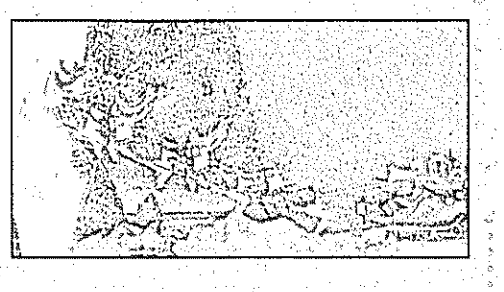
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Irene Blaine of Garden City is waiting for more details before she plans her trip to the Dallas area to see her only brother, Arthur Rigby. She hasn't seen him in 15 years. "I'm going to surprise him when I call on Christmas."

Guess how much it cost Canton for Bush's visit

How much is an hour of the president's time worth? Or, more to the point, how much does it cost?

In the case of President George W. Bush's less-than-an-hour visit to Canton last week, the answer was "quite a bit."

The president and his entourage arrived at Dynamic Metal Treating on Ronda Drive about 1:20 p.m. on Monday. He held a brief meeting with workers and small business owners inside the plant (which was nationally televised) and left the area just before 2 p.m.

But for Canton Police preparations started the previous Friday when they were officially notified of the visit.

"We had people working overtime through the holiday," said Police Capt. Laura Golles, head of the patrol division. "They had to work Thanksgiving, meeting with the Secret Service, Michigan State Police and Wayne County Sheriff's Department."

Public Safety Director John Santomauro said a total of 33 officers were assigned to the area.

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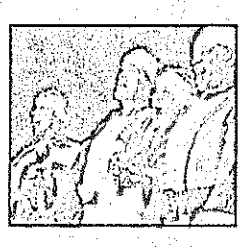
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Spanish students had the opportunity to talk to students from Lliria, a small town in Valencia, Spain, through a video conference at Plymouth High School.

High school students in Spain are not any different than those in the United States. They like to eat, participate in sports and, of course, like to go out with other teens to dance and have fun.

Plymouth High School Spanish students learned that first-hand when they participated in a distance-learning experiment with teens from Lliria, Spain.

Nearly 70 Spanish students at Plymouth High were able to practice their Spanish with the help of a $50,000 media center distance-learning studio that allows for classes at the high school to hook up with learning institutions around the globe. In fact, Plymouth High School is only one of six Detroit-area schools with distance-learning capabilities in which students can see and talk with others anywhere in the world.

"I thought it was definitely a good experience," said Emily Krogel, 16, from Plymouth Township. "Seeing them and asking them questions opened our eyes to a whole new perspective that we don't get to see every day."

Krogel asked her Spanish counterparts if they had bullfights in their part of the country, to which students answered no.

Then, one of the students from across the Atlantic asked Krogel what kind of guys she liked. "That was a bit embarrassing," said Krogel, known in class as Maria. However, in her best Spanish, answered, "Muy intelligante." (Very intelligent.)

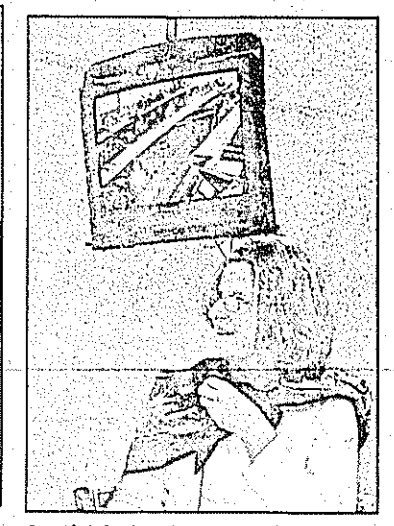
Antonio, whose real name is Tony Hylko of Canton, told students in Lliria he would talk sports with them, if given the chance to meet.

"It was neat to see the perspective that other students have, and see how their lives are so much similar to our own," said Hylko, 17. "It's like the world is constantly shrinking, and something like this makes it much smaller."

Students were able to see one another via the dial-up connection, and the students from Spain showed their American counterparts pictures of ancient ruins, a parade and fireworks, and two popular music groups. One of the eight students from Spain, 16-year-old Alba, said typical foods in her country include wine, olives, garlic and fruit.



Plymouth High School students Adriana Blazeski (from left), Erin Dreps and Jessica Pavelka laugh with classmates at the video conference when students from Spain answered one of the students' questions.



Spanish instructor Jane Spitero talks to a teacher in Spain during a video conference at Plymouth High School.

Plymouth High teacher Jane Spiteri — who had two of her Spanish 4 classes participating — held up a map of Michigan in front of the camera and pointed out Canton, where the high school is located.

"Kids today grow up with technology; they're learning and I could tell they were having fun with it," she said. "We try to incorporate technology in the classroom as much as we can."

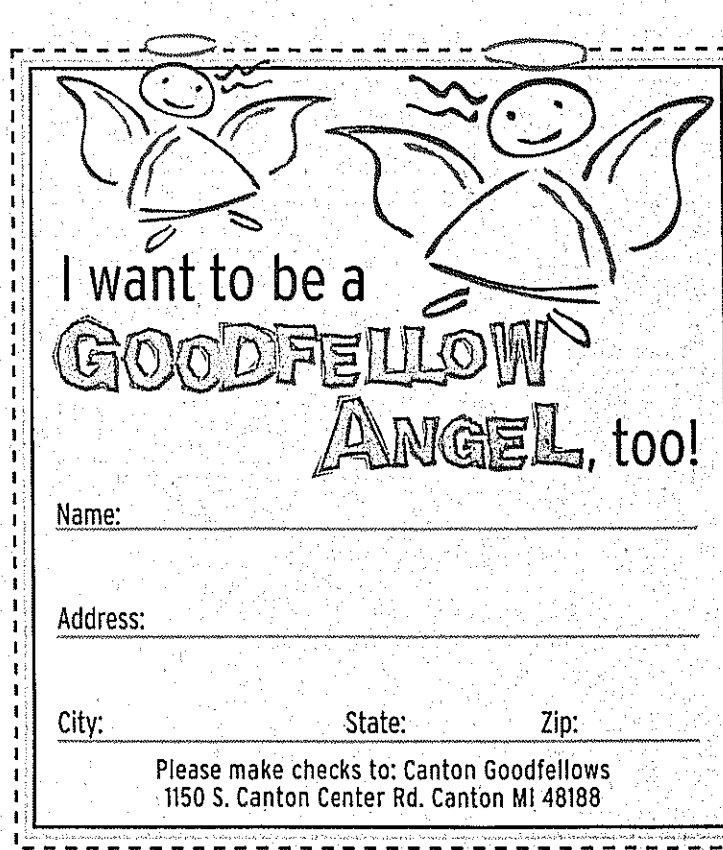
Students — separated by the Atlantic Ocean and six hours of time — interacted for nearly an hour talking about sports, food, school and music. In fact, a number of eyebrows went up in the media center when a Lliria student said teens in Spain go to discos for fun, coming home at 7 a.m. Spiteri thought her fourth-year Spanish students interacted well with the students from Spain.

"They were able to practice the language, which they don't often get a chance to do," said Spiteri. "They found out students in Spain think the way they do and dress the way they do."

Krogel said students chose their words carefully when interacting with the students from Spain.

"It's a little intimidating," she said. "I'm in Spanish 4, but just knowing they speak it all the time ... you're worried about pronouncing words correctly."

Spanish-2 instructor Alicia Maturen helped reporter Tony Bruscato – who needed it despite his four years of Spanish – interpret conversations during the hour-long distance-learning session in order to write this story.



Kiwanis provide clothing for domestic abuse victims

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth-Canton has kicked off its seventh-annual Sweat Suit Drive to support First Step, the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

The drive collects new sweat suits that are used by the staff of First Step. The staff responds to the needs of anyone who becomes a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault.

They may be called to a hospital to assist a victim. If a criminal act is involved, the clothing may be confiscated for evidence and that individual may be discharged wearing only a hospital gown. The sweat suit provides the victim with some sense of dignity, Kiwanis officials said.

Club members received 25 new sweat suits and $200 cash when they hosted a spaghetti dinner recently. Only new sweat suits are collected, but all sizes and colors are needed, since other members of a family may be affected by the assault.

"We are so very grateful for the ongoing support of the Plymouth Kiwanas. The sweat suit collection fills a great need, said Judy Ellis, executive director of First Step.

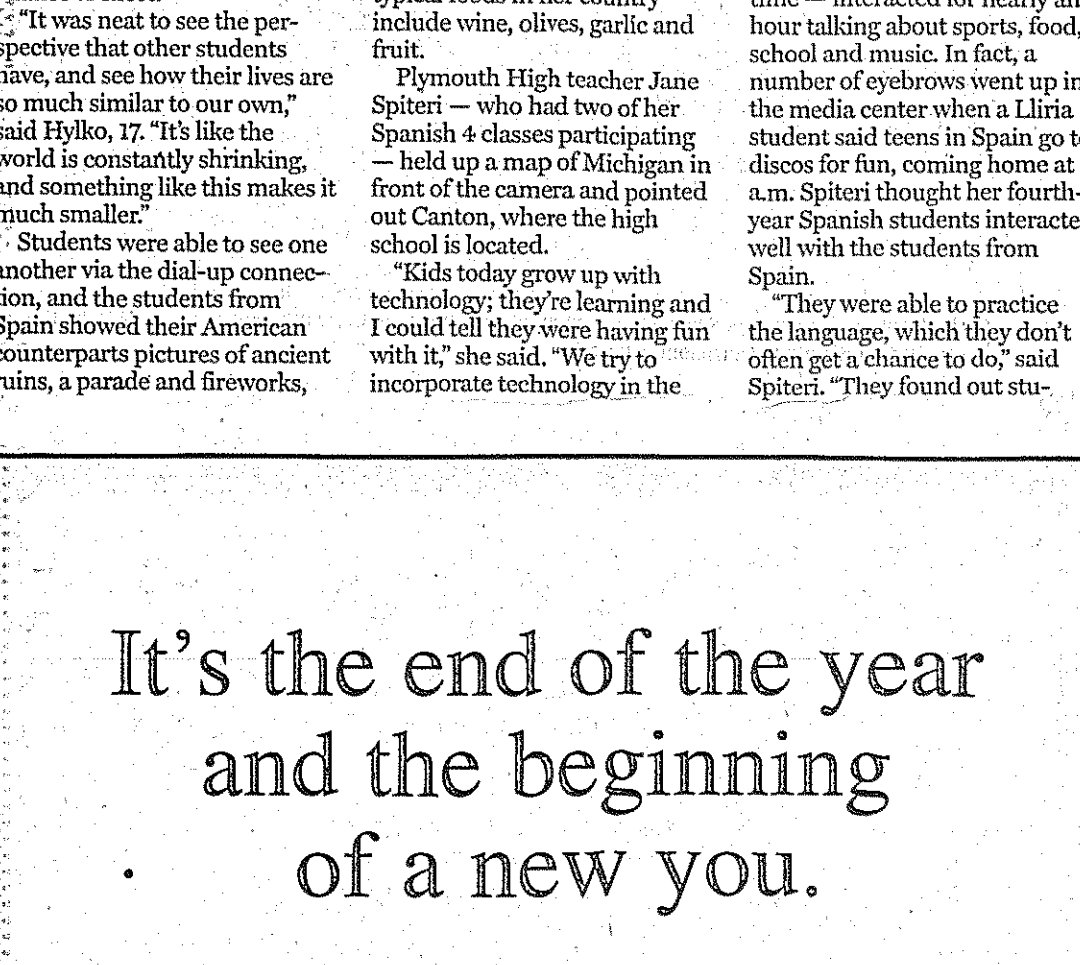
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"The suits are also given to the families who come in to our shelter, often they come in with just the clothes on their backs. Later, we get the families to clothing banks for more clothing."

Sweat suits may be dropped off at the First Step office, 44567 Pinetree Drive in Plymouth weekdays. The drive runs through January. Drop-off boxes will be available at:

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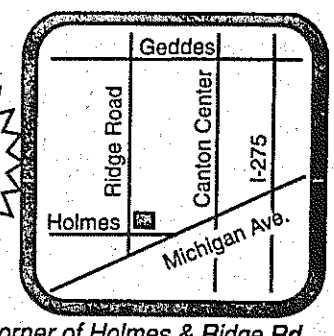
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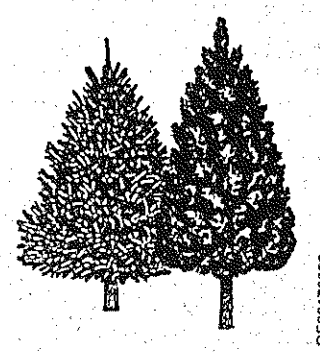
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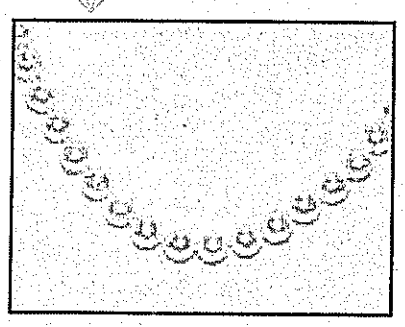


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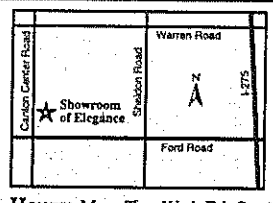
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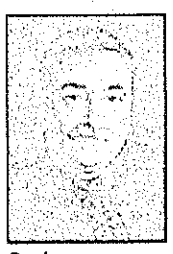


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"He was ecstatic. He said, 'how long will you be staying?' I said, forever. And I haven't heard from him since," Teeley said, laughing.

Irene Blaine of Garden City is waiting for more details before she plans her trip to the Dallas area to see her only brother, Arthur Rigby. She hasn't seen him in 15 years. "I'm going to surprise him when I call on Christmas."

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In the case of President George W. Bush's less-than-an-hour visit to Canton last week, the answer was "quite a bit."

The president and his entourage arrived at Dynamic Metal Treating on Ronda Drive about 1:20 p.m. on Monday. He held a brief meeting with workers and small business owners inside the plant (which was nationally televised) and left the area just before 2 p.m.

But for Canton Police preparations started the previous Friday when they were officially notified of the visit.

"We had people working overtime through the holiday," said Police Capt. Laura Golles, head of the patrol division. "They had to work Thanksgiving, meeting with the Secret Service, Michigan State Police and Wayne County Sheriff's Department."

Public Safety Director John Santomauro said a total of 33 officers were assigned to the area.

That translated to 56 hours worked at regular time at a cost of $1,344. Overtime hours, however, were logged at 138. That cost was $4,291.

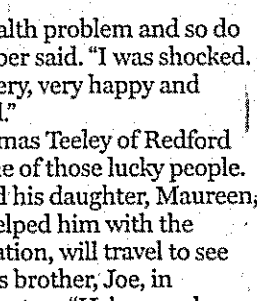
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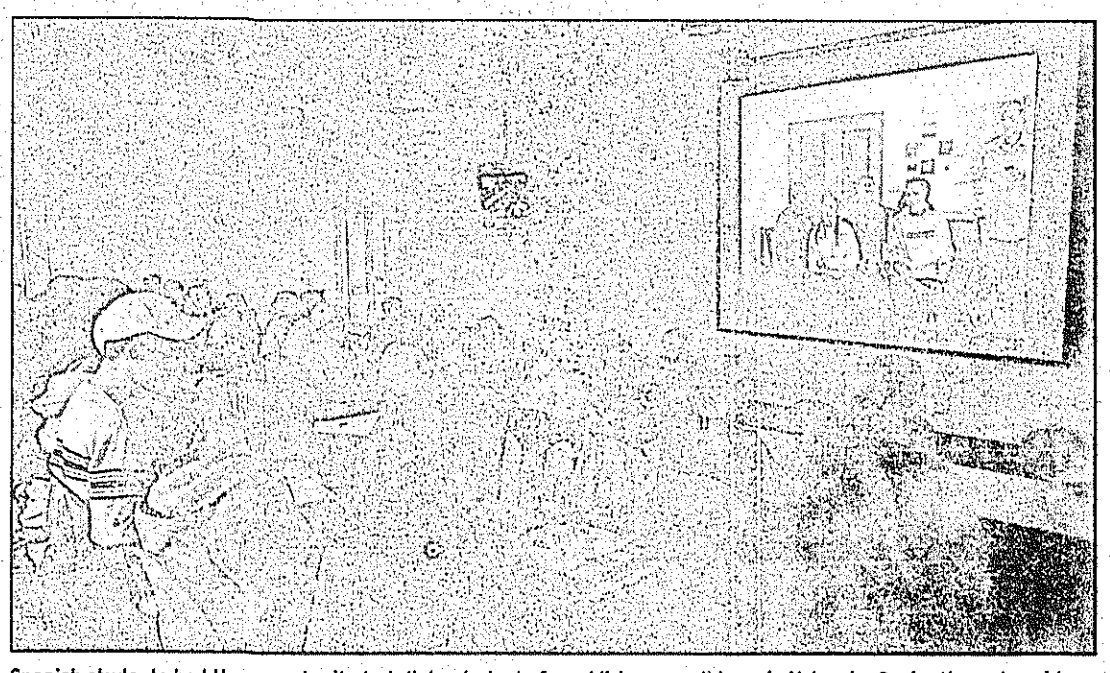
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Students get long-distance lessons



Spanish students had the opportunity to talk to students from Lliria, a small town in Valencia, Spain, through a video conference at Plymouth High School.

High school students in Spain are not any different than those in the United States. They like to eat, participate in sports and, of course, like to go out with other teens to dance and have fun.

Plymouth High School Spanish students learned that first-hand when they participated in a distance-learning experiment with teens from Lliria, Spain.

Nearly 70 Spanish students at Plymouth High were able to practice their Spanish with the help of a $50,000 media center distance-learning studio that allows for classes at the high school to hook up with learning institutions around the globe. In fact, Plymouth High School is only one of six Detroit-area schools with distance-learning capabilities in which students can see and talk with others anywhere in the world.

"I thought it was definitely a good experience," said Emily Krogel, 16, from Plymouth Township. "Seeing them and asking them questions opened our eyes to a whole new perspective that we don't get to see every day."

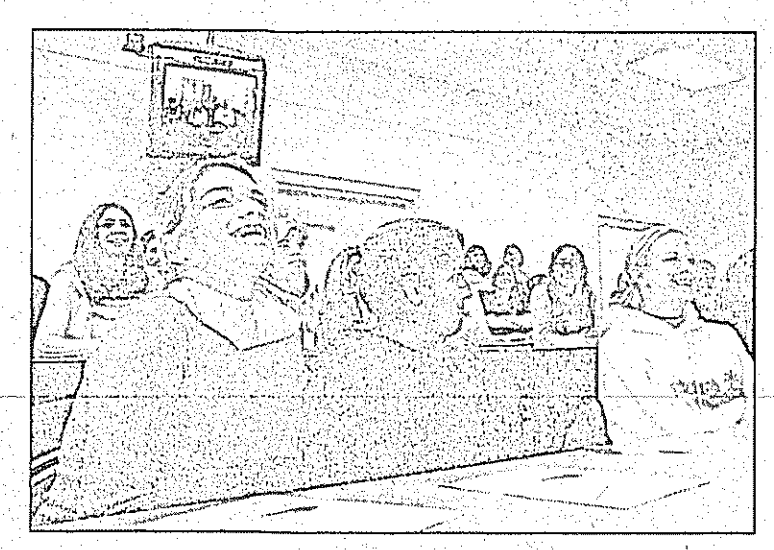
Krogel asked her Spanish counterparts if they had bullfights in their part of the country, to which students answered no.

Then, one of the students from across the Atlantic asked Krogel what kind of guys she liked. "That was a bit embarrassing," said Krogel, known in class as Maria. However, in her best Spanish, answered, "Muy intelligante." (Very intelligent.)

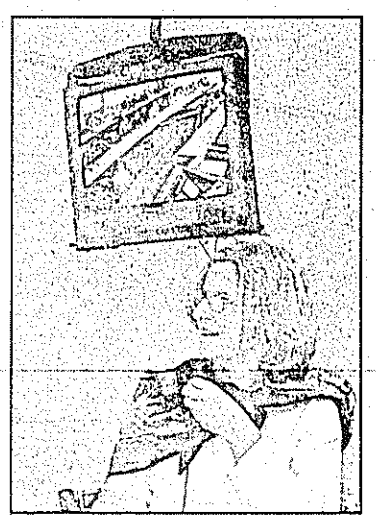
Antonio, whose real name is Tony Hylko of Canton, told students in Lliria he would talk sports with them, if given the chance to meet.

"It was neat to see the perspective that other students have, and see how their lives are so much similar to our own," said Hylko, 17. "It's like the world is constantly shrinking, and something like this makes it much smaller."

Students were able to see one another via the dial-up connection, and the students from Spain showed their American counterparts pictures of ancient ruins, a parade and fireworks, and two popular music groups. One of the eight students from Spain, 16-year-old Alba, said typical foods in her country include wine, olives, garlic and fruit.



Plymouth High School students Adriana Blazeski (from left), Erin Dreps and Jessica Pavelka laugh with classmates at the video conference when students from Spain answered one of the students' questions.



Spanish instructor Jane Spitero talks to a teacher in Spain during a video conference at Plymouth High School.

Plymouth High teacher Jane Spiteri — who had two of her Spanish 4 classes participating — held up a map of Michigan in front of the camera and pointed out Canton, where the high school is located.

"Kids today grow up with technology; they're learning and I could tell they were having fun with it," she said. "We try to incorporate technology in the classroom as much as we can."

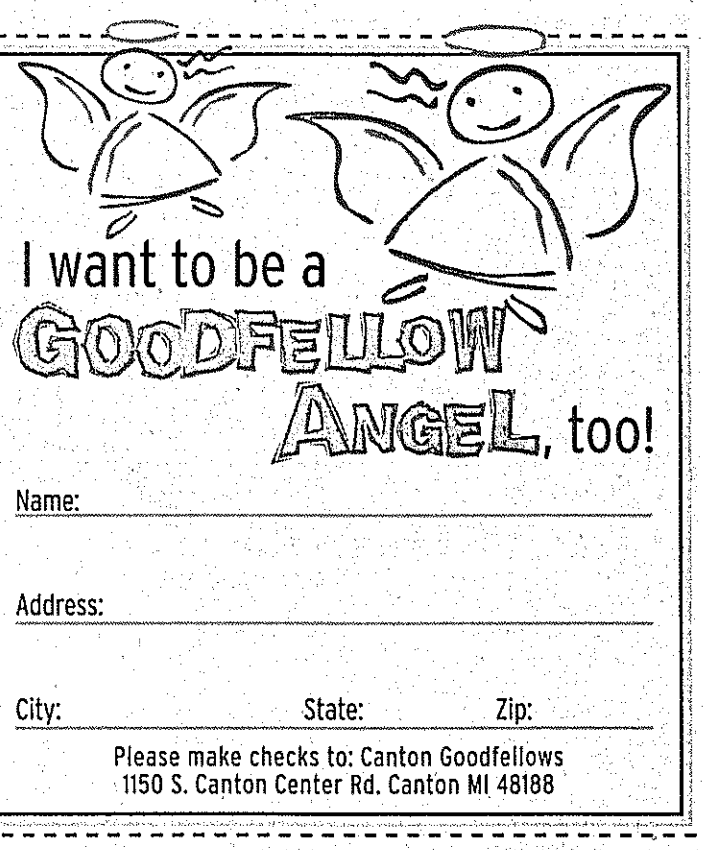
Students — separated by the Atlantic Ocean and six hours of time — interacted for nearly an hour talking about sports, food, school and music. In fact, a number of eyebrows went up in the media center when a Lliria student said teens in Spain go to discos for fun, coming home at 7 a.m. Spiteri thought her fourth-year Spanish students interacted well with the students from Spain.

"They were able to practice the language, which they don't often get a chance to do," said Spiteri. "They found out students in Spain think the way they do and dress the way they do."

Krogel said students chose their words carefully when interacting with the students from Spain.

"It's a little intimidating," she said. "I'm in Spanish 4, but just knowing they speak it all the time ... you're worried about pronouncing words correctly."

Spanish-2 instructor Alicia Maturen helped reporter Tony Bruscato – who needed it despite his four years of Spanish – interpret conversations during the hour-long distance-learning session in order to write this story.



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Kiwanis provide clothing for domestic abuse victims

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth-Canton has kicked off its seventh-annual Sweat Suit Drive to support First Step, the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

The drive collects new sweat suits that are used by the staff of First Step. The staff responds to the needs of anyone who becomes a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault.

They may be called to a hospital to assist a victim. If a criminal act is involved, the clothing may be confiscated for evidence and that individual may be discharged wearing only a hospital gown. The sweat suit provides the victim with some sense of dignity, Kiwanis officials said.

Club members received 25 new sweat suits and $200 cash when they hosted a spaghetti dinner recently. Only new sweat suits are collected, but all sizes and colors are needed, since other members of a family may be affected by the assault.

"We are so very grateful for the ongoing support of the Plymouth Kiwanas. The sweat suit collection fills a great need, said Judy Ellis, executive director of First Step.

"When a victim of sexual assault comes in to area hospitals , their clothes are kept for evidence purposes. Our advocates give the suits, as well as slippers, and hygienic supplies to the victim to wear home.

"The suits are also given to the families who come in to our shelter, often they come in with just the clothes on their backs. Later, we get the families to clothing banks for more clothing."

Sweat suits may be dropped off at the First Step office, 44567 Pinetree Drive in Plymouth weekdays. The drive runs through January. Drop-off boxes will be available at:

- Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton.
- Child Time, 45678 Helm, Plymouth.
- Help-U-Sell Real Estate, 7120 N. Haggerty, Canton.
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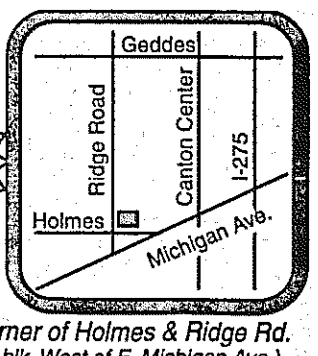
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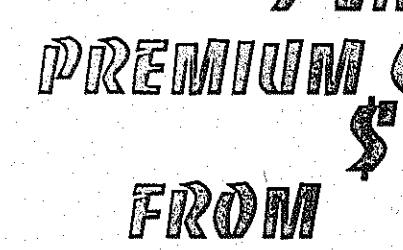


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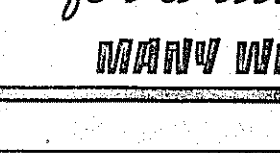
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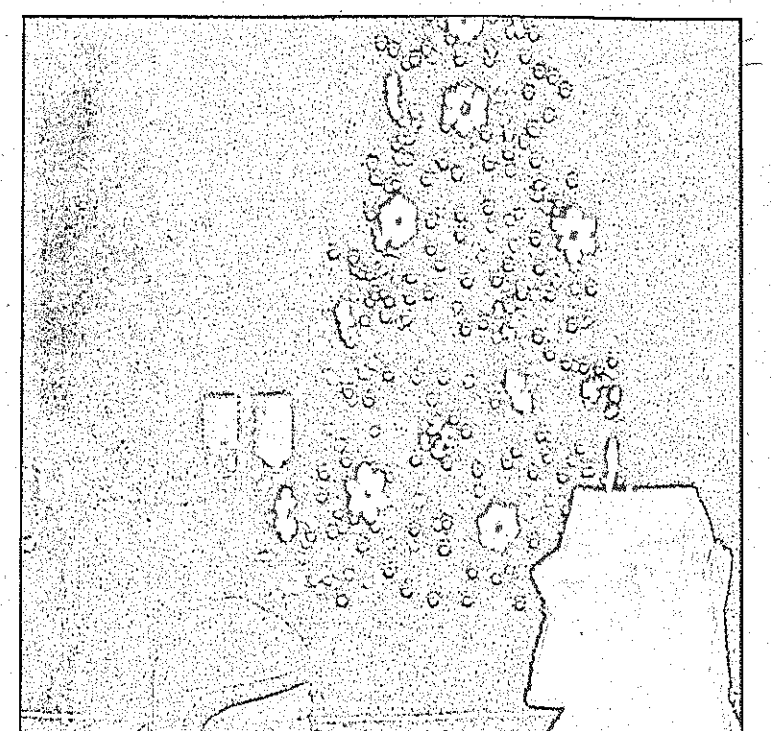


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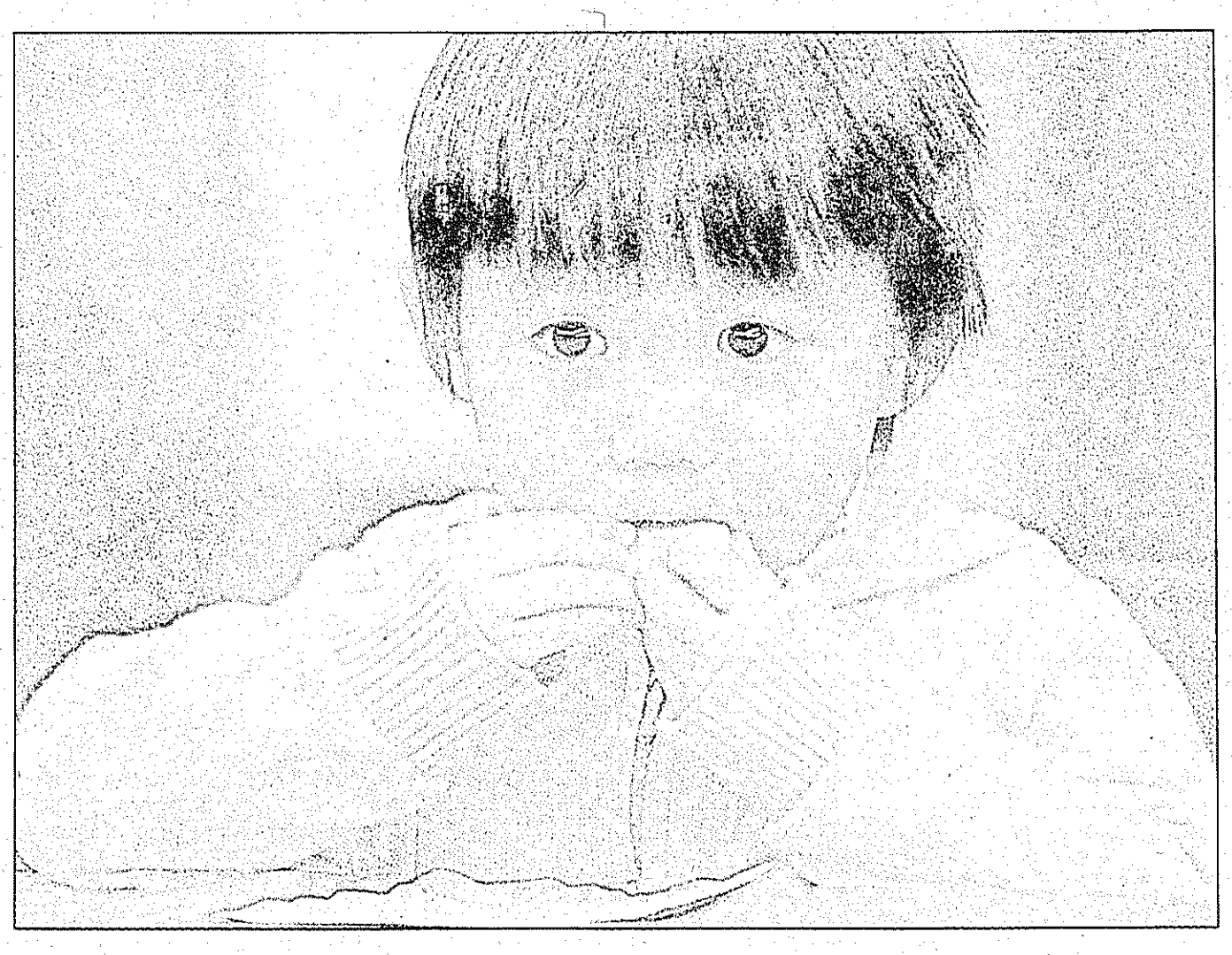
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Canton resident Ted Wakar works on a Christmas tree ice sculpture during the annual Tree Lighting ceremonies and activities at the Summit on the Park Wednesday.



Rachel Zhou, 3, eats Christmas cookies at the township's annual Tree Lighting, which also featured the Plymouth-Canton students providing the musical sounds of the holidays.

The switch was thrown, it's official: It's Christmas!

Township Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter threw the switch, the brilliant lights flashed on and Canton's official Christmas tree lighting ceremony was underway.

It started Wednesday night at 7 p.m. and continued Thursday night as well.

Despite the chilly weather, about 300 families showed up both nights, according to Jennifer Eubanks, Canton recreation specialist.

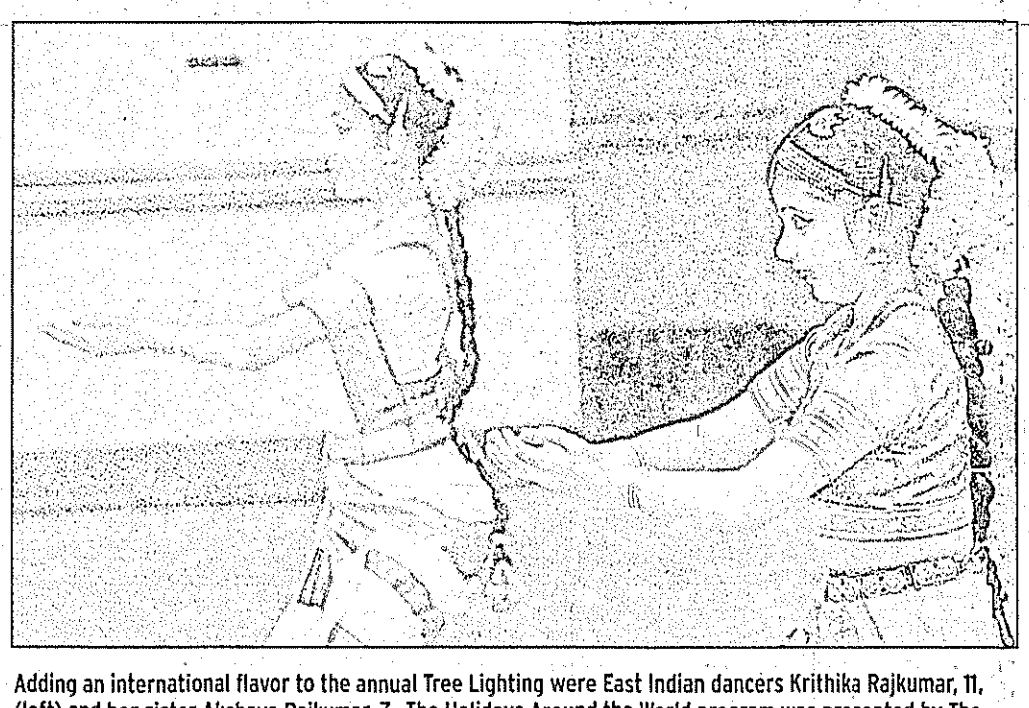
They were treated to ice carving demonstrations, a concert by the St. Thomas a'Becket bell choir, carriage rides through Heritage Park, a candy cane hunt, hot chocolate and live reindeer.

"Holidays Around the World" presented holiday activities from dozens of different cultures.

Magic shows, puppet shows and more refreshments rounded out the two night celebration.

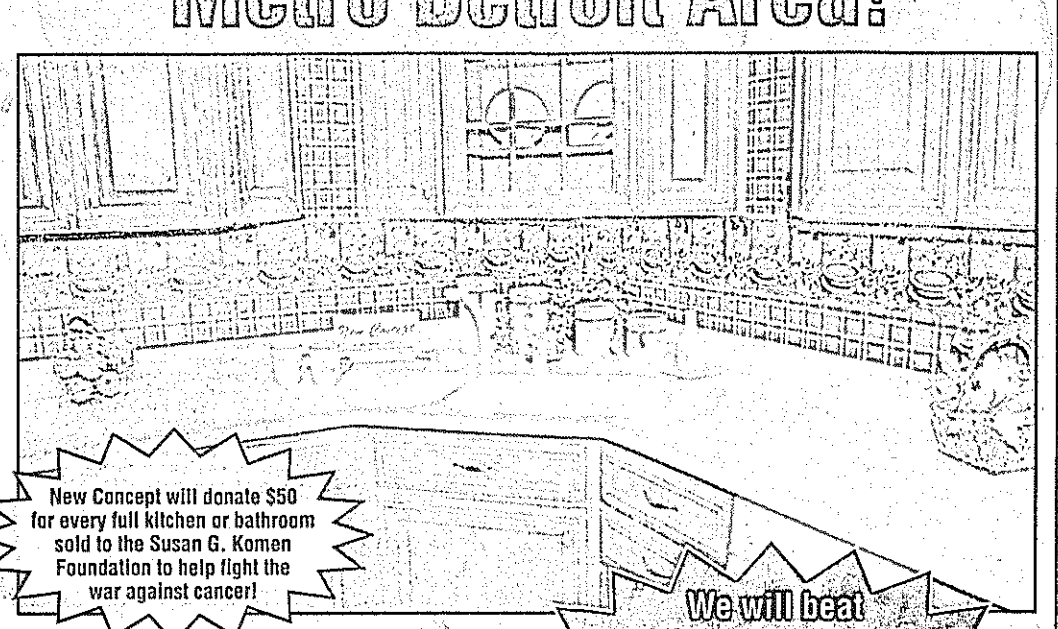


Melissa Bowling (in foreground) and others in the St. Thomas a' Becket Bell Choir performed holiday music.



Adding an international flavor to the annual Tree Lighting were East Indian dancers Krithika Rajkumar, 11, (left) and her sister Akshaya Rajkumar, 7. The Holidays Around the World program was presented by The International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit.

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Plan calls for stash of cash for public art in township

It may never be the Champs Elysée, but if Canton trustees approve Tuesday a request to establish a Cultural Arts Commission, Ford Road and other areas of the township could be hosting displays of public art.

That's part of the plan for the commission, which, among other duties, would oversee a Public Art Committee.

The Downtown Development Authority got a look recently at the bylaws for the proposed committee, which would be charged with developing a master plan for the display of public art in the DDA district.

The DDA in conjunction with the commission would develop the plan for the display of the art on public land. Under the plan, a portion of the value of new developments planned and executed by the township in excess of $100,000 would be set aside to build a community public art collection.

Ann Conklin, director of leisure services for the township, said eventually a public sculpture garden may be constructed.

"There's been some discussion of a sculpture garden in Canton," she said, "and that's one of the first things the cultural commission will take a look at."

She said locations such as the new Patriot Park and the western end of Heritage Park had been discussed as possible locations. But the most likely site, she said, would be the corner of Veterans Way and Summit Parkway on the east side of the Summit on the Park.

A touch of public art is already on display at the TCF Bank at Ford and Canton Center roads. Described as "Butterfly Chairs," the pieces are the work of Detroit artist Karl J. Schneider. The DDA board met with Schneider and took the opportunity to explore the concept of public art without obligation and to get community reaction to the project.

The district's master plan, adopted in 2002, recommends the introduction of public art into the Ford Road corridor as an important element in achieving a "sense of place" for the district.

AROUND CANTON

PIZZA WITH SANTA

The Canton Rotary Club is hosting a "Pizza with Santa" lunch at the Roman Forum Restaurant on Ford Road on Saturday, Dec. 13.

Santa will be on hand from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The cost is $7 per person, which includes lunch, beverage and one photo with Santa. Children under 2 are admitted free.

Reservations are not needed.

SUMMIT BASH?

The Canton Rotary Club is planning a "Fight Night at the Summit" on Friday, Feb. 20.

For $60 a ticket ($400 for a table of eight) residents can feast on an Italian buffet, then watch eight to ten rounds of amateur boxing.

"This is a big thing on the east side of Detroit," said Rotarian Gerald Ebmeyer. "We decided to try it in Canton."

For ticket information or more details call Ken Beardsley at (734) 981-2139.

The Canton Historical Society will offer residents a chance to buy holiday poinsettias and wreaths from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Cherry Hill School on Ridge Road, just north of Cherry Hill.

For sale will be various sizes ranging from a 6-inch pot to 8.5-inch pot with four or three plants, as well as 16-inch decorated wreaths and hanging plants. Prices range from $6 for the 6-inch pot of poinsettias to $25 for the hanging plants.

While at the schoolhouse you may drop off non-perishable foods and new toys for the Canton Goodfellows.

GIVE IT A TRY

Spotlight Players, formerly Plymouth Theatre Guild, will hold auditions for the drama Steel Magnolias by Robert Harling at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, and Tuesday, Dec. 16, in the Arts 1 Room in the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway. Roles are available for six women ages 20 and older. Call the director at (248) 701-1780 for information. All shows will be dinner theatre performances in February 2004. Web site: www.spotlightplayers.net

CHRISTMAS WELCOME

You're invited to a musical Christmas celebration, "Welcome to Our World," presented by the Celebration Choir/Orchestra/Soloists and Drama Team of the Calvary Baptist Church. The performance will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. Light refreshments will be served. The performance will be at 43065 Joy Road in Canton. For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022 or the Web site at www.calvarybaptistcanton.org

ROCKETTE LUAU

The Salem Rockettes will host a luau from 7 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Jan. 10 at the Westland Bailey Center.

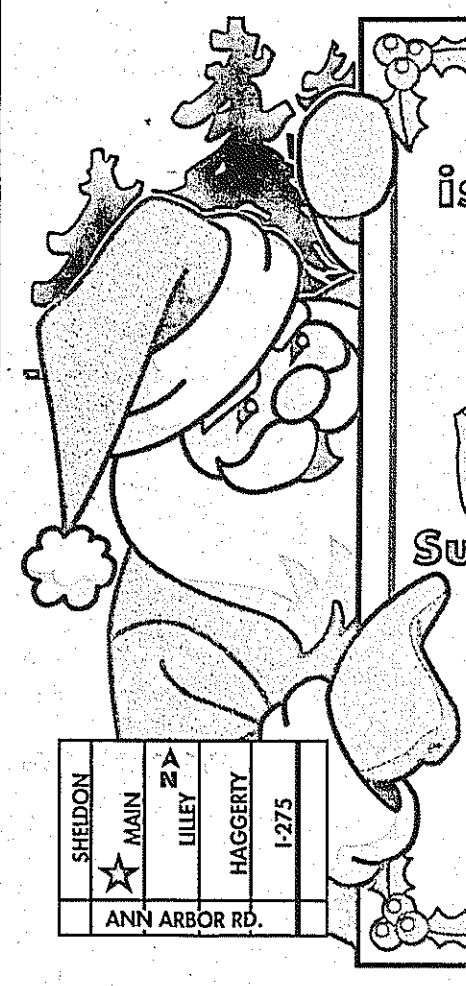
The event is designed to raise funds for the team's trip to Orlando, Fla., for the National Dance Team Championships.

Cost for the luau is $30 per person, which includes a buffet dinner, pop, coffee, tea, a disc jockey and dancing.

Ticket deadline is Dec. 19. For more information, call Ruth Thorp, (734) 459-5467.

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PLANNING BRIEFS

Canton's Planning Commission took the following actions at its Dec.1 meeting:

Public Hearings

Cherry Hill Village PDD Amendment No. 2 - A request to amend the PDD located south of Saltz and west of Beck Road. Commissioners recommended approval of the request.

Uptown PDD Amendment No. 2 - A request to amend the PDD for 73.42 acres located north of Cherry Hill and west of Beck Road. Commissioners recommended approval of the request.

Craigs Cruisers - A request for Site Plan and special Land Use approval for a coin operated amusement device establishment for 23.17 acres located north of Ford and west of Haggerty Road. Commissioners recommended approval of the request.

The Abbeys of Canton - A request for Special Land Use approval for elderly housing for 20 acres located north of Geddes Road and east of Beck Road. Commissioners recommended approval of the request.

Old Business-Site Plans

Charing Cross Site Condominiums - Arequest for Final Site Plan approval for 133.5 acres located on the northwest corner of Beck and Geddes Road. Commissioners recommended approval of the request.

Canford Park Site Condominiums - A request for Final Site Plan approval for 60 acres located north of Cherry Hill and west of Beck Road. Commissioners recommended approval of the request.

New Business-Site Plans

Meadows at Cherry Hill Village - A request for Preliminary Site Plan approval for 14.16 acres located north of Cherry Hill and west of Ridge Road. Commissioners recommended approval of the request.

Trustees to consider amusement center

General Calendar

1. Consider special land use approval for Craig's Cruisers Family Entertainment Center (coin operated amusement device establishment). (MSD)

2. Consider final site plan for Charing Cross Site Condominiums Phase I. (MSD)

3. Consider site plan for Huron Parkway private road. (MSD)

4. Consider special land use request for Abbey's of Canton Senior Housing. (MSD)

5. Consider final site plan for Canford Park Site Condominiums. (MSD)

6. Consider Amendment No. 2 to the Cherry Hill Village PDD and the Amendment No. 2 to the Uptown Planned Development Agreement. (MSD)

7. Consider site plan for Canton Corners outlot. (MSD)

8. Consider creating and filing the position of ordinance inspector (landscaping and site compliance). (MSD)

9. Request approval of Leisure Services Strategic Plan. (LSD)

10. Authorize the lease agreement with Cybex Capital Corporation for thirteen pieces of cardiovascular fitness equipment. (LSD)

11. Adopt ordinance to establish a Cultural Commission. (LSD)

12. Create and fill continuing part-time clerk position in the Human Resources Division. (ACSD)

13. Approval to pay annual service agreement fee with Motorola for CAD. (PSD)

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

15. Capital items expenditure policy. (FBD)

POLICY

FROM PAGE A1

police may see more than meets the eye. They have a little different view of the situation."

Santomauro said when dispatchers receive calls regarding crime, domestic violence or medical emergencies, they automatically access a data base that will tell them if there have been previous responses to the same address or person.

Responding officers are then notified of any patterns that are detected.

"It can let us know that we may have had problems there in the past," Santomauro said.

While he said the department has been considering sending police on all medical runs for some time, they took a harder look at the situation after an 11-month-old child was drowned in a bathtub in October and his mother was subsequently charged with murder.

It was later discovered that paramedics had made multiple previous runs for the same infant, although two different addresses were involved, two different shifts of paramedics responded at various times and the infant had been transported to three different hospitals.

"In the case of that infant's death, hospitals won't pick up on a pattern if he's only there once," Santomauro said.

"Did we do all we could have done in that case? Yes. But we have to look for patterns ourselves with people who tend to be victims and may not be able to speak for themselves."

He said the new policy will probably add about 250 runs a month for the police department. "But when you look at our reasons for doing this – to protect victims and also for officers' safety – if there is additional cost involved, we need to absorb it," he said.

CUTS

FROM PAGE A1

Schools lost more than $900,000 in funding when the district was forced to take a 3.8-percent cut in state revenue. If there's no compromise, Granholm has promised districts they will lose $196 per pupil in state funding, which will result in a $3.5 million loss for Plymouth-Canton.

"We'll make some plans on how to handle the rest of the current school year, and hopefully make adjustments for 2004-05," said Ryan. "You'll see some deficits with big numbers."

State School Superintendent Tom Watkins, who lives in Northville, said eventually the cuts will directly begin affecting students.

"Sooner or later you can't get these kinds of reductions by eliminating pencils and paper clips," he said. "It starts impacting on people, which impacts programs, which impacts teachers, and ultimately trickles down to impact children.

"If we don't invest in education today, we're going to see the impact down the road," said Watkins.

State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township), who is a member of the House Appropriations Committee, said the "behind the scenes negotiations are more intense, and are more prevalent than they've ever been" to balance the budget, which has a $560 million general-fund deficit to go along with the red ink in the school aid fund.

Stewart said negotiations involving the school aid portion of the deficit have included lowering the cut in per-pupil funding from Granholm's suggested $196 to as low as $70. While detrimental, Stewart believes his hometown school district can absorb cuts more easily because it has a fund balance reaching $20 million.

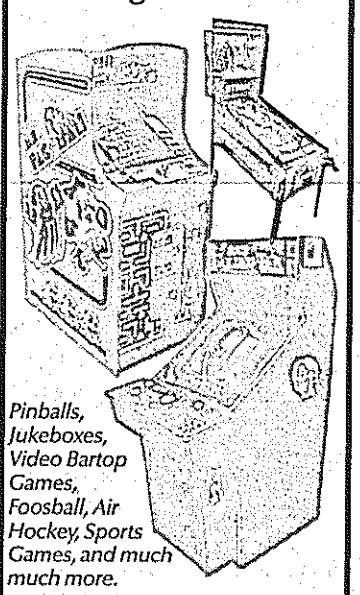
"Plymouth-Canton can absorb the extent of the bad news," he said, "but, we're working on lowering the cut as low as we can."

Stewart said his biggest concern is the expected cut in state revenue sharing monies to cities and townships.

"I'm most concerned about a cut as high as six percent in revenue sharing," he said. "That would be extremely detrimental to cities in my district with stagnant populations."

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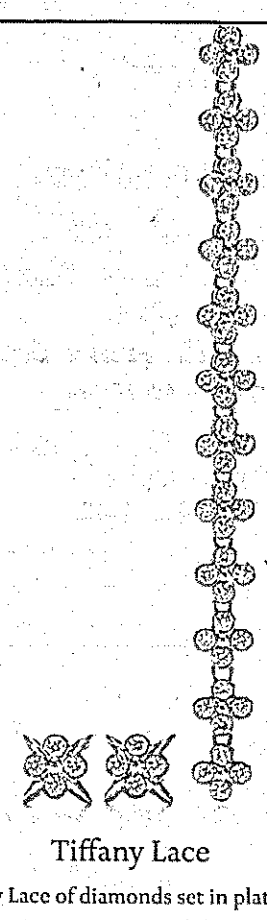
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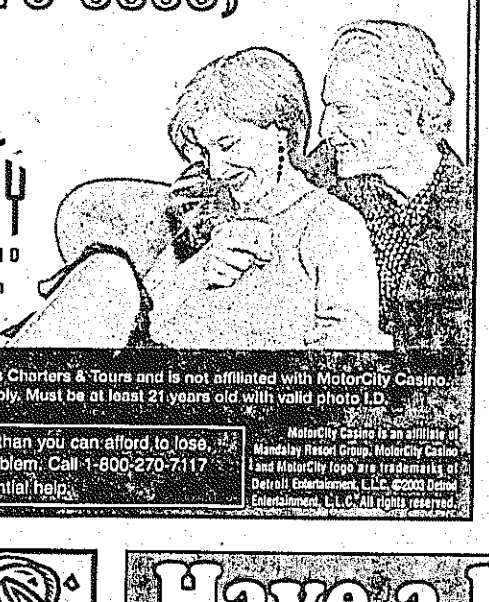
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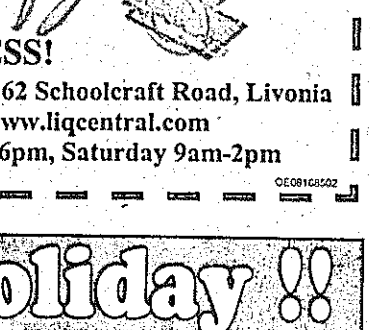
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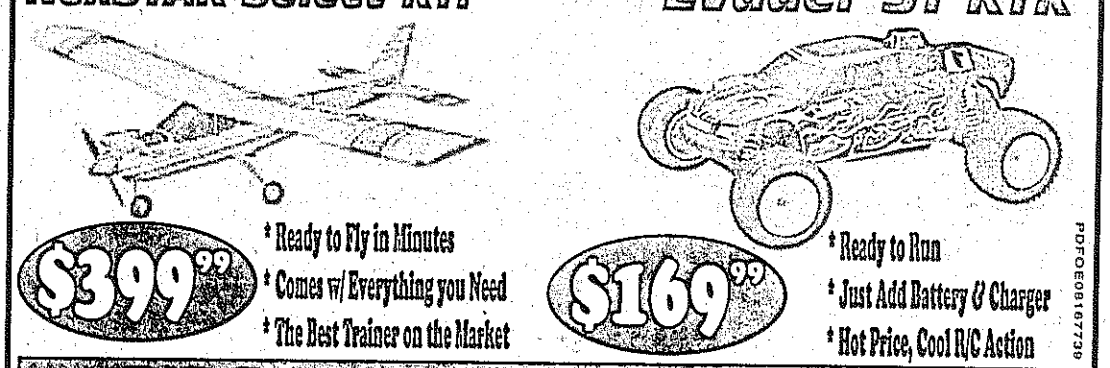
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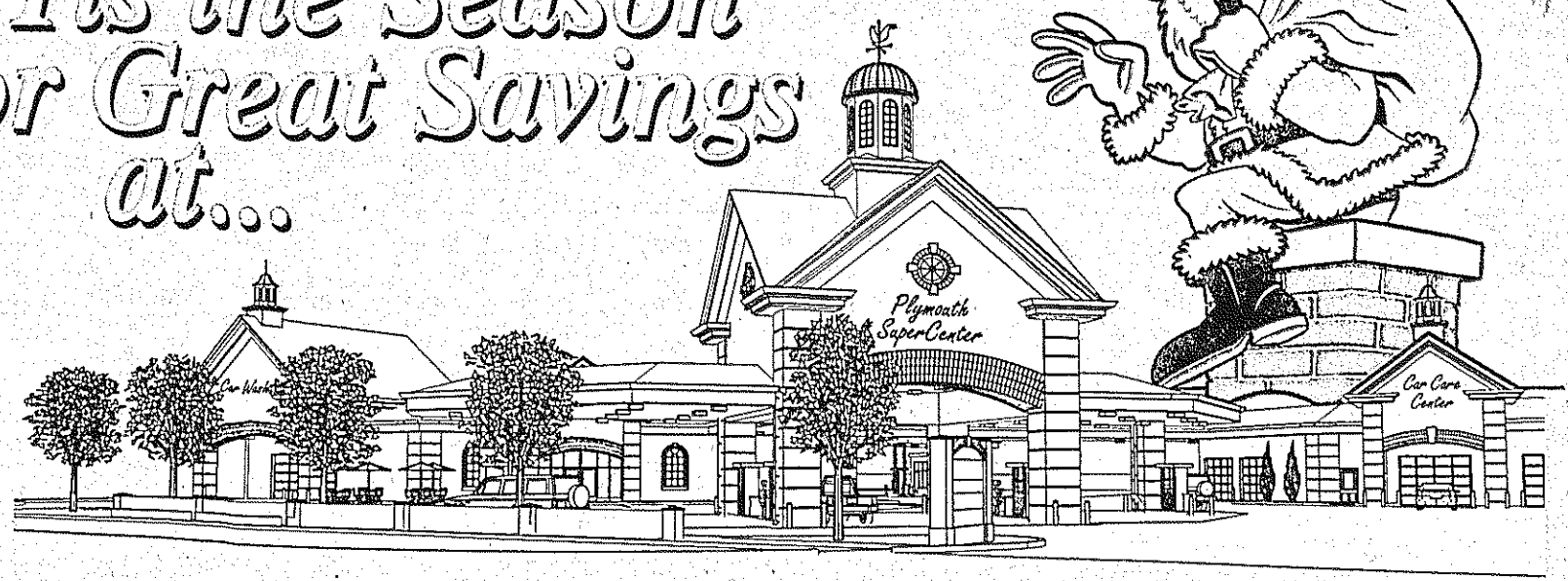
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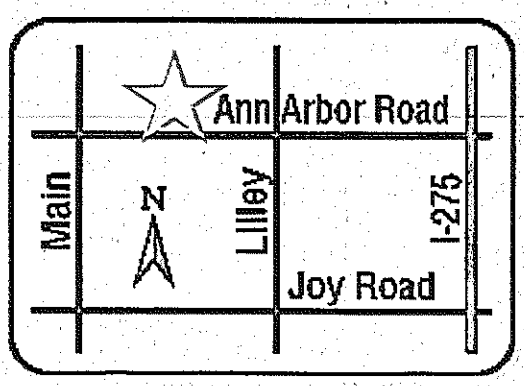
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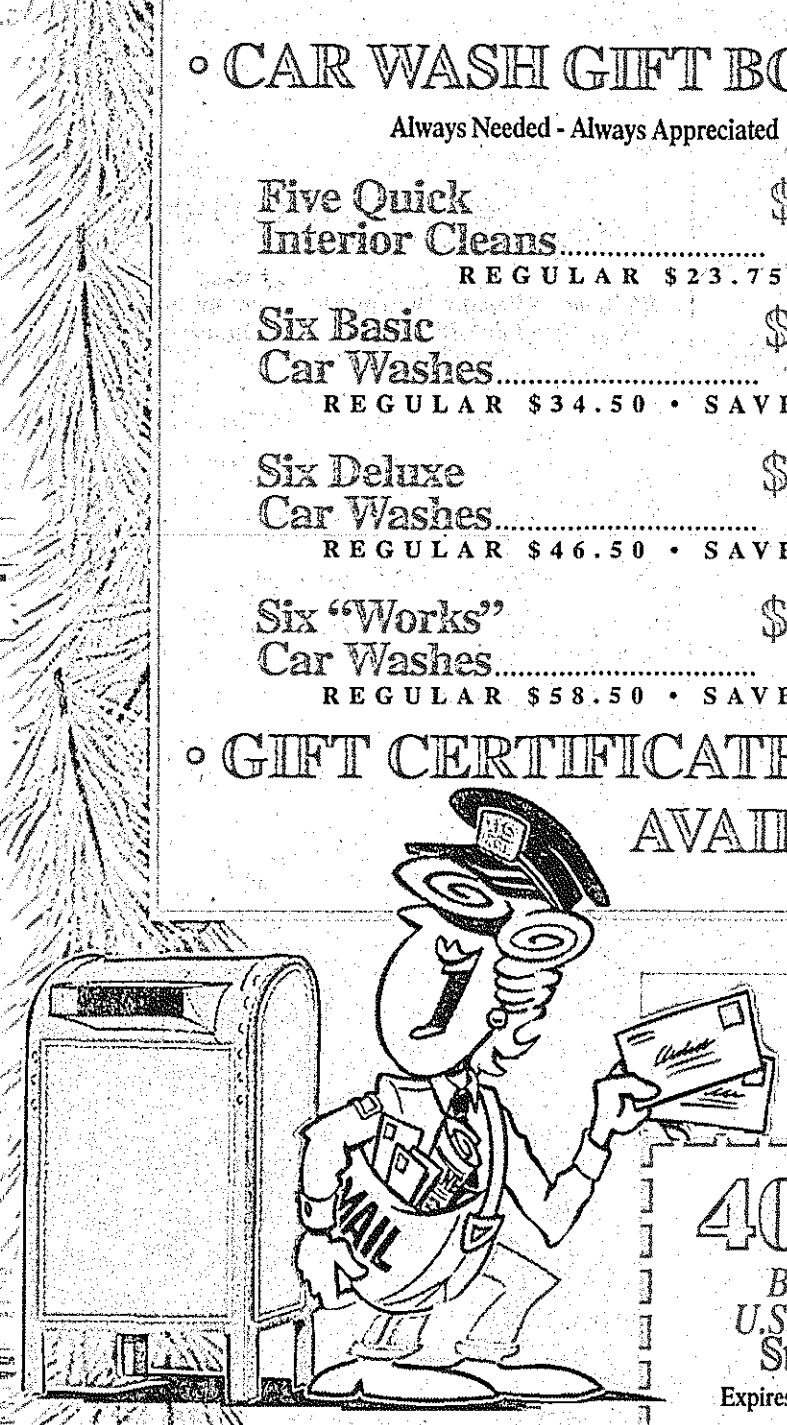
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Gerald R. Sierak

Services for Gerald Sierak, 61, of Westland were held Dec. 3 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating.

Mr. Sierak was born Feb. 7, 1942, in Detroit and died Nov. 29 in Livonia. He had been employed as an inspector of auto parts at Sam's Body Shop. He was a member of St. Richards Church and the Arc Workshop. He enjoyed bowling, billiards and his auto collection (Ford). He was a people person and a friend to all.

Survivors include his father, Ted Sierak of Plymouth; sister, Judy (Leon) Goolsby of St. Lucie, Fla.; sister, Linda (Dale) Bernhardt of Plymouth; two nephews and two nieces.

Memorial contributions may be made to Arc of Wayne, 2257 S. Wayne Rd., Westland, MI 48186.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Dominic Persichini

Services for Dominic Persichini, 70, of Plymouth were held Dec. 6 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Persichini was born Sept. 13, 1933, in Italy and died Dec. 2 in Superior Township. He came to the Plymouth community 25 years ago from Garden City. He was the retired owner of Air Gage Company in Livonia, which is still in existence today. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. He was a current member of the Italian-American Club in Livonia, and a former member of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. He enjoyed golf and tennis and was an avid card player. He especially loved food and his family.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Catherine "Kaye"; children, David of Boca Raton, Fla., Diane (Marvin) Yanke of Plymouth, Debra (Keith) Sturcel of Commerce and Daniel of Boca Raton, Fla.; grandchildren Meredyth, Anna, Anthony, and Gabrielle Yanke and Kristina, Alexandra and Erica Strucel, and Dominic Persichini; brother, Mario (Ruth) Persichini of Warren; sister, Alice (Sam) Sbrocca of Shelby; and brother-in-law, John (Lena) Oddo of Shelby.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Monastery.

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Jennie Onusko

Jennie Onusko, died in Wayne on Oct. 30, 2003, at the age of 90. She was born in Pennsylvania and lived in the Detroit area most of her life, including Plymouth, Westland and Dearborn.

She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus, and the Elks Club. She enjoyed playing cards, Bingo, going to casinos and dancing.

Jennie left school at the age of 13 to raise her six younger brothers and sisters. She always regretted leaving school but was committed to helping her family make it through the Depression era. She lived a rich life with family, friends and much laughter. Though she had her share of heartache (living through the Depression, born during the first world war, living through the second world war), she focused on making her corner of the world a positive, thriving place.

She left this world a better place. Her smiling eyes, tender care and generosity will be sorely missed. This past summer, over 100 people gathered in Plymouth to celebrate her life.

She leaves her three children, Patricia, George (Judy) and Bonnie; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

A committal service was held at St. Hedwig Cemetery, where she was interred next to her husband, George.

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Walter W. Stemmermann

Services for Walter Stemmermann, 87, of Plymouth were held Dec. 5 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. David Martin officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mr. Stemmermann was born Sept. 12, 1916 in Brooklyn, N.Y., and died Nov. 30 in Plymouth. He had been employed as a financial analysis manager at Ford Motor Company. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of Risen Christ Lutheran Church.

Survivors include wife, Reba Stemmermann; sons Richard W. Stemmermann and Donald W. (Rose) Stemmermann; daughter, Ann E. (Fred) Schebor; five grandchildren; and one brother.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice.

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James A. Wood

Services for James Wood, 62, of Canton were held Dec. 5 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Gerard V. Bechard officiating. Burial was at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

Mr. Wood was born Jan. 6, 1941, in Windsor, Canada, and died Nov. 30 in Wayne. He was employed as an engineer for Ford Motor Company.

Survivors include life partner, Don Earehart of Canton; mother, Imelda Wood of Windsor; and brothers, John and Kenneth Wood of Windsor.

Memorial contributions may be made to the State of Michigan Childs Trust Fund; or Prevention of Child Abuse.

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Jeff Nelson

Services for Jeff Nelson, 42, of Plymouth were held Nov. 29 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia with the Rev. Linda Golden officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Nelson was born April 18, 1961, in Detroit and died suddenly Nov. 25. He was a lifelong Plymouth resident, graduating from Canton High School in 1979. He attended both Northern Michigan University and Central Michigan University. He was general manager of Guardian Alarm in Southfield, where he had worked for 19 years.

He was in the process of obtaining his pilot's license through Mettetal Airport in Plymouth and was preparing for his final exam. He recently joined the Ann Arbor Flying Club. He enjoyed restoring a 1965 Catalina Convertible. He also loved to fish and golf, and he had a wonderful sense of humor.

Survivors include wife, Julie; daughter, Emily; parents, Ken and Nancy Nelson of Plymouth; siblings, Shelly Nelson of Plymouth, Lisa (Steve) Massie of Neenah, Wisc., and Amy (Mark) Grenier of Livonia; paternal grandmother, Ruth Nelson of Escanaba; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Emily Nelson Education Fund.

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Vernon C. "Ted" Kuhns

Services for Ted Kuhns, 79, of Plymouth were held Dec. 4 at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating.

Mr. Kuhns was born Dec. 6, 1923, in Pennsylvania and died Nov. 30. He was raised primarily in Detroit and came to the Plymouth community in 1954. He graduated from Cass Tech High School in Detroit. He served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II as a Marine Raider in the South Pacific. He was a former volunteer firefighter for the City of Plymouth in the 1950s. He retired after a long career as a parts manager for Star Lincoln-Mercury dealership in Southfield.

After his retirement and until just recently he worked part-time at Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury in Plymouth. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Plymouth where he was very active in the Outreach Program. He was also a member of the Plymouth Optimist Club. He was an avid golfer.

Mr. Kuhns was preceded in death by grandson, Shawn.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 54 years, Doris; children, Grace Kuhns of Portland, Oregon, Victoria (Kevin) Fairham-Wheeler of Portland, Oregon, Cynthia (Michael) Cox of Plymouth and Ted (Kim) Kuhns of Whitmore Lake; grandchildren, Laura, EmmaLeigh, Mary, Ryan, and Kyle; sisters, Sandra Ryan, Sharon Upton, and KayLynne Forton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church Outreach Program.

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James E. Paganone

James Paganone, 75, died in Livonia Nov. 6, 2003, after a short illness. He was born Dec. 8, 1927, in Detroit.

Mr. Paganone was retired from the Wayne County Road Commission, and had been a long-time resident of Plymouth Township.

Mr. Paganone was preceded in death by wife, Shirley.

Survivors include daughter, Barbara (George) Butchko, and Ardyth Paganone (Gary Soucy); and two grandchildren who were the light of his life, Jessica Butchko and Adeline Soucy.

Those who knew James will remember his silly jokes he would always fit into his conversations. His friends of Independence Village of Plymouth will miss his presence in the puzzle room, at movie nights and the errands and helpful hand he would lend.

Dorothy Frances Olszewski

Services for Dorothy Olszewski, 64, of Farmington were held privately with internment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Ms. Olszewski was born April 13, 1939, in Detroit and died Nov. 11 at Select Specialty Hospital. She worked as a secretary at J.L. Hudson's for many years, and moved to Minneapolis in the transfer of the company headquarters several years ago. She moved back to Michigan after retirement. She loved to read romance novels in her spare time.

Survivors include brother, John (Arlene) Olsen of Northville; and nephew, Kevin Olsen of Plymouth; and several other nieces and nephews as well as great-nieces and great-nephews.

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Janet E. Morton

Services for Janet Morton, 79, of Plymouth were held Dec. 5 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Craig R. Morton officiating. Entombment was at Riverside Cemetery Mausoleum in Plymouth.

Mrs. Morton was born Oct. 13, 1924, in Detroit and died Nov. 30 in Ann Arbor. She retired from the Detroit Public Schools in 1966, as a vocal music instructor. She came to the Plymouth community in 1965 from Detroit. She was a member of the Women's National Farm and Garden Club of Plymouth.

She loved golf and, in her younger years, she was an avid golfer.

Survivors include husband, Louis A. Morton of Raleigh, N.C. (formerly of Plymouth); sons, Kenneth (Elke) Morton of Plymouth and Craig (Karen) Morton of Lebanon, N.H.; grandchildren Lydia, Micah, Moriah and Jeremiah; and brother, Richard Curley of Delray Beach, Fla.

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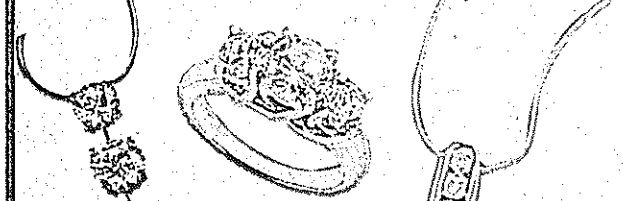
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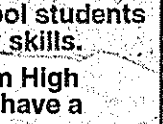
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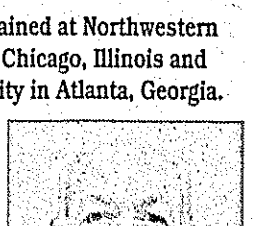
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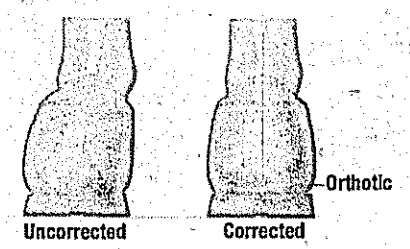
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Church production hits stage

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Folks organizing NorthRidge Church's annual Glory of Christmas production have just one thing to say to spectators dazzled by last year's show:

"You ain't seen nuthin' yet!"

Pastor Brad Powell promises a bigger, better production – complete with special effects church officials say have never been used in the Midwest – as the church once again uses music as a means of getting across God's word.

Powell said the musical production, which rivals stage shows in places like Broadway or Toronto, is a perfect way to get Christ's message across.

"We believe it's important to present the message of Christ in new ways," Powell said. "When the church presents it the same way every day, it loses its impact. We believe too many churches are trying to communicate in a historical way. We try to communicate it in a relevant way. If we don't do that, we don't get the message across."

This year's production tells the story of a middle-aged man who is transported to Jerusalem at the time of Christ. The man tries to find his way home, learning lessons about his life and his relationships with others through experiencing the life of Christ firsthand.

Director of programming and production Roxann Powell said the Glory of Christmas, in its 11th year, will be better than ever. The storyline is new, as are many of the songs. She said some of the special effects will be tried for the first time in this area.

"They've been done in the South, but never in the Midwest," said Roxann Powell, who declined – with a smile – to divulge the effects. "We want to make things new and different all the time."

They've had no problem doing that. NorthRidge has become known for its audio and video capabilities – church officials traveled to New York and made a moving video after the 9/11 terrorist attacks – and for doing things bigger and better.

While many observers would expect something smaller in scale from a church, NorthRidge officials think their philosophy is the right one.

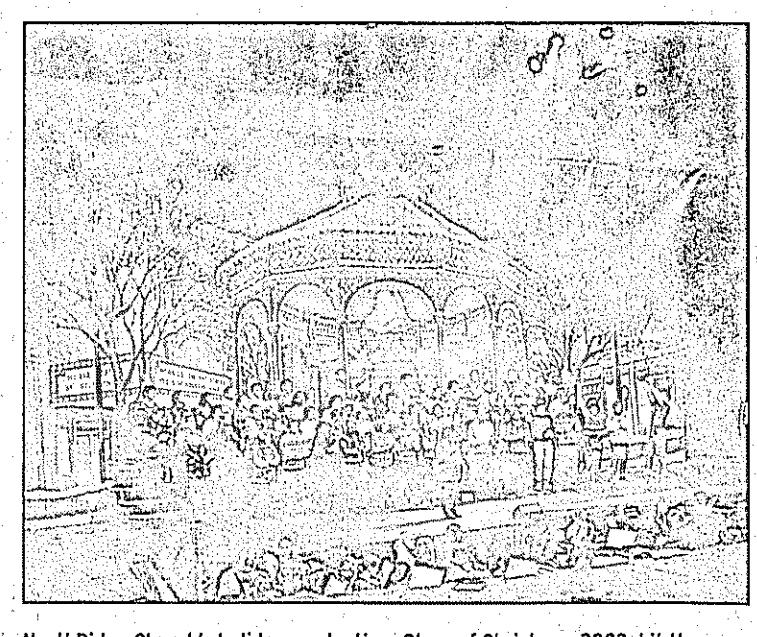
"We believe there's always another way of communicating Christ's message with excellence," Brad Powell says of his church's Broadway-esque production. "The reason Toronto and Broadway are successful is they do their entertainment with unbelievable excellence.

"Excellence inspires people," he added. "We believe it behooves the Church of Christ, which is far more important (than entertainment) to put on a program with the greatest amount of excellence that proclaims the excellence of Jesus Christ."

More than 500 volunteers have put in months of preparation for the production, which hits the stage at NorthRidge the first two weekends in December. Those volunteers do everything from singing – 120 of them are in the choir – to dancing and parking lot duty.

And their reasons for doing it are simple, according to the Powells.

"Jesus has changed every one of their lives, and they want people to know it," Brad Powell said.



NorthRidge Church's holiday production, Glory of Christmas 2003, hit the stage Dec. 5 and is bigger and better, officials say.

"It's about the vision. Each of them has had Jesus transform their lives. They buy into the mission of the church."

Church officials are expecting some 24,000 spectators spread over the eight performances. Many of them will be surprised to see a production of this magnitude.

"I think when people think of a church musical, they think of a high school production," said Wayne Kurtycz, the church's director of outreach events.

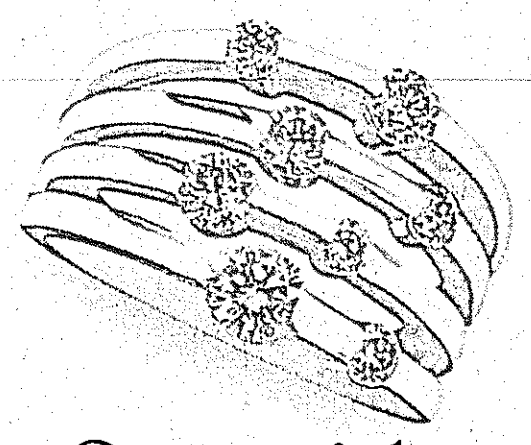
The vast majority of reaction has been positive – "Most people can't believe a church can do this," Roxann Powell said – and that drives home the church's main point.

Said Brad Powell, the pastor: "It tells people we're absolutely dead serious about Christ."

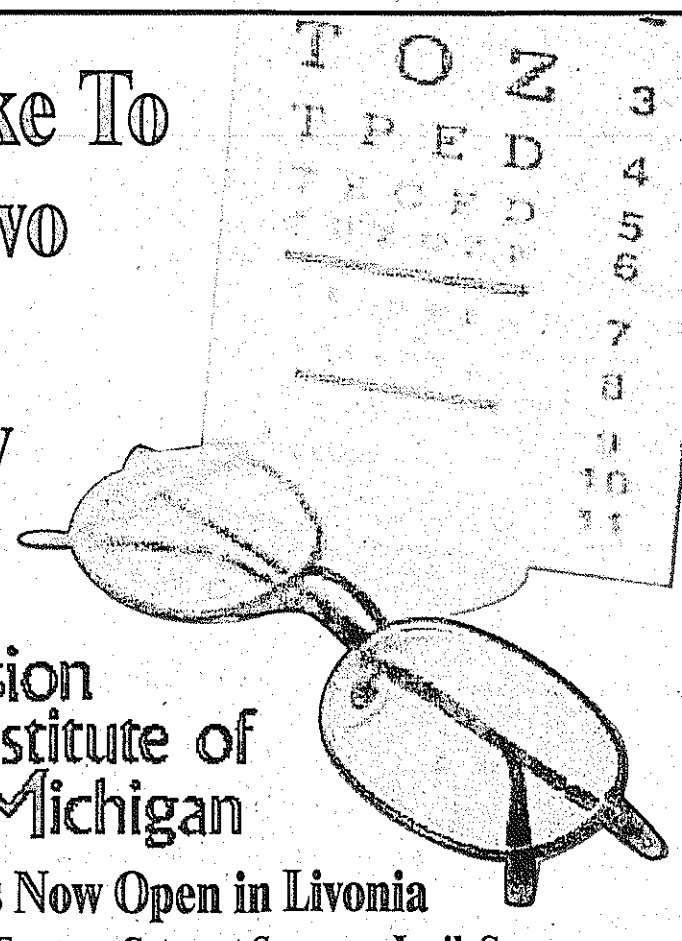
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Prosecuting monsters doesn't leave Cheryl Matthews jaded

Cheryl Matthews kisses her husband and two baby sons goodbye every morning, and goes off to spend the day dealing with people who rape and ruin the lives of little children as young or younger than hers.



Jack Lessenberry

"I guess it has a certain effect. I mean, I don't let my kids go see Santa by themselves," she said. For six years, she has been in charge of prosecuting child sexual assaults in Oakland County, Detroit's largest and most affluent collection of suburbs.

No, she doesn't have a firm conviction about Michael Jackson's guilt or innocence. She has seen cases where children do make false charges.

"People in the public eye have a spotlight on them and probably do attract these types of accusations," just by virtue of their celebrity, she said. "On the other hand, if I was accused of sexually assaulting another boy a few years ago, as he was, I wouldn't be found within 500 miles of a child." And while they aren't definite proof of anything, Jackson's public statements about liking to sleep in bed with children "definitely set off my ped-o-meter," sending a warning that something was not normal here.

We live in a highly sensationalist society where round-the-clock broadcast media daily trumpet any news of scandal, especially of a sexual nature. There also seem to be more sensational cases, from Elizabeth Smart to Michael Jackson, involving children. Could it be that the problem is overblown?

"Sadly, I think it is underreported," said Matthews, who has prosecuted hundreds, perhaps more than a thousand, such cases. At 40, she looks considerably younger and much more like an elementary school teacher than one of the area's toughest prosecutors. "You see a lot of affluent, upper-class men who target kids from the lower classes, from broken homes, who are needy and vulnerable."

Earlier this fall she won a conviction against one Robert Basat, who told many young boys that he would die unless they gave him their semen. "There are certain people whose crimes are so egregious they should never see the light of day."

Society may not have to worry about Basat; he got 50 to 80 years. But what frustrates her is that so many others get away. She just lost a case where she is convinced the man, a well-known area businessman, had molested little boys.

"But victims take back their testimony all the time. Often, they are under tremendous pressure to do so."

Some can't even testify at all. The 4-month-old, for example, with gonorrhea. Looking at some of the cases she's handled is enough to make even an old liberal think on-the-spot execution might not be such a bad idea.

Oddly enough, Matthews doesn't seem to be completely jaded. "I think I have the ability to look at an individual and see when they have a chance and may be able to be turned around, but also recognize that there are times when society should give up, when rehabilitation isn't possible anymore."

Even in some of those cases, she is able to have some sympathy for a monster. "We had one recently — he was a bad guy, but he had a horrendous life. His mother used to put cigarettes out on him when he was a baby. You feel some empathy, though you don't want them ever on the street."

Ironically, she never wanted to do this kind of law. After a couple of years doing corporate law in Manhattan, she realized she was well-paid but bored, and took a considerable pay cut to join the prosecutor's office in 1991.

When she was first asked to head the sexual assault unit, she recoiled. Finally, she agreed to do it for a year, and ended up staying, largely because she felt the work was so important. But though she rightly takes some satisfaction at the monsters she's put away, to an outsider, the bottom line is deeply depressing.

Child molesters have perhaps the highest recidivism rate of any criminal. "The average one has 14 victims over his or her lifetime — and they aren't all men," she said.

Most do not get sentenced to forever in prison — and they are eventually released, older, wiser, more cunning. Nor does she see much hope that many can be rehabilitated; she doesn't even think castration, chemical or physical, would do any good even if legal, which it isn't.

Still, somebody has to keep up the fight. Matthews hopes to do so soon in a different arena. Next year, she plans on running for county circuit judge, a post that would be concerned exclusively with "family court" matters, including sexual crimes against juveniles. "I think I have the ability to be fair," she said.

Those who know her have little doubt of that. However, if she is elected, let's hope there is another bulldog in her office with the skill to put the real creeps away, and the discretion not to label a 16-year-old boy a sex offender for life because he went too far with his girlfriend who was two months under the age of consent.

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Bush pays Michigan another visit, are good times around the bend?

President Bush was in town again. He's been a fairly frequent visitor since becoming president and he'll continue to honor us with his presence in the coming months.

Michigan is a swing state that all politicians crave.



Hugh Gallagher

Bush was in Canton to trumpet the recent good economic news after three years of bad economic news that he blames on the previous administration (and terrorists).

Unfortunately, the good news hasn't hit Michigan yet.

A couple months ago, U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) told a group of *Observer* editors that the outcome of the presidential election would be a simple question of how the economy was doing on election day. At that time, the good news was just beginning to emerge. McCotter said the job outlook was on the upswing, though he admitted it was more in service jobs than in manufacturing jobs.

When it was suggested that those jobs pay less, he answered "not necessarily."

But in general, of course, they do. Even as the number of people employed grows, the number of solid, higher-paying jobs is not growing. As the number of unemployed drops, the number of "underemployed" and "employed at something other than the job I was trained for" continues to be high. The quality of employment is not the same.

Corporations are doing better, according to recent reports. But they've moved a lot of their work overseas, where workers are happy to accept wages that would be unacceptable here. Even high-tech jobs are going to India and China.

The president is taking credit for the current upswing and touting his tax cuts while urging Congress to make the cuts permanent.

It's only natural that he would. Economies go in cycles and this one was ready to shake its doldrums and cycle up. But, certainly, an injection of ready cash in the retail sector from tax rebates has been helpful. The numbers for the third quarter were especially dramatic (an 8.2-percent growth rate). And any good politician will gather credit where he can. Without a crystal ball, it's impossible to know what happens when people aren't getting "re-elect me please" checks from the government.

In addition, the federal deficit is hitting record numbers ($400 billion) and adding to our already overwhelming national debt. Some, cynically, believe that's the point. They argue that some conservatives want the deficit to become so large it will eventually force governmental collapse. Others, such as Clinton's former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin in a recent radio interview, say it's just easier for politicians to both cut taxes *and* increase spending without worrying about fiscal responsibility. Let future politicians worry about *that*.

That eventually caught up with the Reagan government on Bush1's watch. It will also catch up with the Bush2 government. The fact is, most people need government services more than they need a one-time, let's make 'em happy check or tax cuts that favor those in the upper income brackets who are not struggling to meet the necessities. Unfortunately, this government is spending money to benefit the few.

But in the meantime, in between time, ain't we got fun?

Well, not in Michigan yet.

Michigan governments at all levels are struggling. Revenues are not meeting needs or expectations. The president's party wants to cut even more state programs rather than "pause" a tax cut that would provide pocket money for most people.

Unemployment remains high. Some companies are still reluctant to add back on to their payrolls. Many jobs lost are now lost forever.

Anecdotal information is untrustworthy. But the anecdotes seem to gather around us in southeast Michigan. College graduates are not being snapped up into positions in their field. Many recent graduates are holding down whatever jobs they can find at lower wages and paying more for their health care.

We can assume that the fourth quarter will be strong, Christmas sales will be up considerably, consumer confidence will be buoyant.

And maybe, by Election Day, Nov. 2, 2004, Michigan, too, will just be humming along. Maybe not.

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Agreement reached on health authority

After months of negotiations Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano Thursday announced an agreement to create a Detroit Wayne County Health Authority which will help to provide needed medical care to the uninsured and underinsured.

The agreement has to be approved by the Detroit City Council and Wayne County Commission. A bill is currently in the U.S. House of Representatives to provide $500,000 in start up funds for the authority. A vote is expected Monday in the House and the bill then moves to the Senate.

Ficano said more funding will come from private foundations such as the Kellogg Foundation.

"For the first time, the State of Michigan, Wayne County and the City of Detroit have come together in common purpose to address critical health care needs in southeastern Michigan," Granholm said. "This agreement will ensure continued viability of safety net medical services in Wayne County and a strategic plan of action for the future."

The agreement comes on the heals of continuing problems at the Detroit Medical Center, which is operating Detroit Receiving and Hutzel hospital on $50 million in emerging funding that runs out in May.

"Together, we've achieved a real victory today for the people affected by the lack of access to medical care and by the high costs of health care services," Ficano said. "The creation of the Wayne County-Detroit Health Authority provides the framework for a vital safety net for the uninsured and underinsured and has the potential to be a blueprint for an expanded multi-county approach to resolving the regional health care crisis. It's good news that this agreement and the authority will provide continuity of care, require accountability and leverage more federal funds in a restructured health care system that better services the public."

Ficano said Friday that he saw three main goals for the authority. He said an authority will be able to leverage federal dollars for Medicare and other funding sources. Second, an authority will help change the way the uninsured and underinsured receive medical care.

"The uninsured now walk into emergency rooms, which is the most expensive way to provide medical care," he said. "This way you get to the clinical approach."

Ficano said he would like to see Wayne County open federally qualified health clinics. The clinics are privately operated but receive public funding. The health authority would help write grants to establish new clinics. Ficano said Wayne County currently only has nine federally qualified clinics.

He said the authority could also help set up clinics within the current hospital setting.

"Finally, we have to look at best practices," Ficano said.

He said currently the uninsured and underinsured are given a full run of medical tests when they go to an emergency room. He said best practices, similar to the system used by the Veterans Administration, would set up a countywide and, eventually, regional data basis. Doctors and other healthcare providers would have immediate access to a person's medical history and be able to provide specific treatment.

Ficano has long advocated a regional health authority taking in several counties in the Detroit metro area. He said this is a first step in that direction.

"If there is a mother in the city and her child is sick, she will find a way to get to Beaumont or any hospital she can reach, it will become Oakland and Macomb's problem," Ficano said.

The county executive said the authority will not be a silver bullet for the Detroit Medical Center but should provide help in leveraging more funding.

Within 30 days of Detroit City Council and Wayne County Board of Commissioners approval, the next step for the authority will be the creation of a nine-member governing board – with three members each appointed from the state, county and city of Detroit. The board will then appoint a director who will begin organizing authority operations.

Sheriff warns shoppers to beware of ID theft

This time of year, there are a lot of things that Christmas shoppers need to remember to make sure they are not the victims of thieves. But according to Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans, people are at risk of losing more than their wallet or purse this holiday season.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, more than 380,000 Americans were victims of identity theft or consumer fraud in 2002. As a result, consumers and corporations were cheated out of $343 million. In Michigan, 4,640 identities were stolen, giving it a higher rate per capita than in 33 other states.

Evans said that according to the Federal Trade Commission, reports of identity theft nationwide have shot up 500 percent since 2000 and are likely to continue to increase. The vast majority of victims are between the ages of 18 and 49.

The Internet is a great tool, and usually very safe for shopping. But it's also a great place for thieves to hang out.

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MU spikers perfect in NAIA pool play

NAIA TOURNAMENT

Pool play ended successfully for Madonna University at the NAIA Tournament, with the Crusaders emerging as one of only three teams to survive without a loss.

That put them into the Elite Eight, which began Friday night at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego.

After a four-set win over Lubbock (Tex.) Christian Wednesday, Madonna defeated Spring Hill (Ala.) in straight-sets in its first match Thursday. That evening, the Crusaders faced Georgetown (Ky.) College and won in five games.

The win over Georgetown assured Madonna a spot in the Elite Eight (the top two teams in each of the four pools advances), but there was still a match left against Dordt (Iowa) College, also unbeaten to that point, on Friday morning.

And it was as difficult as anticipated. Once again, the Crusaders went the full five sets, and once again they came out on top, defeating Dordt 27-30, 30-20, 30-27, 23-30, 15-8.

"What a match," said Madonna coach Jerry Abraham. "It was a long, five-game match against a fabulous team, one of our best matches of the year. We needed to play very big in the middle — they had two 6-1 kids who kept pressuring us.

"But we got our hands on the ball, played great defense and responded well in crunch time. That's sort of what we've been doing since we got here this week."

Natalja Tinina continued to ignite the Madonna attack, collecting a team-best 20 kills against Dordt. She also had 18 digs, three blocks and three service aces.

For the tournament, Tinina was tied with Fresno Pacific's Kristin Readence for kills per game, each averaging 5.0 (prior to Friday's matches).

Setter Ashley Frost was also among the tournament leaders in set assists, averaging 13.92 per game to put her second. Against the Defenders she had 60 assists.

Laura Lesko was second against Dordt in kills with 15 (a .353 kill average); she also had eight blocks. Caryn Inman and Sharyse Bush added 13 kills apiece, Inman with a .429 kill average, two aces and five blocks and Bush with six blocks; Tera Morrill (from Livonia Franklin) with 10 kills, 17 digs and three blocks; and Amanda Suder (Salem HS) with 15 digs.

Dordt got 21 kills from Rachel Pontier, 19 from Rachel Van Beek and 18 from Tara DeBoer.

Thursday's match against Georgetown was similar, but Madonna survived, battling back from a game down to win 32-30, 27-30, 21-30, 30-25, 15-9.

Morrill led the Crusader attack this time with 19 kills (.327). She also had 12 digs and four blocks. Tinina finished with 18 kills, 11 digs and three aces; Bush had 16 kills; Inman got 10 kills and four blocks; Lesko had seven kills, 20 digs and four blocks; Suder got 17 digs; and Frost totaled 62 set assists, five kills, 10 digs and four blocks.

Earlier Thursday, Madonna enjoyed its easiest match of the tournament against Spring Hill (Ala.), destroying the Badgers in straight sets 30-22, 30-16, 30-14. Tinina's 17 kills paced the Crusaders (.389). Lesko had 15 kills (.737) and 10 digs; Inman and Bush collected eight kills apiece, Inman with a .462 percentage and four blocks; Suder got 12 digs; Morrill had five kills (.357), nine digs and four aces; and Frost finished with 46 set assists, 11 digs and three blocks. The tournament semifinals, consolation finals and championship match were scheduled for Saturday night. Results will appear in Thursday's Observer.

Poor-shooting Ocelots fall in opener

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Outrebound a team by 15, including a 31-19 edge on the offensive glass, and you figure you should win. Easily.

Shoot 26 percent from the floor, however, and you'll understand why you didn't.

Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team converted just 19-of-73 from the field and lost to Olive Harvey, 64-53, in the opening round of the Schoolcraft College Invitational Friday at SC.

The loss dropped the Ocelots to 4-4. Olive Harvey is 7-3.

No one shot well for SC, which also had 23 turnovers. India Monteiro led the Ocelots with 13 points and 18 rebounds; Takara Tuff had 12 points.

Keyanna Mayfield led Olive Harvey with 26 points, hitting 6-of-9 three-pointers. Tiffani Bourn had 11.

Olive Harvey trailed SC 28-24 at the half, due in great part to it 8-of-28 shooting (28.5 percent). But that turned around in the second half; while SC continued to struggle (10-of-38, 26.3 percent after the intermission), Olive Harvey found the range, making 16-of-37 in the second half (43.2 percent), including 7-of-15 three-pointers (46.6 percent), to outscore SC 40-25.

Indeed, Olive Harvey was 10-of-22 on triples in the game (45.4 percent); SC was 4-of-23 (17.3 percent).

The tournament consolation and championship games were played Saturday.

Owens CC 69, Schoolcraft 68: Stacy Weiland hit a layup at the buzzer to lift Owens CC (Ohio) to a one-point victory over Schoolcraft College in the championship game of the Owens CC Turkey Shootout last Sunday in Toledo.

The loss left SC at 4-3. Owens improved to 7-1.

The Ocelots led 40-33 at the half, hitting 14-of-29 floor shots (48.2 percent) compared to Owens' 15-of-35 (42.8 percent). But SC cooled in the second half, converting just 11-of-31 (35.4 percent); the Express hit 15-of-36 (41.6 percent).

India Monteiro paced SC with 25 points and 12 rebounds. Ashley Gibson added 12 points, four assists, three blocks and two steals, and Crystal Pittman had 11 points and seven boards.

Owens CC got 13 points from Weiland, 12 points from Katie McClure and 10 from Sarah Johnson.

Painful affair: Schoolcraft's Illinois swing

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Schoolcraft College went into the Olney Central (Ill.) College Rotary Classic ranked No. 12 in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's basketball rankings.

The Ocelots returned home with two discouraging losses and will probably be left out of the upcoming top 20 poll.

On Friday, Southeastern (Ill.), led by University of Louisville recruit Donta Smith, considered the best JUCO player in the country, ran past the Ocelots, 86-64.

Sixth-ranked Southeastern, which owns a victory over defending national champion and top-ranked Southeastern (Iowa), is 10-1 overall. Schoolcraft drops to 4-2.

"We wanted to do three things," Briggs said. "We wanted to play hard, we wanted to play smart and we wanted to play together.

"We played hard, but unfortunately we didn't play smart and we didn't play together."

Briggs suspended three players for Friday's game because of disciplinary reasons against including point-guard Ricky Morgan, along forwards Marcus Johnson and Anton Palmer.

Darien Bynum, a 6-foot-7 center from Redford Bishop Borgess, scored a team-high 16 points.

Lamont Arrington, a 7-foot center, added 10, while guard Ryan Baumgartner contributed nine.

"We found out some things about our team personnel-wise," Briggs said. "We were able to see some other good teams and use it as a measuring stick.

On Thursday, dismal free throw shooting (15-of-35) led to Schoolcraft's first defeat of the season against host Olney, 82-79.

The ninth-ranked Ocelots (4-1) trailed by as many as 17 points in the second half before battling back to take the lead in closing minute, only to miss a three-pointer at the buzzer which could have sent the game into overtime.

Darius Glover paced Olney (5-4) with 16 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists. Danny Gibson added 16 points, four rebounds, four assists and four steals. Darrell White chipped in with 13 points, while Eric Gomez and Clint Burris had 10 each.

Derrick Ponder scored 19 to pace the Ocelots.

Guard Tyrone Scott, who hit four 3-pointers to spark a second-half run, contributed 18 points. Palmer and Morgan each finished with 13, while Johnson added 10, but was 0-for-10 from the foul line.

Olney made 21-of-36 free throws (58.3 percent), while Schoolcraft was 42.8 percent.

Schoolcraft hit 29-of-63 shots, including 6-of-19 from three-point range for 46 percent. Olney made 47 percent (27-of-57, including 7-of-16 from beyond the arc).

Schoolcraft had the edge in rebounds, 34-32, but had 20 turnovers to Olney's 19.

MT. VERNON NAZARENE (OHIO) 93, MADONNA 84: Andy Dunn pumped in a game-high 33 points, including 7-of-16 from beyond the three-point arc, to propel host Mount Vernon Nazarene (6-3) to a first-round Hungry Holiday Invitational victory over Madonna University (3-4) before 1,520 fans.

Mount Vernon Nazarene led 51-31 at halftime.

Benji Hall contributed 21 points for the victors, while Matt Hilbert contributed 16 points and 14 rebounds. Mark Hess scored 13 points.

Noel Emenhiser paced the Crusaders with 28 points, including 5-of-8 from three-point range.

Dan Kurtinaitis added 17 points, while Chad Nadolni and Chris Behrns 11 and 10, respectively. Nadolni also grabbed 13 rebounds.

The Crusaders lost despite shooting 55.9 percent from the floor (33-of-59), while Mount Vernon hit 48.6 percent (35-of-72). MU committed 23 turnovers to Mount Vernon's 15.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

HOLIDAY BASEBALL-SOFTBALL

Separate baseball and softball camps will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 29-30, at the Total Sports Complex, located at 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom.

Hitting, pitching, fielding, base running will be covered in the fundamental camp for ages 7-17.

The cost is $135 per player ($10 for each additional child).

Among the instructors is Detroit Tigers hitting coach Bruce Fields, former Redford Union and Willow Run coach Lee Bjerke and Jessie Milosek (softball from Bowling Green State University).

Space is limited.

To register, call (248) 668-0166, or visit www.total-baseball.com. For more information, email totalbbalwixom@aol.com.





Old Timers tournament yields vintage results

Five hundred and 35 bowlers came from near and far to compete in the 73rd Annual Old Timers tournament last Saturday at the usual spot, Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

Under the direction of John Chmelko, Sr. and John Chmelko, Jr., it was a very successful event, featuring many high scores by some of the guys who had more than a few miles and years written across their faces.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

The results were compiled right away, so the plaques were given out at the buffet dinner and party which followed the last squad of bowlers.

Fortunately for the Chmelkos, they had a highly selective group of officers and committee members who pitched in and handled the various jobs such as registration, compiling the scores and conducting the opening ceremonies.

It was during the opening ritual that scholarship awards were handed out to the three young men who were selected based on resumes previously submitted.

The recipients included: Jason Shusteric, of Riverview, a member of the National Honor Society who competes on the basketball, track and golf teams; Shawn Meyers, of Redford, an honor roll student/athlete at Redford Union High School; and KorReal Powell, of Auburn Hills, a student at Avondale High School who plays football, basketball, runs track, participates in student council, class board and drama.

They were guided by one of the best bowling coaches, Randy Tambourine at Bowl One Lanes in Troy. Each recipient was awarded $500 on scholarship, which will apply when they go on to college.

The overall championship was garnered by hall-of-famer Dick Beattie, 66, of Dearborn Heights, who bowled a three-game set of 266-265-246 and a 777 series.

Other winners by age groups:

Under-50: first place, Mark Maynarich, 41, Dearborn Heights, 215-260-256/731; second, Arnie Goldman, 48, Livonia, 247-212-269/728; third, Frank Pizurro, 41, Warren, 208-242-258/708.

50-59: first, John Cisco, 53, Warren, 212-277-279/768; second, James White, 51, Lincoln Park, 258-267-207/725; third, C.J. Cassise, 54, 234-279-197/710.

60-64: first, James Sherwood, 61, Warren, 259-248-216/723; second, Marvin Newsome, 64, Chesterfield 269-213-227/709; third, Robert Dunlap, Grand Rapids, 255-2043-249/708.

65-69: first, Tony Loiacano, 69, Warren, 300-215-223/738; second, Gary Nagle, 65, Westland 248-268-204/720; third, Richard Thompson, 66, Westland, 206-213-279/698.

70-74: first, Ernest Segura, Sr., 70, Brownstown, 191-240-298/729; second, Scotty Laughland, 73, Windsor, Ontario, 257-235-255/717; third, Benny Kolano, 70, Livonia, 279-224-190/693.

75-79: first, Gene Rice, 76, Shelby Township, 206-223-228/657; second, Edmund Grant, 76, Rochester Hills, 237-206-213/656; third, Jack Isaacs, 77, Detroit, 195-242-212/649.

80-and-over: first, Robert Dew, 80, St. Clair Shores, 245-190-189/624; second, Dilmus Clack, 80, Garden City, 173-163-238/574; third, Joe Paulus, 86, Bloomfield Hills,168-149-238/555.

Additionally, American Bowling Congress honor score rings were earned by Loiacano for a 300 game; Ed Grooms of Detroit and Paul Bohn for their 299 games; and Ernest Segura, Sr. with a 298. Just by participating, everyone was a winner.

Entrants came from as far as from San Diego, Calif., Minnesota, Florida, Canada and Ohio.

It was videotaped and may be seen later on local access TV.

We'll do it all again next year on Thanksgiving weekend.

■ What are you doing New Years Eve? Go bowling.

Wonderland Lanes in Livonia will host its party on Wednesday, Dec. 31, for anyone who likes to bowl and have fun.

The cost is $80 per couple, which includes, buffet, champagne, door prizes and prize money for the best scores from the top eight to 10 entrants.

Check-in is at 9 p.m. and bowling starts at 9:30 p.m.

■ A very interesting format for tournament play came to our local scene a few years ago and has grown bigger and better each year.

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The Can-Am Bakers Doubles Classic, with Lew Ansara as the director, utilizes the Baker System where each doubles partner plays an alternating frame with his partner in each game.

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Canton forces Churchill to work to gain a 3-1 victory

PREP HOCKEY

Senior Chris Barczuk figured in all three goals as Livonia Churchill made it four-straight victories Friday, skating to a 3-1 triumph over host Canton at the Arctic Edge.

Churchill is 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Chiefs drop to 1-2 and 0-2.

Despite the defeat, Canton coach Jim Wheaton was encouraged by his team's performance.

"We played 'em strong," he said. "We were in it the whole way. It was 1-1 at the beginning of the second period."

The Chargers took a 1-0 first-period advantage on junior Brandon Mishowski's power-play goal at 12:32 from senior Mike Dziewit and Barczuk.

Canton's Mike Stewart then tied it up at 9:15 of the second period on a power-play effort. Kyle Tollison and Brian Wioncek assisted.

With four minutes to go in the same period, Barczuk scored what proved to be the game-winner from Dan Wensing and Mike Fierk.

And in the final period, Barczuk notched his second goal of the night at 11:05 as the Chargers took advantage of a 5-on-3 power play, with Dziewit drawing the assist.

"It was a back-and-forth game the first two periods," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "We stepped up the tempo in the third period and we outshot them, 15-2."

Goaltender Chris Garrett kept Canton in it with 32 saves. Churchill counterpart Justin Bolla stopped 14 of 15 shots.

"It was a moral victory," said Wheaton. "We proved we can play with anybody. We played the No. 3-ranked team in the state and stayed with them.

"Our penalty kill was good, but what hurt us was the penalties (six for Canton, five for Churchill). You can't give a team like Churchill any help."

Northville 3, Stevenson 1: In a close WLAA battle Wednesday night at Novi Ice Arena, it was the Mustangs securing the victory against Livonia Stevenson (3-1) on Troy Engelland's empty-netter at 14:30 in the third period.

Engelland finished with a pair of goals and one assist.

The Mustangs took a 1-0 lead heading into the second period on a power play goal by Engelland at 5:30 with Blake Brattina and Nick Guerro notching assists. Northville then made it 2-0 at 2:15 in the second on Joe Vitale goal's from Engelland.

"It was a pretty close game," Stevenson coach Mike Humitz said. "They just wanted it more. They were hungrier for the puck. They won the battle on the boards and outworked us all night."

Stevenson was outshot, 17-14.

The Spartans got on the board when senior Dave Kubert scored at 8:13 in the second from junior Brad Fischer.

Ladywood 9, Mercy 2: Mary Beth O'Dea scored a hat trick and added three assists Thursday as Livonia Ladywood (2-2) skated past host Farmington Hills Mercy at Suburban Training Center.

Ladywood, which outshot the Marlins 37-5, led 3-0 after one period and 7-2 through two periods.

Molly Zarb added two goals and one assist, while Jenna Keenan chipped in with pair of goals. Jess Blaesser and Brigid Scanlon also scored for Ladywood. Laura Szwed finished with two assists, while Joy Troczynski, Jordan Giordano and Mariah McVeigh had one each.

Mercy scored twice in the second period — Emilia Ward (unassisted) and Kayla Martinez (from Erin Gruely).

"It was hard to lose last night, but to come back and play a better offensive game was huge for our team," Ladywood coach Bruce Peck said.

G.P. North 4, Ladywood 2: Kristy Sandmair and Emily Nelson each tallied a pair of goals Wednesday as Grosse Pointe North downed Livonia Ladywood in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game at Arctic Pond in Plymouth.

The Norsemen outshot Ladywood, 29-20.

North took a 3-0 lead into the final period before Laura Szwed scored from Jenna McDonell and Joy Troczynski at 4:46 followed by Mary Beth O'Dea's goal from Brittney Holtz at 6:46 to cut the deficit to one goal.

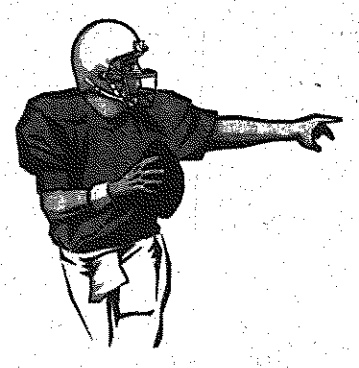
Nelson's second goal of the game with 52 seconds left from Melissa Karon and Megan Irving clinched the victory.

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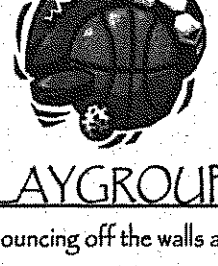




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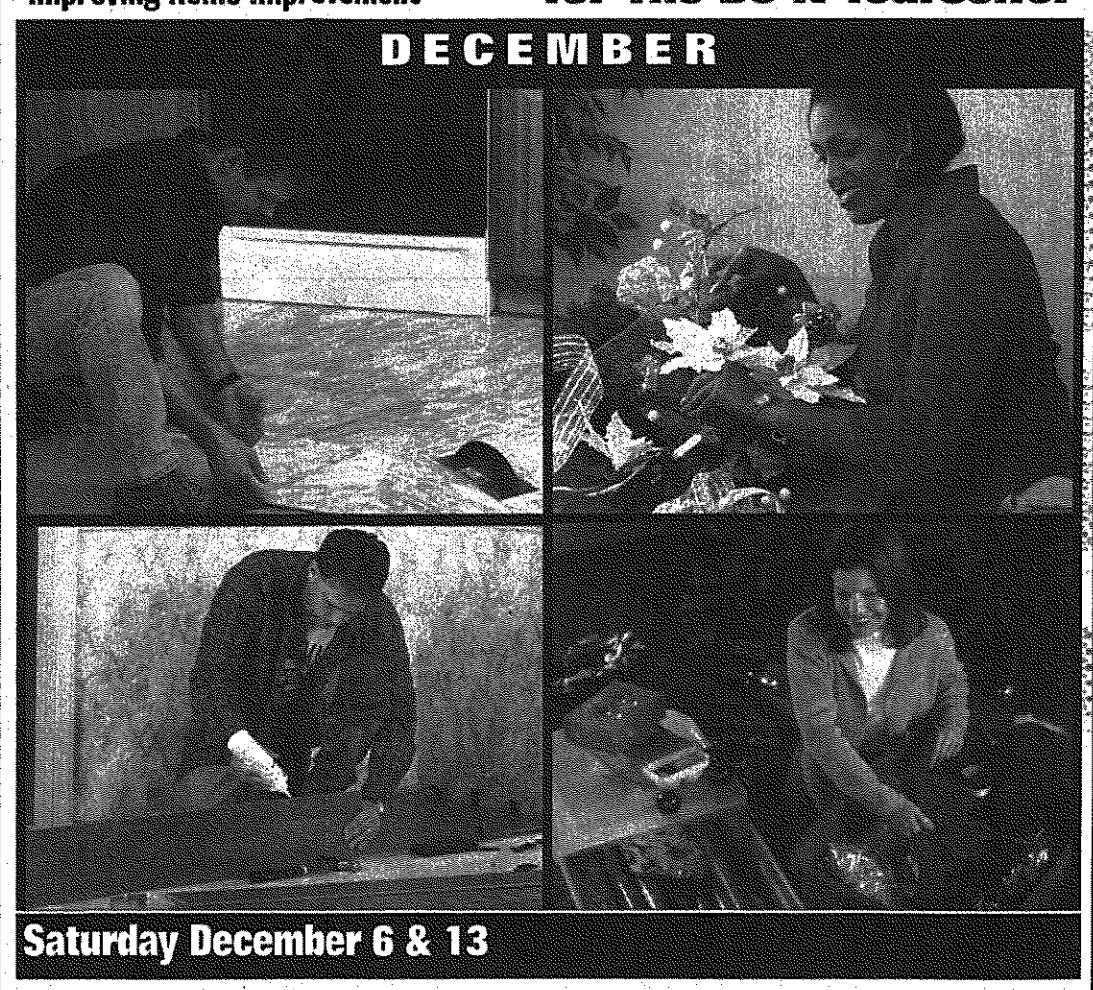
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Training for new soccer referees will be conducted at the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association office, located at 9401 General Drive in Plymouth. Classes will be from 8 a.m.-noon on four consecutive Saturdays: Jan. 24, Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and Feb. 14. All four sessions must be attended.

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

Class size is limited. Register online at ww.msysareferee.net, or call (734) 454-7335.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Dec. 9
Belleville at Salem, 7 p.m.
Monroe at Canton, 7 p.m.
Dearborn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Romulus at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Det. Benedictine, 7:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at St. Katharine, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at O.L. St. Mary's, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 12
Canton at Novi, 7 p.m.
Salem at Monroe, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.
Dearborn at Wayne, 7 p.m.
(St. Joseph Mich. Lutheran Tourney)
Ill. Lutheran vs. Howardsville Chr., 6:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Mich. Lutheran, 8 p.m.
(Tip-Off Classic at Lutheran North)
Luth. Westland vs. Lutheran East, 5:30 p.m.
Luth. N'west vs. Lutheran North, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 13
Mich. Lutheran Tourney, 5:30 & 7 p.m.
Tip-Off Classic at Luth. North, 1 & 5 p.m.

Redford CC vs. Detroit King
at Beverly Hills Country Day, TBA.
PREP HOCKEY
Monday, Dec. 8
Ladywood vs. Mercy
at Arctic Pond, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 9
Northville vs. Salem (Cultural Center), 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 10
W.L. Central vs. Canton (Arctic Edge), 6 p.m.
Franklin vs. Stevenson (Edgar), 6 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Brother Rice
at O.L. St.Mary's, 6:20 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 12
Salem vs. W. Bloomfield (O.L. St. Mary's), 8 p.m.
Franklin vs. Canton (Arctic Edge), 6 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Berkley (Edgar), 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 13
Salem at W.L. Northern, 11:20 a.m.
Canton at Country Day, 8 p.m.
Churchill vs. Northville (Novi), 6:10 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Port Huron Northern
at Compuware (NHL), 7 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Walled Lake
at West Bloomfield, 8 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Tuesday, Dec. 9
John Glenn, Adrian at A.A. Huron, 5 p.m.
Liv. City Tourney at Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 11
Canton at Southgate tri-meet, 5 p.m.
Annapolis, Crestwood
at Lutheran Westland, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 13
Salem Varsity 10 Tournament, 9:30 a.m.
Garden City Christmas Tourney, 9:30 a.m.
Clarenceville Tourney, 10 a.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Saturday, Dec. 13
Portage Northern Tourney, 8:30 a.m.
Canton at Allen Park Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Carleton Airport Invitational, 9 a.m.
Harrison Invitational, TBA.
PREP SWIMMING
Tuesday, Dec. 9
Dearborn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 11
Churchill at Farm.-Harrison, 6:30 p.m.
A.A. Huron at Salem, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 13
Western Lakes Relays at Salem, noon.
EMU Invitational, 1 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Dec. 9
Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 10
Ancilla at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 12
(Gates Automotive Classic at Bethel, Ind. College)
Madonna vs. Trinity International, 6 p.m.Bethel vs. Alma, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 13
Gates Automotive Classic, TBA.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Dec. 10
Grand Rapids at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
Wayne State at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 13
Indiana Wesleyan at Madonna, 3 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Dec. 11
Whalers at Peterborough, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 12
Whalers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 14
Whalers at Oshawa, 6:35 p.m.
TBA – time to be announced.

WRESTLING RESULTS

WAYNE MEMORIAL 48
CANTON 27
Thursday at Canton

103 pounds: Sam Santilli (C) pinned Jamie Price, 1:23; **112:** Jason Crothers (WM) decisioned Nick Poole, 16-13; **119:** Justin Keatts (WM) p. John McCue, 1:47; **125:** Kyle Lehman (WM) p. Jay Fleischmann, 3:54; **130:** Corey Phillips (C) p. Chad Phipps, 2:41; **135:** Tim Hammer (WM) p. Pete Bonneau, 0:51; **140:** Ryan Webb (C) dec. Rex Fugaban, 8-4; **145:** Chris McGlone (WM) p. Konrad Konsitzke, 3:12; **152:** Steve Hosey (C) p. Jeff Elswick, 1:29; **160:** Chris Hilger (WM) dec. Matt Sweda, 9-6; **171:** Bryan Longton (WM) p. Alex Amberg, 0:30; **189:** Robert Coffey (WM) p. Pat McWhirter, 1:24; **215:** R.J. Ramsey (WM) p. P.J. Caram, 0:12; **275:** Dave Kersten (C) pinned Nick Orr, 4:46.

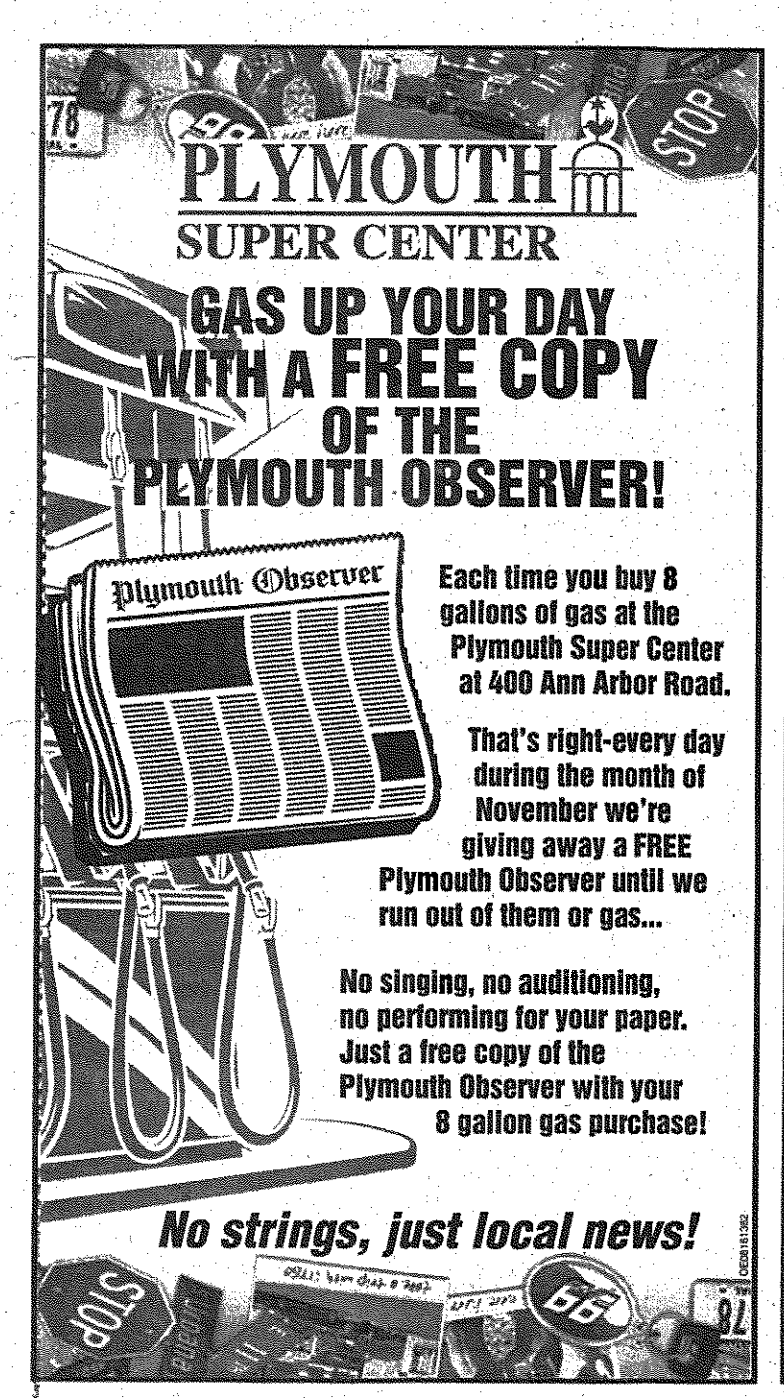
SALEM 45
CANTON 26
Thursday at Canton

103 pounds: Ryan Schnettler (S) pinned Jeremy Stankewitz, 2:35; **112:** Nick Poole (C) maj. dec. over Ryan Wallace, 13-3; **119:** Ryan Stump (S) pinned John McCue, :37; **125:** Josh Anson (S) pinned Jay Fleischmann, 2:50; **130:** Scott Fysh (S) pinned Pete Bonneau, 3:21; **135:** Corey Phillips (C) dec. Mike Dendrinos, 13-12; **140:** Ryan Webb (C) dec. Dave Burr, 9-0; **145:** Zack Vaughn (S) pinned Konrad Konsitzke, 2:42; **152:** Steve Hosey (C) dec. Will Schultz, 13-6; **160:** Brian Danville (S) pinned Marwan Faraj, 1:06; **171:** Alex Amberg (C) dec. Andrew Ross, 14-5; **189:** Jordan Schaffer (S) pinned P.J. Caram, :21; **215:** Dave Kersten (C) pinned Alex Smith, 1:08; **275:** Jeremy Walker (S) pinned Chris Petrick, :21.

Dual-meet records: Canton, 0-2; Salem, 1-1.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 57,
H.W. NOTRE DAME 20
(Dec. 4 at ND)

103: Sean Dong (CC) won by void; **112:** Andrew Nader (CC) won by void; **119:** Matt Steintrager (CC) won by void; **125:** Dade DiMaggio (CC) won by void; **130:** Jacob Vasquez (ND) won Mike McHenry, 14-4; **135:** Mike Green (ND) d. Steve Peterson, 10-2; **140:** Matt Borodick (ND) pinned Mike Nemes, 1:19; **145:** Steve Chauvin (ND) p. John Cox, 3:34; **152:** Brad Bartram (CC) maj. dec. Jared Chauvin, 16-8; **160:** Trevor Stewart (CC) tech. fall Bryan Abood, 19-3; **171:** Scott Schwarzlose (CC) p. Nick Constatine, :23; **189:** Brandon Albrecht (CC) p. Dionyus Hall, :19; **215:** John Kinzille (CC) p. James Shoats, 1:04; **275:** John Morasso (CC) p. Andrew Gray, :23.



CITY OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF HEARING
2003 DECEMBER
BOARD OF REVIEW

The December Board of Review will convene on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2003 from 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P. M.

The 2003 December Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will be held in the Conference Room, 2nd Floor, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Board will review only the following types of appeals: Homestead Corrections, Hardship Appeals, Clerical Errors, and Mutual Mistakes of Fact.

No appointments are necessary.

All appellants will be sent a letter by first class mail indicating the decision of the December Board of Review and a revised tax bill will be issued.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact (734) 453-1234, extension 244.

Mark R. Christiansen
City Assessor

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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, December 9, 2003 at 10:00 AM. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185.

Please Note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.

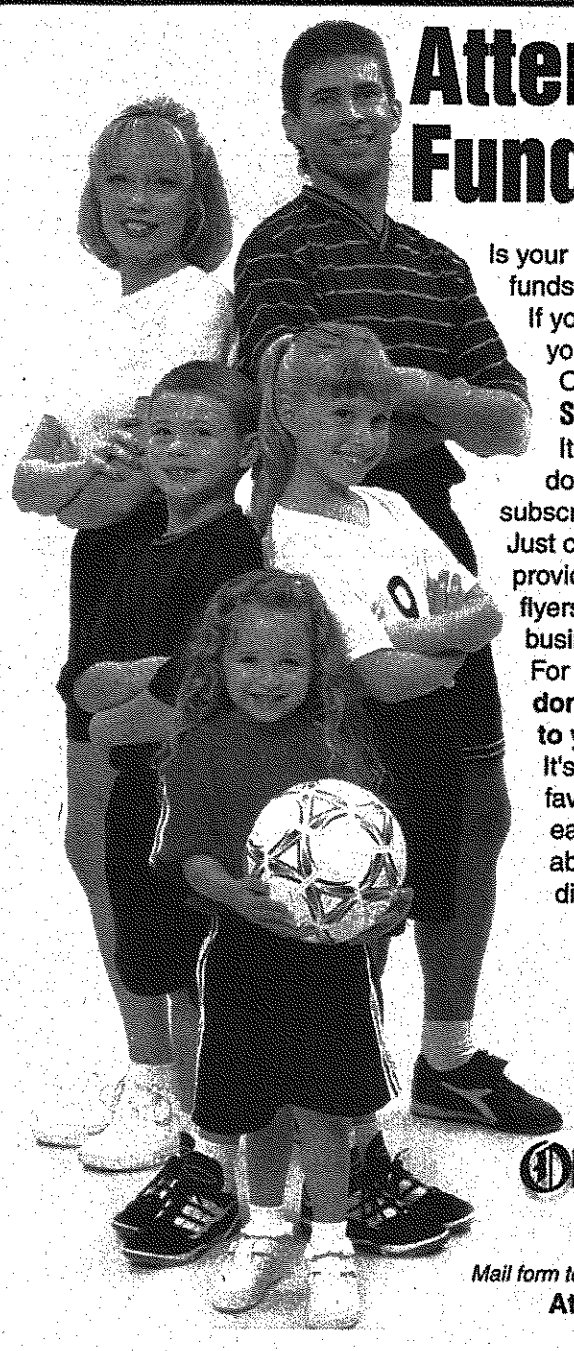
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CHIEFS

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the scoring. Also, although they have good size, their rebounding has been erratic, according to Paye.

What's promising: Junior Andy Cortellini has shown great promise as a point guard. He could develop into one of the top playmakers at his position in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

What's uncertain: Cortellini struggled with injuries last season, most notably a lacerated spleen. If he makes it through the entire season unscathed, it could be quite a boost to Canton.

"I'm cautiously optimistic," said Paye of this season's squad. "They're a work in progress."

Several opposing coaches believe Canton could rank just behind Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn in the WLAA. Paye isn't so certain, and won't be until definitive answers can be found for the above-listed questions. "With what I got this year, I think we can run the ball," said Paye. "We've got some athletes. Even our big kids can run the floor. And so far, the kids like that."

A few transition baskets would help ease the offensive problems that troubled Canton last season — which elevates Cortellini's value. Still, someone's going to have to be a go-to guy, a player who can score consistently.

"A lot will depend on how fast they pick up the offense," Paye said. "I'll still run motion (offense), with screens. I don't like to run a patterned offense, and I don't think the players like it either.

"We can shoot outside, at least we could this summer (in the summer league)."

Bridges will be joined inside by Brad Waidmann, a 6-4 senior center/forward; Kevin Thornton, a 6-7 junior center; and Julian Smith, a 6-4 junior forward. Matt Paye, a 6-2 senior who shares the team captaincy with Bridges and Waidmann, will be at both guard and forward.

Other frontcourt possibilities are David Calille, a 6-1 junior guard/forward, and Jacob Langdon, a 6-2 junior guard/forward. Joining the 5-10 Cortellini in the backcourt are 5-10 junior Jason Houdek; 5-9 senior Travis McKinney; 5-9 senior Corey Stewart; 5-10 senior Maurice Griffin; and 5-7 senior Scott George.

"We're 10 or 11 deep," said Paye. "That's a nice thing."

But while such depth is welcome, that go-to player has not emerged — at least not yet. If Canton is to step up to a contender's role, that will be a necessity. So will rebounding. And defense ("We might play a little more zone, but I'm a man-to-man coach"). And intensity ("At least the effort has to be there. They've got to do it day-in and day-out").

So many questions, which Paye and his 13 varsity players will have to find answers to.

ROCKS

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ty experience are Eric Vanston, a 5-10 senior guard, and Brian Bradley, a 5-11 senior guard. Both came off the bench last year, averaging about three points a game.

Samad Mohammad, a 6-foot senior swing man, is "looking pretty good for us," Brodie said.

And Chris Haar, another 6-foot senior, will "contribute. He's coming into the season in a lot better shape than he was last year." However, both saw limited action last season.

Newcomers who Brodie hopes can contribute immediately are Jeff Lake, a 6-3 junior forward who provides the Rocks with an interior presence; Kevin Bradley, a 6-2 sophomore forward whom Brodie called "a solid kid. He'll give us some good minutes — he may even start for us;" Kyle Price, a 6-2 junior; Dave Cardenas, a 6-2 junior; and Brad Zonca, a 6-foot junior.

"They'll all see minutes," predicted Brodie.

It seems apparent rebounding could be a major problem, which will make "every possession critical for us. We can't afford many turnovers, we can't have missed layups, and we have to make our free throws.

"Obviously, we're going to have to take care of the ball. We handle the ball well enough, we just have to take better care of it. We're not making very good decisions with it. We have to pass the ball better."

Defense, too, will be critical for the Rocks. Brodie will utilize multiple defenses, traps and man-to-man, and plans to extend it full-court. But if the execution is poor, their opponents will be the ones getting plenty of layups.

"I don't want to be the grim reaper," said Brodie. "You never know. This team could surprise the heck out of me. At times we look great, we look brilliant."

However, playing consistently well will be imperative for the Rocks in a Western Lakes Activities Association that features teams like Wayne Memorial, Westland John Glenn, Northville and Canton.

"Hopefully, by the time we get to the league season (Salem's WLAA opener is Jan. 9 against Wayne), we'll have jelled, solidified what we're trying to do," the Salem coach said.

And hopefully, they'll have their injured seniors back and at full strength. Otherwise, this just might be a very long season.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Plymouth District Library

Notice is hereby given that the Plymouth District Library will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 8, 2004 the following:

LIBRARY MEETING ROOM RENOVATION

Specifications, proposal forms and other Contract Documents are attached, or may be obtained at the Plymouth District Library during regular business hours.

Examination and Site Visit: It is the responsibility of the bidder to examine the specifications and other Contract Documents, and to visit the work site to fully inform himself of all existing conditions and limitations.

PRE-BID MEETING: ***Bidders are required to attend a pre-bid meeting at 3 p.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2003 at the Library.*** Representatives will be available to review the project specifications and answer questions.

The Plymouth District Library reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Bids may be mailed or delivered to:

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary
Plymouth District Library
223 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170

in a sealed envelope plainly marked:

SEALED BID: LIBRARY MEETING ROOM RENOVATION
For Opening Thursday, January 8, 2004
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR ILMOR ENGINEERING, INC. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2003

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Ilmor Engineering, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for new machinery and equipment. The facility is located at 43939 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (December 15, 2003), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

C-104 Gloria E. Collins Household

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is given that on 12/12/03 at 10 am at Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI a public auction of the following:

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At 9:00 a.m. at B & B Towing, 934 Ann Arbor Rd.:

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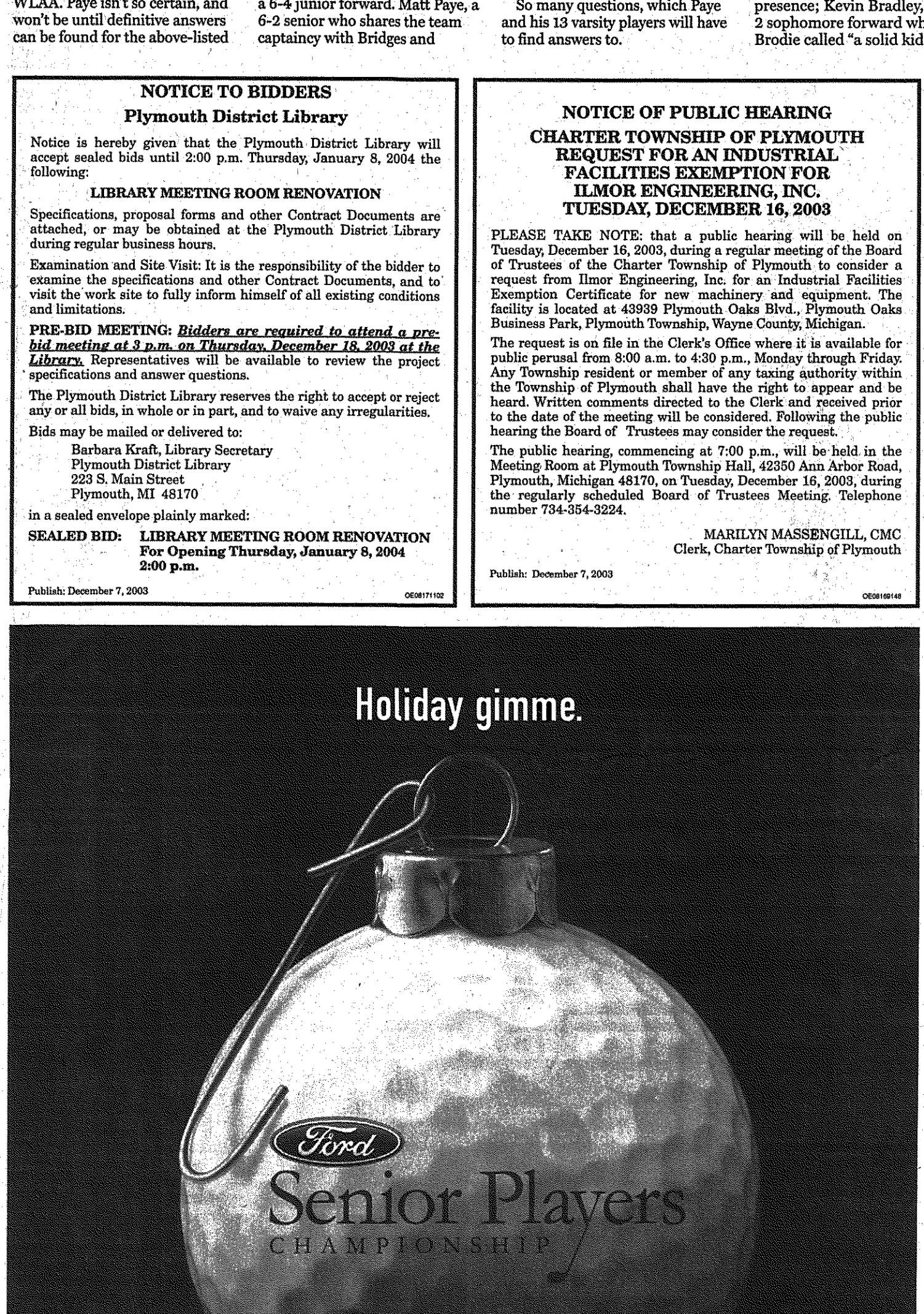
The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR December meeting Tuesday, December 16, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary
Plymouth District Library
223 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
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NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
DOG LICENSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that current dog licenses will **expire on December 31, 2003.**

New pet owners must present a Rabies Vaccination Certificate that is valid during the next license period in order to obtain a license. Licenses may be purchased during regular City Hall hours, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The 2004 license will expire December 31, 2004.

License fee **$5.00 per dog**

A copy of Ordinance #99-9 is available in the Clerk's office.

TERESA CISCHKE, CMFA
City Treasurer

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST TO AMEND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE NO. 2001-607 AND; TRANSFER CERTIFICATE FROM KARMANN U.S.A., INC. TO KARMANN TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT, LLC ("KTD"). TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2003

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the request from Karmann U.S.A., Inc., to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2001-607 to Karmann Technical Development, LLC ("KTD") and to amend the original request to reflect the actual cost of the project. The facility is located at 14967 Pilot Road, Metro West Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

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MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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Despite losses, PCA hopes running high

Lose a couple of big, strong fellows who can power inside and score, the team's top two point-producers and rebounders, and a single word starts circulating when people start to discuss the upcoming season.

Rebuilding. That's the situation with Plymouth Christian Academy. Gone are 6-foot-5 center Ben Pew, who averaged 14.3 points and 7.9 rebounds, and 6-4 forward Clay Welton, whose numbers were 13.8 points and 7.2 rebounds.

Considering the talent lost — Welton, now playing baseball at Wheaton College, ranks second all-time in rebounding and fifth in scoring in PCA history — the assessment seems fair. But it may not be accurate.

At least Doug Taylor, entering his seventh season as PCA's head coach, believes the Eagles' fortunes could be better.

"We're quicker than last year, and we have a lot more team speed," said Taylor, whose 2002-03 squad finished 11-12, losing to Detroit Urban Lutheran in the state district final. "We're a very good shooting team and we've got some senior leadership."

PCA has also gotten a couple of favorable breaks. First and foremost, there's the return of Aaron Ciborowski, who spent part of his sophomore school year attending Salem HS after starting for Taylor's varsity squad as a freshman at PCA. After playing for Salem's junior varsity last season, Ciborowski decided to return to the small-school atmosphere at PCA.

It was most welcome, particularly since Ciborowski — now a 6-4 junior — led PCA in rebounding as a freshman. With the loss of Welton and Pew, his size will be needed.

"I never even asked him why he came back," said Taylor. "But I was happy he did. He will take Pew's place down low."

Filling the other void in the lineup will be Lew Tripp, a 6-2 senior who saw limited action last season off the bench, averaging just 2.2 points a game. But Tripp, named second team all-state in Division IV soccer, is certainly athletic enough and has developed into an effective force.

"He's taking Clay's spot," said Taylor. "He's got big shoes to fill, but I trust he can do the job. He's strong, he's fast, he can jump, and he's shown leadership.

"He looks like the most improved player from last year."

Two returnees to the starting lineup are seniors Dan Carty, a 6-foot senior swingman, and Ben Baloga, a 5-11 shooting guard. Carty averaged 9.4 points and 3.8 rebounds per game, while Baloga was the team's long-distance threat, averaging 10.3 points and converting 42 percent of his three-point attempts.

A third returnee who showed great promise down the stretch last season was 5-11 junior point guard Steve Sumner. A broken wrist suffered last January sidelined Sumner until just before the state tournament, but he sparkled then, scoring 15 points in an upset of Detroit City and 12 against Urban Lutheran.

Others who will see plenty of action are Drew Gallagher, a 6-foot senior swingman who figures to be the first Eagle off the bench — when he recovers from a broken finger, which should be sometime around the first of the year; Jon Wendt, a 6-1 junior forward who led the PCA junior varsity in scoring last season; and Jacob Williams and Jordan Johnston, a pair of 5-9 junior guards who played JV last season.

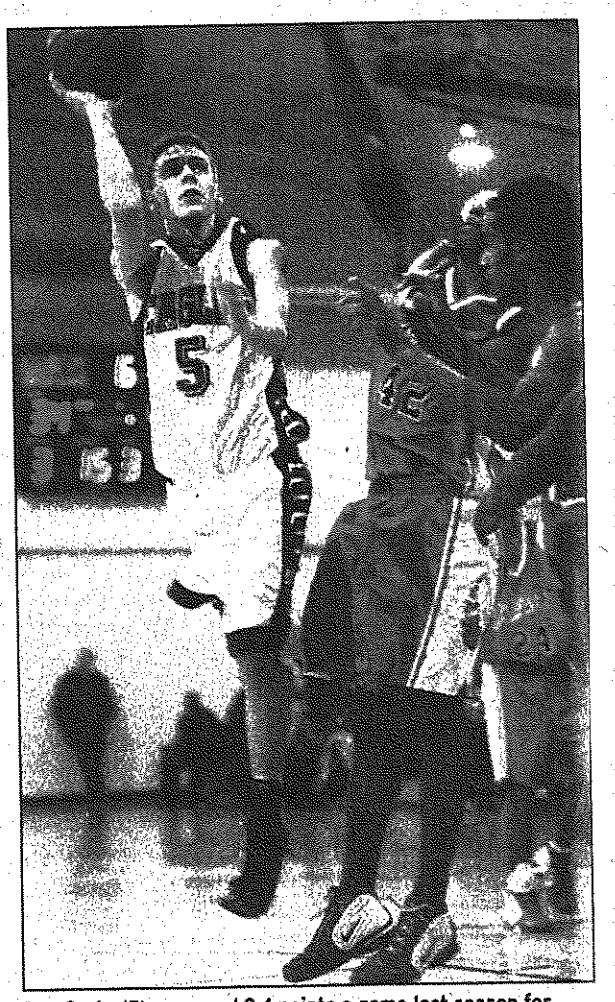
"We want to shoot well, hustle and play good defense," said Taylor. "Our quickness is going to help us defensively."

But how much the defense will improve even Taylor couldn't say. "We haven't found a defensive identity yet," the PCA coach said. "That's something we're trying to do."

Still, it's the kind of problem most coaches relish — so many options to choose from. Yet there are difficulties to deal with, including a lack of depth. "We don't have a lot of depth, so we have to stay healthy," Taylor acknowledged.

And certainly, the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference isn't getting any easier. "Everybody lost a lot of talent, so we feel pretty good," Taylor said, naming Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist and Canton Agape Christian as the pre-season title contenders. PCA should be in there, too. "We want to do better than last year," Taylor said, adding that a tough schedule won't make that a simple chore. "Our goal is to win more than 11 games."

It's within reach, to be sure.



Dan Carty (5) averaged 9.4 points a game last season for Plymouth Christian, and is one reason the Eagles believe they could be better this year.

CC returns a lot – including Waterstradt

There's no doubt about who the predominant big man is in the area.

But the best part about Redford Catholic Central's team this year is they have more tools than Dan Waterstradt.

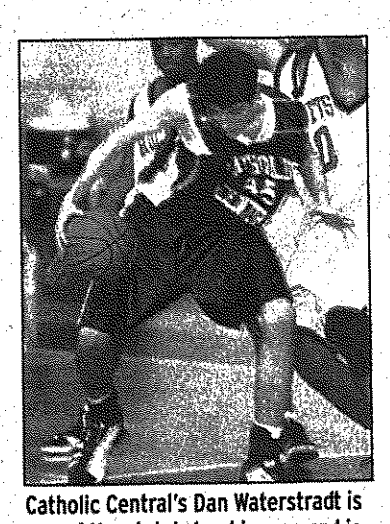
And, when the Shamrocks get over a some injuries, they will be a vastly improved team over the one that went 12-9 overall and lost in the Class A district final to Detroit Redford.

"We've got almost everyone back, so we'll be better," said CC coach Rick Coratti. "We had an injury that kind of changes things for a while. But Waterstradt is a pretty good big man who improves by the day."

Waterstradt is the key. The 6-foot-11 center, who committed to Rutgers, averaged 15 points and 13 rebounds per game a year ago and is getting better.

"He's gotten a lot stronger in stamina and strength," said Coratti. "He's got better than the normal big man range in his jumper."

But the surrounding cast is pretty good too, albeit smaller than Coratti would like.



Catholic Central's Dan Waterstradt is one of the state's top big men and is one of three starters back for the Shamrocks.

The immediate problem for Coratti is trying to replace 5-11 senior guard Dave Herberholz. After going all 14 weeks of football without getting injured, Herberholz – who averaged about 13 points per game last year – fractured his foot in practice during the week and is out for five to six weeks.

"He would have played a lot of minutes," said Coratti. "The question is how the other guys will respond. We had three good outside shooters with him, but this changes things."

Senior guard Jim Cash (6-5) has solid range outside, averaging 13 points per game and eight rebounds. Derek Brooks, the 5-11 guard who also dabbles in football, is a solid 3-point shooter.

CC is charging 5-9 junior point guard Robert Fragoso with distributing the ball, while 6-3 senior Kyle Smith will play forward.

"Cash has got close to NBA range," said Coratti. "Fragoso handles the ball extremely well and is a very good passer. Brooks has only been back a few days, but he's improved his basketball confidence. Kyle's been one of our most improved players over the summer."

There's some height coming off the bench. Dominique Fischer is a 6-3 junior forward who will help on defense, 6-7 sophomore Chris Harding will also see time, while 6-3 junior Jarrett Senczenzyn will also see time at guard, especially with Herberholz out.

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The Tao of shopping

The holiday season is in full swing. Carols are being sung, bells are being rung and shoppers are filling the gift shops and malls. Each shopper with a center, a purpose. Following a higher mission, working for a greater good, hoping for the ultimate gift giving experience.

There was a time in my life that I simply shopped. Aimless shopping, without reason or purpose, my experiences were hollow and meaningless. Until I found Laurie. Her following was small, a contingent that included two small daughters, and her mother, Barb. It was through Laurie I was able to find my Tao of shopping, and I have since adapted her philosophies into my everyday living.

Through Laurie's theories of functional shopping and recreational shopping I was able to experience inner peace at the mall, soothing my savage instincts.

Functional shopping requires great finesse and skill. No window browsing will be done, no time taken to stop and look at cute little trinkets, no moments squandered to stop and sniff the candles. It is forbidden to stroll through the mall at a relaxed pace and it is required the functional shopper assume the gait of the mall walker. A functional shopper will only stop to grab bargain after bargain, not breaking for lunch or stopping to snack on pretzels, or sipping freshly brewed lattes.

Functional shoppers must keep their focus, always concentrating on the task at hand. Armed with three easy methods of payment — cash, check or charge — a functional shopper depletes the resources before noon, and returns home in time to whip up a gourmet dinner for eight.

Functional shopping is preferred by nine out of 10 men; often you will find them scrabbling in malls and gift shops on Christmas Eve.

Recreational shopping requires hours of wandering, through cute little villages, darling gift shops and sweet little malls.

Lunch is always scheduled before noon. Stopping for coffee, pretzels, ice cream and chocolates, the recreational shopper roams at will. Often paying retail, the recreational shopper lives in a world of their own. Wish lists are created on these adventures, and window shopping takes on a life of its own.

Those that suffer from the risk of paraffin poisoning, take heed. Recreational shopping is not recommended for the timid or weak.

But it is the "Full Contact" shopping philosophy that took even our shopping guru Laurie by surprise.

In the quest for a $29 DVD player, shopper after shopper trample a woman in the electronics department of a major store. As the poor woman lay helpless, as her sister screamed for help, person after person stepped on her face, head and torso to grab at the unbelievable bargain.

The rules of "Full Contact" shopping require a savage instinct and years of guerrilla training. Functional and recreational shoppers need not apply.

A "Full Contact" shopper would eventually stop to pick up a trampled, unconscious woman, they would eventually call an ambulance to help the injured player. They are, after all, not without sympathy. They would call for help.

But only after they were holding the DVD player in their hands.

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It's Christmas at the Raes!

Furniture goes to make way for world of holiday decorations

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Leslie Rae pulls out all the stops for Christmas.

Furniture is removed from her living room to make way for another world. It's miniature, well-lighted and features ponds, ski runs, rivers, elves and whatever else you may imagine.

The dominant focus of her Christmas world is three tiers of Department 56-type houses, shops and every kind of building and accessory a village might have.

"I'm a Christmas nut. I start early," the Canton resident said. "My kids, my husband, think I'm nuts."

Nuts they may think, but even Rae's husband, Dave, is in on it now. "I just buy," he said.

Rae's Christmas world offers something for just about everyone's tastes. One section of the three-tiered world belongs to Dave, a country village. The other two include a city village and the North Pole.

"The country belongs to Dave. He liked the more rustic look in the houses," Rae said.

Rae's villages started on the fireplace mantle. It wasn't too long before, after plenty of buying, they were expanded into taking up half the living room. Among the village pieces are a Play-Doh house, a Lego house and Crayola house, as well as dozens of rustic houses and accessories for Dave, and old-fashioned city houses for Leslie.

The third and top tier is where Santa hangs out at the North Pole. There's a spa for the elves, as well as a fun run and crayon cars. As with each of her distinctive villages that are tied to together by a river, pond or train tracks of road system, accessories such as miniature people, fake snow, street lights and signs and trees bring them all to life.

"It's addicting. If you start this, you have to be willing not to stop," Rae said. Her Christmas tree is up on Thanksgiving Day. But the villages take longer. Rae's sons, Ryan, 19, and Kyle, 15, have come to hate Nov. 1. That's the day the living room furniture is replaced with draped folding tables. The whole display takes two weeks to set up.

Despite any moans, Rae says her sons are the first in the room to switch on the lights in the houses and throughout all the villages.

Are they calling dibs on any of the pieces? "They've lived with it for so long, I would think they would have to," Rae said.

As soon as Halloween comes and goes — yes, she decorates for that holiday, too — she's outside redecorating. "I'm up early whipping it all down so we can get my Christmas stuff up," she said.

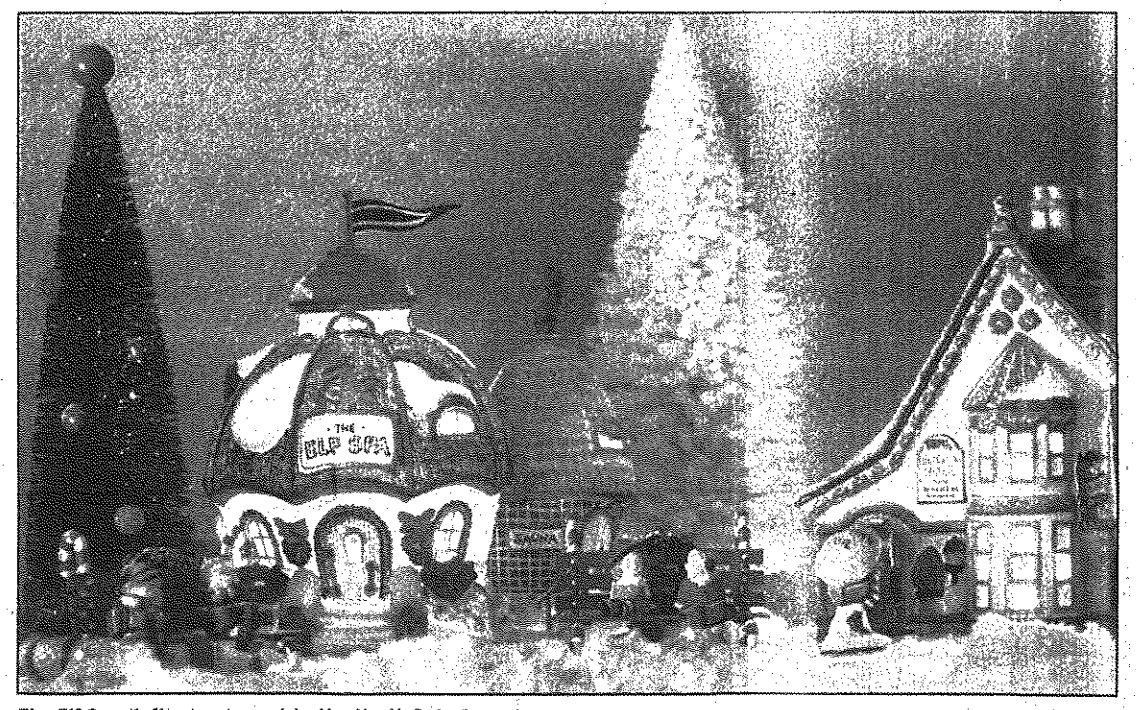
It appears Rae cannot even fathom a guess on how much money she has spent on the houses and accessories. She buys from Frank's and Jo-Ann Fabrics. "When you go to Department 56, you're talking big bucks."

But for Rae, it's worth it. "I'd like one more house."

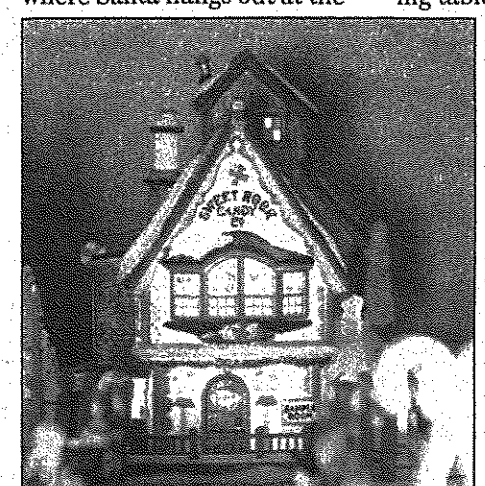
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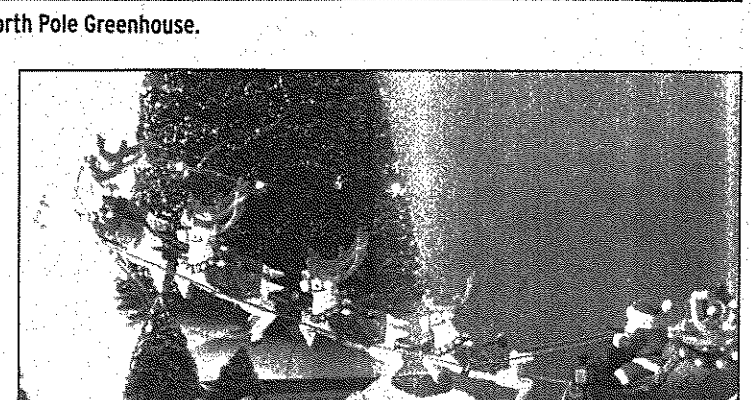
Leslie Rae of Canton is a Christmas nut. She transforms her living room into a three-tier display of decorative holiday villages, complete with trees, rivers, ponds, people, skiers and elves.



The Elf Spa (left) stands next to the North Pole Greenhouse.



The 'Sweet Rock Candy Co.' is ready to offer Christmas treats.



Santa takes off on Christmas Eve.

Kids lessen anxiety of parent-teacher talks

Parent-teacher conferences can be nerve-racking for young students as they wait to hear what their teacher told mom and dad about how they're doing in class.

However, students in Shannon McCarthy's third-grade classroom at Smith Elementary in Plymouth don't have that anxiety because they take part in their own evaluations.

"While you look at my work, I want you to notice these things about it," Laura Murphy, 8, said to her mother, who was examining samples of her daughter's work.

"I am spelling most words correctly, I have creative ideas and I write complete sentences. I'm most proud of my Secret Garden picture."

Laura showed her mom the folder, which included a self portrait, pictures she'd drawn, her journal and a scientific project involving a pumpkin and its seeds.

"The one thing I need to continue to work on is my multiplication. You can help me by making and doing flash cards," Laura added. "One goal I have in the area of writing for the next quarter is to make my stories more creative. And I want to draw better."

McCarthy, who is in her sixth year of teaching, believes the report by students about themselves makes them more responsible and accountable.

"They have to critique themselves and say something positive; but, they also have look at what they didn't do well," she said.

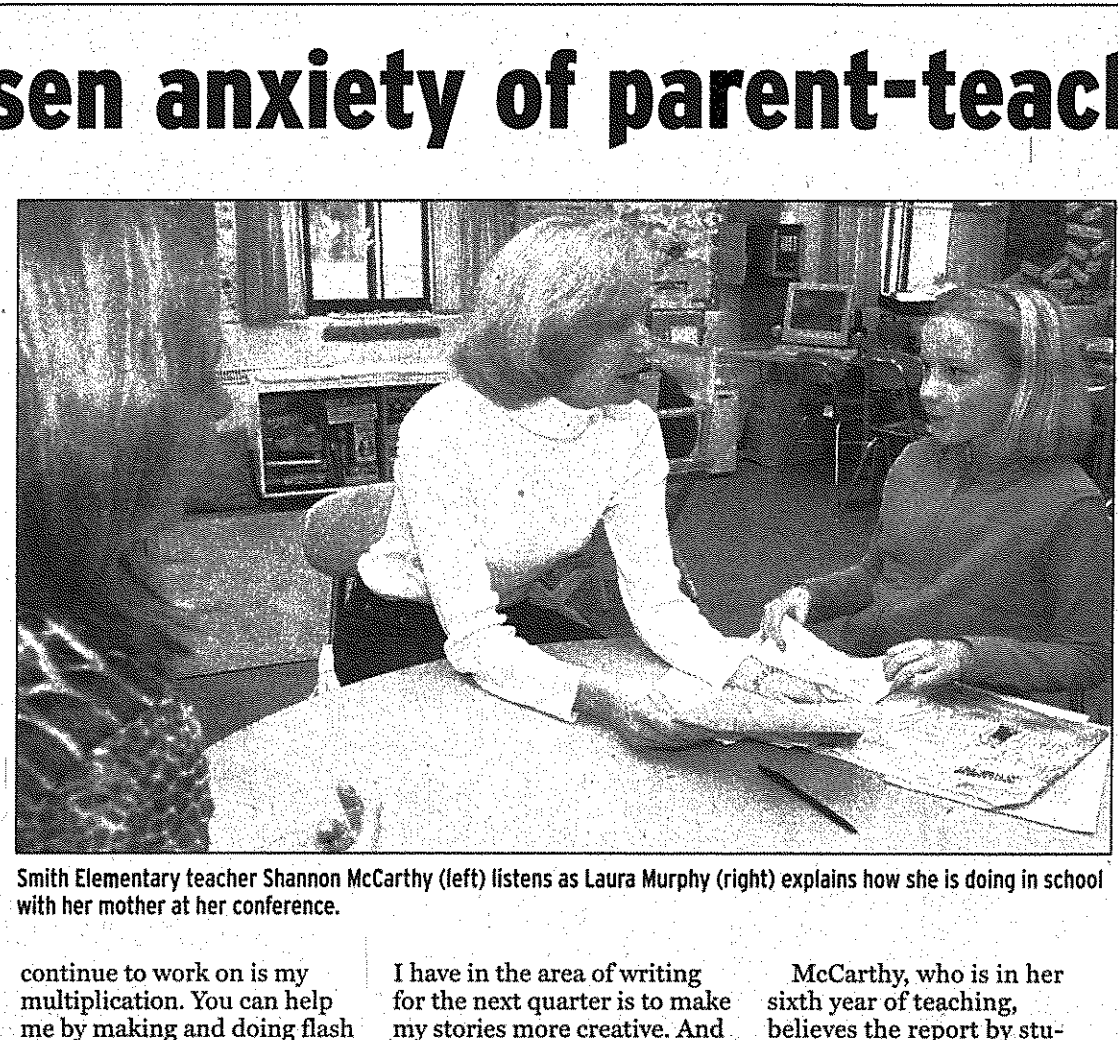
"It helps build their self-esteem because it's something they're proud of."

Kathy Murphy said she enjoyed the presentation Laura gave about her progress.

"I think I have a better perspective of what she does every day in school by seeing her explain her work," Murphy said. "There's still a place on the report card for the teacher's assessments, but it's really nice for the child to get involved and take responsibility."

For the record, Laura's report card was exceptional.

"Academically, she's doing great," McCarthy said. "Laura is doing what she's supposed to be doing. She's a great student."



Smith Elementary teacher Shannon McCarthy (left) listens as Laura Murphy (right) explains how she is doing in school with her mother at her conference.

Ballet group continues 'Nutcracker' tradition

For Libby Blume, seeing *The Nutcracker* is a holiday tradition.

Make that *The Nutcracker* performed by The Michigan Classic Ballet Co.

Blume has seen the performance every year since her son, Nathan, was a student at the Geiger Academy in Bloomfield Hills, which is affiliated with the Michigan Classic Ballet Co.

Next weekend, Blume, now an executive board member of the company, will watch the ballet's 14th annual production at Mercy Auditorium in Farmington Hills. She hopes to see it with Nathan, who danced the lead Nutcracker role one year, and went on to become a professional dancer.

"It wouldn't be Christmas without seeing *The Nutcracker*," the Bloomfield Township resident said. "What's exciting about *The Nutcracker* is that each year it's slightly different depending on the strengths of the students. Some years, there'll be more snowflakes. Some years, there'll be more children at the party. But it's the same holiday charm every year."

Michigan Classic Ballet Co. Artistic Director Mary Celeste Geiger of Bloomfield Hills founded the company in 1989. It offers a performance outlet for pre-professional Michigan artists while providing audiences with full-length ballet productions.

Geiger also is the founding and current director of The Geiger Classic Ballet Academy. She is a professional dancer who has toured three continents.

The Nutcracker is a favorite of hers as she danced in annual productions of the ballet with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra under the tutelage of Sandra Severo, who later gave her school to Geiger, in 1985.

Geiger said the dancers are from all over the area and have gone through an open audition process, in addition to her academy students.

Students in the play have rehearsed up to 20 hours a week, she noted. For many, that is in addition to the classes they attend six days a week.

"They are very dedicated," she said.

This year, the lead Nutcracker role will be played by company ballet master Christopher Leadbitter, who is also an academy alumni.

Professional guest artist is Olivier Wecxsteen of Montreal, who performs as the Snow Prince and cavalier. He will dance with Snow Queen Kirsten Haglund of Farmington Hills, and Courtney Croitori, the Sugar Plum Fairy.

The Michigan Ballet Co. is supported primarily by volunteers.

More than 60 volunteers, many who return annually, help put on the play.

It's a labor of love, Geiger said. And the audiences never grow tired of it.

"It's a family tradition," she said. "We find if you went as a child to see *The Nutcracker*, you continue to go as an adult with your family. I think Tchaikovsky's score is so beautiful, and children really identify with the play, and with the little girl Clara. It's just very easy to follow. *The Nutcracker* does very well every year."

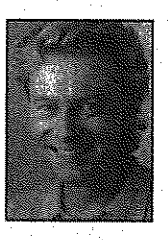
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AT A GLANCE

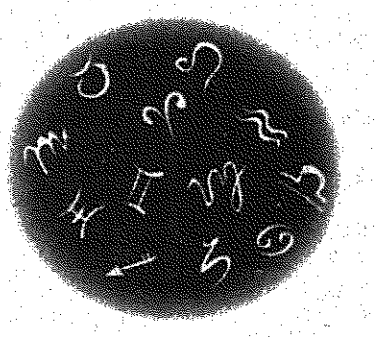
What: 'The Nutcracker'
Who: Michigan Classic Ballet Co.
When: 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13; 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14
Where: Mercy Auditorium, 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads, Farmington Hills
Cost: $18 adults; $14 children and seniors. Presale tickets available up to Dec. 10, or at the door.
Call: (248) 334-1300

Horoscope



Star Struck

(Dec. 7-Dec. 10)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

What you achieve in the next few days while holidays get harried depends on how well you get along with others, Ram. Forget about thinking you're the boss. Treat those you work, live and do business with as equals. Teamwork is the key to success now.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Now's a time for serious thought, Bull. In fact, your whole life is about to be transformed. You'll no longer accept what you're told just because the person doing the talking is considered an expert. You don't need professionals when you can think for yourself!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Your confidence may take a nosedive in a couple of days, but it'll be short-lived. Just ride it out and don't be disappointed nor discouraged. This is one of those times when seemingly negative events will have positive results. Analyze, don't antagonize, Twins.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You know what you want, MoonChild, but your sense of duty seems to be holding you back. The approaching outer-planet shift is providing a clearer view of your true loyalties. You can choose to listen to the opinions of those with an axe to grind, but the decision is yours.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

The current cosmic dance encourages you to make a break that should've been made long ago. Every relationship has a natural life span, and it's not in anyone's best interests to keep it alive beyond its time. Letting go is hard, but the results may be worth it for both y'all!

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

What you want to do and are capable to do are two different things, and something is happening now that will compel you to face facts. The reality may not be pleasant, but there's a lot more you can do to make it more agreeable. Start by refusing to lie to yourself.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Most things will come easily to you this week, and the few that don't aren't worth worrying about. Because most things seem so simple, you'll have plenty of spare time on your hands, which can be used to expand your understanding of life and loved ones.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Your confidence may have suffered one or two blows recently, but you can sense that the tide has turned in your favor. What's happening now confirms that a new cycle has begun, one in which the disappointments of the past mean nothing. It's only "now" that counts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

You have a knack for getting others to share your beliefs, but you seem to be losing ground on a current venture. With current celestial influences urging you to be a little less assertive, you should try diplomacy rather than dogma. Aim for an open heart as well as mind.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Lately, you seem to believe that all others want is to profit at your expense– and you may have a point. On the other hand, if you're too suspicious, you might miss out on a genuine money- or love-making opportunity soon. Analyze all offers now, SeaGoat!

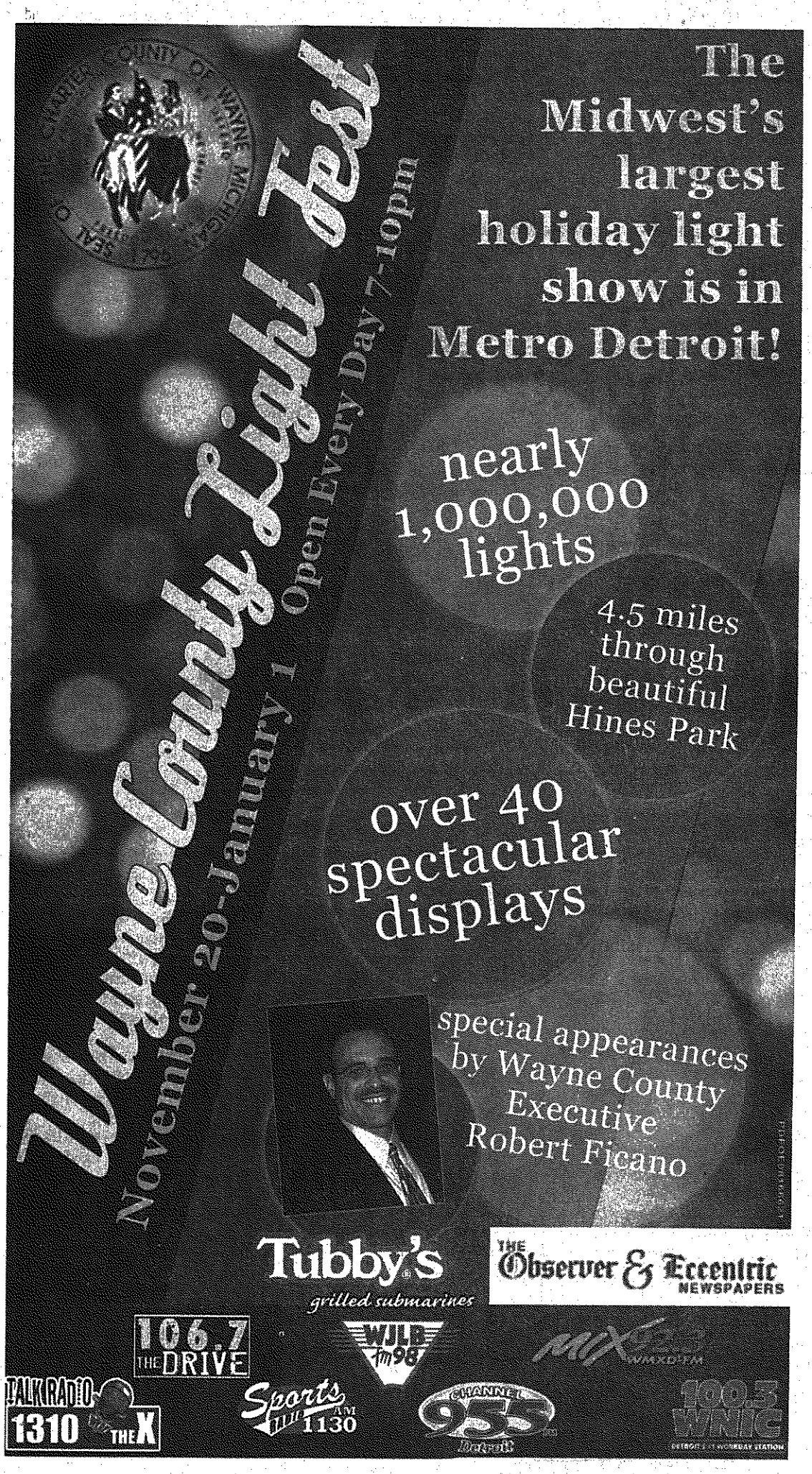
AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

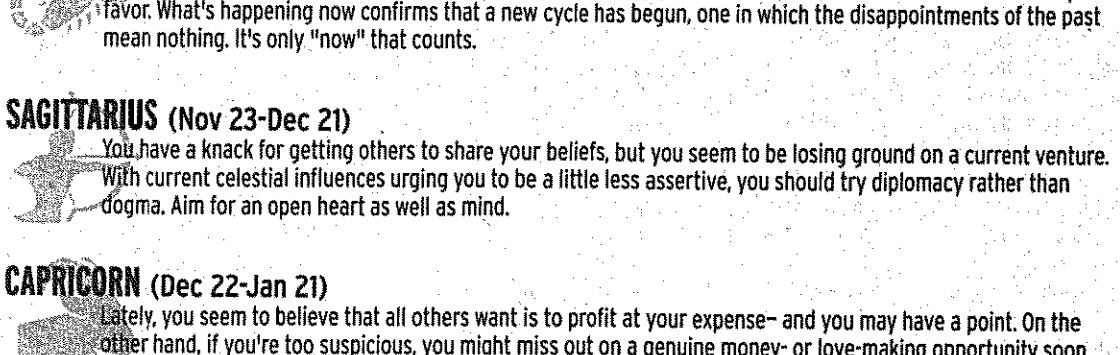
In some areas, you'll have to do what some tell or expect from you, but you'll be free to go as you please. Creative home activities are positive now, so ignore what "others" say you should be doing and do only those things that mean something to you and yours.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Some situations are worth worrying about, and some are not. The sooner you learn how to tell the difference, the happier you'll be! Don't blame others when things go wrong, Fish. Accept life for what it is, and then make it better. Live on the bright side of the street!

Dennis Fairchild is the Birmingham astrologer. For personal consult info, call (248) 644-3555 or e-mail enFairchild@aol.com.





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AROUND TOWN

Holiday Doll Show
Dealers, collectors and doll artists selling new, used, antique and collectible dolls of all kinds including Barbie's and their accessories. Being held Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Wayne Tree Manor on Van Born Road in Wayne. Call (734) 455-2110 for further information.

Santa Breakfast or Lunch
Breakfast only 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 13, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center. Cost is $16 per person ages 2 & up. Includes food, crafts, games, and Santa, Payment is due at time of reservation. Call (734) 453-7272.

Art Workshop
Ann Arbor Art Center is offering a variety of workshops at 1 p.m. Sundays during December. On Dec. 7, it's "Visit Brazil." Learn about the Carnival celebration and make a headdress. Call (734) 994-8004 for pre-registration.

Arts and Crafts Show
Handcrafters sponsors its 21st Christmas Arts and Crafts Show Dec. 12-14 in Northville. New location at Northville Hillside Recreation Center in Hillside Middle School. Show hours are 6-9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $2. For more info, call (734) 459-0050.

Christmas Brunch
This event at the Fox Hills Banquet Center will feature foods from around the globe! The event takes place from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. Adults, $20.95; children 3-12, $10.95. Call (734) 453-7272 for further information.

Holiday Cards
The Ann Arbor Art Center will be selling seven different holiday cards to benefit the ArtMakers youth outreach program. The cards feature holiday themes and were all designed by children at the Art Center. For more information, call (734) 994-8004.

Musical Stage Show
"Christmas Bells are Ringing" will be performed live on stage at the newly renovated Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 12 and 19; 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 13, and 20. Tickets are $12, seniors and students get in for $10. For ticket information, call (248) 349-8110.

Jewelry Festival
Native West presents its annual Jewelry Festival through Dec. 7. An assortment of sterling silver using fabulous turquoise, sparking opals, brilliant coral and glittering gold. Call (734) 455-8838 for further info.

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.

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. 18. For ticket information or group rates, call (248) 349-8110.

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.

Learn to Skate
Roller skating or roller blading 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.

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.

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

MOMS Club of S. Livonia/Plymouth
A support group for the stay-at-home mother of today, interested in the world around her, wanting a variety of activities for her and her children, and proud of the decision she has made of at-home mothering for her family. Contact Leanne at (734) 737-9434.

DAR-Sarah Ann Cochrane Plymouth-Northville Chapter
Christmas Tea at 1 p.m. Dec. 15 at Greenmead, Hill House in Livonia. The program is "Christmas in the White House" with speaker Sue Daniel. Any questions, call (734) 420-2775.

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 the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Roman Forum, 41601 Ford Road in Canton at 6 p.m. Areas of activity are Americanism, Community Service, Youth Activities and the Prevention of Child Abuse.

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/tedenright/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.

SEPAC
Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators, SEPAC (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.

Canton Rotary Club
The Rotary meets at noon on Mondays at the Roman Forum in Canton on Ford Road. All guests are invited to join in for lunch for more information on the community and international service projects. For more information, e-mail Mary Beardsley at ExecSec@rotary6400.org.

Astronomy Discussion
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MOMS Club
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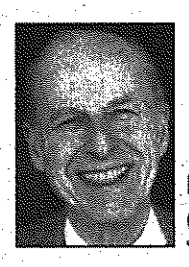
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On the darkest day, God makes a way



Rev. Roger Campbell

He had failed at his job. Tomorrow his family would be forced to share his shame.

Legal action would probably be taken against him. Prison time might be ahead. In his time and society, the penalty for lack of diligence in his important responsibility would be hard to predict, possibly even bringing death.

Suicide was on his mind.

Why go on?

A counselor friend of mine says those three words are most often on the lips of people considering suicide. The mountains ahead seem too steep to cross.

Present problems appear unsolvable.

Fear rules all thoughts about the future. Strength to fight on is gone. There seems little point in continuing the struggle.

But hopeless times are great occasions for God to prove His love.

Our extremity becomes God's opportunity.

On the darkest day, God makes a way.

"I was shocked when you mentioned suicide," said a troubled woman when she and her husband came to discuss their problems with me following a church service.

Then it was my turn to be shocked.

She explained that they had been planning to end their lives together because debts relating to their business seemed insurmountable.

Fortunately these two hurting people, who were parents and highly regarded in their community, were able to trade their fears for faith. Surrendering their desperate financial situation to the Lord enabled them to see beyond their immediate crisis and they decided life was worth living after all.

The next time I met them, a few years after their brush with death by their own hands, they were happily involved in their church, helping teenagers grow in faith and find purpose in their lives.

But what about the man who thought himself a failure and didn't think he could face another day?

This desperate man lived in the first century and was in charge of a prison, totally responsible for its security.

Now an earthquake had nearly destroyed the prison, causing him to conclude all the inmates had escaped. Impulsively drawing his sword, he prepared to fall on it, ending his life, but a comforting call from one of the prisoners halted his act of suicide.

Someone cared.

And there was something different about this caring one; he was known as a man of prayer whose walk demonstrated his talk was to be taken seriously.

Could this man of faith help him in his hour of need?

It seemed worth a try.

"What must I do to be saved?" the trembling, suicidal jailer cried.

The answer startled him: it was a simple call for faith in the One whose birth we celebrate during this season (Acts 16:25-31)

What good news! He could look above his feared superiors to the Lord.

He could get rid of this terrible feeling of failure by trusting the One who never fails.

The prisoner said faith would bring better days ahead for him and his family.

He believed ... and found his prisoner's promise true. So can you.

The Rev. Roger Campbell is an Independence Township resident. His radio program, *Higher Ground*, broadcasts at 8:55 a.m. Sundays on WUFL-AM (1030 AM). Listen to him at 6:10 a.m. Monday through Friday on WMPC (1230 on the AM dial).

Hope presents Christmas musical

Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills presents a special Christmas musical drama entitled, "The Gift of Christmas: Worshiping the Gift & the Giver," at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14.

The family-oriented production features more than 100 musicians and performers comprising four choirs, an orchestra, a bell choir and two dance groups.

"This presentation goes far beyond a simple re-enactment of the nativity story," said Becky Gee, Director of Worship, Music and the Arts.

"Through music, drama and testimonials, we will express the true meaning of Christmas, the gift of Jesus Christ, and focus on the relevance of the many gifts each of us has been given.

"It is our hope that all those in attendance will come away with a deeper understanding of and a greater appreciation for the gifts we have," Gee said.

The musical also offers insights into Hope Lutheran Church. One of the congregation's strengths, she said, is a willingness among all age groups to get involved.

"From pre-schoolers to teens to adults, we have participants from practically every stage in life. As a result, the evening promises to be a relevant and enriching part of the holiday season."

The musical is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted, with proceeds benefiting the ELCA World Hunger Fund.

Hope Lutheran Church is located at 39200 W. 12 Mile Rd., just east of Haggerty. For information, call (248) 553-7170.

Axis brings music to Boys and Girls Club

When the Bonnie Raitt Foundation donated eight top- of- the- line Fender acoustic guitars to the Boys and Girls Club of South Oakland County last year, the organization was ecstatic. But, as no music programs were in place, the instruments have been unused.

That is about to change, with a new guitar class scheduled to begin in January. It will be taught by directors and instructors of Axis Music Academy in Southfield, who are donating their time and resources to provide the free class to members of the Boys and Girls Club.

Axis Music Academy has offered music lessons and concerts ever since opening in Southfield in 1995, and is now operating a second location in Roseville.

It is Michigan's premier source for music instruction, teaching more students than any other facility in the state.

Some of the most well known performers in the local and national circuit teach at Axis, where students can study guitar, bass, piano, drums, voice, strings, and woodwinds in a variety of musical styles, as well as take classes in music theory, improvisation, or home recording techniques.

A live band from Axis Music Academy will visit the Jack and Patty Salter Community Center in Royal Oak on Dec. 12 to jam some tunes, demonstrate riffs on various instruments, and encourage students to participate in the new guitar class.

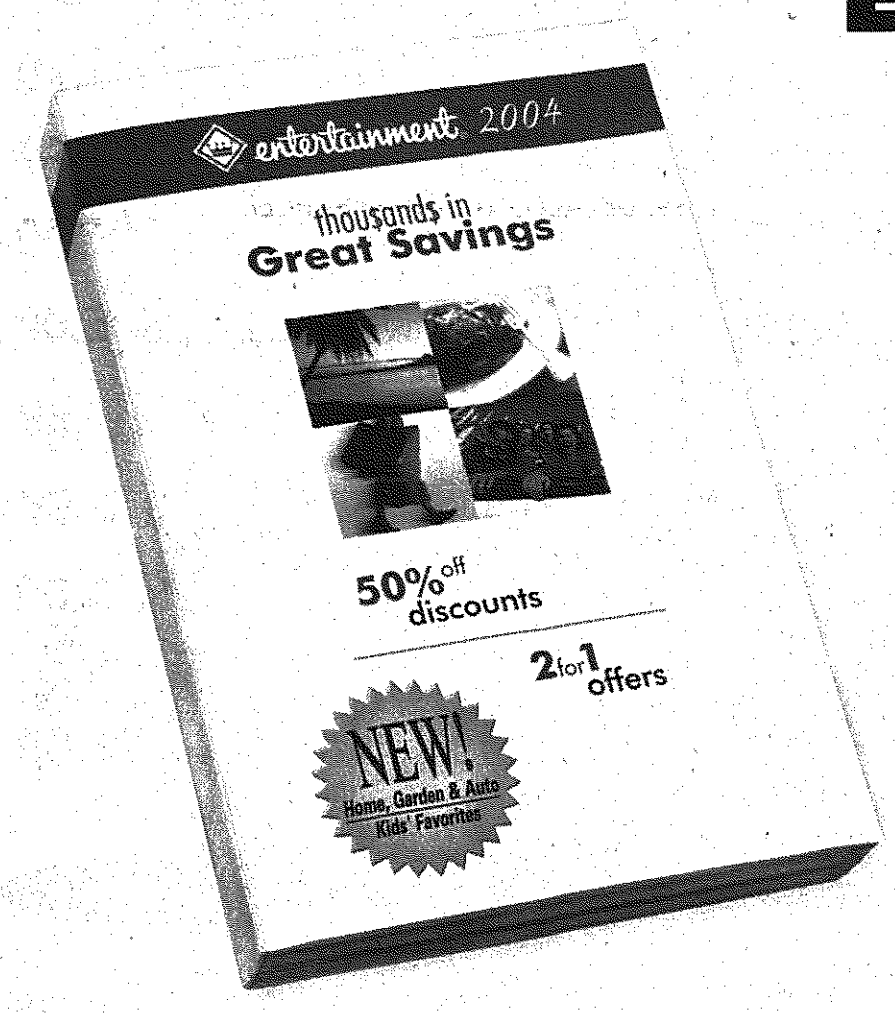
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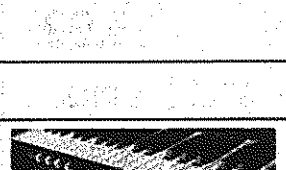


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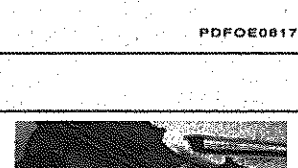
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Zap cravings

EFT uses acupressure to overcome temptation

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
CORRESPONDENT

For those of us who are trying to lose weight, wouldn't it be great if when we have a food craving, we could just zap it away? Well, maybe we can't zap it, but we can tap it away with Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT).

Developed nearly 10 years ago by Gary Craig, a Stanford University engineer, EFT utilizes theories and methods of applied kinesiology and tapping on acupuncture points to treat negative emotions. It has since reached mainstream counseling professionals, including Brenda Strausz, MA and LLP (master of arts and limited license psychologist), and Linda Kent, M.Ed. and NC (master of education and nutritional counselor). Both have had success with this tool in dealing with food addictions and weight problems, phobias, anxiety, grief and other emotional, as well as physical, problems.

According to Strausz, who is a clinical therapist with offices in Southfield and Westland, EFT is based on the premise that most emotional and many physical problems are caused by blockages in the body's energy. EFT is used to lessen or eliminate the blockages so energy can again flow through the body.

"It's been described as acupuncture for the emotions without the needles," she said. "It consists on tapping on the same meridian points used in acupuncture to unlock stuck energy."

The therapist, who became certified in EFT earlier this year, said that clients wishing to use this tool as part of their treatment are taught how to tap so they can better handle a problem immediately.

"I don't tap on them," she said. "I teach them where to tap on themselves. Being able to do it themselves, when needed, is what I and my clients find so appealing about this therapy."

Strausz added that EFT supplements traditional therapy treatments.

"EFT, alone, can't eliminate a problem," she said. "Traditional therapy is needed to uncover the source of the problem and to deal with it through counseling. But EFT can aid the total therapy experience."

According to Strausz, EFT is a totally gentle, non-invasive therapy involving a few steps:

1. Rating the intensity of your problem on a scale of 1-10.

2. Saying an affirmation that pertains to your current situation.

3. Tapping with a couple of fingers on about 12 meridian points of the body while focusing on your problem and stating your affirmation out loud at each point. (You only need to tap on points on one side of your body.)

4. Rating the intensity of the problem again.



5. Repeating the sequence if the problem continues to be fairly intense. You can and should repeat the sequence as many times as needed until the problem is reduced or eliminated.

Kent, who has offices in Troy and Livonia, has been using EFT in her practice for five years.

"It's such a simple and fast way for people to take responsibility in handling their own problems," she said. "My role is that of a detective (to uncover the source of the problem), guide and teacher."

A nutrition counselor for 25 years, Kent said she realized that something was missing in dieting programs that concentrate primarily on limiting caloric intake. According to her, the triggers to overeating and other eating problems first need to be identified. When they are, EFT can be used to handle them.

"EFT, in addition to putting a stop to overeating, can lessen cravings and reduce food addictions," Kent said. "This technique, combined with counseling, healthy eating and exercise, (has) resulted in successful weight loss and maintenance for many of my clients."



Kent

She said that the good results that she has achieved with EFT have led to referrals from medical doctors, chiropractors, therapists, social workers and nurses. Kent was recently invited to lecture before the University of Michigan Complimentary and Alternative Medicine Research Center in Ann Arbor.

"EFT is a growing therapy because it is proving beneficial in dealing with many emotional and physical problems, including pain management," she said. "Patients now have a tool to help lessen their pain without using strong medications."

In addition to working one-on-one with clients, Kent holds group EFT sessions.

"The energy of a group can be very powerful and when the members tap for one person's issue, everyone in the group benefits," she said. "You can clear your own emotions while working with others on their problems."

EFT, according to Kent, is very empowering because you do it to yourself: "It's another good tool to help clients achieve emotional and physical wellness."

For more information or for a consultation call Strausz at (248) 646-7229 or Kent at (586) 264-0824.

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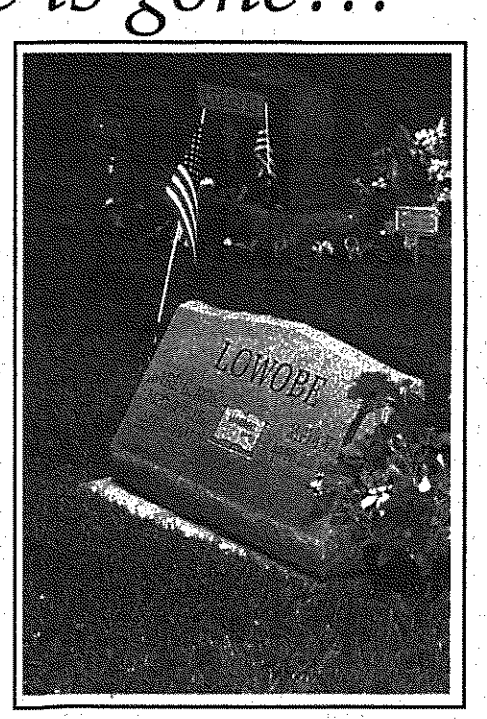
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Flu season ahead

The current flu season may be nothing to sneeze at with early predictions from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cautioning people to get vaccinated as quickly as possible. Recently, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson encouraged Americans to get their flu shots.

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is offering flu shots and the nasal vaccine, FluMist, by appointment at its Oak Park office, 25900 Greenfield, Suite 600, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Flu shots are $17. FluMist is $65. VNA accepts Medicare, Part B, HAP and CareChoices HMO. VNA also offers homebound service. Call (248) 967-8752 for information. Public flu clinics will be posted on the VNA Web site at www.vna.org and on the VNA. The Flu Hot Line is at (800) 296-8660.

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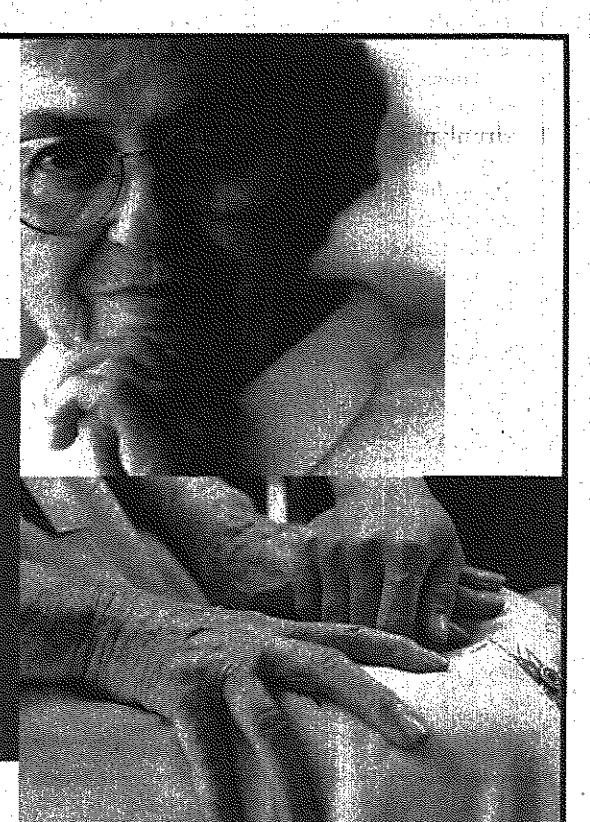
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Technique seems to help resist temptation

For the past few months, much to my husband's chagrin, I've banished ice cream (his and my favorite treat) and other sweets from the house. I've been doing so well on my "Forever Fitness" quest that I didn't want any tempting sweets around.

After I was taught how to do EFT on myself, I decided to try it to handle my cravings for sweets. And, to surprise my husband, I bought a half gallon of mint chocolate chip ice cream for him. I was interested to see if EFT would keep me away from this creamy delight. Here's what I did:

1. I rated my intensity level for a dish of this ice cream at "8" on a scale from 1 to 10. I really wanted the ice cream.

2. I created an affirmation to use: "Even though I have this strong craving for ice cream, I completely love and accept myself."

3. I tapped on median points on the left side of my body, using the index and middle fingers of my right hand, in the following order: side of hand under little finger (called karate chop point); inner eyebrow (where eyebrow begins); outer eyebrow; under the middle of the eye; under the nose; under the crease of the chin; under the collarbone; on my side, about four inches down from my armpit; between pinkie and ring fingers where "V" forms; on wrist below the thumb; again on karate chop point, and finally, on the crown of my head. At each point I stated my affirmation. Then I took a couple of deep breaths and slowly released them.

4. I checked the intensity of my craving for ice cream and found that it had lowered to "4".

5. I repeated the steps a few more times and completely eliminated the craving.

I used EFT each time I craved the ice cream and other sweets that are now in the house for my husband and children. Amazingly, I have gone more than two weeks without giving into the cravings for these sweets. And I've lost another four pounds. (Total weight loss is now at 25 pounds.)

EFT may not work for everyone, but, so far, it is working for me. (And I was a skeptic!) What a great tool to use during the holidays before attending food-centered events.

– By Sandra Dalka-Prysby

Holiday season warnings: Alcohol-related auto crashes result in more injuries

'Tis the season to be jolly, says a traditional holiday carol, and for many, the holiday season is a jolly, fun time when people's attention turns to dinners with family or friends, office parties and other festive get-togethers. Mixed drinks, wine and tasty punches often contribute to the holiday revels. Sadly, they contribute to deaths and injuries, as well.

In general, alcohol-related crashes result in more severe injuries. Two of the main reasons for this are that alcohol-related crashes usually occur at higher rates of speed, and victims of these crashes are often not wearing seat belts. However, University of Michigan researchers have identified another reason that these more severe injuries occur.

"For some reason, alcohol seems to decrease the body's tolerance to the forces one experiences in a crash. Anyone in the car who has been drinking, whether driver or passenger, is therefore at a greater risk for injury," said Dr. Ronald Maio, a U-M emergency medicine physician and director of the U-M Injury Research Center. "Our research shows this can occur even if blood alcohol levels are below the legal definition of intoxication, which is .08 (80 milligrams per deciliter) in most states."

These findings are directly opposite of what most people believe – that being drunk protects a person from serious injury. Having a designated driver is perhaps the best way to decrease the risk of an alcohol-related motor vehicle crash. Also, make sure that you buckle up!

Maio adds, "But keep in mind, even with every safety precaution, the fact is that if you have alcohol in your system and you're involved in a motor vehicle crash, your injuries are going to be worse than if you didn't have alcohol in your system at the time."

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Dr. Ronald Maio
emergency medicine physician at U-M

Emergency medicine physicians urge holiday party goers to think before they drink and get into a car this holiday season.

Here are some important facts about drinking and driving:

- It is estimated that one in every four patients treated in some emergency departments are treated for reasons relating to alcohol intoxication or the consequences of heavy drinking.
- As few as one or two drinks can significantly impair your driving ability.
- If you are going to drink, designating a non-drinking driver before you head out for the evening is the way to go.
- Decide on a limit for the number of drinks you'll have in an evening and stick to it.
- Have no more than one standard measure drink per hour. A standard drink is probably smaller than you think – 12 ounces of beer is one bottle, 5 ounces of wine doesn't fill most glasses more than halfway and 1.5 ounces of hard liquor doesn't quite fill a single shot glass. Men should have no more than 14 drinks per week; with no more than four drinks on any one day. Women and men 65 years of age or older should limit themselves to no more than seven drinks per week with no more than three drinks on any one day.
- If you're pouring alcohol from a pitcher, pour your own, and only after you have emptied your glass. Do not let others decide how much you will drink.
- Avoid shots and drinking games.
- Be prepared to say "no thanks" to offers for more to drink, so that when it's offered you will stick to your limit.

For more information, visit the following Web sites:

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http://www.med.umich.edu/1libr/aha/aha_alrelate_bha.htm

U-M Health Topic A-Z: Alcohol Dependence
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Is Your Number Up?
The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a program on blood pressure 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, in the hospital's auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use main entrance on Five Mile. the speaker is Ginger Ramsay, RN, MSN. For information, call (734) 655-8961 or visit the Web site at www.stmarymercy.org.

Treating Multiple Myeloma
Free lecture by Jeffrey Xonder, MD, 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at Weisberg Cancer Center, 31995 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield. For reservations, call (248) 538-6507.

Light a Memory ceremony
7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5301 E. Huron River Drive, across from the EMU football stadium, Superior Township. The ceremony is open to the public, as an opportunity to honor or remember loved ones that have had a special place in our heart. The ceremony includes a time for sharing memories and thoughts from the Hospice staff. To have someone honored or remembered, call Stephanie Gooden, St. Joseph Mercy Hospice at (734) 327-3319. For more information about hospice, call (734) 327-3400.

H.O.P.E. Luncheon
A luncheon to honor Troy Beaumont physician Dr. Joseph Meerschaert for all he does for those with disabilities 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the West Bloomfield Library, 4000 Walnut Lake Road. For information, call (248) 344-4063.

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
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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 began 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
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Therapeutic group
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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.

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The main indication is in the first moments or half hour of an injury. Then, blood vessel constriction is what you want. The smaller the size of the blood vessel the less the change for big inflammation. However, if you cannot get ice on the area quickly, it is not worth applying.
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Seasonal changes can bring about depressive disorder

With the autumn and winter months upon us, we are seeing shorter days and less sunlight.

December 21 marks the beginning of winter – The Winter Solstice – the shortest day of our calendar year. For some people, these changes are the prelude to the on-set of seasonal depression. However, antidotes are available and we don't have to all rush to Florida to get them.



Len McCulloch

S.A.D.

Research and clinical experience during recent years has detected a specific type of depression which re-occurs at specific times of the year. A higher incidence has been found in the general population in Northern New England, for example (10%), while a much smaller portion of the population (2%) are found to have the disorder in Florida or Southern California. Researchers there believe some 10 million Americans now suffer from S.A.D.

An "Affective Disorder" is a general term for mood disturbances from which many people suffer. Also, there are several, discrete symptoms which characterize the disorder: change of appetite or weight (too little or too much), sleep problems (insomnia or excessive sleeping), lack of energy, lowered sex drive, memory inefficiency, attention and concentration problems, low self-esteem, lack of interest in or enjoyment of activities (sometimes called melancholia) and even suicidal thoughts.

Typically, if an individual is exhibiting at least five of these symptoms, and at least one symptom is either depressed mood or lost of interest a major depressive disorder is diagnosed. The condition must represent a change from previous functioning and must cause clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning.

TREATMENT

In many ways, the treatment of S.A.D. is similar to that of other major types of depressive disorders. In addition, different forms of light therapy boxes or light emitting devices have been devised which provide the user with a measured amount of balanced spectrum light, said to be equivalent to standing outdoors on a clear spring day.

The intensity of light from these devices is much brighter than normal indoor light, but not as bright as summer sunlight. Length of exposure time and frequency of treatment sessions can be individualized depending on the severity of symptoms and can best be obtained from professionals who treat S.A.D. with bright light therapy.

However, often S.A.D. is self-diagnosed and dosage calibration is accomplished through trial and error. Care needs to be noted since over exposure can induce mania (the opposite of depression) in a small percentage of people from consistent overuse.

HYPOTHETICALLY

In addition to stimulating the hypothalamus of the brain through the retina of the eyes, current hypothesis regarding how the treatment works are similar to those which describe how anti-depressant medication works. Modification of neuro-transmitters in the brain which are responsible for mood regulation take place. Levels of serotonin and melotonin have been identified as important and necessary for a sense of well being and regulation of sleep patterns which then result in correction of day-time mood disorders, especially depression.

Severity of symptoms can be influenced by many factors such as living in a northern latitude, excessively cloudy weather patterns and general life stresses.

For a person with an established pattern of S.A.D. it has been found helpful to begin light therapy sessions at the time of the year just before symptoms usually become obvious and discontinuing the use in the spring.

RESOURCES

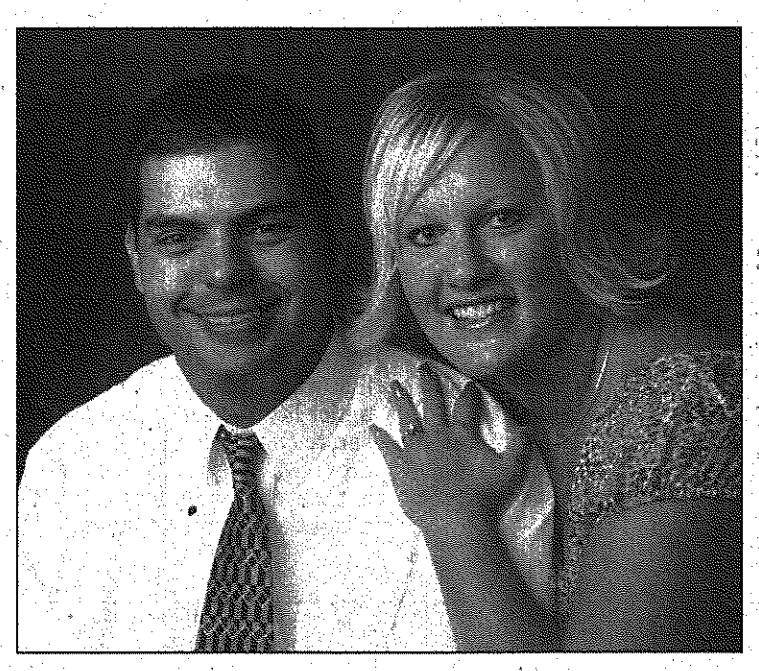
First, consider consulting your primary care physician who may supply a referral to a mental health Practitioner who is familiar with S.A.D. and light therapy.

Leonard J. McCulloch can be reached at (248) 474-2763.

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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 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 in education. He also received his master's of arts in education from Eastern Michigan University. He is 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.

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Local filmmaker reels in feature debut

A local filmmaker is putting the finishing touches on his first feature film.

Approaching Midnight is a tale of a group of friends' reunion and all of the fallout that entails.

Director/writer/actor Sam Khaleghi, a 2001 West Bloomfield High School grad, said he is following in the filmmaking footsteps of director/actors like Spike Lee and Edward Burns — who have written, directed and starred in their own productions.

He took some video production classes in high school but otherwise has no formal training in the field.

"I have a friend who is working in feature films. He learned the business outside of theater and video production," Khaleghi said. "I won't go to school for it. I'm in pre-law now."

Approaching Midnight is a story in the vein of *The Big Chill*, where high school friends meet up at a weekend party after a couple of years in college. The drama, as well as the comedy, in the piece comes from miscommunication as the characters try to come to terms with how they — and their relationships — have changed over time.



(From top left) Jason Waugh of Westland, cinematographer; Sam Khaleghi of West Bloomfield, director; Gabriel Flores of Allen Park, grip and Earl Hunt of Keego Harbor, actor and musician.

Khaleghi himself plays the lead character, Wesley Kent. He had written the script with himself in mind as that character.

Starting as a production assistant on a film, he learned what he could on the job while pitching his ideas for his own work. He had been working on horror films, something he liked but not necessarily something he wanted to stick with.

"Michigan is somewhat known for horror films, with (*Evil Dead* director) Sam Raimi and I like them, they're great," Khaleghi said. "But that's not what gets into the film festivals."

He is hoping to have *Approaching Midnight* ready for screening early next year in time for the Waterfront Film Festival and a couple others held in Michigan.

Khaleghi and his crew have been shooting all over the metro Detroit area, from Birmingham on the north end to Greektown on the south. Some of the more recent work has been shot at Farmington Harrison High School.

Westland resident Rockey Black, who plays the group's "older brother" Bobby McGuire, is a Detroit area actor who worked on the Eminem film *8 Mile*. He said there's more pressure on cast and crew in a small production than a big one.

"*8 Mile* had a big budget," he said. "Things tend to go smoother with a big budget. You have to work harder on an independent film. You've got fewer resources and you've got to get things perfect. That way you have more resources for your next production."

Gabriel Flores of Allen Park is one of the cameramen. The freelance video producer said that independent films are a lot of work.

"In the independent setting you wear a lot of hats," he said. "You get a crash course in every aspect of film making."

Flores connected with Khaleghi through the Internet. The Web site www.mandy.com is a film and television production resource where filmmakers can connect with specialists in their region from all disciplines through forums, chart rooms and postings. The Web site now has a section for actors as well.

Farmington Hills resident Marina DeMeyer plays Nicole in the film, a smart woman who uses her intellect to get what she wants out of life. She's been acting in the theater and in commercials for a while. *Approaching Midnight* is her first foray into film. She said acting is good for her mind.

"I like acting, it's like therapy," DeMeyer said. "It's a fun escape. You get to be someone else for a while. You get to create that person."

Filming on the project should be done by the end of this month and final editing is scheduled for January.

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Hills woman shares 'Big Momma's' wisdom

BY JONI HUBRED-GOLDEN
STAFF WRITER

Alexis Carnegie owes a lot to the women in her life.

The Farmington Hills resident spent five years collecting their wisdom about life in *Big Momma's Old School Weight Loss Secrets*. Don't be fooled by the title; Carnegie's 78-page paperback contains a great deal more than diet tips.

"I learned a lot in life from the senior women in my family, people who have learned a lot about life and have not been shy about passing along those lessons," said Carnegie, who lives with her husband, Marvin, and daughters, Reagan and Peyton, in a northwest neighborhood.

The book's most important lessons, she said, don't deal directly with weight loss.

Her paternal grandmother's memory loss gave Carnegie the motivation to start writing down the wisdom she feared would otherwise be lost.

"The first time she didn't recognize me, that was a profound event," Carnegie said.

Big Momma's "quick and easy tips from back in the day" have a lot more to do with self-esteem and self-worth than dieting, although the topics are inextricably entwined.

"The premise of the book is that you're not going to make any physical changes until you're ready to do so," Carnegie explained. "That's the major emphasis of the book."

Her own story mirrors that reality. Married on Sept. 1, 1990, to her college sweetheart, Carnegie's life has been touched by joy and sadness.

She became deeply depressed after losing her son, who died at birth.

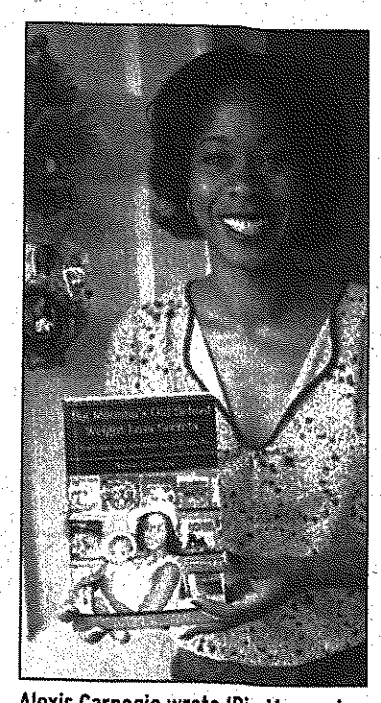
"I was depressed a long time," she recalled. "It took a lot of remembering. I had to draw on past experience and remember I wasn't a failure at everything."

Joining a support group also helped. Carnegie gained strength by being around others who had the same experience.

She first became motivated to lose weight after the birth of her daughter, Reagan, now 5 years old.

"I ate everything I could get my hands on, hoping somehow to ensure the birth of a healthy full-term baby," she said.

Weighing herself in the hospital, Carnegie found she was 55 pounds over her normal weight. Her mother told her not to worry - she had spent her whole life watching the women around her lose weight. She knew what to do.



Alexis Carnegie wrote 'Big Momma's Old School Weight Loss Secrets' which isn't just about weight loss, but also life lessons.

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Alexis Carnegie
Farmington Hills resident

Big Momma's Old School Weight Loss Secrets encompasses the bulk of that knowledge, so to speak.

A lifelong journaler, Carnegie has a love and respect for writing.

Still, it took her five years to put the book together. She started jotting down notes, but her training as a process engineer at the University of Michigan led her to a more organized approach.

"I have to have everything laid out a certain way to be comfortable," she said.

It also took time to conquer her own fears about whether she could be successful in the publishing world, which became more difficult as her queries to publishing houses were rejected. But Carnegie believes in leading by example. She couldn't tell her daughters they could do or be anything in this world, and not pursue her own dreams.

"I went with iUniverse, which is a print on demand publisher. It was very good for me," she said.

Her marketing plan includes help from family in Atlanta and Chicago. She has also established a Web site, www.old-schoolsecrets.com and offers a six-month subscription to her e-newsletter free of charge.

Big Momma's secrets seem to be the simplest ones. Carnegie shares her mother's No. 1 rule, which is to keep yourself up and look presentable at all times. You don't want to look in the mirror and scare yourself.

The book, which advises readers to consult a doctor before beginning any weight loss program, offers scores of specific tips, diet hints and exercise strategies.

What's the most important secret?

"If you're determined to lose weight, do it for yourself," Carnegie said.

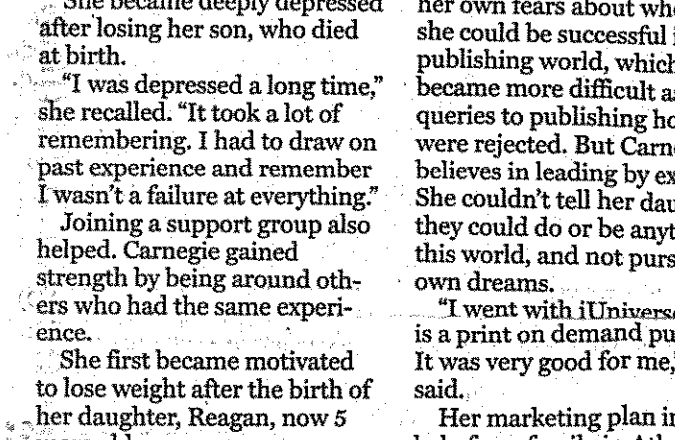
"It can be difficult, and if it's not for you, you won't get through it."



Holiday drama

Chris Lesner (left) of Northville, Randy Jost, Plymouth, and Teresa Inman, Garden City, rehearse for "The Christmas Shoes," playing 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 12-13, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Northville Christian, 41355 Six Mile, west of I-275, Livonia. Tickets are $5, free for children age 4 and under. Call (248) 348-9030. The modern day musical drama depicts the lives of two unrelated families. One seems destined to break up. The other struggles with a mother's terminal illness.

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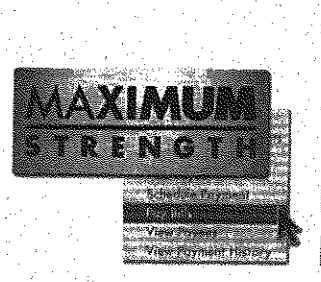
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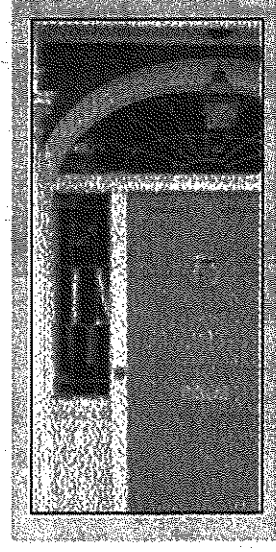
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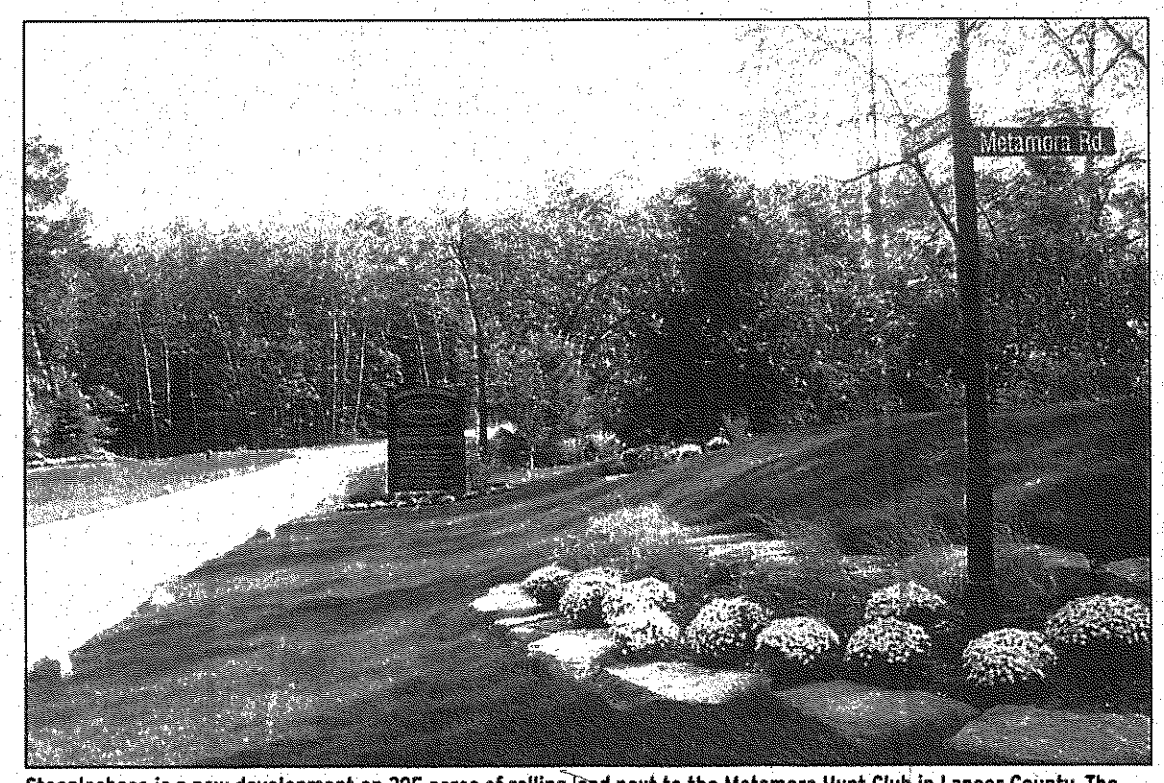
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Steeplechase home sites showcase area's natural beauty

BY BARRY JENSEN
CORRESPONDENT



Steeplechase is a new development on 295 acres of rolling land next to the Metamora Hunt Club in Lapeer County. The land has been divided into lots one acre or larger.

Radiologist Don Klein began planting trees on his property 35 years ago. Since then, he's planted more than 100,00 pines on the already wooded area a mile south of Metamora. Many trees have grown to their full height, blending with hardwood trees already on the site.

"The majority of the planting was professionally done," Klein said. "But some of the areas are so steep I had to contract with a group of Boy Scouts to plant those hills. The intent was to keep the land green."

Klein worked in a hospital in Lapeer and lives in Bloomfield Hills. During his commute, he spotted the lovely land, which is next to the Metamora Hunt Club.

Now Klein's decided to turn the 295 acres into home sites. The rugged land has been divided into lots one acre or larger. Some home sites been sold. Most are still available.

A few homes already are going up on the land. "We'd like a French country feel," Klein said. "And we want to keep the impact of building to a minimum so the homes fit into the landscape."

FITTING IN

All the homes that will be built at Steeplechase will have to meet many criteria to fit into the "neighborhood." A homeowners association will enforce the restrictions which include:

- Each home must be at least 2,300 square feet in size.
- Home exteriors must be mostly stone or brick.
- Each home must be unique. No two homes may look alike.
- No home may have aluminum or vinyl siding.
- Landscaping must be natural and fit into the surrounding area.
- Each home will have one lamppost of approved style in the front yard.
- Garage doors must face the side of the home.

NATURAL TRAILS

Concrete streets have been installed. To minimize the intrusion on the natural "feel" of the land, there will no sidewalks. Instead, several open spaces will be linked by five miles of unpaved walking trails.

"Horses can't be kept on the property, but we expect to see horses being ridden along the trails," Klein said.

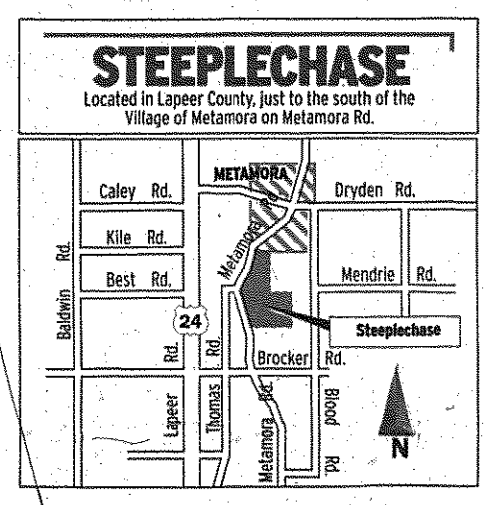
"By the time we're finished, we'll have 90 acres of open space connected by trails. People will be able to go out their back door and walk for five miles," Klein said.

"We want every homeowner to be able to step out the back of his house and encounter a natural area," said Manny Kniahynycky, who is project consultant and project designer.

Kniahynycky helped identify the specific restrictions and covenants to preserve the flavor of the wooded landscape.

"I'm a civil engineer by training, but I spend half my time designing my own projects and half my time consulting with others," Kniahynycky said.

The intent of the restrictions for Steeplechase was to preserve the existing landscape. The natural topography and trees are to be preserved.



THE PRETTIEST LAND

"In 23 years of doing this, it's the prettiest land I've ever seen," Kniahynycky said. "It's just unusually attractive property.

"Preservation is what we had in mind when we designed it and what we hand in mind when we built it."

If you like the site, you can bring in your own builder or hire Rick Steele.

"I met Don five years ago," Steele said. "I offered to do a spec home for him. We're working together on a handshake.

"We didn't want to built a typical home, so we got in touch with Town & Country Luxury Built Cedar Homes in Petoskey. They were able to do a home for us with the 'Old Country Charm' look – it could belong in northern Michigan," Steele said.

"These homes are expensive, but they're beautiful."

'In 23 years of designing projects, it's the prettiest land I've ever seen. It's just unusually attractive property.'

Manny Kniahynycky
Steeplechase designer

The house that's closest to completion is being built by Steele. The unsold house will sell for $650,000. It serves as the model home for Steeplechase.

"When we're done, the home will be completely finished. We put down carpeting and beautiful hardwood floors, so the buyer can just move in," Steele said.

KEEPING IT NATURAL

All utilities are underground. "We had to get permission from the state to put all the utilities within six feet of the edge of the road. We didn't want those raised berms you so often see with underground utilities," Kniahynycky said.

Because the countryside is so hilly, most home sites offer the possibility of walkout basements.

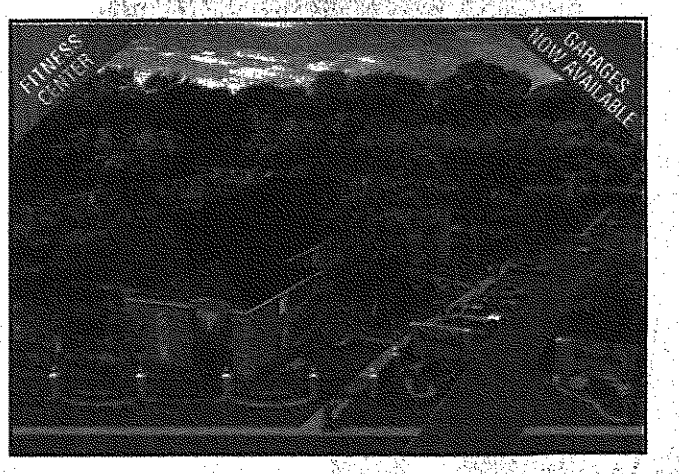
In this first phase, 19 home sites will be offered. Six already have been sold. The prices for the home sites range from $85,000 to $95,000. These prices are assured only through the end of this year. Prices will go up in January.

GETTING THERE

To get to Steeplechase, take I-75 north to the Lapeer Road Exit 81. Turn right onto Lapeer Road. Go north 15 miles to Brocker Road. Turn right. Go a mile to Metamora Road. Turn left onto Metamora Road. Go a mile to Steeplechase, which is on the east side of the road.

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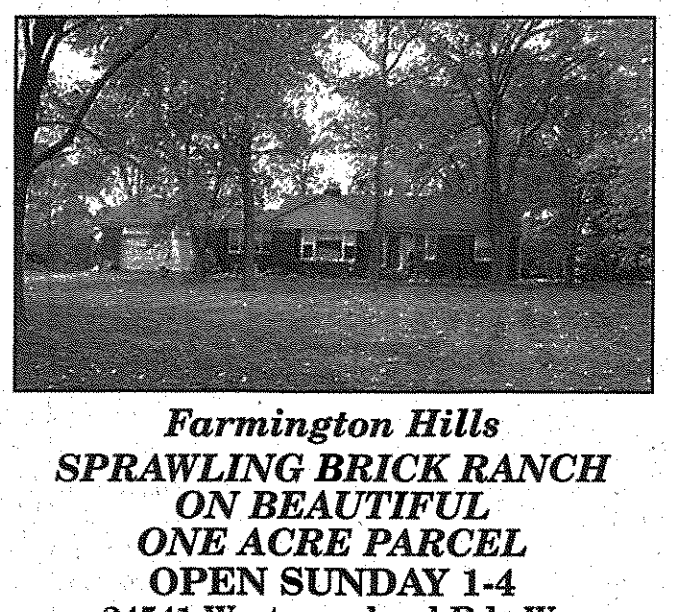
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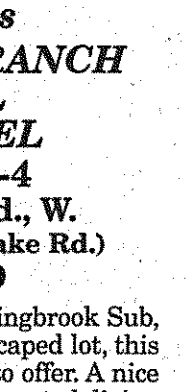
Located in the beautiful wooded Springbrook Sub, on a large one acre professionally landscaped lot, this sprawling all brick ranch has so much to offer. A nice sized foyer adjoins the beautifully decorated living room with its gorgeous natural fireplace. The spacious dining room is perfect for entertaining on those special occasions and the large, comfortable family room is wonderful for relaxing or gathering together for those less formal times. The home has three bedrooms, one full and one half bath and a serviceable laundry/utility area. Other features include coved ceilings, hardwood floors, deck with hot tub, outside lighting and an attached two car garage. Updates include a newer roof (tear-off), newer furnace and central air, newer brick paver sidewalk and most windows have been replaced. In addition, the home has been freshly painted.

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The foyer is open and looks straight into the large great room at the center of the home. On the rear wall is a large fireplace surrounded by windows. The room is long and spacious. The nook is adjacent to the great room and is part of the openness of the space. It has patio doors that open to backyard.

KITCHEN

The kitchen walls run parallel to each other with an island in the center. There is a built-in pantry and a large amount of counter space. Beyond the kitchen is large utility, easily accessible. The door to the two-car garage is at the end of the hall, making it easy to unload groceries and packages.

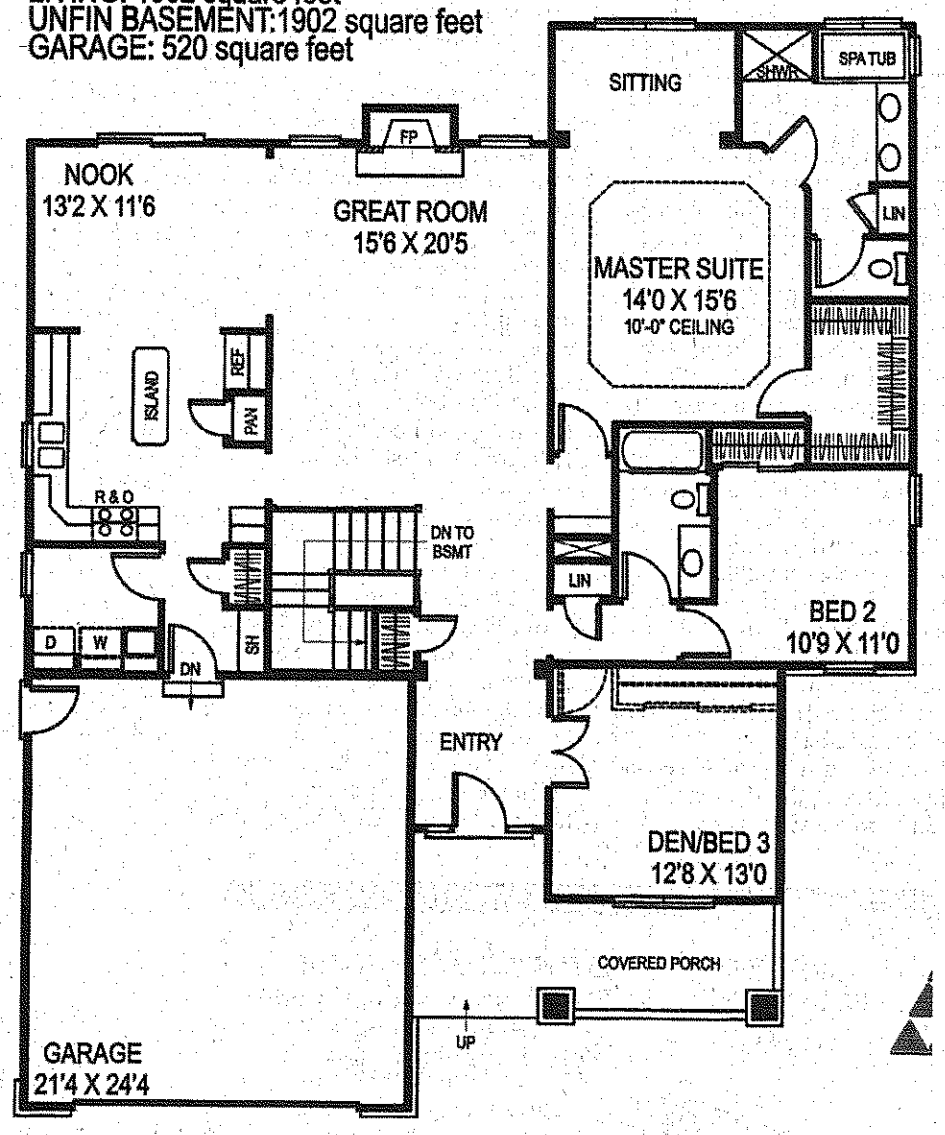
On right side is the sleeping area with a master suite and sitting room in the rear. The suite has a small door that could be replaced with French doors to provide more space for a wheelchair. The master bath is very open; the shower, spa tub, sinks and linen closet easily accessible. The walk-in closet is large and open also.

Bedroom two is adjacent to a bathroom with a tub. A linen closet is handy for the bedrooms also.

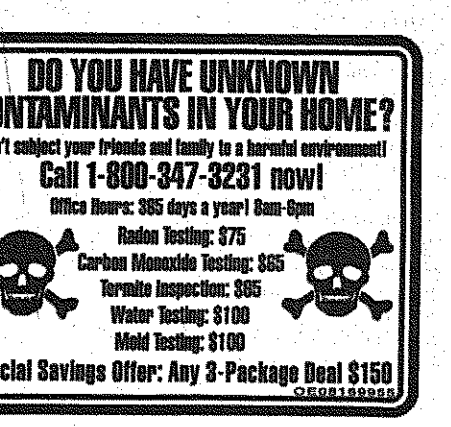
If the wall closet were left out, bedroom three could be converted into a den/library, hobby or sewing room.

This home would be so ideal as an empty nester; specifically one that might need more open space and easy access that a normal home would provide. It has the look a vacation home that would make retirement fun and comfortable.

For a study plan, including scaled floor plan(s), elevations, section(s), and an artist rendering, send $24.95 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Road E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424.







Caution is needed when choosing a remodeler

When selecting a remodeler to help improve a home, there are some signs to tip-off homeowners that a contractor is one to avoid.

"Although many of the remodelers out there are reliable professionals, homeowners must protect themselves and their biggest investment from the ones that may not always have the customer's best interests at heart," advises Adam Helfman, president of Fairway Construction Company of Southfield.

When interviewing a potential remodeler, be on the lookout for these red flags:

- Pressure to sign a contract
- A special price is offered only if you sign today
- You can't verify a company's insurance or license
- No references are given
- You're told your home will be used for advertising so you're being offered a special, discount rate
- Out-of-date information is provided by contractor
- You're asked to pay up front for the whole job
- You're asked to pay in cash to a sales person instead of a check to the company
- The company isn't listed in the telephone book, with the Better Business Bureau or a local trade association
- Also, be leery if the contractor's communication skills aren't good exhibiting lack of patience, poor listening, avoiding questions or giving unclear answers, is hard to reach, your needs as a homeowner are not discussed and no portfolio of prior projects is presented.

Fairway Construction Company is a fourth-generation builder with remodeling projects under way in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Fairway Construction Company completes nearly 400 remodeling projects each year. The company has been named one of the nation's top 50 remodeling firms by Remodeling Magazine, among other professional honors.

Out-of-state city dwellers picking West Virginia

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

West Virginia is becoming a favorite spot for city-dwelling baby boomers who are buying up land for second homes.

West Virginia made one of the biggest jumps in the nation's total number of vacation homes during the past 10 years. Many are vacation homes for people living in neighboring states.

Second homes, classified as seasonal, recreational or vacation homes, have increased by more than 15,000 during the past decade in West Virginia, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Today, that 71 percent hike means more than 38,000 homes in West Virginia are listed as second homes. The Census Bureau ranks West Virginia as the sixth fastest-growing destination for buyers of second homes.

About a quarter of all second homes are in the Eastern Panhandle and Potomac Highlands. More surprising is that second homes are on the rise in almost every county in the state.

Pocahontas County, home to Snowshoe Mountain resort, has the most vacation homes in the state. In the last 10 years, the number of second homes there has increased from 1,435 to about 3,000 this year.

"The second home market is one thing we've never really explored before in this state," said Randy Childs, an economist with the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at West Virginia University.

"I especially don't think anyone would have ever dreamed there would be that much distribution throughout the whole state. These second homes are not just in one location; they're all over."

Many middle-class baby boomers look for vacation homes within a few hours drive of the urban areas they call home. That puts the Mountain State on the radar screens of Pittsburgh, Washington, D.C., and other eastern metropolitan areas.

McDowell County made the biggest percentage jump in the past 10 years, recording a 725 percent increase – from 31 to 256 homes classified as seasonal or vacation.

Even Wyoming County, the county with the fewest second homes, had 30 more second homes in 2000 than the number reported in 1990.

Only three counties – Greenbrier, Jefferson and Pleasants – saw their second home numbers drop during the past decade. But Jefferson County still reported 521 second homes, and Greenbrier County reported 1,303.

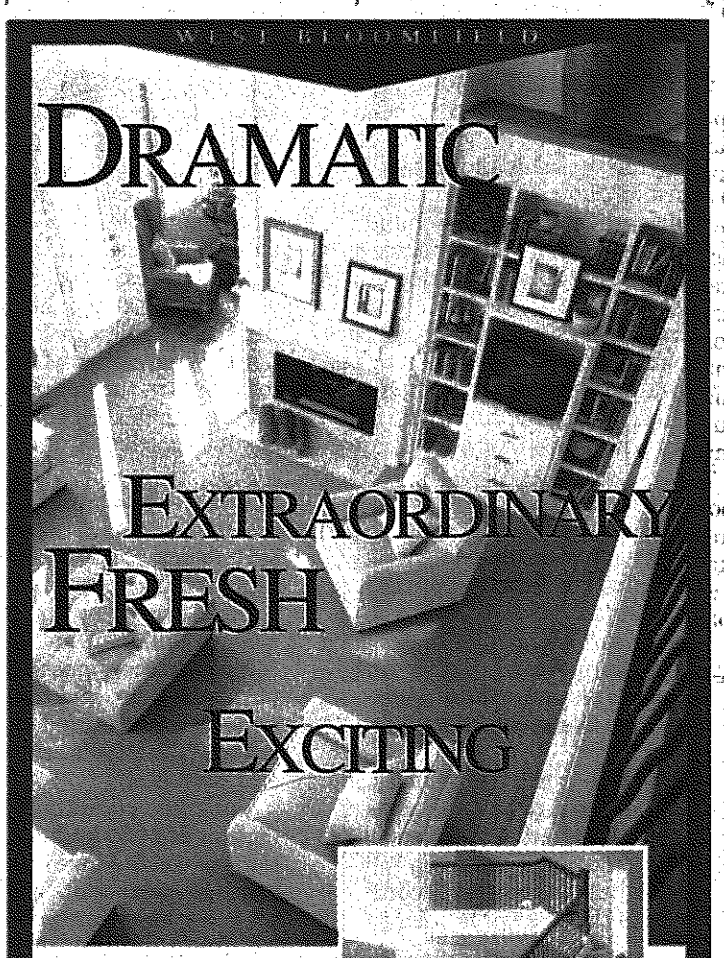
Tax law changes in 1997 are believed to be a big reason for the sudden influx of second homes in the Mountain State. The new laws allow most sellers to exclude up to $500,000 in capital gains from taxation.

Before 1997, consumers had two choices when it came to buying a new house: They could buy a more expensive home, or they could buy a cheaper home and pay a capital gains penalty to the tax department.

That penalty went away in 1997.

When most people think of second homes, they tend to think of luxury properties along the beach or by a mountain lake. But the typical recreational property tends to be more modest and have the same amenities a primary residence would have, according to the National Association of Realtors.

"When you're talking about second homes, you have to consider the different types and the different uses they might serve," Childs said. "Some are small cabins used for hunting or fishing. Others might be the more elaborate chalets you expect to find in the Eastern Panhandle or near the ski resorts."



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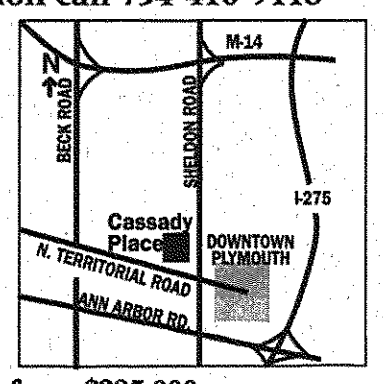


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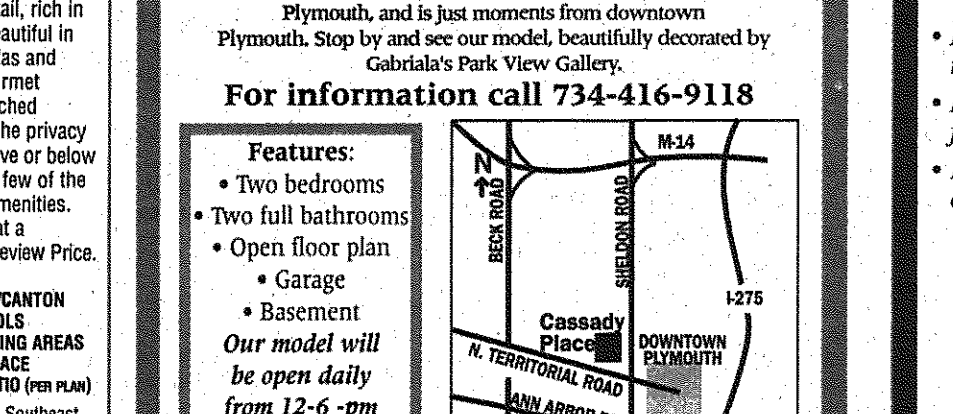
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Soaring land values threaten Minnesota's farms

BY SUE HALENA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Between the lakes and hills of Avon Township, Jim and LeRoy Gondringer farm land their father bought in 1952 and nearby acreage their great-grandfather settled in 1889.

Grand vistas and quiet woods border barns and fields. A landscape so pastoral, so close to a commuter-friendly freeway, appeals to the non-farmer who wants a piece of country life.

Residential sprawl and development have been the key drivers in an inflation-adjusted 128 percent increase in area farmland prices from 1992 to 2002.

On the surface, that looks like good news for farm owners. But soaring land values also hurt those who want to continue livestock and crop production.

Land is too expensive to buy. Rental land is hard to find in some areas, too expensive in others and undependable for long-range planning.

"Agriculture is going to decline because of the value of farmland," Jim Gondringer said. "When land has a value that doesn't support agricultural production, ag will gradually decline. It's inevitable."

Real estate experts agree the northward march of urban development along multilane highways is pushing up land prices. For those willing to commute, a 40-acre hobby farm can be as affordable as a Twin Cities home. A developer who buys 1 acre for $2,800 – the Central Minnesota average – owns the equivalent of four city lots worth $54,000 each.

RECREATIONAL PROPERTY

High demand for recreational property – including hunting acreage – also is driving up farmland value.

Steve Taff, the University of Minnesota economist who analyzes farm sales data, said price increases in nonurban areas could be related to reduced state taxes and increased federal subsidies.

Taff's data covers only the first nine months of 2002 and only transactions in which farming is intended to continue. Real estate experts say the increases have continued through 2003, particularly on farmland being converted to residential and commercial uses.

Farmland valuations for tax purposes grew 10 percent to 25 percent this year, according to a report from the Stearns County assessor's office.

Agricultural valuations excluding new construction grew 91 percent from 1999 to 2003 in Stearns, while residential grew 73 percent and commercial/industrial grew 64 percent.

Commuter demand has pushed the value of wooded land to $8,000 an acre in the Becker area, ReMax Realty Source agent Steve Hansen said. That's double the 2002 average for nearby farmland.

Farmers who sell property in Wright County have been known to turn around and buy less expensive farms in western Stearns County, Stearns Commissioner Leigh Lenzmeier said. Such transactions, when timed properly, reduce capital gains taxes.

Lenzmeier, who also is a real estate appraiser, sees Stearns County land values tracking about 10 years behind those of Wright County.

"Land values (there) are going absolutely through the roof," he said.

In Stearns County, Lenzmeier already has seen prices as high as $12,000 an acre in Melrose and Sauk Centre townships.

LIMITED PROFITS

Farmers can't justify ignoring prices like that in light of limited crop and dairy profits, the Gondringers say. If only half of a parcel is tillable, they've actually put twice as much money into the land.

Jim Gondringer, 52, and LeRoy Gondringer, 46, milk 125 cows. About half the 464 acres they own is cropland, and they rent about 225 acres for crop production as well.

They fear that rental land won't be sufficient to support farms in the future. "I see that as a major concern for people who want to continue," LeRoy Gondringer said.

Price hikes affect retirement decisions and neighborhood relationships.

Sometimes, LeRoy Gondringer said, there is friction when a neighbor decides to sell for nonagricultural use. If a sale spawns a subdivision, there's greater risk that new neighbors won't like the smells and noise of the remaining farms.

The intersection of the agricultural and housing markets has made farm houses more valuable than barns and other production-related buildings – a reversal from conventional wisdom of years past, retired University of Minnesota professor Philip Raup said.

The decision to sell a family farm often has more to do with dismal commodity prices than land prices, said Hansen, who has specialized in farm real estate since 1977.

"It's emotional for everybody, but financially it makes the most sense," said Raup. "Some of these farms are century farms. It hurts when you have to sell."

Some farms north of St. Cloud gain value when portions are sold for hunting and other recreational use. Hunters are buying lowland at 10 times the price of a decade ago, Hansen said.

The Stearns County Assessor's report forecasts continued increases in the value of farmland sold for recreational use.



Online sale listing clicks with buyers

BY HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The La Crosse School District in western Kansas tried to give away its former middle school to a charity. There were no takers.

So school board members – somewhat reluctantly – turned to the Internet auction site eBay. The board set a target price of $5,000 for the 43,000-square-foot building in the tiny town of McCracken, population about 200.

And then something unexpected happened. Between 22,000 and 23,000 people clicked on the eBay listing, and interested buyers traveled to the farming community from as far away as Louisiana and Wisconsin to tour the building.

On Thursday, the school board agreed to sell the former school for $45,000 to a Phoenix-based business that plans to relocate to McCracken and use the building as a warehouse distribution center.

The school district is one of at least four entities in Kansas to sell or post schools on eBay in recent months – sometimes in a last-ditch effort to unload the properties.

"I didn't know what to expect," said La Crosse Supt. Larry Jackson. "It really showed the power of the Internet. We had 70-plus bids."

ADVANTAGES

Old schools, particularly those in small towns, can be difficult to sell because they often must undergo extensive renovations before they can be used for another purpose. Some are torn down, while others fall into disrepair.

But online, schools and cities can market to a broader audience, giving communities the chance to turn a former liability into a source of economic development.

"A school house, being a little bit more unusual type of real estate, makes sense for eBay," said Chris Donlay, a spokesman for eBay. "If you advertised locally, you would only hit a few thousand people."

The city of Gaylord is credited with being the first in Kansas to sell a school using eBay.

The Smith Center School District sold the building to the city when the former school closed in the early 1990s because of a declining student population, said Jim Muck, a council member in the western Kansas town. The city initially used the building for storage, and then rented out portions.

But renting out space put the building back on the tax roles and there weren't enough renters to cover the cost of the taxes, Muck said.

In the late 1990s, the city council was considering tearing down the building to get rid of the liability. But Muck said contractors wanted at least $100,000 to raze the building and they cautioned the demolition might cost even more.

The city couldn't afford the expense, so nothing happened for several years.

Eventually, Muck persuaded the council to attempt to sell the building on eBay.

"I had one of them tell me, 'You're wasting your time,'" Muck said.

Within a couple of hours of posting the school on the Internet site in late August, Muck said he received his first phone call from an interested buyer.

"I was flabbergasted because I didn't think we'd get a response that quickly," Muck said.

The building was sold for $25,000 to a Seattle couple who are relocating their Internet-based business producing music sound boards to the community.

Since then, Muck and the town's mayor have taken several calls from communities both in Kansas and Nebraska interested in selling their schools on the Internet.

OTHER SCHOOLS

Currently, the Morland Community Foundation and the city of Paradise have schools for sale on eBay.

In Morland, the foundation is seeking buyers for seven buildings, including a grade school, gymnasium and high school. The complex closed in recent years when the West Graham Morland School District consolidated with the Hill City School District.

In a listing posted on Nov. 14, the foundation is asking $125,000 if the buildings are sold together. The buildings also can be bought separately.

Most recently, the Paradise school building went on the eBay site Monday for $45,000. The listing reads: "Own a piece of Paradise."

The city sold the building to a precision machine shop for $1 after the grade school closed about 10 years ago.

But the business left the community this fall and the building again became the city's responsibility, said Duane Cronn, a city council member in Paradise.

Back in McCracken, the La Crosse School District is thrilled. Not only will they avoid razing the building, the new buyer will be able to contribute to the local economy.



Don't be sketchy about house drawings

BY DAVID BRADLEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

To many would-be homebuilders, construction documents – blueprints – are as close as they ever get to hieroglyphics.

The snarl of intersecting lines and odd symbols usually are tidy and neat, but how to decipher this maze can make the untrained readers eyes glaze over.

Its a language only contractors could love.

LEARN THE LINGO

But consumers had better learn the lingo, too, because what's lost in translation places their project – and their pocketbook – at risk.

"I once heard a contractor say even his skills could never save a project from poor design," says Larry Golden, a designer from Santa Cruz, Calif.

"That's where the homeowner needs to start, with a good set of understandable plans."

Room labels and dimensions are easy to identify. The all-important minutia hidden in plans often is overlooked. To design pros like Golden, the worst thing the customer can say after a halfhearted glance at his handiwork is "It looks OK to me."

FINE POINTS

There's all manner of fine points begging to go undetected: wall or door positioning, material specifications or special requests the client asked for, but doesn't have the foggiest notion if the requests made it on paper.

There's not enough space here for a complete rundown of construction document terminology. Golden says that's his job when he's face-to-face with customers.

"I spend a lot of time talking about construction practices with clients so they know what they're looking at on the drawings," says Golden.



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CUTE BLONDE WIDOW
I'm 5', 105 lbs., 58, romantic, secure SF, seeking a nice-looking male, 5'7" to 6', slim to medium build, who enjoys dancing, golf, live theater and good conversation. Macomb County. Ad#:403562

HONESTY ABOVE ALL
Want to be spoiled? I'm a fun-loving, SWF, 55, tall, with green eyes & blondish-brown hair, who enjoys movies, camping, sewing, cooking and time at home. Looking for a sincere, warm, genuine, SWM, 55-68, who enjoys life. Must be a non-smoker. Ad#:543693

GOOD-NATURED
SWF, 55, 6'1", medium build, college graduate, non-smoker. Enjoys working out, theater, movies, walking and more. Seeking a SWM, 6'3" plus, 53-62, who is well-groomed and professional, for friendship first. Ad#:470261

SENIOR ROMANCE
59, outgoing, blonde, 5'6", SWF, active in single happenings. Likes good conversation, bowling, dancing, music, golf, movies, dining, travel, and cozy nights at home. Looking for romance, friendship, and hopefully a long-term partner. Ad#:560413

ROMANCE
...is just around the corner. I am 5'2", with dark eyes and hair, 63. Looking to meet a tall gentleman, 59-70, who likes dancing, cards, travel, and wants a long-term relationship. Ad#:403303

LOOKING FOR FUN
SWF, 35, enjoys races, fishing, camping and much more. In search of a tall SWM, 35-45, for friendship to start. Ad#:573872

SAVVY LADY
Cuddly, SWF, young-looking 52, short, full-figured, Irish look-a like, energetic & good-natured. My enjoyments are theatre, movies or staying at home. I would like to meet an easy going, good friend, SWM, 45-55, for nice times. Ad#:562687

R-E-S-P-E-C-T
SBF, 34, looking for a stable, communicative, honest, respectful, educated, SM, 25-45. Could this be you? Ad#:573681

SOUND LIKE YOU?
Outgoing, SBF, 21, 5'5", 155 lbs., seeking a tall, truthful, silly but serious, SM, 29-50, preferably with no children, employed, with transportation. Ad#:573465

READY TO SETTLE?
Attractive, full-figured, SBF, 45, with many interests. I'm looking for a financially secure, SM, 42-57, a good friend. Someone who knows what he wants in life. Ad#:571927

BE MY BEST FRIEND
Very kind and caring, SWF, 46, 5'4", medium build, blue-eyed blonde. Enjoys traveling, casinos, fishing, archery and antiques. Seeks an intellectual, SWM, 46-60, for fun times. Ad#:532617

ONLY TIME WILL TELL
Single, white lady, 70, 5'5", 125 lbs., blonde, blue eyes, easy to get along with. She has very versatile interests, and wishes to meet an honest, white gentleman, who is truly single, 65-75, to start out as friends. Ad#:571130

FUN TO BE WITH
SWCF, 44, N/S, N/D, who enjoys camping, walking, the outdoors, fishing, my children and experiencing new things. If you are a N/S, N/D, SWCM, 36-52, and are interested, call me and we'll talk! Ad#:417121

THINKING OF YOU
Pretty DWF, 47, 5'2", brown hair, blue eyes, medium build. Looking for a SWM, 5'8"+, slim to medium build, for a sincere long term relationship. Preferably N/S and social drinker. I love hockey, music, movies, dining out and much more. Westland area. Ad#:570055

HIGH ON LIFE
Friendly, quiet, SBF, 51, pleasantly plump. Enjoys the arts, walking, movies, & Church activities. I would like to meet a loving partner, under 65, to enjoy life. Ad#:570006

SEARCHING
SWF, 44, who loves the loud pipes, Harley's, also likes The Red Wing's. Seeking SWM, 45-55. Ad#:501033

QUEEN OF HEARTS
This 55 year old, SWF is a full-figured 5'10" beauty with brown eyes and a pretty face. She is intelligent, humorous, compassionate and loving. She enjoys antiques, golf, Lake Michigan and is seeking an attractive SWM, 45-50, to spend time with. Ad#:568864

FUN-LOVING
SBF, 50, 5'5", with brown hair and eyes. Interests are time with friends, basketball, football, music, shows, etc. Looking for a intelligent, sincere, trusting SBM, over 45, who is fun to be with and has similar interests. Ad#:568473

I'LL BE WAITING
Calm, laid-back SWF, 62, 5'2", 110 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes. Loves family activities, cooking, crocheting, cultural events and more. Seeks a kind, quiet SWM, 56+, who cares about other people, and loves animals. Ad#:567481

BEAUTIFUL INSIDE & OUT
SWF, 57, 5'4", red curly hair, brown eyes. Enjoys movies, theater, boating, swimming, cooking and time with family. Seeking a SWM, 55-79, who is ambitious, spiritual, successful and fun. Ad#:473611

YOU WILL LIKE ME
Attractive, blond, fun-loving, SWF, 66, medium-build, artist. Enjoys travel and cuddling with someone special, seeks a SWM, 60 plus. Let's meet. Ad#:567287

A DECENT LADY
Attractive, intelligent, fun-loving, SWF, 66. Enjoys simple pleasures. Willing to meet a SWM, 60 plus, honest gentleman, to share fun with. Ad#:567167

DON'T HESITATE...
I'm ready for fun & laughter! SBF, 46, 6', a smoker, social drinker. I enjoy watching sports and traveling. I'm searching for a SBM, 55-70, who shares my interests. Ad#:503750

ARE YOU THE LOVING TYPE?
Respectful, SBF, 29, 5'2", light skin, red hair. Enjoys sports, movies and shopping. Looking for an attractive, SM, 18-35, who is loving, open-minded & intelligent. Ad#:565558

HOW ABOUT US?
SWF, 61 years old, social drinker. Enjoys walks, working out, photography, dining out and more. Seeks a warm, honest, secure, easygoing, SWM, 57-68. Ad#:564711

ONE OF A KIND
SWF, 48, attractive, intelligent, loving and dedicated. Seeking a SWM, 45+, a N/S, who is sincere, intelligent, humorous and honest, for a long-term, devoted relationship. Ad#:448774

COMPARE INTERESTS
Thin, SWPF, 55, 5'7", attractive, brown-eyed brunette, seeks tall, athletic, energetic, trusting and educated, SWM, 50-60, N/S. Please call... Ad#:563521

JUST ME...
SB Mom, 18, 5'8", dark complexion, a smoker. Likes going to the mall, watching TV and movies. Looking for a sincere SBM, 18-26. Ad#:563856

UNDERSTANDING
SBF, 49, with black hair and brown eyes. Enjoys music, singing, the outdoors, etc. Searching for a SBF, 40-55, who is educated, fun-loving and communicative. Ad#:561932

PURSUE ME
SB Mom, 23, 5'8", searching for a fun-loving SBM, 22-32, with ambition and goals. Must love kids. Ad#:561855

ALL AROUND GOOD WOMAN
Funny, quiet-natured SBF, 31, 5'8", weight proportionate, light complexion, hazel eyes, one son. Enjoys reading, movies and family time. Looking for an up-front SBM, 32-40. Ad#:561671

SIMPLE GIRL
Fun to be around SWF, 27, 5'2". Enjoys walking, reading and writing. Seeking a SWM, 23-35, who enjoys children and having a good time. Ad#:561516

SOMETHING MISSING
56 years young, want a special friend in my life. Missing the little things: a hug, a kiss, holding hands. Enjoys just about everything, but missing the most important thing... the other half in my life. Ad#:406107

CHALLENGE ME
I'm a very nice, attractive SBF, 38, with jet black hair. Enjoys music, dining and live concerts. Seeking respectful, handsome, SM, under 48. Waiting to hear from you. Ad#:557230

ARE WE ALIKE?
SWF, 50, with above average-looks, good communicator, amusing, loving soul mate. Seeking DWM, 45-60, clean-cut gentleman, looking for serious relationship. Ad#:482566

COLORFUL
Generous-hearted, impulsive, carefree, professional, SBF, 41, a rare find. I'm seeking honorable, fun SWM, 36-55, cheerful, yet can be humorous. Ad#:557303

VISIONS OF LOVE
I'm 5'3", with dark brown hair/eyes. A personable, SWF, 44, who enjoys quality time with my children, race cars & a variety of interests. Seeking a loving relationship, with a creative SM, 42-58, who's happy & confident. Ad#:558695

DO WE CLICK?
Professional SWF, 45, 5'2", full-figured, enjoys spontaneous fun, fishing and horses. Seeking best friend, companion first, N/S, N/D, professional DB/WM, with real heart. Ad#:557779

SUGAR & SPICE
DWF, 55, loves animals, God, nature, interior decorating and more. I'm seeking companionship with SWM, 54-65, someone to talk with and care about. Ad#:557587

BIO & BEAUTIFUL
Happy to meet you, outgoing, sociable, artist, 70, avid reader, movie fan, with many, many hobbies. Seeking well-groomed SWM, 65-75, down-to-earth. Let's meet. Ad#:556080

BIG & BEAUTIFUL
Laid-back, loving SWF, 33, values family and friends. Seeking friendly, upbeat, humorous SWM, 26-29, with similar characteristics, for platonic relationship. Ad#:556339

BEAUTIFUL
SB Mom, 24, 5'5", 130 lbs., seeks nice-looking SBM, 24-30, who likes to have fun. Ad#:555886

SUNSHINE IN YOUR LIFE
SBF, 30, 5'7", 127 lbs., light skinned, short hair. Funny, outgoing, and always bring sunshine to the room. Enjoys bowling, skating, partying, and cooking. Looking for a SM, 25-42, with similar interests, who can make her smile. Ad#:555400

FROM THE HEART
Funny, honest, outgoing SWF, 49, 5'6", medium build, auburn-brown hair, hazel eyes. Enjoys bowling, darts, shooting pool, long walks & dining out. Hoping to find an open, funny SWM, 45-60, with like interests, to share special times together. Ad#:539251

JUST BE YOURSELF
Young-looking, SBF, 18, with light brown eyes, outgoing, carefree, straightforward, avid reader, writer. Looking for goal-oriented, SM, 18-22, same attributes. Ad#:554301

VIVACIOUS
Attractive SWF, 46, seeking secure, special, intellectual, sometimes crazy SWM, with similar traits. Must be daring and risk-taker. Ad#:553757

FROM THE HEART
She's a lovely SWF, 29, who values family first, enjoys tractor pulling to theater and the Arts. Seeking happy family man, 27-40, for friendship first, with varied interests. Ad#:552859

A FRESH START
SWF Mom, 34, kids, looking for new friend, family-man, SWM, 27-40, variety of interests. Not into bar scene, enjoys dining out and family events. Ad#:552369

WILL YOU ACCEPT ME?
I'm a 5'8", medium-built SW Mom, 27 years old, who enjoys movies, pool, quiet evenings, long drives, and much more. Seeking a SWM, 28-39, who is honest, caring and understanding. Ad#:498396

BOOK SMART
Professional trainer, SWF, 33, with varied interests. Seeking well-groomed, athletic-minded SWM, 28-50, who stays in shape, has book smarts, and knows how to practice what his beliefs are. Ad#:550742

LIKE I AM
Medium/large-built, amusing WWWF, 48, looking for real hunter, fisherman, camper, SWM, 45-55, open, honest, for dating, possibly more. Stardust dancing? Ad#:550584

INTRODUCE YOURSELF
Brown hair/eyes, fun-loving SWF, 39. I like sports, trying new things. Seeking SM, over 32, good friend, a love, someone with similar interests. Ad#:499946

HONEST TO YOU
SBF, attractive, 31, 5'5", 230 lbs, brown hair, seeking mature SBM, 30-45, for conversations, dating and possible relationship. Ad#:548295

DANISH TREAT
SWF, 39, outgoing, attractive, 5'7", 135 lbs., with blonde hair. Enjoys long walks, dining, dancing and much more. Looking for a SWM, 40-60, to enjoy our passions together. Ad#:547194

GET IN TOUCH
Confident, humorous, fun, spontaneous SWF, 23, 5'2", medium build. Looking for a SWM, 23-31, N/S, N/D, drug-free. Ad#:545721

FLINT AREA
Family-oriented, SWF, 55 years old, green-eyed blonde, temporarily disabled. Loves concerts, dining out, etc. Seeks honest, kind, SWM, 50-60, with a sense of humor and similar interests. Ad#:545505

WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?
SW Mom, 39, 5'4", blue-eyed blonde, fun to be around. I love long walks, movies and time with my daughter. I'm seeking a tall, honest, SWM, 34-45, who likes children. Ad#:544961

FOLLOW ME
Gregarious, SWF, 53, 5'7", slim, brunette with many interests. Looking to meet a handsome and financially secure SWM, 45-55, who is 5'10" or above with a slim build. Ad#:544561

YOU
SB Mom, 19, short, light complexion, funny and sweet. Seeking a respectful, kind, fun-loving SBM, 18+. Ad#:543345

THERE'S STILL HOPE
DWF, 28, affectionate, honest, sincere, with one child. Seeking SWM, 28-40, non-smoker, emotionally, financially secure man. Ad#:542629

ENJOY LIFE
Friendly, caring, SWF, 57, 5'3", medium build, dark hair/eyes. Enjoys spending romantic evenings at home, cuddling and holding hands. Looking for a SWM, social-drinker, 56-60, who shares the same interests, for companionship and possible more. Ad#:504863

LETS TALK
Outgoing and friendly SWF, 19, 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes, smoker. Enjoys animals, crafts, the outdoors and loves roller coasters. Looking for an honest and up-front SWM, 40-51, with similar interests who has a get-up-and-go attitude. Ad#:539780

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SWF, 5'4", 48, enjoys barbecued ribs, funny movies, page turning books. Desires SWM, N/S, 40-55, that I can look up to, who can make me laugh, is sort of handsome and secure in finances and self. Ad#:473551

TIME FOR YOU
Short, petite, funny, honest SWF, 38, sarcastic. I like movies, local shows, reading, computer, etc. Seeking monogamous relationship with SWM, 40-45, long walks, good coffee, dancing. Ad#:540074

A NEW SMILE TODAY
Coffee with a friend. Everyday is something new with this SWF, 51, blonde hair, hazel eyes, fun, outgoing, little shy. Seeking forever young, SWM, 50-60, nice, sincere, hardworking Christian. Ad#:539821

SOCIAL BUTTERFLY
Brown eyes, light-skinned SWF, 22, nice, kind, jokes around, enjoys going to movies, watching television, enjoying social nights out. Seeking companionship with a good man. Ad#:539573

THIS IS IT
DWF, 52, young-looking Jewish lady, medium to large build, humorous. Enjoys art fairs, crafting. Seeking supportive, financially stable SWM, 40-65. Give me a try. Ad#:532334

SHARE A MOONLIT NIGHT
Bubbly SWF, 55, 5'4", 135 lbs, red-dish/blonde hair, hazel eyes. Enjoys bowling, sports and exercise. Looking for a sincere, good-humored SWM, 50-62. Ad#:493215

LOOKING FOR FUN
SW Mom, 34, outgoing, cheerful, employed full-time, smoker, seeking a SWM, age not important. She enjoys talking, being with her friends, going to clubs and getting to know people. Ad#:531198

LOOKING FOR A COP
Capture this SWF, 30, 5'11", with wavy blonde hair. Can't believe I'm doing this, thought I'd try anyway. Enjoys true novels, painting, sculpture, interior design. Seeking a good friend SWM, 35-45. Ad#:531139

HAPPY GO LUCKY
SBF, 31, 5'6", great sense of humor who enjoys decorating, cooking and reading. Seeking honest, trustworthy, respectful, intelligent SM, 31-50, has zest for life. Ad#:506016

DINNER?
Easygoing, attractive SWF, 29, enjoys dining out, clubs and long walks in the park. Looking for a laid-back, good-looking SBM, 29-39. Ad#:506117

NAUGHTY & NICE
SWF, 45, no dependents, social drinker, and smokes. Seeking SWM, 45-55, with a Harley. Ready for riding the open roads. Ad#:449543

LOOKING FOR ME?
SBF, 24 years old, in search of a hardworking SBM, 24-35, who believes in the Lord, enjoys movies, biking and having fun. Ad#:505295

DO I INTEREST YOU?
I'm a brown-eyed SB Mom, 23, 5'4", 185 lbs., who likes movies and partying. I'd like to find an older SM, who is outgoing, laid-back and likes to have fun. Ad#:505101



EXTRA NICE
Blonde, blue-eyed, proportionate SWF, 42, outgoing, bubbly, amiable, not shy. I like motorcycling, boating, hockey. Seeks monogamous relationship with SWM, 37-55, soul mate. Ad#:539134

FORMER MODEL
SWF, 49, 5'6", 125 lbs., slender, smoker, social drinker. Loves art museums, camping and more. Seeking an easygoing, attractive, creative SWM, 38-49, who likes to dance and is a music lover. Ad#:538187

CALL ME
23 year old single black female, searching for a professional, outgoing single white male, 30-40. Ad#:536248

WALK MY PIER
Slim, easygoing SWF, 58, is serious-minded, confident, knowledgeable. Enjoys summers and winters, going places, golf, boating. Seeking SWM, 55-68, for sharing, caring and warmth. Ad#:506784

STARRY NIGHT DRIVE
SWF, 60, 5'6" medium build, auburn hair, green eyes. Enjoys travel, outdoors & gardening. Seeking tall, educated, Indian descent M, 55-60, with same interests & family values. Ad#:534311

LOVES TO TALK
Faithful SW Mom, 37, 5'2", with brown, highlighted hair & blueish-green eyes. Interested in movies, dining out, cuddling and family outings. Seeking an honest, fun-loving SBM, 28+, who isn't afraid to be himself. Ad#:534212

TIRED OF BEING ALONE
SWF, young 50 years old, medium build, easygoing, fun-loving. I'm a versatile, loves home life to museums. Seeking warm, gentle, down-to-earth SWM, 45-65, for long walks, conversation. Ad#:533963

PATIENTLY WAITING FOR YOU
SWF, 60, auburn hair, green eyes, professional. Enjoys travel, weekend get-a-ways, camping, cuddling and more. Seeking a SWM, 57-70, who is loving, humorous, N/S, N/D, fun and affectionate. Ad#:405309

KINDRED SPIRIT
Looking for conversational companionship with a quality gentleman, 72-76. I am attractive, fun SWF, 72, Christian, local. Ad#:533625

ENJOY LIFE
SWF, 37, 5'7", with blue eyes and brown hair. Interests are time with her children, camping, basketball, golfing, music and concerts. Looking for a SWM, 30-45, who is fun to be around. Ad#:444655

A NEW FRIEND
26 year old East Indian SF, 5'4", 160 lbs., blond hair, brown eyes, quiet-natured. Enjoys sports and walks. Seeking an outgoing, honest, caring SHM, between 21-28. Ad#:509755

FULL OF LIFE
SWF, 5'7", 41, blonde hair/blue eyes, proportionally fit. Loves life! Enjoys hiking, travel, the beach and more. Seeking a SWM, 49 or older with similar interests for companionship leading to a possible relationship. Ad#:507331

ARE YOU EXCEPTIONAL?
Educated, well-traveled, energetic, warm, SWCF, 45, N/S. Enjoys working out, cooking, pool, golf, antiquing, etc. Looking for an active, engaging, sweet SWM, under 55. Ad#:529268

KISSES REQUIRED
DWF, 50, green-eyed blonde, needs tender, loving care. Enjoys animals, the arts, conversation and nature. Looking for an intelligent SM, 40-60, for friendship, and possibly more. Ad#:529249

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
I'm a SBF, 52, 5'5", with black hair & brown eyes, who enjoys bowling & jazz. Seeking an outgoing, smart SBM, 48-58, with a great sense of humor. Ad#:528909

MULTI- INTERESTED AAF
SBF, 50, homeowner, has teenage son, enjoys gardening and meeting new people. Seeking SM, 40-60, race unimportant. Ad#:528623

CALL ME
SNA Mom, 26, 5'4", 160 lbs., seeks tall, thin SM, 21-29, with a mustache & eyebrow piercing. Ad#:519034

HONORABLE
Bright, fun, SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, long blonde hair, brown eyes, new to the area. Enjoys skiing, running daily, eating well & staying active. In search of an outgoing, tall, slender, sincere, intelligent SWM, 45-60, with various interests. Ad#:516494

LIFE OF THE PARTY
Attractive, fun, creative SBF, 39, loves to laugh. Enjoys dinner parties, travel and scrap booking. Looking for a chivalrous SM, 35-50. Ad#:512335

MAKE TIME FOR ME
I'm a 46 year old SWF, with blonde hair, who's been looking for romance in all the wrong places. Seeking a good-natured, humorous, talkative, gentle, kind SWCM, 34-45, for romance and companionship. I prefer someone without children. Ad#:505052

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SOAR WITH ME
I am a SWM, 61, pilot who enjoys sand and sun, beaches, warm weather, flying, travel, etc. I would like to meet a SF, 48-58, in the White Lake area. All calls returned. Ad#:481076

COMMON INTERESTS?
Secure, SWM, 32, 5'8", blue eyes, brown hair. Loves cooking, movies, sports and kids. Looking for a SWF, 25-36, height/weight proportionate. Genesee County only. Ad#:576294

NOTHING VENTURED, NOTHING GAINED
SWM, 51, with brown hair and a wide variety of interests. Searching for a petite to average built, SF, 38-54, who is down-to-earth, sincere and honest. Ad#:419021

MATE FOR LIFE
SWM, 53, 5'11", 195 lbs., brown hair and blue eyes. Seeking a classy, sweet and sexy SF, under 49, height/weight proportionate, who would like to share life with him at his Florida and Michigan homes. Ad#:576225

ARCHERY LOVER
SWM, 51, 6'2", 230 lbs., outdoor guy who is honest, clean-cut and trustworthy. Seeking a tall, good-looking girl with a nice figure who also enjoys archery. Ad#:575961

THE TIME IS NOW
Outgoing and caring SWM, 20, 5'5", 155 lbs., brown hair and green eyes. Enjoys the outdoors, movies, sports, animals and cuddling. In search of a funny and outgoing SWF, 19-27, who is willing to share her life. Ad#:575891

ONE MAN FOR YOU
SWM, 50, 5'11", 195 lbs., brown hair and eyes, clean cut. Searching for a weight/height-proportioned, monogamous SWF, 35-55, who enjoys gardening, long drives, country life, and the simple things life has to offer. Ad#:557006

DON'T USE ME...
Very fit SWM, 40, 6'2", with green eyes and blond hair. I'm fun, dependable, outgoing, hardworking, and I love NASCAR! Hope to meet a caring, honest, responsible SF, under 55, who has time for a good, strong relationship. Ad#:564348

LEARN ABOUT EACH OTHER
SWM, 54, 6'3", 265 lbs., friendly, but shy. He loves riding his motorcycle, and he's searching for a SWF, 45-55, who will take care of him, and wants to be cared for in return. Ad#:575580

HARLEY DAVIDSON MAN
I am 6', with brown hair, outgoing, fun, SWM, 42, with many hobbies. Seeking fun, adventurous, outdoors woman, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad#:571055

EASY TO TALK TO!
Single white male, 45, 6'2", 209 lbs., muscular, athletic, brown hair, blue eyes, clean-cut, degree, never married, no dependents, outgoing personality. Enjoys roller blading, working out, etc. Seeks a friendly, single female. Wayne County. Ad#:404066

GIVE A CALL
I'm a SBM, 47, 6'1", 200 lbs., who enjoys movies, concerts, and sports. I'm seeking an attractive, spontaneous, curvy, well-proportioned, SBF, 37-50, 5'6"-6', with a light complexion. Ad#:575427

HAVE FUN TOGETHER
SBM, 61, 6'1", with short hair, and brown eyes. Into racquetball, roller-skating, walks & football. Looking to meet an understanding, SBF with a good sense of humor. Ad#:575348

YOURS TRULY
DWM, 61, 5'10", brown hair, white hair, with various interests. In search of sincere, D/SWF, 40-60, for companionship and relationship. Ad#:573810

LOVE THE OUTDOORS
SWM, 58, 5'7", medium build. Loves the outdoors. Seeks fit lady, 45-57, for weekend activities, possible romance. Ad#:403918

GENTLE SOUL
Others say, I'm funny, compassionate, loving, huggable, SBM, 33, 242 lbs., bald, love to joke around. Looking for an voluptuous, SHF, 29-36, someone who is non-judgmental just like me. Ad#:572149

NUBIAN KING
SBM, 31, strong, sincere, gentle. Just here to meet a nice SF, whose caring and interested in a one-on-one relationship. Ad#:571594

WORTH A CALL
Quiet, shy SWM, 51, 6', 210 lbs., disabled, brown eyes, salt & pepper hair. Enjoys woodworking, movies, and working on cars & his house. Seeking a well-balanced, SWF, 45-57, to share life with. Ad#:571450

HIGH ON LIFE
SBM, 19, with a nice smile. Looking for long term relationship with a beautiful, intelligent, SBF, 19-29, has future goals. Ad#:571433

HELLO LADIES
Seeing is believing this man of his word. SBM, 22, strong-willed, straight teeth, stocky build & attractive. Seeking a SF, 18 and up, open-minded. Calls returned. Ad#:570426

CAN WE TALK?
SWM, 35, 6', 220 lbs., with brown hair & eyes, kind of shy at first. Likes watching/playing sports, and hopes to meet a SWF, 18+, who will be there for him. Ad#:569189

DON'T BE BASHFUL
Nice, intelligent, handsome, SBM, 28, with dynamite smile. Looking for my little sweetheart, 22 plus. Let's chill & spend time together then, see where this goes. Ad#:568808

MY HEART'S DREAM
I'm a 60 years old, 6'2", with salt and pepper hair, beard, amusing, SBM. I would love to play music. Love of good blues and jazz. I'm seeking a worldly, SF, 47-60, who knows herself. Ad#:568526

NO LIARS
Fun, smooth, and laid back, SBM, 23, 5'11", brown hair and eyes. Enjoys pool, drawing, basketball, movies and dining out. Looking for intelligent and honest, SBF, 18+, with a good head on her shoulders. Ad#:568425

IN SEARCH OF LOVE
SWM, 52, with brown hair and a mustache. Enjoys dining out, the outdoors, etc. Looking for a SWF, 40-53, who is looking for a long-term relationship. Flint area. Ad#:420370

HUGS & KISSES
Loving, affectionate, SWM, 39, 5'8", 140 lbs. dark golden brownish hair, crystal blue eyes. Enjoy biking, volleyball, frisbee, or relaxing in the sun. Seeking N/S SF, 21-45, with an intuitive personality, good sense of humor and who is into sports. Ad#:566013

SHARE MY WORLD
Witty, honest, SWM, 43, 5'9", 160 lbs. blonde hair, blue eyes. Enjoys fishing, the beach/ocean, walking my dogs, and woodworking. Looking for SWF, 32-51, who likes to try new things, including sports. Ad#:565685

LIFE IS BETTER SHARED
White male, dentist, 6', 173 lbs., 54, very successful and attractive. Seeking a white female, 38 to 53, 5'4" plus, slim, non-smoker, very attractive and physically fit, who loves fine dining, travel, cuddling and seeking a best friend. Ad#:403950

EDUCATED PROFESSIONAL
SWM, 45, 5'8", fit, light brown hair, blue eyes. Looking for a passionate, compassionate, professional SWF, 28-45. LIVONIA area only. Ad#:449863

DON'T SETTLE FOR LESS...
SBM, 21 years old, a fun, caring person. Enjoys fishing, writing, strolls in the park and vacations. Seeking a loving, kind, warm SF, 19+, who is willing to give him her all. Ad#:564284

UNIQUELY DIFFERENT
A real twist from the ordinary. SWM, 40, athletic-build, good-looking, shy at first. Looking for a sensitive, SWF, 22-48, to develop a loving relationship. Ad#:564208

HOW QUAINT
Attractive, professional, secure, DWM, 59, would like to meet lady of quality values, for growth, communication and sincere relationship. Ad#:564207

END MY SEARCH
DWM, 47, 5'11", 160 lbs., enjoys sports, quiet times and more. Seeking a slender, petite SWF, 25-50, to share interests together. Ad#:563734

ALL AROUND GUY
SBM, 42, brown eyes, easygoing, fun, lovable, chef. Enjoys basketball, cooking, spending time with family and friends. Seeking SBF, 40-45, who loves to laugh. Ad#:563199

SOMEBODY'S MAN
SWM, 55, smoker, seeking slender to medium-build SWF, 45-55, to chat with, go places, enjoy variety of fun, etc. Give me a call. LAVONIA area. Ad#:536393

NO EXTRA BAGGAGE
SWM, 48, who likes the outdoors, fishing, camping, boating and animals. Seeking SWF, 38-48, for a soulmate, to have some nice times together. Ad#:480941

A POEM 4 U
Just two ugly oysters needing two pearls, we're two lonely guys in search of two girls. One drinks, the other smokes, one is serious the other jokes. One is 44, the other is 10 more, good friends looking for fun, and possibly more. Ad#:562082

DEVOTED DAD
26 year old, single white male, social drinker, seeks a fun-loving, single white female, 21+, who likes kids. Ad#:561845

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Friendly DWM, 36, muscular, open-minded and respectful. Enjoys cooking, bowling, cruising around, fishing, movies, art work, etc. Searching for a happy relationship with a reasonably fit, active, communicative SF, under 42. Single Moms OK. Ad#:503512

KING OF HEARTS
Long blond hair, nice-build, SWM, 38, smoker, enjoys dinner and conversation. Looking for a beautiful SBF, 20-40, with similar interests. Someone to share fun with. Ad#:560982

COMMITTED
DWM, 46, professional, tall, slim, with brown hair. Enjoys the outdoors, hiking, camping, picnics, galleries, etc. Looking for a fun SWF, 35-45, for friendship first, that can develop into a long-term relationship. Ad#:443620

FIRE & PASSION
SWM, 35, brown hair/eyes, slender-build, loves animals. Would like to meet a very attractive, older, sexy woman, 30-70, who would like to meet a younger man. Ad#:560502

LET-S JUST TALK
SHM, 22, 5'7", long hair. Looking for a SBF, 18-35, to have good conversations with and then see what develops from there. Ad#:559607

SEARCHING FOR YOU
6'5", SWM, 39, who likes concerts, dining, sporting events. Would like to meet a SWF, 21-39, to spend quality time with and possibly a LTR. Ad#:559315

EARLY CHRISTMAS GIFT
Tall, light brown hair, hazel eyes, nice-looking, serious, funny, highly motivated, SWM, 41. Interests include salmon fishing, boating and socializing. I'm looking for a friendly, warm, SWF, 32-46, with integrity. Ad#:559156

SEEKING SPECIAL LADY
Easygoing, sincere, romantic, down-to-earth SWM, 33, 5'9", 180 lbs., brown hair/eyes. Enjoys cuddling, movies at home and dining out. Looking for an outgoing, affectionate, happy SHF, under 35, who knows where she is going in life. Ad#:558339

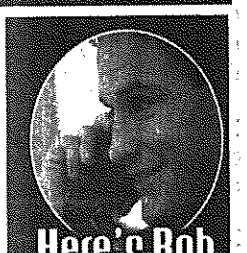
COULD THIS BE IT?
SWM, 44, 5'9", 175 lbs., dark hair. Looking for a fun, SWF, 36-46, for a possible permanent relationship. Ad#:558264

LIGHT UP MY LIFE
SWM, 23, 6'1, 150 lbs., black hair, brown eyes. Enjoys sports and outdoor activities. Seeking a sweet, honest and fun, SWF, 18-32, with a gorgeous smile. Ad#:558084

MUSCLE FEVER
New to Michigan. Attractive, 36, 6'3", SWM. Enjoys sports, concerts, travel, dining out and much more. Seeks female bodybuilder for dating and possibly more. Ad#:532058

STOP, LOOK & CALL!
DWM, 49, medium build. Enjoys the outdoors, home cooking and more. Seeking a SWF, 45-52, who is seeking a long-term relationship. Serious replies only, no games please. Redford area. Ad#:411537

TIRED OF BEING ALONE
SWM, 49, hardworking, 5'8", 175 lbs. Seeking a SWF, 45-48, who is easygoing, intelligent and fit, for a long-term relationship in the Redford area only. No E-mails please! Ad#:406401



CATCH OF THE DAY
Light, dimpled, educated, fun, loving, SBM, 22, likes reading poetry and watching television, seeking SBF, 18-29, head turner. Ad#:556358

A GOOD CATCH
Tall, sensitive SWM, 33, brown hair/eyes, likes hunting, fishing, reading, campfires and social events. Seeking an open, honest, goal-oriented SWF, 24-36. Ad#:556156

VERY COMMITTED
Funny, considerate, SWM, 33, 6', 230 lbs., with brown hair & eyes. I enjoy restoring my sports car, biking, miniature golf, movies, and cuddling on the couch. Hoping to meet an open, outgoing, assertive, SWF, 28-38, who likes to smile. Ad#:555410

ALL CALLS RETURNED
Very nice, SWM, 22, humorous, loyal. Enjoys skating, movies, watching television. Seeking a pretty, SW lady, drug/alcohol free, just for conversation, time out and chilling. Ad#:555152

RESPECTFUL
Dark hair, medium-build, polite, fun, SWM, 35, he plays racquet ball, golf and jogs. Good communicator. Seeking direct, SF, goals/interests important. Ad#:554870

EXTREMELY NICE
Young/attractive-looking SBM, 48, no dependents, transportation. I prefer/appreciate larger-sized woman, 200-350 lbs., D/SWF, 40-55. I like dining out, gardening, long drives, cuddling with someone special. Ad#:554832

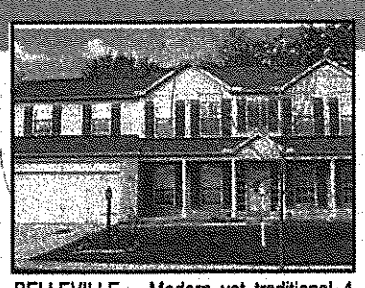
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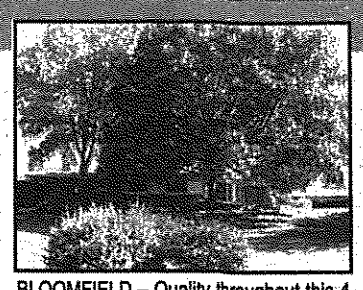
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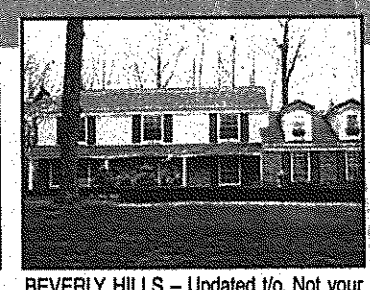
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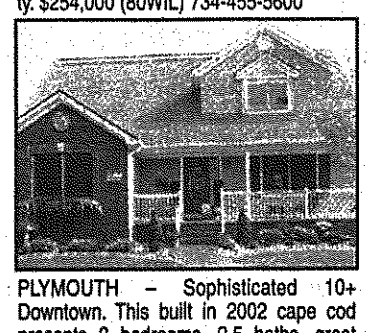
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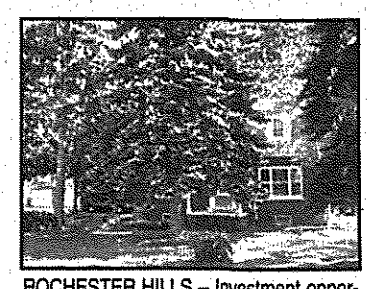
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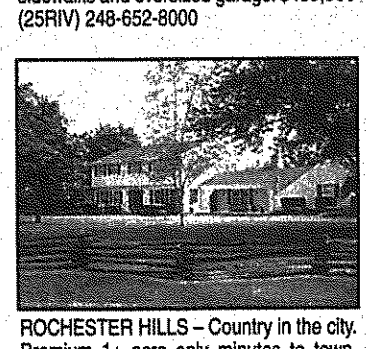
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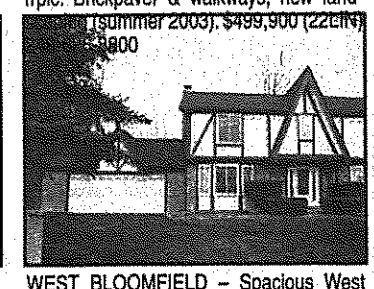
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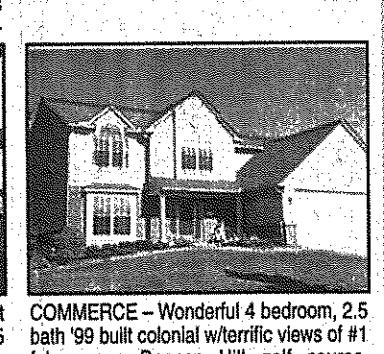
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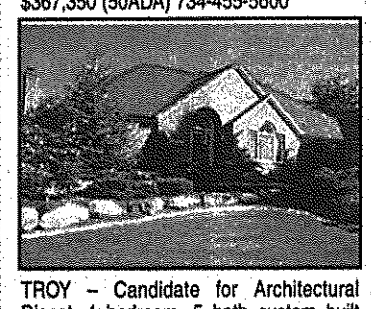
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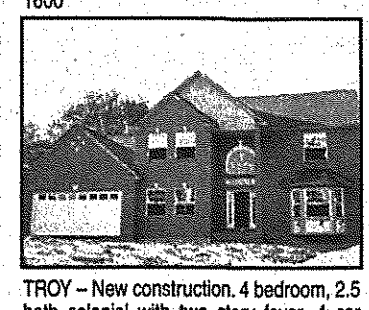
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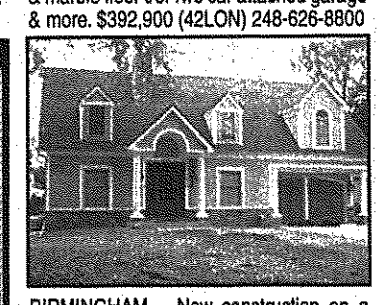


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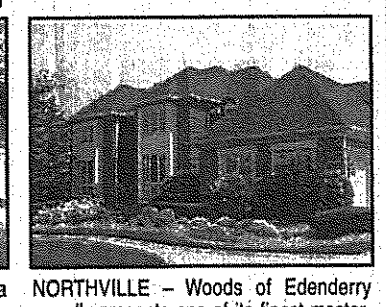


TROY – New construction. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial with two story foyer, 4 car tandem garage and large wooded lot. Kitchen with oak cabinets, island, granite counters. Luxury master bedroom suite with jetted tub and separate shower. $419,900 (43EVA) 248-524-1600

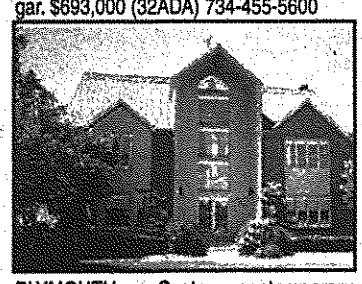
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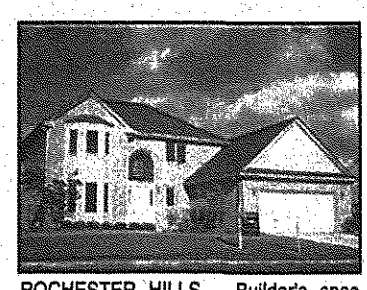
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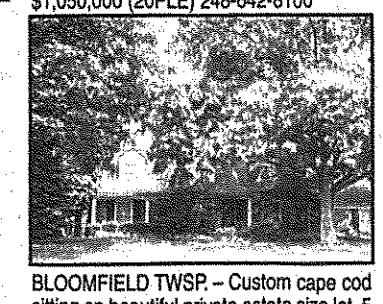
PLYMOUTH – Custom contemporary home. Exquisite thru-out! 3 story atrium foyer, spiral oak staircase, GR w/fireplace pens to sunroom, kitchen w/newer granite counters, formal DR w/hdwd floor, library or music room, master suite w/fireplace, jetted tub, fin LL walk-out to inground pool. $675,000 (77WES) 734-455-5600



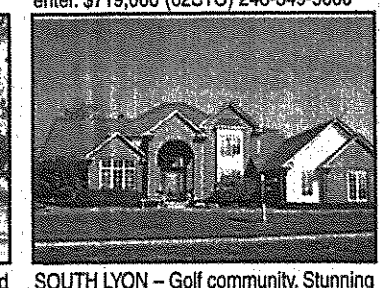
ROCHESTER HILLS – Builder's spec colonial with dimensional shingles, maple kitchen cabinets, ceramic tile bath, bay windows and marble surround gas fireplace. Deep waterproofed basement with warranty. Master bath with Jacuzzi tub. $319,900 (21GRA) 248-524-1600

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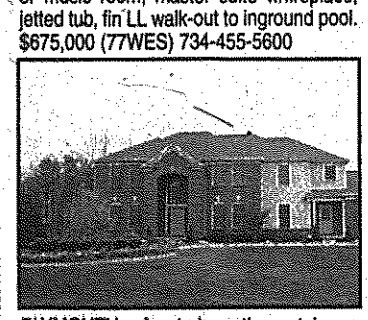
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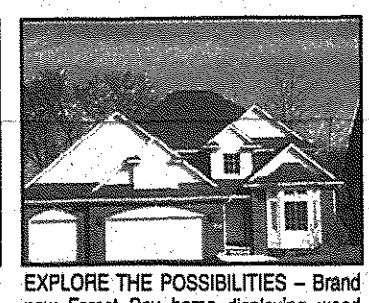
SOUTH LYON – Golf community. Stunning 4 bedroom, 2+ 2 bath cape cod w/golf view in front & nature preserve in back. FF master. Large gourmet kitchen, 2 story great room w/gas fireplace. Finished walk-out basement w/loads of storage. South Lyon Schools. $579,900 (00COU) 248-349-5600



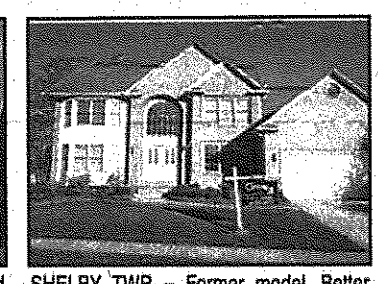
PLYMOUTH – A cut above the rest. Large 4 bedroom, 3 full & 2.5 bath colonial built in 2000 presents basement, 3 car attached garage, dual staircase, gourmet kitchen w/island, master bedroom w/sitting area & master bath, 2-way fireplace + deck & patio. $589,900 (75PLY) 734-455-5600



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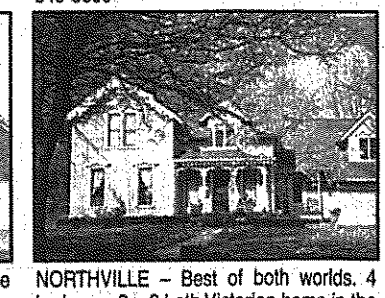
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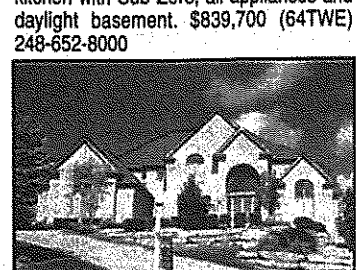
CLARKSTON – Beautiful 2 story home w/daylight basement plumbed for bath, attached garage and very generous room sizes. Master bedroom suite w/separate tub and shower, his and her closets and many other upgrades. $400,000 (65MON) 248-642-8100



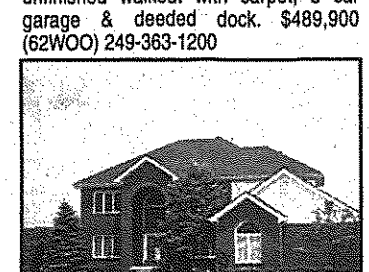
NORTHVILLE – Best of both worlds. 4 bedroom, 2 + 2 bath Victorian home in the heart of the historic district w/complete renovation in 1998. Huge kit w/hearth room & panoramic view. Cust cabs & premium stainless appls. Lg veranda w/hardwood floor. Featured in 2001 historic home tour. $849,900 (24RAN) 248-349-5600



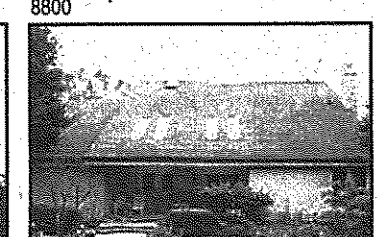
PLYMOUTH – Ranch w/finished walk-out. One of a kind custom built 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home. Awesome finished lower level w/wet bar. Very spacious. Backs to woods. Clean & updated. $409,900 (36CHA) 734-455-5600



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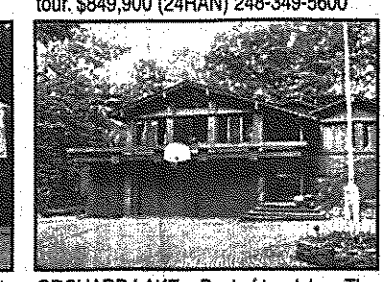
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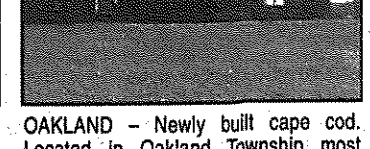
BEVERLY HILLS – Peaceful valley best describes the setting for this large 4 bedroom, 2.1 bath home sitting on approximately 3/4 acre beautiful lot. Updated roof, furnace, hot water heater and walk out basement. Home warranty provided. $384,900 (70WES) 248-642-8100



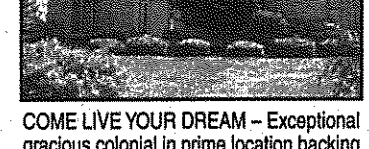
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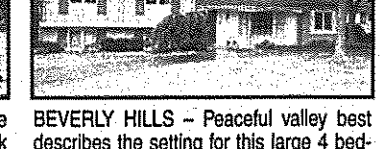
BIRMINGHAM – Designers own home is gorgeous. Stunning limestone, cherry fireplace, kitchen to die for, commercial six burner Viking range, Sub Zero and Bosch. Marble counters, hardwood floors, all marble and granite 3.5 baths. $679,000 (40BIR) 248-652-8000



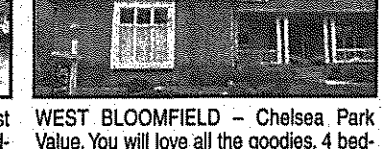
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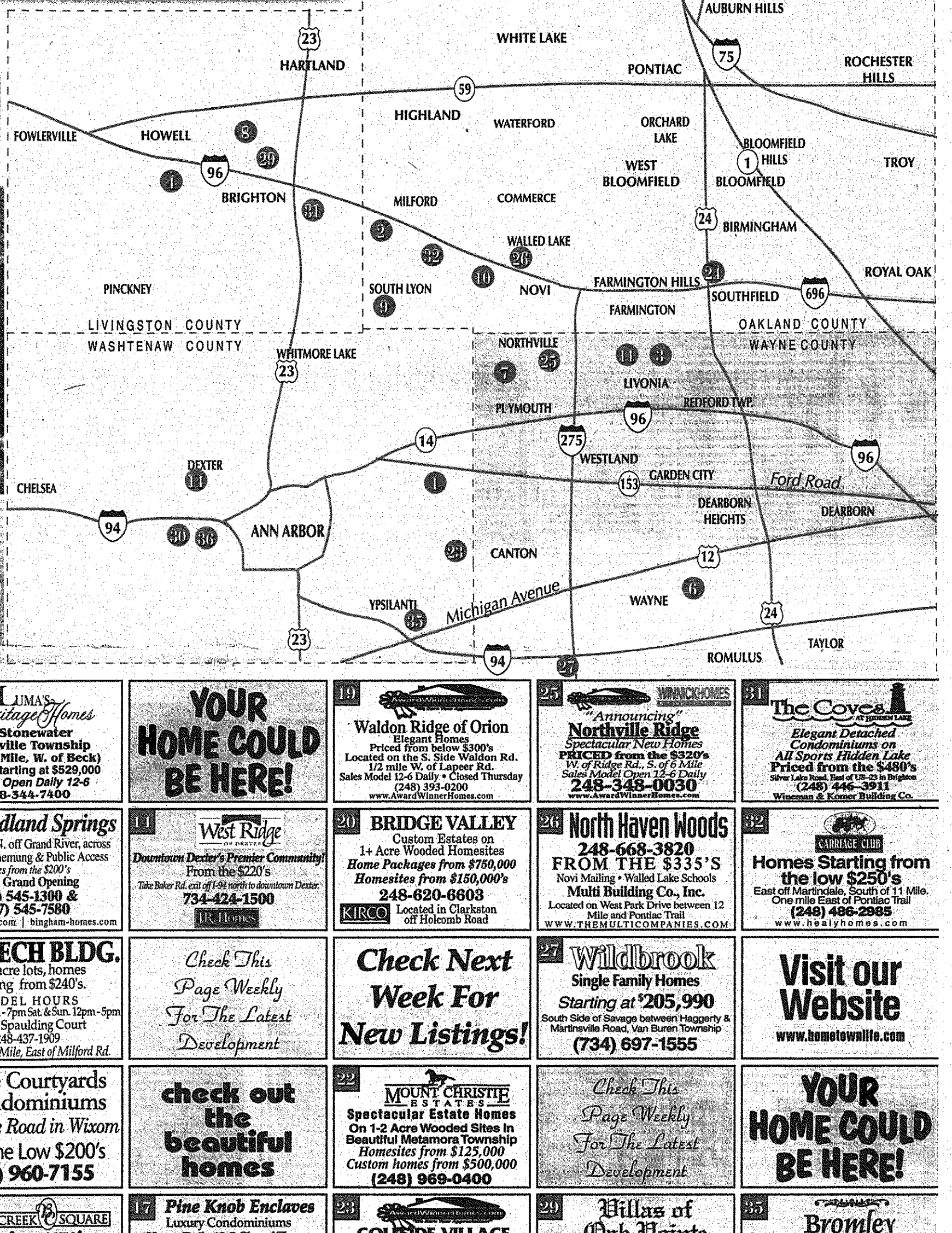
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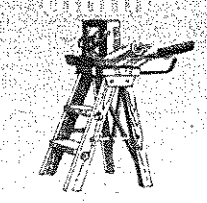
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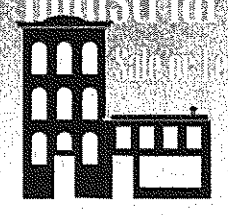
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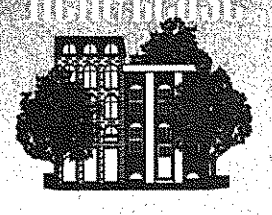
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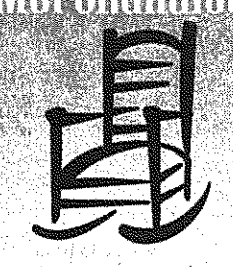
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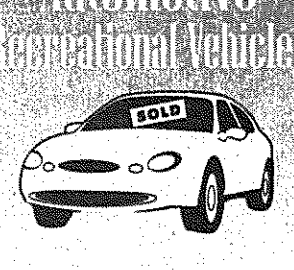
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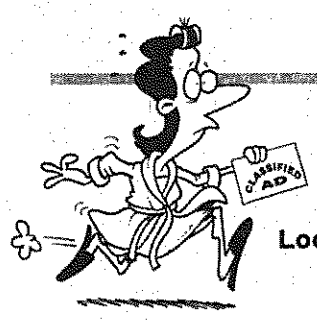
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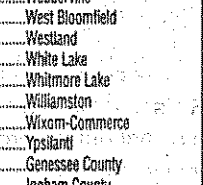
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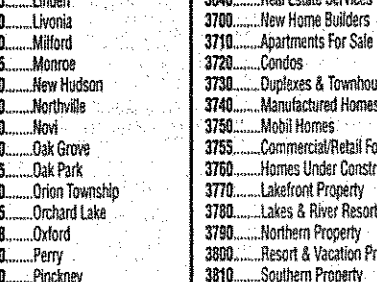
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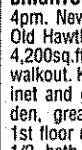
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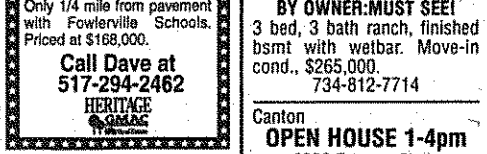
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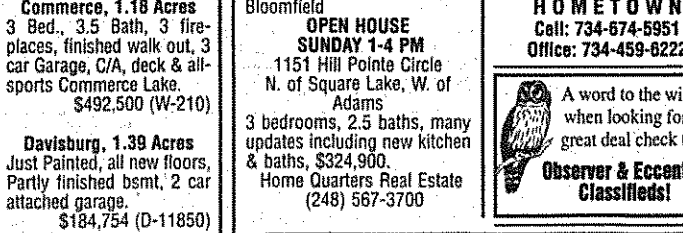
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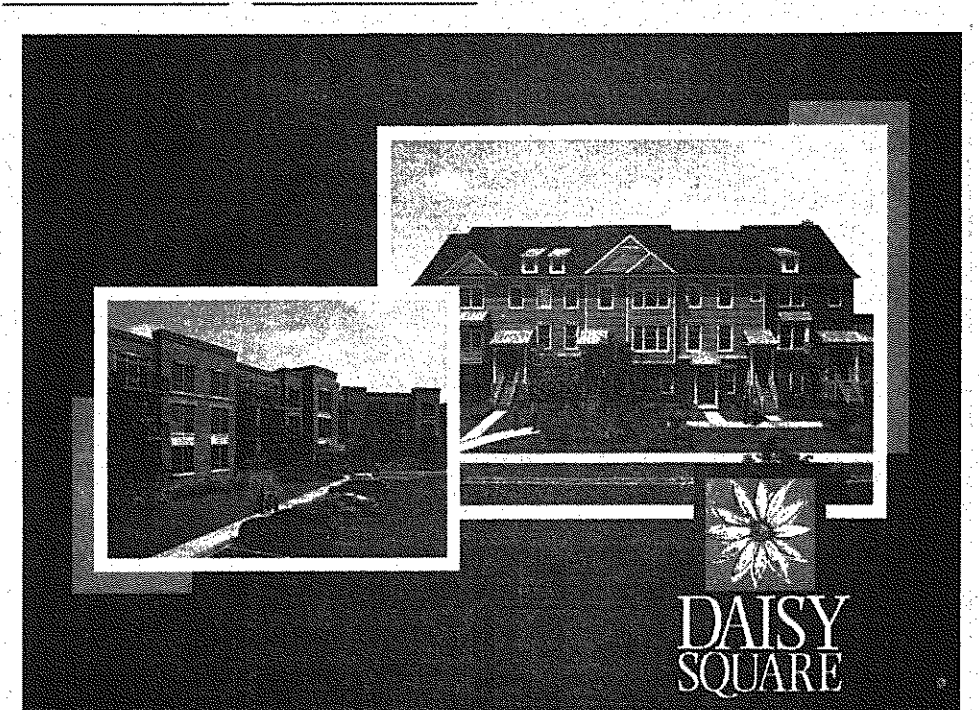
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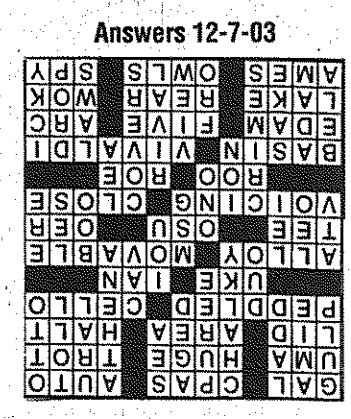
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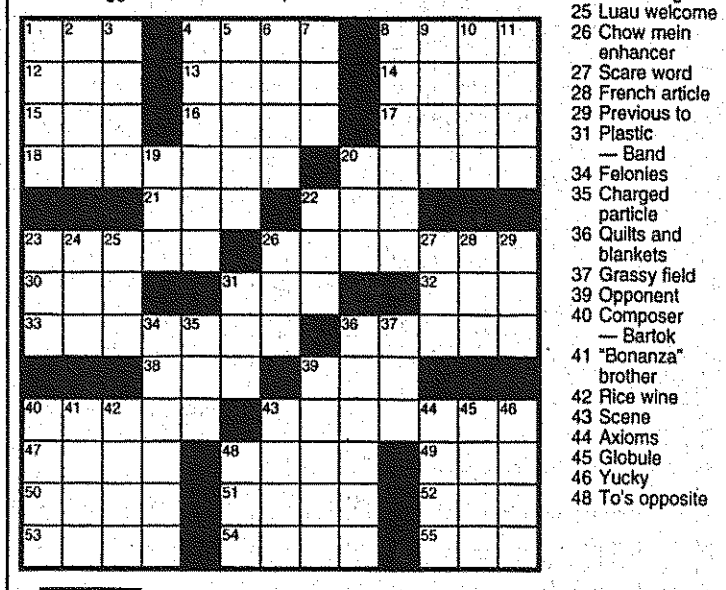
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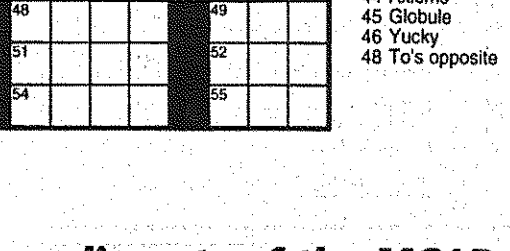
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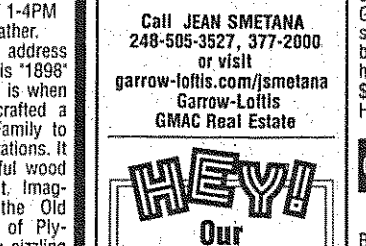


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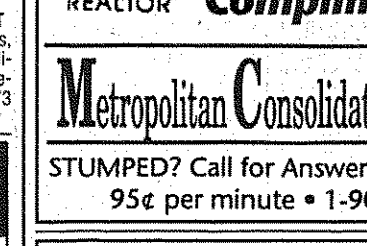
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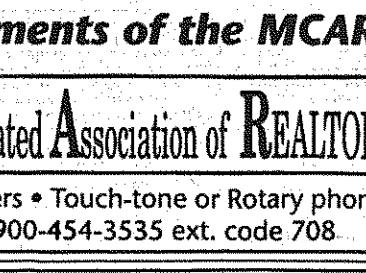
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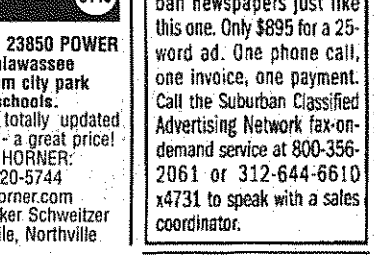
LIVONIA – 1/2 acre lot in quiet country sub in central Livonia. 1,900 sq. ft. Cape Cod offers living room with fireplace, family room, finished basement and updates throughout. Oversized mechanics 2 car garage with loft. Call Marilyn Handloser.
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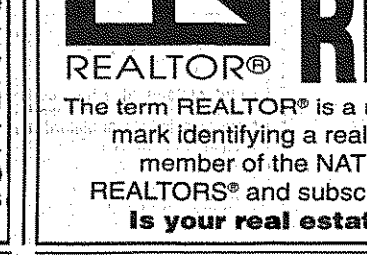
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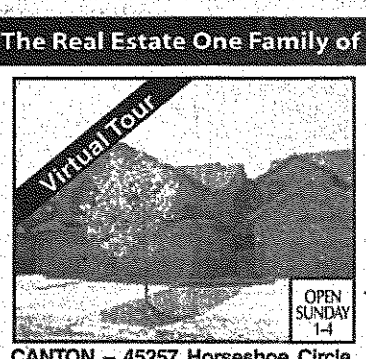
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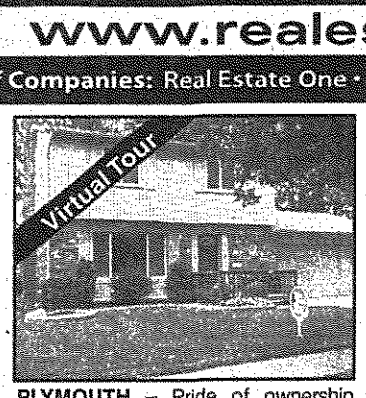
CANTON – Charming Colonial located on quiet cul-de-sac. Large eat-in kitchen with new dishwasher, bay window, beautiful hardwood throughout. Fireplace, new carpet, 6 panel doors, newer roof and more! Call Sylvia Florence-Albert.
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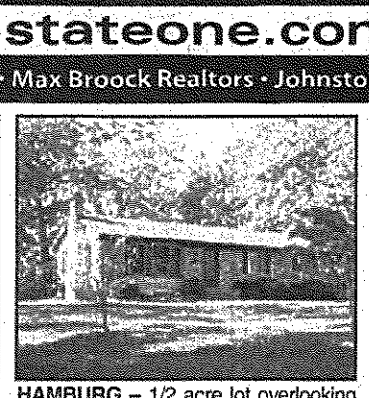
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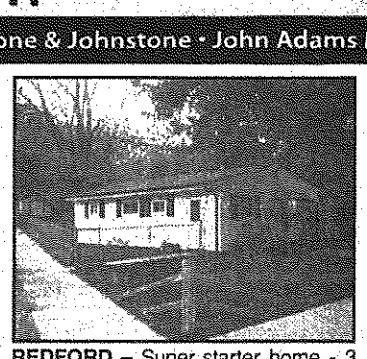
DEARBORN HEIGHTS – Hawthorne Hills sub. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, finished basement, 10x14 Florida room, 2 car side entry garage. All new items: roof, windows, furnace with A/C, hwh, kitchen. All appliances stay. Call Mike Judge.
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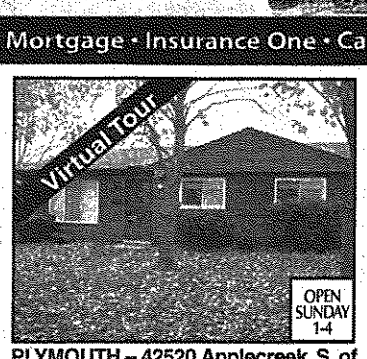
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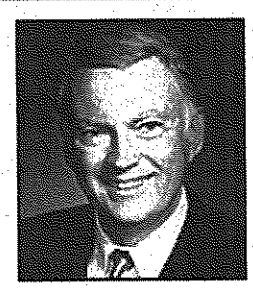
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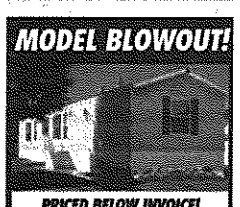
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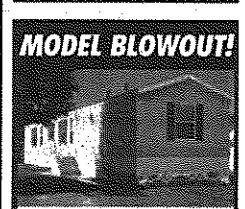
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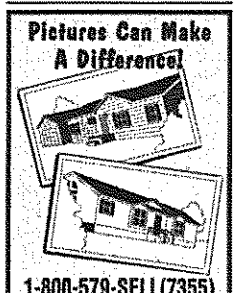
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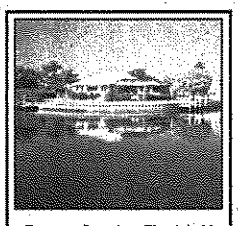
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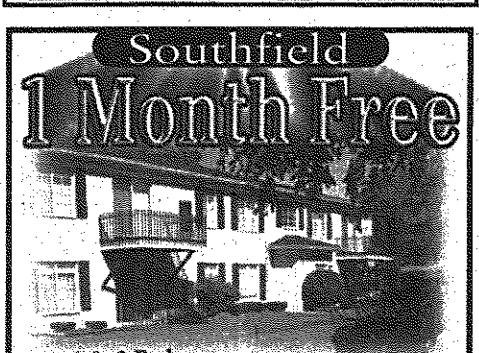
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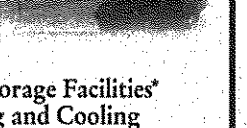
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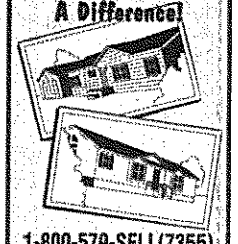
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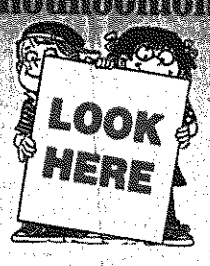
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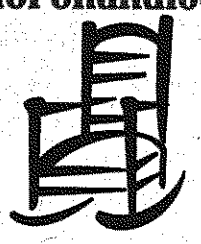
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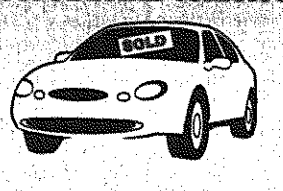
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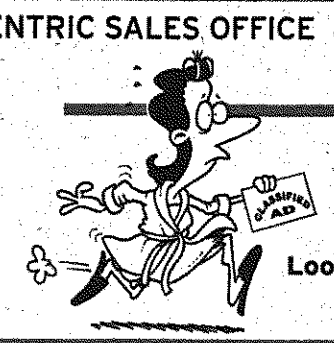
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In addition to leading and directing the daily activities of vending route drivers in the East Michigan region, this position ensures timely and complete customer service and satisfaction.

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Computer & Information Systems 5010

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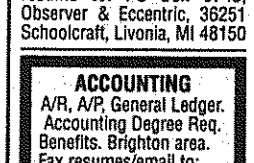
Office Clerical 5020

ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE
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19100 W. 8 Mile Rd.
Southfield, MI 48075 or to:
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Office Clerical 5020

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Full time for Walled Lake mfg. co. Job costing exp. preferred. Salary negotiable. Benefits after 90 days. Send resume to: Admin Asst positions, P.O. Box 761, Southfield, MI. 48037-0761 or email to: MRASalexis@aol.com

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Clerical / Part-Time
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Hegira Programs, Inc., 8623 N. Wayne Rd., Suite 200, Westland, MI 48185.

Customer Service Representatives/Managers
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Tel: 734-414-5400

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Assisting the payroll & accounts payable depts of an accounting firm. Prior exp. required. Send resume and salary requirements to Office Manager, 44744 Helm St., Plymouth, MI 48170-6023.

Office Clerical 5020

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GENERAL OFFICE ASSISTANT
For growing chiropractic office in Farmington Hills. 25+ hrs. Flexibility of hours required. Room for advancement. Potential full-time. Fax resume Attn: Clinic Administrator to: 248-471-6270

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LEGAL SECRETARY -
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LEGAL SECRETARY
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Office Clerical 5020

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RECEPTIONIST
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RECEPTIONIST
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Engineering 5030

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Dental 5040

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DENTAL ASSISTANT
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248-669-4030 or
fax resume to 248-669-3530.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Experience needed for Farmington Hills prosthodontic practice specializing in crown & bridge & implant surgery. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 8-5. Call Dr. Joel Zahler: 248-626-6656 (days) 248-851-1517 Eves or fax resume: 248-626-5023

Dental Assistant
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DENTAL ASSISTANT
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Dental 5040

DENTAL ASSISTANT Part-Time in our Plymouth office. Experienced or will train the right person. 734-453-0227

DENTAL ASSISTANT, Exp. Part-Time, Tues. & Thurs. Benefits avail. Westland /Livonia area. **734-522-6470**

DENTAL HYGIENIST
Part-Time. Wed. 11-7, Fri. 9-3. Livonia/Westland area. Call: 734-522-6470

DENTAL HYGIENIST
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Dental Patient Coordinators
Needed Mon-Fri for Southfield & Waterford practices; 1 position open in each office. Dental & insurance exp. required. Will be checking patients in/out, verifying insurance eligibility, collecting co-pays, etc. Excellent benefits including medical, paid vacations & holidays, 401k and more. Fax resume to (248) 203-1112 or email lweber@greatexpressions.com

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Medical 5060

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Medical 5060

CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT
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CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT
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17117 W. Nine Mile, Ste 1600
Southfield, MI 48075
Attn: HR
Fax: 248-559-2522
email: jobs@glhp.com
www.glhp.com
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EDUCATION COORDINATOR- For more details see www.angelahospice.org or fax resume to: 734) 779-4601

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Medical 5060

Medical
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Home Health Aides

For further information call 800-378-3016 or fax your resume to: 248-948-9569. EOE.

Heartland HOME HEALTH CARE & HOSPICE

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST
Internal Medicine practice seeking full-time receptionist. Great benefits package, excellent work environment. Medical office experience a must. Please fax resume to: 248-737-9774

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST
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MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST
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MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Busy Farmington orthopedic practice seeks Medical Assistant. 3 yrs+ working in a private physician office setting. Surgery boarding a plus. Certification preferred. Flexible person with a stable work history.
Fax: 248-937-5150

MEDICAL BILLER
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Medical 5060

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Harper Associates
www.harperjobs.com

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MEDICAL RECEPTIONISTS
National medical group with 18 local centers has an immediate full-time position available in Livonia. Competitive salary, excellent benefits, 401k, paid holidays. Fax resume to:
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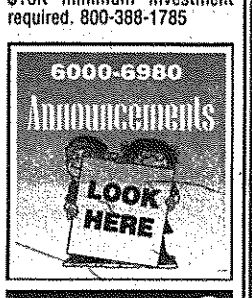
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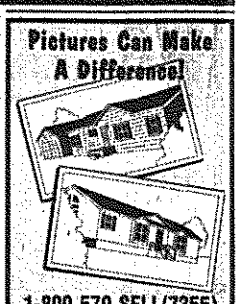
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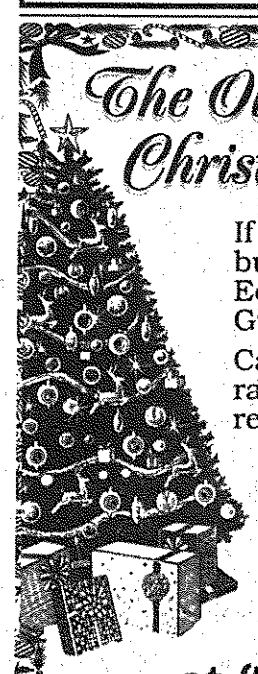
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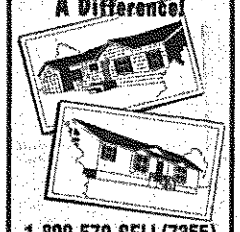
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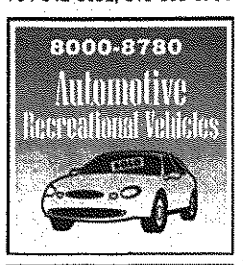
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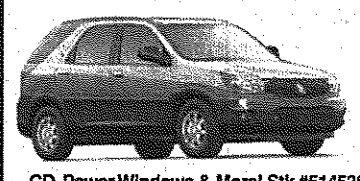
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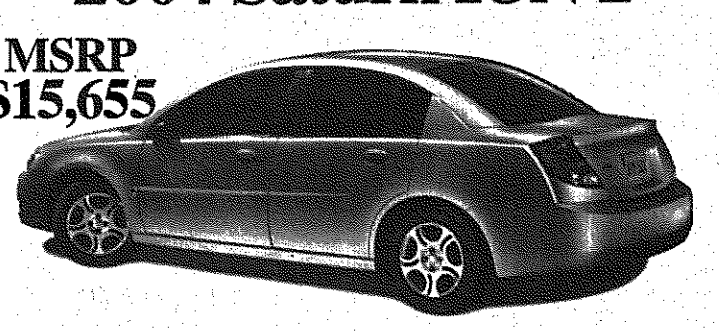
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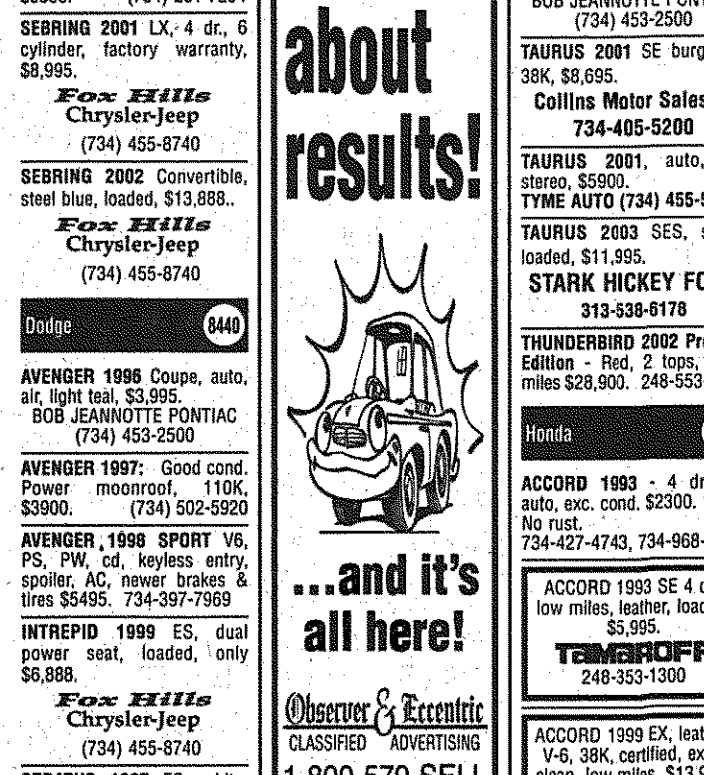
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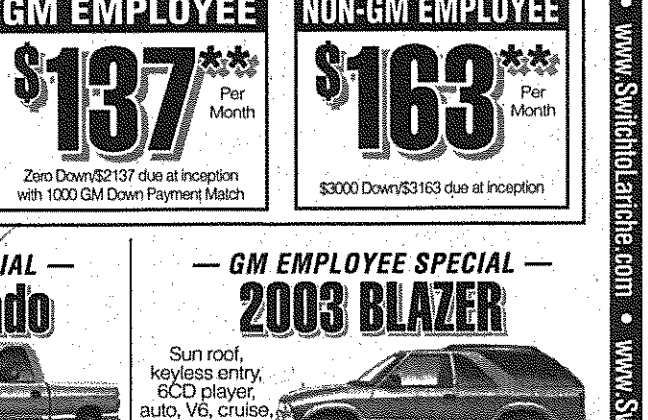
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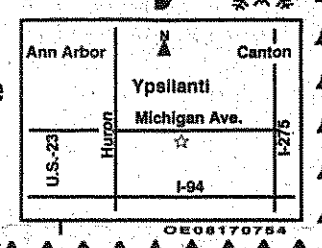
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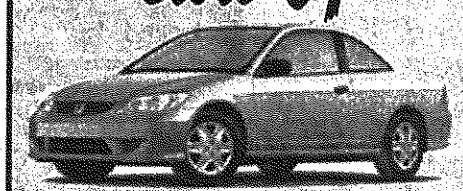
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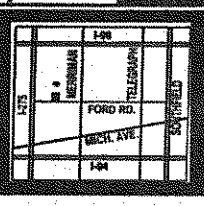
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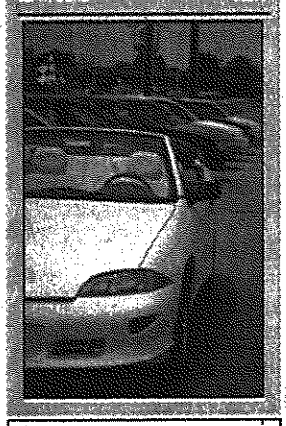
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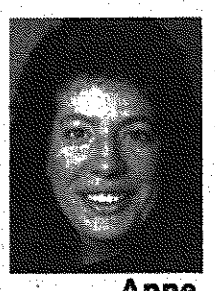
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2004 Toyota Sienna is great to have, if you have a lot of stuff!

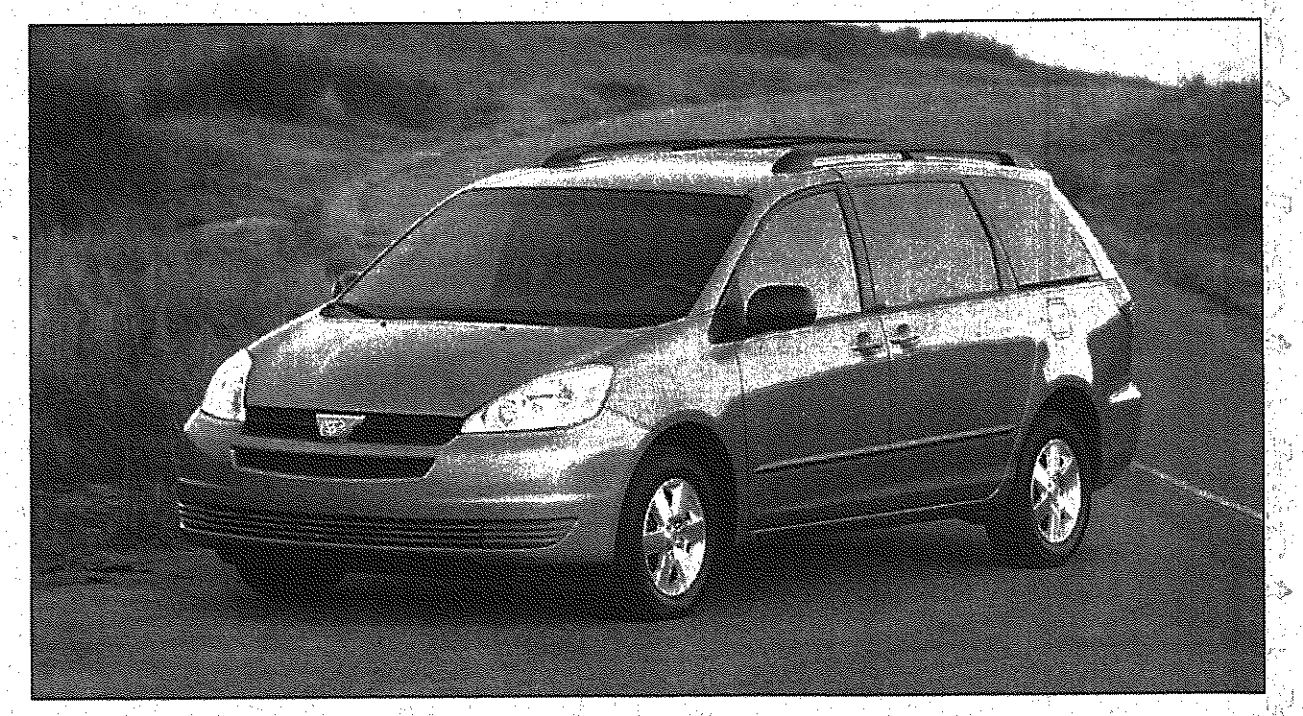
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2004 Toyota Sienna Vehicle class: Special purpose. Power: 3.3-liter DOHC V6. Mileage: 18 city / 24 highway. Where built: Princeton, Ind. Price as tested: $32,320.

There are so many storage spaces on the 2004 Toyota Sienna I'd bet you couldn't fill them all up. There are storage bins in the center console, in the instrument panel, above the glove box, in the arm rests in the door, under the arm rests in the door, in back of the seats, between passengers -- everywhere you look.
Comes in handy if you have a lot of stuff, I guess.
Seriously, the Sienna is very well laid out on the inside and Toyota engineers found a way to utilize every single bit of space in this minivan. There is absolutely no wasted space at all.
Even the rear cargo area -- even with the third row of seats in place -- is huge and recessed below the rear bumper. There's a total of 44 cubic feet of cargo area back there. Can't say that about most of the sport utility vehicles that have a third row of seats.
In back of second row of seats, there's 94.5 cubic feet of cargo volume, further enhancing how much stuff you can get back there. Finally, the third row bench seat is a 60/40 split and can fold flat to the floor with the easiest of operation. Either side of the seat can be stowed.
And with the second row seat taken out and the third row folded flat, you'll be able to handle four-by-eight foot sheets of plywood on the floor.
The Sienna is in its second revision and all the revisions are positive. Not only is it larger, has more interior room and has more power than ever before, there are also additional safety features added and the availability of all-wheel-drive as an option.
Let's see -- all that adding and revisions made should mean the price goes up, right? The Sienna's base price is actually lower this year than last year's model.
The Sienna was specifically engineered and designed for the North American market in Ann Arbor and provides a level of luxury that sets it apart from the rest of the minivan crowd.
There are four trim levels to choose from, depending on your tastes and the specific needs of you and your family: CE, LE, XLE and XLE Limited. All four are front-wheel-drive and available in seven- and eight-passenger seating arrangements.
Driven this week was the Sienna LE outfitted with all-wheel-drive. All models are powered by a 3.3-liter dual overhead cam V6 the variable valve timing with intelligence (VVT-I). This more powerful engine is mated to an all-new five-speed automatic transmission that has improved shift ability and allows better mileage.
The front-wheel-drive Sienna mileage is 19 mpg city and 27 mpg highway, while the all-wheel-drive versions mileage is 18/24.
Safety issues are all taken care of in the Sienna. There are multi-stage front airbags, anti-lock braking system with brake assist, vehicle stability control (VSC) with Traction Control (TRAC), three point seatbelts in all seating positions, side impact door beams, child protector sliding door locks and child seat tethers.
On the all-wheel-drive models are equipped with 17-inch run-flat tires as standard equipment. The tires are made with reinforced sidewalls that allow you to drive for up to 100 miles at 55 mph with no air in the tire.
There are 10 cupholders and four bottle holders, three 12-volt power outlets and a heavy-duty rear window defogger with timer.
There were many quiet rides in the Sienna this week thanks to the DVD rear seat entertainment system. It features wireless headphones and a remote control.
Some neat options you can outfit the Sienna with include a navigation system with rear-view camera, rear seat audio, cruise control, 115-volt outlets, second and third row sunshades and a JLB AM/FM/cassette/six-CD changer with 10-speaker surround sound system.
Standard on the LE driven were a roof rack, heated power mirrors, privacy glass, windshield wiper de-icer, front and rear A/C and heater, driver's power window with automatic up and down, power windows in the second row of seats, rear quarter windows, folding tray table, vanity mirrors, tilt steering wheel with audio controls and cruise control.
The Sienna is a little pricey for a minivan, however the amount of value you get for that sum makes it more than a minivan. It's more like a luxury van. I enjoyed the week in the Sienna.

Go check one out.

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