons of rock legend Ricky Nelson and grandsons of TV's Ozzie and Harriet Nelson, perform at a benefit concert for the New Hope Center for Grief Support.

Nelson twins set for New Hope fund-raiser at Village Theater

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

The baby boomers all remember the TV show *Ozzie and Harriet*.

Now the Nelson twins, Matthew and Gunnar, the grandsons of that famous early TV couple, will present the music of their father, Ricky Nelson, in a fund-raiser for Northville's New Hope Center for Grief Support, run by Cathy Clough of Plymouth

Township.

The event takes place March 27 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

"Ricky Nelson Remembered" will benefit the nonprofit bereavement outreach work of the center in downtown Northville that is kicking off its 10th anniversary year with this performance.

The Nelson twins wrote the 90-minute program as a tribute to their father. These young men sing all their Dad's hits

interwoven with family film and outtakes from the "Ozzie and Harriet" television show.

The evening starts with champagne cocktails and desserts at 7 p.m.

Patrons will be seated starting at 7:40 p.m. for the 8 p.m. performance.

The Nelson twins will remain after the performance to meet guests and sign autographs.

For tickets, phone the Village Theater box office at

(734) 394-5300, or purchase tickets online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater.

Tickets are \$52, with a portion of the ticket purchase being tax-deductible.

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Oscar contest winner gets yearlong movie pass for two

Dorothy Deitch of Southfield is the winner of the *Observer & Eccentric/Mirror/Hometown Weeklies* online Oscar contest.

Eight contestants picked the winners in six different categories and four tie-breaker questions (see below).

Deitch was selected in a random drawing. She won a yearlong movie pass for two to Imagine Theaters of Canton and Novi. Seven other winners will receive a pass for two for a single showing at Imagine Theater. They are Bonnie Burkhardt of Canton Township, Jimmy Orsag of Rochester Hills, Brent Rau of Novi, Denise Burke of Livonia, Mayda Sagherian of West Bloomfield, Penelope Vert of Livonia and Margie Hengtgen of Dearborn.

The winners answered the following questions correctly: Best Picture, *Slumdog Millionaire*; Best Actor, Sean Penn in *Milk*; Best Actress, Kate Winslet in *The Reader*; Best Animated Feature Film, *Wall-E*; Best Supporting Actor, Heath Ledger in *The Dark Knight*; Best Supporting Actress, Penelope Cruz in *Vicky Christina Barcelona*. Tie Breakers: Best Directing, *Slumdog Millionaire*; Best Musical Score, *Slumdog Millionaire*; Best Cinematography, *Slumdog Millionaire*; Best Documentary Feature, *Man on Wire*.

ON THE AGENDA

Canton Board of Trustees

The board will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m., March 10 at the Canton Administrative Building. Agenda items include:

GENERAL CALENDAR:

- Consider amendments to planned development agreement and the site plan for Wal-Mart super center

- Consider the adoption of the recommendations from Municipal Services and Finance and Budget on the 2009 water and sewer rates

- Consider the purchase of replacement vehicle for the Public Works Division, engineering section

- Consider awarding the engineering design services for the 2009 water main replacement and rehabilitation program to Spalding Dedecker Associates, inc.

- Consider authorizing Wade Trim Associates to update Canton's water distribution system master plan

- Consider purchase of water meters and metering control devices for 2009

- Consider authorizing payment of \$25,432 for membership in the Alliance of Rouge Communities

- Consider award of bid for the spring 2009 tree planting program.

- Consider authorizing Comcast to relocate their facilities along Geddes Road in the vicinity of Beck Road

- Waive the bidding process and approve emergency repairs to patrol vehicle

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Local stage actor heads for silver screen

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Tyler Hrubik saw actor Adrian Brody on the telecast of the Oscars recently, one thought raced through his mind:

"Someday, I'll be up there."

And, since Tyler has already shared the screen with Brody, who knows?

Tyler, a 13-year-old West Middle School student from Plymouth Township, recently spent three days filming as a paid extra in the upcoming movie, *High School*, a comedy written and directed by John Stalberg Jr.

Tyler got the gig after a crowded casting call at the vacant Parker High School in Howell.

"The first day, I had to get up at 4:30 in the morning, but I was really excited," said Tyler, who had to wait awhile before getting the call from the casting office. "They didn't call for quite a long time, but when they finally did, I was very excited."

Tyler heard about the casting call from an aunt who'd seen a story on a television news-cast. Most of the actors who responded were adults, many recent high school graduates. Tyler, the son of Jeff and Tracey Hrubik, was among the youngest to audition, and was among the youngest chosen.

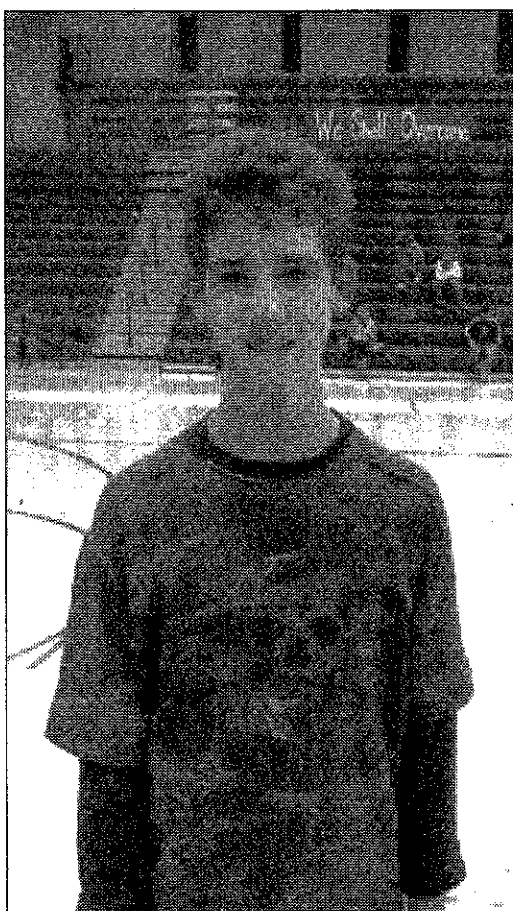
Being chosen is nothing new for the youngster, though. Tyler and his brother, Jasper, are veterans of the stage at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. In fact, it was Jasper's love of and performance in theater that got Tyler hooked.

Tyler balked at trying out at first, but watching his brother changed his mind. In his first production, *After Hours*, he played a burglar who broke into a clothing store and was caught by mannequins that came to life.

"After (*After Hours*), I've always wanted to be an actor," Tyler said. "I like to make people laugh. I think it's something I could do and would want to keep doing."

But *High School* will be his first movie. It stars Brody, the Academy Award-winning star of *The Pianist*; Michael Chiklis, who played The Thing in the *Fantastic Four* franchise and starred in TV's *The Shield*; and Matt Bush, who has appeared in, among other things, AT&T commercials.

The movie revolves around a valedictorian (Matt Bush), who makes a bad decision to try



Tyler Hrubik, 13, of Plymouth Township in the Howell high school gym that served as the set for 'High School.'

an illegal substance. Chiklis plays the principal and Brody plays the drug dealer. Producers described *High School* as a film about an over-achieving student with plans for Harvard who is talked into smoking marijuana on the day before his graduation and how it ruins his life.

The film is slated to debut later this year, and Tyler and his family are obviously excited to see the finished product.

"We're anxious to see the movie, especially after seeing Adrian Brody on the Oscars," mom Tracey Hrubik said. "We could picture being 13 ourselves ... Just to see his face light up. We're just so proud of him. I think he realized not everyone gets to do that."

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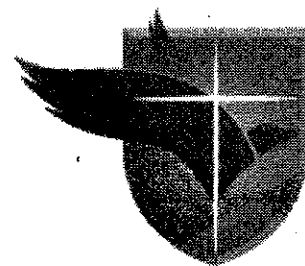
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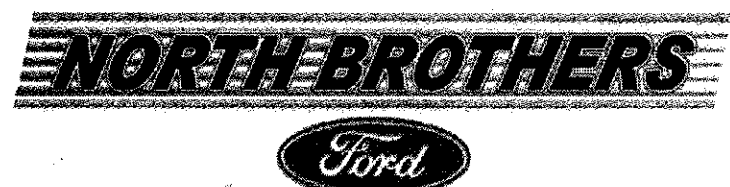
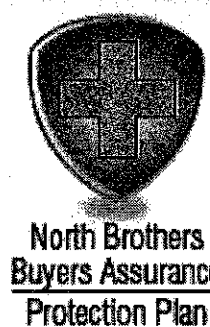
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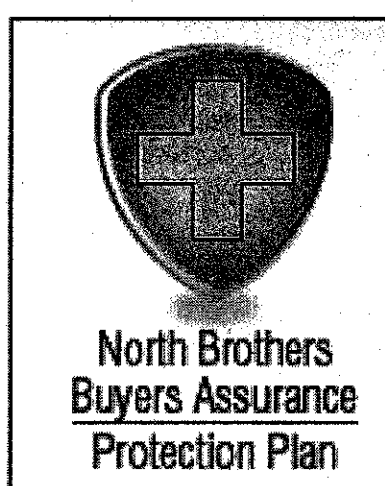
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2009 GIRLS DISTRICT HOOP FINALS

Eagles soar to Class D District title

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

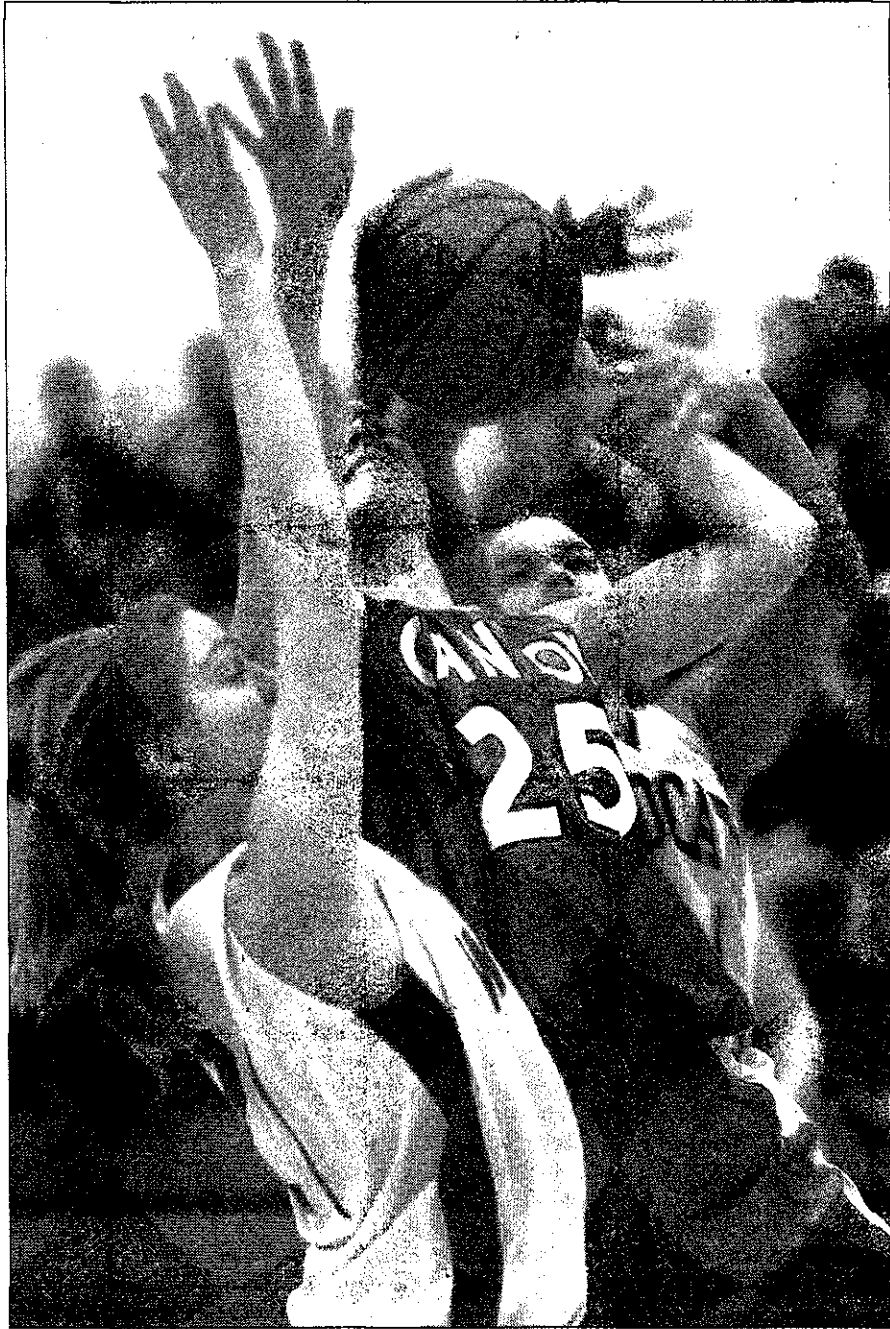
"Brianna had 14 of our 19 points in the first half, so she kept us in it," said

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



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

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



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

Hail to the Chiefs

Defense-minded Canton completes amazing one-season turnaround

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

is made up of sophomores and a freshman.

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

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

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

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

Sophomore CarolAnn Sexauer provided the bulk of the offensive

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'Brad and Butter'

Wildcat seniors shine on court and diamond

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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



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College — to play baseball next year.

Since both of those schools play in the same conference, and Lineberry

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

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

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

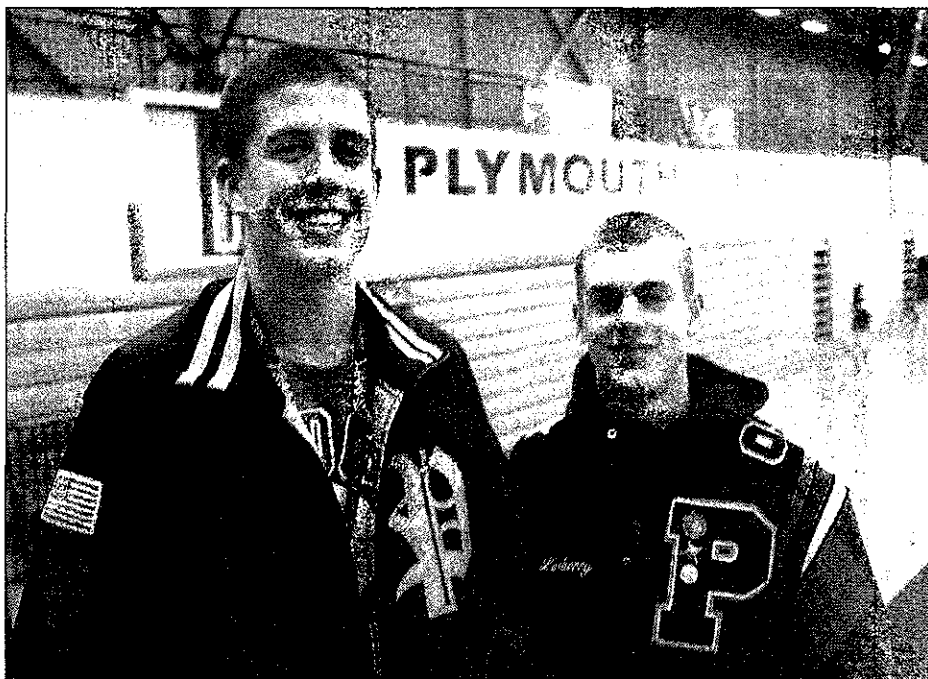
one off you,' and he'll say, 'No way. I'm going to blow it by you.' Stuff like that."

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

Key components

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

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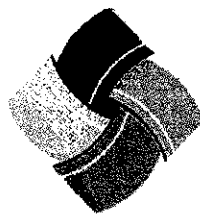


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Plymouth seniors Cliff Buttermore (left) and Brad Lineberry are key members of the Wildcats' basketball and baseball teams.

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Novi takes down Wildcats, 42-26

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After being double-teamed throughout most of her high school basketball career, Plymouth's Shaakira Haywood was "Cingel" covered during Wednesday night's Class A District semifinal game against Novi.

Two days after Haywood netted 19 points and 20 rebounds in a District-opening win against Northville, Novi junior Jessica Cingel was instrumental in holding the 6-foot-1 standout to five points and eight rebounds in Novi's 42-26 victory.

"Jessica did a phenomenal job against Haywood tonight," said Novi coach Bill Kelp, whose team improved to 15-6 and advanced to Friday's District final against Canton (visit www.hometownlife.com for results). "Jessica takes it as a challenge when she gets to defend great players like Haywood and she really came out and played tonight."

While Cingel had a lot to do with Haywood's struggles, the Plymouth senior

also had to battle some physical woes for most of Wednesday night's game, revealed Plymouth coach Ted Sturdivant.

"Shaakira jammed her right hand pretty badly in the first half and she was never the same after that," he said. "But I tip my hat to the Novi Wildcats and their coach Bill Kelp. They came to play tonight and they were the more physical team tonight."

Plymouth lost all three encounters with Novi this season and finished 9-13.

On a night when they hit just 10 of 37 shots, Stacey Klonowski led the Wildcats with nine points and nine rebounds. Jalea Moise added four points while Kelsi Robinson tacked on three.

Cingel played well at the offensive end, too, scoring a team-high 12 points while hauling down nine rebounds — five at the offensive end.

Kelsey Masserant contributed seven points and seven offensive boards to the winners' attack; Caroline Johnson chipped in with seven points, five boards and four steals; and senior guard Chantel Hill scored seven points.

Novi, which led 12-5 after one quarter

and 28-10 at the half, forced Plymouth into 21 turnovers.

"I told the girls at halftime that it was O.K. to be outscored, but it's not O.K. to not give their best effort," said Sturdivant. "There were times in the first half when it looked like we weren't focused. To the girls' credit, they rebooted at halftime and came out and played with a lot more energy in the second half."

Plymouth narrowed its deficit to 27-17 with 3:22 left in the third quarter on a Haywood putback, however, Johnson answered with a top-of-the-key triple and a driving layup to boost Novi's lead back to 15.

Novi sank 3 of 4 free throws while Plymouth was 6 of 12 from the charity stripe.

"After the game, I told each one of my seven seniors how proud I was of them," said Sturdivant. "We had a string of tough losses early in the season, but then we got on a nice run toward the end of the season."

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Members of Canton's girls basketball team pose for a photo with their Class A District title trophy Friday night.

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spark for the Chiefs, scoring a team-high 15 points. During a first half when points were precious and few for both teams, Sexauer netted eight points to help stake the Chiefs to a 14-9 halftime advantage.

"When CarolAnn gets her feet set and squares up, she can flat out shoot the basketball," said Samulski. "We tried to keep her wide, which allowed us to reverse the ball and get her some shots."

Novi stayed within striking distance until late in the third quarter when a Kelsey Masserand basket brought the Wildcats to within 22-16. However, the Chiefs answered with a 10-0 run that spilled into the beginning of the fourth quarter to push Novi into a 32-16 hole.

Canton sealed the Wildcats' fate by grabbing 13 offensive rebounds.

"That's not coaching — that's just the girls' tenacious effort and going after it," said Samulski. "It's just their nature."

When asked for the secret to her offensive-rebounding success, Schmitt, who pulled down five on Friday, offered a modest reply.

"I just crash the boards and hope the ball comes to me," she said.

Masserand led the Wildcats with six points. Alyssa Armiak added five.

Schmitt held Novi sharpshooter Caroline Johnson scoreless following a game-opening three-pointer.

Novi turned the ball over 19 times compared to the Chiefs' 10 miscues.

Canton drained 15 of 27 free throws (55.5 percent) and 13 of 39 field goals (33 percent).

Novi was 4-for-8 from the line.

Canton played the final 12 minutes without defensive standout Melanie Pickert, who was injured during a collision with a teammate mid-way through the third quarter.

Samulski was confident Pickert would be able to play in Tuesday's Regional semifinal.

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Canton's defense stymies Ladywood in District semi

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Canton's girls basketball team is playing crazy-good defense like it was Wednesday night against Livonia Ladywood, scoring against the Chiefs can be as frustrating as trying to throw a beach ball into a Nerf hoop.

Wednesday was no day at the beach for the Blazers, who made just five of their first 28 shots while dropping a 36-23 decision in a Class A District semifinal contest played at Ladywood.

"We shot poorly, but a lot of that was due to Canton's defense," said Ladywood coach Pat Cannon, whose team finished 11-11. "Their defense is tenacious. They switch on all their screens and they're very

active. They never stop moving. Plus, their physical and well-coached."

Canton's success this season has revolved around its defense, said coach Brian Samulski.

"The one thing we have stressed all year is that you're going to have nights when you don't shoot the ball well — which we didn't tonight — but you can always play hard at the defensive end," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "Ladywood is a good team. They have the ability to push the ball, make threes and they're a great offensive-rebounding team. Our keys to tonight were to stay in front of them and not let them drive; and to prevent uncontested threes and second shots. Overall, I thought the girls played a solid

game."

Early on, it appeared 20 points might win the game as neither team converted a field goal until the 2:20 mark of the first quarter when Ladywood's Mary Fitzgerald banked in a driving layup.

After the first quarter ended at 5-all, Canton took charge early in the second quarter with a 6-0 run that consisted of a pair of Sara Schmitt jumpers sandwiched around a CarolAnn Sexauer putback. The Chiefs carried a 16-8 edge into the half.

Ladywood closed to within five with 1:31 to play in the third on a Caitlin Szczypka free throw. However, the Chiefs reeled off a 6-0 run to start the fourth on a pair of jumpers from Kayla Bridges and a driving lay-up

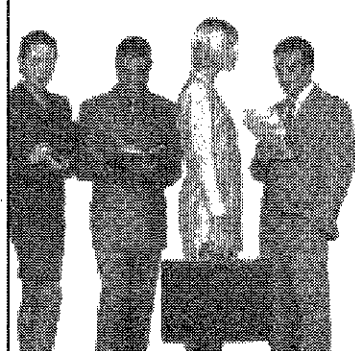
from Schmitt.

Undeterred, the Blazers countered with a 6-0 run of its own, the final two coming on a Molly Gacioc putback with 2:10 left to make it 24-19. However, the Blazers were forced to foul the Chiefs, who went 10-for-10 from the free throw line down the stretch. Sara Schmitt accounted for eight of the game-clinching free throws.

Kari Schmitt led all scorers with 11 points. She also pulled down a game-high nine rebounds. Sara Schmitt added 10 points and Sexauer contributed five.

Gacioc paced the Blazers with 10 points while Fitzgerald added six.

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Rocks rolling into District tournament

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's boys basketball team appears to be peaking — and streaking — at the right time.

The Rocks nailed down their sixth consecutive victory Thursday night by outlasting Brighton, 64-54, in a KLAA association cross-over game.

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

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

Nick Schroeder paced Brighton with 17 points.

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

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

"We jumped out to a big lead, but they came right back at us," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "The key for us in the second half was that we took care of the ball and kept our composure against their pressure."

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

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

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BOYS PREP HOOP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DISTRICT MATCH-UPS

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

Monday, 5 p.m. — (Game 1)
Plymouth vs. Novi Catholic Central;

Monday, 7 p.m. — (Game 2)
Novi vs. Salem;

Wednesday, 5 p.m. — Northville vs. winner of Game 1;
Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Canton vs. winner of Game 2;
Friday, 7 p.m. — Championship game.

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

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

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

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

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



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

EAGLES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PCS cheer team shines in Florida

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

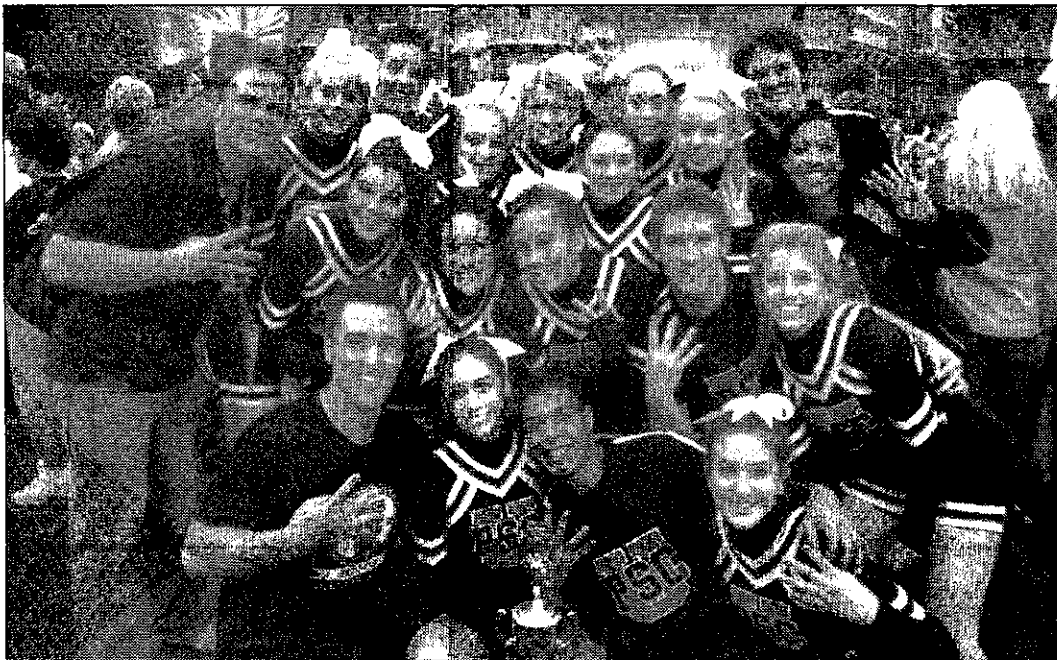
"We actually had a shot at second place, but we had a drop and we didn't hit another part of the routine," she said.

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

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

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

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

SENIORS

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

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

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

'Know' passing zone

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

Leading would be near the top.

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

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

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

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

Better than ever

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

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

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

"Sitting around last winter, I realized how much I missed it and how much I wanted to play on the varsity level, so I tried out this year," he said.

He didn't lose his touch.

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

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

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

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

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Churchill icers sideline Salem, 6-4

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"He was out four weeks and

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

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

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

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

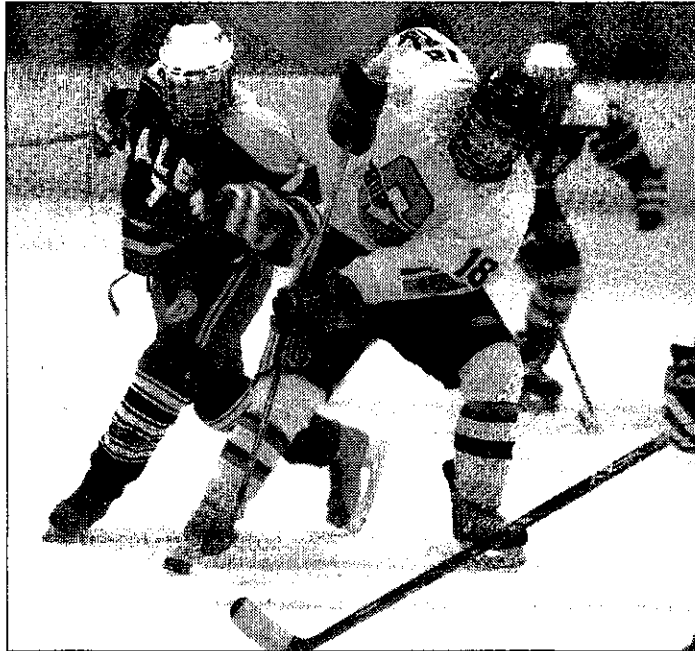
Christo Papaioannou's drive over the shoulder of Salem goaltender Adam Powers then gave Churchill the lead for keeps, 4-3. (Woynick and Bostick drew the assists at 10:11.)

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

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

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

After a scoreless opening



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Salem, meanwhile, loses nine seniors to graduation.

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

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

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

Joe Bridgman, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

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1997	Pontiac	Gr. Am	4-Dr	1G2NE52M0VM504704
1997	Dodge	Neon	2-Dr	1B3ES42Y8VD271951
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary
Plymouth District Library
223 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
734-453-0750
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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



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

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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SIMPLY SELF STORAGE

Notice is hereby given that on March 18, 2009 on or after 9:30 a.m. that Simply Self Storage will be offering for sale under the judicial lien Process by Public Auction the following units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. Terms of the sale are cash only. Simply Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: 34333 E. Michigan Ave. Wayne MI. 48184 (734)728-8204.

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- A206-Ruth Walker- 25 Boxes, 5 Totes, Table
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- B137-Victor Berger- Sofa, Bike, 5 Totes
- C111-Alexander Mihaly- Desk, 20 Boxes, 2 Totes
- C135-Joyce Powell- 10 Boxes
- C188-Phillip Greenshields- Tools, 4 Speakers, 5 Boxes

REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 1 REQUEST FOR BIDS

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

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

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

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

How does your garden grow?

Modern 'victory gardens' stretch food dollars

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

"It's getting communities back to knowing each other," said Callender, who sees community, personal and therapeutic benefits to gardening.

She's glad to see hummingbirds by her home "and see the butterflies coming back."

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

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

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

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

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

"It's a good way to get out and commune with nature," he said of time in the garden. He also runs the Goodwill Garden, Taylor's community garden.

The local 23rd District Court sends nonviolent offenders to work the garden. "We give everything we grow to charity," said Forrest of the effort started in 2002. They support food banks at Our Lady of Angels and Fish & Loaves.

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

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

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

"There's a world of difference."

Kensington golf sign of spring

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

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

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

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

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks operates eight regulation and two par-3 courses. For additional information or to schedule tee times, contact Kensington Metropark at (800) 477-3178, (248) 685-9332, or (800) 23-GOLF-4; or go to www.metroparksgolf.com.

GARDEN CALENDAR

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

Gardening expo

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

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

Coastal orchids

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

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

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CRAIG A. BROWN

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

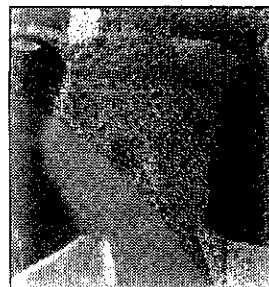


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MARJORIE H. TAPPERO (RAUTIO)

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



CAROL V. FORGETTE

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

BRETT JOHNSTON

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

MARY M. KASTEN

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



GARY PARKER

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

LELIA M. TERRY

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

JACK R. TRUEMAN

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

CHARLES R. WESLEY

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

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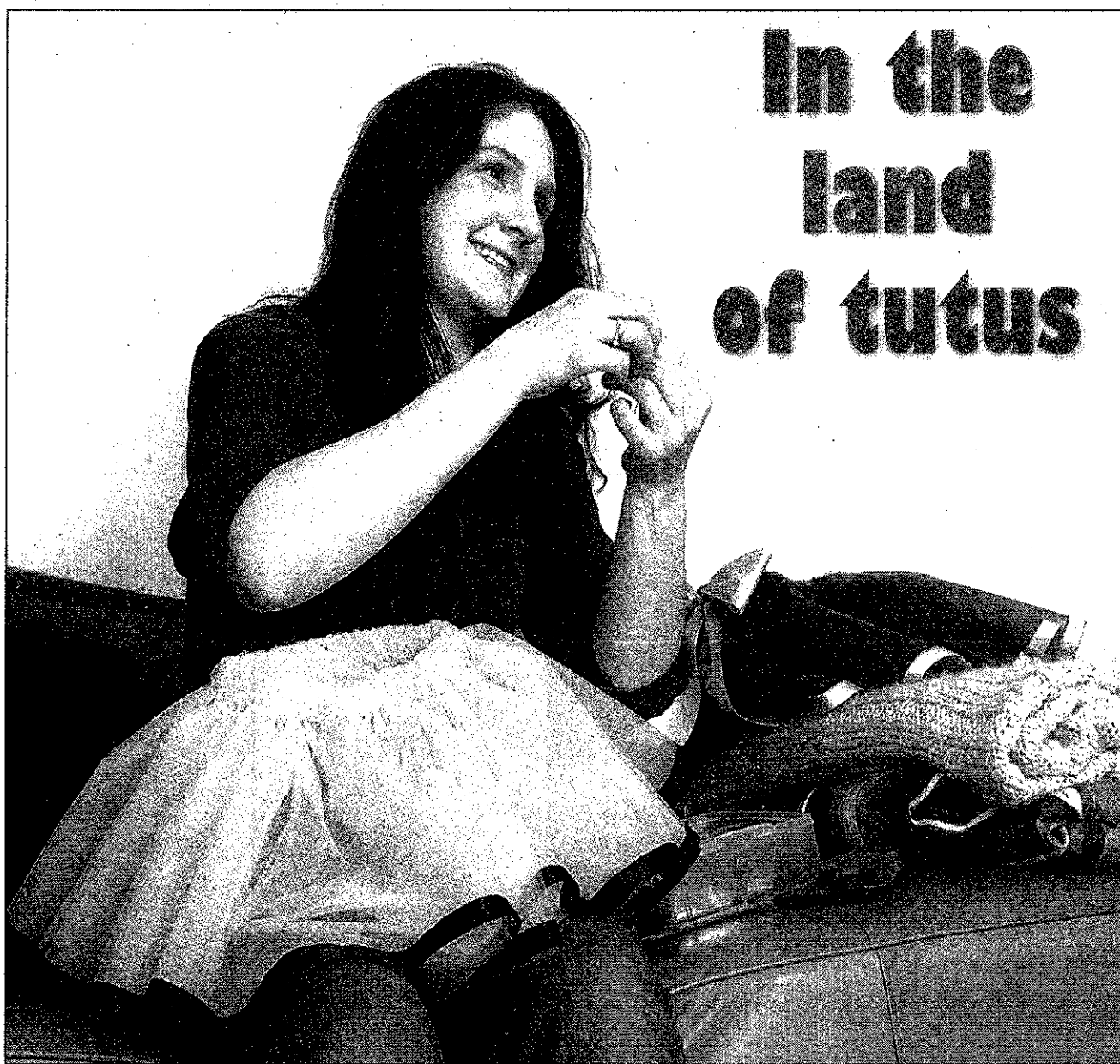
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Angela Leonardo makes tutus in her Plymouth home.

In the land of tutus



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

Plymouth mom makes tutus fun

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OSE STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

INSTANT GRATIFICATION

"My favorite part of the day is when I sew. It's instant gratification. There's no waiting to see what you're making," said Leonardo, who started sewing 1½ years ago after her mother, Martha Kuciban, taught her the basics. Olivia seems to be following her mother's footsteps when it comes to having a love for sewing, so she's getting a machine for her birthday. Leonardo's mother bought her one for her eighth birthday, but she never used it. Olivia, on the other hand, likes helping her mother pin fabric. Leonardo plans to hone her skills as well by taking

HOLD STILL NOW

Leonardo tries to get Toni to stand still to fluff the layers of the tutu which can have as many as eight. It's almost impossible because the little girl is having so much fun. Olivia has one word for the tutus — good. She loves playing in them as much as Toni. "It's like magic when you put a tutu on them," said Leonardo. "I even put them on sometimes. I think it's important for them to know their mom loves what she makes." For more information, visit www.etsy.com/shop.php?user_id=5271660 or e-mail frillerup@yahoo.com.

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MILESTONES



Lupa-Kegebein

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

REUNION CALENDAR

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

Birmingham Groves

Class of 1969

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

Brighton High School

Class of 1989

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

Class of 1959

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

Thriller keeps audience on edge of seats

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OGE STAFF WRITER

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

DEADLY NIGHTCAP

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

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

performances on the first two weekends.

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

Hartman expects the intimacy of the 173 seat theater to keep audiences involved, if not a bit jittery.

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

CHALLENGING ROLE

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

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

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

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



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

done several shows at Schoolcraft and with Barefoot Productions.

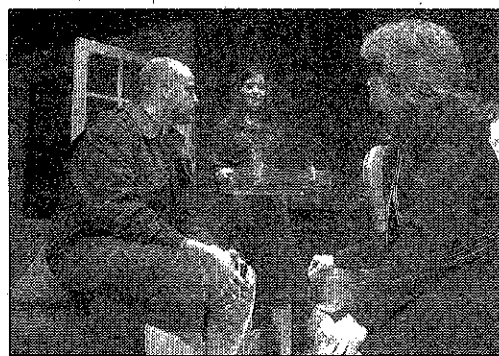
"He's a very clever, very serious detective who writes novels," said Wnuk, 24, a graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia. "He's trying to figure out what happened."

BELIEVABLE CHARACTER

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

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

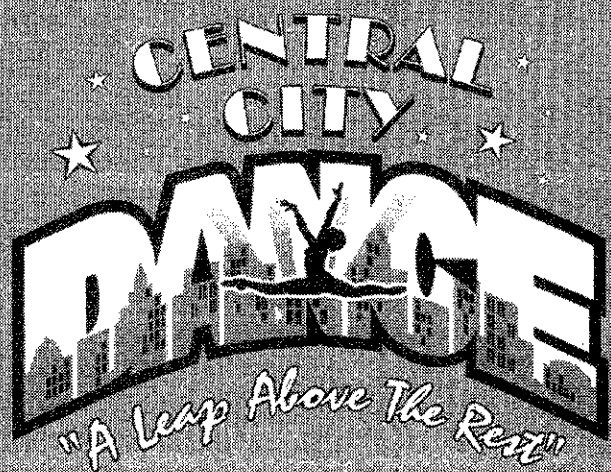
Brian Taylor enjoys the fact it's his character, Jack Radford that keeps everyone in suspense. The 34-year-old Plymouth actor has performed in Schoolcraft productions since spring 1994. He became interested in theater after graduating from Plymouth-Salem High School.



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

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

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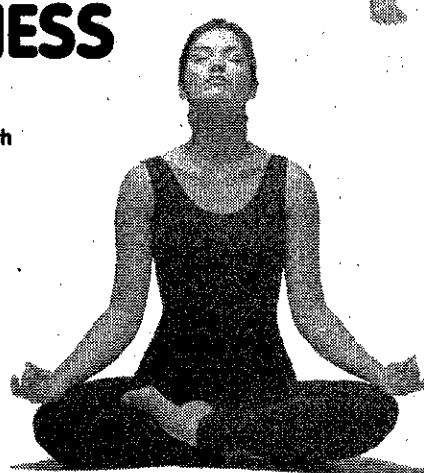
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Meet Ice, the dog with one blue eye and one brown eye! Every time that Ice thinks that she has found a home, she is disappointed. A neighbor called the M.A.A.A.A. after Ice was left with a litter of puppies in a foreclosed on home next door. The neighbor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



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

Ice will not be a dog that you train off leash or take to the dog park, but will be a joy to have around your house. Could you be the forever family that Ice has been looking for? Meet Perla. She was surrendered to M.A.A.A.A. with her three kittens. Her previous owner raised Perla since she was a kitten. The owner said Perla no longer fit into their lifestyle.

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

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

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

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

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DIA LECTURES

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

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

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

GOODWILL SALE

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

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

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

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

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CHA CHA FOR CANCER TREATMENT

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

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

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

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

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Plymouth Symphony to spotlight freedom

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



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

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

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

FANFARE FOR FREEDOM



Zhou Long

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

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14
Where: Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Tickets: \$25 adults, \$20 seniors, \$10 children/students. Call (734) 451-2112 or visit www.plymouth-symphony.org
Related events: Zhou Long speaks about his music and living through the Cultural Revolution in China 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Canton Library and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Plymouth Library

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

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

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

"Freedom is important to me," said Zhou.

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

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

"Beethoven's 9th was his last symphony and probably one of the best known works of Western classical repertoire," said Wagner. "It incorporates Friedrich Schiller's poem, An die Freude, which means Ode to Joy. The text is about universal brotherhood or equality among people. It was kind of a

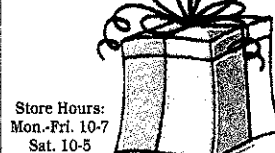
radical idea in Europe at the time with aristocracy but the world was changing. People know that tune so much because it's also been turned into a hymn. It premiered in Berlin in 1824 and Beethoven was actually there on stage. He had already lost his hearing. He was basically conducting the piece and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

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

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

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Red alerts women to heart disease risks

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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KNOW YOUR NUMBERS

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

- Abdominal obesity (a waist 35 inches or larger)
 - Uncontrolled high blood pressure 130/85 or higher
 - Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 or more
 - HDL good cholesterol reading above 50
 - LDL bad cholesterol reading below 100
 - Triglycerides below 150 (a form of fat in the blood which in high amounts leads to plaque in the arteries)
 - Fasting blood sugar below 100
 - Smoking
- Volgman's recommendations to prevent heart attacks and stroke:
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H.O.P.E. to bring fibromyalgia documentary to Birmingham

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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REDIRECTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WAR

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

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

How do they feel about battlefield duty? Wissing



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

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

Rotondo returned to Pitcher's Pub, the bar in Cumberland, R.I., where he previously worked, and is job-hunting. He still wants career options.

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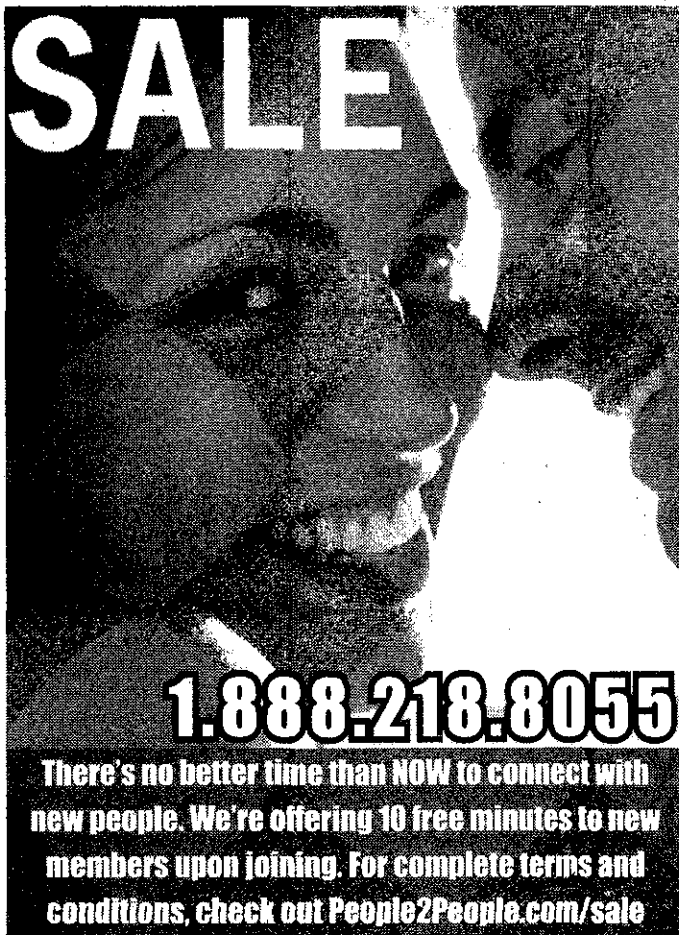
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Hi, I'm a 56 year old widow with dark blonde hair, blue eyes, and I wear glasses. I enjoy reading, music, old movies, going up north, museums, historical places, quiet evening at home, and gardening. I have a good sense of humor and love to laugh. I am also a very caring and considerate person. **☎37087**

WARM SMILE
SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! **☎287187**

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 60s, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 50-72, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **☎630808**

ARE YOU LONELY?
Attractive female, 5'5", 120lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love a little of your time to enjoy each other's company. Seeking pleasant gentleman, 65-75, **☎891247**

VERY ATTRACTIVE
SBPF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complected, employed, intelligent BM, 33-50, for friendship possibly leading to LTR. **☎282115**

SEEKING A GENTLEMAN
WF, 59', blonde/blue, would like to meet a young-at-heart WM, 40-70, to hang out with, date and have a good time with. **☎310164**

TAKE A CHANCE
SBPF, looking for SBF, 45-57, with no children at home, who likes to have a good time. I enjoy going to movies, dining out, the park, outdoor and indoor activities. Let's develop a friendship first, possibly leading to more. **☎308228**

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Sexy, mature, intelligent BF, 35, 5'5", 130lbs, seeks mature, intelligent man, for casual dating and friendship. **☎267624**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. **☎279171**

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?
WF, 48, 5'3", brown/brown, has pets, N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. **☎280581**

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME
SBF, 44, 5'2", 165lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/D, N/S, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays concerts, reading. Seeking SBF, 39-51. **☎294388**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, loyal, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. **☎289947**

CURVACEOUS
SBF, 47, 5'7", 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys rock music, jazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SBF, 21-42, with similar interests, for friendship first, possibly more. **☎283805**

VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH
SBF, 37, 5'5", 125lbs, slim build, enjoys nice walks in the park, movies, bowling, basketball games. Seeking SBF, 30-43. **☎295111**

ARE WE A MATCH?
SBF, 38, very shapely, N/S, light drinker, very independent, loves movies, sports, shooting pool, dining. Seeking SBF, 35s, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc. **☎299793**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **☎623317**

AFFECTIONATE WOMAN
SBF, 59, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping, sports events. Looking for SBF, 60-71, for fun and friendship, maybe more. **☎308561**

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
Good looking SBF, hwp, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 5'7", 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. **☎147055**

BLACK BEAUTY SEEKS...
White Knight, Spontaneous SBF, 35, brown eyes, in search of adventurous, honest, attractive WM, 25-50, with great sense of humor. I enjoy movies, reading, working out, more. **☎282020**

LET'S GET TOGETHER!
Sexy SBF, 40, N/S, seeks fun and witty WM, 35-50, for friendship first, maybe more. **☎270132**

LOVELY VIRGO
SBF, 47, with a young heart, enjoys cartoons, music, dancing, good food, good fun. Looking for SF, 30-55, with same interests. **☎269375**

BEAUTIFUL
BIBF, 37, beautiful, classy and open-minded, looking for BIF, 25-40, race open, D/D free, H/W proportionate. You must be confident with who you are. **☎271680**

HEART OF GOLD
SBF, 39, 5'8", athletic build, smoker, enjoys crossword puzzles, old-school lifestyle, movies, dining. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 6'4", smoker, for friendship, possible romance. **☎265442**

LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!
Pette SBF, 36, 150lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SM, 35-75. **☎281372**

GREAT-LOOKING BF...
35, seeks serious, mature, financially secure man for LTR. Call me, you won't be disappointed! **☎283172**

BEAUTIFUL SBF...
37, seeks SBF, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. **☎271683**

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT
SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, N/S, likes roller skating, canoeing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. **☎287305**

A POLISHED DIAMOND
Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! **☎287057**

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY
Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SBF, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. **☎273603**

A NEW BEGINNING
SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SBF, 45-55, for friendship or more. **☎289151**

PETITE AND CUTE
SBF, 35, great sense of style, very friendly, would like to meet a SBF, 35-45, who will love me for me. **☎284943**

THAT SPECIAL ONE
SBF, 39, enjoys movies, walks in the park, picnics, just chilling. Looking for SBF, 39-45, for possible relationship. **☎295026**

SEEKING STRONG BM
Can you handle me? SBF, mid 40s, healthy and beautiful, seeks strong, bald BM, 40-52, who knows how to handle his own business. I'm laid-back, gentle, soft. **☎295568**

SINGLE DAD WELCOME
PBF, 40, looks younger, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys working, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking handsome, well-built, warm-hearted, considerate SBF, 36-43, to share what life has to offer. **☎298002**

HONEST & DOWN-TO-EARTH
Cute, outgoing woman, 40, loves animals, the outdoors. Seeking honest, clean, honorable, compassionate gentleman, 40s-early 50s, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. **☎295421**

SEEKING A MATURE MAN
Attractive SBF, 36, N/S, N/D/RS, would like to meet respectable, happy SBF, 25-50, to enjoy life together. **☎300680**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **☎290694**

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!
WHPF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. **☎978914**

SEEKING FRIEND
DWCF, 71, looks much younger, 5'2", long dark brown hair, brown eyes, positive attitude, seeks faithful SBF for LTR. **☎565884**

HOPING WE CLICK!
SBF, 23, 5'11", 105lbs, wants to meet SM, 30-58, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk. **☎307550**

ACTIVE WOMAN
SWF, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. **☎262181**

HELLO THERE
Asian woman, 5'2", 150lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **☎115301**

A WOMAN OF CLASS
SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SBF, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater, is it you? **☎271085**

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SBF, 23-45, for companionship. **☎282578**

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SBF, 54, 5'8", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SBF/WM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. **☎282444**

MUSICAL GIRL
Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church at J more. Looking for SM, 19-25, who enjoys the same things. **☎252258**

OUTGOING
BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. **☎292940**

PRETTY EYES
SBF, 33, voluptuous in all the right places, enjoys life, long walks, intellectual conversation. Seeking SM, 30-50, similar interests. **☎298970**

GET TO KNOW ME
BF, 57', full-figured, brown eyes, N/S, social drinker, looking for a gentleman, 45-60, to share good, clean fun with. **☎280758**

SEEKING SAVED MAN
SBF, 27, N/S, seeks one good man, 29-51, N/S, no games, who enjoys movies, bowling, church, for friendship first. **☎265508**

HI THERE!
Mature SBF, 50, seeks sexy, handsome SBF, to develop a lasting relationship and maybe more. Let's meet soon! **☎289278**

MUST LOVE WRESTLING!
Full-figured, shapely SBF, 33, lonely, seeks SBF (only) who enjoys wrestling, football, hockey, fishing, going to the movies for friendship first and maybe more. **☎288689**

VERY LOVING PERSON
Looking for a spontaneous, professional male, 25-40, race open, who is willing to go and have fun. **☎273294**

COUNTRY GIRL
Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF, 54, platinum/blonde, 5'5", H/W-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SBF, 55-65, N/S, N/D/RS, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. **☎758845**

ARE YOU HERE?
SBF, 81, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, laughing, and enjoying life. Seeking an honest SBF, 66-82, with varied interests, for possible LTR. **☎269770**

TAKE A CHANCE!
SWF, 30, middle school teacher, likes nature, music and learning new things. ISO nice gentleman, for dating and to share life together. **☎283845**

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'6", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **☎210247**

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DOWN-TO-EARTH
Asian woman, 5'2", 110lbs, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome, WIA, 47-57, 5'8", N/S, clean-shaven, H/W proportionate, for friendship first. **☎281229**

IN SEARCH OF
a man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out, and companionship. I'm a SWF, 58, 5'8", HWP, and I enjoy walks, cycling, skiing, snowshoeing, and more. **☎288886**

ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS
BF, 53', 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. **☎284318**

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

SINCERE AND HONEST
Happy SF, loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, sincere SBF/WM, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first. **☎284932**

MATURE MAN WANTED
SBF, 39, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SBF, 25-40, who enjoys books, movies, dining, water. **☎287855**

KEEP COOL
SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SBF/HM, 18-25, who keeps it real. **☎287598**

PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD
SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, who is clean-shaven, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. **☎292913**

I NEED LOVE
Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, 20, loves having fun. Seeking SBF/WM, 18-30, who shares my lust for life. **☎300010**

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, enjoys life's simple pleasures, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 43-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **☎207254**

SEEKING SBF COMPANION
I'm short and cute, brown eyes, black hair, honest, funny, good cook, very sincere. I hope to find a friendly companion to enjoy things with. Preferably 55-75. Life is too short - have fun with me. **☎302311**

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?
SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic, N/S BM, 40-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. **☎282618**

PLUS-SIZED LADY...
34, 200lbs, sexy single mom, looking for SM, 37+, for friendship and dating leading to LTR. Is this you? Call me! **☎217234**

STILL SEEKING
Very cute SBF, 57, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-59, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **☎113198**

I NEED A LOVE...
to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SBF, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. **☎568059**

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **☎963760**

CLASSY LADY
SWF, 70 years young, 5'6", N/S, average height, brown/brown, enjoys fishing, movies, travel. Seeking honest SBF, 70-75, N/S, who is not boastful, but is well-groomed. Sense of humor a must. Life is a one-way street and I don't have time to back up. **☎307314**

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HARD-WORKER
SWM, 45, 5'5", short brown hair, grown kids, enjoys music, playing guitar, travel. Looking for SBF, 35-45. **☎296087**

IMMATURE
WM, 61, good-looking, good sense of humor, interested in politics, the arts, food. Seeking BF, 45-63. Glasses a plus. **☎278802**

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 58, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest SBF/WM, wise sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **☎259646**

LET'S MEET SOON!
SWM, 44, 190lbs, very good-looking, very fit, I have a good job, seeks nice woman, 25-44, to spend time with, leading to serious LTR. **☎247764**

FUNNY & ATTRACTIVE
SWM, 44, 57", likes outdoor activities, cooking, movies, kids, animals. Seeking SWF, 30-45, to spend time together. **☎297143**

NIGHT SHIFT ISO SAME
DWM, 48, 57", 155lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, likes camping, movies, books, motorcycles, bike rides and walks. Looking for LTR. **☎309763**

LET'S TALK
SWM, 56, 6'2", 240lbs, Italian, blue eyes, easygoing, blue-jean type of guy, likes kids, looking for a petite woman, 50-55, easygoing, laid-back, who likes dining, shows, gardening, quiet times and more. **☎991273**

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH
SBM, 51", 155lbs, slim build, likes to relax and enjoy life. Would like to meet the woman, 30-55, who judges beauty from the inside, like I do. **☎295446**

DON'T HESITATE...
call for a date! SWM, 55, happy, healthy, N/S, enjoys reading, cooking, home life, road trips, seeks SWF, 40-59, for companionship, maybe more. **☎992956**

SEEKING LATIN LADY
WM, 63', dark/brown, with great sense of humor, likes sports, movies, concerts, dining out. Would love to meet a Hispanic female, 18-50, for dating, possibly more. **☎308881**

SO WE MATCH?
SM, likes skating, music, horseback riding, going to bars and spending time at home. Would like to meet a woman, 39-48, who is nice and likes going out. **☎306942**

GENUINE NICE GUY
WM, 45, 6'1", blond/blue, N/S, social drinker, honest, caring, compassionate and a great listener, likes most kinds of movies, quiet times at home, music, travel and watching. With similar qualities and values. Age, weight and race unimportant, just be a sincere person with Christian values. **☎308313**

LET'S GO OUT
BM, 5'9", 170lbs, medium build, looking for an intelligent female, 45, who likes to go out and have a lot of fun. **☎308837**

FULFILL MY LIFE
SBM, 42, 6'2", 280lbs, short black/brown, dark complexion, loves Italian food, travel, time at home. Seeking that special, sexy, full-figured woman who is honest, caring, sincere, romantic, spontaneous, compassionate, and ready for a relationship. **☎309098**

CALL ME
BM, likes going to movies, having a good time, dining out and more. Looking for a lady, 24-52, who wants to go out and have fun. **☎309673**

MAXIMUM RETURN ON...
your investment. SBF, 58', seeks mature, level-headed, down-to-earth female, 30-45, for fun, dating and possibly LTR. **☎282361**

SERIOUS REPLIES ONLY
SBM: 42, employed, lives alone, seeks full-figured WF, 30+, the bigger the better, for dating and friendship. **☎307579**

CALL THIS MAN!
Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. **☎112286**

LIFE IS TOO SHORT
Very athletic SBF, 37, 5'9", 170lbs, loves volunteer work, pets. Seeking nice-looking, fit BF, 28-36, with sweet personality. **☎274599**

FEMININE LADY WANTED
Attractive SWPM, 48, 5'10", 190lbs, N/S, never married, loves outdoors, going to church, traveling, family time, candle light dinners, movies, long walks, holding hands, good conversation, seeking sweet, feminine lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. **☎291990**

LET'S TALK
SBM, 52, N/S, looking for a SBF, 45-56, 180-200lbs, to spend some time with and get to know. Friendship possibly leading to more. **☎305631**

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/MT SWF, for dating and fun times. **☎187614**

READY FOR A RELATIONSHIP
Male, 60, tall, slim, attractive, brown/brown, no bad habits, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind female, 40-70. **☎287161**

CALL ME!
Honest, hard-working SBF, 5'10", in search of a nice, single SBF, 28-35. Friendship first, we'll take it from there. I enjoy mountain climbing, travel, life in general. **☎309098**

LET'S GET GOING!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. **☎28202**

LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER!
Outgoing SBF, 45, 5'6", average/medium build, N/S, seeks college-educated HF, 25-40, N/S, N/D, 5'5"-5'7", who loves the Lord, for friendship, possible romance. **☎259775**

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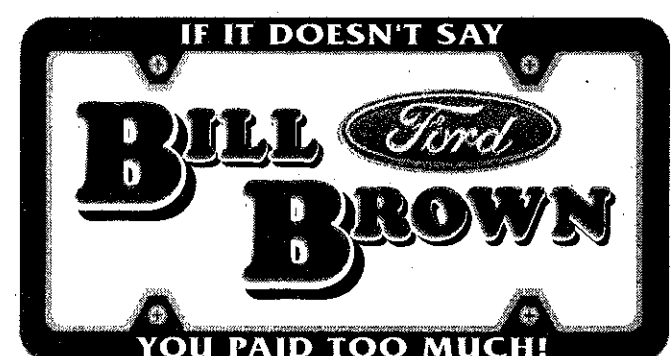
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