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Memo

Dear readers,

Please don't blame your carrier for late papers in recent weeks. Late papers are the result of technical problems we're experiencing as we grow. Over the last few months, the O&E has opened a new print and distribution center and expanded press operations. Although the end result of these changes will be a better newspaper for readers and advertisers, there are some technical problems that persist.

We're working hard to smooth out the rough spots. In the meantime, we appreciate your patience and understanding.

As always, we welcome your comments. Please contact me at (734) 953-2100 or via e-mail at srosiek@oe.hometownlife.com or O&E Circulation Director LeeAnn Mitchell at (734) 953-2199 or via e-mail at lmittchell@oe.hometownlife.com

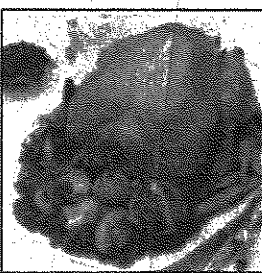
Sincerely,

Susan Rosiek

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executive editor

Closing time

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the *Observer & Eccentric* Circulation Department will be close at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, and reopen at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, to assist



with any delivery questions you may have. You may e-mail customer service at custserv@oe.hometownlife.com or call (866) 887-2737 for assistance. Thank you and have a happy Thanksgiving!

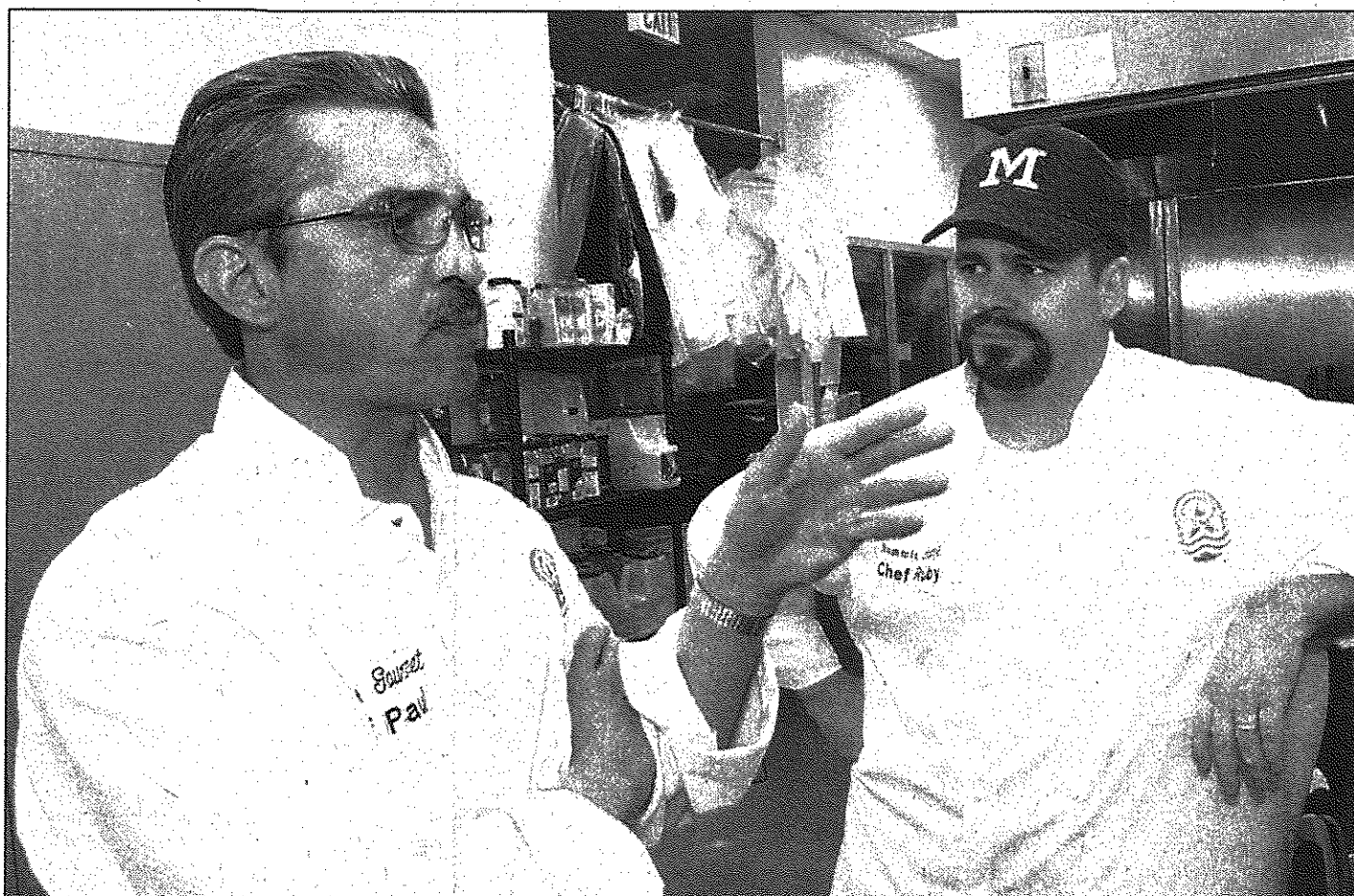
Living Nativity

More than 200 nativities will be on display when Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church hosts a Living Nativity 6-9 p.m. Dec. 5-6.

Children are welcome to have their picture taken in the Child Size Living Nativity. Enjoy a cup of cocoa and a home-made Christmas cookie while listening to live Christmas music.

The church is taking a collection of blankets, warm gently used men's clothes, men's boots, shoes, cans of soup and all types of men's hygiene products. Items will be donated to the New Life Rescue Mission Shelter.

Christ the Good Shepherd is at 42690 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. For more information, call the church office at (734) 981-0286.



Chefs Paul Paparelli (left) and Kevin Ruby of Summit Gourmet run the kitchen at the Summit on the Park. They're getting busy with holidays meals at the Summit and catering to businesses, homes and organizations.

Holiday ingredients Chefs dish up culinary creations

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Don't wait for New Year's to be healthy.
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Chefs Paul and Ruby have all the ingredients ready and are preparing to go crazy.

Luncheons, dinners, weddings, corporate events, or maybe you don't want to

make Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner this year. The chefs at Summit Gourmet are ready to do your preparing, cooking, and serving.

"We have a lot of repeat business that has locked up our dates. In December, we will be doing homes, offices, even factories," said Chef Paul Paparelli of Summit Gourmet, headquartered at the Summit on the Park.

PLEASE SEE **CHEFS, A3**

TGIF employees slice up special Turkey Day

It would have been just another Thanksgiving holiday for Rusty Ellsworth and the staff at Canton's TGIF Friday's at Ford and Sheldon roads.

But Ellsworth wanted this year to be different.

"Every year I sit in my house and watch the Lions on TV," he said. "Then we have dinner and I turn on the news and see stories about places providing

Thanksgiving dinners for the needy. I decided if I ever became a restaurant manager, that's what I'd do."

He got his chance almost a year ago when Friday's opened its Canton location and Ellsworth was named general manager.

On Thanksgiving Thursday, although

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Familiar face will take municipal services job

Tim Faas, director of operations for the Western Townships Utilities Authority, has been hired as Canton Municipal Services director.

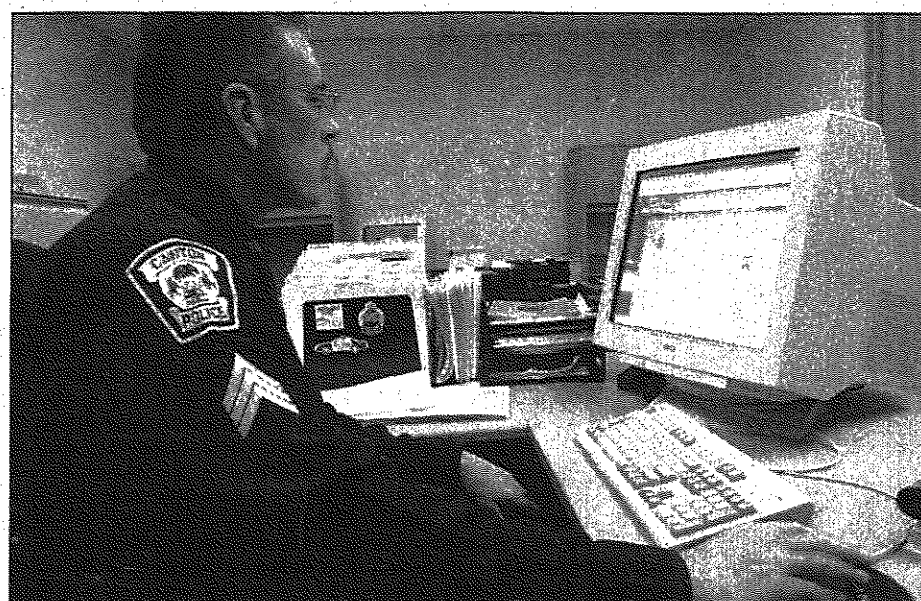
Faas will begin his new job on Dec. 1. He replaces Aaron Machnik, who retired recently after 28 years with the township.

"I've worked with him for years through WTUA," Canton Supervisor

Tom Yack said. "He's a known quantity. He's so familiar with our organization he can start on Dec. 1 and on the first day make a contribution to the position."

Faas, who's been with WTUA for seven years, said he was looking forward to returning to a post in a more

PLEASE SEE **FAAS, A5**



Just ask Sgt. Charles Raycraft of the Canton Public Safety Department. He will tell you that the holidays are the season for all kinds of Internet and identity fraud crimes.

'Tis the season for more Internet, credit fraud crimes

If you're a business owner with a wireless computer network, you'd better watch out as Christmas season nears.

That was the warning from Norman Gibson, Wayne County Sheriff's deputy with the Internet Crime team, to Canton Chamber of Commerce members on Thursday.

He said that problem first received

some publicity with the case of a man who quickly got labeled "The Homeless Hacker."

"He didn't have a home, but he had a laptop computer," Gibson said. "He'd sit outside businesses with wireless Internet service and hack into their sys-

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It's the law

State Rep. Phil LaJoy and Gov. Jennifer Granholm display the new law allowing townships to help set speed limits on county highways. Joining Granholm and LaJoy in the Capitol today were Karen Renkema, LaJoy's legislative aide, and David Bertram of the Michigan Townships Association. LaJoy's Public Act 65 of 2003 gives local officials and residents an important voice in setting local speed limits.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Survey thanks

On behalf of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education, I write to thank those members of our school district community who participated in our recent telephone survey. We know how busy people are and how most people do not like to have their time at home interrupted by a telephone call.

However, many of you were more than generous with the

time you took to give responses to our survey questions about the Plymouth-Canton Community School District and Schoolcraft College. We appreciated your direct answers and, again, the time you invested.

A big debt of gratitude is owed to the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, which supported the survey in many ways. The *O&E* has been a great partner over the years in our effort to publicize our

school district, highlight the accomplishments of students and staff and support this survey effort with fair and honest reporting. They are not afraid to tell it like it is.

We also thank Schoolcraft College for its support. The college has a wonderful research department that provided technical support and expertise to help us design survey questions and summarize the findings.

We plan to use the informa-

tion collected as a baseline for which to measure our improvement over the years. We have much to be proud of in our school district and are excited about the future. You are a big part of our success and we thank you again for your help in completing this survey.

I am proud to be the superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Jim Ryan

superintendent of schools

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CLARIFICATION

A story in the *Canton Observer* for Nov. 16 mistakenly reported that the Canton Mobility Transportation Service for seniors and the disabled is administered by the Canton Community Foundation. The foundation provided the money to Huron Valley Ambulance to purchase the bus. The service is administered and run by HVA through a contract arrangement with Canton Township.

Chamber takes on Good Morning Canton

Starting in January there'll be no more Third Thursdays in Canton.

Well, there will on the calendar of course, but not as far as the Chamber of Commerce is concerned.

The chamber's traditional Third Thursday Update is getting a name change. It will now be known as Good Morning Canton.

It will still meet at Summit on the Park at 7:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month.

But the format will be a bit different, according to Dianne Cojei, executive director of the chamber.

"We're going to try to run it more like a talking newspaper," she said. "It'll be an information source. We'll have a head-

line speaker for about 20 minutes or so, then some other informational speakers."

She said the plan is to bring in representatives of service clubs, the arts, leisure services and other local organizations.

"We going to try to add a whole lot of things so people will be more informed of what's going on in Canton," she added.

And there'll be one other change. There will be a \$5 charge for the breakfast. That's the cost that has previously been picked up by the chamber.

No meeting is scheduled in December. Speaker for the January meeting will be State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton). And it will be held ... the third Thursday of the month.

AT THE LIBRARY

Did You Know?

■ You can learn to make holiday cards, gift tags and other fun craft projects during a special program at the library at 7 p.m. Dec. 4? Register this week at (734) 397-0999 to spruce up your home for the holiday season.

■ The *Farmer's Almanac* predicts a cold, snowy winter? Get the inside scoop from a DTE representative on how to lower your monthly energy bills and conserve resources at 7 p.m. Nov. 20. Register now.

■ The average person spends two to three weeks of his lifetime waiting for traffic lights to change?

■ The next library tour will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20? Meet at the reception desk and learn about all the resources that the library has to offer.

Web Watch: Check out these new web sites:

- www.joyofsoup.com
- www.americanchoices.org
- www.todayinliterature.com
- www.teahyakka.com

New Adult Books

- "Beckham: Both Feet on the Ground" - David Beckham (nonfiction)
- "Lucy's Laundrette" - Betsy Burke (romance fiction)
- "The Course of Empire" - Eric Flint (science fiction)
- "Infiltration" - Yehoshua Kenaz (fiction)
- "Zingerman's Guide to Good Eating" - Ari Weinzweig (nonfiction)

New Children's Books

- "Midwinter Nightingale" - Joan Aiken (fiction)
- "Little Bear's Little Boat" - Eve Bunting (picture book)

- "Only Dad and Me" - Alyssa Satin Capucelli (picture book)
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- "Down With Love" (video and DVD)
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- "The Shape of Things" (video and DVD)

Hot Topic of the Week

Children's Book Week is November 17-23, and the theme this year is "Free to Read." We want to encourage all kids and the adults who read to them to enjoy some terrific books everyday! To celebrate, why not stop by our Children's Library and take a look at our staff display of their all-time favorite children's books? It's a great place to get started if you're looking for some good winter reads to enjoy with your kids.

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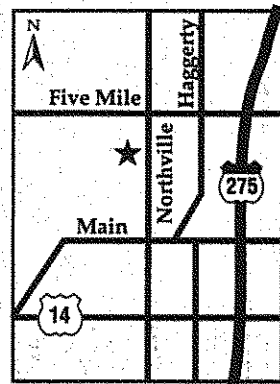
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CHEFS

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While Summit Gourmet is the Summit's official caterer, the chefs don't limit themselves. With Thanksgiving only a few days away and the holiday season already in swing, they are up to their recipes in all kinds of functions, even dinners in homes, for as few as eight to as many as 1,000. Then there are those days when they are preparing meals for seven or eight functions.

"If they have a special dish, we'll do it," Chef Paul said.

Sit down or buffet, or omelette stations - you name it. Hospitals, one of the Summit Gourmet's consistent customers, are fond of the food stations. Ethnic meals? Anytime. "We have done Indian meals. People have come in and shown us how it's done," Chef Ruby said.

Of course, it's the season for turkey dinners, but plenty of people are stepping outside of tradition. And that goes for holiday events, as well.

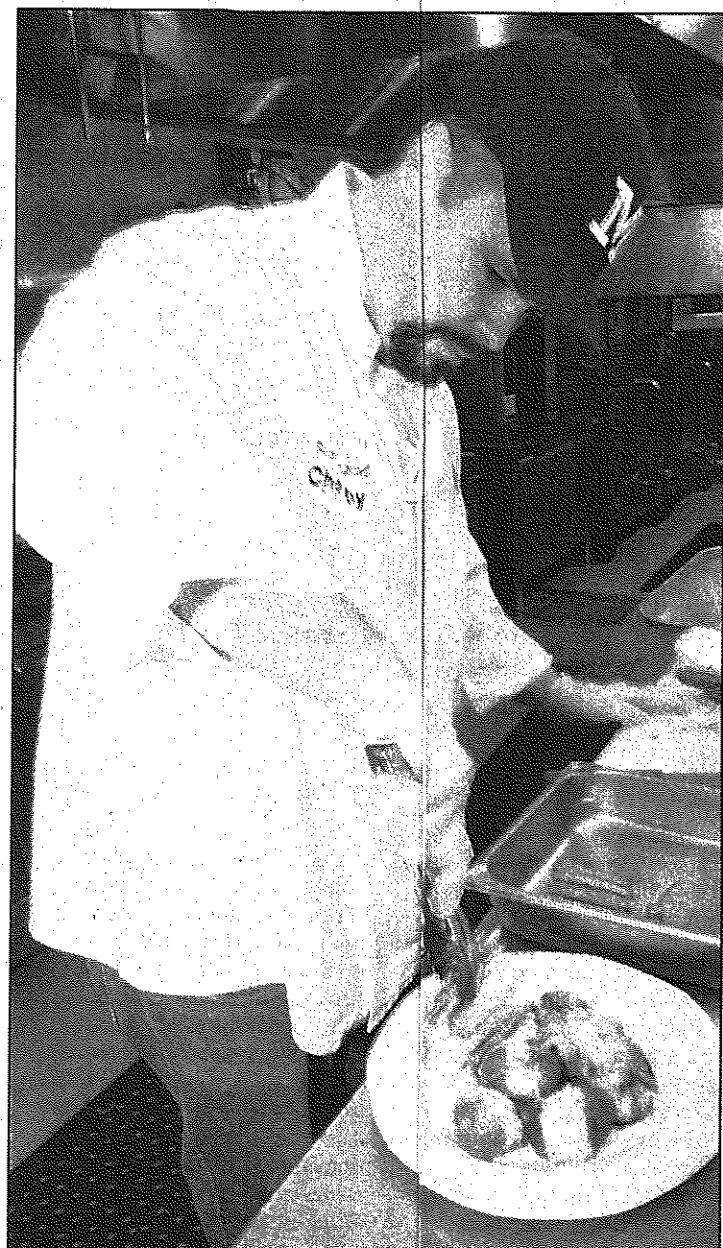
Michigan chicken is a favorite. It's a chicken breast stuffed with wild rice, pecans, dried cherries and chevre cheese. Filling the plate are steamed vegetables, potatoes and a raspberry melba sauce.

Another favorite is marsala chicken accompanied by potatoes, sliced, steamed in chicken juice and onion, followed by a dusting of parmesan cheese. It's then baked until golden brown.

Where do they get their ideas? "We take ideas and we add our own touches to it," said Chef Ruby, who received his culinary training in the Armed Services and later at Ford Motor Co. food services.

The chefs developed Michigan chicken by trying and doing. "We added our own basic ingredients until we liked it," said Chef Paul, who trained on the job and by being a third generation Roma family of Roma Hall fame. "I learned from my grandmother."

The chefs use guinea pigs - not literally. But thankfully, there's plenty around the cor-



Chef Kevin Ruby of Summit Gourmet arrange green beans almondine on a plate. He has prepared Michigan chicken, which includes cherries and wild rice.

ner. "We use the Summit staff," Chef Paul said.

Most dinners or luncheons feature chicken. Price-wise, it's the best. And most people can and will eat it. "Beef is getting expensive. People stay away from it unless it is totally cooked," Chef Ruby said.

Fish is not uncommon anymore. An upcoming dinner catered by Summit Gourmet will feature salmon - 116 plates of salmon.

One of the chefs' trademarks is a colorful orchid placed just so on the plate. "Anything you put on a plate has to be edible. It's a board of health rule. The

orchids are organically grown. And it adds a nice touch of color," Chef Ruby said.

The appearance of the plate is as important as the taste. "People eat with their eyes," Chef Ruby said. "You want to make it look appealing."

Vegetarians are not forgotten - even when the chefs get notified at the last minute that some guests won't eat meat. The chefs' favorite veggie dishes are pasta primavera, wild rice with portabello mushrooms or eggplant parmigiana.

Desserts complete the meal. The menu generally is cheese-cake or cannolis. Sweet tables

Don't wait for New Year's to be healthy, active and wise

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Think of the holidays and most people likely think of food. New Year's follows and most people are planning their next diet. But there is an easier way.

"Look at the menu. Go for what is baked or grilled, not fried," said Sarah Benninghoff, an intern at the Summit, who is studying sports medicine and exercise science at Eastern Michigan University.

The holidays do not have to be a time for pigging out and inactivity. "Moving around is the key," Benninghoff said.

Easier said than done? No. Go for a walk. Find an activity for the family. Eating and then sitting into a comfy couch for the evening won't do it. "People stop exercising at the holidays. You can go online and find different ways of exercising. 'Get up more and move around,'" she said.

And then there's eating. Benninghoff has lots of tips for avoiding overeating. You just have to follow them:

■ Drink water - plenty of it - instead of pop. Add lemon for taste.

■ Split a dessert with someone.

■ Eat fruit - for the sweet tooth - instead of a dessert.

■ Watch the size of serving.

Don't bigsize what you order in a restaurant. Ask for a take out box as soon as you are served. That way you know your quantity is limited.

■ Cook and use whole wheat flour instead of the regular



Sarah Benninghoff at Summit on the Park in Canton is an intern who knows the ins and outs of good eating and good health.

white flour.

■ Fruits and vegetables - eat them.

■ Drink fruit juices.

■ Order salad dressings on the side and dip. You will use less.

■ Avoid butter and mayonnaise. Use mustard. At home you can use butter in spray or pump that is for flavor - not quantity.

Remember that fats have a way of, well, making you fat. "You do need fats in your diet," Benninghoff said, but they can add up fast. "Think about eating a spoon of lard. That's really what fats are."

Teach yourself how to read nutrition labels on packaging. "Look at how many calories from fats. Grams and calories are not the same thing."

Nothing has changed from when you mom told you that breakfast was the most important meal of the day. It still is. "Your brain needs glucose to work."

Above all, watch what you eat, how much you eat and move that body.

"Everything in moderation," Benninghoff added.

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filled with cakes and pastries are popular as well. Not too long ago, the chefs prepared baked Alaska - one on each of some 40 tables. "We put sparklers on them," Chef Ruby said.

Working night and day is not unusual for the chefs and the staff. It's part of the job. No day is exactly alike. And neither are the customers or their dining tastes. But it is about making their customers

happy. And food is a key to happiness.

"In catering, you want them to come back," Chef Ruby said.

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SCHOOLS

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students to attend summer school.

Among other choices, 62 percent suggested charging a fee for on line courses; 58 percent favored creating magnet schools, such as an arts academy, that might draw out-of-district and private school students; with 45 percent in favor of increasing fees for all sports and extra-curricular activities.

Suggestions as to where Plymouth-Canton could make budget cuts, respondents proposed extra-curricular activities, administration positions and salaries.

According to the survey, the community perception of Plymouth-Canton Schools is very favorable. Results indicate 34 percent of respondents perceive PCCS as an excellent district, while another 53 percent give the district a good rating. High marks were given to all the programs, including preschool, K-12 and community education.

Most perceptions of the Park - Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools - were high. The areas rated the highest were music and art programs; sports; clubs; overall academic reputation; and the opportunity for parent/community involvement.

Among the lowest scores for P-CEP were for overall size of the high schools and individual class sizes.

"I think the information on the Park validated the community's idea that good things are happening out there," said Superintendent Jim Ryan. "They value athletics, the marching band, the fine arts and extra-curricular activities."

"We want what the community wants: A good quality of life with a really good school district to support and protect their tax investments," said Ryan.

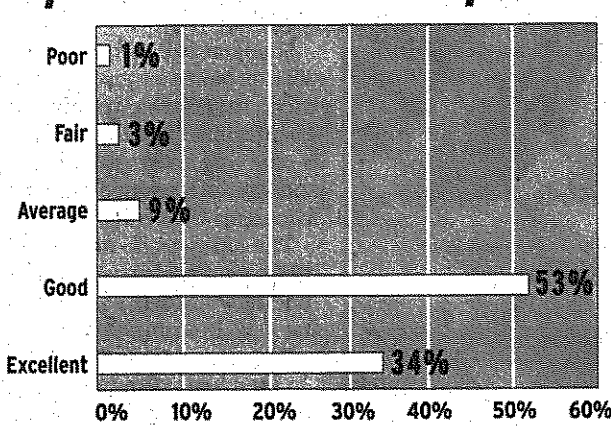
Meanwhile, survey respondents rated the quality of education at Schoolcraft College very high.

Nearly 81 percent said the quality of education at Schoolcraft is the same or better than at a four-year university. And, compared to other community colleges, Schoolcraft was seen as better (40 percent) or the same (42 percent) in quality education.

Concerning community perception, 41 percent rated Schoolcraft as excellent in providing educational services,



Community Perception of Plymouth Canton Community Schools



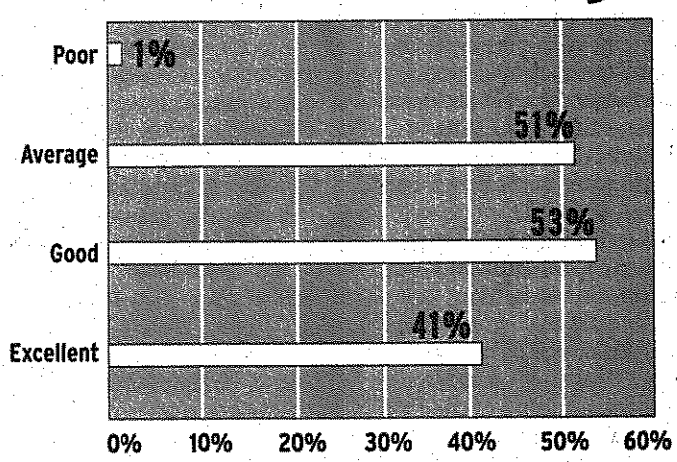
with another 53 percent noting the college does a good job.

The study did show that residents have only a general idea about the cost of a college education. Denise Sigworth, dean of instruction at Schoolcraft, said that's one area the two-

year college needs to address.

"We need to do a better job of helping the community understand the support they give - through the local tax base, state monies and tuition and fees - to make community college costs affordable," said Sigworth. "And, that in these

Community Perception of Schoolcraft College



economic times, a community college is a viable option to sending a child to a four-year college for \$60,000.

"Students can attend full-time at Schoolcraft for about \$2,000 a year, with classes taught by master level teachers, or the equivalent; with the average class size at 22," she said. "It's small classes with qualified faculty at affordable costs."

Among the most notable conclusions in the study, a mix in confidence that high school graduates are prepared to take college level courses. Survey respondents said high school graduates were well prepared (24 percent) or prepared (44 percent) for college level courses.

However, another 20 percent viewed high school graduates as not being ready for secondary education.

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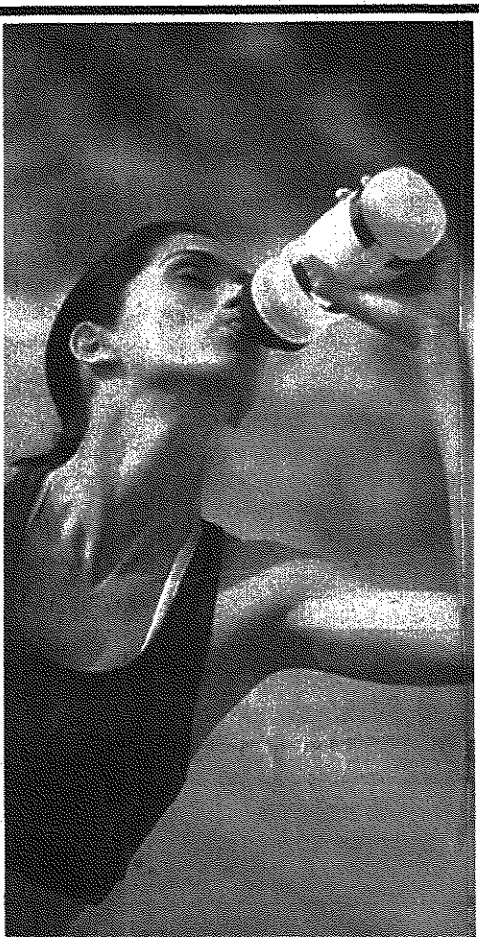
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Presentation:

1. Fire prevention poster contest awards. (PSD)
2. Presentation of Captain's badge to Dennis Draplin. (PSD)

General Calendar:

1. Sale of limited tax general obligation bonds, Series 2003. (FBD)
2. Consider site plan for Taco Bell/KFC Restaurant. (MSD)
3. Consider Amendment #1 to the Cherry Hill Village planned development district and revisions to the approved final site plan for Cherry Hill Village, Phases 3 and 4. (MSD)
4. Consider special land use for Canton Auto Sales Car Rental. (MSD)
5. Consider resolution to absolve Robert Rahaim from the requirements for intersection improvements at Canton Center and Geddes Road. (MSD)
6. Sale of approximately 7.03 acres, northeast corner of Canton Center and Cherry Hill. (FBD)
7. International Darin, LLC request for speculative buildings status. (Supervisor)
8. Approve bid for printing the 2004 Service Directory/Calendar. (ACSD)
9. Approve purchase of body mounted camera stabilizer for cable studio. (ACSD)
10. Authorization to create and fill Maintenance Tech IV position. (ACSD)
11. Merit commission recom-

mendation for non-union classified employees' 2004 compensation. (ACSD)

12. Approval of 2004 specialized services operating assistance program contract. (ACSD)

13. Approve community policing contract. (ACSD)

14. Consider purchase of second license of Arcinfo 8.3 software from ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.) (MSD)

15. Request to create and fill two continuing part-time clerical positions. (LSD)

16. Award bid for printing the Leisure Services Discover Brochure. (LSD)

17. Request to increase purchase order for landscaping for tunnel at Pheasant Run Golf Club. (LSD)

18. Award bid to plant replacement trees in Canton Parks and Pheasant Run Golf Club. (LSD)

19. Approve Microsource, Inc. to supply the township with the necessary network equipment to meet the needs of the building expansion and to provide additional security to Canton's Internal Computer Networks. (FBD)

20. Approve TFG Installation Services, Inc. proposal to install new and relocated furnishings. (FBD)

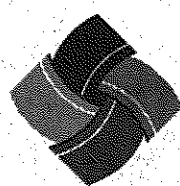
21. Consider purchase of automated file system. (FBD)

22. Consider approval of the Detroit Edison Easement Agreement costs for the Ridge Road water main extension for Parcel No. 072-99-0006-000. (NMSD)

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FAAS

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generalized area than his work with the utilities authority.

"Before working for WTUA I was assistant director of public works for the city of Windsor," he said. "The driving force that caused me to want to come over to Canton is that I've worked with a number of their staff over the past seven years. They know their work and that's the kind of staff I want to come in and lead."

In addition to his job, Faas has worked as a private consulting engineer, designing

municipal services for residential and industrial subdivision projects and has conducted computer modeling of storm water control systems.

"My father founded a family business in residential construction in 1952 that our family was very proud to be a part of," he said. "That's where I got my real work experience."

Faas has an engineering degree from the University of Windsor and a diploma in construction engineering from St. Clair College of Applied Arts and Technology in Windsor. He's a graduate of Leadership Canton and a licensed professional civil engineer in Ontario.

Faas said outside of work his passion in life is cycling.

"We've traveled as far as France to go riding," he said. "But generally we just ride around Oakland County."

He's a certified cycling coach and a certified spinning instructor. Spinning, he says, is the latest form of an indoor exercise craze.

"You take a bunch of exercise bikes, put them in a room, add an instructor and some music, and start spinning," he said.

He and wife Ceri, an anesthesiologist nurse at Beaumont Hospital, live in Farmington Hills.

TCIF

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the restaurant will be closed to the public, Ellsworth, his managers and about 40 staff members will be serving Thanksgiving dinner to 250 people, ranging from battered women to the homeless.

"I called United Way and asked for the names of local organizations that might be interested," he said. "We have 250 spots here in the restaurant, so I contacted the local organizations and asked how

many people they'd like to send."

The dinner - turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, the works - will be prepared by the Friday's staff and served between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thanksgiving Day.

All staff members, including Ellsworth and other managers, are donating their time. For that matter, they're donating most of the food.

"We've bought 10 turkeys and other things so far," he said. "So far we've chipped in over \$200."

Baker's Square, which is in the north end of the same

shopping center, is donating 25 pies for the occasion.

Ellsworth said so far as he knew no other Friday's restaurant is doing anything similar.

"This is just a fun project for us," he said. "Next year I hope we can serve 300-400 people."

For Ellsworth, who commutes from Owosso to his Canton restaurant, it will be a family activity. His wife, Debbie, a floral manager for a Troy firm, and daughter, Stephanie, 15, will also be helping out.

Friday's opened its Canton location on Dec. 22 last year.

CRIME

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tems."

"The Homeless Hacker" was relatively benign. Gibson said he would enter a business he had hacked into and tell them they had holes in their system that they might want to fix.

But a Lowe's store in Southfield was not so lucky recently.

"Two guys sat outside with a laptop, got into their wireless system and got credit card numbers," he said.

Gibson, along with Canton Police Sgt. Chuck Raycraft, talked to the business people

about what they should be looking out for in the approaching holiday season.

Many Internet crimes, Gibson said, are committed by people using their computers at work. And computer fraud is one of the fastest growing crimes, he said.

Raycraft said burglaries in Canton increased rather dramatically last November and December in what he called a "typical holiday crime spree."

He cited the case of one man who was arrested after a series of incidents in which purses were stolen from vehicles at day care centers while mothers were dropping their children off.

"He'd take credit cards, go to

a gas station and put some gas in his car to see if the card was good, then go to stores and make purchases before the card could be reported stolen," Raycraft.

The man's arrest cleared up nine such cases in Canton.

In another theft spree, a man was arrested after a series of thefts from cars in the Lifetime Fitness Center parking lot.

"They all started around the holidays," Raycraft said. "It wasn't that Canton had a increase in crime particularly. It was just a lot of crimes being committed by a few people."

He said the number of burglaries in Canton doubled last December.

His warnings to shoppers were the usual holiday cautions.

"Don't carry a lot of cash with you and keep purchases in the trunk and out of sight," he said.

But with a steady increase in the crime of identity theft, he had another warning.

"Buy shredders and shred all your documents," he said. "Watch what you put out in your trash, even businesses. Guys jump into Dumpsters and get credit card numbers and other personal information."

He also warned business to buy good surveillance cameras to keep track of possible criminal activity.

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A lot of our dreams died that day in Dallas

Years ago, I was doing some research at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston, and I asked to see Dave Powers, the president's friend, a working-class Irishman who had been sort of the court jester of the New Frontier.

"You're from Detroit?" he said, eyes twinkling merrily. "I love Detroit. A great thing happened to me there. We were campaigning in Cadillac Square on Labor Day and I broke my watch." Puzzled, I asked why in the world breaking his watch during the madness of a campaign rally was a great thing.

That's exactly what Powers, then sort of a ceremonial curator of the magnificent library, was waiting for. "Because Jack Kennedy took his off and gave it to me!" he said triumphantly. That was a legendary day state Democrats still talk about. John Kelly, for many years a state senator, perched on his father's shoulder that day, his 11th birthday, and briefly grasped the senator's hand. Thousands saw him, at rallies across the state.

Mary Ann Watson, a professor of telecommunications at Eastern Michigan University, was a little girl of 4 when the candidate's car whizzed by and she saw him, as she imagined, looking straight at her. She grew up to become the nation's leading academic expert on television in the Kennedy era.

Last week, as television flooded the airwaves with specials, and younger Americans struggled to figure out what the fuss was all about, those who knew remembered. Michigan played a small, but significant, part in sealing Kennedy's victory.

On Election Day, it was those same Detroiters who gave John F. Kennedy the margin he needed to carry the state by a whisker in one of the nation's closest elections. Some say it was Millie Jeffrey who did it, the tiny dynamo of a labor organizer who ran JFK's campaign in the state.

"I met him at a dinner in Grand Rapids in 1958, and was instantly taken with his charm, his ideas, his freshness," Jeffrey, now 91, remembers.

But labor and civil rights groups were suspicious. Jeffrey, the highest-ranking woman in the United Auto Workers union, chaired his campaign, made him acceptable to the Democratic Party's base, rallied and fired up the troops.

When Michigan, after seesawing all night, finally went to JFK at 6 a.m. the next morning, the Secret Service took that as its cue to move in and protect the president-elect. (In those long-ago and supposedly gentler times, mere candidates didn't get Secret Service protection.



Jack Lessenberry

Nor would they, until after the public saw an unguarded Bobby Kennedy dying in a pool of blood on the floor of a hotel kitchen.)

Michigan's narrow, but solid, margin for Kennedy in 1960 also was a large part of the real reason why Richard Nixon didn't contest the highly suspicious result in Illinois that year. What is often forgotten is that even if the Republicans could have proven vote fraud there, Nixon still needed another large state to win. Michigan was his last hope.

"They loved him. We all did," said Frank Kelley, the nation's longest-serving state attorney general. He was a recent appointee to the job when the president came to Michigan to campaign for Democratic candidates for a day in 1962.

"You know, that grace, those perfect moves, those tailored suits, that face, made quite an impression on a middle-class Irish kid like me," Kelley said.

Asked about his own race, Kelley made some comment about his opponent's ego. "And I'll never forget — Kennedy looked at me and said, 'We are all egoists, Frank. The one who hides it the best wins.'" Kelley would go on to serve 37 years as attorney general, leaving office at last the year JFK's son died.

When he retired, I asked him what his best day on the job was. He couldn't say. He knew what the worst one was, though. He was swimming laps in the YMCA pool in Lansing on Friday afternoon when he looked up to see a grim-faced aide come in.

"All I could think of was that something had happened to one of my kids," he said. It was Nov. 22, 1963, and when the aide told him what had happened, Kelley felt no sense of relief. "That was the hardest thing to take as a public person. A lot of hopes and dreams died that day in Dallas," he told me as he was leaving office.

Dave Powers had died the year before. If he were still around, I doubt that he would have been very visible this week. He didn't like talking about the president in November; when he did, all people wanted to know about was the assassination. He knew all about it. It was he who ran to the limousine at Parkland Hospital, wrenched the door open, looked down on what he should never have had to see.

"Who wants to talk about that?" he said. "My goal is to keep the memory alive, you know?" I knew. Last summer I was at the Kennedy Library again, and saw people, old and young, with stars in their eyes, watching the Inaugural Address. In some crazy way, that part of our past isn't, in fact, over. It isn't, as they say, even really past.

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She stands tall, proud despite bearing a life of arthritis

When Melissa Hafeli set off for the University of Michigan 13 years ago, she faced the same challenges and fears every freshman encounters ... learning to live independently, adapting to university life, meeting expectations, making new friends, finding her way around the massive campus. Stressful, admits Melissa, but nothing like the anxiety of overcoming the one thing she feared most: putting on her socks.

"I hadn't been able to put my socks on by myself because I couldn't reach my feet," said Melissa, who now lives in Tennessee. "We looked around for an apparatus, a sock-putter-onner-thing — that's the scientific name for it — and finally found one that worked. I think I'm on my fourth now; I'm pretty rough on them," she casually jokes.

It's painful imagining what this young woman has gone through in her 31 years. Before she could even walk, Melissa was diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis; a shock to her parents who perceived arthritis as an old person's disease. They quickly discovered how wrong they were. Arthritis is anybody's disease. In fact, doctors now believe that osteoarthritis, the most common form of arthritis, begins as early as in one's 30s.

"I don't know life without arthritis," Melissa matter-of-factly says, her round cherub-like cheeks revealing a pair of sweet dimples. "At 10 months old, my parents began to notice that I was not necessarily meeting the milestones I should be at that stage of my life. I began to have fevers and swelling and after eight months, and a battery of tests, I was diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis."

At age 3, Melissa began taking prednisone and hasn't been off since. She remembers heading to kindergarten, her new school dress nicely complemented by a pair of cumbersome arm braces. Her morning ritual took hours, beginning long before sunrise with a warm bath to ease her stiffened joints. Years later, the surgeries began. Her first hip replacement was immediately followed by a broken foot. Both of her knees were replaced, then her other hip. Within the past two years, two separate falls resulted in two broken femurs and subsequent surgeries. While recovering from the first surgery, she lost her job. "That was the hardest thing I ever went through," reflects Melissa. Now, doctors have told her she has both osteoporosis and osteoarthritis.

Melissa — as a child and now as an adult — is one of the faces of arthritis, giving us a glimpse into some of the worst that this chronic illness offers. Amazingly she speaks easily of her past and her struggles, even laughing at her escapades. Yet, her story of perseverance provides inspiration to the more than 7,000 Michigan children who have arthritis while her sentiments about the disease echo those of the



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3 million others in the state with any one of the other 105 forms of arthritis.

"Arthritis is not an individual disease," Melissa recently told some 150 people gathered at the Oakland Hills Country Club for an Arthritis Foundation luncheon. Barely able to see over the podium, her fragile 5-foot-2 frame dwarfed because of the disease process and years of medications, this dynamo was anything but stunted in front of a crowd.

"My family lives with this disease, too. But, I'm one of the lucky ones as my parents have always been there for me, encouraging my independence. Not everyone is so fortunate. The reality of this disease is that independence has its fragile moments."

Melissa's fragility is something more and more Americans will soon experience first-hand. As baby boomers pour through the doorway leading to the second half of their lives, arthritis will be walking in with them. According to the Arthritis Foundation, 70 million Americans now have some form of arthritis. Within the next 20 years, that number could double.

The good news is living with arthritis will be easier than it was for Melissa, thanks to the incredible advances in the treatment of this disease. Still, as our knees, hips, toes and wrists begin to swell and ache more often, we are reminded that there is little we can do to prevent its onset, but we can manage it better.

Joint moving exercises such as walking and swimming, Melissa will tell us, are good steps toward healthy management of the disease. And even though the cold weather does absolutely nothing to make her or anyone with arthritis feel better, the annual Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis will.

This 5K event, being held Dec. 6 in Birmingham and Dec. 7 in Northville, is a chance for those with arthritis and those who care about arthritis to get out and support the Arthritis Foundation's mission to prevent, control and cure arthritis and related diseases.

Melissa will be there. And so will her family, who, even with those sock-putter-onner-things, still loves to help Melissa put on her socks.

For information about the Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis, call the Arthritis Foundation at (248) 424-9001 or go to arthritis.org.

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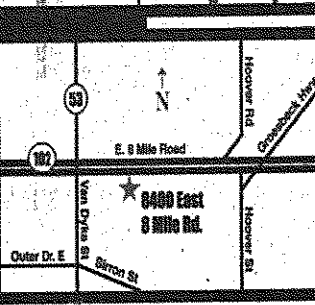
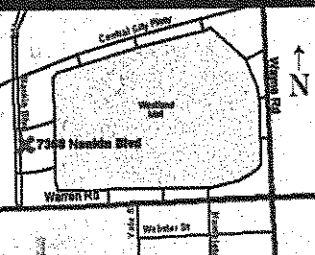
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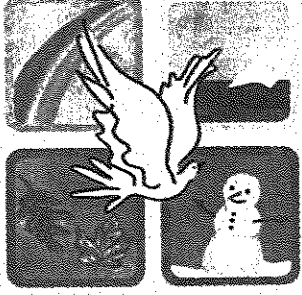
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Self-esteem key for girls

BY JONI HUBRED-GOLDEN
STAFF WRITER

Inside the circle, they were flowers, blossoming with innocent smiles and gentle rhythms.

Facilitator Shari Shepherd urged her group of young girls to imagine themselves first as seeds, then as tender shoots emerging from the earth. Even worms became allies in the process, loosening the earth to make room for their "roots" to grow.

Shepherd's workshop, which focused on movement and body image, was part of Saturday's Fourth Annual Original Girls Matter Conference, held at Orchard Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. More than 270 attendees spent the morning focused on equipping young girls with the tools they need to become healthy, happy women.

The conference is organized every year by representatives from OCC, Farmington, Birmingham and Southfield public schools and West Bloomfield Community Education. OCC's Womencenter Coordinator Arlene Frank said the group started working on the idea five years ago for one reason.

"Some of us who work with girls or in the field of women's issues realized for our girls not to come back with the same issues that women do, we needed intervention," she explained.

According to both research and anecdotal information, Frank said, girls' self confidence is fairly high until 11 or 12 years of age. At adolescence, many girls begin to more thoroughly accept the stereotyped notions of how they should behave and create themselves.

In one of the workshops for parents, psychologist Elana Goell-Varkovitzky pointed out that young women who can't identify their own emotions won't be able to make good decisions.

The lack of "emotional intelligence" can interfere with everything from dating to career decisions.

"If kids don't know how to figure out how they feel, they can get moody and depressed," she said.

Goell-Varkovitzky described the process of brain development as one of blooming and pruning - children develop more "shoots" than needed, and in adolescence, the brain goes into a massive reorganization and specialization in the area of identity.

She urged parents to teach their daughters to respect intuition, asking them about their "gut feeling" in the decision-making process.

While parents learned more about topics like setting boundaries, communication and nutrition, girls talked about what girls talk about: relationships, school, careers, peer pressure and making a difference in the world.

Sarah Van Dagens and Hayley Ward, both of whom are in eighth grade at East Hills Middle School in Bloomfield Hills, attended Career Discovery and Talking about Sex workshops.

"I learned to really think about what you like," Ward said of the career-oriented workshop.

"What catches your attention has a lot to do with choosing a career," Van Dagens added.

Conference "girl friends" and sponsors are Botsford Health Care Continuum, Dr. Nelson Hersh, Zonta Club Farmington/Novi Branch, Birmingham Maple Clinic, and the Farmington and Northville- Novi Branches of the American Association of University Women.

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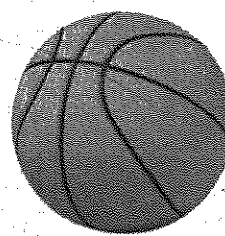
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Talk about stretching an already dramatic finish to its limit.

That's just what the Canton Conquest U-17 girls soccer team did in the very competitive Premier Fall League. Trailing 3-2 in their last match, the Conquest scored twice in the final two minutes to gain a 4-3 victory and a first-place finish.

The Conquest were 7-1-2 in the league and 14-2-2 overall, winning one tournament and reaching the semifinals in another.

Team members are Colette Gilman, Molly Priebe, Amy Gizicki, Megan McCarthy, Brittany Cervi, Christie Daniels, Diana Fedrigo, Taylor Foley, Ali Lindow, Stephanie Price, Erica Arndt, Maureen Bielski, Bailey Fagan, Bethany Lane, Kristen Boylan and Lisa Ealy. The team is coached by Drew Crawford and Dan Fagan; Rich Priebe is the team manager.

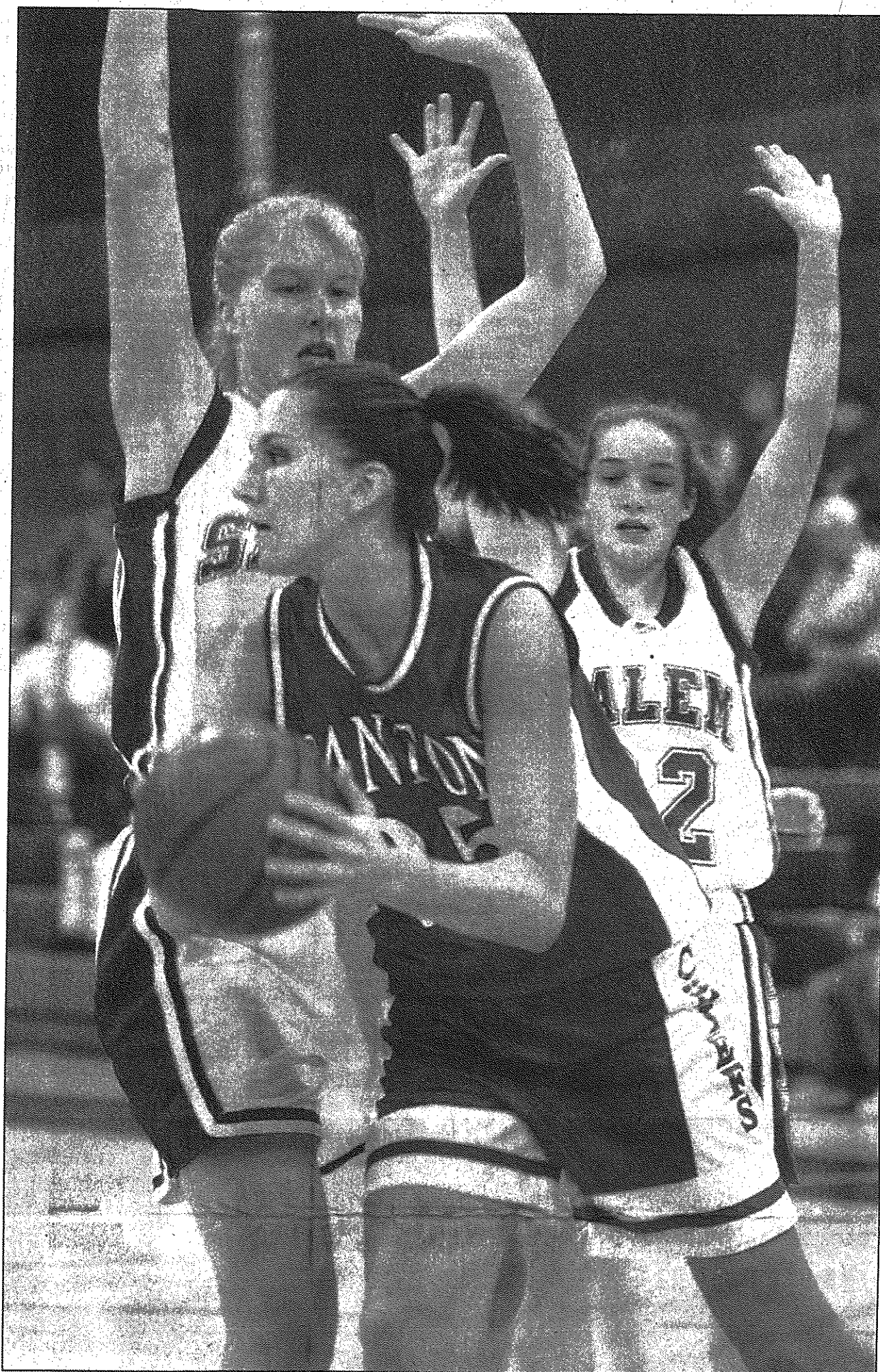
Bucks honored

The Michigan Bucks minor league soccer franchise was well represented when the collegiate All-Conference teams were announced this week. A total of 18 players were honored, 14 as first-team selections.

In the Big Ten, Knox Cameron, Kevin Taylor, Peter Dzubay and Mike White from the University of Michigan and John Minagawa-Webster and Nick DeGraw from Michigan State University were selected. Cameron was also voted the Big Ten Athlete of the Year. U-M's Mychal Turpin was selected to the second team; so was Penn State's Simon Omekanda.

In the Mid-Continent Conference, five Bucks attending Oakland University were honored, led by Conference Defensive Player of the Year Jason Perry. Joining Perry on the first team were Doug Rice, Jeff Wiese and Ryan Rzepka, with Chris Edwards selected for the second team.

Other Bucks gaining first team honors in their respective leagues were George Kithas (University of Detroit-Mercy) in the Horizon League, Boyzzz Khumalo (Coastal Carolina University) in the Big South Conference, Stephan David and Brian Ombigi representing Lindsey Wilson College in the NAIA's Mid-South Conference. Abe Geiger (Stanford) was named to the Pac 10's All-Academic First Team.



Canton's Katie Cezat looks to pass while pressured by Salem's Kathy Hammerschmidt (left) and Kathryn Wheatley. Cezat still managed to score 20 points.

Chiefs make quick work of the Rocks

Canton wins district, 43-23

The second half was a couple of minutes old and Canton basketball coach Bob Blohm was busy dispensing some of those unforgettable lessons only a guy who's been in the business more than 25 years can dole out.

"Just go out and play ball," he instructed Molly Conlon. "Have fun. And make baskets."

Apparently the Chiefs had no trouble following those instructions. They got scoring from a number of sources, clamped down on Salem defensively and stayed in control from start to finish in capturing their Class A district title, 43-23 Friday at South Lyon.

Canton, now 19-3, advances to the Class A regional against West Bloomfield Monday at Auburn Hills Avondale. Salem finishes its season at 15-7.

"That was profound, wasn't it?" Blohm responded when told of his earlier remarks. "I'm happy for this group. They worked hard, they deserved it."

"If you had told me before the game that we'd hold (Salem's Ellen) Canale and (Alyssa) Guerin to a total of 10 points, I'd have said you're crazy."

But that's exactly what the Chiefs did. The game was tied just once — at 3-3, two-and-a-half minutes in. After that, Canton rolled off 11-consecutive points and the Rocks never again posed much of a threat.

"We missed a couple of shots early, we got tentative and never recovered," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "When you're playing in this kind of game, you've got to make shots."

That's something the Rocks couldn't manage to do. They had just three field goals in the first half, going 3-for-15 from the field (20 percent); in the third quarter they were 2-for-9. For the game, Salem was 9-for-35 (26 percent).

Canton converted 17-of-36 shots (47.2 percent).

The difference for the Chiefs was finding ways to get the ball to Katie Cezat. In the two teams first meeting this season, she lit up Salem for 25 points and 15 rebounds and Canton won; in their second meeting, Cezat was held to eight points and seven boards and Canton lost.

On Friday, Cezat came off the baseline more often, with Lisa Ealy cutting behind her, and there were more openings in the Salem zone defense. It also helped that Cezat got three putback baskets in the first quarter.

"That was the whole key to the game," said Blohm. "We got off to a good start. The other kids looked to make shots, and Katie wasn't just going to sit down there and get doubled."

The Chiefs led 16-5 after the first quarter, but got off to a rough start in the second. A Kathryn Wheatley basket in the first minute of the period trimmed Canton's lead to single digits, and three-

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, B3

Dixie State ruins SC's title hopes

Not quite good enough.

After what their coach, Bill Tolstedt, described as a lackluster opening-round performance, the second-ranked Schoolcraft College women's soccer team came into Friday's NJCAA Division I Tournament semifinal against third-ranked Dixie State (Utah) knowing the team that won would likely capture the national championship.

Dixie State proved to be that team.

The Rebels advanced to today's NJCAA title game with a 3-1 victory over SC in Phoenix.

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They will meet defending NJCAA champion Rhode Island for the title.

SC falls to 17-1 and will play CC-Catonsville (Md.) for third place today.

Dixie State played Rhode Island earlier this season and won, 5-0.

In their opening-round match against Hinds (Miss.) CC Thursday in Phoenix, the Ocelots dominated play but, according to Tolstedt, their play tailed off after the first 25 minutes and they settled for a 3-1 victory.

"For the first 25 minutes it was absolute domination by us," said Tolstedt. "After that, we lost our focus and I did not think we played a good game."

"If we play this way (against

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Agape collects another district crown

For Canton Agape Christian, it all came together Friday in its Class D girls basketball district final against Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Offensively, the passing was crisp. The defense was tenacious. Nothing was taken for granted.

All of which spelled trouble for the Hawks, who found themselves trailing 12-2 after one quarter and 23-7 by half-time.

It didn't improve much for them in the second half, as Agape rolled to its third-straight district championship, 46-17 at Detroit Urban Lutheran.

The Wolverines, who improved to 13-

CLASS D HOOP

10, advance to the Whitmore Lake regional against Adrian Lenawee Christian on Monday. Huron Valley ends its season at 10-11.

"I knew it was important for us to play well," said Agape coach Clark Sexton. "If we can get ready and play well against this team, it will prepare us for Monday's game."

"You can't afford to have any lulls at this time of year."

Against the Hawks, either a good offensive effort or a good defensive

showing would probably have been enough to capture the district title. But the Wolves left nothing to chance, looking sharp at both ends of the floor.

While defensively limiting Huron Valley to just 17 points, the offense kept putting points on the board — for example, Tarah Armbruster, who led Agape with 18 points. Armbruster was 4-of-6 on three-point shots, making three of them in the third quarter, "all on ball reversals."

A.J. Creps was also active, collecting 10 points and 11 rebounds, and Emily

PLEASE SEE AGAPE, B3

Shamrocks' late surge freezes Chargers

Trailing 2-1 early in the final period, Redford Catholic Central found itself on the ropes against Livonia Churchill in Wednesday's season opener at Edgar Arena.

But the five-time defending state hockey champions finished with a flurry, scoring four times in the final 11 minutes to put the upstart Chargers on the canvas, 5-2.

CC, which hasn't lost to a Michigan opponent in over two seasons, tied it up with 10:52 remaining on Travis Hamway's power-play goal, which he ripped top-shelf from the right-side circle. Drew Kahle and Pete Pfeffer assisted to make it 2-2.

Hamway, a senior forward, then tallied the game-winner with 7:02 to go when he put on a dippy-do move and backhanded a shot past Churchill netminder Justin Bolla. The assist went to Mike Monterey.



Churchill's Xander Younce can't find the handle on the puck as CC goalie John Garza tries to control the puck and Mike Monterey tries to stop him from behind.

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Center: Chris Gonzalez, 6-2, 240, Walled Lake Western.
 Interior lineman: Frank Lietke, 6-3, 250, Walled Lake Central; Jeff Sartor, 5-9, 210, Canton; Luis Fonseca, 6-5, 280, Walled Lake Western; Josiah Swartz, 6-2, 233, Westland John Glenn.

Tight end: Alex Jachym, 6-3, 220, Westland John Glenn.
 Wide receiver: Devin Thomas, 6-2, 190, Canton; Brian Bradley, 6-1, 160, Salem.

Quarterback: Casey White, 6-2, 195, Walled Lake Central.
 Running back: Travis McKinney, 5-9, 165, Canton; Tyrone Dillard, 6-1, 205, Wayne Memorial; Matt Smitherman, 5-8, 172, Westland John Glenn.

ALL-CONFERENCE DEFENSE
 Down lineman: Franz Gatzke, 5-7, 175, Canton; Ouan Bailey, 5-11, 306, Livonia Franklin; Brandon Westbrook, 6-0, 190, Westland John Glenn.

End/OLB: Rondell Black, 6-3, 220, Wayne Memorial; Brian McKeown, 6-0, 180, Walled Lake Central; Greg Hay, 6-2, 210, Walled Lake Western.

Linebacker: Eric Schambers, 5-11, 195, Westland John Glenn; Jeff Hollandsworth, 6-0, 205, Livonia Stevenson; Paul Campbell, 5-10, 180, Walled Lake Central.

Defensive back: Derek Ward, 6-0, 170, Livonia Franklin; Justin Grohoski, 6-2, 180, Livonia Churchill; J.R. Fells, 6-1, 185, Wayne Memorial.

Specialist: Chris Kelly, 5-10, 185, Walled Lake Central.

WESTERN DIVISION
 ALL-CONFERENCE OFFENSE
 Center: Lester Booker, 5-10, 210, Canton.

Interior lineman: Ray Eisbrenner, 5-10, 210, Canton; Justin Logan, 5-11, 190, Livonia Churchill; Taylor Lebeis, 6-1, 255, Northville; David Shurmer, 5-8, 180, Walled Lake Western.

Tight end: Jake Powers, 6-2, 215, Canton.
 Wide Receiver: Andy Lynett, 6-2, 178, Livonia Franklin; Mike Jameson, 6-0, 178, Northville.

Quarterback: Mark Sorenson, 6-1, 181, Northville.
 Running back: Mac Stilec, 5-10, 180, Northville; Chuck Schumacher, 5-11, 180, Canton; Jon Bunzeluk, 6-0, 180, Livonia Churchill.

ALL-CONFERENCE DEFENSE
 Down lineman: Chris Snider, 6-2, 220, Canton; Ken Schleh, 6-1, 225, Northville; Sean Reber, 6-0, 215, Walled Lake Western.

End/OLB: Jon Kolodziejczak, 6-0, 180, Livonia Churchill; Matt Payne, 6-2, 215, Canton.
 Linebacker: Manual Schubert, 5-7, 180,

Livonia Churchill; Jeff Hudson, 5-10, 170, Canton; Dan Wulf, 5-11, 190, Walled Lake Western.

Defensive back: Chris Oakland, 5-10, 168, Northville; Steve Campbell, 6-1, 175, Canton; Bryan Kowaleski, 6-1, 180, Walled Lake Western.

Specialist: Todd Monfette, 5-8, 180, Walled Lake Western.

LAKES DIVISION
 ALL-CONFERENCE OFFENSE
 Center: Peter Scott, 5-9, 190, Walled Lake Central.

Interior lineman: Bob Varley, 5-10, 190, Westland John Glenn; Dan Skotak, 6-4, 275, Salem; Jamie Vanoverbeke, 5-9, 180, Walled Lake Central; Ryan Flatt, 6-0, 210, Wayne Memorial.

Tight end: Alex Enright, 6-2, 220, Salem; Mark Morosky, 6-4, 193, Walled Lake Central.

Wide receiver: Nathan Beard, 5-9, 147, Westland John Glenn; Randy Rzenik, 6-1, 160, Walled Lake Central; Keith Hearn, 6-1, 179, Livonia Stevenson.

Quarterback: Chris Drabicki, 6-0, 180, Salem; Brad Wilson, 6-1, 185, Wayne Memorial.

Running back: Mike Kerul, 6-1, 185, Salem.

ALL-CONFERENCE DEFENSE
 Down lineman: Terry Pittman, 6-1, 213, Westland John Glenn; Jared White, 6-1, 262, Walled Lake Central; Justin Bowie, 6-0, 215, Wayne Memorial.

End/OLB: Sam Williams, 6-3, 185, Westland John Glenn; Adam Griffin, 5-8, 175, Walled Lake Central.

Linebacker: Jake Fairchild, 5-10, 201, Westland John Glenn; Garrett Kennedy, 6-1, 185, Walled Lake Central.

Lineman: Chris Wells, 5-8, 215, Wayne Memorial.

Defensive back: Brian Peterson, 5-11, 156, Westland John Glenn; Dave Worthy, 6-1, 185, Walled Lake Central; Brian Alpert, 6-0, 181, Livonia Stevenson.

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Running backs: Brian Shkreli, Jr., Livonia Clarenceville; Jeff Fioretti, Sr., Clarenceville (MVP); Marcus Renwick, Sr., Harper Woods.

Wide receivers: Andrew Sherman, Sr., Cranbrook; Lance Weber, Macomb Lutheran North; Jason Hanlon, Lutheran North; Andy Hess, Lutheran Westland; Robert Carlisle, Harper Woods Lutheran East; Kyle McGowan, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Lineman: Jeremy Myers, Sr., Harper Woods.

Center: Neal Kemp, Sr., Lutheran Westland.

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE
 Tackles: Frank Pointer, Sr., Clarenceville (co-MVP); Ed Duke, Sr., Cranbrook; Sal Biondo, Sr., Lutheran North; Adam DiGiovanni, Sr., Harper Woods.

Linebackers: Jemere Gainer, Soph., Clarenceville; Colin Clarke, Sr., Cranbrook; Jesus Melendez, Sr., Harper Woods (co-MVP); Scott Sell, Sr., Lutheran East (co-MVP); Dan Haller, Sr., Lutheran Westland; Marc Talluto, Sr., Lutheran Northwest.

End: Marc Simpson, Sr., Clarenceville.

Backs: Barrie Mackie, Sr., Liggett.

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE
 Quarterback: Richie Beebe, Fr., Lutheran North.

Running back: Matt Johnston, Sr., Lutheran East.

Wide receivers: Jamie Lynch, Sr., Cranbrook; Justin Popov, Jr., Harper Woods; Doug Haller, Sr., Lutheran Westland; Jonathan Wright, Jr., Liggett.

Tight end: Ian McLaughlin, Sr., Lutheran Westland.

Lineman: Mike Liss, Sr., Clarenceville; Alex Fawaz, Sr., Cranbrook; Tim Kratz, Jr., Lutheran North; Drew Manor, Sr., Harper Woods; Kristopher Terry, Jr., Liggett; Lee Pappas, Sr., Liggett.

Kicker: John O'Connell, Soph., Cranbrook.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE
 Tackles: Russell Spencer, Jr., Clarenceville; David Dunz, Jr., Cranbrook; Ray Ware, Sr., Lutheran East; Jamie Higgins, Sr., Lutheran Westland; Nick Snyder, Jr., Lutheran Northwest.

End: Kenny Hall, Sr., Clarenceville.

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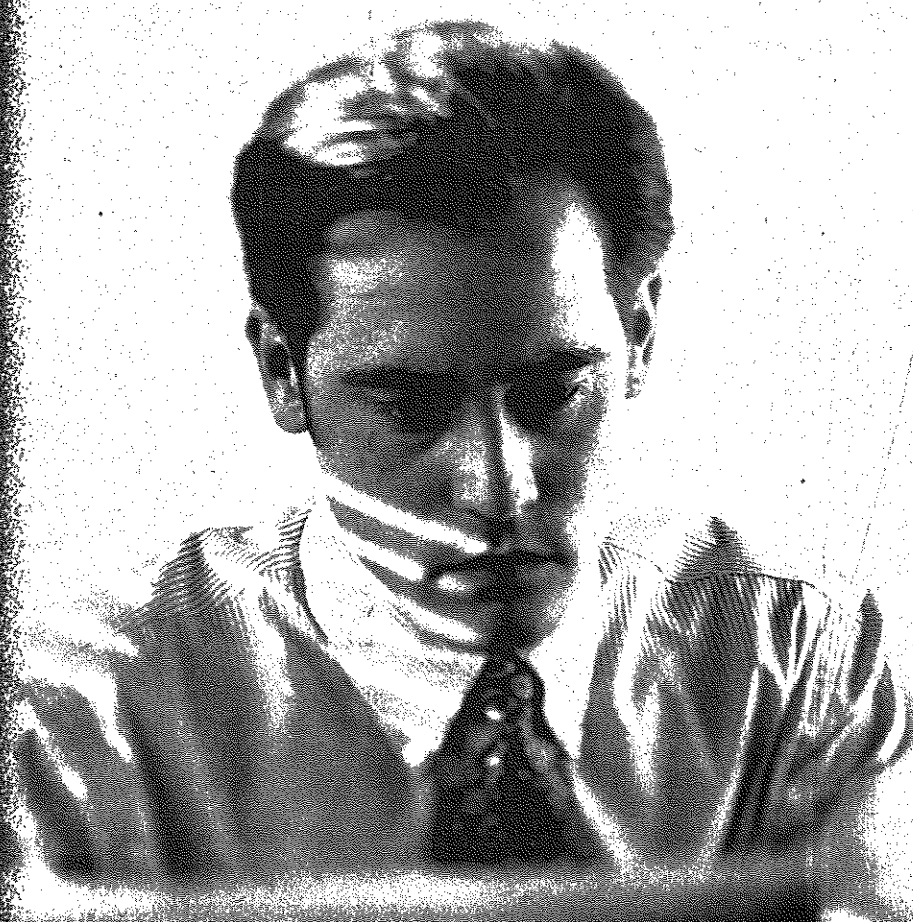
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straight turnovers by Canton set the stage for a Salem comeback.

But it never materialized. Wheatley's basket would be the Rocks' only points of the quarter, while the Chiefs put eight on the board to take a 24-7 lead into halftime.

"Everything that could possibly have gone wrong for us tonight did go wrong," said Thomann. "But they absolutely deserved to win the game."

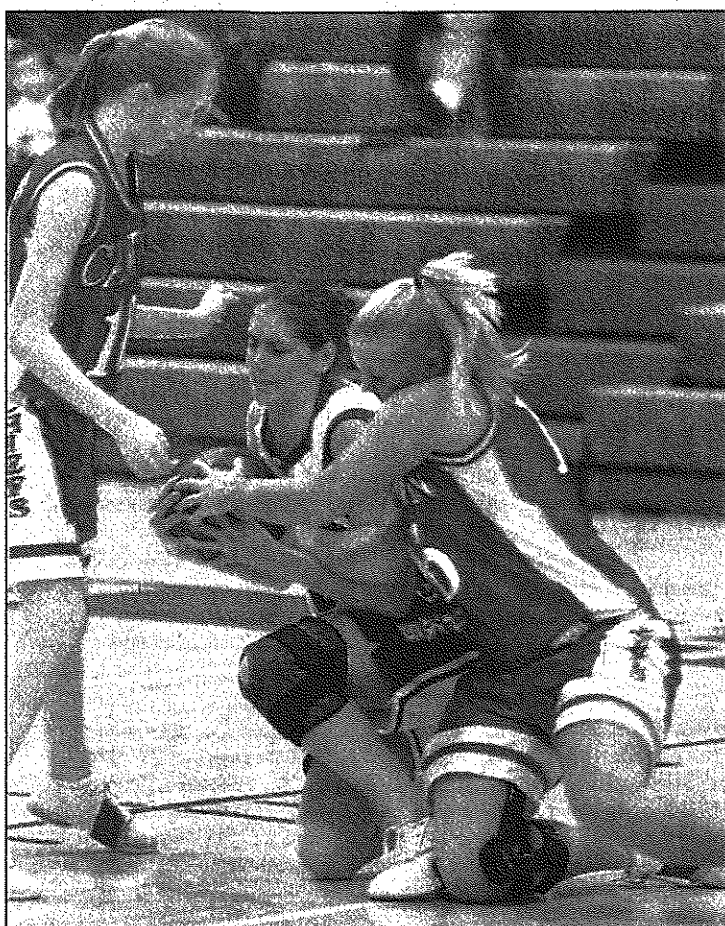
The Rocks were never able to get on track offensively, getting outscored 13-6 in the third quarter.

In the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game, Guerin riddled Canton for 20 points and Canale had 14; in Friday's district final, the Chiefs limited Guerin to one basket and Canale to eight points.

"We just tried to guard Guerin and Canale better," Blohm said, pleased with the effort supplied by Ealy on Guerin and Rachele Guastella on Canale. "And I think we were a bit more organized against their zone."

Cezat in particular. She once again wreaked havoc on the Rocks, scoring 20 points and grabbing 13 rebounds.

Guastella added 10 points and Becci Houdek knocked down eight points. Ealy finished with



Canton's Sarah Samulski (right) wrestles for the ball with Salem's Theresa Coppellie as Canton's Becci Houdek (left) gets ready to pounce. Houdek scored eight points for the Chiefs before hurting her knee.

three points, five boards and three steals.

Canale's eight points led Salem; six of those came in the fourth quarter.

Now comes West Bloomfield, a team that hasn't lost since early in the season (the Lakers

are 18-4) and boasts one of the state's top players in Samantha Mahoney.

It will be another difficult challenge for the Chiefs, but if they listen and follow their coach's instructions, who can predict how far they'll go?

AGAPE

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Tong totaled five points, five assists, four steals and four rebounds.

The Hawks got 11 points from Rebecca Schultz.

"Agape was good on defense," said Huron Valley coach Kris Ruth. "They mixed it up, from man to zone, and we couldn't handle it."

"We were in a panic mode and didn't set up the offense."

The Wolverines, on the other hand, did all that Sexton asked of them. "Our ball movement today was fantastic," he said. "We shot the ball well the last couple of games because we're not settling for three-pointers."

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On Thursday in its Class D district semifinal, Agape Christian made it three-in-a-row over crosstown rival Plymouth Christian Academy, rolling over the Eagles 51-31 at Detroit Urban Lutheran.

PCA's season ends at 7-14.

The difference in the game was in the third quarter. Agape was already holding a 19-10 lead, gained in the first half; a 22-6 run in the third period put the game away.

Tong scored seven points in the Wolverines' third-period run, with Creps adding all six of her points.

Tong, a senior point guard, finished with 15 points, four rebounds, three assists and three steals. Creps had a team-high nine boards to go with five assists and five steals. Stephanie Johannes added eight points in the game.

PCA was led by Kelsie Tietjen with 14 points.

Tong "played a very solid game. She was very poised," said Agape coach Clark Sexton, adding her defensive efforts against Amanda Saagman kept the PCA point guard, the Eagles' leading scorer, scoreless for the game.

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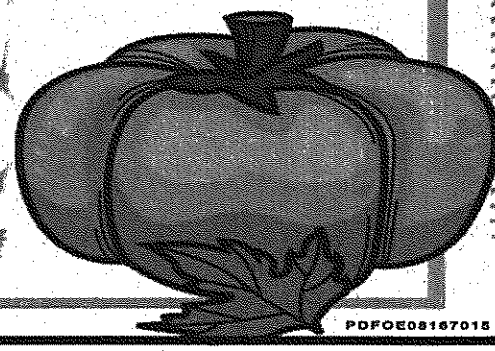
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Change your tactics after opening day

Opening day is history. All the anticipation and excitement culminated yesterday as the firearms deer season of 2003 began.

Now comes the "second season." The tough season.



Outdoor insights

Bill Parker

Whitetails, particularly bucks, are different creature after the first couple days of gun season. When the lead starts to fly, whitetails head for cover and a different strategy is required than what was employed on opening weekend.

Many hunters get frustrated after the first couple days because they aren't seeing deer from their stand anymore. Instead of packing up and heading home with your tail tucked between your legs, try a different strategy. If the deer

Find an area where hunters don't tread and you've likely found an area holding deer.

aren't moving, you should be.

To find deer after opening weekend locate the thickest cover in your area. This may be a cedar swamp, cattail marsh or just an old, overgrown, dried-out floodplain. Find an area where hunters don't tread and you've likely found an area holding deer.

Still hunting can be a productive technique during this "second season." The secret is to move at a 'snail's pace or slower', and to be as quiet as a mouse.

Casually strolling through the woods usually won't produce results, but a calculated still hunt will.

When you find some likely cover be sure to take a compass reading before entering. It's easy to get turned around in heavy cover, and even though you might not get lost, you could get turned around and a compass will save you valuable time when it's time to drag out

your trophy.

Work around the outside of the cover to the downwind side so you'll be walking into the wind.

Work your way through the area and plot a course that takes you from tree to tree. Don't walk right down a deer trail and leave yourself standing out in the open. Try to blend in as much as possible.

Slowly, very slowly, walk five or 10 feet, then stop, preferably next to a tree or bush that will break up your silhouette. Stay put for a few minutes and study your surroundings.

Don't expect to see a deer. Rather, you'll likely see a deer leg as it moves through the brush, or the twitch of a deer ear as it rotates listening for any approaching predators - hunters. Watch for parts of deer.

Before moving again, look ahead and plot a course. Don't walk over fallen branches or a pile of crunchy leaves. Look for a path to a tree up ahead that will make the least amount of noise, then move along it very slowly. If you cover more than a couple yards in an hour, you're probably moving too fast.

Don't be afraid to stop and take a break for 20 to 30 minutes, either. You don't have to

be constantly on the move.

If you see a deer, or movement that could be a deer, stay put and study the area. Look for a way to approach the area from the downwind side and, again, move slowly. Remember a bedded deer is on the lookout and watching for your approach. To fool him, you must blend in with the surroundings.

A grunt call can be a big advantage for a still hunter. If you can move to within earshot, a subtle doe bleat will often bring a curious deer into range. A rutting grunt can also be productive if a rutting buck is in the area.

However, if you're sneaking up on a doe and let out a rutting grunt she may just head for greener pastures.

Still hunting can be fun and productive, and at the same time, you're scouting for another stand location. Don't give up after opening weekend. There is still a lot of great hunting to enjoy.

(Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009)

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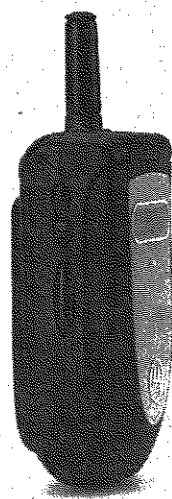
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Coaching change, new home won't hurt Catholic Central

Things are going to be a little different for Redford Catholic Central's hockey team this season.

The Shamrocks have moved out of their longtime home at Redford Ice Arena and into Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. Long-time co-coach Todd Johnson has had the "co-" removed from his title as he takes the reins full-time from the retired Gordie St. John.

And the biggest difference comes from the players on the ice, as the Shamrocks look to replace 10 players at the varsity level.

But one thing will stay the same — after winning five consecutive state titles, CC is still the team to beat in Division 1.

"Now that the season is about to start, we're really excited about this group," said Johnson, whose team was 26-3 last year. "The guys on the current team can't rest on what the teams in front of them have done. We have to find a way to be good enough to win. And we know that there's a lot of people looking to end our streak."

Goalie Jimmy Blanchard opted to play junior hockey in

HOCKEY PREVIEW

Leamington, Ontario, for his senior year, so the Shamrocks will have two senior goalies, John Garza and Andrew Godoshian, split time in net.

"Both of them are solid high school goalies," Johnson said. "Both have been in the program and paid their dues. They're very similar in style. We're only going to carry two goalies, so we'll see what happens."

The defense will be led by the two senior captains, Mike Monterey and Bill Makela. Senior T.J. Quattlander returns, as does sophomore Tim Buttery, while junior Kevin Horal will join the team after football season. Sophomore newcomers Mike Maviglia, Adam McGee and Nick Kroll will also see time.

"What's unique about Monterey and Makela is that while they have signed to play college sports outside of hockey, they are motivated to keep our string going," Johnson said. "In the off-season, they prepared on and off the ice as well as any player we have."

Up front, there's a mix of some veterans, but a lot of newcomers as well.

"We're not as much flash and dash as we have been in the past," Johnson said. "It will just take these guys a bit of adjustment time in their new roles. These guys were playing behind some good players, so they never really got the opportunity to show what they can do. Maybe it's their time to shine."

Seniors Travis Hamway, David McGrorty and Jimmy Burns, along with juniors Jason Lewarne, Harrison Niemann, Mike Oakleaf, Mychael Evans, Chris New and Brett Storm and sophomore Drew Kahle are back. Juniors John Horal and Brian Giosa, senior Pete Pfeffer and sophomores Dan Barchuk, Jeff Bachor and Wade LaFever will be among the newcomers.

"It's going to be tough to tell what our strength is because we've got so many new faces playing important roles," Johnson said. "Our concern is how we handle the pressure of playing in this program, knowing there's a lot of teams gunning for us."

SHAMROCKS

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The Shamrocks then tacked on two more goals for good measure in the final 3:57 as David McGrorty scored from Hamway and Kahle, followed by Harrison Niemann from Jason Lewarne and Jimmy Burns.

Although CC came on late, it was the goaltending of John Garza which proved to be pivotal throughout the three periods.

The senior, who backed up Jimmy Blanchard last season, arose to the occasion, stopped 25 of 27 shots.

"We got away with a horrible second period, it could have been 5-1," CC coach Todd Johnson said. "Garza was awesome. I'm happy for him because he's paid his dues for two years. We're fortunate because we have two guys (including Andrew Godoshian), who can play like that."

Churchill buzzed around Garza during the second period like a pack of vultures, but could only put one shot past the CC netminder.

That came with 7:36 left in the period on Xander Younce's rink-long rush culminating in a short backhand from Chris Barczuk and Derrick Lasecki to make it 1-1.

(CC had led 1-0 after one period on Tim Buttery's goal from McGrorty and Kahle just after a Churchill player had left the penalty box.)

"We were lazy, making big rink turns and we were not alert," Johnson said of the second period. "We were a step behind. Maybe the wakeup goal was the second goal they scored against us."

Churchill, seemingly in control, carried its second period momentum early into the third when Steve Yarber, taking a perfect pass in front of the net from Justin Stadler, scored at 44 seconds. The other assist went to Mike Dziewit.

But the Chargers, who took only three penalties all night, got caught for hooking, leading to a CC power-play goal.

"The power-play goal was huge for us," Johnson said. "What I learned about our guys

tonight is that we were not ready to cash it in. We were down a goal in the third period and I wanted to see how they'd react."

The third-period collapse was certainly disappointing for the Chargers, who outshot CC, 27-24.

"I really don't know what happened," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said afterwards. "I'm still trying to figure it out. We felt good even when it was 2-2, but the third goal was a backbreaker."

"They (CC) were able to capitalize on some odd-man rushes and our mistakes, and we didn't."

"It's just the way it happened. It was a great lesson for us. What I hope our players learned is what counts is after 45 minutes, not 38."

If there was one player who tipped the scales in CC's favor, it was Garza.

"He played well," the Churchill coach said. "We had about four point-blank chances in that second period (including a shot by Wes Carpenter that rang off the post). He (Garza) stepped up big."

Meanwhile, Johnson was not doing cartwheels following the 5-2 triumph.

"That's a really good Churchill team, as good a team as Pete's had," the CC coach said. "The score is not indicative of the game. And I hope our guys are mature enough to realize that."

"We've got to get a lot better before the playoffs or these guys will blow us out. If this team doesn't get better, there's no chance for success."

"I feel like we stole the game tonight."

Salem stopped

Three third-period goals enabled Walled Lake Central to pull away from Salem for a 3-0 victory Friday in the two teams' season-opener at Lakeland Arena.

Shawn Skelly scored the Vikings' first goal and assisted on the second, netted by Chad Barry. Ryan Bean got the third Central score.

Mike Sidor was in goal for the Vikings. Brandon DeMars was in the net for the Rocks.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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CLASS D at WHITMORE LAKE

Monday, Nov. 24: Jackson Christian district champion vs. Morrice district champ, 5 p.m.; Adrian Lenawee Christian district champ vs. Canton Agape Christian, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 26: Championship final, 7 p.m. (winner advances to the state quarterfinals against Hartford regional champ, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2 at Parma Western.)

PREP HOCKEY

Monday, Nov. 24

Franklin vs. Hartland (KVIH), 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 26

Ladywood vs. Bloomfield at Arctic Pond, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 27

Churchill vs. Salem, at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 28

Redford CC vs. O.L. St. Mary's Prep at Compuware (NHL Arena), 7 p.m.

Churchill at W.L. Western

at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 25

Saginaw Valley at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 26

Kellogg at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 27

Madonna at Kalamazoo College, 6 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 28

Schoolcraft vs. Columbus State at Owens CC (Ohio) Turkey Shootout, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 29

Schoolcraft vs. Edison CC (Ohio) at Owens CC (Ohio) Turkey Shootout, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 30

Schoolcraft at Owens CC (Ohio), 4 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Wednesday, Nov. 26

Whalers vs. Windsor (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 27

Whalers at Sarnia, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 28

Whalers vs. Peterborough at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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Monday, Nov. 24: Redford Union vs. Detroit Cass Tech, 6 p.m.; Detroit King vs. Detroit Murray-Wright, 8 p.m.

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CLASS B

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Monday, Nov. 24: St. Clair Shores Lakeshore vs. Livonia Ladywood, 6 p.m.; Detroit Crockett vs. Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 7:30 p.m.

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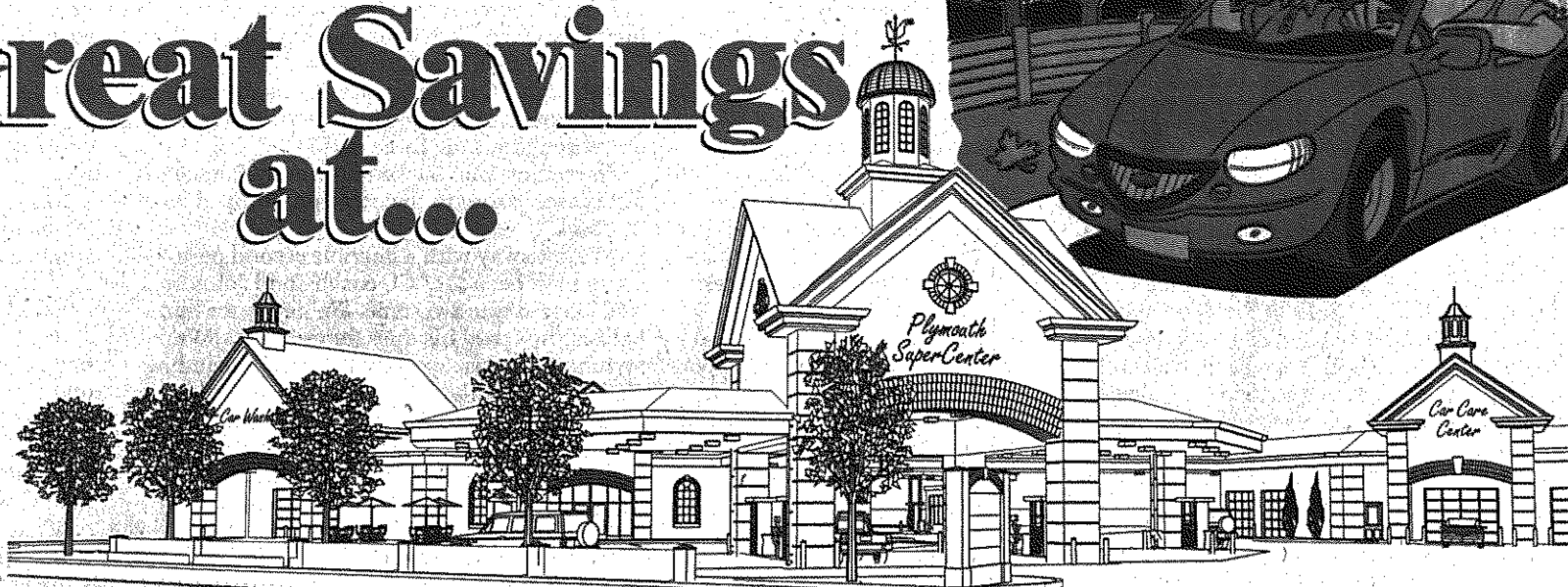
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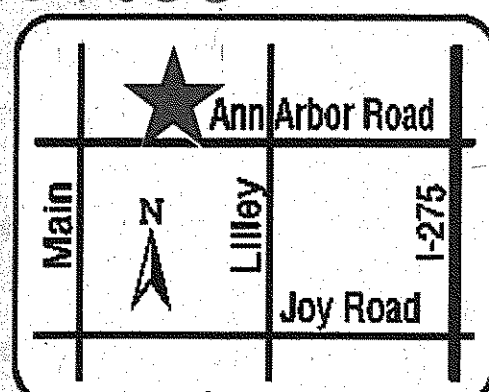


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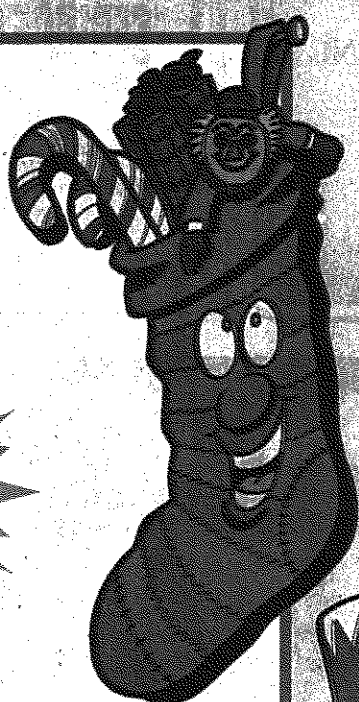
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Nadolni's late triple gets win for Madonna

Chad Nadolni connected on game-winning three-pointer with only 12 seconds left to lift the Madonna University men's basketball team to a dramatic 64-62 win Friday over Chowan (N.C.) University in the opening round of the Mount Union (Ohio) Raider Tip-Off Classic.

MU improves to 3-1 with the victory and earned a spot in Saturday's championship final against the host Raiders, an 88-61 victor over Case Western Reserve (Ohio) in the other semifinal.

Chowan (0-1) led 34-28 at halftime, but the Crusaders came back with a 36-28 second-half surge. Joe Kofahl led MU with 21 points, hitting 9-of-11 shots from the floor. Dan Kurtinaitis had 11 points and 10 assists, while Noel Emenhiser

grabbed 11 rebounds and had eight points.

Trayvon Latham led Chowan with a game-high 32 points to go along with nine rebounds.

Schoolcraft (men) 87, Rochester JV 38: On Friday, coach Carlos Briggs shortened his first-half rotation to nine and host Ocelots (3-0) were in sync, rolling to a lopsided men's basketball victory over the Rochester College JV squad.

Guard Ryan Baumgartner, a transfer from Miami of Ohio via Muncie South (Ind.) High School, led all scorers with 26 points.

Marcus Johnson (Dearborn Heights Robichaud) added 16 points, while Ricky Morgan (Pontiac Northern) and Anton Palmer (Chicago, Ill. Julian)

added 10 each.

"We played better defense and ran some good offensive sets," said Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs, whose 3-0 team led 40-18 at halftime. "Our guys are starting understand their roles and they're playing better together."

Schoolcraft (women) 62, Owens CC (OHIO) 58: A balanced attack, with better second-half shooting (particularly from long range), enabled Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team to gain a key win Wednesday over visiting Owens CC (Ohio).

The Ocelots evened their record at 2-2 with the triumph. Owens falls to 2-1.

Trailing 29-28 at halftime, SC used its superior three-point

shooting to make a difference in the second half. The Ocelots were 2-of-4 from beyond the arc in the first half (50 percent); they hit 5-of-9 in the second half (55.5 percent) for a combined 7-of-13 (53.8 percent). Owens was 0-for-9 on three-point tries. Tara Charles (Redford Bishop Borgess) led the SC attack with 16 points, including 4-of-5 on threes.

Ashley Gibson contributed 13 points (3-of-5 on triples) and had six assists; India Monteiro collected 10 points, 15 rebounds and four assists; Sara Tyree (Westland John Glenn) totaled nine points and eight boards; and Jaz Forster had three points, six assists and four steals. Stacey Wieland's 23 points was best for Owens. Laura Wilson added 12.

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Lakes - All-Division
Lauren Becker, sr., Walled Lake Central; Teresa Coppiellie, freshmen, Salem; Rachel

Desentz, fr., Livonia Stevenson; Kathy Hammerschmidt, sr., Salem; Renita Price, sr., Churchill; Jennifer Thauvette, sr., Westland John Glenn; Lauren Trosell, Jr., Livonia Stevenson.

Honorable Mention: Canton: Sarah Samulski, Becci Houdek, Molly Conlon. Salem: Carly Schwan. Walled Lake Western: Megan Guillani. Walled Lake Central: Whittey Simbeck, Britanny Burkhardt, Jess Howald. Churchill: Haley Weddle. Franklin: Carly Muncy, Ashley Bonsall, Robyn Whalen. Stevenson: Lauren Brodie, Kristin Truskowski. Northville: Domonique Desira, Evonna Karchon, Emily Weaver, Danielle Toney. Wayne: LaDwan Jones. John Glenn: Jennifer Swartz, Amy Bailey.

SOCCER

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Dixie CC) we'll be in real trouble."


Sarah Plymale (from Canton HS) got the Ocelots' first goal. Erica Ahrens (Canton) and Andrea Wright also got first-half goals as SC outshot Hinds, 27-5.

Nicole Dalicandro was in

goal for SC in the first half; she was replaced by Andrea Dunn (Garden City) in the second half. Hinds' only goal was an own-goal.

The Cyclones dropped to 17-2-1 with the loss.

Dixie (St. George, Utah) advanced with a 5-0 victory over Young Harris (Ga.), while Catonsville (Md.) supplied the biggest first-round surprise Thursday, upsetting top-ranked Lewis and Clark (Ill.) 1-0.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REQUEST FOR INDUSTRIAL
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CERTIFICATE

This is to give notice that the Plymouth City Commission will hold a hearing on a request for issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate at its regular meeting on Monday, December 1, 2003. The public is invited to provide comments or other information on this request, either in writing or in person, at this hearing.

The request is from E & E Manufacturing, 300/400 Industrial Drive, Plymouth, Michigan, regarding the following property located at 101, 201 and 301 Industrial Drive:

TAX ID #49-007-99-0010-000: THAT PART OF THE SW ¼ OF SEC 25, T1S, R8E, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT DISTANT S 88D 21M E 80.00 FT AND S 01D 39M W 120.62 FT FROM THE W ¼ COR OF SEC 25 FOR A POB, TH CONT S 01D 39M W 326.70 FT, TH S 88D 21M E 370.00 FT, TH N 01D 39M E 326.70 FT, TH N 88D 21M W 370.00 FT TO THE POB. 2.78 ACRES; and

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The Certificate would allow tax abatement on new manufacturing equipment and modifications to existing facilities. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$7,035,000. The Certificate would result in abatement of one-half (1/2) of the property taxes which would otherwise be levied on the estimated additional State Equalized Valuation of \$3,517,500, for a maximum period of twelve (12) years.

This notice is given pursuant to the Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Districts Act (P.A. 1974, No. 198, as amended - MCLA 207.551 et. seq.), which provides that the legislative body of each taxing unit which levies ad-valorem property taxes in the City of Plymouth shall be notified of a request for issuance of a IFE Certificate, and shall be given an opportunity for a hearing before the City takes action on the request.

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Bowlers cash in at GDBA mixed tourney raffle

Nov. 9 was the date for the last squad in the Greater Detroit Bowling Association's mixed tournament at Hazel Park Bowl.

At exactly 3 p.m., the prize drawing was held to determine the winners of the GDBA's raffle for 13 cash prizes ranging from \$1,000 first prize to \$500 second, along with 11 payouts of \$100 each.

All stubs were placed in a large box and shuffled for ten minutes, then placed in a large hopper for the random drawing.

Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

Prize winners included Gwendolyn Ferguson, who took first place, and Al Desantis, who finished second; along with Jeff Teichman (Westland), DB & T Awards & Promotions; Linda DeReuter, Ken Everett, Beverly Williams, Kevin Wojcik, Craig Matthews (Livonia), Mike Ahrens, Enrico Oloroco and Ron Byrd.

The checks are in the mail. ■ Some people have discovered bowling as a viable means for fund-raising. Charities have been doing it for years with great success, especially if its cause has human interest appeal.

The Cancer Foundation, Heart Fund and several children's causes have had very successful bowl-a-thons over the years.

Even the animal lovers have raised a lot of money with their Tail-Waggers Bowl.

It seems that almost any worth-while organization can do a bowling fundraiser and it's easy to do because most bowling centers will help organize it and do much of the background and back-room work.

Country Lanes in Farmington Hills hosted a fund-raiser for the Farmington Hills Unified girls golf team.

Three of the local Farmington area high schools — Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington — combine forces for a unified squad coached by Anne Marie Sopha, who also helped set up the bowling fundraiser.

She has two capable helpers, Natalie Rappalardo and Emily Laird both of whom also participated in the event.

Everyone paid \$25 to enjoy the event including three games of bowling. Every entrant automatically qualified for door prizes and a dinner buffet.

One of the top prizes was two rounds of golf with carts at the Otsego Club in Gaylord on either the Tribute or Classic course.

Another prize was a pair of Detroit Red Wings tickets, courtesy of Ron Laird at National Auto Glass.

They held a silent auction and sold raffle tickets as well.

In addition other door prizes were donated by Pick-A-Bone,

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There were several \$100 lane sponsors as well including: Automotive Techniques, Chicken King, Art of the Party, Fairlane Investment Advisors, Laird's Auto Glass, Nu-Way Vending, Ratzloff Modernization, National Auto Glass, SBC, Greenville Glass and Action Insurance.

Thirty of Country Lanes' 32 lanes were taken up, and with this great turnout, it must have been a huge success, which helped fund this activity.

If you have an organization that needs funding, talk to your local bowling proprietor, which will go all-out for you in helping build a bowling fundraiser.

■ The Michigan Women's Bowling Association Senior Queens Tournament has just ended at 300 Bowl in Waterford and drew a huge field of the best senior women in the state.

It ran on Nov. 1-2 with another great turnout.

It is open to senior women

scratch bowlers age 50 or higher with an average of at least 170 in sanctioned league competition with 21 games or more to be eligible.

Carol Roberts of Ferndale was the winner, by beating Marilyn Kreg of Kalamazoo by two pins 169-167.

The fifth finalist was Leona Obuchowski, also from Ferndale, who was bumped out by Carol Davis of Lake Orion, 182-179. Jan Combs of Flint was in third place for the finals, but lost to Davis, 188-181.

Roberts is this year's champion and has a check for \$1,000, and those two more pins that fell her way.

■ Some of the good bowlers around town are getting back to reporting their high scores.

On Nov. 8, Greg Sarkozi of the Saturday Nite Specials at Cloverlanes in Livonia rolled a 245 game with a 700 series.

At Vision Lanes in Westland, Larry Franz of the Thursday Ford Men' League hit 299 on Nov. 6. (What pin did he leave?)

Report your high scores to the counter-person, I will then be able to run it in Ten Pin Alley.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be contacted at (248) 477-1839.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Training for new soccer referees will be conducted at the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association office, located at 9401 General Drive in Plymouth.

Classes will be from 8 a.m.-noon on four consecutive Saturdays: Jan. 24, Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and Feb. 14. All four sessions must be attended.

Those interested must be at least 12 years-old. Cost is \$50.

Class size is limited. Register on-line at www.msysareferee.net, or call (734) 454-7335 for more information.

JINGLE BELL ROCK

EuroStars Gym in Plymouth will host the "Jingle Bell Rock" Gymnastics competition Dec. 6-7 at the St. Edith's Church Fieldhouse, located at 15089 Newburgh in Livonia.

For more information, call the EuroStars Gym at (734) 737-9500.

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Sealed proposals for Streetscape Improvements along Ford Road within the City of Westland will be received by the City of Westland, Westland Downtown Development Authority until 3:00 p.m., December 08, 2003 at Westland City Hall, Offices of the Clerk, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185. Sealed bids shall be taken to the City Council Chambers where they will be opened and read aloud at 3:15 p.m. No FAXed or unsealed bids will be accepted.

The project involves Site Development work for the Ford Road Streetscape project. Work shall include but not limited to the following: demolition of existing pavement and curbs, earthwork, bituminous pavement, concrete pavement, concrete curb and gutters, brick pavers, masonry walls, electrical work, footings, underground irrigation system and landscaping.

Copies of the contract documents may be obtained beginning November 10, 2003, after 12:00 p.m. from the office of the Project Engineer, Beckett & Raeder Inc./BRI, Inc., 535 W. William St., Suite 101, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103 (734) 663-2622, upon making a payment to the City of Westland Downtown Development Authority of \$55.00. No plan deposits will be refunded.

Anticipated Construction Start Date: December 15, 2003
Substantial Completion Date: August 23, 2004
Final Completion Date: August, 2006

Each bidder shall file a statement signed by, or on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation submitting the bid, certifying that such person, firm, association, or corporation has not, either directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid.

A certified check or bid bond in the amount of five (5%) percent of the base bid must accompany each bid.

The Owner reserves the right to accept any proposal, reject any proposal and waive irregularities in proposals in conformance with the MDOT 2003 Interim Standard Specifications for Construction.

A pre-construction conference between the Contractor and Beckett & Raeder Inc. must be completed prior to the start of project construction to insure that the Contractor meets all federal regulations.

Construction shall be in accordance with MDOT 2003 Interim Standard Specifications for Construction and amended by supplemental specifications and provisions contained herein.

Funds from the Federal Highway Transportation program will partially fund this project. As a result, contractors and subcontractors are required to comply with Federal Labor Standard Provisions, Equal Opportunity Requirements and Davis-Bacon Wage Requirements.

The prime contractor shall meet the requirements of MDOT prequalification combination joint 1.135 HU. A letter from MDOT must accompany each bid confirming that the Bidder is prequalified by MDOT as of the bid opening date.

Work by subcontractors shall not exceed 60% of the total contract.

No proposal may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after receipt of bids.

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Cathy Standish

One family's celebration touches all

It is on Thanksgiving that our family, like every other family, comes together for the holiday. We travel from far and wide, my brother from Missouri, my sister from northern Michigan and my other brother lives just a few miles from my Mom, all converging on each other to share a day of cards, football and food.

As everyone arrives, the once-quiet house fills with commotion.

Standing sentry at the front door, my Mom offers food, drink to the weary travelers and points me to the bathroom.

The house is warm and smells of bubbling turkey. Stuffed in the oven, a bird big enough to ensure there would be leftovers for weeks and months to come. On the stove, a pan of potatoes boil and a green bean casserole with crunchy little onion things waits to be warmed, and the gravy pan is on alert.

My brother sticks his head in the refrigerator and spots it. The orange Jell-O sitting in a plastic mold purchased at a party in 1967, the orange concoction has been his lifelong favorite.

I can almost see my tiny little Grandmother sitting in the corner, demanding the carcass of the bird for her soup. A shadow of my father passes by, I swear I hear the buzz of his electric knife, one he used to decimate many turkeys of feasts long passed.

My 20-year-old nephew avoids the hubbub and steals to the empty bathroom. My sisters-in-law chatter happily, and my husband sneaks downstairs to the sanctuary of peace and football.

The table is set for 13, having abolished the kids' table years back. For the babies, two high chairs are strategically placed near the seats of each parent. Fresh flowers in the center of the table glow with orange candles on either end of the arrangement. The microwave, filled with dinner rolls, beeps, and the helpers in the kitchen spring into action.

My nephew tries to sneak out of the bathroom unnoticed, but I grab him in a bear hug. He blushes, embarrassed.

"Hewwo, Aunph Caphy."

I stop to look at him, surprised. He speaks as if his tongue is swollen. His father, my other brother, is beside him in a flash.

"Open up."

Opening his mouth reveals my nephew's brand new tongue piercing. My brother rolls his eyes and walks away in disgust. I stifle a giggle as I have to ask, "Didn't that hurt?"

"No," my nephew tells me thickly, "I wove it."

Five weeks later the tongue ring was gone.

Yet it is these times for which we must be thankful. Moments with family, times to remember. After the meal, after the cleanup, both of my brothers station themselves at each end of the table, shuffling a deck of cards. I take my place and wait for the games to begin.

In the middle of it all, I caught my father's shadow once again. As he put away his electric knife, he turned to me and smiled.

And for just a split second, I would swear I saw him wink.

Cathy Standish is a Plymouth resident and regular contributor to the *Observer*. She can be reached via e-mail at Cate1956@aol.com

Hugs of hope

Livonia nun encourages children to seek better life

Sister Nancyann Turner reaches out to hug one of the children at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen on Conner. The Livonia nun can't seem to pass anyone in the hall without stopping to offer a few words of encouragement.

Sister Turner likes to say she's "taking all of the pieces and making a whole" here in the Rosa Parks Art Studio and Children's Library in Detroit.

After school a steady stream of children flock to her for comfort from a trying day that can include anything from being evicted from their home to having it firebombed.

Like a jigsaw puzzle, she's assembled art, tutoring and a variety of programs to create a beautiful picture of what the future could hold for them. On this day the children are making Thanksgiving Day cards to send to the most important people in their lives.

"Children draw not by perspective, but by their own feelings," said Sister Turner. "About five years ago I started thinking about working with children. I asked myself what do I most want to do. Where could I use my gifts and skills best? I wanted to get children off to their best. If we want a more peaceful, more earth conscious world it has to start with children."

TEACHING HER START

Sister Turner began her work as a Dominican nun by teaching children in Alpena, Saginaw, Dearborn, and Southgate after earning degrees in art education and fine arts from Siena Heights College in Adrian and Syracuse University in New York. Later, she learned the value of using art as therapy while working with people in an Appalachian ministry.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to use my arts in north Georgia," said Sister Turner. "I wanted to retrieve arts such as quilting and basketry. It was wonderful to see them come together to have them do their arts. It was my first time working with low-income people. I saw the great gifts they had."

After six years, the social service agency program ran out of money and Sister Turner was sent to Washington, D.C. Insight gained in the Appalachian Mountains wasn't wasted. It led her to seek training as an art therapist. She did field work on the psych wards at Walter Reed Hospital. Now she's come full circle, instituting art and other programs for impoverished children at the soup kitchen.

"I worked with the mentally ill,

those struggling with alcohol and learned about the role the arts play," said Sister Turner. "It's a safe way to express inner confusion, inner angst, inner struggles. It's a way to come to grips with their own soul, a way to envision what could be. You can really tell what a person is struggling with when they do their art. They can screen their words, not their art. It gives therapist clues."

REACHING OUT

Here in the art studio, Sister Turner can tell by looking at a child's drawing the struggles they're facing. Five years ago this was an empty room.

"I serve by empowering people so they have tools and support," said

Sister Turner. "Dominicans have made strong commitments to work with women and children, the poor, to fight racism and build community wherever we can, not to just serve but help empower them to take their life and do something worthwhile with it."

Helping others to help themselves is not always easy. If a child has an especially bad day, Sister Turner leaves a little animal on the table where they sit to cheer them up. Those are the days Sister Turner goes home drained. Other times she's just plain physically weary from coordinating programs like the summer Peace Garden and a three-week camp featuring the arts and sessions for resolving conflicts.

"Sometimes I can hardly talk about it," said Sister Turner. "Right now especially you see all the ads for the perfect Christmas. This is a hard time for low income because you can never match what the ads say, and you can't explain that to children."



Sister Nancyann Turner meets with Melvina Anderson in the tutoring/homework room. Five years ago, the Livonia nun began art and tutoring programs for children at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.



Dejuan Bankson and Sister Nancyann Turner are both proud of Dejuan's finished project.

"This area is a lot of families with not a lot of housing available, or not kept up, even if available, not livable. Somehow I have the energy and call to go back every day to see people taking control of their life, see moms making progress, moms grateful to have a place for their children to come."

Sister Turner is thankful for volunteers like Delphine Sievert and husband Jerry, and Tina Adams and husband Pat for making the children's programs possible at the soup kitchen. Delphine and Tina wanted to pass on the love of books they acquired during years of teaching at St. Michael's School. The two retired from the Livonia school five years ago.

At the soup kitchen, they help organize the library and set up art projects for the children once a week for three hours.

"I think Sister Nancyann is doing a marvelous job. Those children need whatever she's giving them. Her thrust is art therapy helping with the problems, and the tutoring. It would be so sad if anything happened to that program," said Delphine Sievert. "If you just helped a few of the children it can make a difference."

GRATEFUL

"Volunteering awakened in my husband and I a feeling of how grateful we are for everything we have," added Tina Adams. "We're helping those that don't have. If we can make a difference in these children's lives, with good reading, if only every house could have a little library, and parents and people to take time to make them realize the importance of reading in life."

Sievert says anyone can help make that dream come true. Especially needed are donations of gently used or new African American books, educational and story books, and books for sixth-eighth-grade children.

School supplies like loose leaf paper and spiral notebooks are greatly appreciated, said Sister Turner who plans to begin a noon storytime for preschoolers at the soup kitchen in January. Books on math or spelling would help children in the tutoring program as would educational games.

"We need blankets for families that are burned out," said Sister Turner who prepares gift bags consisting of books, clothes, and a toy or treat for the children at Christmas. "The garden club needs funding. We're hoping to find a garden group to give us a grant for our peace garden. Last year people gave us money to pay kids a

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Lots of love: Garden City family says there's no place like their home

Catherine Stoner has a special fondness for Garden City. This is where her late husband, Leo, landed "his first real job" delivering milk from house to house in the mid-1930s. If it wasn't for his route, they might never have met, married and raised seven children — Ann, Mary, Barbara, Nancy, Judy, Pat and Dan.

Today, Stoner lives alone in a home in Garden City surrounded by the memories Leo left behind when he died from a stroke in 1992.

"I lived in Detroit around the old Olympia, 'the red barn' in 1936. He came down the street with a horse and wagon. I was 18. He was 23," said Stoner now 85. "My older sister suggested taking milk from him. Not long after he brought milk, rapped on the door. We started talking and he asked me out to the Creamery Dance at the Book Cadillac Hotel downtown. We were married on Devil's Night in 1936. The rest is history."

While many of the early photographs were lost during a flood when the family moved to Detroit for a brief time, several of the children remember those days vividly.

Leo was a jack of all trades who bought houses, fixed them up and then rented them to families in Garden City. Over the years, the Stoners lived in four of the homes on Marquette, Dillon, Belton and Barton. Many times, Leo had to park his milk truck on Merriman because the streets weren't paved. Leo worked hard to make a life for his family. After driving milk routes for Bodker Creamery, Wilds Creamery, and Twin Pines he went to work as a janitor for Garden City schools. Leo always seemed to

have his hand in something. A 1946 newspaper advertisement boasts of the famous chicken dinners served at Nelli's Lunch on Middlebelt at Ford. Back then city hall was on the second floor of the building now occupied by Orin Jewelers. Later, he owned Cassie's Sweet Shop in Detroit.

At age 50, Leo went back to school to become a senior tax accountant for the city of Detroit, then Inkster.

"Taylor's Ranch was across the street and had horseback riding for \$1," said Mary Martzoff, the second oldest daughter. "There were 40 acres across the street, an all wooded area that ran all the way to Eloise (a former mental hospital and poor house in Westland). We'd go out in the woods and pick raspberries and strawberries. One day I found a park with swings and slides that must have been a prospective park at Cherry Hill and Merriman. I felt like Hansel and Gretel. Now I live out in the woods again on 10 acres in Pinckney. Garden City at one time was that — many, many farms and Victory Gardens."

"We'd take a walk uptown to Ford and Middlebelt. Half the kids went to school on their horses. It was called Garden City because there were gardens everywhere."

"It was so peaceful, no drugs," added daughter No. 6, Patricia Benefiel of Farmington Hills. Benefiel's worked as a paraprofessional with special needs students in Farmington Public Schools for the last 20 years. "We went to football games. I walked to school less than a mile away. I got a job at the first Kmart while a senior in high school."



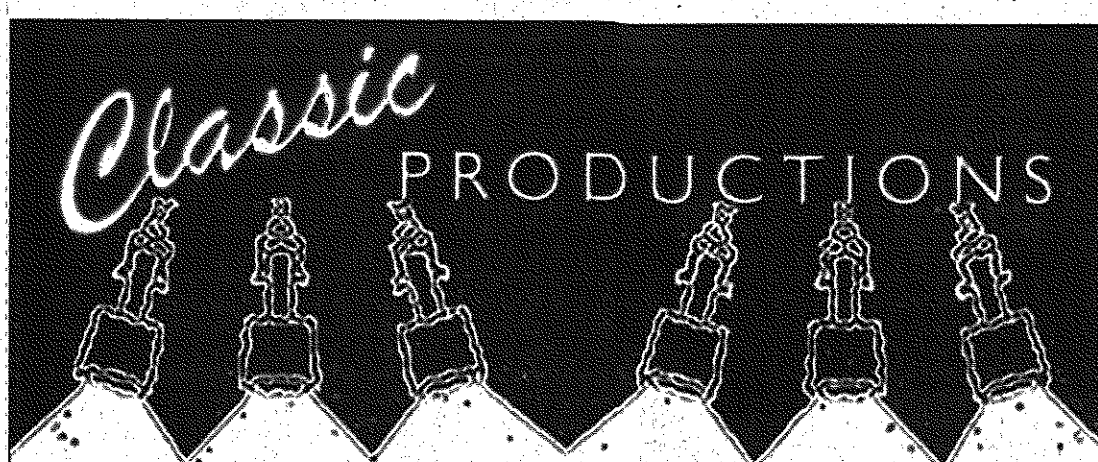
Catherine Stoner shows off the newest member of her family. To her right is oldest daughter Ann, to the left nephew Charles and niece Maureen. The family has lived in Garden City for decades.

Judy Sommariva remembers the houses on Marquette and Dillon as almost being on the edge of town. Born in 1944 in Providence Hospital in Detroit, she went to St. Raphael School in Garden City. Today she lives in Plymouth.

"The street was nothing but fields. My sisters brought horses back to the house," said Sommariva. "I have a very warm feeling about it being a small town, a neighborly community."

Dan Stoner says Garden City's friendly atmosphere is what still appeals to families. When Leo had a stroke in 1992, Dan and a neighbor pushed him in his wheelchair to Garden City Hospital's emergency entrance at the end of Belton street.

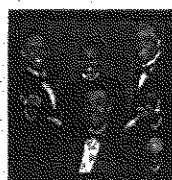
"Garden City was the first wave of the suburbs where mom stayed home," said Dan Stoner, a 50-year old history buff who lives on Barton. He is a member of the Garden City Historical Society and Detroit Historical Museum. "I enjoy the homey lifestyle. I remember you sat on the porch and knew your neighbor. It's still that way today."



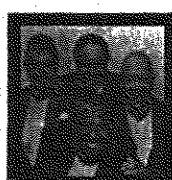
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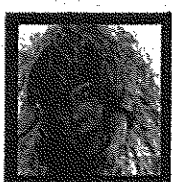
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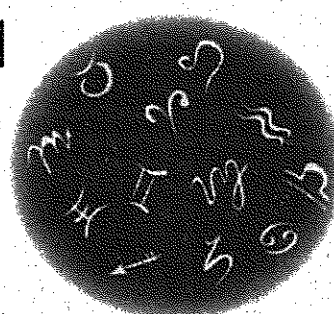
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ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You're regarded by many as calm, unmined and dynamic, and you never doubt your own judgment or ability. But a nagging sixth sense seems to be telling you to dig deeper into the whys and wherefores of a proposed biz agreement. Are you reading the small print?

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Holidays are often horrid for Bulls because their daily routine changes. No doubt you've been provoked beyond endurance and feel the need to distance yourself from those who drive you crazy. So do it - true loved ones will understand. Elucidate and eliminate now.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You need to feel 100 percent as Thanksgiving arrives - which may mean having to cut down on your stress, monitoring your fitness or change your diet. Celestial influences want you to focus on physical well-being now. Do "healthy," instead of "habits."

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

The only danger now is that you'll be too smart for your own good and try to outwit someone who's out of your league when it comes to cunning. Honesty is always the best policy, so be fair, be truthful and be yourself, Moqn Child.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Cooperation and compassion is the key to success for this week when colleagues will go out of their way to help you - if you're prepared to do something for them. The more you give, the more you'll be justified in taking for yourself, Lion.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

You're certain to find favor at work this week but, in your personal life, there are numerous nagging questions and concerns. Profit and popularity are important, but peace of mind is priceless. Confront your doubts and change them into certainties. Get happy again!

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Your desire to see the good in others is admirable, but it could cause you problems at this time. Somebody is bound to take advantage of your trusting nature. If you suspect that you're being taken for a ride, take evasive action. It's time to wise up, Kiddol!

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Fears and frustrations that you had long since forgotten even existed come bubbling to the surface again, and you mustn't ignore them. The time has come to slay a few emotional dragons. Polish your sword, Scorpio, and strike while the iron is hot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

The gulf between what you'd like to do and what your resources will permit appears to be getting wider. Therefore, stand back and try to work out how to reduce your overhead. Could it also be the case that you've become too financially dependent on another?

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Yours is a cautious sign, but the influence of the outer planets now seems to be making you more assertive than usual. Although you may feel like nothing can stop you, there are still immovable objects blocking your path. Learn to compromise, or learn first aid.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Typical Water-Bearers are as open and honest as the day is long. But common sense should tell you that this is one of those occasions when it would be wise to play your cards close to the vest. You owe it to yourself to maintain your present advantage. Shush!

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Upheavals are a fact of life and can't be avoided. It's how you react to them that matters most. What happens now, while unexpected, is neither good or bad; it's just the latest in a long line of events that are designed to test you to see if you have what it takes.

Dennis Fairchild is the Birmingham astrologer-author of several books on divination. For personal astrological-intuitive consult info, call (248) 644-3555 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com.

LIBRARY PICKS

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the *Observer* with their list of "Best Sellers" based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library, (734) 453-0750.

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1. "The Da Vinci Code," Dan Brown
2. "The Five People You Meet In Heaven," Mitch Albom
3. "Blow Fly," Patricia Cornwell
4. "Shepards Abiding," Jon Karon
5. "Blood Canticle," Anne Rice

Nonfiction

1. "A Royal Duty," Paul Burrell
2. "Dude, Where's My Country?" Michael Moore
3. "Lies (and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them)," Al Franken
4. "Who's Looking Out For You," Bill O'Reilly
5. "Bushwacked," Molly Ivins

Parent's Choice New Children's Picture Books

1. "Bad Dog Max," Marina Windsor
2. "Ollie the Stomper," Olivier Dunrea
3. "Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What Do You See?" Bill Martin
4. "Lucille Camps In," Kathryn Lasky
5. "Mrs. Armitage, Queen of the Road," Quentin Blake

ANNOUNCEMENT

Lori and Jim Petersen of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, **Allison Sue**, born Aug. 23, 2003, in St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Proud grandparents are Dan and Paula Petersen of Livonia, and Ken Porarch of Commerce. Great-grandparents are Hartley and Marie Trygg of Inkster, Bob and Sue Hamilton of Novi, and Mary Porarch of Commerce.

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small salary all summer long, 15 children to weed and plant. It helped these kids for whom there's no money available to earn something every two weeks. It taught them responsibility.

"What we really need is people's awareness of how many good people struggle to provide life. These families want the best for their children too."

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Hospices emphasize need for family awareness

November marks a special anniversary for hospice in America – the 25th anniversary of National Hospice Month.

Angela Hospice in Livonia is celebrating an anniversary of their own as well – 10 years in their inpatient Care Center.

"I am so proud of all we have accomplished as an organization over the past 18 years, and during our 10 years in this facility," said Sister Mary Giovanni, Angela Hospice president and CEO. "We are truly privileged to be able to care for individuals and their families at a very important time in their lives."

Angela Hospice has served thousands of families, and like the hospice movement itself, continues to grow. Since President Jimmy Carter signed the first National Hospice Month Proclamation 25 years ago, hospice has helped millions of Americans spend their last days in peace and comfort, surrounded by family and friends.

Hospice is considered the gold standard for end-of-life care in this country, using an interdisciplinary team of health care professionals to deliver compassionate, individualized care that addresses a patient's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs, while providing supportive services to the family and other loved ones. Hospice care is most often provided in the familiar surroundings of a patient's own home.

Research has consistently shown that almost 80 percent of all Americans would prefer to die at home in this way – free of pain, and surrounded by loved ones – yet only 25 percent of Americans actually have this experience. For every one person who receives hospice care, the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization estimates that there is another person who would greatly benefit from comprehensive services that hospice provides but does not receive this care.

"It is extremely important

that we are educating our community about the services available to them at the end-of-life," said Sister Giovanni. "Families so often tell us they wish they had found out about Angela Hospice sooner."

Education is crucial to ensuring that those in need of hospice care will be able to benefit from its services.

Programs like Angela Hospice are making community education a priority, in order to make sure that individuals know the options available to them should they or a loved one be diagnosed with a terminal illness.

"Far too many people wait until they are facing a health crisis in their family to learn about care options," said J. Donald Schumacher, NHPHO president and CEO. "It becomes very difficult to make informed decisions at times like these. The best time to learn about end-of-life care is before it becomes a serious issue."

Angela Hospice offers educational presentations to community groups through its Speaker's Bureau, a group of volunteers trained to speak about the hospice philosophy, advance directives, grief and loss, and other end-of-life issues. These presentations can be tailored to meet the needs of the requesting group, and are provided free of charge.

"We want our community members to take advantage of this resource," said Donna Kolodick, Angela Hospice's volunteer services manager. "It is a way for churches, businesses, and other organizations to encourage awareness on end-of-life issues, and we appreciate the opportunity to share with others the wonderful work that hospice is doing."

To learn more about the services that hospice provides, or to request a presentation from the Angela Hospice Speaker's Bureau, call (734) HOSPICE, or visit www.angelahospice.org.



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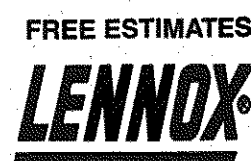
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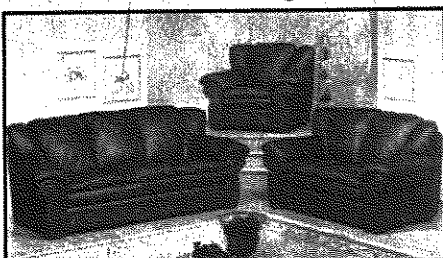
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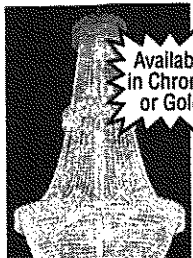
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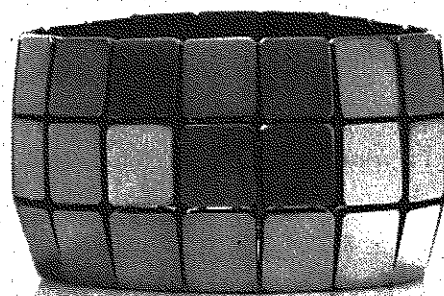


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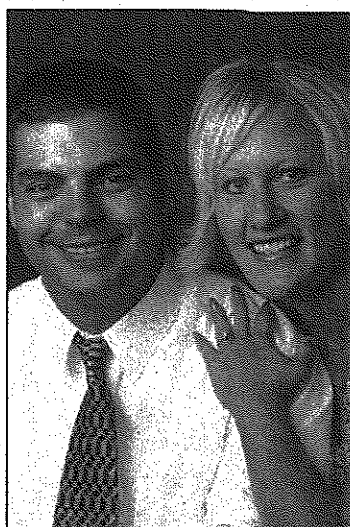
NEWSPAPERS

Neikirk-Simms

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Neikirk of Farmington Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Neikirk, to Bernard Simms, son of Mary Simms of Middletown, Ohio.

The bride is a graduate of Harrison High School in Farmington Hills and of Central Michigan University with her bachelor of science degree in elementary education, special education. She also received her master's in early childhood special education from Wayne State University. She is currently employed in the Plymouth-Canton school district as an early childhood special education teacher.

The groom is a graduate of Madison High School in Middletown, Ohio, and of Bowling Green State University with his bachelor of science degree in education. He also received his master's of arts in education from Eastern Michigan University. He is currently employed in the



currently employed in the Birmingham Public Schools as a high school robotics and computer drafting instructor.

A July 10, 2004, wedding is planned at Antioch Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills with a reception at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi. They plan on residing in Berkley.

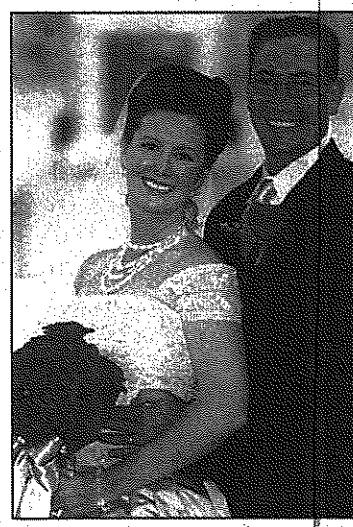
Bargowski

Richard and Donna Bargowski of Canton wish to announce the marriage of their son, Craig Douglas Bargowski, to Julie Norma Oberhonsly, daughter of Warren Oberhonsly of Wasilla, Alaska, and Charlene and Bill Stamp of Anchorage, Alaska.

The bride was attended by matron of honor Brooke Gibbs, with attendants, Laura Spallo and Jennifer Van Horn and Kelli Bargowski as junior bridesmaid. Alexandra Wood was the flower girl.

The groom was attended by Christopher Bargowski as best man and groomsmen Buck Oberhonsly and Britt Gallagher; and ushers, Rick Bargowski, Dennis Bargowski, Jeffrey Bargowski, Matthew Van Horn, Richard Bargowski and Nicholas Bargowski. The ring bearers were Joshua Van Horn and Joey Devornick.

The wedding took place Aug. 23, 2003, at St. Alphonsus

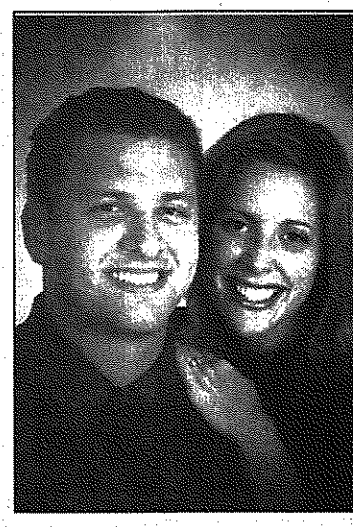
**Bias-Mosquera**

Sharon and Martin Buzenberg of Canton and Gregory and Susan Bias of Dearborn announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Suzanne Bias, to Jason Milton Mosquera of Canton.

Melissa is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is currently employed by the Redford Union school district as an elementary school teacher. She is pursuing a master's degree in public administration from the University of Michigan.

Her fiancé, Jason, is the son of Cheryl and David Miller of Garden City and Raymond and Marie Mosquera of Westland. He is pursuing a degree in automotive restoration at Washtenaw Community College.

He is currently employed at



Knudson Brothers Collision in Westland as an automotive painter.

The couple is planning to wed in July 2004 in a gazebo ceremony and ballroom reception at Fox Hills Country Club near Plymouth.

REUNIONS

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REUNIONS

Bentley High School

Class of 1983

A 20-year reunion is being held on Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, at the Novi Sheraton Hotel. Log on to livoniaibentley83.com for all the information.

Cabrini High School

Class of 1973

A 30-year reunion is being held on Saturday, Nov. 29, with a dinner/dance at Arnaldo's in Riverview, Michigan from 6 p.m. until midnight. The reunion committee is looking for Class of 1973 classmates. Please call Cathy Scimeca Cargo at (313) 388-0163 or e-mail her at cabrini7@aol.com.

Class of 1984

If you're interested in working on the 20-year reunion, please contact Debbie (Scott) Paus at (734) 737-9743 or Laurie (Marra) Makavevich at (734) 981-7263.

Cherry Hill High School

Classes of 1983 & 1984

A combined 20-year reunion is being held from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, at Diamonds of Canton. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information, contact for the class of 1983, Mary Ann at (734) 772-6783, and for 1984 contact Renee at (734) 425-7826.

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Class of 1993

A 10-year reunion is being planned for 6:30 p.m. Nov. 29 at

Laurel Manor in Livonia. Organizers are looking for missing classmates. Please send an e-mail to fhs1993@aol.com or call (630) 932-1175.

Farmington Harrison High School

Class of 1993

A 10-year reunion is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills. Call Wendy (Leland) Green at (203) 238-3830 or e-mail harrison93reunion@hotmail.com or klhenn@hotmail.com.

Franklin High School

Class of 1983

A 20-year reunion is being held Saturday, Nov. 29, at Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia. Graduates should send in their mailing address and contact information to class83franklin@hotmail.com.

Garden City High School

Class of 1984

A 20-year reunion is tentatively scheduled for June 2004 at the Livonia Holiday Inn-West. More information on classmates.com or e-mail Michelle (Pietryka) Taylor at misidrew@comcast.net.

Lincoln Park High School

Class of 1974

A 30-year class reunion is being held with a five-night Western Caribbean Cruise from Feb. 21-26, 2004. For more information, call Cindy (Conaway) Shaffer at Scottie Travel (313) 277-3800 or scottietravel@vacation.com.

Livonia Stevenson High School

Class of 1973

A 30-year reunion is planned for from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Sheraton Detroit-Novi (formerly the Novi Hilton). Looking for classmates. Contact JudyMau@yahoo.com or call (248) 449-1515.

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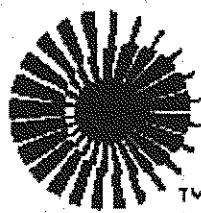
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AROUND TOWN

Preschool Open House

Plymouth Children's Nursery located on Sheldon in Canton, is holding an Open House from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004. The school agrees and warrants that it will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on grounds of race, sex, color, religious creed, or national origin. Call (734) 455-6250 for further information.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Enjoy home cooking without the fuss at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center. Seating is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27. The cost is \$23.95 for adults and \$10.95 for children 3-12 years.

Fish Fry

The Plymouth VFW is again featuring Friday Night Fish Fry for only \$7 from 5-7:30 p.m. Also, Sunday brunch is available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the third Sunday of the month. The post is at 1426 S. Mill St.

Marquis Theatre

The "Wonderful Wizard of Oz" will be performed at the newly renovated Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville through Jan. 17. For ticket information or group rates, call (248) 349-8110.

Holiday Home Tour

Plymouth Symphony Holiday Home Tour 2003 being held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, 2003. Tickets \$20/day of tour.

Holiday Greenery

The Plymouth High School Pompon Squad is having a fund-raiser of fresh cut holiday greenery for your homes, businesses, gravesites, gifts, etc. To place an order, please call (734) 455-4318.

Basic Skating

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department offers classes through Dec. 20, every level. Each class is 25 minutes with additional 25 minutes of practice time at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena. Call (734) 455-6620, Ext. 304, for further information.

Crafters Wanted

Annual craft show at Hawthorne Valley in Westland is looking for crafters for the Holiday show being held Sunday, Nov. 30. For information, call Suzanne at (734) 844-3128.

Learn to Skate

Roller skating or Rollerblading classes for November now forming for ages 4-

12 at Skateland West. Registration for winter Inline Hockey is Dec. 7.

Teens Using Drugs

A free, two-night series on identifying and helping teens harmfully involved with alcohol and other drugs. Part 1 "What to Know" is presented 7:30-9 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month from October through June at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center. Part 2 "What To Do" is presented the second Tuesday of each month October through June at same time and place. Call (734) 973-7892 for information.

Foster Care

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan is a foster care agency in the community that places children in loving foster homes. The agency is in need of loving and stable homes committed to parenting children ages 10 to 17 years old. Call (734) 971-5776 to find out how you can help.

Learn to Skate

Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton is offering a fall Learn to Skate program for various levels of instruction. Call (734) 487-7777 for more information.

Senior Golf Special

Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center is offering a Senior Special of 18 holes of golf any weekday, Monday through Friday, before noon. The cost is \$25 with cart. Offer good through Nov. 30.

Entertainment books

Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 2004 Entertainment Books to help fund their musical scholarships and charitable activities. They can be ordered by calling (734) 459-6829.

Inline Roller Hockey Leagues

Skatin Station II in Canton is accepting registration. One game a week. Call (734) 459-6401 for more information.

Preschool Registration

The Plymouth Salvation Army is opening registration for its preschool programs for fall 2003. The 3-year-old program is on Tuesday and Thursday and the 4-year-old program runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information, call Peggy at (734) 459-1358 or (734) 453-5464, Ext. 25.

Fish Fry

Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center is again hosting an "All You Can Eat" Friday night fish fry or pasta dinner at the Fox Classic Clubhouse from 5-9 p.m. The cost is \$8.75 per person.

Storytime

Peggy Price Heiney presents a special story time for children ages 5-7. Stories, creative dramatics and book selection round out this monthly session at the Plymouth Library. Registration is required. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.



All that 'jazz'

Plymouth jazzercisers raised \$3,000 for the Catherine Prince Foundation and Karmanos Cancer Institute by staging a benefit dance-fitness class earlier this month that featured Jazzercise creator Judi Sheppard Missett. Jazzercise instructor and benefit organizer Frances Farrell said the charities will use the donations for research and provide transportation to and from chemotherapy treatments. The event, held at the Jazzercise Fitness Center in Plymouth, drew some 200 participants. "We hope to have many more fund-raisers and help the people of this community," said Farrell, an instructor in the area for 11 years. "Our students are very receptive to charity events." For more information about Jazzercise, visit www.jazzercise.com on the Web or call Farrell at (734) 416-5527.

Plymouth Symphony

Plymouth Symphony League is launching the 2004 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale. The cost is \$30. Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016.

Recreation Registration

The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its classes for all ages. Classes include gymnastics, dance, core body exercise, tots jump-a-rama, tae kwon do, personal development, aerobics, clogging, senior trips and programs and much more. Call (734) 455-6620 for more information.

CLUBS

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road.

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars

are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September to June, excluding January. Persons interested in joining, contact club president, Judy Krieman at (734) 459-1027.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further info.

LBN

Local Business Network is a business networking organization dedicated to helping you grow your business. The Plymouth chapter meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. at Old Village Law located at 771 N. Mill in Plymouth. Please call Eric Morris at (313) 278-5070 or Scott Montgomery at (734) 462-2277 for further information.

Plymouth Optimists

Entertainment 2004 Books on sale with all proceeds to help children throughout southeast Michigan. Price is \$30 and is home delivered. Call Bill at (734) 453-8253.

Kiwanis Evening Club

Meetings are held at Atlantis Restaurant 39500 E. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, contact Charline Miller at (734) 455-4782.

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

Exchange Club of Canton

Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday at Palermo's Restaurant in Canton.

P/C Vietnam Vets of America

Chapter No. 528 meets every second Monday of the month at the Plymouth VFW Post No. 6695 on Mill Street, just north of Ann Arbor Road at 7:30 p.m. If you were a U.S. serviceman or woman and served between 1964 and 1975, you can join the Vietnam Vets.

Visit Web site www.geocities.com/edenright/PlymouthCantonVVA528.html.

BNI Plymouth II

The Plymouth Chapter II BNI Group meets Wednesdays at 7 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant located at I-275 and Ann Arbor Road. The group is looking for new members. Call (734) 459-5696 for further information.

West Suburban Stamp Club

Meetings are 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth.

BPW

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Atlantis Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road. Guests are welcome. For more information and dinner reservations, contact Mary Brooks at (734) 420-0320.

SEPAK

Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators, SEPAK (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) meets 7-9 p.m. every second Monday of the month at Discovery Middle School in Canton. For additional information, contact Rich Ham-Kucharski, (734) 844-1714.

MOPS-Plymouth

The MOPS group is now enrolling for fall. Relaxing fun time for moms while the kids ages 0-5 enjoy program of games, stories, singing and play. Meets first and third Fridays of the month from 9-11 a.m. at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft, Plymouth. Call (734) 420-0515.

Colonial Kiwanis of Plymouth

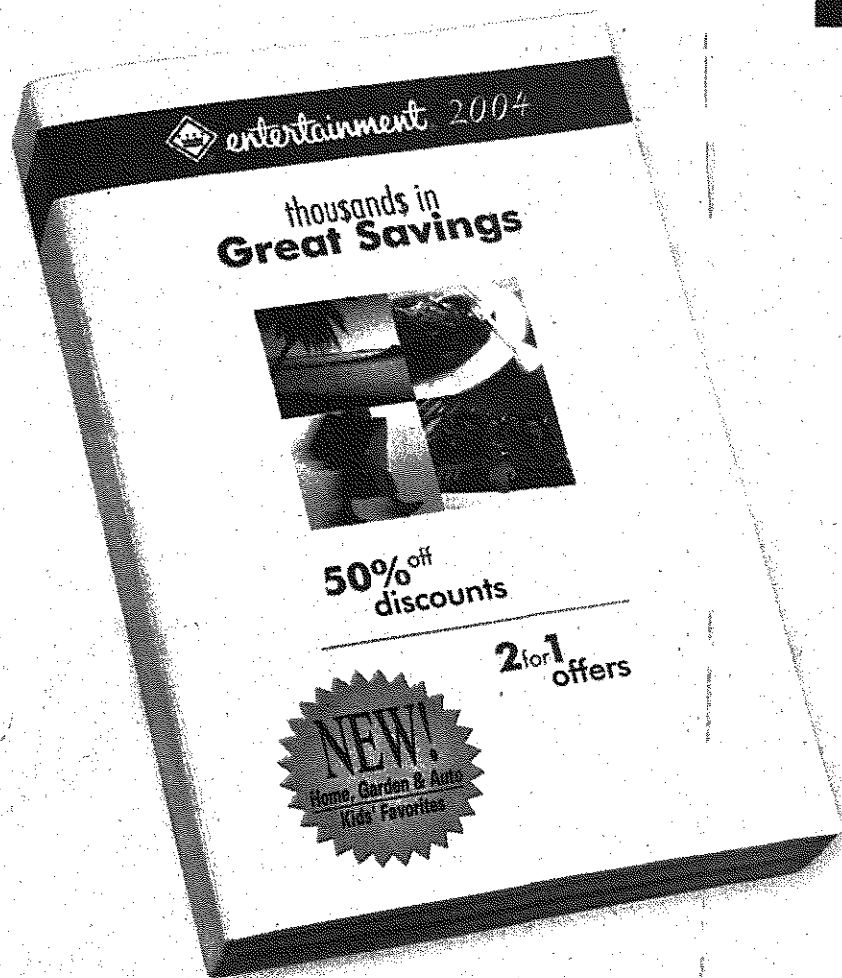
The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meets at noon Thursdays at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. For information call Ernie Hughes; membership chairman, (734) 414-0400.

MOPS-Westland

The group is looking for moms who are interested in meeting with other mothers for encouragement, teaching, support and friendship. Meetings are the first and third Fridays of each month from September through May. Child care provided for ages birth to 5 years. Call (734) 728-2600 for more information.

La Leche League

Breastfeeding information and support group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. For more information and meeting locations, contact Michelle at (734) 397-0197.



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Itching of the nose, ears or mouth is a sign of allergies as well as spasmodic or "machine gun" sneezing; clear, watery nasal secretions (if you have a cold, the mucus is thick and opaque), and a normal temperature.

"Colds are often accompanied by a fever, sore throat or cough, and they are usually gone within 14 days," says Dr. Reza Haque, M.D., a spokesman for Novartis Ophthalmics North America.

Allergies linger as long as the allergen, the substance causing the reaction is present.

The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America estimates 50-60 million Americans suffer from allergies - about one of every five adults and children. Allergies are the sixth leading cause of chronic disease in the U.S.

If your doctor suspects you have allergies, he or she may order tests to determine what substance triggers your allergies.

"If your allergist knows what triggers your reactions, then he or she can determine the best method of treatment," said Haque.

New book reveals revolutionary treatment plan

After 15 years as an OB/GYN, it became impossible for Dr. Ronald Rosenberg not to hear the subtle cries of patients with postpartum depression. The Birmingham resident felt he had no choice but to leave his position as chief of OB/GYN at Beaumont Hospital, Troy, to study psychiatry so he could help the women for whom "just being alive is difficult."

A decade later, Rosenberg, one of only six doctors in the country trained as a psychiatrist and OB/GYN, has gathered a team of experts to produce a revolutionary treatment for the disorder. The plan is outlined in a new book from Perseus Publishing - *Conquering Postpartum Depression - a proven plan for recovery* by Rosenberg, M.D., Deborah Greening, a clinical psychologist, and James Windell, family therapist.

Along with eliminating the helpless feelings brought about by PPD, Rosenberg is trying to remove the stigma of seeking treatment. He wants to assure women that only one-two per thousand of new mothers are as disturbed as Andrea Yates, the Texas woman who was found guilty of drowning her five children in a bathtub.

For physicians, he wanted to fill in the gap between OB/GYN and psychiatry. Unlike the "baby blues" which affect four of five mothers, PPD affects 10 to 20 percent of all live births in the U.S. For more information, Rosenberg suggests visiting www.depressionafterdelivery.com.

TOUGH TO DIAGNOSE

"Most doctors don't catch it," said Rosenberg, who specializes in PPD at his office in Farmington Hills. "With 'baby blues,' women are grasping for help, trying to mobilize their support system. The blues should be gone by three weeks. With PPD, women are withdrawn, detached. The majority of times the OB will start a woman on a low dose of anti-depressants and she's told to call in a few weeks. While that does work for mildly depressed patients, women with PPD feel even more isolated and alone. The women who don't ask for help are the women I worry about." Patients like Lisa Daenzer knew immediately that something was wrong after the birth of her daughter. Instead of taking the baby home, the two went to her mother's. A few days after the birth, she called her OB who said she had the baby blues. It was a chemical imbalance that would pass. A few weeks later, her parents were going to the casino. She couldn't stop crying. She didn't want her mother to leave. She called her OB's office again. He gave her a prescription for Zoloft,



Dr. Deborah Greening, Dr. Ronald Rosenberg (center) and James Windell have joined forces to come up with a revolutionary treatment plan for postpartum depression.

and the phone numbers of Rosenberg and Greening.

CHECK OTHER FACTORS

Rosenberg's first step in diagnosing PPD is to make sure diabetes or thyroid disease aren't at the root of the problems a woman is experiencing. If it is PPD, treatment goes beyond altering brain chemistry with drugs. He recommends a team approach involving the OB/GYN, psychotherapist, and parenting expert or family therapist. Confidence in parenting skills is especially important. If a woman feels incompetent as a mother, it starts a negative cycle. "You pretend everything's great," said Daenzer. "As soon as the door closes at night you shatter into a thousand pieces. When I became pregnant we were ecstatic. I hadn't been able to get pregnant and took fertility drugs. I had a very hard pregnancy and a horrible delivery, three days of labor. The sad thing is we planned this for so long. I used to think how could you be sad after having a baby? It has nothing to do with being sad."

According to Rosenberg, a genetic predisposition to depression, hormonal imbalances brought on by pregnancy, sleep deprivation, and stress can trigger PPD, leaving women like Daenzer feeling inadequate. Before the birth, she managed 600 apartments. After, she

couldn't even feed her baby.

"When the baby came out, she wouldn't breast feed," said Daenzer. "We ended up substituting bottles. I didn't have what I expected - that overwhelming love for the baby. Today (in the hospital) the baby sleeps with you. I sent my baby to the nurse's station. I didn't want to be responsible for this baby. It was very scary. I was afraid of the baby. Every time I looked at her I saw her blue and choking. I didn't feed her for weeks."

Two years later, Daenzer is still struggling with the disorder but is making progress with the support of husband Ed who did all of the night feedings. She sees Greening once a week.

Daenzer was fortunate that she recognized the need for professional help but not all women seek treatment willingly. Rosenberg suggests husbands encourage women to go to their OB/GYN as well as pull up the Web site to learn about the disorder.

Greening suggests calling the woman's OB if they think she's dangerous to the baby or herself.

HELP AVAILABLE

"Let her know there's help," said Greening. "PPD is going to change pathways in her brain like any untreated anxiety or depression. Treating can restore it to balance so it won't affect the develop-

ment of the baby."

A pediatrician can be an excellent ally when encouraging a woman to seek treatment. Most women won't hesitate going for help if they feel they're harming the child.

James Windell's seen how a mother's untreated PPD affects the children he comes into contact with as a psychologist at Oakland County Juvenile Court in Pontiac.

"A recent research article ('Pathways to Violence in the Children of Mothers Who Were Depressed Postpartum,' published in *Developmental Psychology*, Vol. 39, 2003) suggests adolescence with behavioral problems may have a mother who was depressed," said Windell, an adjunct instructor in the criminal justice department at Wayne State University and a Troy resident. "What happens to a child if PPD goes untreated is children can be depressed, have higher stress levels, be withdrawn, irritable with lowered activity levels. Attachment problems with the mother can eventually lead to not relating to other people. In general, if a mother is depressed and untreated for the first six months, the baby will show emotional difficulties, social problems within the first year."

As part of the book's treatment plan, women are encouraged to see a family

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March of Dimes message: More needs to be done to find answers for premature births

The statistics rattled off during Monday's "National Prematurity Awareness Day" luncheon at Carrabba's Italian Grill in Novi were astounding. "Someone is born premature every ... minute," said pediatric nurse Sharon Wallace to the gathering of March of Dimes volunteers, health care professionals and families with premature babies. "How many minutes have we been here today? Think about it. Half an hour? Thirty (preemie) babies have been born during this time."

Wallace, and Detroit Henry Ford neonatal intensive care unit doctor Richard E. Smith discussed why more information needs to get out to the public to fight premature birth

— a common, serious and costly problem for many American families.

To that end, the March of Dimes is at the forefront. Earlier this year, it launched a five-year, \$75 million prematurity awareness campaign. Monday's luncheon underscored efforts in southeastern Michigan.

Pink wrist bands were distributed to luncheon guests, with the inscription "Premature Birth: The Answers Can't Come Soon Enough."

Guests were asked to wear the bands all day Monday, as a conversation starter.

"Do you have your bands on?" Wallace said. "If you go put them on, someone is going

to ask you about them and give you a chance to talk about premie babies. ... So wear them. Think of them."

If asked about the bands, they might answer that more than 475,000 premature babies (before 37 weeks of gestation) are born every year in the United States, about one per eight newborns. They might answer that a problem pregnancy resulting in premature birth can happen to anyone, for sometimes unknown reasons.

To raise money for research, the March of Dimes Web site (www.marchofdimes.com) features a photo of a "save the babies" wrist band. Every time the picture is clicked on during November, sponsors will

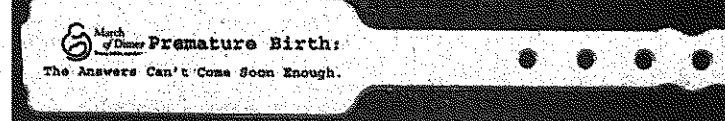
donate \$1 to research, up to \$150,000.

Luncheon guests contributed in another way. Their tips to VIP waitstaff, including WJR vice president and general manager Mike Fezzey and Steve Garagiola, of WDIV-Channel 4, were donated to the March of Dimes.

Dr. Smith told the guests that prenatal care has improved, thanks to the March of Dimes, but much more needs to be done.

"Prematurity prevention is what we're trying to do with the March of Dimes, so that every baby born in the United States has a healthy start."

Still, although chronic health problems do impact



Luncheon guests were asked to wear these wrist bands to encourage conversation about premature births. The March of Dimes is at the forefront of addressing the health concerns.

premature babies, more preemies are having those "healthy beginnings" than ever before because of ongoing medical research.

Research is one part of the equation. Raising awareness is another, and that's where books and other materials are essential.

One guest at the luncheon, Observer & Eccentric sports editor Tim Smith, wrote a hope-filled book of family stories, titled *Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!* (Greenwood Publishing; www.littlethumbsup.com.)

The book was written after the premature birth of his daughter at 25 weeks gestation in November 1994.

Copies of Smith's book were available after the luncheon, along with other books and gift items, with proceeds going to March of Dimes.

Miracle Birth Stories ..., which in part highlights families of the "Preemie Stars" WalkAmerica team, provides hope that premature birth doesn't always mean automatic health problems. The majority of surviving preemies do go on to lead normal lives.

But Smith, whose daughter remains healthy, and everyone else at Carrabba's fully understands that the job is far from over.

For more information about the campaign, call (888) MODIMES.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

NOVEMBER

Conditioning for skiing

Learn how to get in shape for skiing at a community education program 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at Oakland Physical Therapy, 47601 Grand River at Beck, Suite B124 in the Providence Park Medical Center, Novi. Participants should use the northeast entrance. No charge. Space is limited. RSVP to (248) 380-3550. Frank Kava, M.S., PT., will identify common musculoskeletal weaknesses in skiers, demonstrate proper stretching techniques for muscles important in skiing and proper exercises to strengthen key muscles used for skiing.

Healthy cooking classes

Classes include candy making the healthy way, desserts, and breads and loaves. Call (734) 261-2856 or visit www.macroval.com.

Sharing & Caring

All are welcome at a series of lectures presented by Sharing & Caring in the first floor conference room at Beaumont Cancer Center, 3577 W. 13 Mile at Woodward, Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers educational programs for breast cancer sur-

vivors, their family and friends. Upcoming topics include Tamoxifen Dec. 4. The series runs weekly through Dec. 18. To have a schedule mailed to your home, call (248) 551-8585. Prior to meeting, call (248) 551-8588 for schedule change information.

Women's fitness class

Women: Be Fit and Fabulous offers a variety of exercises - aerobics for cardiovascular health, strength training for muscle tone, easy yoga for flexibility and relaxation. Four week series begins Nov. 25. All sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, between Haggerty and Meadowbrook, Novi. For information, call (248) 477-6100.

Volunteers wanted

SandCastles, a grief support program for children, teens and their families offered through the Hospices of Henry Ford Health System, seeks volunteers for its sites in Southfield, Rochester, Clinton Township, Detroit, St. Clair Shores, and Downriver. SandCastles provides a supportive environment for children and teens, ages 3-18, and their families who have

experienced the death of a loved one. The free meetings are held bi-weekly, and families are encouraged to participate for as long as they need support for their grief.

To register for training or for more information, call (313) 874-6881.

Fitness classes

Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi is offering exercise programs to people with chronic diseases and disorders such as osteoporosis, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis or other chronic illness. Ongoing classes include Bones in Motion, a program of monitored exercise and nutrition counseling to promote bone health for people with osteoporosis, and Kinetics, a low-intensity program to increase flexibility and strength for those with musculoskeletal or endurance limitations. Exercises are performed while in standing, sitting or lying positions. For more information, call (248) 473-5600.

Red Cross safety courses

Continue with CPR/Standard first aid with AED (automated external defibrillation) and Infant/Child CPR at the Livonia Service Center, 36650 Five

Mile. Among the offerings are CPR review, CPR for the professional rescuer (and review), First aid/CPR/AED instructor, and nurse assistant training. Costs vary. For more information, call (734) 542-0442 or visit www.sem-redcross.org.

Therapeutic group

Feeling sad, lonely, empty? You are not alone. Here is an opportunity to share in a therapeutic setting with other women who feel the same way. The Madonna University Psychological Services Clinic is offering this unique experience 7-8:30 p.m. Sundays through Jan. 11. Cost is \$15 per session. Call (734) 432-5771.

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ONGOING

Alliance for the Mentally Ill

The Wayne/Westland chapter, a self help and advocacy group for relatives and friends of the mentally ill, meets 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at the Red Apple Restaurant, 32711 Michigan Avenue at Venoy, Westland. For more information, call (313) 562-8498. All are welcome.

CFS/Fibromyalgia Support Group

Meets 7 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. For information about the group, call (248) 346-3164 or visit the Web site at www.geocities.com/LivoniaCFSFMS.

Self-help groups

Anyone seeking information on a variety of self-help groups may visit the Michigan Self-Help Clearing House at the Michigan Protection Advocacy Service Web site, www.mpas.org. If you have a disability rights issue, contact the MPAS at (800) 288-5923.

Medicare counseling

Senior citizens with Medicare questions and concerns can get assistance through Beaumont Hospital's Department of Older Adult Services. The department's staff of trained volunteers can provide counseling on Medicare, long-term care insurance, and insurance plans that supplement Medicare. Call Senior Resource Line at (800) 328-2241 Monday through Friday to make an appointment.

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Your doctor can tell an attack of gout in your knee from a flare of osteoarthritis in the same knee. A gout attack comes on suddenly and the pain is to intense, you require crutches or a wheel chair to get into your doctor's office. In contrast, osteoarthritis causes a gradually increasing discomfort, one that is relieve by rest, and worsened, by walking a considerable distance.

It is important to make a correct diagnosis. A gout attack required immediate removal of fluid from the knee and the need for medicine for a long term to prevent another attack. Osteoarthritis may be treated by removal of fluid, but often medication for pain will suffice to control the condition.

For reasons unknown, it is rare for a patient with rheumatoid arthritis to develop gout in any joint.

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therapist like Windell, a parenting expert who's published several books including *8 Weeks to a Well-Behaved Child* and *Children Who Say No When You Want Them to Say Yes*.

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Wealth of windows bathes spacious tri-level in light

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Garage, utilities and a huge storage room are on the lowest level, half a flight down from the main floor.

The master suite and one of two secondary bedrooms are on the second floor, a full flight up from the garage, but only half a flight up from the main floor. An eye-catching curved walkway sweeps up from the driveway to a small porch.

Vaulted ceilings throughout combine with a wealth of windows to create a sense of spaciousness.

Except for bathrooms, all of the rooms on the main and second floor are vaulted. Additional light streams into the kitchen, dining room, stairwell and master suite through skylights. Indoor greenery and tropical plants will flourish in this rich light.

KITCHEN

An abundance of counter space in the kitchen lets two or three cooks work together without getting in each other's way. This room is suffused with so much natural light that artificial sources will rarely be needed during daylight hours. Most of the street-facing wall is filled with windows.

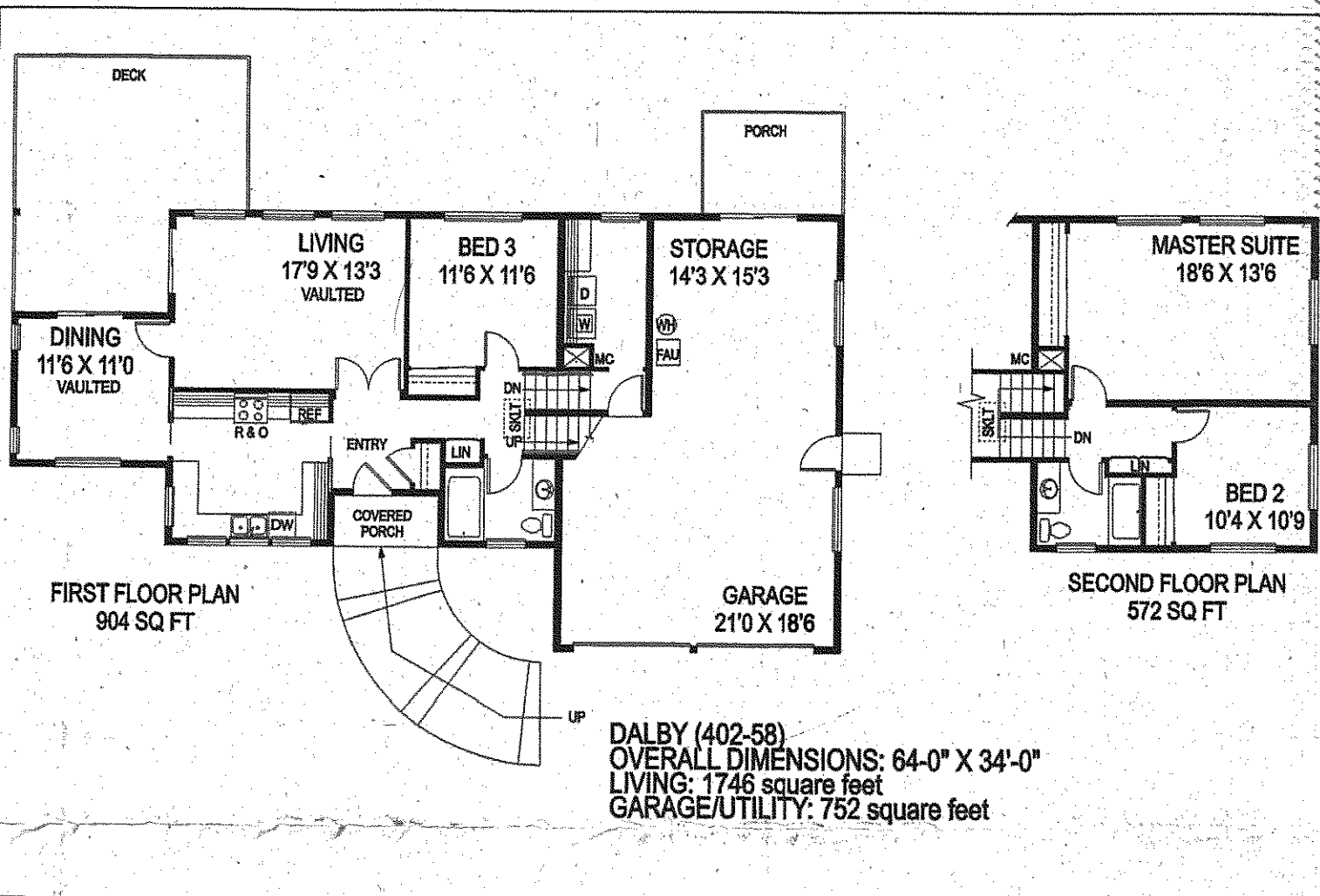
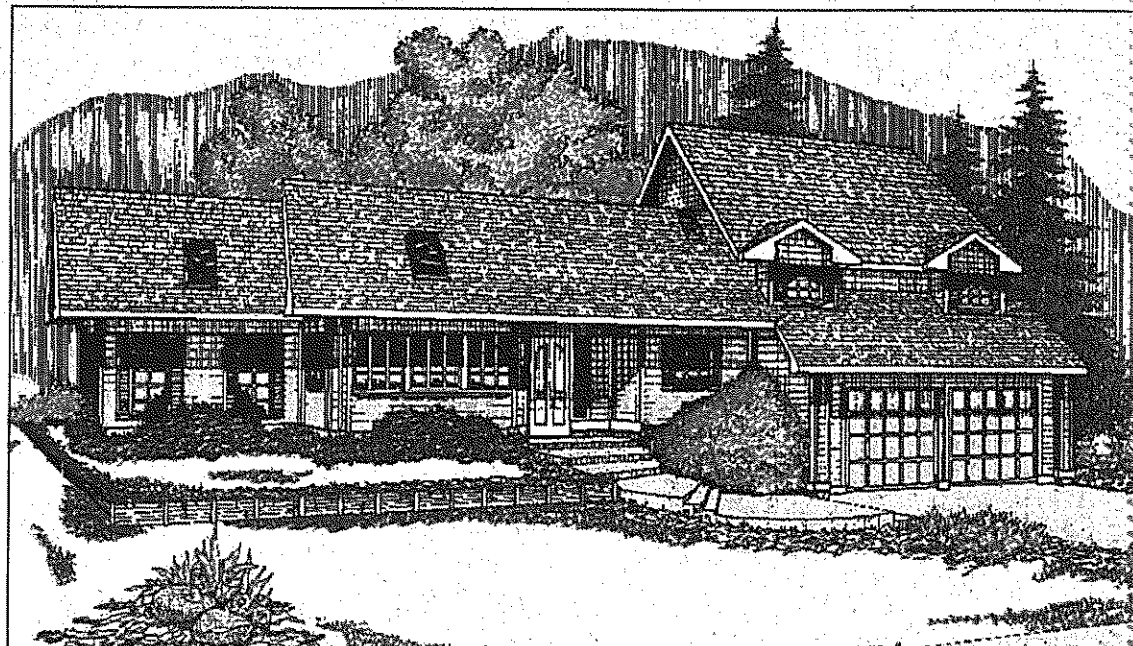
The ceiling above the windows slopes up to a high back wall, creating a row of multi-paned windows that lends a look of graciousness to the room. These windows allow for shared light between the kitchen and living room and can be opened for cross-ventilation as well.

In addition to the skylight, the dining room has windows on three sides. Sliding French doors open on a large deck to the rear, offering easy access for

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On the upper level, the master suite shares a bathroom with the other secondary bedroom. Both the bathroom and bedroom two have window seats tucked in front-facing dormers.

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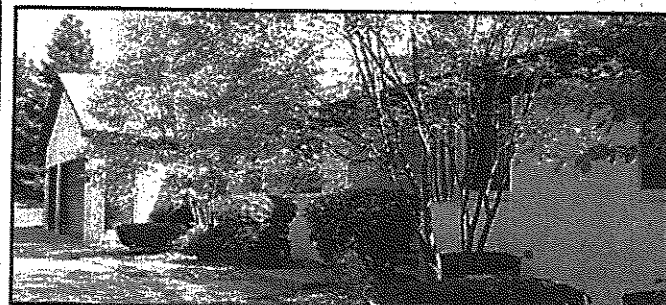
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Critics worry farmland being conserved for wealthy

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Illinois executive Peter Redding bought a 360-acre former dairy farm in Vermont's scenic Mettawee Valley in 2000 for \$550,000, about twice its value as farmland.

He's renovating the farmhouse, running 13 Morgan horses and renting some of the cropland to a nearby farmer. He lives at the Rupert farm about 70 percent of the time, he said.

"I wanted a place that was kind of private where I could raise horses. It was Vermont or Sonoma in California," Redding, 70, said recently.

The sale has some farmers, state agriculture officials and conservationists worried. They fear Redding is the first of a crowd of well-to-do, out-of-state buyers with the money to buy conserved dairy farms and turn them into private estates. Redding's farm was forever conserved from development in 1989.

Vermont has spent \$37 million in public money since 1987 to pay farmers for the development rights on more than 100,000 acres.

The deals protect the farms from development and require that the land be kept from going back to brush. There's nothing that requires the farmers to keep farming or to sell their land to other working farmers when they retire.

"It sure is scary when you see the land changing," said Fred Stone, 62, who milks 130 cows down the road from Redding. "That farm will never, never, never go back to being a dairy farm."

In his valley, he said, there are as many or more cows than there were 30 years ago. Farmers have to compete for land to support their herds.

"If more of this land turns into estates, what will the farmers do?" he asked.

At the state's Housing and Conservation Board and the non-profit Vermont Land Trust, leaders say Redding's purchase is one of

only two estate sales they can identify.

Such sales have become a big problem in Massachusetts. For Vermont, it's only a matter of time, they say.

"Down here in the south, we are kind of in the first wave of these sales - we are really very, very affected by the city flight thing," said Donald Campbell, who runs the land trust's office in Bennington and Rutland counties.

PRICED OUT

Farmers are being priced out of farmland that hasn't been protected, he said.

"In Pawlet, I'm working with a farmer who wants to buy a piece of ag land that sold six years ago for \$92,000 and now they want over \$250,000 for it," he said.

Many farm-protection deals in Vermont are collaborations by the Vermont Land Trust, local land trusts and the state board, which provides some of the money.

The deals say that if a farmer later wants to sell his land, the groups holding conservation easements on the farm must be given the chance to match the buyer's offer.

Recently the land trust exercised that option, when a nonfarm buyer offered \$350,000 for a dairy farm on Lake Champlain in Orwell.

To keep a working farm, the land trust bought the land and resold most of it to a local dairy farmer. The group could afford to do so only because the price was close to the land's agricultural value. If the non-farm buyer had offered an "estate" price, the land trust could not have stepped in.

State officials say big issues are at stake.

"We have a strong tradition of owner-operated farms in Vermont. Do we want to see that change?" asks Nancy Everhart of the Housing and Conservation Board.

Would Vermonters be willing to continue spending tax dollars to protect farms that will end up as private estates?

Steve Kerr, secretary of the state Agriculture Agency, said at least the choice needs to be clear

to policymakers and the public.

"We've said for 25 years that we were conserving land to have affordable farms for the future," he said.

"If we are conserving land to have open space, regardless of its use, we need to say so," he added.

STRATEGY

Conservation groups are considering a new strategy. This month's meetings will seek comments from farmers and community members on it.

Future conservation deals might include a clause that says that when a farmer sells a protected farm, the land trust has the right to buy the land at its agricultural value even if that is less than an "estate buyer" offers.

Farmers would be paid more, upfront, by the conservation groups, but might be forfeiting future profits from land sales.

Massachusetts has a similar provision, Everhart said.

"They've never had to use it, but it acts as a deterrent," she said. "That would be the hope and intent in Vermont."

Kerr said he supports this kind of approach that would ensure the goal of affordable farmland.

"We want Vermont to be an agricultural state, not just a pretty state," he said.

Some farmers are skeptical.

Clark Hinsdale III, president of the Vermont Farm Bureau, said a better solution might be for the land trusts to concentrate on protecting farms that are unlikely ever to have estate value.

"Estate buyers don't want to be big, open, flat fields. They are looking for the cute little farms on rolling hills with hedgerows and pretty places to ride your horse," he said. "They typically aren't as good for dairy farms anyway."

In many parts of Vermont, he said, it's competition among farmers for the best farmland that has put prices at \$1,000 an acre or more.

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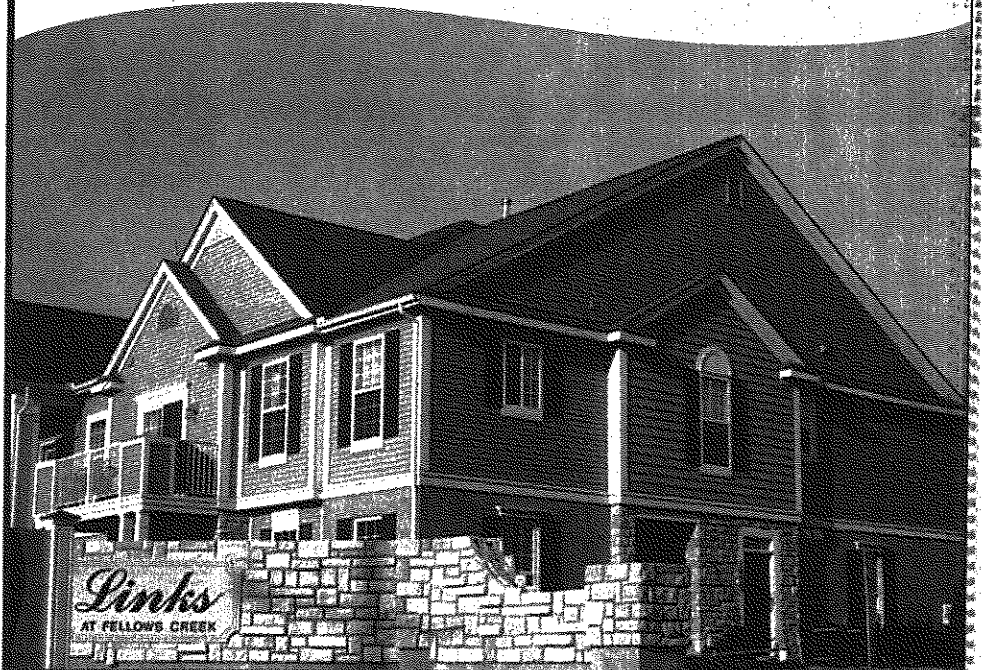
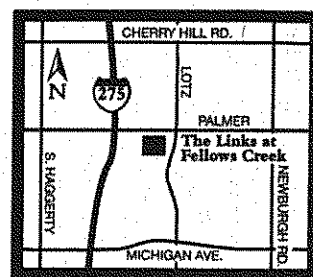
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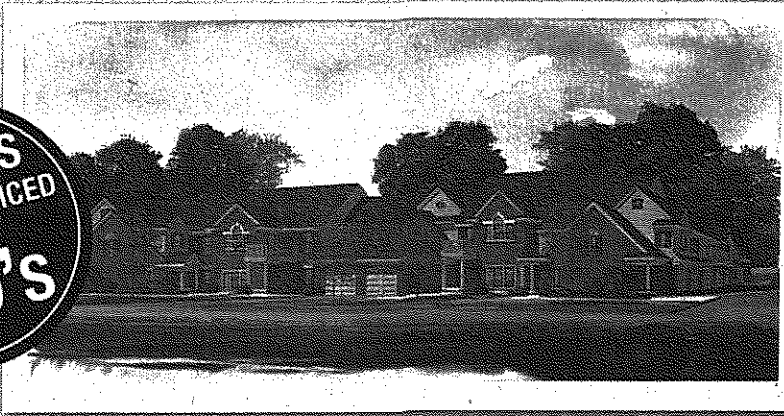
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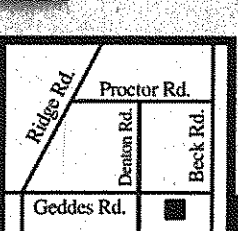
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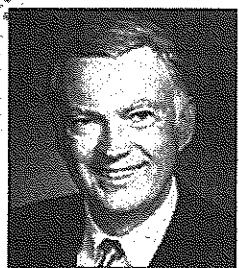


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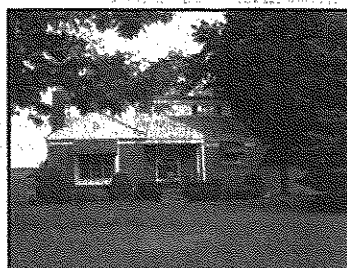
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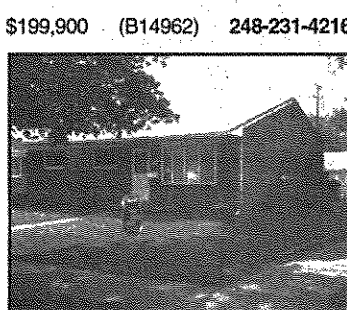
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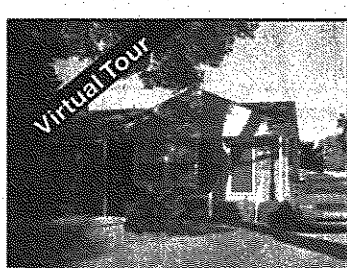
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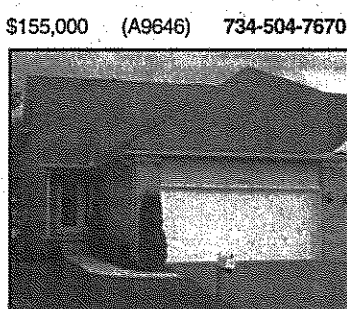
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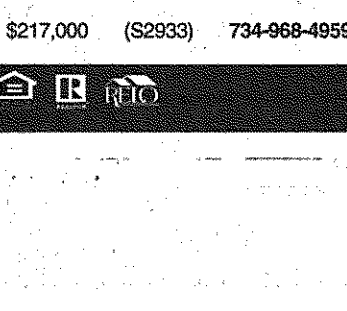
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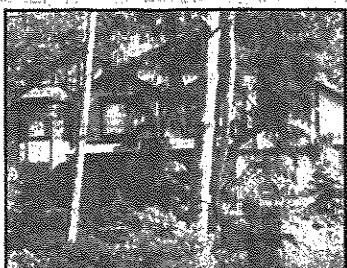
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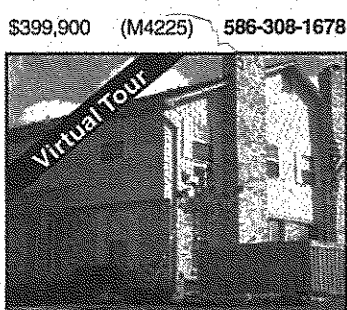
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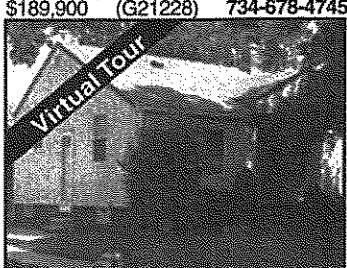
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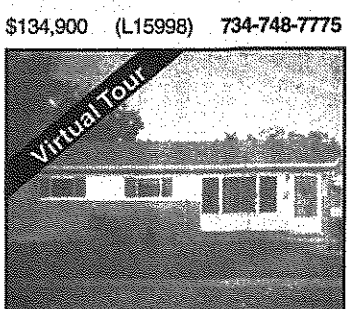
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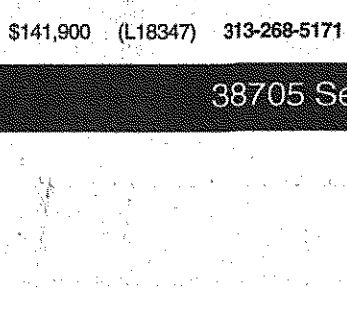
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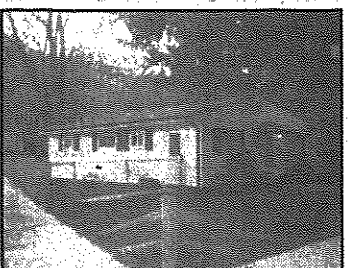
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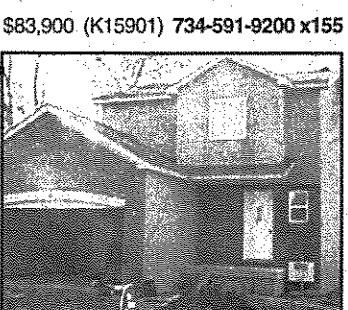
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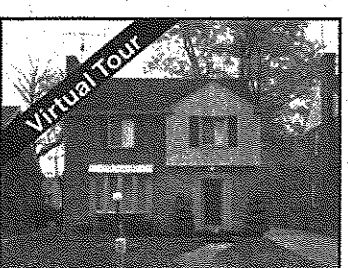
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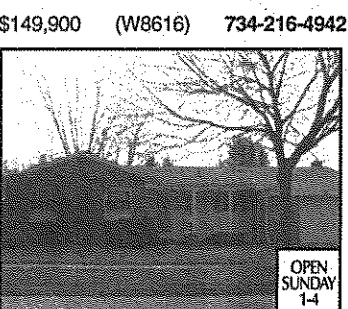
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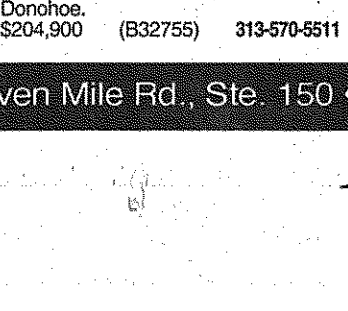
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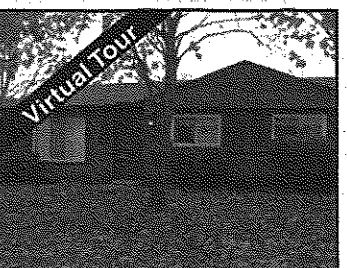
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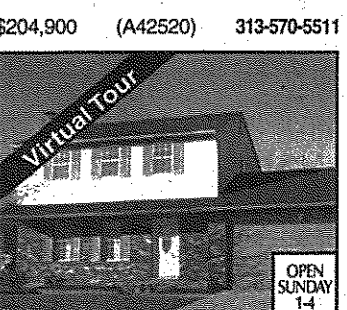
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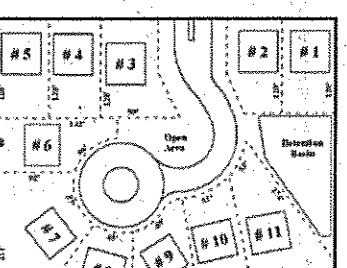
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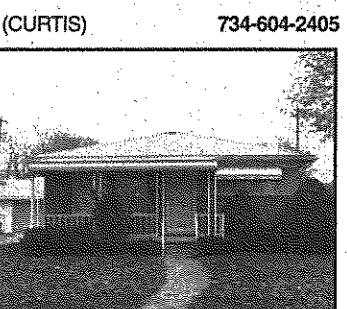
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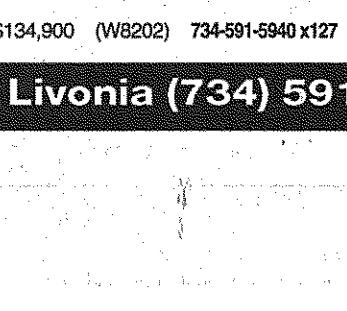
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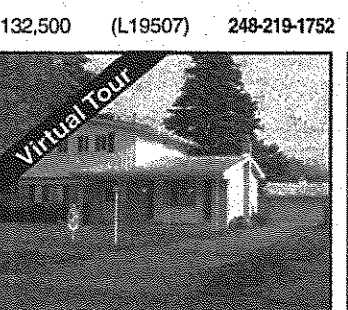
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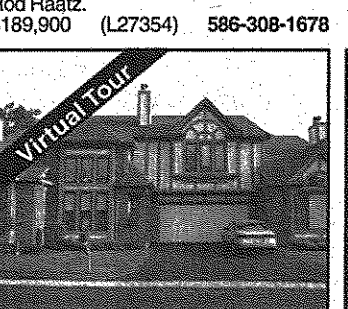
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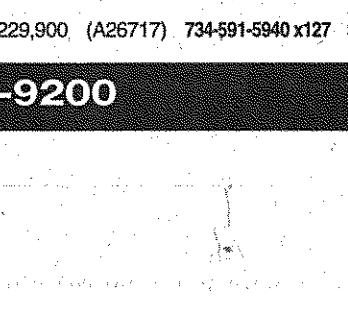
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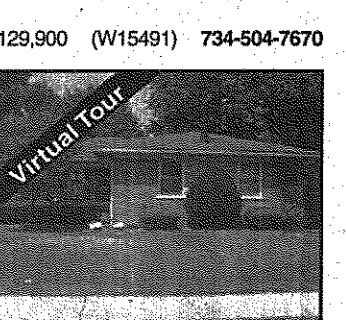
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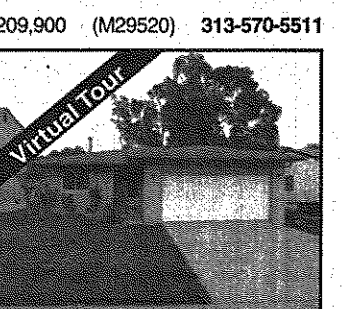
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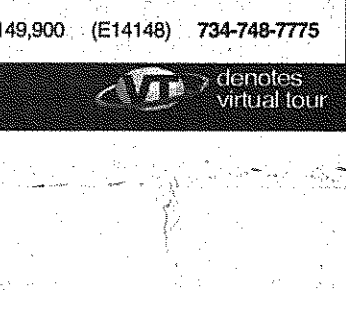
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To determine the budget, think the project through and select everything to be included. Allow 10 to 20 percent for changes that may come later. Product choices are the best way to save money. Shop around and compare products and prices to see if you can get the same look with a lower-priced alternative. "Keep an open mind and be creative," suggested Helfman.

Considering the amount of labor that goes into some proj-

ects, there may be a less time-consuming option. Some homeowners choose to start small with plans to add on later, to help spread the cost out. However, staging a remodel in this way can sometimes cost more in the long run. Ask your remodeler.

CREATE ILLUSION OF SPACE

Adding square footage to a home can be costly. Other ways

to add space include space reconfiguration - stealing space from a neighboring room - such as using a linen closet to expand a bathroom. A bay window, skylight or vaulted ceilings are other ways to give the illusion of added space in a small room.

If you are going to add square footage, a 2- to 4-foot addition may eliminate the need for excavation and foundation changes.

In the kitchen, reuse appliances if possible and build new

cabinets around them. This can save thousands of dollars. Keep major fixtures in place to avoid moving plumbing, wiring and jacks.

Chrome faucets are the least expensive. Neutral appliances and laminates are less expensive and won't be out of date when color schemes change. Vinyl or laminate is less expensive than wood, tile or slate flooring. Use the existing floor if it's in good shape.

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CABINETS

Cabinets are the bulk of the cost in a kitchen. Refacing cabinets is a major savings. If you go with new, choose standard over custom cabinets or a combination if possible.

For countertops, laminate is the most economical. Add wood or tile trim for some pizzazz.

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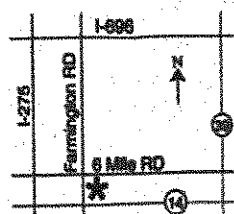
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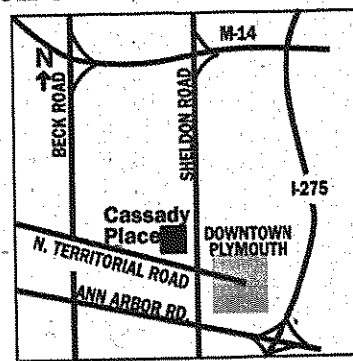
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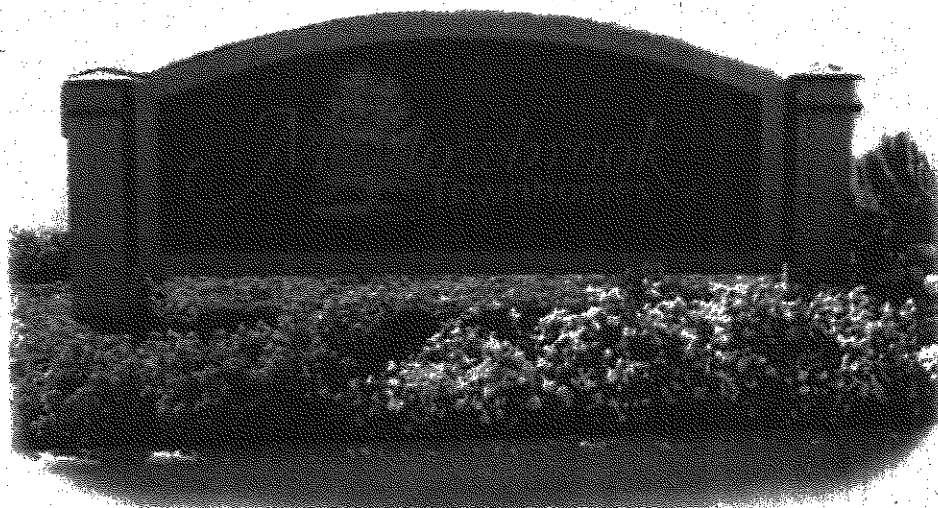
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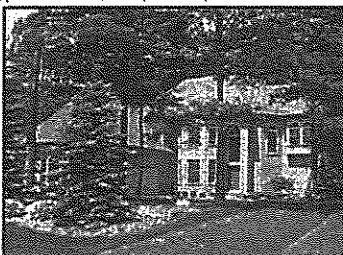
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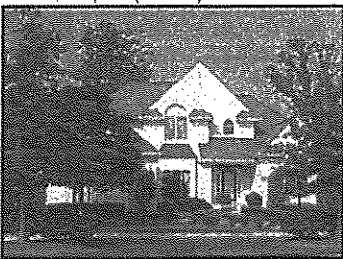


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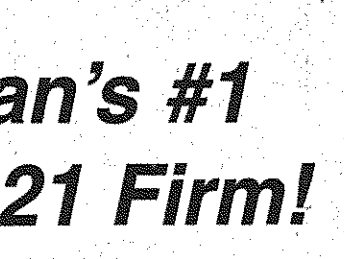
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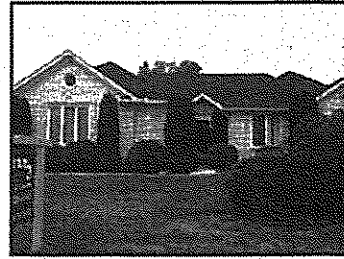
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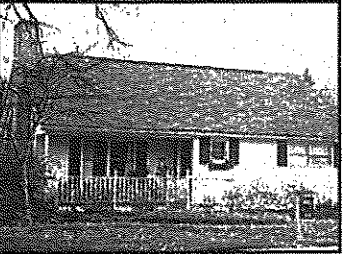
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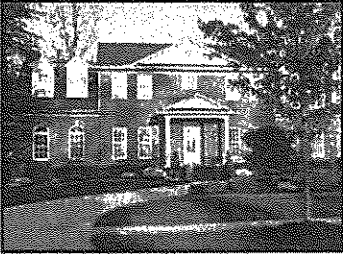
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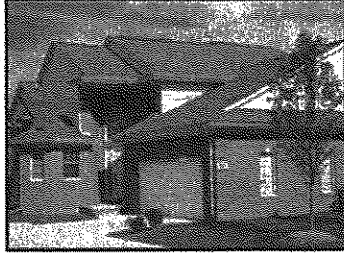
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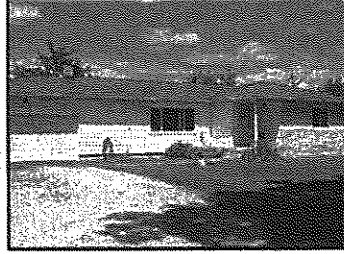
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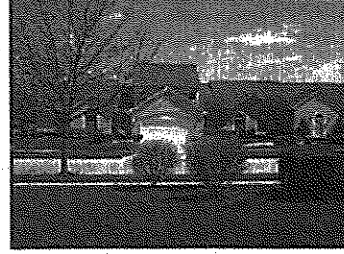
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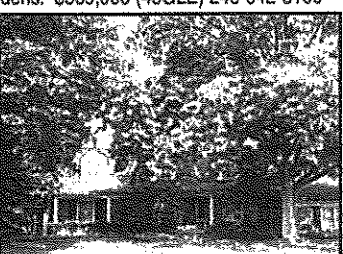
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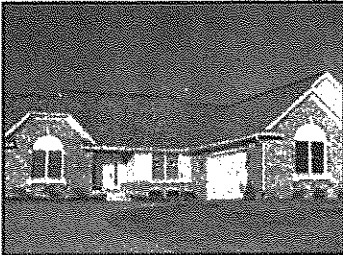
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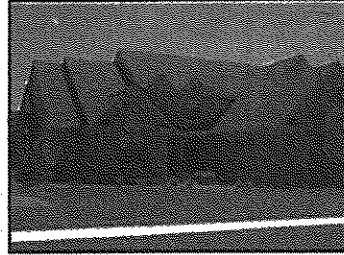
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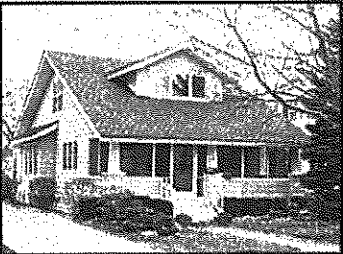
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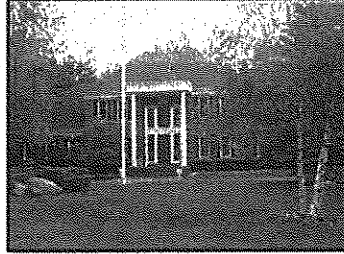
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Care for aging parents has Boomers looking in mirror

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

To paraphrase Pogo, "We have seen our aging parents, and they are us."

It's a fact of life for Baby Boomers, especially those who assume caretaker roles for homes of aging parents. The same problems they see in the home they may have grown up in - poor lighting, slick floors and a host of other safety issues they need to help their parents resolve - are concerns they will face sooner rather than later.

For Melissa Birdsong, design director for Lowe's, it's a take-care-of-two-birds-with-one-stone phenomenon. "When Boomers step away from their fast lifestyle and see their parents age, it dawns on them perhaps these fixes would work in their home, too," says Birdsong. "They realize their golden years are just down the road."

ASSESSMENT

Birdsong suggests an assessment of parental homes in four distinct areas: lighting, space, accessibility and comfort. Safety is a common thread through the categories.

Diminished eyesight welcomes brighter lights for general illumination and close-up tasks such as cooking and reading. Lights should be installed where once there were none. "It's OK to walk down a dark hallway or stairs when you're 50, but not when you're 75," says Birdsong. Motion detectors bring instant light to a room without elderly hands groping for wall switches.

Cushy carpets and high thresholds once suited to a lively gait are no longer kind to legs and feet that aren't as spry or can't be lifted as high. Firm pads and tighter weaves with harder finishes are best, and are better, too, for walkers, canes and wheelchair assistance. Room-to-room transitions should have low or zero thresholds.

Mobility is paramount for many seniors insistent on living at home. Many find it trying to navigate narrow spaces between furniture. Create wider paths around and between objects. Remove trip hazards such as cords and loose carpets or throw rugs. "It doesn't mean you strip a room down, you're just mindful of opening the space a bit," says Birdsong.

Grab bars are de rigeur in bathrooms but need broader use in hallways or next to beds where a steady grip is reassuring. Another suggestion: it's less of a strain for aging arms to push a lever than twist a door knob.

Look into restyled appliances and fixtures to reduce the need to stoop or bend. Taller commodes work well in bathrooms, and both washers and dryers come in versions atop pedestals. Pedestal sinks with lower lips, even in the kitchen, are easier to reach, as are side-mounted lever faucets.

But products considered as concessions to age don't need to be bland.

Birdsong says stores such as Lowe's see more products once slotted for users in need now attractively designed for general market. For instance, taller toilets are marketed as "comfort height" devices for all age groups.

"What consumers will see much more frequently is mainstream aesthetics with maximum functionality," says Birdsong.

Still, adult children should tread lightly when talking to their parents about necessary changes. "I would silently scout the house, then couch your suggestions in the name of safety and convenience," says Birdsong. "It's important not to patronize them, because your parents want to maintain their dignity without being lectured to."

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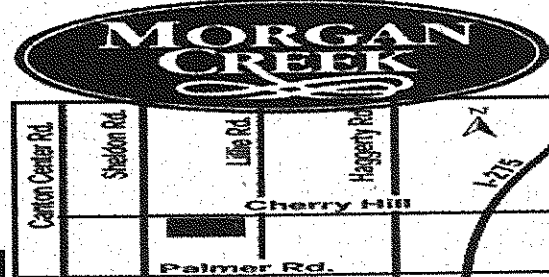
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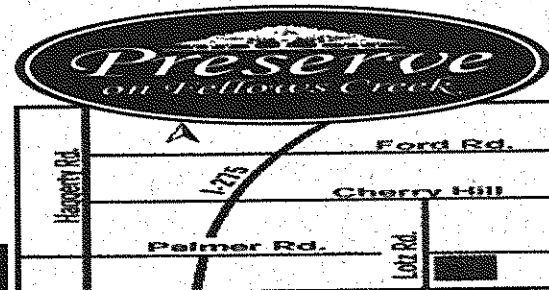
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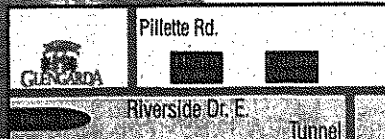
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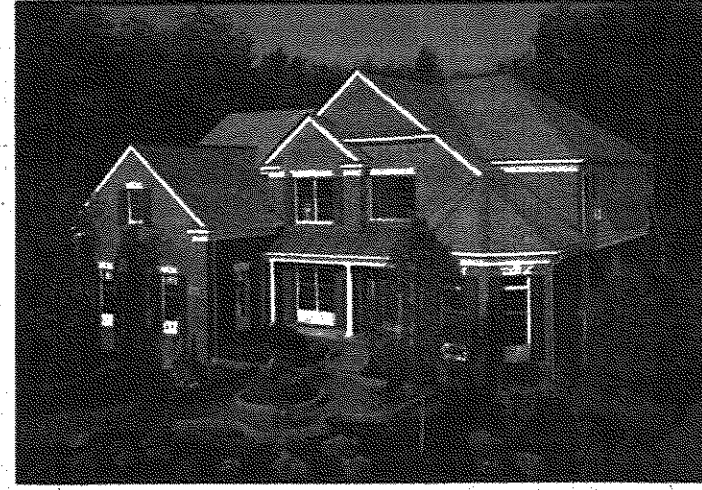
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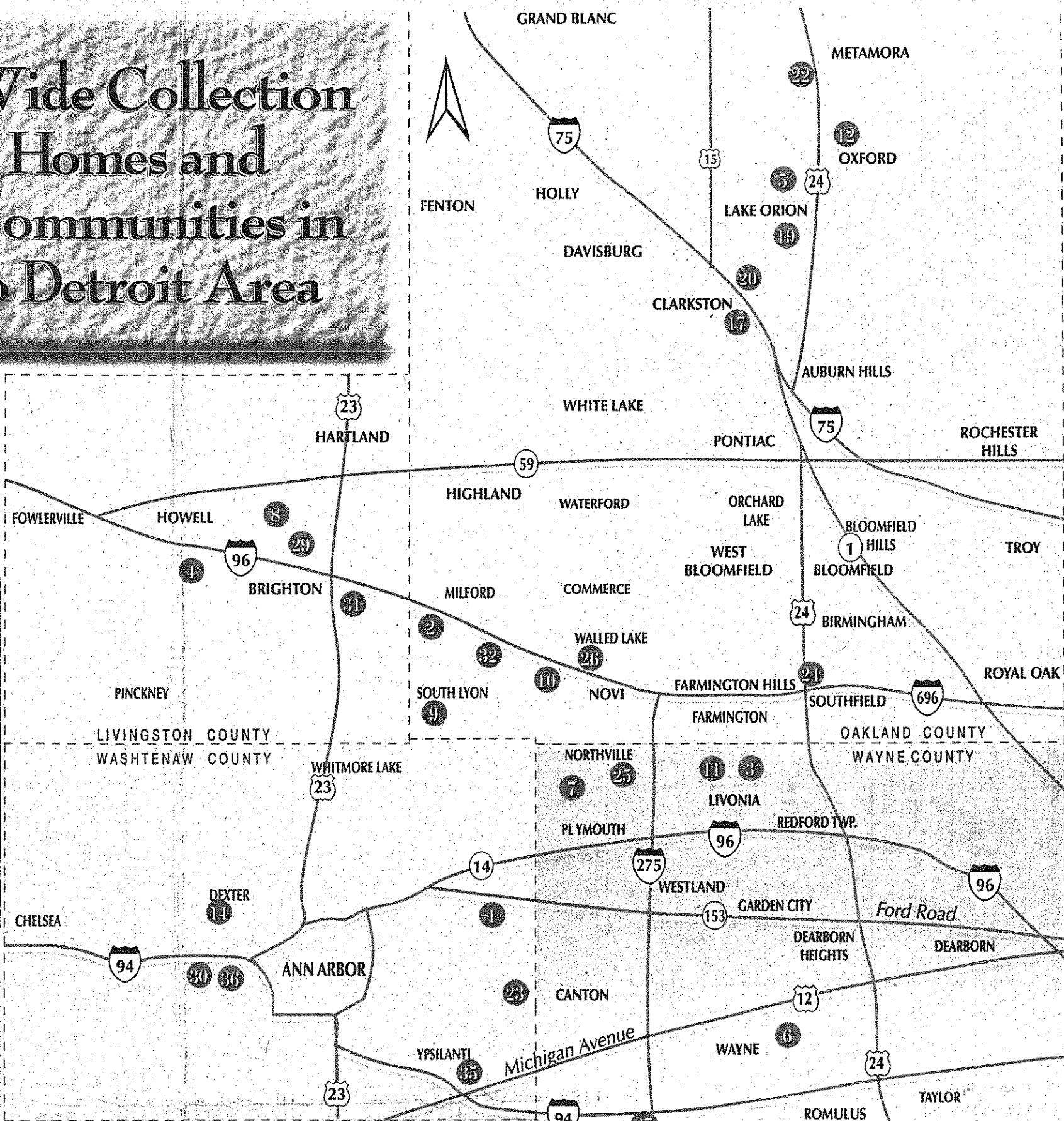
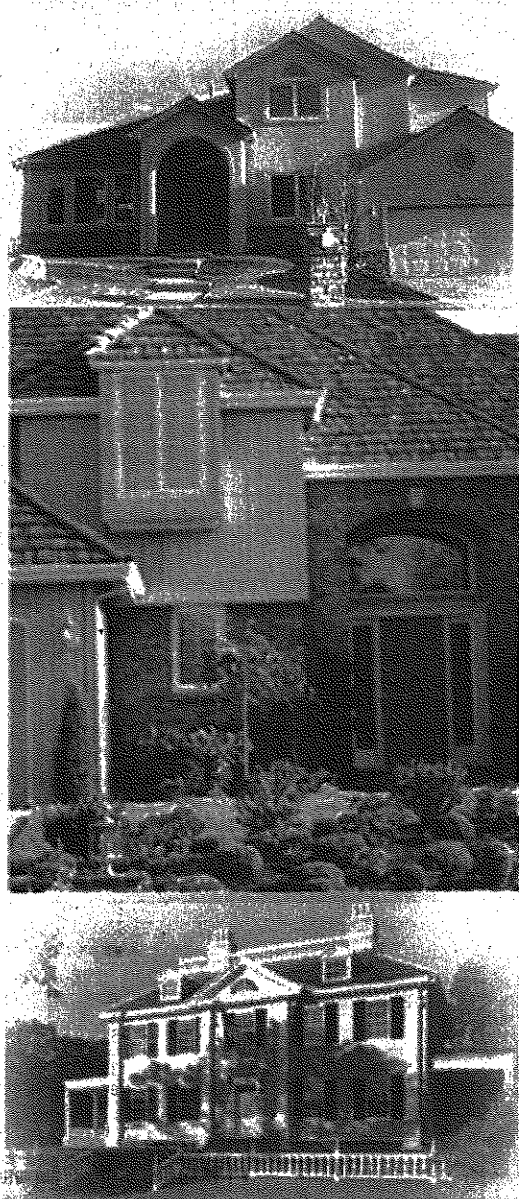
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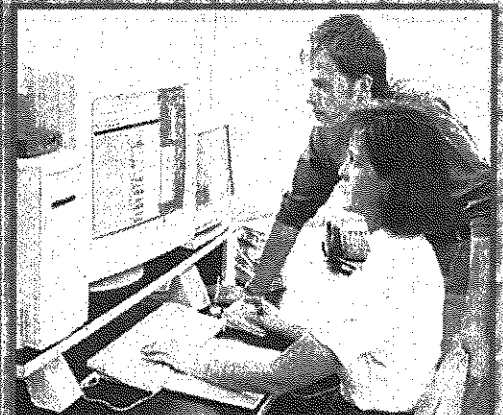
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Bloomfield Hills 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, newly remodeled. 2 car garage. Bloomfield Hills Schools. \$1300/mo. 248-931-6824

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FARMINGTON HILLS - 3 bed, brick, bsmt, new kitchen, fenced yard, security charge RENTAL PROS 248-356-RENT

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FARMINGTON HILLS 2 Bed, no bsmt or garage. \$700/mo. 1 1/2 security. 1 yr. lease min. Credit check. (586) 598-3304

FARMINGTON HILLS 2.3 acres, 3 bed, brick ranch, living room w/fireplace, 2 car detached garage. No bsmt, appliances. No pets, non smoking. \$1200/mo., credit check, 1 yr. + sec. dep. Avail. 12-01. 248-661-6669

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5 pm-Weds. Nov. 19th | 9 am-Thurs. Nov. 20th | 3 pm-Fri. Nov. 21st | 5:30 pm-Fri. Nov. 21st

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Real Estate Section | Automotive Display | Help Wanted Display | Liners Class 3000-8800
3 pm-Fri. Nov. 21st | Noon-Mon. Nov. 24th | 3 pm-Mon. Nov. 24th | 6 pm-Mon. Nov. 24th

Sunday, November 30th Publication

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Work 1-5 weeks over break. \$17.25 base/appt. Apply now! Start after final! Conditions exist, must be 18+. Visit: semesterbreakwork.com Livonia 734-522-4140 Troy 248-655-0130 Rochester 248-612-0120

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Maintains and updates donor database. Must possess excellent computer skills including database management, good communication skills, basic accounting knowledge, and ability to handle multiple projects. Send resume to: Arthritis Foundation, 17117 W. Nine Mile Rd., Suite 950, Southfield, MI 48075 or fax 248-424-9005

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Plymouth Dental office seeking person Thursdays only, 8:30-5pm. Call 734-459-9360

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I am looking for energetic people to be design assistants for the Christmas Season. Apply in person Mon.-Fri., 8am-3pm at: TFI Enterprises Inc. 24001 Telegraph Rd. Southfield, MI 48034

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Now hiring Part-Time Member Service Agents for our incoming call center, afternoon and Saturday hours, max 32 hours per week. Hours of operation, 8-6 daily, 9-2 Saturday.

Credit record in good standing required.

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Must have MOC or CLS training. Must possess valid driver's license with insurance, good driving record and reliable car. Part or full time. (248) 474-9973

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Driver - Parts Driver

Part time, 11am-4pm. Must have excellent driving record. Apply at: Avis Ford, 29200 Telegraph, Southfield.

DRIVER

Ann Arbor Welding Supply in Ypsilanti has a great opportunity for the right person! We are seeking a safety conscious Driver with Class A CDL w/endorsement to deliver welding equipment, cylinders, and supplies to our customers. This is a physically challenging full time position w/overtime requiring an excellent driving record, and team orientated with attention to detail. Excellent benefits including 401k. Salary based on work experience. Please call Steve @ 734-572-0444 to schedule an interview.

DRIVER

CDL-Class A, endorsement H, X, 2 yrs. experience. Clean record. Salary, full benefits. Vacation. 734-721-7900.

DRIVER

Local delivery company now accepting applications for driver position. CDL type B or higher please. Company has low turnover. Competitive pay, good benefits, and a good atmosphere. For times & directions only, please call: 1-800-831-2055.

DRIVER

Local Delivery Driver, Must have CDL-B with HAZMET endorsement. Mechanically inclined & have customer service skills with knowledge of the metro area. Mail or fax resume to:

AmSyn 13455 Stamford Ct. Livonia, MI 48151 Fax: (734) 427-4493

DRIVER

Part-time for auto paint store. Will train. Apply in person to: Painters Supply & Equipment 6925 Middlebelt Rd. Garden City fax resume to: 734-425-0536

DRIVER Team operation. OTR

long haul. Mature, nonsmoker, min. 5 yrs exp. \$44/mi. split pay. 734-612-6816

DRIVER/WAREHOUSE

Ann Arbor Welding Supply, in Ypsilanti, has a great opportunity for the right person! We are seeking a safety minded individual to work in our warehouse and as backup driver. This physically challenging job requires attention to detail and a willingness to work as part of our team. Skills required: warehouse/material handling, forklift, Class A CDL with endorsement. Excellent benefits including 401k. Please call Steve @ 734-572-0444 to schedule an interview today.

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Capable of running small commercial jobs. Also hiring experienced Residential Electricians. 248-431-2000

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Farmington Hills, corporate headquarters office has a dynamic opportunity for an Executive Assistant to the President with a minimum of 3-5 yrs exp. Creative letter writing & shorthand or speed-writing are required. Must be a take-charge person, extremely professional, and capable of making decisions. Proficiency with MS Word, Excel & exp. with travel arrangements a must. We offer an exc. salary, full benefit package, pleasant work environment. Please forward resume along with salary requirements: HR/EA P.O. Box 9072, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9072; fax 248-324-1502 call 248-553-0028 EOE

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Motivated & exp. Own transportation & valid drivers license req. 248-478-3088

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Bachelor's degree or equivalent work exp. req. Exc. oral & written communication skills. Organizational, Managerial, Computer skills. Exp. w/ relationship building w/parents & youth. Full-time, \$26,000-\$30,000 + benefits. For a complete job description, please Call Pastor Linda Golden at 734-464-0211 or email at linda.golden@comcast.net Send resume no later than Dec. 1, 2003 to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Attn board of personnel, 39020 S. 5 Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48154.

FIELD SERVICE TECHNICIAN

No exp. necessary. Electrical and mechanical knowledge. Will train. Benefits. Fax: (734) 207-8369

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A rapidly expanding firm in Troy, MI is seeking an individual to work as a member of our internal banking team. A minimum of 3 years commercial cash management experience is required. Salary commensurate with experience; full benefit package available. Send resume to: Employment Manager 2250 Butterfield Dr. Troy, MI 48064

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Gale Insulation in Wilmet, North of I-96, is looking for experienced Gutter Installer employees only. Must have a good driving record. We offer full benefits. Please call Rocky at 248-960-9777.

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Busy salon looking for full time stylist. Clientele preferred, but not necessary. 734-323-4657

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HAIRSTYLIST

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HVAC - Full-time starting

position for motivated person. No exp. required. Mechanical aptitude a must. Call Sam-10am, (248) 646-2160

HVAC SERVICE &/or INSTALLATION TECHS

5+ yrs. exp. required. Call: 734-422-1600, 313-218-4027

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Major manufacturer has immediate opening for an experienced person with demonstrated leadership & management skills, 10 years of increasing responsibility in materials, inventory or operations management.

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Automotive customer service position. Mechanical experience a plus. Must have clean driving record, clean-cut appearance and good communication skills. Downtown driver wanted. Immediate openings for full-time 2nd shift and 3rd shift driver. Must work weekends and holidays. Call 734-524-2400.

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Needed. Commercial exp. Licensed, min. 5 yrs. exp. Call 248-926-0411

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Full-time for Southfield Apts. Must have own tools & transportation. Experience in HVAC, plumbing, electrical, drywall & carpentry. 248-355-5123

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MAINTENANCE Position

In Novi for facility & equipment, flexible hrs, part/full time. Mechanical & janitorial exp. preferred. 248 347-3550

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Special machine manufacturer has an immediate opening for a qualified person to perform plant and electrical/mechanical maintenance. 5yr. min. exp. req'd. Excellent benefit package. Plymouth area. Send resume to Maint, P.O. Box 700041, Plymouth, MI 48170, fax 734-453-0802, or email HR@linkeng.com

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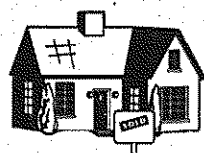
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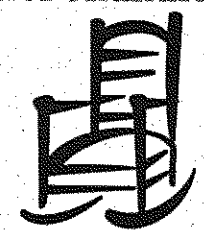


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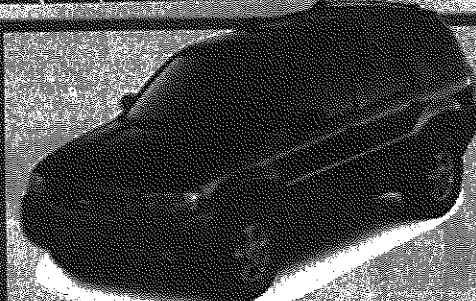
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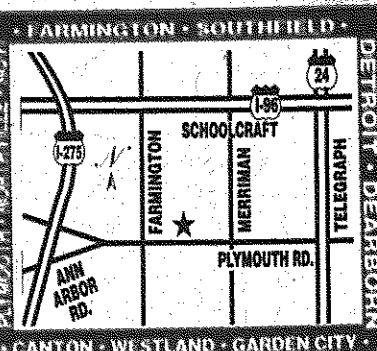
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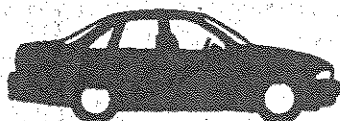
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Slipping behind the wheel of the new Mazda Tribute, you tend to think this small sport utility vehicle would come up short on functionality and maybe even on performance.

Turn that ignition key and you'll find that performance and function are the key to the success of the Tribute.

Introduced in 2001, the Tribute is sister to the Ford Escape and is built on the same line as Escape in Flat Rock.

There are three trim levels of the Tribute: DX, LX and ES, with the ES being the top-of-the-line level. In the DX is a 130-horsepower, dual overhead cam 16 valve 2.0-liter in-line four cylinder mated to a five-speed manual transmission.

Both the LX and ES are powered by a 3.0-liter dual overhead cam 24-valve V6 capable of 200 horsepower. With it comes a four-speed automatic transmission. You can choose your Tribute with front-wheel drive or opt for the on-demand four-wheel-drive system that Mazda calls "Rotary blade coupling," so you can take your Tribute wherever and whenever you want to go.

Acceleration and merging on the freeway was a snap with this V6 engine and whenever it needed a little prodding, it took very little to get it going around a slow-moving tractor-trailer.

As with most Mazdas, the handling and ride characteristics are masterfully done because of its tuned suspension and solid rigidity. Not only does the Tribute have unibody construction, but also there are body reinforcements in the roof, side sills and floor, making this vehicle as solid as steel.

I must mention that there's standard power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering, as well as standard front disc brakes and a four-wheel anti-lock brake system.

I enjoyed the nimble feel of the Tribute, which also



Mazda Tribute Vehicle class: Small sport utility vehicle. Power: 3.0-liter DOHC 24-valve V6. Mileage: 18 city / 24 highway. Where built: Flat Rock, Mich. Price: About \$23K.

tends to have you perceive it as smaller than it really is. Most SUVs, even the small ones, aren't as nimble as the Tribute.

What's new about this year's Tribute: the major interior upgrades it receives. On the ES, leather seating surfaces are much more comfortable and you can opt to have them heated to keep you warm during winter. There's also a two-tone dashboard and the center stack is covered in brushed aluminum. The sun visors now have small lights and the rear view mirrors can be heated.

There's seating for five, but I think that's a stretch. My kids were comfortable back there, but confided in me that a long trip would've made them uncomfortable and more room was needed.

But put down the rear seat and you've got nearly 64 cubic feet of cargo space, which is enough to allow plywood sheeting -- but the rear liftgate window has to be open. And when you choose the option of a trailer towing package, you'll be able tow up to 3,500 pounds.

The Tribute has a minimum ground clearance of almost eight inches. You don't need running boards on this one,

either. It's easy to pop into and out of without a lot of effort.

There are a couple of nice amenities you'll find on the Tribute that you won't find in other smaller sport utility vehicles. Stuff like an in-dash six-disc CD changer and a six-way power driver's seat.

The audio system that's standard on the LX and ES models is a 190-watt AM/FM/cassette/six-disc CD changer that features seven speakers strategically located throughout the cabin. All six of the CDs can be loaded at once through just one slot. There's no magazine to play with.

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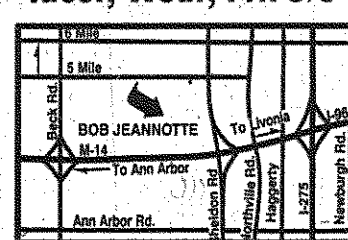
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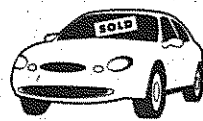
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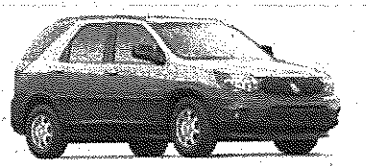
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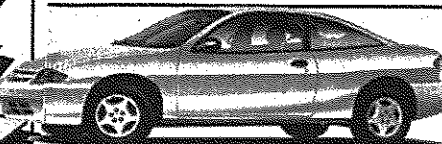
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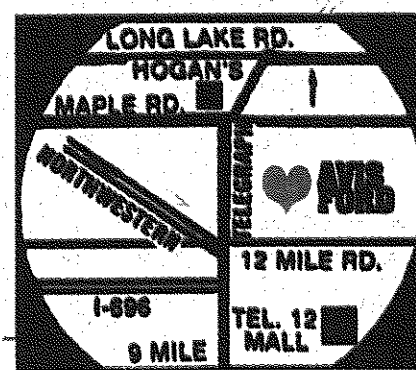
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SAVE OVER \$11,000
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2003 EXPLORER SPORT



Red CC med flint L/B cloth bucket, premium sport group, convenience group, air, AM/FM stereo, w/single CD/cass., comfort group, power windows & locks/autolock, 4.0L SOHC V-6 eng., 5-spd auto trans with O/D trans., P235/70R16 A/S OWL tires, 3.73 limited slip axle, [Stock #32621] WAS \$26,440

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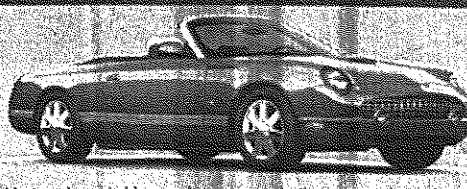


XLT premium, Oxford White cc, med. flint cloth, front & rear air, prem AM/FM stereo, CD, polished metal, wheel, convenience group, power driver's seat, third row seat, 6-way power pass seat, illum running boards, pwr rear quarter vent windows, rear radio controls, [Stock #31176] WAS \$41,755

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\$28,058^{88*}

2003 T-BIRD

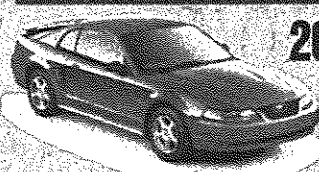


Removable top, heated driver and pass seat, leather wrapped steering wheel, AM/FM stereo in-dash 6 disc CD, 17" 7 spoke chrome cast alum, audiophile sound system, 3.9L DOHC V-8 eng., 5-spd auto trans, P235/50R17 A/S BSW tires, supplemental parking lamps, Black accent pkg., Evening Black removable top, [Stock #32826] WAS \$41,015

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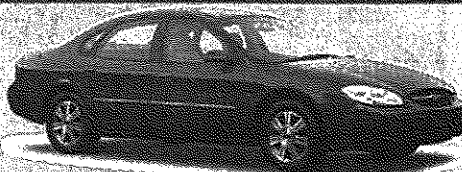
2004 MUSTANG V6 COUPE PREMIUM

Rear spoiler, single wing seat, power driver's, speed control, air cond., 6 CD changer radio, w/mach wheels, 16" bright alloy, overhead valve V-6 engine, auto overdrive trans., P225/55R16 94T BSW all-season 40th anniversary pkg., Arizona beige tape stripe, 40th flr mats/less spoiler, interior upgrade pkg., wheels, 16" Arizona beige, [Stock #40363] WAS \$21,440

\$12,685^{84*} FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 39 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN \$138 ^{58**} mo	\$2000 DOWN \$78 ^{89**} mo
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2004 TAURUS SES



Air conditioning, depower restraint sys-pass a bag, remote keyless entry, power driver seat w/lumbar, speed control, 4 whl ABS, 3.0L 2V 6-cyl engine, auto overdrive, P215/60R16 all season tire, 5-pass w/lfr, console flr shift, adj. pedals, moonroof, power, rear spoiler, luxury/conv. pkg., power htd mirr/perim. lighting, inside mirror w/compass, [Stock #40267] WAS \$23,635

\$14,329^{34*} FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 39 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN \$205 ^{48**} mo	\$2000 DOWN \$145 ^{95**} mo
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2004 ESCAPE XLT 4X4



True Blue CC met., med. dark flint prem cloth buckets, 4-wheel ABS, conv. grp., power grp., power 6-way driver seat, remote keyless entry, fog lamps, 3.0L duratec V-6 eng., 4-spd auto trans w/O/D, P235/70R16 A/S OWL tires, step bars - black, [Stock #40297] WAS \$25,045*

\$17,355^{84*} FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN \$201 ^{26**} mo	\$1500 DOWN \$102 ^{27**} mo
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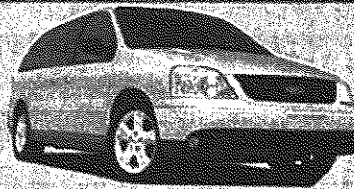


Blazing Yellow, flint cloth 40/20/40, pref. equip. pkg., 503A, manual black mirrors, 4.6L EFI V-8 eng., elec. 4-spd auto O/D, 3.55 ratio h/d, slip axle, 6700# GVWR pkg., carpeted floor mats, floor carpet, sliding rear window, AM/FM stereo/GCD in dash, fog lamps, cloth 40/20/40, privacy glass, [Stock #40288] WAS \$26,300

\$19,821^{23*} FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN \$214 ^{00**} mo	\$1500 DOWN \$150 ^{14**} mo
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