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Identity theft is a tough egg to crack

Identity theft can happen to anyone. Lose your wallet, especially your Social Security card, credit cards or any other personal information and the door is opened for someone to steal your good name and credit.

A Livonia woman, whose personal information was stolen in the past year, and has racked up more than \$20,000 in fraudulent charges.

A Garden City woman faced a similar experi-

ence. In her case, her former married name was being used.

In yet another case, a man's former girlfriend continued to use him as the responsible party on credit applications, causing him and his new wife to file for bankruptcy. At one time, there were \$40,000 worth of open credit accounts in the husband's or former girlfriend's name.

Police admit that identity theft — whether it's

resulting from the loss of a wallet filled with personal information, or over the Internet, or the other myriad tricks played on unsuspecting consumers — is just a plain difficult crime to track.

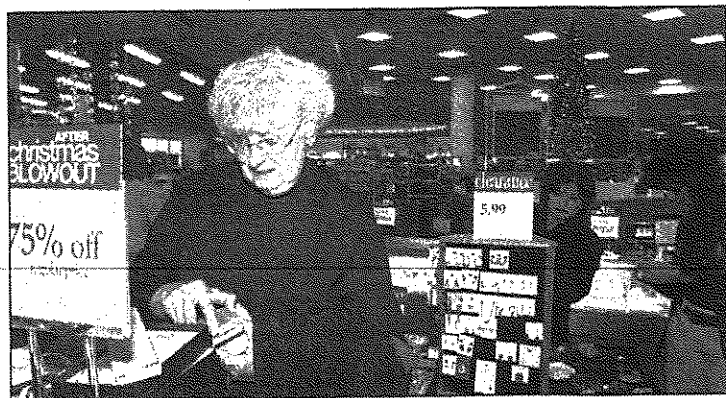
Sometimes an identity thief will pay someone else to accept mail at their address. In other cases, a credit fraud victim knows the suspect. Other crimes are committed over the Internet

or the telephone, leaving a big question mark, an answer for which may not show up for years.

Often if the crime is committed over the Internet or by phone, you won't know about it until the creditors begin calling. Police say identity fraud is not only a tough crime to bust, but in some cases laws have not kept up, which leaves the victim on his or her own.

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Bargains beckon



Lori Radecki of Novi joined the crowds to shop as she looks at jewelry for her grandchildren at Parisian in Laurel Park Place Friday.



With packages in hand, Nancy Pfleger of Plymouth shops for bargains with her daughter, Niki Pfleger of Kalamazoo, in downtown Plymouth Friday.

After-Christmas sales get shoppers out of bed early

Discount shoppers unite — the after-Christmas sales have officially begun.

From small stores to major malls, shoppers scoured for the best deals Friday morning. In downtown Plymouth, stores like Gabriela's and Angelo's Cards & Gifts were filled by mid-morning.

Isabelle Augustyn of Canton, and her daughter Judy Natkin, commenced their bargain-hunting ritual at 8 a.m. looking for Christmas items.

"We're shopping for next year," said Augustyn. "You

Last-minute shoppers boost holiday sales, page A5

always need a snowman, and even gifts, for next year."

Larry Bird, owner of Gabriela's in Plymouth, said he opened the shop at 8 a.m. and it "has been busy ever since." He's sure consumer confidence is picking up. Shoppers at Parisian, in Livonia's Laurel Park Place, arrived by 7 a.m. for the "After Christmas Blowout"

to find deals like 30 percent off of Kate Spade handbags and 75 percent off Christopher Radko ornaments.

"We have more inventory than last year," said Randy Dell, manager. "We planned better this year."

Parisian's aisles were flooded

with frugal shoppers. Barbara Crespi, formerly of Livonia, was surrounded by bags marked Parisian, Hallmark and Von Maur.

"We got here at 7:20," Crespi said. An employee at Catholic Central High School in Redford, she said she found

great deals on clothing and Christmas items. And her friend Ann Williams, a Redford Township employee, walked back with a new pair of BCBG boots. "We really got a good buy on the clothes," she said.

But Williams had a word of advice for Von Maur. "They

gotta learn how to wake up earlier if they want to make it in Michigan," she said. The store opens at 10 a.m., an hour after the mall opens.

Dell said the addition of a second anchor store at the mall helped business at the mall tremendously this year.

He wants to grow old leading Senior Alliance

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
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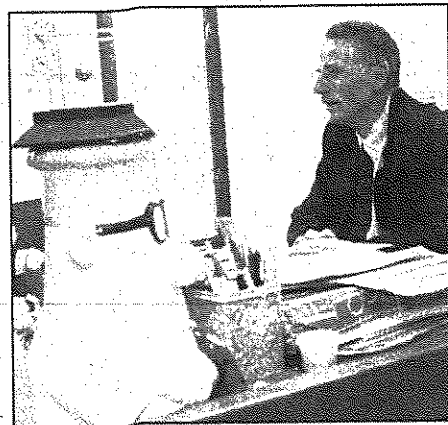
When Mike Simowski lays down to sleep at night, he's content.

"I know what I am doing is making a difference. It isn't always immediate," said the executive director of Senior Alliance. "As I become older, I become more philosophical about leaving a legacy."

Simowski, a Canton resident, who took over the reins of Senior Alliance in 1999, has been in gerontology just short of 30 years. And there is nothing he would rather have done.

He grew up in Dearborn Heights,

PLEASE SEE ALLIANCE, A8



Canton resident Mike Simowski, executive director of Senior Alliance, can't think of anything else he would rather do as a career.

12 years later, victim's family hopes brutal killing will be solved

As Kimberly McFarland's family winds up another year without her, they're still hoping that police will find her killer.

McFarland, who grew up in Redford, was 21 when she was brutally stabbed to death on Sept. 15, 1991, while at work at a Redford gas station.

No one has been charged in the killing, but police continue to investigate — conducting interviews as recently as this year.

Family members remember Kim, as they called her, as a gentle young woman who immersed herself in a love of music.

"She was a loving person. Too much of a trusting person ... She always saw the good in everybody," said sister-in-law Angela



Kim McFarland

McFarland, who is married to Kim's oldest brother, Ed.

"She was a real calm person. Easygoing," Ed McFarland said. "It was hard for her to get mad ... She was really gentle."

Kim had dreams of becoming a professional singer. She loved country music, and Dolly Parton was her idol.

"Her dream was to go to Tennessee. To Nashville," Angela McFarland said.

"She was always in her room listening to music, recording music, singing," her brother said.

Her mother, Alice Crawford,

remembers Kim walking into the house, singing.

"She just sang all kinds of music, but country was her favorite, and she just thought Dolly Parton was the tops," Crawford said.

Kim recorded her own version of a Parton classic, "I Will Always Love You," shortly before she died. Angela McFarland has the tape.

For Crawford, there are other reminders, other things Kim loved: Butterflies, unicorns, crafts she made that her mother keeps.

Ed, Kim and their brother, William McFarland, grew up on Centralia in Redford and attended Redford Union High School.

Life wasn't easy for them. Their

PLEASE SEE KILLING, A7

HOLIDAY HOURS

Due to the New Year's holiday, the *Observer & Eccentric* Circulation Department will close at 1 p.m. New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, and reopen at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2, to

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AROUND WAYNE COUNTY

VOLUNTEER SOUGHT

The Westland public library is seeking volunteers who can work a few hours a week, a month or on an as-needed basis. Volunteers should be at least 14 years old or, if younger, must work under a parent's supervision. Volunteers who can help with the following programs are urged to call (734) 326-6123.

CHIEF TESTING

Assessment center testing to select a new Garden City Police chief has been scheduled for Jan. 12-14.

The city council recently approved paying \$2,200 to Career Directions of Ann Arbor to conduct the testing. An eligibility list would then be prepared for certification by the Civil Service Commission.

Deputy Chief Kimberly Scott and Lt. Michael Lindman are scheduled to test for the chief position. If Scott becomes chief, Lindman would move into the deputy chief position based on an already existing promotion.

Chief since 1999, David Harvey is retiring and next month will take over as chief of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport Authority Police.

HOMEBOUND DELIVERY

Every other Wednesday, Westland library volunteer drivers deliver books and other materials to patrons who can't physically make it to the library. Right now, a substitute driver is needed who has a valid driver's license and an insured vehicle. Call homebound coordinator Julie Lea.

CHESS NIGHT

A host is needed for gatherings 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the Westland library. Call Lisa Hoenig, reference supervisor.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

The children's department at the Westland library wants to form a volunteer pool of adults willing to help library staff in setting up, distributing materials, monitoring and assisting children with crafts during

library programs. No more than two hours of volunteer time each month would be expected. Call Aimee Strittmatter, children's supervisor.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

For a small membership cost, Westland library Friends get library "perks" such as early previews of all book sales. Volunteers are needed to set up and run book sales and other events. Call Jane Zemba, circulation supervisor.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Westland public library, Westland city offices and Westland 18th District Court will be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

CALENDARS COMING

It's another definitive sign of the New Year to come. The city of Westland has completed production on the city's 2004 calendar, "Westland 2004: A Great Place to Live ... A Great Place to Play."

The calendar, which will be mailed to more than 39,000 residents and over 2,000 business owners within the next week, includes a city phone

and park directory, scheduled events and several community photos. It also contains a message from Mayor Sandra A. Cicirelli, as well as information on other elected officials.

FACING SHORTAGES

Garden City Hospital will hold a blood drive 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday in the lower level of the Medical Office Building on Inkster Road north of Ford.

This period of the year is traditionally slow in terms of collection efforts due to schools being out, Christmas vacations and other holiday-related activities.

"I strongly urge the public to consider spending an hour to donate a pint of blood at our December drive," said hospital President and CEO Gary Ley, who is a Red Cross board member. "We traditionally face severe shortages at this time of year because of lack of collections."

The public is asked to walk in any time during the day to make a blood donation. The process usually takes less than an hour and each whole blood donation can be processed into various blood components that can be used to treat four or more people.

For more information, con-

tact Terry Carroll, Community Relations director, at (734) 458-4267.

JOIN FOR ART

If you're interested in serving on the new Canton Cultural Commission, submit a letter of interest to Ann Conklin, Leisure Services director, at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188. Letters must be received by Jan. 16, 2004.

The commission will serve as an advocate for the arts, heritage and humanities in Canton. It will be an advisory group to encourage the development of the arts in the community and assist in the development of partnerships and collaborations.

MUSICAL MINIATURES

The Plymouth Symphony Society presents conductor Nan Washburn and Orchestra Canton in Musical Miniatures at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton.

Guest saxophonist Zachary Shemon will perform Jacque Ibert's Concertino da Camera for Saxophone with the orchestra, as well as other musical works. Shemon is the 2002

Plymouth Symphony Youth Artist Winner and is studying saxophone at the University of Michigan.

Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors and children through 12th grade are admitted free. For tickets, season subscriptions or more information, contact the symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or at plymouthsymphony@aol.com.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive on Friday, Jan. 2, between noon and 6 p.m. in the community room at Livonia Mall. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call Shirley at (248) 476-1160. Livonia Mall is on the northwest corner of Seven Mile and Middlebelt.

BINGO

Begin the New Year at St. Dunstan Church in Garden City for marathon bingo 1:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Refreshments will be offered for sale during bingo which will be held in the church Community Room. St. Dunstan is located on Belton, two blocks west of Inkster and Marquette. Call (734) 425-6720.



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Deaths

C
Priscilla Chordich, 90, of Farmington Hills, died Dec. 22

H
Gertrude K. Hartman, 83, of Livonia, died Dec. 24
Kristine M. Hedger, 38, of Redford, died Dec. 22

B
Jeanette Burch, 78, of Garden City, died Dec. 24

I
Robert C. Irvin, 62, of Southfield, died Dec. 24

L
Bonnie Lee Lincoln, 56, of Westland, died Dec. 21

M
Stella Murray, 88, of Livonia, died Dec. 22

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Red Wings, angel's halo

Hasek brightens holidays for hospital-bound kids

Joanne Tanase, 13, was undergoing a life-preserving blood transfusion when in walked halo-wearing Detroit Red Wing Dominik Hasek. "And how are you doing?" asked Hasek, who was distributing Christmas gifts to children at William Beaumont Hospital.

It was just small talk, but the girl was all smiles as Hasek handed over an art set, which was one of the many gifts collected by Starbucks Coffee in Birmingham.

"I like the Wings so it's pretty cool," said Joanne. "And he was nice. I can't wait to tell my dad."

Joanne has Cooley's anemia — a blood disorder that requires monthly transfusions. "She comes in to recharge her batteries," said her mother, Constance Tanase of West Bloomfield. "It's nice that he took the time to give the kids a little smile."

Hasek's nickname is the Dominator. The all-star goaltender earned it by using agility, athleticism and intimidation to shut down prolific scorers in big games. But the same man who pounds his stick on the ice when things get tense at Joe Louis Arena talked about Dr. Seuss with Briana Lotan, 11, of Macomb Township.

"Did you see that movie *The Cat in the Hat*?" he asked. "My teammates said it's good. You've got to see it."

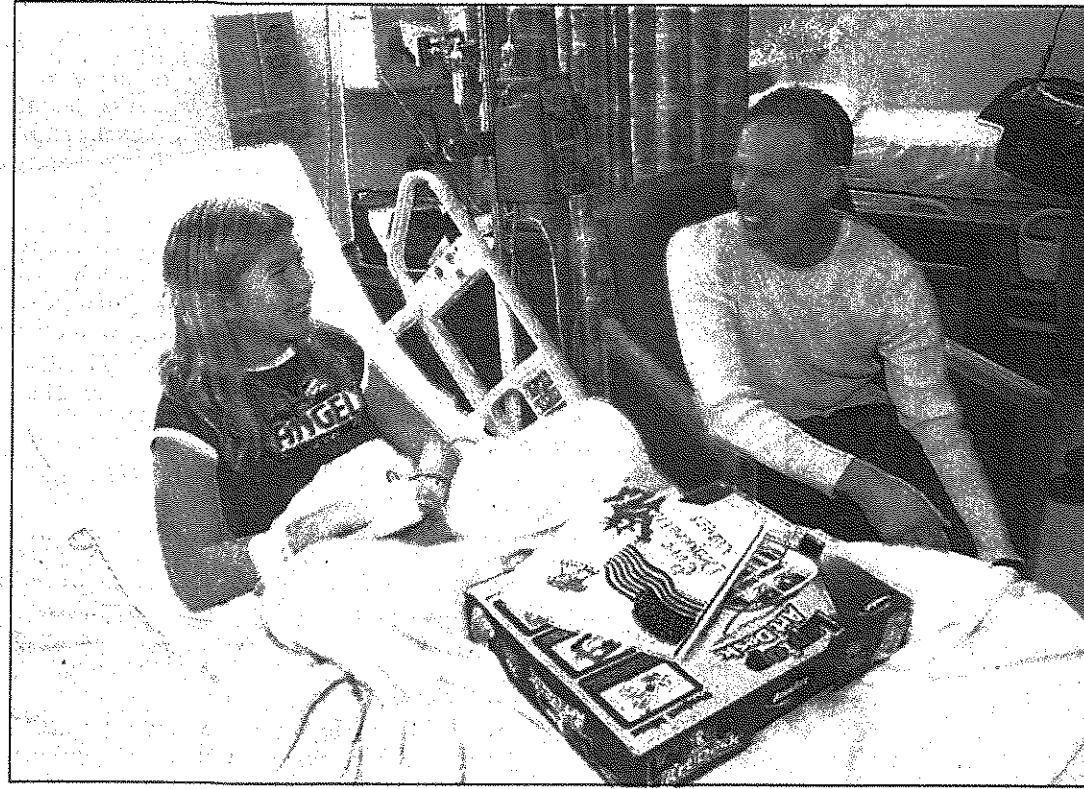
Briana is a hockey fan but she's also a cheerleader who is too sick to travel with her team.

"You're supposed to be acrobatic, maybe you could cheer with my team," Briana said.

"Maybe I will," answered Hasek, who performed a brief cheer while the girl giggled.

Spending about 10 minutes with each child, Hasek moved from room to room pushing a cart full of toys. In the spirit of the day, he wore an angel's halo but refused a set of wings, as if to say this nice guy stuff only goes so far.

One teen talked about the



Joanne Tanase, 13, of West Bloomfield shares a light moment with Dominik Hasek.

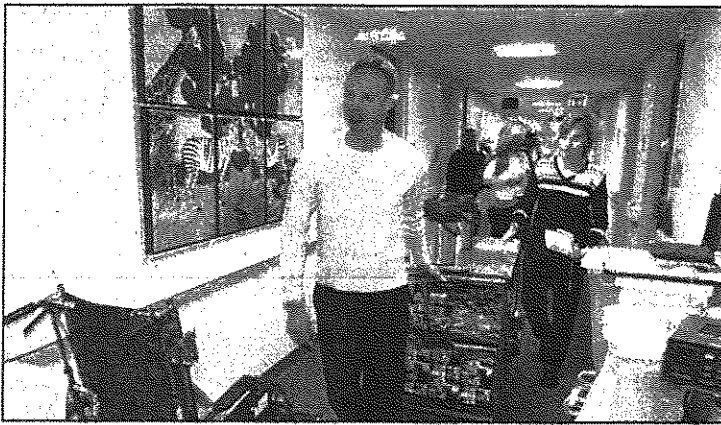
music of Linkin Park, but conversation turned a little more serious when Hasek met Hailey Sadler, 3, of Troy.

Little Hailey is in the hospital after chemotherapy and Hasek, a father of two, choked up while he talked to her mother, Theresa Payne.

"Hailey is a big hockey fan," said Payne. "She and her brother watch the games together. She gets tired of being in the hospital. This will lift her spirits."

Hasek has two clothing stores in the area and both are following through with his idea of getting involved in the local community. When he played for the Buffalo Sabres, Hasek donated \$1 million to start a youth hockey program that also requires participants to get good grades in school.

"It makes a huge difference in their lives because this group of kids wouldn't be playing hockey at all," said Fred Korey, director of Hasek's Heroes. "We provide



Dominik Hasek is on his way to deliver presents.

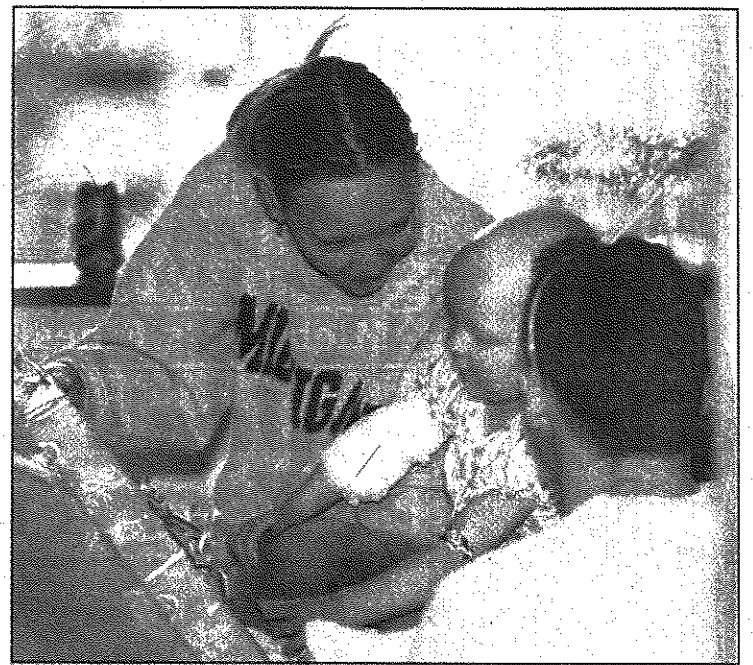
the transportation, equipment and on-ice instruction ... the kids love it."

Korey said most of the 220 children in the Buffalo program are minorities who wouldn't normally play hockey.

His company bought a suite at Joe Louis Arena and sick children and their families are regularly invited to games. Dominator clothing also helps

local organizations like Care House, a facility for abused children.

"I am fortunate in many ways," said Hasek. "I have a good family, I make a good living and we are healthy. I like meeting the kids and seeing the smiles on their faces. They are so brave ... they inspire me, and I hope to inspire them with my hockey."



Theresa Payne and daughter Hailey Sadler of Troy check out the presents brought by Dominik Hasek.

Hasek recalls life not so different in Czechoslovakia

Dominik Hasek is a national hero in the Czech Republic for leading his team to the 1998 Olympic gold medal. He won a Stanley Cup with Detroit in 2002, retired, then came back a year later for what has thus far been an odd season of injury and intrigue.

"I don't pay attention to what people say or write about me," said Hasek. "I watch the news and see the other teams, but when it comes to us, I turn off the sound. I don't need to hear how they think I play. I know how I play."

Hasek grew up in Pardubice, a town with 100,000 people an hour away from the Czech capital city of Prague.

His father, Jan, was a miner and for 10 years only came home on weekends. Sports often brought the family together and it was on one of those occasions that Hasek first took his place between the pipes on a local pond.

"I was 4 and I couldn't skate," recalled Hasek. "I wanted to play goal. This guy skated in and took a shot. I went down and it hit me in the knee. It hurt so much I cried, but that was my first save."

The Christmas holiday of Hasek's childhood was similar to that in the United States with the exception of religion. The country was then in the clutches of the Soviet Union and families didn't talk openly about religion.

But the Hasek family did celebrate the arrival of Santa Claus. The family always opened gifts on Dec. 24, said Hasek, and a tree was decorated with small candles. Children got to play with sparklers and when dad rang a small bell, the family scurried in to open presents.

"It was a nice time," said Hasek. "We would spend the next few days visiting all of our relatives."

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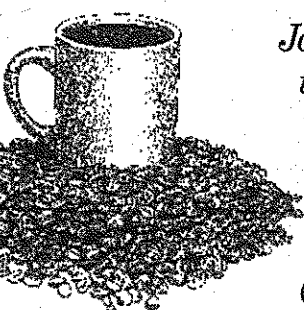
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Identity fraud can be tough crime to prosecute

Alice Trost was shocked. Then she got angry. Now she's nearly desperate.

She is a victim of identity theft, and has been paying the consequences since someone stole her personal information and opened up multiple accounts in her name.

During the last year, someone stole Trost's Social Security number, date of birth, and address, and has since racked up more than \$20,000 in fraudulent charges.

"They not only have my information, but they have my children's names and addresses. I have no idea how they got this information," she said.

When Janice McCain got her credit card bill in October, she noticed an unauthorized charge and chalked it up to an error.

"I called Citibank and they took off the charge. The next month there was a charge from Istanbul, Turkey," said McCain, a Garden City resident. "I called to cancel the card and the credit card company recommended it too since someone had my information."

Less than five days later, McCain was traveling in Ohio when she got a call from her son-in-law. A credit company had called attempting to verify authorization of charges on the closed credit card to buy two commercial printers.

"I called and told them the credit card had been canceled. They were using my married name - I'm divorced and had legally changed to my maiden name back in May," McCain said.

The printers were to be sent to an elderly man in Flint who told police he'd answered an Internet advertisement to work at home. He was repackaging items sent to his home and shipping them to places including Russia. He was apparently never paid for his efforts.

The Flint man had never met the person he was working for which makes it difficult to identify suspects.

"In a lot of instances, the merchandise is sent to different addresses (than that of the cardholder)," said Garden City Police Lt. Michael Lindman. "We've had utility accounts opened in the name of a Garden City person at a Detroit address. They don't verify the information first. It's happened with phone accounts, too."

"It's a very pervasive problem and will be growing. It's the perfect crime. There's a lot of money involved and it's easy to cover your tracks," he said.

Even when police have an address, as in Trost's case, very often it's just a mail drop address.

"The identity thief will pay the drug addict down the street to allow mail to be delivered to his address," he said.

Still other times, though much more rare, a credit fraud victim knows the suspect.

Maryann Shewfelt said she knows who has been ruining her husband's credit report, and who is wrecking the Shewfelts' chances of buying another home.

Since 1986, Shewfelt said her husband's former girlfriend has been posing as his wife, and has been applying for credit for everything from store charge cards, to a car and a mortgage.

In all, Shewfelt said there are \$40,000 worth of open credit accounts in her husband's name, or in his former girlfriend's name, with him listed on the account as a responsible party.

The Shewfelts married in 1993, and by 1994 they had discovered more credit fraud than they could manage to remove from their report, so they declared bankruptcy.

"I've been trying to track her for years. At first we didn't know where she was, but now we know that she's in Ohio, and she has admitted to the detective in Defiance that she had been doing this," Shewfelt said. "She has been doing it for so long it's hard for the police to track it all."

Most of the time, however, the victim doesn't know the person who stole his or her identity.

PROSECUTION DIFFICULT

"A lot is done over the Internet and over the phone, so you never know exactly who you're dealing with," Raymond said. "You may not even know it's happened to you until years later when the first hint you get that you've been a victim is when you get a call from a collection agency and they're saying you owe this bill you never even knew about."

Due to the minimal risk to the thieves, Lindman expects to see incidents of identity theft and credit fraud to continue to grow.

"People passing bad checks are easier to identify because there is paper and people get a look at them," said Lindman. "In these cases, no one gets a look at the suspects because it's all done electronically or by phone."

Even when police can find the criminals, the courts sometimes work against them.

"We're dealing with a 21st century crime with 19th century laws," Raymond said.

PERFECT CRIME

Trost fingered through page after page of bills from Victoria's Secret, Neiman Marcus, Value City, Capital One and Sprint, each with balances ranging from \$500 to \$5,000.

The credit cards were all delivered to an address in Detroit, Trost said, but so far the police have not been able to make an arrest.

The problem, according to Livonia Police Detective John Raymond, is that it's a difficult crime to track.

Best way to protect against fraud is be responsible for you

There are ways to protect yourself, or to help catch the identity thief once you've become a victim.

"You have to be responsible for your information, but the real layer of protection has to come from the companies that are providing the charge cards. Visa, or any other credit company, has to be responsible for who they're issuing credit to," Livonia Police Detective John Raymond said. "Some companies are more cooperative than others, he added. Those that aren't create their own problems."

"If I have to beg for information to investigate a fraud, the chances are they'll never see an arrest," Raymond said.

Many companies seem willing to just write-off fraudulent charges as a loss, said Garden City Police Lt. Michael Lindman.

"It depends on the company but a lot of them aren't real cooperative in the investigative process," Lindman said. "No prosecution of suspects leaves it wide open for more abuse of identity theft. People get frustrated because it falls on them to prove they are innocent."

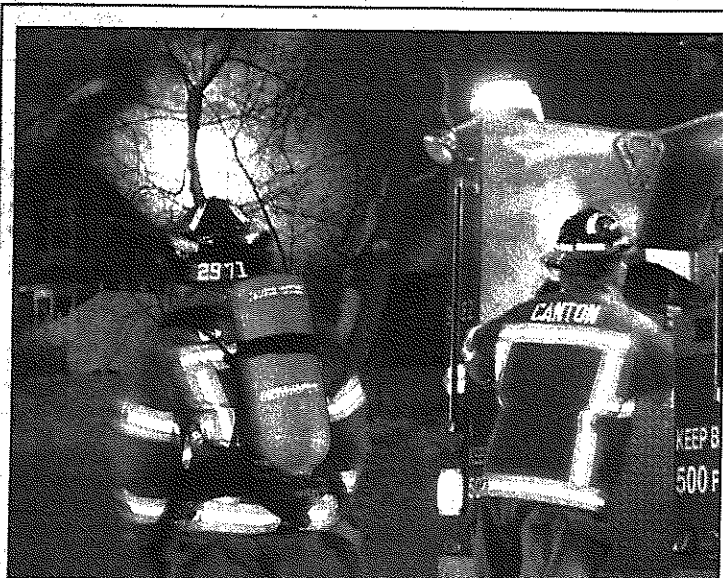
Raymond suggested checking your credit report several times a year, as often as you can do it for free. Look for credit information that doesn't look familiar - accounts such as credit cards, cars and telephones are commonly associated with credit crime. "Also look for inquiries that are suspicious. That could mean that someone has tried to apply for credit in your name, even if they didn't finish the application or weren't approved," he said.

"If it does happen to you, cooperate with the credit companies who were victimized. They're trying to get their money, and they are usually pretty understanding, and realize that someone has victimized you, too." The problems can be exacerbated, Lindman said, by the ease with which credit can be obtained from stores and even utility companies.

"Why would you open a telephone or utility account in another place (than your residence)?" said Lindman. "Maybe it's a landlord opening the account, so why not verify it with a letter or a call?"

Here are some tips for preventing identity theft:

- Guard your Social Security number.
- Monitor your credit report.
- Buy a shredder and use it to keep papers with personal information before putting them in the trash.
- Remove your name from marketing lists through credit reporting bureaus Equifax, Experian and TransUnion and the Direct Marketing Association.
- Don't keep your Social Security card, extra credit cards or other important identity documents in wallets except when needed.
- Photocopy both sides of your driver's license and credit cards to have ready access to the information if they are lost or stolen.
- Mail payments from a safe location such as postal boxes, not from home mail boxes where they can be stolen.
- Monitor credit card activity and Social Security earnings and benefits statements for fraud.
- Never give personal information or credit cards numbers over the telephone unless you've initiated the call and trust that business.



Christmas fire

Plymouth and Canton fire departments responded to a house fire Christmas night on Wilcox Road, just north of Hines Drive in Plymouth Township.

Woman finds car vandalized after shopping

A Detroit woman told Livonia police someone vandalized her car while she finished her holiday shopping at Meijer.

According to police reports the woman was shopping Sunday at the Meijer store at 13000 Middlebelt. When she came out of the store at 4:45 p.m., she noticed scratches on her 2001 Chrysler.

She also found food on the gas tank rim, and when she started her car, the "check engine" light came on.

The woman reported the vandal caused \$400 worth of damage.

TRUCK RECOVERED

A Windsor man got his 2000 Dodge Dakota back minutes after it was stolen Friday, Dec. 19, when police stopped the suspected thief about a mile from the theft scene in Redford.

POLICE BEAT

The victim had gone into the Amoco gas station on Plymouth and Inkster roads to pay for gas when the truck, left running at the pump, was taken, a police report said. A witness told police she saw a man, who appeared to be waiting for a bus, get into the truck and drive east on Plymouth.

A patrol officer spotted a blue Dakota on Plymouth near Garfield Street and pulled over the driver. It turned out to be the victim's truck, and the 17-year-old driver was arrested.

The suspect had no license and was not wearing a seat belt, police said.

VANDALISM

Somebody didn't have much holiday spirit during the weekend before Christmas. Eight Garden City residents reported their vehicle windows damaged Saturday evening.

Just before 6 p.m., a resident in the 32000 block of Marquette reported \$300 damage from a window apparently shot with a marble.

Damage was set at \$500 for a vehicle window reported shattered in the 32000 block of Barton about 45 minutes later.

Fifteen minutes later, a resident in the 31000 block of Marquette reported \$250 damage from a smashed window.

That was followed by a window smashed by a brick in the 33000 block of Brown resulting in \$200 damage. A short time later, a window was reported smashed on a second vehicle in the 33000 block Brown for \$300 damage.

At 8:15 p.m., a window was reported shattered by a paintball or pellet in the 32000 block of Marquette causing \$300 damage.

Less than 15 minutes later, another vehicle window was reported smashed in the 33000 block of Donnelly resulting in \$500 damage.

The last vandalism of the evening was reported in the 150 block of Radcliff where a vehicle window was shot out causing \$500 damage.

In addition, a resident in the 32000 block of Hennepin reported \$1,000 after finding his six-foot by 12-foot picture window had been hit with a projectile.

Last-minute shoppers boost holiday sales

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Bargain-hunters were already hitting the stores Friday, but retailers said the last-minute shopper before Christmas did a great deal to boost holiday sales this year.

Barbara Peterson of Plymouth Township was among shoppers at Gabriel's in downtown Plymouth the Sunday before Christmas. "It's really done, truthfully," Peterson said of her Christmas shopping. She spent perhaps a little more this year than in the past.

Stores were crowded last weekend, and retailers were generally pleased

with holiday sales. Peterson had found a good gift for one of her three grandsons, a Canton resident, but didn't want to spoil the surprise. (It was a handheld television.) She said the kids are harder to buy for as they get older.

"I went down to Westland (Center) yesterday," and that was crowded, too, she said.

Larry Bird, owner of Gabriel's, noted how good the season's been for him. "It's great. Keeping pace on last year," Bird said the Sunday before Christmas. "It looks like there's a surge that started on Thursday. Volume's up, and the customer mood is buy."

Candles and ornaments have been

popular sellers at the home decor store on Main Street. Bird noted a Fiber-optic Musical Snowman selling for \$12.99 has done well at Gabriel's, selling over 600. Bird pointed to stock market upswings as boosting consumer confidence. "It's increasing, which is good," he said of store traffic.

Like other retailers, Bird has faced competition from the new Von Maur department store at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. He noted that many of his customers appreciate the free parking deck right behind his store.

"They don't have to fight the traffic here in Plymouth."

Area malls were also crowded over

the weekend and early this past week. Lori Brist, president of the Westland Chamber of Commerce, agreed it's been a good year.

Ed McHale, general manager of Westland Shopping Center, is on Brist's board of directors and has been pleased with holiday sales, she said.

"The traffic, even during the week, has been incredible," Brist said of the mall. "I really do feel it's been a great year."

Bird added that lower-priced items are doing well in 2003. "They're looking for value," he said. "The consumer is still somewhat cautious."



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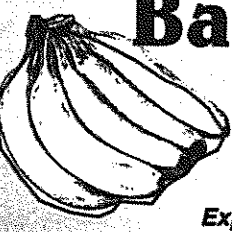
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KILLING

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ather, also named William McFarland, was killed in a 1976 traffic accident. Alice, their mother, spent a lot of time running the bar her husband had owned, Ed McFarland said. The three siblings grew closer during that time, he said.

Their mother later sold the bar. When she remarried, their stepfather and two stepbrothers joined the busy household.

Kim graduated from RU, where she had sung in the choir, in 1988, and attended Eastern Michigan University, living in a dormitory.

Her brother said she planned to become a music teacher. He traced her love of music to a grandmother who taught her religious songs.

In 1989, she sang at Ed and Angela's wedding. She baby-sat their daughter, and she and Angela were close — friends as well as in-laws.

"There were a lot of laughs that we had," Angela said. "A lot of joking that we used to do."

A shortage of money forced her to leave EMU, a move she intended to be temporary, her brother said.

Kim and her mother had both worked at the gas station, the Shell station at Eight Mile and Beech Daly, for a while. Alice Crawford, in fact, worked there until recently.

Time has helped Crawford cope with the loss. "It gets easier to handle, but you never forget. And it'll hit you at the strangest times," she said. "You'll wake up in the middle of the night thinking about her."

Kimberly McFarland may have been stabbed to death by someone who then robbed the gas station where she was working alone during the early morning darkness on Sept. 15, 1991.

But police in Redford don't think so. Money was taken, but other evidence, investigators say, suggests Kim was killed by a person she knew and trusted, someone she had let into her secured work area at the Shell station on Eight Mile and Beech Daly.

The 21-year-old was found in the station's employee restroom about 3:45 a.m. on that Sunday by an acquaintance, who had stopped by for cigarettes, and two other customers. She was dead of multiple stab wounds.

Redford Police Deputy Chief John Buck, a lieutenant at the time and one of the first detectives on the case, called it "overkill."

"You don't see a whole lot of robberies with knives," said Sgt. Adam Pasciak, who continues to investigate the killing. And the number of wounds, Pasciak added, "would indicate something a little bit more personal."

A prominent security camera, Buck said, would have been a deterrent to a robbery. The camera turned out not to be working, but that wouldn't have been apparent, he said.

The most compelling argument that Kim McFarland knew her killer, though, was that the person got close enough to use a knife.

"All indications are that she

let the person in," Pasciak said.

A back door, providing access to the cashiers station and the employee restroom, was found open when her body was discovered. McFarland worked in a locked building during nighttime hours, taking payments and making change through a cashier's tray. She was known to be security-conscious, Pasciak said.

She and her mother, Alice Crawford, who also worked there, had a system for getting a gas can to a motorist whose vehicle had run out of fuel.

They would have the person stand back, open the front doors and set the can outside, then lock up and have the person approach to get the can, Pasciak said.

It's conceivable that a robber, asking for a gas can as a ruse, could have rushed the door. But the front of the station, where customers could enter during the day to pick up potato chips, drinks and other sundries, was undisturbed, with no blood or signs of a struggle, Pasciak said. The doors were locked.

A gas can was found near the open back door. But that's not where Kim would have handed out a gas can, he said.

"That was unusual, the way it was found," Pasciak said.

Pasciak, who succeeded in closing a nearly 20-year-old murder case last year with a trial that ended in a conviction, inherited a thick file of documents and photographs, some gruesome, when he got the McFarland case. He's conducted

interviews this year and has written an updated summary of the case.

Investigators have an account of McFarland's last hours, based on interviews with people she spoke to over the phone while at work or who stopped by the station. Her last known visitors — a friend and her friend's father — were there barely half an hour before her body was found. Another friend spoke to her over the phone around the same time.

Police have questioned a boyfriend of Kim's, but no one has been arrested or charged.

Pasciak asks that anyone who might have information about the case, or who might have seen something at the station that morning and didn't recognize its significance, come forward.

Perhaps that's a stretch, he admitted.

But "we're always hoping somebody saw something" when it comes to unsolved cases, he said.

Police also hope the Wayne County prosecutor's office will take a fresh look at the case. The office has already reviewed it twice this year.

For her part, Crawford is hoping police will find "one little piece of evidence" that leads to her daughter's killer.

"I know the detective is working very hard on it," she said.

Sgt. Pasciak can be reached by phone at (313) 387-2574. The 24-hour business number for the police department is (313) 387-2500.



Kim McFarland's brother, William McFarland (left), mother Alice Crawford and brother Ed McFarland, seen here at Kim's gravesite, are hoping Redford police find the person who killed her 12 years ago.

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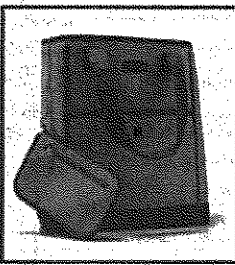
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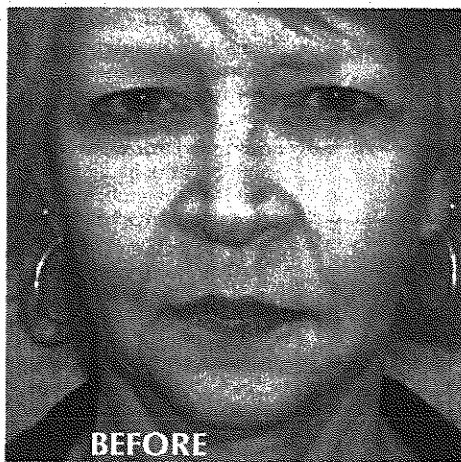
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Emagine megaplex to debut in 2004

Emagine Entertainment Inc. held a groundbreaking ceremony for its newest 18-plex in Canton recently. Located just east of I-275 on the south side of Ford Road, Emagine Canton is scheduled to open in the summer of 2004.

"We believe that Canton represents a terrific market opportunity. The combination of rapid growth and impressive demographics, along with a discernible absence of high quality nearby theaters, makes it the ideal location to build a state-of-the-art megaplex," said Paul Glantz, Emagine president. "With the support of our friends in film distribution, we

will succeed in serving this long-underserved market." Canton Supervisor Tom Yack was on hand to accept Emagine's donation of \$25,000 on behalf of the community's soon-to-open performing arts center, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

"The entire Canton community is anxiously awaiting the completion and opening of the Emagine theater," Yack said. "Residents have shared their support for the project and look forward to having a state-of-the-art theater in the community. Many of our residents have visited Emagine Novi and have been very impressed with

the appearance, operation and creature comforts afforded patrons.

"This facility will serve not only the Canton community but also the surrounding area and should lead to increased activity for Canton restaurants. We look forward to working with the owners of Emagine, who have a reputation as community supporters, on cross marketing and charitable activities."

The theater will be located in the southeast sector of the Don Pablo's/Home Depot center on the boundary with Westland. Emagine Canton will feature 3,800 seats. In addition, the

two largest auditoriums, with 60-foot screens, will contain luxury seating. All auditoriums will be handicap accessible and equipped with hearing-impaired listening devices.

The 22,000-square-foot lobby will host a full service concession stand offering all popular movie-going fare including hot fresh popcorn served in popcorn buckets, real butter, soft drinks, candy, nachos and pizza plus specialty items including stuffed pretzels and gourmet chocolate.

With the addition of Emagine Canton, Emagine Entertainment Inc. will operate 46 screens at three locations.

ALLIANCE

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received a bachelor's degree in history, a minor in political science, and a master's degree in public administration from Wayne State University. It's not that he traveled through college with the idea of helping older people. But a professor suggested he take a class in public policy for the aging.

Simowski was hooked. "To say this is a noble profession is a little over the top. But we will all grow old. If we don't respect our older people it is a society that is not functioning well."

What makes his day is knowing people out there are being helped. Senior Alliance is a part of the Area Agency on Aging I-C. Consider that in western and southern Wayne County, there are 170,000 people 60 and older.

Simowski is out there raising funds and in the public eye. He was recently elected to the Canton Chamber of Commerce board of directors, and serves on the Canton Public Safety Department's senior safety coalition.

A 9 to 5 job isn't in the stars for Simowski because he truly seems to be everywhere representing Senior Alliance. That includes raising money for the organization. You will see him at the Conference of Western Wayne and the Downriver Community Conference.

"We were one of the few services that did not get cuts," Simowski said. "We really expected cuts."

But that doesn't mean Simowski is taking a rest. On the contrary. He recently met with corporate representatives to ensure continued contributions. "With corporate help, we can do more elder support."

He spends many of his evenings out and about, attending meetings, making appearances, anything he can do to ensure that senior adults and their needs are recognized and addressed.

Simowski acknowledges he is in a unique position. He knows far too well some of the difficulties and the pleasures of growing old. His wife, Joyce, jumps in and helps as well. A librarian at the Canton Public Library, Joyce takes books to the Waltonwood senior housing.

And when he can get a break, you'll find Simowski out on the golf course. He jogs three miles a day five days a week. When he's really relaxing, you'll find him with a book in hand. His love of history has him currently soaking up all there is to know about Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"He knew how to work with people."

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New Year's travelers may still find affordable getaways to places like Chicago and Toronto, said Fawn Johnson, travel agent for Venture Out Travel in Westland.

Tucker also mentioned Toronto, saying vacancies may be available in a city where tourism took a dip this year. Travelers who luck out and

find a place to get away may also learn that they're going to pay a hefty price.

"Some places tend to inflate their rates, and some hotels will have a two-night minimum," Tucker said.

Travel agents cite New York and Las Vegas as the top New Year's destinations for U.S. travelers.

"There's the Times Square thing with the dropping of the ball, and New Year's Eve in Vegas is like a nonstop party," Tucker said.

Some travelers try to escape the winter chill, Johnson said. "Any place warm is popular - Cancun, The Bahamas," she said.

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CITY OF LIVONIA
 NO. 2638
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.50F OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE"

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 18.50F of Article XVIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 18.50F Sign Regulations for Residential Districts. There shall be no sign erected, altered or used within any Office Services District except as herein permitted; provided, however, that no freestanding sign shall be permitted when the front yard setback of the building(s) is less than twenty (20) feet.

(a) Office development sites consisting of a single tenant occupying a single building shall be permitted one (1) identification sign not to exceed sixteen (16) square feet of sign area and if erected as a freestanding sign, shall not exceed six (6) feet in height and shall have a minimum setback of ten (10) feet from any right-of-way line.

(b) Multi-tenant office complexes comprised of one (1) building or multiple architecturally uniform buildings and sharing a common parking area shall be permitted the following, and prior to sign permits being issued, a master sign plan shall be submitted to the Director indicating size, type and location of wall signs, ground signs and any other requested signs:

- One (1) freestanding business center sign not to exceed thirty (30) square feet in area or exceed six (6) feet in height, eight (8) feet in length, and shall have a minimum setback of ten (10) feet from any right-of-way line. Where a development site has more than four hundred (400) feet of frontage along a major thoroughfare or a minimum of two hundred (200) feet of frontage on each of two (2) major thoroughfares, a second freestanding sign shall be permitted with the same size and location limitations as the first permitted sign, provided the distance between the two (2) signs is no less than three hundred (300) feet measured along the road frontage.
- One (1) group identification sign for each principal office building not to exceed twenty (20) square feet in area and if freestanding, shall be located within ten (10) feet of the perimeter of the building.
- Each separately owned and operated business occupying a one-story building having a separate direct entrance to that business's premises from outside the building is permitted one (1) non-illuminated identification wall sign not to exceed five (5) square feet of sign area. All such signs on a building shall be of a uniform color, size, shape and style and shall be in lieu of nameplates.

(c) One (1) nameplate on the entry door or adjacent to the doorway for each tenant having a separate public means of ingress and egress.

(d) One (1) non-illuminated real estate sign per development site.

(e) One (1) non-illuminated real estate development sign per development site.

(f) One (1) non-illuminated construction sign per development site.

(g) Directional signs.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 3. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Wednesday, December 17, 2003, at 8:00 p.m.

Joan McCotter, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 22nd day of December, 2003.

Jack Kirksey, Mayor

Approved as to form:
 Sean P. Kavanagh, City Attorney
 Dated: December 19, 2003

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2003

The Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City met in Regular Session on December 15, 2003, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan.

REGULAR MEETING

Present were Mayor Lynch, Councilmembers Showalter, Webb, Dodge, Gora, Wiacek, and Waszczeni. Absent none.

Also present were City Manager Kocsis, Treasurer/City Clerk Bettis, City Attorney Moritz, Building Official Pascas, Deputy Treasurer Smith, DDA Director Schatz, Fire Chief Forbush, Library Director Elmouchi, Parks & Recreation Director McKarge, Personnel Director Lodge, Planning/Zoning Administrator Palmer, and Deputy Police Chief Scott.

The Mayor announced it was time for Public Comments for items not on the agenda.
 No comments were received from the public.

♦ **Item 03-12-306 - Moved by Gora; supported by Webb:**
RESOLVED: To approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 8, 2003.
AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: Councilmember Rounsifer

The Mayor announced it was time to receive communications from Boards and/or Commissions.
 No communications from Boards and/or Commissions were received.

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

- SDM License - 30005 Ford Road.
- Emergency Rehab Case #01-02-015.
- Merriman Road Water Main Project.
 - Engineering Payment - Payment #1
 - S.O.S. Service Group - Payment #1
- Intergovernmental Agreement - 21st District Court Retirement Health Care.
- Web-site Approval.

♦ **Item 03-12-307 - Moved by Showalter; supported by Gora:**
RESOLVED: To approve the request from Aldi Inc. (Michigan), 30005 Ford Road, Garden City, MI 48135, for a new SDM License.
AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: None

♦ **Item 03-12-308 - Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek:**
RESOLVED: To approve Rehab Case #01-02-015, to Creative Modifications, Inc., in the amount of \$5,880.00.
AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: None

♦ **Item 03-12-309 - Moved by Wiacek; supported by Dodge:**
RESOLVED: To approve Payment Application #1 for the Merriman Road Water Main Improvements Project Inspector Days to **Wade-Trim Associates** in the amount of \$7,251.56.
AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: None

♦ **Item 03-12-310 - Moved by Gora; supported by Dodge:**
RESOLVED: To approve Payment Application #1 of the Merriman Road Water Main Improvements Project for S.O.S. Service Group in the amount of \$32,837.00, including \$3,283.70 in retention.
AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: None

♦ **Item 03-12-311 - Moved by Gora; supported by Webb:**
RESOLVED: To go into Closed Session to discuss labor negotiations.
AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: None

The meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
 Treasurer/City Clerk

Publish: December 28, 2003

Broad experience qualifies Schwarz for turn in Congress

If new members of Congress were selected based on their resumes, Michigan would, without any doubt, send maverick Republican John Joseph Schwarz to the House of Representatives next year.

Joe Schwarz may be the sort of man the Founding Fathers had in mind when they thought of Congress. Though he has had a long career in politics, as mayor of Battle Creek and in the state Senate, that's not his day job. He is a medical doctor who has been on the faculty of Harvard Medical School and who still practices in Battle Creek. He is a U.S. Navy veteran who also did risky duty with the CIA during the Vietnam War.

And for more than a decade, he won bipartisan praise for his work in the state Senate, where he became known as the ranking expert on health care and higher education and as the biggest champion of the state-university system.

"I'm solidly in the middle on enough issues that everyone on both extremes will be mad at me," he often says.

By turns charming, salty and irreverent, he has a no-nonsense attitude toward getting it done. "There is nothing wrong with putting a bunch of politicians in a closed room when they are dealing with an important issue and letting them go at it ... the good legislators realize there are no permanent friends, no permanent enemies, and the guy you just called a raving (expletive deleted) might be your ally tomorrow. I think that's how good public policy is made."

Term limits last year meant he had to leave the state Senate. Instead, he ran for governor, losing badly to the establishment's choice, Dick Posthumus, who lost in turn to Jennifer Granholm. Speculation was high that Schwarz might be asked to join the Granholm administration, perhaps as surgeon general. That didn't happen, perhaps more because of his independent nature than his Republicanism.

Yet now he has a chance to, as he puts it, "get back in the game." U.S. Rep. Nick Smith (R-Addison) is stepping down and Schwarz has decided to jump into a crowded August primary field.

"There are a couple issues — health care and education — where I think I could make a contribution," he says over a plate of German sausages at Metzger's, a famous German restaurant just outside Ann Arbor.

Conservative on fiscal issues, "common-sense" on gun control, Schwarz is also likely to be the best-known candidate, though Brad Smith, the congressman's 42-year-old son, is one of half-a-dozen other Republicans in the race. (The Smiths made national headlines after father's charge that other Republican con-

gressmen offered him a \$100,000 bribe in the form of a campaign contribution to his son if the elder Smith would vote for the Bush administration's prescription drug bill.)

Most of Schwarz's primary opponents are far more conservative than he, which ought to make him the favorite. Any Republican nominee in Michigan's Seventh District is bound to be strongly favored in November.

Yet there are reasons to think that despite his record, Joe Schwarz may have a hard time winning. For one thing, dyed-in-the-wool conservatives hate him.

"He's unfit to be dog catcher, let alone congressman," one anonymous voter posted on a conservative Web site. "He is a pro-abortion, gun-grabbing McCainiac RINO (Republican In Name Only)."

Indeed, Joe Schwarz was U.S. Sen. John McCain's campaign manager in Michigan in 2000, when he upset George Bush in the state's primary.

Though a Roman Catholic, he believes "abortion should be safe, legal and rare," and he was one of only a handful of lawmakers in either party who opposed legislation that allowed virtually anyone to carry a concealed weapon.

Those views are, in fact, probably close to the Michigan political mainstream. But Schwarz's handicap may have more to do with temperament than ideology. Frankly, he is not regarded as a very good campaigner.

"Actually, he is lousy at it," said Bill Ballenger, publisher of *Inside Michigan Politics*. When he ran for governor, Schwarz found it hard to ask people for money, and harder to engage in slash-and-burn soundbite politics.

Even though he racked up newspaper endorsements, he got an embarrassing 19 percent of the vote. This year's campaign may also feel like *deja vu*; in 1992, Schwarz started out as a favorite against the elder Smith the last time the seat was open.

But Right-To-Life targeted Schwarz, and in the end, he lost, 43-36 percent.

"I think I've learned a lot since then," Schwarz says. "Look, even if I win, I'll be 67 years old before I get there. I don't have any illusions I'll ever get to a major leadership role. But I know something about health care — we need to provide universal access, and I think I have some ideas other than a single payer system to do that."

"We need in this state, and elsewhere, to do something to prevent the crippling of our great universities — that's (tantamount) to society eating its seed corn."

What he would like to do is make this a campaign about this state and this society's future. Whatever happens, this could be very interesting to watch.

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Hospices empower people during the end of life

Death, like birth, can be a spiritual experience and an opportunity for families to grow and bond.

In witnessing births and deaths, we can be touched by the awesome power of the event, the spiritual significance of the human journey and the dignity and importance of the shared intimacy.

Too often we hear of the difficulties and fears that surround death, yet what about the significance and value of death as part of our life? Death is a natural event, an important part of life. Along with the heavy burden of sadness, it can be a time for families to rediscover the arts of forgiveness and bonding.

It is a time to draw together and experience the overwhelming healing power of compassion and empathy. In our pain, we can be comforted by faith, hope and love. At these crossroads of life, our connectedness as fellow humans makes a profound difference.

Persons living with life-limiting illnesses may question the value of life and the value of their own life. The awareness of death, as part of life, can instead bring an opportunity for personal development. Medical advances prolong life, but also prolong death, which can bring additional confusion and difficult decisions for both patients and their families.

Recent advances in medical technology have been astounding, and yet have brought our culture mixed blessings regarding our images and understanding of dying. Although life is prolonged, so often is death, even when expected. It may involve confusion, difficult decisions, mental and emotional stress.

However, with knowledge, understanding, preparation and support, death can move beyond the nature of a tragedy. Hospice care

provides a crucial service at this time.

Hospice involves a team of experts trained in the area of end of life care: doctors, nurses, social workers, spiritual caregivers and volunteers. Hospice empowers people with the skills, knowledge and support necessary to meet the challenges of living (during this time of dying).

It is a privilege to serve families at this very personal, poignant time. Hospice often can make a difference, bringing hope and comfort to families. We offer a supportive group of caring individuals working to protect and enhance the human dignity of people made vulnerable by their sickness and suffering. We are gifted by those we serve; gaining an awareness of our own mortality through the journey we have in common, our living and dying.

Having the powerful opportunity to "stand beside" another; we, too, are transformed personally by the experience. A natural force pulls us to look for meaning and value as we ask ourselves the same questions our patients face: "Have I made a difference in this world?"

In his work, *Touching the Divine* (1994), Wayne Muller writes ...

There are times in our lives when we are forced to reach deep into ourselves to feel the truth of our real nature.

For each of us there comes a moment when we can no longer live our lives by accident.

Life throws us into questions that some of us refuse to ask until we are confronted by death or some tragedy in our lives.

What do I know to be most deeply true? What do I love, and have I loved well?

Who do I believe myself to be and what have I placed on the center of the altar of my life?

Where do I belong? What will people find in the ashes of my incarnation when it is over?

How shall I live my life knowing that I will die? And what is my gift to the family of earth? Chris DiGiovanni has been a nurse at Angela Hospice in Livonia for 10 years and lives in Farmington Hills.

Chris DiGiovanni

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Money, money, money

We live in a society, and in a community, where for all practical purposes, money is everything.

We want it. We try to get it. We envy those who have it. But worse, we look down on those who do not have adequate income, as if we are somehow better than they.

How stupid can we get? I guess the answer to that question is: We can get as stupid as we are.

Most of us in this community do not know how lucky we are. Lucky, because the very fact that we happen to be living here, no matter how we may have gotten here, indicates that most of us, by virtue of being here, know where

our next meal is coming from. And most of us have roofs over our heads to protect us from the rain and snow, and warm beds in which to sleep every night. Most of us are on the inside looking out. I wonder, how many in this community have had the experience of being on the outside, looking in? Have you ever been homeless or broke and hungry? Are you somehow better than someone who is broke and hungry? Are you a better class of person than those less fortunate than you? I don't mean to bring you on a downer. I just think we should all be more aware of the world around us.

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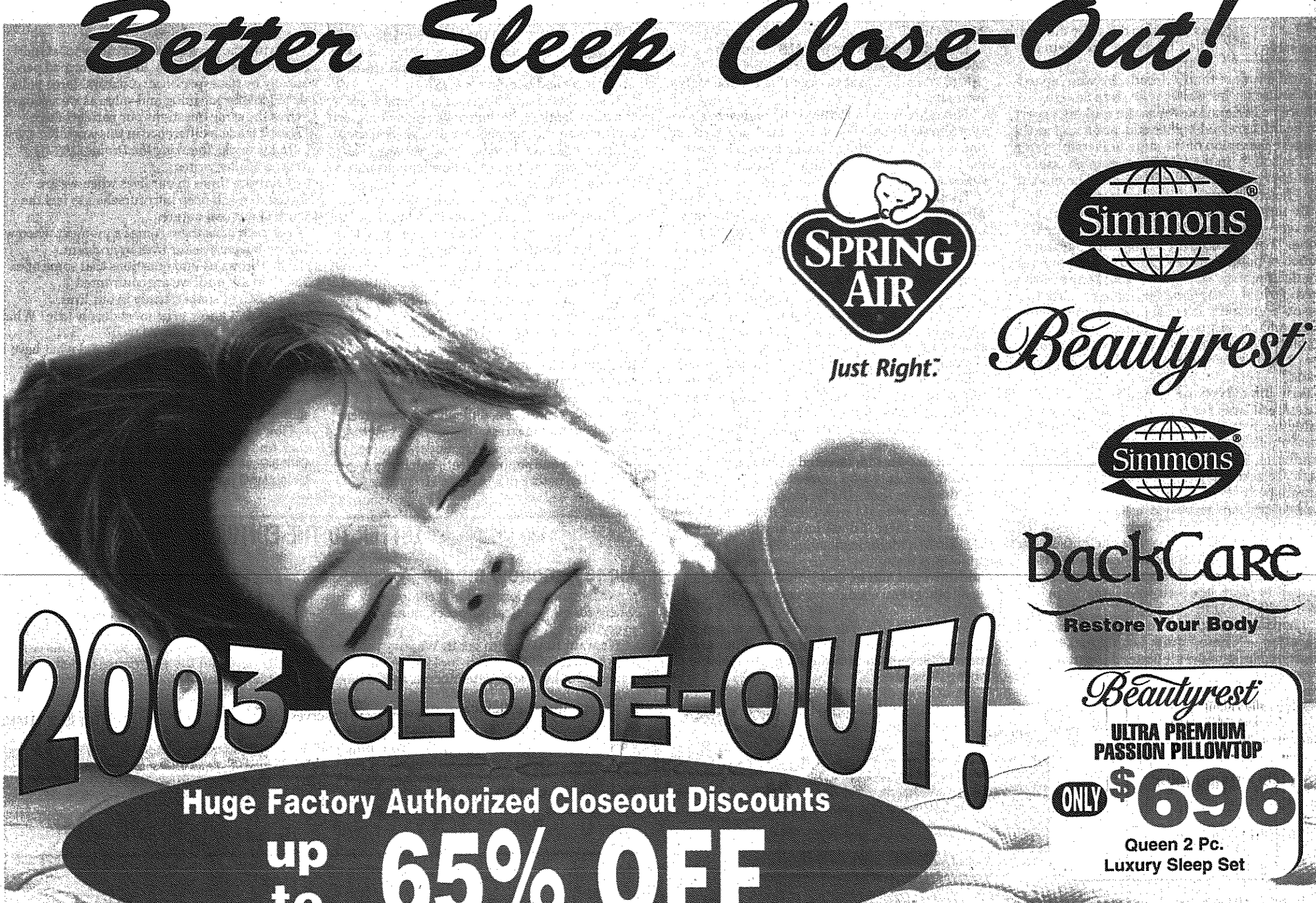
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Second half
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Sidelines

Stevenson mat 3-2

Senior Dario Mainella remained undefeated as Livonia Stevenson's wrestling team stayed busy over the holidays by winning three of five matches in the eight-team Trenton Team Dual Tournament.

Mainella, a 145-pounder, won all five of his matches to run his overall season record to 22-0.

The Spartans, now 11-5 overall, finished third in their four-team pool, defeating Lincoln Park (55-21), while losing to New Boston Huron (41-40) and Trenton (41-33).

In the crossovers, Stevenson defeated Flat Rock-Woodhaven, 42-36, and Ypsilanti, 48-22.

Also going undefeated on the day for the Spartans included 189-pounder Joe Bargerstock and 125-pounder Alex York.

Bargerstock is 19-3 overall, while York improves to 15-6.

Both Doug Fellows (152) and Edgar Fuentes (215) finished 4-1. Fellows is 15-4 overall.

Meanwhile, Chris Ross (275) and Adam Kokenakes (140) each posted 3-2 records.

Flyers flying high

The Livonia Bantam Flyers, featuring three Observer carriers, captured all five games in the Detroit Sports Weekend Extrava-ganza hockey tournament, Nov. 7-9.

Tournament MVP Joe Schemanske scored both goals as the Flyers defeated Winterhurst (Ohio), 2-1, in the finals. Sean Morgan and Sean Burry drew the assists.

Goaltender Dan Martinelli allowed just seven goals in five games for the Flyers, who had a total of 26.

Other goals were scored by Ken Skoczylas, Dan Dugan, Sean Morgan, Michael Heath, Anthony Suzio and Jeffrey King.

Other members of the Flyers, coached by Don Miller, include John Distel, Michael Farrow, Mark Johnston, Aaron O'Brien, Nicholas Plinka, Kevin Robinson and Kyle Sargent.

Assistant coaches include Keith Burry, Mike Distel and Derek Miller. The team managers are Lori Schemanske and Renee Skoczylas.

The Flyers are sponsored by Bates Hamburgers and First Michigan Title, Inc.

AAU boys hoops

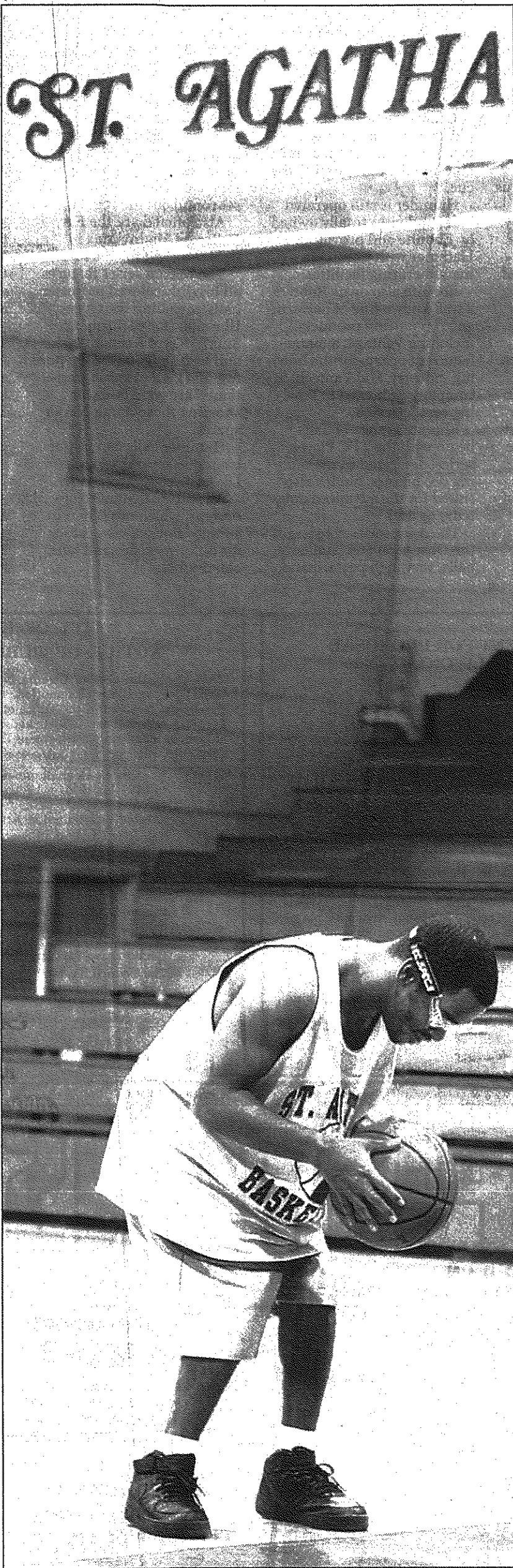
The Michigan Chargers, a 14-and-under (eighth grade) boys basketball team will be staging try-outs Friday, Jan. 9 to fill a guard position for the 2004 travel season.

Candidates should have at least one-to-two years experience playing travel basketball and fit the team concept.

If chosen, a commitment is required through the end of June, along with fees and costs.

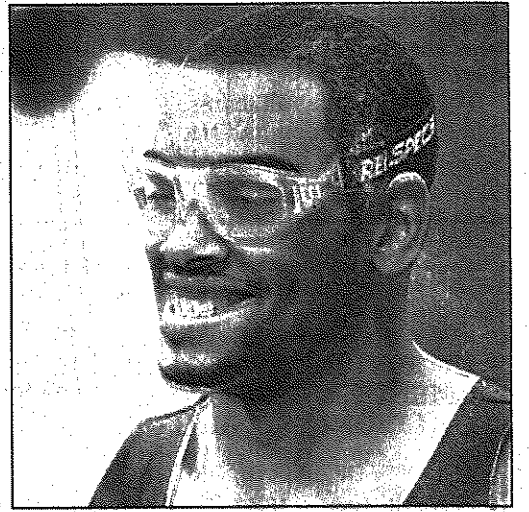
Pre-registration is required to arrange a try-out for a cost of \$5.

For more information, call coach Pete Bader at (734) 354-9621.



Williams concentrates on free throws during practice.

Living with cerebral palsy can be tough on its own. Playing varsity basketball with the affliction is almost unheard of. But St. Katharine Drexel's Joe Williams is ...



No Ordinary Joe

There are a lot of high school athletes lucky to be on a team. Maybe they went out because they wanted to play, maybe they wanted to impress people. Maybe they'll be lucky to see playing time in a game, maybe they'll occasionally get a shot at scoring. Maybe they'll gripe about their lack of playing time, maybe they'll realize they're just practice fodder.

Then there is Joe Williams. On the surface, he's a 5-2 senior guard for Redford St. Katharine Drexel. You can measure his trips down the basketball court with an egg timer. His shooting is far from fluid. The goggles around his eyes and braces on his teeth make him a poster child for gawky teenage boys.

Williams doesn't view it as a challenge. He's just another member of the team trying to win a few games.

He's also a poster child for heart. And intensity. And guts. And desire. And striving to be your best and, hopefully, inspiring others to do the same.

Every team needs a Joe Williams. Every team would be lucky to have a Joe Williams. Not every team deserves a Joe Williams.

You think you've got challenges? Try living with cerebral palsy, let alone playing varsity basketball with it.

Williams doesn't view it as a challenge. He's just another member of the team trying to win a few games.

"Hey, I know I have palsy and that makes me different," said Williams. "But my parents said that anything I put my mind to, to do it. Don't let anything stand in your way." And Williams doesn't.

"He means a lot to the team and we use him," said his coach for the last three seasons, Bill O'Malley. "I try and tell our kids that if he can come out and work as hard as he does, no one has an excuse not to match his effort. If we all did that, we'd have a Catholic League title and a state title. He is an inspiration."

Cerebral palsy is a birth defect that affects the central nervous system, affecting the body's motor ability in various degrees. If you ask Williams, he'll tell you he's got a mild case. If you watch him for any stretch of time, you'll see a pronounced limp and you'll see the hands and well-muscled arms flail when he runs. Pay closer attention when he's on the court and you might notice him lean on teammates when the action stops.

You have to look, because you'll never hear

him complain about it. "There are some drills that I won't do if I know I'll slow down the team," said Williams. "But I do pretty much all of them. And when I get tired, I take a break."

"That's because his work ethic is unmatched," said O'Malley. "There are days when we, as a team, don't have it. But he's able to turn it around. He's just got the kind of personality that's able to turn a bad practice into a good practice."

When he first wanted to play sports in the seventh grade, he tried soccer but stopped it just as quickly because he couldn't use his hands.

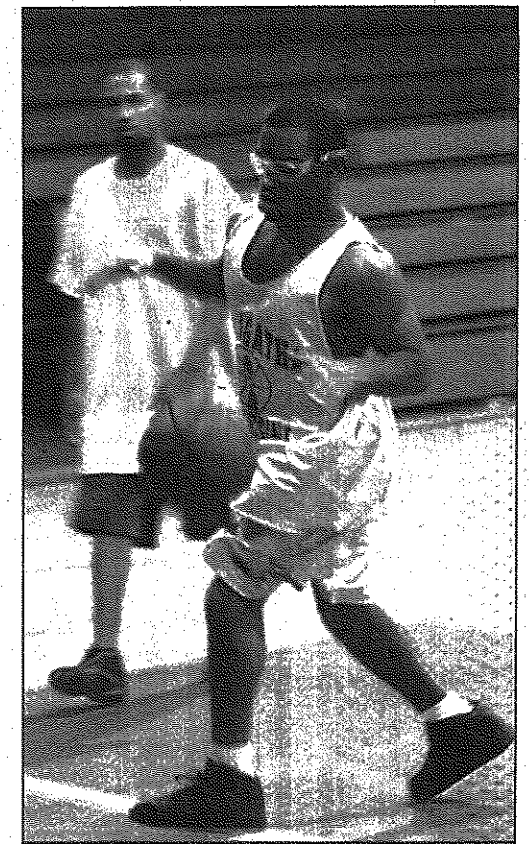
Instead, he turned to basketball - something he'd done with the neighborhood kids in Detroit and St. Gerard's at Pembroke and Evergreen.

When he went to St. Agatha, he wanted to play basketball as a freshman, but suffered a concussion in gym class.

"I hit my head on the floor, had a concussion and had to wait a year. I lost my speech," said Williams. "The speech center is on the wrong side of my brain anyway, so I mumble if I talk too fast."

He went out his sophomore year and made the junior varsity team playing for

PLEASE SEE WILLIAMS, B3



Williams goes to the hoop during lay-up drills.

Canton's Blohm repeats as top coach

He did it again. Once again, Bob Blohm guided his Canton girls basketball team to a state district title, to the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game, and into the state regionals.

The Chiefs posted the best record in the *Observer* area: 19-4. And they did it after losing key seniors to graduation from the previous season.

Those reasons were enough to make Blohm the *Observer* coach of the year, for the second-straight season.

"This is a direct reflection on the kids," the longtime Canton coach said. Blohm has been coaching basketball for 37 years; he's closing in on 20 at Canton.

"As the season started, we had a lot of questions," he added. "Coming in, these kids competed hard, but what they did was develop fundamentally. And the defense really improved with this team."

"Hard-working and dependable - that's how I would describe this team. They were a motivated group that wanted to do well, and they stepped up and did well."

Certainly Blohm did his part. Coming

GIRLS BASKETBALL

into the season, the Chiefs had to deal with the loss of seniors Jessica Johnson, Christina Redd, Briana Wolcott, Kristen Lake and Colleen O'Brien. In fact, Katie Cezat and Rachele Guastella - both starters in 2002 - were the only players with significant varsity playing time returning. The team melded quickly, going 4-2 prior to the WLAA opener. The Chiefs went through the league's regular season unbeaten, not losing again until Salem beat them in the conference championship. Canton avenged that loss nine days later, defeating the Rocks in the state district final. In the last two seasons, Blohm's Canton teams have posted a 41-7 record, reaching the regional round of the state tournament each time before being eliminated by a Final Four qualifier. And they did it with only two key returnees.

As for the players on the team? See the All-Area Girls Basketball team on page B4.

Salem earns 1st hoop win

Balanced scoring and a taller lineup translated into a 74-48 boys basketball triumph Friday for Salem over Dearborn Heights Crestwood in the opening round of the Allen Park Holiday Tournament.

Salem, which earned its first victory in five games, got a team-high 14 points from junior forward Jeff Lake to reach Saturday's championship final against the host Jaguars, who won the second game of the doubleheader against Flat Rock-Woodhaven, 63-40.

(Results of the Salem-Allen Park game will appear in Thursday's *Observer*.)

Brad Clark, a 6-foot-4 senior guard, made his season debut after sitting out the first four games with an injury and contributed 12 points. Senior guard Brian Bradley and his brother Kevin, a sophomore forward, chipped in with 11 and 10, respectively.

"We shook up our lineup and went bigger," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "We started some bigger players and we rebounded better. That helped."

Russ Ellis scored a game-high 18 for Crestwood (1-4). Steve Popp and Marlon Wilson added 12 and 10, respectively.

Salem led 36-21 at halftime and stretched its lead to 56-37 after three

BOYS BASKETBALL

quarters before outscoring the Chargers 18-11 in the final period.

City rallies by Glenn

It was the tale of two halves Friday in the first round of the River Rouge Holiday Tournament as Detroit City rallied from a 30-17 halftime deficit to keep Westland John Glenn winless, 60-54.

Glenn slipped to 0-3 overall, while City improved to 2-3.

"Defensively we played extremely well the first half," Glenn coach Joel Lloyd said. "We simply got away from the things we did well in the first half, which was defense and rebounding. You've got to do that for four quarters."

Guards Cee Streater and Ukreh Alexander scored 20 and 19, respectively, for the Bears.

Junior forward Barry Eberhardt led Glenn with 15 points, while senior guard John Adams added 12.

Glenn shot 7-of-15 from the foul line, while City was 11-of-20.

In the second game, host Rouge

PLEASE SEE HOOP, B5

Second half of season gives league bowlers new life

In most organized bowling leagues, the first half of the split season has just ended, or is about end right about now.

This means that all teams will start the second half tied for first place, or last, depend-

ing on your outlook.

In the Wednesday Senior Classic League at Mayflower Lanes in Redford, Ron Lancaster's team was in a dogfight for first place, but lost all three games on the final position round, bounc-



Ten Pin Alley
Al Harrison

Harrison

Bartoszek, Jack Burrige and Ed Babinski — each shooting the lights out.

We walked away pretty much battered and bruised, and almost in a state of shock. The nice part about a split season is that everybody gets a fresh start and can come back from a so-so or bad first half with a chance to win the top prizes again.

■ Hats off to the Ebonite International Corp., as one of the major manufacturers of bowling balls and related equipment.

About the only thing

ing them down to fifth place and much less prize money.

The following week Lancaster bowled against my team and took their loss out on us as all four guys — Lancaster, Ron

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Ebonite's range of balls begin with the TPC Player series, dedicated to the touring pro players, but it's also suited for the advanced amateurs as well.

The Apex series consists of the Obsession and Addiction balls, very high performance,

as well as the V2 series.

There are also the mid-priced lines including the Predator and the Savage series. Meanwhile, the Stinger and Tornado series each provide performance for those on a lower budget.

The Tornado Warning series is more designed for beginners, while Garfield series features popular cartoon characters for the youth set round out the regular line.

Also offered are the Fun Balls and Mighty Max in lighter weight for the kids.

The Maxim series features all brightly colored polyester balls, including the Optyx Illusion (for performance), Snuffy, Krypt Keeper, Snake and Red Dragon (for the pure fun of it). All of those mentioned are good balls for shooting those tough corner spares.

Hammer balls can be purchased in several series: Diesel, Vicious and Blade.

All feature dynamic core designs, which use different compositions of cover stock for differing styles and lane conditions.

The old Hammers are new again and if there are any old-time "Hammerheads" still around, you will probably love these new versions.

I am not suggesting that one brand of ball is any better than other, but it's just that Ebonite sends out a continuous stream of product information to the bowling writers and this makes it all the easier for us to keep our readers well informed.

Best bet: Visit your local pro shop and get some advice. The pros know what conditions you have to bowl on and can analyze the way you swing and sway on your delivery.

Put your trust in the pro shop because many carry most of Ebonite and Hammer series ball lines, along with bags and accessories.

If only Santa had brought you a new ball for Christmas, you wouldn't have bothered reading all of this today.

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

CITY OF LIVONIA ORDINANCE NO. 2632

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.50 OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE."

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 18.50 of Article XVIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 18.50 Signs. It is not the intent of this ordinance to have the open spaces and lines of vision created by public rights-of-way used as license for unrestricted advertising through the use of signage, but rather to enhance the physical appearance of the City, preserve scenic and natural beauty of designated areas, make the City a more enjoyable and pleasing community and to create a more attractive economic and business climate by preserving property values. It is intended by the provisions of this ordinance to reduce sign or advertising distractions, to eliminate the visual blight caused by abandoned or poorly maintained signs and to avoid the confusion of conflicting adjacent signs. Through this ordinance signage will be allowed in such a manner so as to provide those similar uses in similar zones the opportunity for identification exposure regardless of parcel size, although the location and size of buildings will influence the amount and type of signage permitted. This ordinance shall make a distinction between those non-residential zones that provide for transitional or other than retail activity as a primary use. This section, through this approach, reflects the transitional nature of the zoning district arrangements shown on the Zoning Map and the Future Land Use Plan so that as the intensity of land use is decreased, so is the amount of permitted signage. This consistent approach is necessary to remove the need for the type of signs which compete for attention for the motorist, thereby creating traffic hazards as well as creating visual blight within the City. It is therefore within the health, safety and welfare responsibility of the City of Livonia that this section of the ordinance is promulgated.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 3. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Wednesday, December 17, 2003, at 8:00 p.m.

JOAN McCOTTER, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 22ND day of December, 2003.

JACK E. KIRKSEY, Mayor

Approved as to form:
SEAN P. KAVANAGH, City Attorney
Dated: December 19, 2003

Publish: December 28, 2003

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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Livonia, Michigan as owner, until 2:00 P.M. on Monday, January 5, 2004 at the City Clerk's Office at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, at which time said proposals will be opened and publicly read.

SEEKING PROPOSALS FOR QUALIFIED VENDORS FOR BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF LIVONIA

Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the Director of Finance of the City of Livonia. Instructions to Bidders and Specifications for items required may be obtained at the Office of the Director of Finance, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan. All proposals shall be sealed in opaque envelopes, plainly marked with the name of the material bid upon, name of bidder, and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein.

JACK E. KIRKSEY, Mayor

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CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the City of Livonia has received an Application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate from **Lake Eric Products**, received in the Office of the City Clerk on **December 11, 2003**, covering new industrial facilities to be located within City of Livonia Industrial Development District No. 78

THE CITY COUNCIL OF LIVONIA has determined as follows:

- The City Clerk shall provide copies of the said Application to the legislative bodies of the governmental units deriving property taxes from the property which will be affected, as required by Act 198, P.A. 1974, as amended.
- The City Clerk shall contact each of the affected taxing units, and (i) indicate the Council's interest in this matter, and (ii) assist these taxing units in collecting such information as may be necessary to determine their respective opinions on this Application, and (iii) advise the said taxing units of the Council's desire to hold a hearing on this Application on **Monday, January 12, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan.
- The Council has set **Monday, January 12, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, as the date, time and place for conducting a hearing on said Application.

JOAN McCOTTER, CITY CLERK

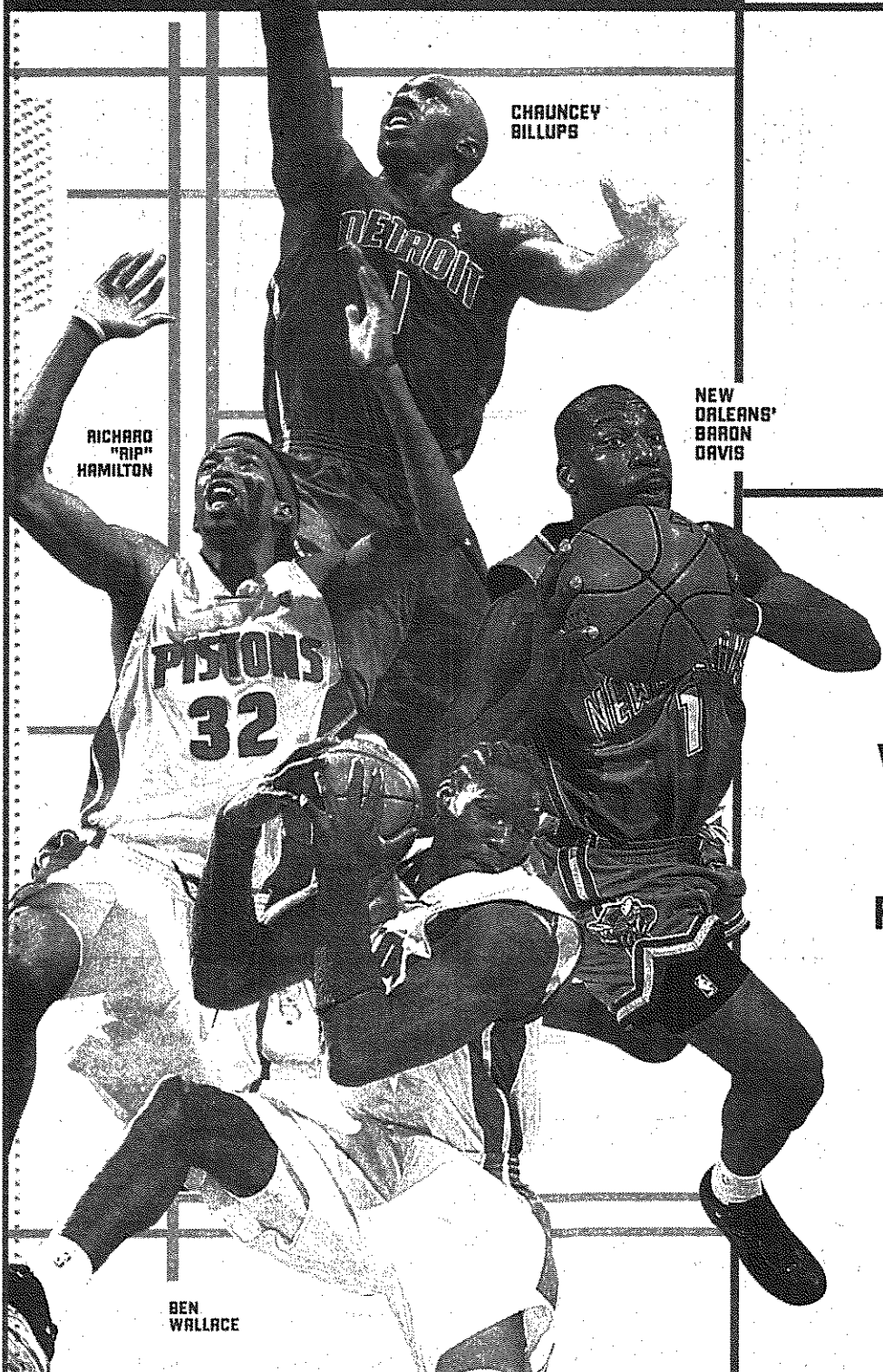
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Williams does get tired during the course of the practice. While listening to a scouting report, he leans on Chris Jones (left) and Troy Manus.

WILLIAMS

FROM PAGE B1

O'Malley, then assisting John Fenbert. "I welcomed him, but I didn't know what to expect," said O'Malley. "We were short on guys and had about eight on the team. I just wanted bodies. He doesn't have the talent everyone else has, but he earned his way on with hard work. I'll take someone like that on the team every time."

Williams also had to do a sales job on his mother, Elizabeth.

"She was skeptical, but my dad (Joseph) said to go ahead," said Williams. "I've got four brothers, two sisters, all older and cut me no slack."

He scored 15 points his sophomore year and remembers his first basket like it was five minutes ago - a 3-pointer against Novi Christian.

O'Malley moved up as varsity coach the next season and Williams came with him, scoring 10 points in that season. This year, now that St. Agatha has morphed into St. Katharine, he hasn't scored yet, but it's not for lack of trying.

"He's capable of playing, but there are some limits," said O'Malley. "When he's in, we have to go to a zone defense, because he has a tendency to chase the ball around. He doesn't play just in garbage time. He plays hard and earns it."

The one thing he can't stand, though, is when people see him and just let him go.

"I just like to play the game, I don't want people to treat me differently," said Williams. "I might get a bump, but that's part of the game. My mom freaked out when I had a fall at Holy Redeemer. But I don't want special treatment. Don't get out of my way, guard me."

He doesn't get special treatment from his teammates. They are supportive - but when he



Like everyone of the Aggies, Williams runs laps before practice.

screws up or slacks off, they tell him - and they appreciate the looseness and dedication he brings to the team.

"And the other teams are supportive, too," said Williams. "It's a rush. The other teams and fans are cool; about 99.9 percent of them are supportive. One fan, once, made fun of me. I don't remember the school but I know someone from that school apologized for it."

Williams wouldn't mind playing in college - "two-a-day practices can be a bit much" - but wouldn't mind being a team manager. Not only is he the team's jokester, but he also sings, signs for the deaf, and is on the school's honor roll.

He wouldn't mind going to Kent State next year, but who knows. Right now, he's worrying about basketball season.

"His work ethic is unmatched," said O'Malley. "He doesn't have the talent everyone else has, but he is the hardest worker out there."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

SOCCER REFEREES

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

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

least 12 years-old. Cost is \$50. Class size is limited. Register on-line at www.msysareferee.net, or call (734) 454-7335.

COACHES SOUGHT

■ Livonia Stevenson High School has openings for the following coaching positions: Freshmen girls track, varsity boys tennis and assistant boys track. Letters of application

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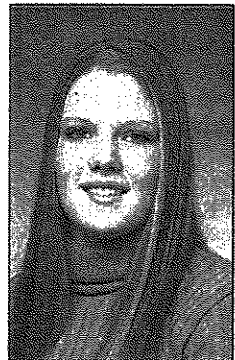
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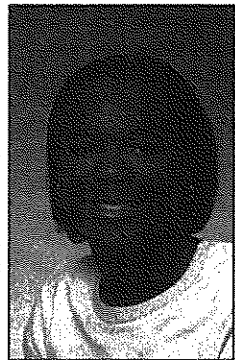
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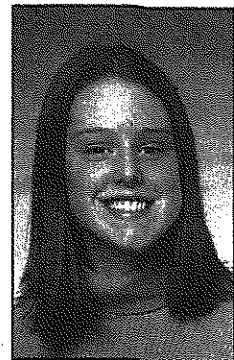
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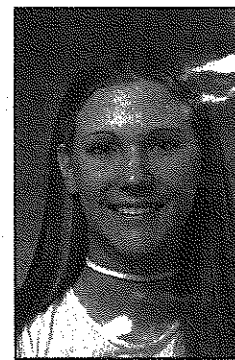
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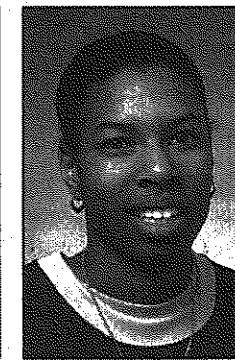
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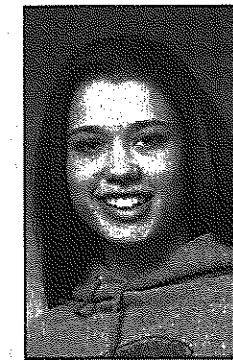
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All-Area girls hoops team stand above the rest

FIRST TEAM

Katie Cezat, Jr., Canton: The 6-foot forward has proven herself to be perhaps the best player in the Observer area, as well as the Western Lakes Activities Association. Cezat was the key to the Chiefs' 19-4 season; she averaged 19.4 points, 14.8 rebounds and 3.4 blocked shots per game. She hit 49 percent of her shots from the floor and 65 percent of her free throws.



Katie Cezat
Canton

"That was the big improvement for Katie from a year ago, her blocked shots," said her coach, Bob Blohm. "She was the main shot-blocker on this team."

Cezat also became a dominant force inside, although she has shown she can play with her back to the basket or facing it. She's been all-WLAA the past two seasons.

Bethany Jury, Sr., Ladywood: The 6-3 senior center, an All-Catholic League choice, averaged 14 points, 10 rebounds and two assists per game as the Blazers reached the Class B regional final before losing to state champion Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day.

Jury, bound for Oakland University, shot 55 percent from the field and 55 percent from the foul line.

"Bethany got better as the season went along," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "She was our main scoring threat and she shot a high percentage from the field."

"She stepped up and played better in the big games. She also improved her outside shot."

Martina Franklin, Sr., Redford Union: Franklin was simply the best player on a solid team that won its district for the first time in nearly 25 years.

The 5-10 senior averaged 15.1 points per game and 11.6 rebounds with 3.4 blocks and was named the team's MVP as well as making the All-Mega Blue team for the second season in a row.

Alyssa Guerin, Jr., Salem: The Rocks enjoyed an outstanding season that culminated with a victory over Canton in the WLAA championship, a game in which Guerin - a 5-8 forward - scored 20 points.

For the season, she averaged nine points and a team-best nine rebounds per game, and she was the team's leading free-throw shooter.

Her performance earned her all-WLAA recognition.

"She's an excellent take-it-to-the-rim player," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "She's a strong rebounder who's worked

2003 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Katie Cezat, 6-0, Jr., Canton
Bethany Jury, 6-3, Sr., Ladywood
Martina Franklin, 5-10, Sr., Redford Union
Alyssa Guerin, 5-8, Jr., Salem
Rachele Guastella, 5-5, Sr., Canton

SECOND TEAM

Lindsay Fletemier, 6-3, Soph., Garden City
Karen Anger, 5-10, Sr., Liv. Churchill
Ellen Canale, 5-6, Jr., Salem

THIRD TEAM

Robyn Johnson, 5-3, Jr., Liv. Churchill
Heather Velliky, 6-1, Jr., St. Katharine
Chloe Booker, 5-8, Fr., Thurston
Emily Tong, 5-4, Sr., Agape Christian
Alisha June, 5-11, Jr., Garden City

FOURTH TEAM

Jeanine Moise, 6-0, So., Plymouth
Megan Szczycka, 5-10, Jr., Ladywood
Lisa Ealy, 5-10, Jr., Canton
Keke Young, 5-8, Sr., Redford Union
Lauren Trosell, 5-6, Jr., Liv. Stevenson

COACH OF THE YEAR

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Haley Weddle, Ashley Cecil; Franklin: Carly Muncy, Ashley Bonsall, Robyn Whalen; Stevenson: Lauren Brodie, Rachel Desentz, Kristin Truszkowski; John Glenn: Jennifer Swartz, Amy Bailey; Wayne: Ladwan Jones; Clarenceville: Katie Tuomi, Ashley Myree, Emily Collins; Ladywood: Amber Willoughby, Stephanie Day; Lutheran Westland: Megan Bahr, Sarah Hausch; Huron Valley Lutheran: Becky Schultz; Redford Thurston: Ariel McKissick, Dominique Bowen; Redford Union: Shantia Brown, Megan Davison; Garden City: Terra Russell, April Kosinski; Robyn Roots: St. Katharine: Chante Grant, Tiffany Foley; Bishop Borgess: Yvette Long; Salem: Kathy Hammerschmidt, Carly Schwan, Theresa Coppiellie, Kathryn Wheatley; Canton: Sarah Samuelski, Becci Houdek, Molly Conlon; Plymouth Christian: Amanda Saagman, Kelsey Tietjen; Agape Christian: A.J. Creps, Tarah Armbruster.

hard on her three-point shot.

"Alyssa is a dynamic scorer and defender."

Rachele Guastella, Sr., Canton: A 5-9 guard, Guastella supplied the Chiefs with just what they needed - a consistent scoring threat from the perimeter to

help open things up inside for Cezat. Guastella's development was outstanding: She averaged 10.4 points per game and was an all-WLAA selection.

"Rachele became a good defensive player," said Blohm. "She balanced out her game this year by passing the ball

well. "She had a solid senior season for us."

SECOND TEAM

Lindsay Fletemier, So., Garden City: Only a sophomore, Fletemier has the making of being one of the dominant players in the area - suing her 6-3 height to alter the flow of the game inside.

She was first-team All-Mega White, averaging about 12 points per game to go with 12 rebounds and six blocked shots.

Karen Anger, Sr., Liv. Churchill: 5-10 senior forward played her best basketball late in the season, averaging 18.8 points over the final five games. The Chargers' team MVP finished the year with 239 total points (11.3 per game) and 138 rebounds (6.5 per game).

Anger also led the Chargers in steals (41) to go along with 26 assists and 21 blocks.

The All-Western Division pick in the WLAA shot 66 percent from the foul line and 45 percent from the floor.

"Karen was our floor leader, a player who played hard every night," Churchill coach Rod Windle said. "She played well down the stretch for us. She was difficult to stop in the post."

Ellen Canale, Jr., Salem: Together with Guerin, Canale helped turn a good team (13-9 in 2002) into a WLAA champion, averaging a team-best nine points and five assists per game. The 5-7 guard also also connected on 46 percent of her

three-point shots and displayed outstanding athleticism, all of which earned her a spot on the all-WLAA team.

"She also led us in blocked shots," noted Thomann, "which is saying something for a guard."

"She was our leading scorer and an outstanding player."

Renita Price, Sr., Wayne Memorial: A three-year starter, the 5-8 guard-forward led the Zebras in scoring with a 14-point per game average. She shot over 60 percent from foul line and over 40 percent from the field.

"This year Renita felt comfortable in her role with the team," Wayne coach Dan Kaminski said. "She took on a leadership role and was the focal point this year as our captain."

"She had fun this year."

Price also made All-Lakes Division in the WLAA.

Marissa Martin, Jr., Clarenceville: The 6-foot junior center was an All-Metro Conference first-team selection after averaging 14 points and 7.1 rebounds per game. She also averaged 2.5 steals and made 72 percent from the foul stripe. Her field goal percentage was 42 percent (including 5-of-9 from three-point range).

"Marissa did a great job for us this season," Clarenceville coach Julie Patterson said. "She could go inside or outside. She can drive the ball to the hole, which is unique for her size."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2003

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill amended the Agenda by removing Item J.6 under New Business, Emergency Preparedness Grant. She then moved to approve the Agenda for the Tuesday, December 16, 2003, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, as amended. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Mr. Munfakh moved to add, under New Business, Item J.15, Township Newsletter Policy. Mr. Griffith moved to amend the above motion to include the addition of Item J.16 under New Business, Revision to Parliamentary Rules for the Township. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote with Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Massengill voting nay. Amendment carried.

ROLL CALL ON ORIGINAL MOTION: AYES: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Munfakh, Mann, Edwards. NAYS: Massengill. Original motion carried.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the Tuesday, December 16, 2003, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

The following residents of Canton Center Road located between Ann Arbor Road and Joy Road asked for help in settling complications arising from the recent fence installation and property line dispute in their area: Loretta Burnaska, Sue Hotz, Bobby Slomp, Cynthia Schaft, Shirley Rowe, and Bill Pye. Supervisor Mann said Attorney Cronin would take a preliminary look at the problem to see if the Township should be involved in the disputed property lines.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m. for the request from Karmann U.S.A. to amend Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 2001-607 to reflect the actual cost of the project and transfer said Certificate to Karmann Technical Development, LLC ("KTD") There being no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:46 p.m.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 03-12-16-46 granting the request from Karmann U.S.A., Inc., to amend Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 2001-607 to reflect the actual cost of the project from \$4,607,285 to \$6,342,302.16. The facility is located at 14967 Pilot Drive, Metro West Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Further, to approve the request to transfer said certificate from Karmann U.S.A., Inc., to Karmann Technical Development, LLC ("KTD"). Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:49 p.m. regarding the request for a five (5) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for new machinery and equipment for Ilmor Engineering, Inc. There being no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve Resolution No. 03-12-16-47 granting the request from Ilmor Engineering, Inc., for a five (5) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for new machinery and equipment for their facility located at 43939 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Text Amendment 102, to amend the Charter Township of Plymouth Zoning Ordinance No. 83, by adding a new Item "b" to Section 23.35.1 to provide for temporary parking of recreation vehicles, as recommended by the Planning Commission, to be effective upon publication. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve, for review and comment, the distribution of the proposed amendment to the Master Plan to correct an oversight, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all, with Mr. Curmi being temporarily absent.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. C-2003-06, an ordinance to update the Administration section of the Township Code consistent with State Law changes. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. ROLL CALL: AYES: Massengill, Griffith, Arnold, Curmi, Edwards, Mann. NAYS: Munfakh. Motion carried. A copy of the Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Liquor Control Commission form Resolution No. 03-12-16-48, recommending transfer of the American Golf Corporation/Charter Township of Plymouth Liquor License for Hilltop Golf Course to New AGC, LLC conditioned on the transfer only being for purposes of complying with the Liquor Control Act and the pertinent regulations based upon a change in the ownership of American Golf Corporation stock. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve changes to the current Daycamp operating hours, increase fees to Daycamps, authorize the use of the Lakepointe Soccer Park Pavilion for reservation beginning June 7, 2004, stop the use of Shelter 2 at Township Park for reservations, change park reservation hours from "all day" to two separate time periods, modify the park reservation fees consistent with the submitted Addendum to Analysis of Daycamp Usage, and to grant Plymouth Township residents priority to bump City of Plymouth residents and businesses and other non-residents in making reservations for park facilities through April 30. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Change Order No. 1 on the contract with Woodbridge Building Company for additional work at the Friendship Station in the amount of \$14,523.00 which will increase the project total to \$76,900.00, and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all, except Mr. Curmi who voted nay.

Mr. Munfakh moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. C-2003-07, revising Chapter 58.150 of the Peddlers and Solicitors Ordinance to make the exemption consistent with the prohibition section. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Edwards moved that Tuesday, January 13, 2004, be established for public hearing per the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption from Karmann Manufacturing, LLC, for a new leased facility to be located on Pilot Drive, containing 8.05 acres in Metro West Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to approve the recommendation for the re-appointments of Harry Jachym and James Zdanek to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with terms expiring on December 31, 2006. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to concur with the recommendation of the Supervisor to reappoint Kendra Barberena,

Maryann Carey, and Larry Pulkownik to the Board of Review for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2005. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to accept the recommendation of the Clerk and re-appoint Democrat John Pierangelino and Republican Mary Brooks to the Plymouth Township Board of Canvassers to four year terms commencing January 1, 2004, and ending December 31, 2007. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Resolution No. 03-12-26-49, Depositories for the Charter Township of Plymouth funds for the Calendar Year 2004 as recommended by the Township Treasurer. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution 03-12-16-50, adopting the Amended General Fund Budget for 2003. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. ROLL CALL: AYES: Arnold, Edwards, Curmi, Griffith, Massengill, Mann. NAYS: Munfakh. Motion carried. A copy of Resolution 03-12-16-50 is attached to the official copy of the minutes and is on file in the Clerk's office.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution 03-12-16-51, adopting the Amended General Fund Budget for 2004. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. ROLL CALL: AYES: Arnold, Massengill, Curmi, Edwards, Griffith, Mann. NAYS: Munfakh. Motion carried. A copy of Resolution 03-12-16-51 is attached to the official copy of the minutes and is on file in the Clerk's office.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Resolution 03-12-16-52, adopting the Amended 2003 Improvement Revolving Fund Budget. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of Resolution 03-12-16-52 is attached to the official copy of the minutes and is on file in the Clerk's office.

At 9:35 p.m. the Supervisor called for a brief recess. The meeting reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution 03-12-16-53, adopting the Amended 2004 Improvement Revolving Fund Budget. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of Resolution 03-12-16-53 is attached to the official copy of the minutes and is on file in the Clerk's office.

Mr. Munfakh moved that no Township Newsletter be published for a period of 90 days prior to any election. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. ROLL CALL: AYES: Munfakh, Griffith. NAYS: Arnold, Curmi, Edwards, Mann, Massengill. Motion defeated.

Mr. Griffith moved that the Township Parliamentary Procedures be changed for Board reconsiderations from the current procedure of the next calendar day to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. ROLL CALL: AYES: Griffith, Munfakh, Arnold, Curmi, Edwards, Massengill. NAYS: Mann. Motion carried.

Mr. Mann wished everyone Happy Holidays and said the 2004 Township calendar should be delivered to Township residents within the next few days.

Building Official Lewis updated the Board on the progress of the house on Ann Arbor Road, in answer to Mr. Griffith's question.

In answer to Mr. Curmi's question about the selection of the Fire Chief, Mr. Mann said the Civil Service Commission is still dealing with some issues regarding the testing process.

Mr. Mann agreed to send the Board copies of future press releases, per Mr. Curmi's request.

Ms. Arnold asked that a study session be scheduled for the purpose of being updated on the Sheldon Road Underpass and other items. Mrs. Massengill stated that a work session must be scheduled soon due to a proposed update to the Massage Establishment and Massage Technician Licensing Ordinance.

Mr. Griffith asked about a possible joint study session with the City of Plymouth regarding cooperative police services.

Mr. Mann said he'd expect the joint services committee would meet first, rather than the entire Board.

Mr. Don Schnettler was invited by Mr. Mann to come into the office or forward a letter regarding his request for a definition of the term "officer" in the Township. Mr. Curmi also referred him to the Michigan Township Association (MTA) web site for their definition.

Mr. Schnettler asked when the cost of the election would be available. Mrs. Massengill noted she is still working on the breakdown of the costs.

In answer to Mr. Schnettler's question about why the Trustees did not receive a raise from the Compensation Commission, he was informed that he would have to ask the Compensation Commission that question. He was asked if he had attended any of the Compensation Commission meetings. The meetings are public meetings and were posted. He replied that he was unaware of the meetings.

Mr. Mann assured Mr. Schnettler that the residents would continue to be informed of township progress via the Township's newsletter.

Mrs. Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all. Mr. Mann adjourned the meeting at 10:32 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Steven Mann, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on December 16, 2003. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal. The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held on January 13, 2004.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the Meetings/Hearings upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the following: Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number (734) 354-3200 TDD units: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Services)

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HOOP

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defeated Detroit Holy Redeemer, 75-39.

Saturday's championship final pitted Rouge against City, while Glenn met Holy Redeemer in the consolation game. (Results of that game will appear in Thursday's Observer.)

Country Day whips CC

A team that lives from the outside can also die from the outside.

Redford Catholic Central was reminded of that on Friday night as the Shamrocks failed to hit a triple until the fourth quarter and wound up losing to Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 68-50, in the opening round of the Kalamazoo Central Tourney.

"We had some open looks, but missed some open shots," said CC coach Rick Coratti as his team dropped to 3-2. "We rely on 3s, but didn't hit one

until the fourth. That and we were 9-of-18 from the line and they were 16-of-19. It didn't help."

After trailing by 10 at the half, CC cut it to seven points near the end of the third quarter.

But Country Day (5-0) got a bucket at the end of the second quarter, then converted a pair of CC turnovers to pull away.

Dan Waterstradt led CC with 18 points, while Dave Herberholz had 10 and Jim Cash had seven.

Alex Legion and Omar Thomas led Country Day with 14 points each.

In the second game, the host Maroons turned back Ypsilanti, 53-48.

Wildcats rule tourney

These are freshmen and sophomores playing against upperclassmen. They should just hope to be competitive.

Plymouth's basketball team didn't quite fit that description. The Wildcats, playing in the Dupont Classic at Warren

Zoe Christian last Monday and Tuesday, came away with a tournament title, defeating Macomb Christian 58-25 in Tuesday's final.

On Monday, Plymouth routed Wyandotte Mt. Carmel 68-25. Macomb and Mt. Carmel are varsity teams, but both are Class D.

Nonetheless, it was a boost for coach Dave Van Wagoner's young squad.

"It was good for our confidence, especially against varsity teams," he said. "It was a good tournament. The guys really hustled, and they played tough defense in both games."

The two wins boosted Plymouth's record to 4-1 against all competition, 2-1 against varsity opponents. Macomb is 2-4; Mt. Carmel was 2-2 after Monday's defeat.

The Wildcats sped to a 24-16 lead after one quarter in Tuesday's final against the Crusaders, and in the second quarter they wrapped up the title, outscoring Macomb 18-3 for a 42-19 halftime advantage.

After allowing 16 first-quarter points, Plymouth limited the Crusaders to just nine more.

Josh LeDuc paced the scoring for the Wildcats with 14 points. Kuhrlaj Sandu had 12 and Brent Jones totaled nine points, eight assists and played "a very good defensive game," according to Van Wagoner.

Josh Simpson was best for the Crusaders with 10 points. In Monday's opener, three players reached double figures in scoring for Plymouth, but again the key was the defense. The 'Cats surrendered just 12 points in the first three quarters, including a 12-0 shutout of the Comets in the third quarter. They led 46-12 at the half.

A.J. Davey's 14 points topped Plymouth. Alex Harvey and Jim Wilbur each contributed 10, and Jones finished with four points and nine assists.

Mt. Carmel got 12 points from Ryan Conley.

The Wildcats are now idle until Jan. 9, when they host another varsity team: Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL Sunday, Dec. 28 (UD-Jesuit Holiday Classic) Borgess vs. Cincinnati Hughes, 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29 Redford CC vs. Pontiac Northern at University of Detroit-Jesuit, 9 p.m. (Toledo Emmanuel Baptist Tourney) Maumee Valley (Ohio) Country Day vs. Temperance Bedford, 3:30 p.m. Canton Agape vs. Emmanuel Baptist, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30 Emmanuel Baptist Tourney, 3:30 & 7:30 p.m.	Salem Invitational, 9:30 a.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Sunday, Dec. 28 Schoolcraft Christmas Tourney, 1 & 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29 (DeVette Tourney at Hope College) Univ. of Chicago vs. Concordia (Wis.), 6 p.m. Madonna vs. Hope College, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30 DeVette Tourney at Hope, 6 & 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3 Kirtland CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Sunday, Dec. 28 St. Xavier (Ill.) Tourney, 1, 3, 5 & 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29 St. Xavier Tourney, 1, 3, 5 & 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3 Kirtland CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Sunday, Dec. 28 Whalers at Mississauga, 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29 Whalers vs. Windsor (Compuware), 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 1 Whalers at Owen Sound, 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3 Whalers vs. Guelph (Compuware), 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4 Whalers at Saginaw, 2 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.
PREP HOCKEY Friday, Jan. 2 Farmington Unified at Redford CC at Compuware Arena (NHL), 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3 Churchill at W.L. Northern, 5:50 p.m. PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Saturday, Jan. 3 Saline Invitational, 8 a.m. Flushing Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Mich. Kick-Off at Dexter, 9 a.m. W.L. Central Inv., 9 a.m. Central Michigan Univ. Tourney, TBA. PREP WRESTLING Saturday, Jan. 3 Wyandotte Invitational, 9 a.m. PREP GIRLS GYMNASTICS Saturday, Jan. 3	

CITY OF LIVONIA
NO. 2639

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.50G OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE"

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 18.50G of Article XVIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 18.50G Sign Regulations for Professional Office Districts. There shall be no sign erected, altered or used within any Professional Office District except as herein permitted; provided, however, that no freestanding sign shall be permitted when the front yard setback of the building(s) is less than fifty (50) feet.

(a) For each office development site consisting of a single tenant occupying a single building:

- One (1) freestanding identification sign not to exceed a maximum sign area of thirty (30) square feet or to exceed six (6) feet in height, ten (10) feet in length, and shall have a minimum setback of ten (10) feet from any right-of-way line. Where a development site has more than four hundred (400) feet of frontage along a major or secondary thoroughfare, or a minimum of two hundred (200) feet of frontage on each of two (2) major or secondary thoroughfares, a second freestanding sign shall be permitted with the same size and location limitations as the first permitted sign, providing the distance between the two (2) signs is no less than three hundred (300) feet measured along the road frontage.
- One (1) identification wall sign consisting exclusively of individually fabricated letters or symbols attached flatly and individually to the building shall be permitted and the sign area shall not exceed one (1) square foot for each two (2) lineal feet of building frontage or one hundred (100) square feet, whichever is the lesser.

(b) Multi-tenant office complexes comprised of one (1) or more architecturally uniform buildings shall be permitted the following, and prior to sign permits being issued, a master sign plan shall be submitted to the Director indicating size, type and location of wall signs, ground signs and any other requested signs:

- One (1) freestanding business center sign not to exceed a maximum sign area of thirty (30) square feet or to exceed six (6) feet in height, ten (10) feet in length, and shall have a minimum setback of ten (10) feet from any right-of-way line or any property line. Where a development site has more than four hundred (400) feet of frontage along a major or secondary thoroughfare, or a minimum of two hundred (200) feet of frontage on each of two (2) major or secondary thoroughfares, a second freestanding sign shall be permitted with the same size and location limitations as the first permitted sign, providing the distance between the two (2) signs is no less than three hundred (300) feet measured along the road frontage.
- One (1) group identification sign for each principal office building not to exceed thirty (30) square feet in area, and if freestanding, shall be located within twenty (20) feet of the building perimeter.
- Wall signs not exceeding ten (10) square feet of sign area for each accessory commercial use or a support service, may be located on the face of the area occupied by said use or service, providing said use or service is on the ground floor.
- One (1) wall sign for each principal office building when consisting exclusively of individually fabricated letters or symbols attached flatly and individually to the building shall be permitted, and the sign area shall not exceed one (1) square foot for each two (2) lineal feet of building frontage or one hundred (100) square feet, whichever is the lesser.
- Where the office building is erected in excess of four (4) stories in height, and in lieu of the wall sign permitted under the above section (b)4., then an identification wall sign consisting exclusively of individual letters attached flatly and individually to the building shall be permitted when located at a height greater than thirty (30) feet above grade, provided that no such sign shall exceed a total size of two percent (2%) of the total square foot area of the front of the building or two hundred (200) square feet, whichever is the lesser.

(c) One (1) nameplate on the entry door or adjacent to the doorway for each tenant having a separate public means of ingress and egress.

(d) One (1) non-illuminated real estate sign per development site.

(e) One (1) non-illuminated real estate development sign per development site.

(f) One (1) non-illuminated construction sign per development site.

(g) Directional signs.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect

Section 3. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Wednesday, December 17, 2003, at 8:00 p.m.

Joan McCotter, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 22nd day of December, 2003.

Jack Kirksey, Mayor

Approved as to form:
Sean P. Kavanagh, City Attorney
Dated: December 19, 2003

Publish: December 28, 2003

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CITY OF LIVONIA
NO. 2635

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.50C OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE."

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 18.50C of Article XVIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 18.50C Prohibited Signs. A sign not expressly permitted in a zoning district is prohibited. The following signs as defined in Section 18.50A of this ordinance shall not be permitted and are expressly prohibited in any zoning district:

- "Abandoned signs"
- "Billboards"
- "Flashing signs"
- [Reserved.]
- "Projecting signs"
- "Portable signs"
- "Roof signs"
- "Trailer signs"
- "Pylon signs"
- "Outline tubing signs," except that the use of outline tubing may be permitted when a) such tubing is encased so as to protect it from weather and breakage and to render such tubing invisible when not illuminated (i.e., through tinted glass or plastic), and b) the tubing does not outline windows, roofs, or other building features.
- "Moving signs"
- Any sign attached to a tree or utility pole whether public or private, or attached to a traffic device or public sign.
- Any sign unlawfully installed, erected or maintained.
- Any sign which has displayed thereon advertising or announcements in obscene, indecent or immoral material or language.
- Signs painted permanently and directly on the exterior surface of any building, wall or fence shall be prohibited.
- Any sign which by reason of its size, location, content, coloring, or manner of illumination constitutes a traffic hazard or a detriment to traffic safety by obstructing or detracting from the vision of drivers, or by obstructing or detracting from the visibility of any traffic sign or control device on public streets and roads. Signs which make use of words such as "Stop," "Look," "Danger," or any other words, phrases, symbols, or characters, or which simulates or imitates in size, color, lettering or design any traffic sign or signal in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead, or confuse traffic.
- Any sign or sign structure which is structurally unsafe; or constitutes a hazard to safety or health by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, or is capable of causing electrical shocks to persons likely to come in contact with it; or has peeling paint on any surface; or has any parts broken, missing letters or inoperative lights.
- Any sign, that is located in or projects into any public right-of-way as shown on the Master Thoroughfare Plan is prohibited, except for traffic or other public signs and those signs for which a valid permit has been issued by a) the County, in the case of a County right-of-way, or b) the State, in the case of a State right-of-way. Any sign, including political signs, real estate signs, placards, posters, circulars, showbills, handbills, cards, leaflets or other advertising matter posted, pasted, nailed, printed, stamped, or unlawfully placed or erected in any right-of-way or public property may be removed and disposed of by the enforcement officers of the City of Livonia without regard to other provisions of this ordinance.
- The parking of a vehicle or trailer on public property or public right-of-way or on private property where such vehicle is parked or displayed so as to be visible from any adjoining street, if said vehicle or trailer has attached thereto or located thereon any sign or advertising device which has the effect of providing advertisement of products or directing people to a business or activity located on the same or nearby property or any other premises. This prohibition shall include the advertisement, display or offering for sale of the vehicle upon which the sign is placed except when such vehicle is part of the inventory of a "New and Used Car Lot" as permitted by Section 11.03 of Ordinance No. 543.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect

Section 3. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Wednesday, December 17, 2003, at 8:00 p.m.

Joan McCotter, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 22nd day of December, 2003.

Approved as to form:
Sean P. Kavanagh, City Attorney
Dated: December 19, 2003

Publish: December 28, 2003

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CITY OF LIVONIA
NO. 2637

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.50E OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE"

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 18.50E of Article XVIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 18.50E Sign Regulations for Residential Districts. No sign shall be erected, altered or used within any residential district except the following:

- Nameplates.
- One (1) non-illuminated construction sign.
- One (1) non-illuminated real estate sign.
- One (1) temporary non-illuminated "open house" real estate sign with an area not to exceed four (4) square feet. Such signs may be located only on the premises being sold and may be displayed for only one (1) day in any seven (7) day period.
- One (1) identification sign for each waiver use, not including churches, not to exceed six (6) square feet of sign area and if erected as a ground sign, shall not exceed four (4) feet in height and shall have a minimum setback of twenty (20) feet from any right-of-way line.
- One (1) advertising sign for each permitted non-residential use in R-U-F and AG districts not to exceed twenty (20) square feet of sign area and if erected as a ground sign, shall not exceed six (6) feet in height and shall have a minimum setback of ten (10) feet from any right-of-way line.
- Churches shall be permitted the following:
 - One (1) identification ground sign not to exceed thirty (30) square feet of sign area or to exceed six (6) feet in height, and shall have a minimum setback of ten (10) feet from any right-of-way line.
 - One (1) freestanding bulletin board or identification ground sign not to exceed twenty (20) square feet of sign area, five (5) feet in height, and shall have a minimum setback of ten (10) feet from any right-of-way line.
 - One (1) wall sign not to exceed twenty (20) square feet of sign area. Such sign shall consist of individual letters attached individually and flatly to the building.

(h) At the entrance to a residential subdivision, an entranceway sign shall be permitted when constructed out of natural materials. This sign shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet of total sign area, five (5) feet in height, shall be erected on private subdivision property only in yards adjacent to streets at the entrance to the subdivision and shall be located at a minimum of ten (10) feet from all property lines. Said sign may be erected within the median strip of a public divided lane entrance if located no closer than ten (10) feet from the intersecting street right-of-way lines and is approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals. All entranceway signs in a subdivision shall be constructed utilizing a common design and the same types of materials.

(i) A residential subdivision development with models designed to promote the sale of homes within the subdivision shall be permitted one (1) real estate development sign for each access road entering the development, providing a minimum distance of five hundred (500) feet is maintained between the signs. Such signs shall be located on the subdivision property adjacent to a subdivision entranceway. Each sign, when permitted, shall not exceed a maximum sign area of sixty-four (64) square feet, twelve (12) feet in height, and shall have a minimum setback of ten (10) feet from any right-of-way line. Permits for this type of sign shall be initially issued for a two (2) year period and only to the developer of the subdivision. In addition to the above, one (1) sign shall be permitted to be erected by each home builder for each model home within the subdivision, not to exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area and a height of five (5) feet. Such signs shall be located in the front yard of the model home and no closer than fifteen (15) feet from any property line. After the two (2) year period, sign permits may be renewed yearly if at least five (5) percent of the remaining lots are vacant and available and new homes remain under construction. Such signs shall be removed upon cessation of new home marketing within the subdivision or when ninety-five (95) percent of all lots have been sold by the builder(s) or when the permit expires, whichever occurs first.

(j) [Reserved]

(k) For residential properties not eligible for signage under paragraphs (f) and (g) above, signage aggregating not more than four (4) square feet shall be permitted, provided such signage does not constitute commercial advertising and no part of same is displayed more than six (6) feet above grade.

(l) Multiple family developments having two (2) or more principal buildings which contain three (3) or more dwelling units shall be permitted one (1) identification sign not to exceed twenty (20) square feet of sign area and if erected as a ground sign, shall not exceed five (5) feet in height and shall have a setback of ten (10) feet from any right-of-way line. Such developments with rental or management offices shall also be permitted one (1) sign not to exceed six (6) square feet in area and four (4) feet in height to identify the rental or management offices.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect

Section 3. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Wednesday, December 17, 2003, at 8:00 p.m.

Joan McCotter, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 22nd day of December, 2003.

Jack Kirksey, Mayor

Approved as to form:
Sean P. Kavanagh, City Attorney
Dated: December 19, 2003

Publish: December 28, 2003

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CC GAME REPLAYED

In case you missed it the first time, Fox Sports Net will replay the Michigan High School Athletic Association football and girls basketball finals over the holiday season at least once.

Of local interest, Redford Catholic Central's Division I football win over Utica Eisenhower will be shown at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 16.

SKATING LESSONS

Basic skills classes in skating are being offered by the city of Plymouth Recreation Department from Jan. 5 until March 13. These classes range from beginning to advanced freestyle skating. Each class is 25 minutes, with an additional 25 minutes for practice either before or after the lesson (depending on ice scheduling).

Cost is \$70 for city of Plymouth residents, \$90 for non-residents. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation office at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 304, or check out the Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

HOOP COACH WANTED

Redford Thurston is looking for a varsity girls basketball coach. For more information, please call athletic director Al Chambo at (313) 535-4000, Ext. 1166.

STRENGTH COACH WANTED

Farmington High School has a position available for someone willing to serve as a strength and conditioning coach for the football program on a volunteer basis. The position would involve

approximately nine hours per week, starting in January. To inquire call the athletic department at (248) 489-3352.

SOFTBALL CAMP

The Annual Mercy Softball Camp for girls in grades five through 12 will take place 9 a.m. to noon on six Saturdays in early 2004.

The dates are Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31 and Feb. 14 and 21. The camp will take place at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$50 for six sessions.

To register contact Sue Graves at (734) 981-5455.

OPEN SKATING SET

The City of Plymouth will have open skating throughout the holiday break at the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer.

The open skate schedule is: 6-6:50 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29; 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30; 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Dec. 31; 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2; 10-1:50 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3; and 4-5:50 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4.

Cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children and \$2 for seniors before Jan. 1; after Jan. 1, the cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children and \$3 for seniors. Skate rental is \$2.

The open skate phone line is (734) 455-1782. For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Office at (734) 455-6620.

BASEBALL TRYOUT

The WaCo Wolves U-9 travel baseball team will hold winter tryouts for the 2004 season. The team will play about 50-60 games during the season plus a World Series.

For more information, please call Bill Hardin at (734) 516-3723.

COACHES WANTED

Plymouth High School is looking for a ninth-grade softball coach for the 2004 season. Call athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700/02.

Canton HS is accepting applications for a freshmen fastpitch softball coach. Experience in fastpitch softball is necessary. Contact Canton athletic director Sue Heinzman at (734) 416-2925.

LEARN TO SKATE CLASSES

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold seven-week learn to skate classes (30 minutes each), starting the week of Jan. 11, at Edgar Ice Arena, 33841 Lyndon, Livonia,

for the following age groups: Youth (ages 4 and up) — 4:40-6:50 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays; boys hockey skills — 6:20 p.m. Mondays; tots (3-year-olds) — 4:10 p.m. Thursdays; and adult — 6:20 p.m. Thursdays.

Registration will be from 5-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road). The cost is \$44 (residents) and \$58 (nonresidents).

Call (734) 466-2412 or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

TOURNEY OPENINGS

Madonna University has openings for a high school girls volleyball tournament on Saturday, Jan. 10 (JV teams).

Interested coaches should call MU coach Jerry Abraham at (734) 432-5612.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 January 08, 2004

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday January 08, 2004 at 6:45 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following proposed Special Land Use:

ZA 03-016: Proposed amendment to Section 154.022C(4)(a) of the Land Usage Chapter of the City Ordinance, which regulates the Height of Detached Accessory Structures (Garages)

The existing ordinance is lined out. The proposed amendment is shaded.

§ 154.022 ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES.

(C) Detached Accessory Buildings.

(4) Height.

(a) Detached accessory buildings in residential districts shall not exceed one story and 14 feet twenty-one feet (21') in height as measured from the ground level to the top of the ridge.

1. Sidewalls of the accessory buildings shall not exceed ten feet (10') in height.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Planning Commission, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
 Treasurer/City Clerk

Published: December 28, 2003
 Posted: December 22, 2003

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CITY OF LIVONIA
ORDINANCE NO. 2634

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.50B OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE."

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 18.50B of Article XVIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 18.50B Requirements for all Signs. Signs may be erected or maintained in the City of Livonia only as permitted by this section and subject to other restrictions contained in this ordinance.

(a) No signs oriented to motorized traffic on a public street (except as specifically exempted) shall be erected, used, changed or altered without first having been approved by the Director of the Inspection Department, or his designee, and a sign permit issued.

(b) No sign shall be located so as to create a traffic hazard by obstructing the vision of motorists or to obstruct, partially or totally, the visibility of any traffic sign or control device on any public street; nor shall any sign be located so as to impair or impede the visibility of a vehicle entering into or exiting from a parcel of property.

(c) Illumination: Signs may be non-illuminated, or where permitted to be illuminated, be internally or indirectly illuminated. Any sign, regardless of size, that makes use of electricity shall require an electrical permit in addition to any required sign permit. No sign shall be illuminated by other than approved electrical devices, installed in accordance with the requirements of the regulations adopted by the City of Livonia, and shall be subject to the following conditions:

- The lighting of signs shall be of a non-intermittent, non-flashing character.
- Illumination devices designed and installed to illuminate the exterior or principal buildings or accessory buildings on a site shall be permitted without respect to the size of signs permitted in any zoning district; provided, however, that there shall be no spillage of illumination or glare onto any public or private roads, drives or traffic lanes and shall be so shielded, trained or aimed that glare is prevented from spilling onto adjacent residential properties.
- Internal illumination or back-lighting of signs attached to a canopy or awning, which render the canopy or awning translucent, is not permitted; however, the portion of the canopy or awning which encompasses the sign area only may be illuminated to light the sign area in a translucent manner.

(d) Except as otherwise provided, the minimum setback for all ground signs shall be ten (10) feet from any right-of-way line as shown on the Master Thoroughfare Plan.

(e) Except as otherwise provided, the maximum height of a ground sign shall not exceed six (6) feet above grade.

(f) No person shall erect or place any sign upon any vacant or unoccupied property owned by another person without first having obtained permission from the property owner.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 3. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Wednesday, December 17, 2003, at 8:00 p.m.

JOAN McCOTTER, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 22ND day of December, 2003.

JACK E. KIRKSEY, Mayor

Approved as to form:
 SEAN P. KAVANAGH, City Attorney
 Dated: December 19, 2003

Published: December 28, 2003

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Holiday Bonus Cash is Back!

GET \$1000 ON ALL REMAINING 2003 FORD CARS AND TRUCKS (1)

260 A month(1) with a 36 month low mileage Red Carpet Re-newal Lease. *
 With \$1,655 customer cash due at signing.
 Includes security deposit and acquisition fee; excludes tax, title and license fee. Customer cash due at signing is net of all rebates. Payment includes \$1000 renewal cash, plus \$750 Employee bonus cash.

284 A month(1) with a 36 month low mileage Red Carpet Re-newal Lease. *
 With \$1,204 customer cash due at signing.
 Includes security deposit and acquisition fee; excludes tax, title and license fee. Customer cash due at signing is net of all rebates. Payment includes \$1,500 renewal cash, \$2000 RCL cash and \$750 Employee bonus cash.

198 A month(1) with a 36 month low mileage Red Carpet Re-newal Lease. *
 With \$1,518 customer cash due at signing.
 Includes security deposit and acquisition fee; excludes tax, title and license fee. Customer cash due at signing is net of all rebates. Payment includes \$1,500 RCL cash.

227 A month(1) with a 36 month low mileage Red Carpet Re-newal Lease. *
 With \$1,072 customer cash due at signing.
 Includes security deposit and acquisition fee; excludes tax, title and license fee. Customer cash due at signing is net of all rebates. Payment includes \$500 renewal cash, \$2,500 RCL cash and \$750 Employee bonus cash.

296 A month(1) with a 36 month low mileage Red Carpet Re-newal Lease. *
 With \$1,716 customer cash due at signing.
 Includes security deposit and acquisition fee; excludes tax, title and license fee. Customer cash due at signing is net of all rebates. Payment includes \$1,000 renewal cash, \$1,000 RCL cash and \$750 Employee bonus cash.

229 A month(1) with a 36 month low mileage Red Carpet Re-newal Lease. *
 With \$1,074 customer cash due at signing.
 Includes security deposit and acquisition fee; excludes tax, title and license fee. Customer cash due at signing is net of all rebates. Payment includes \$500 renewal cash, \$2,500 RCL cash and \$750 Employee bonus cash.

ASK ABOUT...\$500 HOLIDAY BONUS CASH ON SELECTED 2004 MODELS TOO!

SUBURBAN FORD DEALERS OPEN SATURDAYS

(1) For special \$1,000 Holiday Bonus Cash on 2003 models, take new vehicle retail delivery from dealer stock by 1/2/04. Restrictions apply. See dealer for complete details. *Some payments higher, some lower. Not all Lessees will qualify for lowest payment. For special lease terms, RCL Cash and \$750 Employee bonus cash, take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 1/2/2004. RCL Cash may be taken in cash, but is used towards down payment in examples shown. Lease renewal cash only available to customers terminating their Ford Division Red Carpet Lease and re-lease for 36 months by 1/2/2004. Leases terminated early qualify if terminated within program dates. Supplies are limited, not all dealers will have all featured models. Residency restrictions apply. See dealer for complete details. All payment examples are for Current Ford Employees and eligible family member Lessees.

VARSITY
 3480 Jackson Rd. 1-800-875-FORD
 ANN ARBOR

ATCHINSON
 9800 Belleville Rd. 734-697-9161
 BELLEVILLE

GENE BUTMAN
 2105 Washtenaw 734-482-8581
 YPSILANTI

BRIARWOOD
 7070 Michigan Ave. 734-429-5478
 SALINE

HINES PARK
 I-96 at Milford Rd. 248-437-6700
 LYON TWP.

FRIENDLY
 2800 N. Telegraph, 734-243-6000
 MONROE

Ford

OPEN SATURDAYS

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Cathy Standish

An angel finally gets her wings

The wind was blowing that October morning I pulled into Suzi's driveway. She was waiting for me, holding her 3-year-old son tightly in her arms.

She only needed me to watch him until her sitter could get home from school. I looked at his little head of red hair, his sweet, angelic face. He was too young to understand what was going on.

I took the little boy into the family room and popped in a video, as requested. Curled into his favorite chair, lulled by the music of a big purple dinosaur, he soon fell asleep. I leafed through a magazine, wandered through the house. Outside the wind blew harder.

The back door blew open and the little baby sitter flew in as expected. Smoothing her ruffled hair and taking off her coat and shoes, she looked at me and smiled. Very familiar with the household, she needed no instruction.

I closed the door behind me as I waved my goodbye. Outside, near the back door, the little bell visitor's rang to announce themselves was strangely silent. It seemed it should be tinkling with the force of all the wind.

Later that evening Suzi phoned.

"How is she?" I asked. "She's a fighter," Suzi replied. "But the wind is blowing so that is a good sign!"

Strangely enough, I understood. Looking for little nuances in life was a trait I held in common with Suzi.

"I know my mother is making the wind blow," Suzi continued. "She's like that, you know. This is her way of telling me that she is fighting."

Anyone who knew Suzi's mom believed that statement. Her strength of will carried her far in life, her spirit shining in her children and grandchildren. This was a woman who would not let go easily. I truly believed she would have the power to make the winds blow.

As the days of that October passed, the wind continued to blow. Sometimes Suzi and I would talk on the phone, conversations of her Mom, conversations of my Dad. It seemed unfair for life to go on as it did, knowing what my friend was facing. She said it seemed strange to look at the homes decorated for Halloween, seemed odd reading about the parties, and it didn't seem right to plan for the holidays.

I understood what Suzi meant. I agreed. It just didn't seem right.

Later that October the wind stopped blowing.

After that the October days became calm, and from that October, November turned into December. Slowly, the world started to light up again. It was lightly snowing on that December morning, as I stopped by Suzi's with gifts. Saying our good-byes as we stood at her back door, a gentle wind ruffled Suzi's hair.

Next to her the little bell tinkled. Suzi brushed away the tear that came to her eye. We both knew what that ringing meant.

Because of a wonderful life, an angel had finally gotten her wings.

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

A safe harbor

Salvation Army provides shelter in a wintry storm

Three days before Christmas, Maj. Stephen Hull hurries down the hallway lined with Red Kettles. In between picking up the monetary donations at various sites around town, the Plymouth Salvation Army pastor is overseeing the distribution of toys, food, clothing and gift items to needy families in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

The Plymouth Salvation Army isn't always this hectic but on any given day Hull and his Wayne-Westland counterpart, Capt. Chuck Yockey, can count on families, senior citizens, and laid-off workers walking in their doors for temporary assistance. In the last two weeks, the Plymouth location provided Christmas for 250 families, Westland for more than 500.

"Christmas is the most important time of year but funds raised now take us through the year," said Hull. "In addition to Christmas gifts, year round we run a food pantry, help with utilities that are about to be or are shut off, evictions, and offer service programs such as character building for youth, a summer camp in the Oxford area, and a summer day camp here in Plymouth.

"Nonprofit groups like Alcoholics Anonymous meet here for a minimal charge or donation. We have an arrangement with local police departments to assist stranded motorists. Once a month, we visit area nursing homes and hold church services at Christmas when we also do caroling and distribute gifts. We also offer a Tiny Tots preschool."

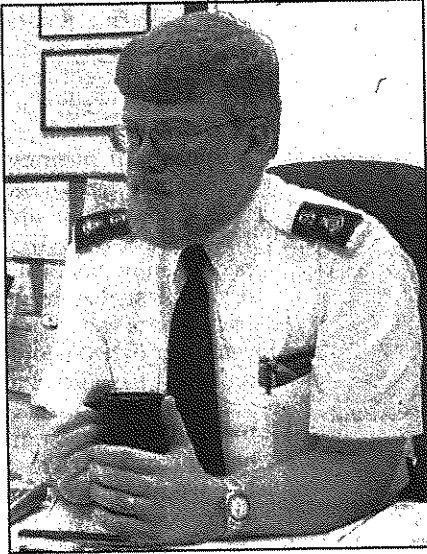
VITAL SERVICES

Like Plymouth, the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army offers a food pantry, helps with utilities and evictions as well as runs an after-school tutoring program that includes training on budgeting software and GED preparation for residents in Wayne, Westland, Romulus, New Boston, and Inkster. Yockey stresses that the local organization is just "a Band-Aid," the food pantry only for emergencies "not to shop every two weeks."

The kettles and direct mail fundraising make it all possible. Both Hull and Yockey are pleased that 2003 is proving to be a better year than 2001 when giving was down after local



Ross Myers shows one of the Health Care boxes.



Maj. Stephen Hull takes a moment to reflect on the help given at the Plymouth Salvation Army.

donations were sent east after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Hull is close to meeting a goal of \$140,000 from the kettles, \$235,000 from direct mail. Yockey's kettles have brought in \$92,000 of a \$125,000 goal. However, direct mail is way down for reasons he can't explain.

"We've seen more need this year, families who've never had to ask for assistance are coming to our doors," said Yockey.

Hull says he's seeing the tail-end results of layoffs, and even though business is picking up, a brighter future for "laid-off workers is the last to kick in."

"We need money right now," said Yockey. "I want to say thank you to everyone who's given so far. They've done a wonderful job but the need is greater. If they could help us in any way they can. We need volunteers, after-school tutoring by teachers or college students, and we always need coaches and referees."

In Plymouth, Tammy Moyer says the food pantry is always in need of toilet paper, tissues and diapers. Food stamps don't cover these items. But be careful when pulling those items from the cupboard for donation.

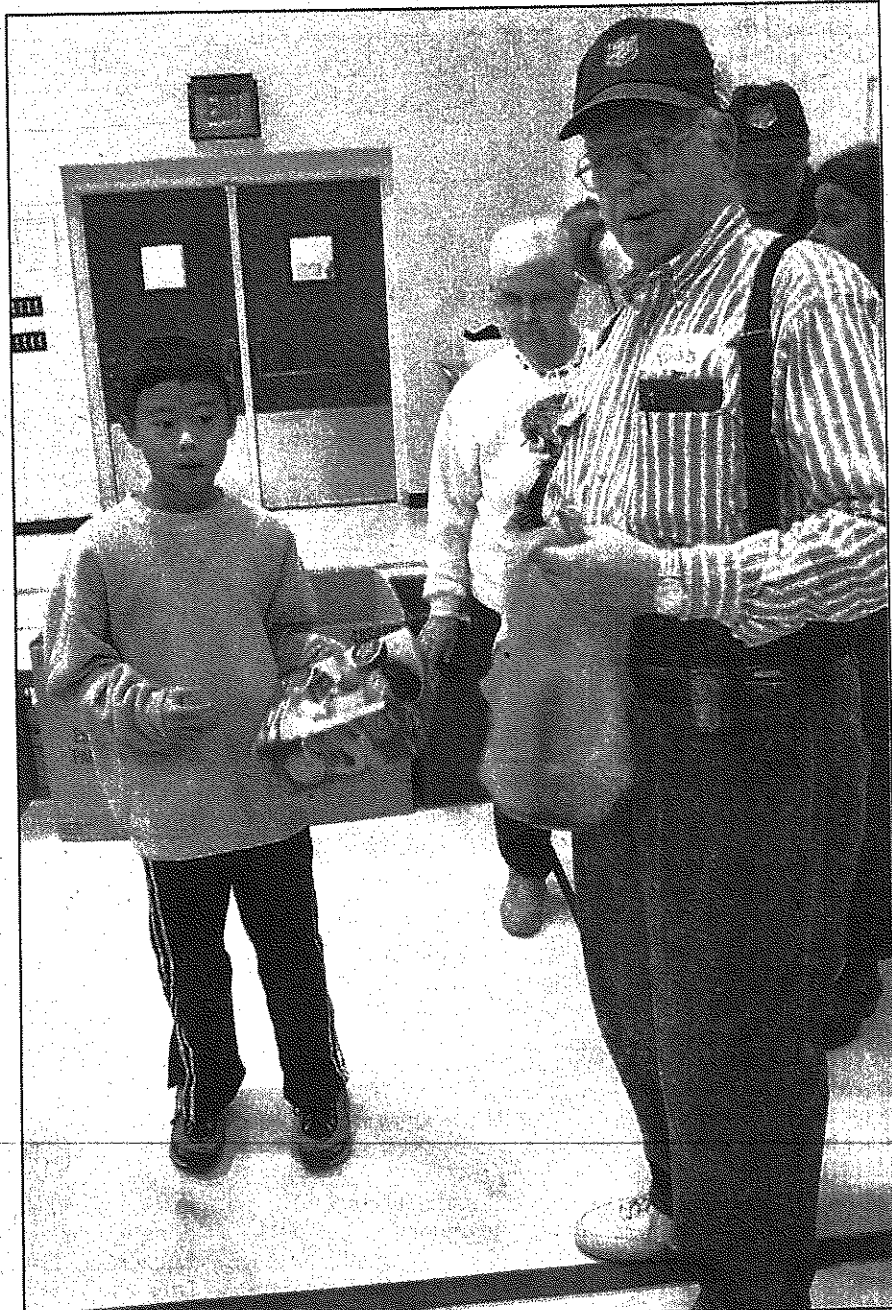
"For every two pallets of food that are donated, one pallet will be thrown in the trash because goods are beyond the expiration date," said Moyer. "My motto is 'If I won't eat it, they won't.'"

LOT OF LOVE

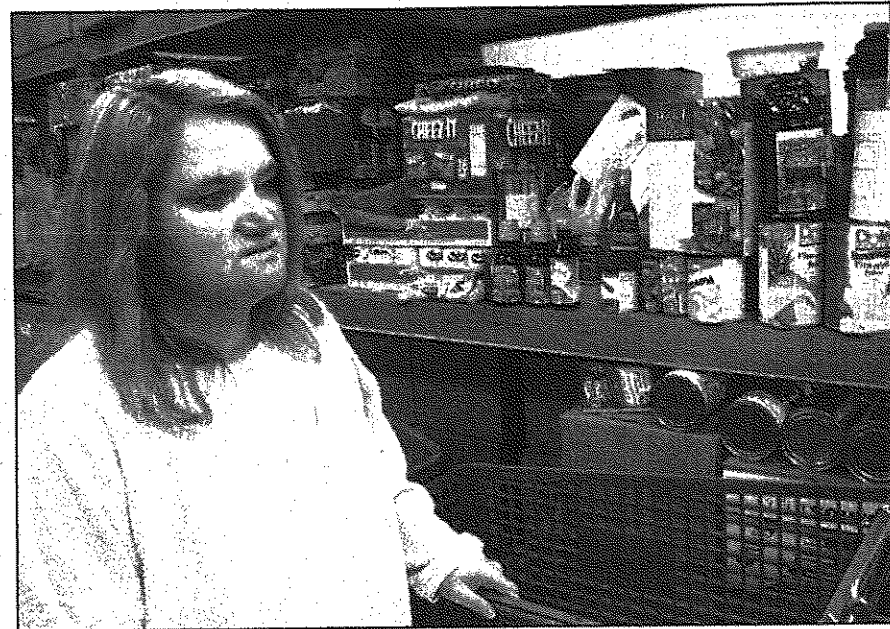
It's obvious there's a lot of love here at the organizations primarily kept going by volunteers. Everywhere the eye can see they assist mothers and fathers picking out gloves, hats, socks, shoes, underwear, and infant quilts at the Plymouth location.

Chris Ensor, a student at Smith Elementary in Plymouth, dropped by to donate two toys. His father, Will, said the family began the annual tradition about seven years ago with Chris's sister Kelsey, who's now 20.

"I feel people should have them for



Chris Ensor, 10, drops off some new toys he is donating to the Salvation Army. Accepting his gift is Ross Myers.



Tammy Moyer takes stock of the Salvation Army pantry in Plymouth.

Christmas," said Chris Ensor.

Ross Myers, the Corps sergeant major, accepts the donations gladly, saying they can "always use more toys."

"We were very fortunate we had some left over from last year that we gave to Salvation Armies in Westland and Dearborn Heights," said Myers of

Canton. "People are so generous here."

Hull couldn't agree more. A couple of weeks ago, he was filling in for a kettle bell-ringer at Kmart in Belleville when a man dropped in \$5.

"He said last year I was out of work. This year I'm working so I want to help," said Hull. "That's what it's all about."



Girls Scouts Tabitha Hardy (left front row) and Deena Sciatto; Kelsey Adams (second row), Kimberley Wonch and Tanja Gerasimova; Alyssa Leright (third row), Rachael Somers and Hannah Kerby, and Ashley Glover (fourth row) and Crystal Henderson show off four of the eight varieties of cookies available for this year's sale. The girls are part of Troop 394 of the Huron Valley Council, students at Cooper Elementary in Livonia.

Girl Scout cookie sales in full swing

Girls in Troop 394 have their work cut out for them. Each of the Westland Scouts is expected to sell 500 boxes of cookies by Jan. 18.

Leader Susan Wonch says that won't be hard since the 13 girls sold more than 3,000 boxes last year. The Cooper Elementary students are always enthusiastic about raising money to pay for activities enjoyed by their council - Girl Scouts of Huron Valley Troop 394.

This year Deanna Sciatto is especially excited about telling prospective buyers about the newest of the eight different varieties - a strawberry filled version called Pinata.

"This tastes really good and it's made with real strawberries, white icing and cinnamon sprinkled," said Sciatto who's already sold 43 boxes to family and her mother's friends. Sciatto's mother Dianna is a co-leader of the troop with Trina Leright.

Kimberley Wonch has already sold 200 boxes of the Peanut Butter Patties and Sandwiches, Caramel deLites, Shortbread, Thin Mints, Animal Treasures, Pinatas, and reduced fat Lemon Pastry Cremes, attesting to the fact everyone has a sweet tooth when it comes to Girl Scout Cookies.

Hannah Kerby's mom took them to work and sold 108 boxes. Enlisting moms and dads to sell cookies to co-workers is a common sales tactic used by the girls.

There aren't many options for hawking the

cookies because of safety concerns. Occasionally they'll set up shop in front of a store but don't sell door to door unless accompanied by a parent and then only to people in the neighborhood that they know.

"Selling the cookies teaches them responsibility, decision making, how to budget," said Susan Wonch. "They're running their own business."

"Profits go toward activities. We try to keep costs for activities down so everyone can participate. The girls decide how to spend the money. They love to go camping. They went to Mackinaw last year. This year they're visiting the museums in Chicago over spring break. They also plan to take a baby-sitting class that includes CPR."

Sales of cookies last year allowed the girls to spend the night at a local mall where they were treated to movies and magicians. Two weeks ago, they made wooden choo-choo trains at Lowe's. At the beginning of December, they made pizzas, grinders, pretzels and cinnamon ornaments at Mancino's.

But the Girl Scouts do more than spend money on fun activities. Last year they collected stuffed animals then donated them to First Step, the nonprofit organization helping victims of domestic violence. Future plans include a book drive.

This year's sale runs through Jan. 18 with deliveries made the week of Feb. 18. The cost is \$3.50 a box, call (734) 971-8800.

Donor registry saves lives - sign up

Chet Szuber suffered with heart disease for 25 years before his 22-year old daughter Patty was killed in a car accident nine years ago. Her decision to become an organ donor saved his life.

But Patty's precious gift may never have been given if the family hadn't known about her wishes beforehand. Szuber talks about the discussion every family needs to have in a new organ donation video from Gift of Life Michigan - "Give So Others Can Live." It is available for no charge by calling (800) 482-4881.

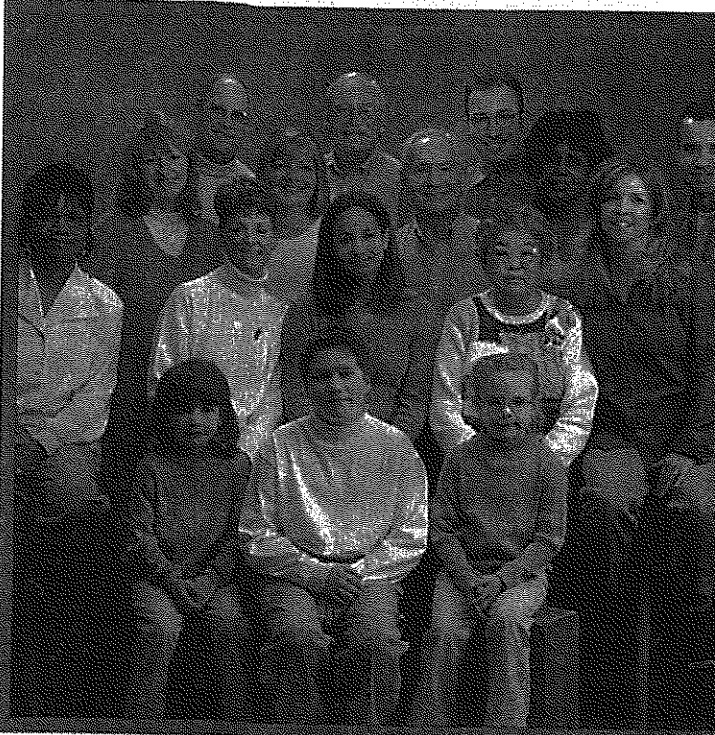
"The most important thing people can do is to discuss organ donation at home. Tragedy never gives you any warning," said Szuber, a Berkley resident. "Because of Patty two blind ladies have vision, two others share kidneys, another person has her liver. Her pancreas and about 30 tissue and bone samples went to research, and I have her heart.

"Donating organs is also beneficial to survivors. If they don't donate they experience 100 percent loss. We have the comfort of knowing Patty is gone but she is not dead because she lives in so many others."

Today, Szuber is busy running a Christmas tree and landscape business in Harrisville, 25 miles outside of Alpena, but he always has time to talk about organ donations. Szuber speaks at medical symposiums, nurses associations, and to high school students and senior citizens all over the country and Europe. He's living proof that the decision to become a donor saves lives. He'd been on the waiting list four years before his heart transplant. A week ago Monday, his doctor pronounced his blood pressure and cholesterol readings as "excellent."

"There is no shortage of

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MICHIGAN ORGAN & TISSUE DONATION PROGRAM

This is the new organ donation video from Gift of Life Michigan - "Give So Others Can Live." It is available for no charge by calling (800) 482-4881.

organs," said Szuber. "Only a shortage of donors."

Dr. Michael Hagan is urging people to change that by signing up today. For more infor-

mation about organ and tissue donation, or to obtain a Gift of Life Organ, Tissue & Eye Donor Registry Card, call Gift of Life Michigan at (800) 482-4881 or visit the Web site at www.giftoflifemichigan.org.

Dr. Hagan is a liver recipient who works tirelessly in the community promoting organ and tissue donation. An ER physician before contracting Hepatitis B, Dr. Hagan returned to college for a master's degree in health service administration eventually becoming vice president of medical quality at St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac from 1988 to 1998. It was at the end of

that time period he developed total liver failure, and doctors told him he had less than 18 months to live. His only chance was a transplant. Two years later he was still waiting. Four years ago Sunday, Dec. 21, he received his transplant and "is doing fabulous."

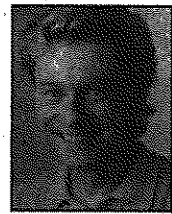
Dr. Hagan maintains an active schedule volunteering with the Michigan chapter of the American Liver Foundation. In fact he's one of the founding fathers of the research and advocacy group for patients with all types of liver disease. He also serves on the board of Gift of Life Foundation, and is a member of the United Network for Organ Sharing, a national organization overseeing transplants for the entire country. Whenever possible he speaks to civic and church groups, hospital staff, businesses about donating organs.

"It's a national issue," said Dr. Hagan. "With over 83,000 people on the list waiting for organs, last year only 24,000 transplants were done. Last year over 6,000 people died on the waiting list. I almost was one of them. When doctors did my surgery, they said I had one week to live. It's important for everyone in the entire country to sign up to save those 6,000 lives a year. Right now it's estimated there are enough who die every year to save those 6,000 but not enough have signed the organ registry. Discuss that decision with your family so they know what you're wishes are. It's more than signing the back of your driver's license. The Gift of Life doesn't know about you until you register. Start out the New Year by signing up to eventually save someone's life. One organ donor can save the lives of six people and help improve the lives of 50 other people through tissue donation."

It was through a series of coincidences that Dr. Hagan found out his donor was a murder victim. He went to the trial of the accused, eventually introducing himself to the victim's family.

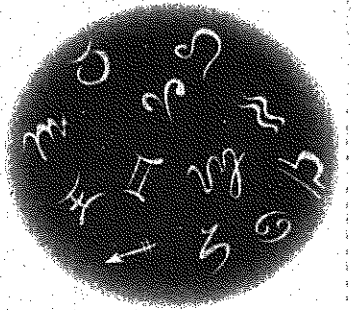
"It was the most wonderful experience of my life and theirs," said Dr. Hagan. "They were devastated and drained but they met me and realized part of their daughter is still alive and she's giving me life every day and her spirit lives on."

Horoscope



Star Struck

(Dec. 28-Jan. 1)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You're about to be rewarded for the sacrifices you've made, and you deserve everything you get and more. Others may say that you've been lucky, but they don't know the effort you've put in or the heartache you've suffered. Let others say what they want. Only you know the truth.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You're likely to be at your most sensitive and vulnerable now, ready to lash out at anything or anyone in your path. Just remember that whatever you banish from your life leaves a gap that needs to be filled. Rather than clinging to the past, concentrate on filling the void.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Knowing what you want is not enough. Now, with your ruling planet Mercury starting up its forward dance, you must persuade others that your reasoning is based on facts, not emotions. They may be hard to convince but at least they'll know where you stand.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Have you been aiming too high or expecting too much lately? Nevertheless, you'll hear and learn a lot this weekend and, for the most part, you'll be delighted by what you discover. As far as relationships are concerned, this is a good time to kiss and make up.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Some quandaries are solved by trial and error; others require an objective and informed approach. The dilemma you face falls into the latter category, but you still must keep your mind and options open. Think twice before rejecting an offer for help or second opinion.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Knowledge is power and so are words. This week, you'll use what you know to persuade others to go along with your plans. Whether they're good or bad plans remains to be seen, but self-doubt won't be an issue. The word 'failure' isn't in your vocabulary nor forecast now.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

No one has the right to tell you how to live. You do not have to justify your actions to anyone whom you think is disguising curiosity as a genuine concern. Granted, it's a lonely time for you, but you're now in a position to make the rules—so, do so!

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

As the New Year begins, you'll find yourself thinking more about the material side of your existence: What you own, what you earn and whether you're doing as much as you could to get the good things in life. Just ponder for now; make changes later. You deserve the best!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

You won't have to work hard to make this a time to remember, as good things will happen no matter what. But if you do make an effort, they won't just be good things, they'll be great things! It's merely a question of how much excitement you can stand.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

You've never been more highly thought of or talked about. You may find it hard to believe, but it's stellarly true, and what happens this week will prove it. Don't be suspicious is someone in a position of power offers you something you crave. They'll want you to have it.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

The best part of winter is beginning for you, and it will be better still if you resolve any lingering family or emotional problems before your birthday—that will leave you free to do as you please and have fun for a change. Waterbearer's dreams are nearing reality now.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

This promises to be a wonderfully happy and productive week for Fish, though you'll achieve more if you focus on relationships and your social life rather than income and your work. The more you're on the move, the more likely it is that you'll find love and luck.

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham-based astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 646-3555 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com.

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On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 34050 Nine Mile Rd., Farmington, MI 48335, (248) 473-0202, on 12-30-03 at 1:30 p.m. Personal property described below in the matter of:

C005 - Connie Wheateley - Refrigerator, washer, misc. boxes, toaster, toys
D031 - Laveda Glover - Bike, BBQ grill, dresser, TV, mattress set
D068 - Ernest Munker - Mattress set, keyboard, handtruck, chest, chair
E031 - Ronnie Miller - Misc. boxes, chair
E035 - Cary Vincent - TV, mattress sets, misc. boxes, vacuum
E044 - Linda Clark - Microwave, sofa, chair, washer, dryer, refrigerator

On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 12900 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48150, (734) 591-6446, on 12-30-03 at 12:45 p.m. Personal property described below in the matter of:

C030 - Ethel Harrison - 3 bikes, stove, misc. bags, misc. boxes, mini stereo
C050 - Karen Mack - Microwave, mini refrigerator, vacuum, chairs, misc. boxes
C080 - Bramwell Pascoe - Keyboards, TV, misc. box, games
C109 - Alonzo Trammell - TV, bike, washer, dryer, chairs, misc. boxes, kids toys
D042 - Gordon Hudson - Weights, file cabinet, lamp, misc. boxes, ladder
D045 - Deborah Zimmerman - Tables, chairs, plant stand
D057 - Lynn Smolter - Chairs, kid bike, Christmas tree, misc. boxes, table
D061 - Cozette Sizemore - Misc. boxes, kids toys, clothes
D135 - Stannette Nunlee - 2 bikes, vacuum, kids bed, kids toys, misc. bags
D166 - Evelyn Blevins - Dryer, animal cage, clothes, pool table, TV
E017 - Angela Hutchins - Misc. boxes, loveseat
E047 - Jessica Kent - Misc. boxes
E068 - John Spanky - 2 TVs, misc. boxes, bird baths
E122 - Rhonda Moore - Office furniture, sofa, file cabinet, misc. boxes
E130 - Deirdra Davis - Fax machine, misc. boxes
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Classes are kept small for individual attention, and students interact and work together through role play, oral drills and group presentations. Workshop topics include establishing business relationships and socializing, effective telephone communication, planning and making presentations, meetings and negotiations.

For more information, contact the Schoolcraft College Learning Assistance Center at 734-462-4436 or visit the Web at www.schoolcraft.edu/lac. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.



Exhibit focuses on Livonia scenes in wintertime

Glistening under a blanket of snow, Greenmead Historical Village takes on a serene beauty in the current art show at Livonia City Hall.

But then all of the paintings, photographs, pen and ink, oils, watercolors, pastels, and colored pencil works speak to the wonders found throughout Livonia.

Historic buildings, nature, children, and a glowing city hall make for an intriguing showing in "Winter Scenes in Livonia." Especially moving are the pink snow and clouds Lawrence Diggs photographed amidst the blackness of trees in Fox Creek at dusk. A vibrant red cardinal on a snowy evergreen branch by Robert Ferrish is another eye catcher. Nancy Hurd's portrait of a young girl bundled in winter clothes is one more work not to

be missed. Three winners will be chosen after the show closes Tuesday, Dec. 30, in the lobby of Livonia City Hall on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Visitors can choose their favorites by going up to the fourth floor and filling out a ballot. Presented by the Livonia Arts Commission the exhibit features 32 works priced between \$70 to \$650.

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"They did a real good job," said arts commissioner Carol Swales who works in the mayor's office coordinating special events. "We've been impressed with all of them."

"It's a nice thing to have for visitors to see places they pass by and never have thought of," added arts commissioner Andy Taylor who led a tour of the show. Taylor has served on the arts commission on and off for the last 11 years. "It's the places people associate with Livonia."

Although Swales booked the show in the lobby of city hall, neither arts commissioner takes credit for the concept.

Artist and former arts commissioner Sara Dickens came up with the idea 18 months ago before moving out of the area.

The Livonia Arts Commission hosts monthly shows in city hall and the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Hours for the city hall show are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

"We were so intrigued with the idea we decided not to drop the ball," said Taylor. "The more exposure we can get for people in the arts the better."

Promoting artists is just one

of the goals of the Livonia Arts Commission according to chairperson Robert Ferrish. In addition to the monthly art shows, an annual fine arts competition, summer music series, and arts and crafts festival at Greenmead Historical Village, future projects include bus trips to the Detroit Institute of Arts and applying for a grant to do a landscape design in front of city hall. Ferrish believes beautifying the city is part of the arts commission's role.

CITY OF LIVONIA NO. 2641

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.50H OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE."

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

This ordinance creates an appeal process for any party seeking or holding a sign permit whose application is denied or whose permit is revoked. This appeal process provides for a hearing before the Director of Inspection, in addition to any right such person(s) may have to appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Such hearing shall occur not less than 10 business days after the denial or revocation complained of, except with the consent of the property owner to a later date.

A true copy of Ordinance No. 2641 may be inspected or obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

Ordinance No. 2641 was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Wednesday, December 17, 2003, at 8:00 p.m.

Joan McCotter, City Clerk

Ordinance No. 2641 was authenticated by me on the 22nd day of December, 2003.

Jack E. Kirksey, Mayor

Approved as to form:
Sean P. Kavanagh, City Attorney
Dated: December 19, 2003

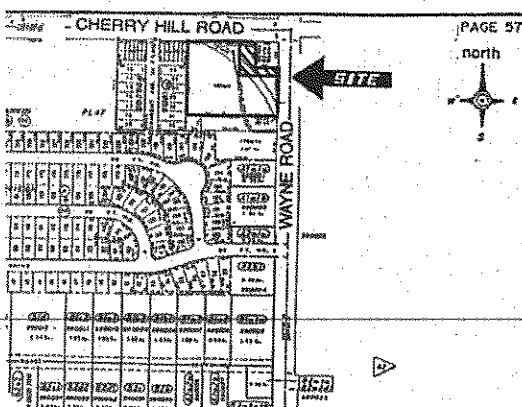
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2094B, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Service Station/Convenience Store, Parcels #057-02-0180-004 and -0182-003, Southwest Corner of Wayne Road and Cherry Hill Road, NE-20, Graham Road (Neil Silver)



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission scheduled to be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 6, 2004 for the above case has been cancelled.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2004 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR:
SPECIAL USE AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL
SP 03-10 Gas/Convenience Store
129 W. Ann Arbor Trail
ZONED: I-1, Light Industrial
APPLICANT: Gallup Properties**

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

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Psychologist discovers an amazing technique

In the early 1990s, an amazing new technique hit therapists' offices called EMDR. (Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing).

Those who have gone through it report that it has changed their lives. Developed quite accidentally by psychologist, Dr. Shapiro, the process came to fruition after she discovered a phenomena while walking through a park one afternoon. She kept thinking about something that was particularly disturbing, and couldn't shake it from her consciousness.

During the walk, she began shifting her eyes back and forth from left to right and noticed that the discomfort began to subside. By the end of her walk, after focusing her eyes from left to right many times, the disturbing memory was completely neutralized. Upon returning to work the next morning, she asked her colleagues if anyone had ever experienced this before, to which they all responded no. That was the beginning of EMDR.

Longitudinal studies were then conducted to see whether the technique indeed quelled disturbing thoughts, and further, if it had any



Jacquie Martin-Downs

longlasting effects. The evidence keeps pouring in. Although we know very little about how the brain works, the hypothesis is that within each of us there is an information-processing system that is designed to process upsetting events so that we can maintain a state

of mental health. When something unpleasant happens, we think about it, talk about it and dream about it until it doesn't bother us anymore.

At this stage, we can say it has had an "adaptive resolution." We have learned whatever was useful about the experience and stored it in our brain with the appropriate emotion so it can guide us in the future. But when something traumatic happens to us, this processing system can break down. Our perceptions of the event may be stuck in our nervous system in the same form as when we experienced them.

These perceptions take place in nightmares, flashbacks and intrusive thoughts. The EMDR process allows them to be neutralized, as insights arise.

These perceptions take place in nightmares, flashbacks and intrusive thoughts. The EMDR process allows them to be neutralized, as insights arise and the appropriate emotions take over. It is thought that EMDR reconnects the stored event with the physical information-processing system of the brain. Then, through the natural healing process, trauma is digested, and the mental wounds can be healed, perhaps as rapidly as those of the body. By activating both hemispheres of the brain, cognitive processing occurs. EMDR can help with depression, anxiety, traumas

(PTSD; post-traumatic stress disorder), phobias, stress, low self-esteem, relationship difficulties and addictions.

When I was in college and playing the harp in the university's orchestra, a volatile conductor took it upon himself to single me out (not hard to single out a lone instrument in an orchestra) and lambaste me for not playing a particular passage with the correct notes and beat. To add insult to injury, his temper exploded into, "Forget playing this piece in the concert, harp. You can just sit out." As all 55 members of the orchestra stared me down, my shame and humiliation became unbearable. The experience tainted my desire to become a studio harpist, which had been my goal.

During the EMDR training for therapists, each of the participants had to experience the process for themselves. Another therapist and I teamed up, and when I heard her story about being a 2-year-old who woke up in the middle of an operation, I knew my story about the harp would be an appropriate wound worth healing. When she asked me

to think about the feelings I have today about the incident, I could feel my stomach knot up and my hands become clammy.

As part of the protocol she asked how it affects me today, and I had to fess up that I believe I am not a competent harpist. With that, we began the EMDR technique, which is quite simple. The results were miraculous. And I only went through the process one time - most people have several sessions with an EMDR-trained therapist. As for current thoughts about the incident, I now cannot even remember it, nor feel the pain that the event caused. Further, I am playing the harp that sat silent for so long.

EMDR is a useful tool for those who have suffered pain, humiliation, trauma, fear, abandonment and many more unfortunate emotions in their life. Though you may not realize it, it may be the answer to a current difficulty in your life, that seemingly has no connection to your past. It may be worth exploring!

Jacquie Martin-Downs' private practice in Livonia is at (800) 940-3808.

**CITY OF LIVONIA
NO. 2636**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.50D OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE."

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

This ordinance revises the "permitted signs" provision of the City's sign ordinance to eliminate content-based restrictions on signage and to clarify that non-commercial messages may be substituted for the copy on any commercial sign permitted by the ordinance. The ordinance also reduces the maximum area of temporary community event signs from 32 square feet to 16 square feet, and reduces the maximum area of directional signs from four square feet to two square feet.

A true copy of Ordinance No. 2636 may be inspected or obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

Ordinance No. 2636 was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Wednesday, December 17, 2003, at 8:00 p.m.

Joan McCotter, City Clerk
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Jack E. Kirksey, Mayor

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**CITY OF LIVONIA
SUMMARY OF
ORDINANCE NO. 2633**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.50A OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE"

This ordinance modifies certain definitions in the City's sign ordinance and adds new definitions of "banner," "flag" and "pennant." Taken together with Ordinance No. 2635, this ordinance has the effect of prohibiting the use of tubes and bands of light to outline and call attention to windows and other building features.

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**CITY OF LIVONIA
NO. 2640**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.50H OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE."

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

This ordinance revises the regulations of signs in commercial districts. It eliminates content-based restrictions and provides for more uniform treatment of businesses located on corner lots. It modifies the sign restrictions applicable to regional shopping centers, gasoline service stations, and certain hotels and motels. It permits temporary use of banners, pennants, flags, searchlights and balloons, and governs the length of time these may be displayed.

A true copy of Ordinance No. 2640 may be inspected or obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

Ordinance No. 2640 was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Wednesday, December 17, 2003, at 8:00 p.m.

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Plymouth-Canton Educational Park choir singers were on the air recently, performing on WCSX-FM 94.7 with host Pam Rossi. The Chamber and Madrigal singers, made up mostly of juniors and seniors from Canton and Plymouth, under the direction of Jennifer Kopp, were promoting their upcoming visit to New York City. The choirs were invited to sing at Carnegie Hall this spring.

REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

Cabrini High School

Class of 1984

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

Cooley High School

Class of 1957

The class of 1957 has invited other interested friends from all the 1950s classes. Being held at 7 p.m.

Oct. 9, 2004, at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club near Plymouth. Cost is \$75/per person which includes sit down dinner, open bar, music, and many surprises. Call for more info on golf and reservations at the Hilton Garden Suites. For further info, call Loretta (Muciek) Nedwick at (800) 859-9502.

Cooley High School

Class of 1954

A 50-year reunion is planned for Saturday, July 17, 2004, at Livonia Marriott (not Courtyard) located at Six Mile Road and I-275. A reception will be at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. An informal gathering will be held on Friday, July 16, in a hospitality suite at the Marriott. A bus tour of Cooley High School is also in the planning stages. Call Daneen (Stark) Gallo at (734) 462-2786.

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BAILEY

Kenneth Washburn age 88, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Franklin, MI and Canadian Lakes, MI, died on December 23, 2003 at Kent Community Hospital. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Iva Murdock Bailey, two sisters, Muriel and Vivian, two brothers, Loren and Leslie. He is survived by his two daughters, Kathy (Jim) Smock of Zanesville, OH, Nancy Barnard of Gaylord, MI, 4 grandchildren: Amy Fleming, Courtney Nowack, Jeff Barnard and Leanne Barnard, on great grandchild Kristen Fleming, three sisters and one brother. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII and was a prisoner of the Japanese for 3 1/2 years. He worked for Automotive Materials Corp. and American Safety Equipment Corp. He was very involved in his community and church and enjoyed golf and bridge. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2004 at 11:00 AM at Mayflower Congregational Church, Grand Rapids, MI. The family is being served by Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Service, Grand Rapids, MI.

FARLEY

Nadine A., age 82, of Westland, passed away on December 22, 2003, at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne, MI. Mrs. Farley is the beloved wife of Jewel Farley, loving mother of the late Roberta Ann McAnally, sister of Evilette Thorne, Maxine Casteel, Jessie V. Brown, Jimmie Faye Garner, Harold G. McAnally, Neil Harrison, Martha E. Moss, the late Everett McAnally and the late Mary Lou Rast. Funeral was held Friday, December 26, 2003, 1:00 p.m., UHT Funeral Home, Westland, MI. 48186. Clergy officiating Rev. Bob McDonald. Interment: Greenwood Cemetery, Wayne, MI.

FOSTER

Lenora R. age 86, of Birmingham, passed away on Saturday December 20, 2003. Mother of Patty R. Firu, Michael L. Foster, Nancy Bell, Russell P. Foster, and Cynthia Foster; grandmother of 2; and Great-grandmother of 4. Mrs. Foster was preceded in death by her husband Wesley Foster. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be considered to Special Olympics of Michigan, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI. 48859 or ARC of Oakland County, 1641 W. Big Beaver, Troy, MI 48064. Arrangements by the Union Lake Chapel of the Elton Black and Son Funeral Home.

BURCH

VERA JEANETTE, of Garden City, Homemaker & member of St. Raphael Church. Born June 24, 1921 in Dearborn, died December 24, 2003. Beloved wife of Joseph. Loving mother of Richard, Daniel, Jeanette Gehrlin, Marcella Sanborn, Joseph, and Rita Hall. Dear sister of Viola Raupp, Rita Willis, Mary Weston, Ann Covert and James Mahar. Also survived by 24 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Visitation was held on Friday at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City. Funeral service held on Saturday at St. Raphael Church officiated by Father Scott Thibodeau.

LaGosh

Stephanie (nee Stock), age 83, died Dec. 8, 2003. She was born June 1, 1920, in Lincoln, MI. She was a longtime resident of Plymouth, and a former resident of Dearborn. She was a homemaker. She enjoyed needlework, gardening, golf, reading, and cooking. She was a member of the Plymouth Garden Club. She is survived by her granddaughters, Jennifer (Richard) Bryl Yrdman and Emily Bryl of New Mexico; her sister, Ann Paul; and several nieces & nephews. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, William, and her daughter, Susan Bryl. Private services held. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. (734) 453-3333

PRICE

Frances J. of Southfield, Age 89, December 25, 2003. Beloved wife of the late Thomas. Dear mother of Thomas (the late Wanda), Janet (Robert) Penzak and the late Frances Rudas. Also survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Sister of William Nicholas. Visitation Sunday 4-8 p.m. and Monday 1-8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 mile (4 blks. E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. In State Tuesday 10 a.m. until time of Service 11 a.m. at St. David Episcopal Church, Southfield.

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE
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A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

- Z 04-01 870 Penniman Appeal of Planning Commission Denial
Parking Lot
Zoned: B-2, Central Business
Applicant: Jim Prokes
- Z 04-02 110 W. Ann Arbor Rd. Sign Ordinance Interpretation
Zoned: Planned Unit Development
Applicant: Mark and Jim Tanski
- Z 04-03 1460 Junction Non-Use Variance Requested
Parking & Lot Size Requirement
Zoned: RM-1, Multiple-Family Residential
Applicant: David Kingston

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
January 08, 2004

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday January 08, 2004 at 6:45 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following proposed Special Land Use:

ZA 03-015: Proposed amendment to Section 154.027C(4) of the Land Usage Chapter of the City Ordinance, which regulates residential front porches.

The existing ordinance is lined out. The proposed amendment is shaded:

154.027C(4): Unenclosed porches, with or without a roof. Unenclosed porches may project into the required front yard up to six feet, the required thirty foot (30') front yard set back up to six (6) feet. In cases where single-family houses maintain a front yard setback greater than thirty feet (30'), one (1) additional foot of projection shall be permitted per each foot of additional setback outside of the thirty foot (30') requirement; not to exceed a total front porch projection of ten feet (10'). All Porches shall maintain a minimum side yard setback of three feet (3').

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Planning Commission, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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Single Parents

Wednesday evening program, 7-8:15 p.m. in the Single Point Office.

Bible Study

All members are invited to the learner's Bible study class 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in Room A101.

Book Discussion Group

MSP's book discussion group meets 7:30-8:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Borders Books in Farmington Hills. Borders will offer a 10-percent discount on all titles chosen for discussion.

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Community service

Marcia Williamson, the Salem High School Homecoming Queen, and Homecoming King Brian Bradley wrap Christmas presents as part of their community service project, Operation Good Cheer. Williamson and Bradley raised money to buy presents for children in foster care.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

ONGOING

New worship service

Plymouth Baptist Church has added a second Sunday worship celebration. The new service times are 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs are also provided for both services. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty. For more information, call (734) 453-5534.

Contemporary worship service

11:30 a.m. the fourth Sunday of the month at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-6038.

Worship services

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For information, call (734) 422-1470.

Ablaze Young Adult Ministries

Presented by Detroit World Outreach 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Using cutting-edge music, high-tech video and lighting, drama, multi-media, and a relevant message that can change lives, Ablaze is giving young adults ages 18 to 28 the opportunity to meet friends and hang out with people their age. Evening includes a live band, pool tables, ping pong, basketball, and the Motown Cafe. For more information, call (313) 794-0684 or visit the Web site at www.motownministries.org.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools
Westland, Michigan 48185

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Bid Package #8:

- Consisting of:**
- Air Conditioning Projects at:**
 - Elliott Elementary School
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 - Jefferson Elementary School
 - Lincoln Elementary School
 - Franklin Middle School

will be received until **1:30 P.M.** local time on **Thursday, January 15, 2004** at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Wayne-Westland Community School Board of Education Office, located at 38745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened. **Faxed proposals will not be accepted.**

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

Bid Division Description	
106	Masonry
107	Steel
108	Carpentry
109	Roofing/Sheetmetal
117	Acoustical Treatment
120	Painting
142	HVAC
143	Electrical

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

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents, beginning Wednesday, December 17, 2003, by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400. Additional plans may be ordered and purchased directly from Dunn Blue Reprographics Technology, (248) 353-2950. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.** The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on **Tuesday January 6, 2004 @ 3:00 P.M. in the cafeteria of Franklin Middle School, 33555 Annapolis, Wayne, MI 48184.** All bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Wayne-Westland Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Wayne-Westland Community Schools reserve the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

Publish: December 21 & 28, 2003

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**CITY OF LIVONIA
NO. 2617**

AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE USE OF PORTIONS OF STREET, ALLEY AND PUBLIC GROUND

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. The report and recommendation of the City Planning Commission, dated September 26, 2002, setting forth its resolution 09-120-2002 on Petition 2002-07-03-08 submitted by Jeff and Julie Locklear, requesting the vacating of the southerly five (5) feet of an existing 15 foot wide utility easement on their property located at 37876 Northfield Avenue on the north side of Northfield between Newburgh Road and Stonehouse Avenue in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31, City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, is hereby accepted and adopted and the Council does hereby approve all proceedings on said Petition 2002-07-03-08, it appearing that a public hearing thereon was held on September 24, 2002, as provided by law and that the proper notices of such hearing were given.

Section 2. Pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, the City's use of the following property is hereby vacated:

The Southerly 5 feet of the Northerly 15 feet of Lot 19 of the Stonehouse Estates Subdivision of part of the S.E. 1/4 of Section 31, T.1S., R.9E., City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 106, pages 1-3, Wayne County Records

subject to the relocating of the affected public utility equipment presently occurring within the subject easement area.

Section 3. Ordinance No. 2577 is hereby repealed as of the date this ordinance becomes effective, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Wednesday, December 3, 2003, at 8:00 p.m.

JOAN MCCOTTER, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 8th day of December, 2003.

JACK E. KIRKSEY, Mayor

Approved as to form:
SEAN P. KAVANAGH, City Attorney
Dated: December 4, 2003

Publish: December 28, 2003

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**CITY OF LIVONIA
NO. 2616**

AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE USE OF PORTIONS OF STREET, ALLEY AND PUBLIC GROUND.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. The report and recommendation of the City Planning Commission, dated September 26, 2002, setting forth its resolution 09-119-2002 on Petition 2002-07-03-07 submitted by Jeff and Natalie Kwiecinski, requesting the vacating of the southerly five (5) feet of an existing 15 foot wide utility easement on their property located at 37720 Northfield Avenue on the north side of Northfield between Newburgh Road and Stonehouse Avenue in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31, City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, is hereby accepted and adopted and the Council does hereby approve all proceedings on said Petition 2002-07-03-07, it appearing that a public hearing thereon was held on September 24, 2002, as provided by law and that the proper notices of such hearing were given.

Section 2. Pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, the City's use of the following property is hereby vacated:

The Southerly 5 feet of the Northerly 15 feet of Lot 17 of the Stonehouse Estates Subdivision of part of the S.E. 1/4 of Section 31, T.1S., R.9E., City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 106, pages 1-3, Wayne County Records

subject to the relocating of the affected public utility equipment presently occurring within the subject easement area.

Section 3. Ordinance No. 2576 is hereby repealed as of the date this ordinance becomes effective, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

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Tips for keeping your New Year's resolutions

Every year, approximately 100 million Americans make at least one New Year's resolution.

One of the most common of those resolutions is to lose weight and live healthier lives, a task that can prove to be very overwhelming without help.

Southfield's Franklin Athletic Club is offering some simple tips to get people started on the right track with their 2004 New Year's resolutions.

Approximately 60 percent of Americans are overweight and 30 percent are considered obese, and experts contend the numbers are continuing to rise. According to Lana Phelps-Coxton, M.S., A.C.S.M., personal trainer and nutritional consultant at Franklin Athletic Club, New Year's resolutions can either be very beneficial or become non-existent, depending on a few simple factors.

"Many people set unrealistic resolutions each year, in essence setting themselves up to fail," said Phelps-Coxton. "They make the mistake of trying to change everything at the

same time. It is much easier and more beneficial to start with a smaller resolution that will help achieve an ultimate goal."

Phelps-Coxton and the Franklin Athletic Club personal training staff have developed a list of tips that will help people achieve their New Year's resolutions of losing weight and improving physical fitness.

1. Word your resolution carefully - Make your resolution sound more like a plan you intend to carry out, rather than as something you must do. For instance, "This year I will lose two pounds each month" sounds a lot easier to achieve than "I will lose 24 pounds in 2004."

2. Get help - Losing weight and developing a healthy diet and exercise program isn't easy. While many people can find good tips on the Internet, each person's needs are different. Consulting a nutritionist and/or personal trainer is the best way to get an individualized plan that will help you achieve your goals.

3. Write it down - Write your resolution down and post it someplace

Doing something you enjoy will make you more likely to stick with your plan. Your exercise schedule will stay fun with a little variation as well.

you know you'll see it everyday. "Everyone gets busy and forgets things," said Phelps-Coxton. "If you have something to remind yourself daily of your resolution, it will help ensure you don't forget your goals."

4. Make it fun - Doing something you enjoy will make you more likely to stick with your plan. Your exercise schedule will stay fun with a little variation as well. Try a combination between running, walking, aerobics classes and swimming laps to

keep a little variety and a fresh feel to your workout.

5. Track your progress - Keeping track of small steps on the route to the larger goal will help keep you motivated and on-target. As mentioned earlier, if your goal is to lose 24 pounds in 2004, track your weight each month with the smaller goal to drop two pounds each month.

6. Don't make your resolution a secret - Tell friends and family about your resolution. Not only are they likely to offer support, but you might even find someone with a similar goal and you could motivate each other.

7. Stick with it - Experts contend that it takes around 21 days for a new activity like an exercise program to become a habit and it becomes a part of your personality after six months.

Franklin Athletic Club is located at 29350 Northwestern Hwy. in Southfield. Visit www.franklinclub.com for more information.

MOMS Club meets monthly

MOMS Club, a nonprofit support group, welcomes all western Wayne County stay-at-home mothers to meet at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month. The group offers children activities, weekly age-appropriate play groups, and family get-togethers. MOMS Club also performs service projects that benefit needy children in our community. Call Natalie, (734) 261-4186.

Genealogists gather

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month at the Civic Park Senior Center on Farmington Road in Livonia.

Meetings and computer classes (starting at 6:30 p.m.) are free and guests are welcome. Call Pat, (734) 425-3079, for additional information.

SYNOPSIS OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1,502nd REGULAR MEETING LIVONIA CITY COUNCIL - DECEMBER 3, 2003

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. Present: Gerald Taylor, Joe Laura, Maureen Miller Brosnan, Don Knapp, Val Vandersloot and Jack Engebretson.

Absent: Linda M. Dolan (Out of the City).

#614-03 Resolution by Brosnan and Knapp, approving the minutes of the 1,501st Regular Meeting of the Council held November 19, 2003, as submitted.

AYES: Taylor, Laura, Brosnan and Knapp

NAYS: None

PRESENT: Vandersloot and Engebretson

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION:

Mayor Kirksey thanked everyone involved in making the Christmas Tree Lighting and sing along a success. He also thanked Brandon Wallot who presented him with a check for approximately \$1,000.00 that Brandon collected for the holiday lighting and decorations.

The following items were received and filed:

Communication from Susan M. Hannis, 16797 Harrison Avenue, Livonia, Michigan 48151, dated June 5, 2003, to the Zoning Board of Appeals re: her opposition to a lot split at 16710 Harrison Ave. and a portion of Section 21.07 of the Zoning Ordinance addressing the application of variance power. (Item #2)

Photographs from Ann Howe, 28012 Steanmoor, Livonia, Michigan 48154, received at the Council Meeting of December 3, 2003, re: water drainage problems on her property, relative to the proposed lot split at 16710 Harrison Ave. (Item #2)

Site Plan received by the City Council Office on November 6, 2003, revised on 10/31/2003, re: a proposed bank by Pentagon Retail Development to be located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Seven and Eight Mile Roads. (Item #8)

Communication from Thomas J. Hagan, Jr., dated November 20, 2003, re: tendering his resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective December 5, 2003. (Item X-1)

At the Direction of the Chair, Item #2 was removed from the Consent Agenda.

The following resolutions were offered by Knapp and Vandersloot:

#615-03 Referring to the Department of Law for the purpose of directing the Petitioner, Jim Cernuto, Construction Manager, on behalf of Saadie Alobaidi, to obtain an appraisal with respect to a request to purchase City-owned property located at 28580 Joy Road that would be incorporated into a proposed condominium development and further that the Department of Law thereafter submit its report and recommendation to the Council.

#616-03 Referring to the Planning Department for its report and recommendation a request from Jim Cernuto, Construction Manager, on behalf of Saadie Alobaidi, to purchase City-owned property located at 28580 Joy Road that would be incorporated into a proposed condominium development.

#617-03 Accepting the unit bid price of Stephen's Nu-Ad, Inc., 17630 East Ten Mile Road, Eastpointe, Michigan 48021-1266, for typesetting, printing and delivery to the City and Post Office of the "L" Magazine to be published four times a year, at the unit prices specified per issue, for a two year period from December 1, 2003 through November, 2005, said unit prices having been in fact the lowest bid received which meets all specifications.

#618-03 Approving the sublease agreement between the City of Livonia and the Livonia Public School System, 15150 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154, for use of the gymnastics area at the Livonia Recreation Center for the period June 1, 2003 through May 31, 2006, as well as for the rental space in the Recreation Center.

#619-03 Concurring in the recommendation made by the City Planning Commission and determining to take NO FURTHER ACTION with regard to Petition 2002-11-06-05 submitted by the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section 23.01(a) of Ordinance No. 543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, and pursuant to Council Resolution 601-02, to determine whether or not to amend Section 11.03(1)(1) of Article XI of Zoning Ordinance No. 543, as amended, with respect to Subsections a, b and c regarding open-air business uses.

#620-03 Approving Petition 2003-09-02-19 submitted by John Massa for waiver use approval to operate an automobile and light truck repair facility on property located at 30759 Eight Mile Road, on the south side of Eight Mile Road between Merriman Road and Milburn Avenue in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 2, which property is zoned M-1, with conditions.

#621-03 Approving Petition 2003-09-08-27 submitted by Rockford Construction, on behalf of Family Video, for site plan approval in connection with a proposal to renovate the exterior of the building located at 37405 Ann Arbor Road, on the southwest corner of Newburgh and Ann Arbor Roads in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, with conditions.

A roll call vote was taken on the foregoing resolutions:

AYES: Taylor, Laura, Brosnan, Knapp, Vandersloot and Engebretson

NAYS: None

#622-03 Resolution by Brosnan and Taylor, referring to the Streets, Roads and Plats Committee for its reports and recommendation the Request from Kim Kostich of Anchor Homes, LLC, P.O. Box 510054, Livonia, Michigan 48151, on behalf of Thomas Moore, for the proposed division of Tax Item No. 46-049-01-0053-000 located south of Six Mile and west of Inkster Roads, 16710 Harrison Avenue, into two parcels.

A roll call vote was taken on the foregoing resolution:

AYES: Taylor, Laura, Brosnan, Knapp, Vandersloot and Engebretson

NAYS: None

#623-03 Resolution by Taylor and Laura, unanimously adopted, referring to the Engineering Division for its report and recommendation the subject matter of the water drainage/overflow issues relative to the request by Kim Kostich of Anchor Homes, LLC, P.O. Box 510054, Livonia, Michigan 48151, on behalf of Thomas Moore, for the proposed division of Tax Item No. 46-049-01-0053-000 located south of Six Mile and west of Inkster Roads, 16710 Harrison Avenue, into two parcels.

At the direction of the Chair, the subject of the feasibility of building

an all-season indoor sports complex to be paid by user fees was postponed until the City Council Regular Meeting of December 17, 2003. (CR #402-96)

#624-03 Resolution by Vandersloot and Brosnan, unanimously adopted, determining to take NO FURTHER ACTION with regard to the subject of the Civic Park Senior Center renovation.

At the direction of the Chair, the subject of the Municipal Ice Arena Construction was postponed until the City Council Regular Meeting of December 17, 2003. (CR #917-00)

Councilmember Brosnan gave FIRST READING to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3. THERETO. (Petition 2003-07-01-13)

The foregoing Ordinance was placed on the table for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

#625-03 Resolution by Brosnan and Laura, unanimously adopted, referring to the Traffic Commission for its report and recommendation the subject of posting "No Parking or Standing" and/or "No Thru-Traffic" signs on Bethany in connection with Petition 2003-07-01-13 submitted by Eric D. Zylinski, on behalf of Apple Crest Dental, P.L.C., requesting to rezone property located on the north side of Seven Mile Road between Bethany Road and Victor Parkway from RUFC to OS.

Councilmember Knapp gave FIRST READING to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.50 OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE." (Petition 2003-06-06-04)

The foregoing Ordinance was placed on the table for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Knapp gave FIRST READING to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.50A OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE." (Petition 2003-06-06-04)

The foregoing Ordinance was placed on the table for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Knapp gave FIRST READING to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.50B OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE." (Petition 2003-06-06-04)

The foregoing Ordinance was placed on the table for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Knapp gave FIRST READING to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.50C OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE." (Petition 2003-06-06-04)

The foregoing Ordinance was placed on the table for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Knapp gave FIRST READING to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.50D OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE." (Petition 2003-06-06-04)

The foregoing Ordinance was placed on the table for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Knapp gave FIRST READING to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.50E OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE." (Petition 2003-06-06-04)

The foregoing Ordinance was placed on the table for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Knapp gave FIRST READING to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.50F OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE." (Petition 2003-06-06-04)

The foregoing Ordinance was placed on the table for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Knapp gave FIRST READING to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.50G OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE." (Petition 2003-06-06-04)

The foregoing Ordinance was placed on the table for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Knapp gave FIRST READING to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.50H OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE." (Petition 2003-06-06-04)

The foregoing Ordinance was placed on the table for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Knapp gave FIRST READING to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.50J OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE." (Petition 2003-06-06-04)

The foregoing Ordinance was placed on the table for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Brosnan gave FIRST READING to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.06 OF ARTICLE XVIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE." (Petition 2003-07-06-05)

The foregoing Ordinance was placed on the table for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Brosnan gave FIRST READING to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 20.05 OF ARTICLE XX OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE." (Petition 2003-07-06-06)

The foregoing Ordinance was placed on the table for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Taylor gave FIRST READING to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 010 OF TITLE 12, CHAPTER 16 (PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

The foregoing Ordinance was placed on the table for consideration at the next Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Brosnan took from the table and gave SECOND READING to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE USE OF PORTIONS OF STREET, ALLEY AND PUBLIC GROUND. (Petition 2002-07-03-07 - CORRECTION)

A roll call vote was taken on the foregoing Ordinance:

AYES: Taylor, Laura, Brosnan, Knapp, Vandersloot and Engebretson

NAYS: None

Councilmember Brosnan took from the table and gave SECOND READING to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE USE OF PORTIONS OF STREET, ALLEY AND PUBLIC GROUND. (Petition 2002-07-03-08 - CORRECTION)

A roll call vote was taken on the foregoing Ordinance:

AYES: Taylor, Laura, Brosnan, Knapp, Vandersloot and Engebretson

NAYS: None

At the Direction of the Chair, the request to approve payment of membership fees to enable the City to join the Traffic Improvement Association (TIA) was postponed until the City Council Regular Meeting of December 17, 2003.

#626-03 Resolution by Laura and Brosnan, referring to the Committee of the Whole for its report and recommendation the subject matter of a request from Livonia Fire & Rescue to purchase from American LaFrance Michigan, 4694 Liberty Drive, Wixom, Michigan 48303, one (1) 2002 American LaFrance 75 foot Telesqurt Aerial Fire Truck in the amount of \$485,000.00.

A roll call vote was taken on the foregoing resolution:

AYES: Taylor, Laura, Brosnan and Engebretson

NAYS: Knapp and Vandersloot

#627-03 Resolution by Vandersloot and Taylor, unanimously adopted, denying Petition 2003-08-01-14 submitted by Narcisca and Emanuel Dan requesting to rezone property located on the north side of Schoolcraft Road between Farmington and Brookfield Roads in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22 from RUF to R-1 (Rural Urban Farm - 1/4 Acre Lots to One Family Residential - 60' x 120' Lots).

#628-03 Resolution by Taylor and Brosnan, unanimously adopted, amending and revising Council Resolution 451-03 approving Petition 2003-05-08-12 submitted by Leo Soave, on behalf of Cavell Woods Site Condominiums, for the Master Deed, Bylaws and Site Plan in connection with a proposal to construct a site condominium development on property located on the west side of Cavell Avenue between Five Mile Road and Western Golf Drive (14595 Cavell Avenue) in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, with conditions and regard to Condition #6 that the landscape plan marked sheet 1 dated August 6, 2003, as revised, rather than the June 11, 2003 date that was noted.

#629-03 Resolution by Knapp and Brosnan, unanimously adopted, accepting for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, Fire and Rescue, a cash donation in the amount of \$9,732.00 from Western Market to be used for the purposes as designated by the donor.

#630-03 Resolution by Brosnan and Knapp, unanimously adopted, accepting for and behalf of the City of Livonia, a Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) Grant from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority in the total amount of \$5,000.00 to be used as reimbursement for approximately six (6) of the forty-three (43) recently ordered X26E TASER® less lethal weapons for use by the Police Department, the same to be deposited in the adjudicated forfeitures fund.

#631-03 Resolution by Taylor and Laura, unanimously adopted, suspending the rules for consideration of items not appearing on the Agenda.

#632-03 Resolution by Laura and Vandersloot, unanimously adopted, appointing Matthew Henzi, 14314 Barbara, Livonia, Michigan 48154, is to the Zoning Board of Appeals effective immediately to fill the unexpired term of Thomas J. Hagan, ending July 12, 2006, with all the authority and duties as set forth in the said Zoning Ordinance and Act 207, and further provided that he takes the Oath of Office as required in Chapter X, Section 2 of the City Charter, to be administered by the Office of the City Clerk.

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION:

Councilmember Brosnan announced the 15th Annual Christmas Walk to be conducted on Saturday, December 6, 2003.

By Brosnan and Knapp, unanimously adopted, adjourning the 1,502nd Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia at 9:38 p.m., on Wednesday, December 3, 2003.

JOAN MCCOTTER, City Clerk

*The foregoing is a summary of the Council's proceedings in synopsis form as authorized by CR 1158-68. The full text of the official minutes of this meeting is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and is available to the public on request.

Rx Briefs

Simple steps

Winter is a physically demanding time for people of all ages, says Chris Warburton, president of the Troy office of Right at Home, a national organization that offers in-home supportive care to seniors and other adults to help them continue living independently. Now is a good time to prepare for a healthy winter by engaging in simple physical activity and check-ups.

According to the National Institutes of Health, exercise helps senior citizens maintain their independence and safety by improving the strength, endurance, flexibility, and balance they need. Studies have shown that exercise can help improve blood pressure, osteoporosis, diabetes, arthritis, and even mood.

"Cold weather can be dangerous, from slippery sidewalks to depression associated with fewer daylight hours," said Warburton. "If you begin making daily physical activity a part of your life right now, you can help reduce your risk this winter."

Here are some of Warburton's tips:

- Take a trip to your doctor so he or she can help develop an exercise program and advise on any limitations.

- Enjoy the great outdoors with a walk. Find ways to stay physical indoors. Many malls offer indoor walking programs.

- Providing the body with proper nutrition to stay active is essential.

Adapting 101

Patients learn daily living skills at rehab center

Mary Cherry was devastated when doctors discovered she had macular degeneration 14 years ago. After learning there was no cure for the disease that progressively shrinks vision, the Birmingham resident was on her own to cope with the tasks of daily living.

According to Dr. Lylas Mogk, macular degeneration is called the "eye disease of choice" because patients lose central vision but maintain some degree of peripheral. Until Cherry was referred to Mogk, that information was useless.

Recognized nationally as an authority on age-related MD, Mogk founded the Henry Ford Health System Visual Rehabilitation Center in Grosse Pointe because she knew from experience the disease left patients feeling hopeless and depressed about the inability to complete simple tasks such as writing checks. It was her father's struggle with the disease that prompted Mogk and her daughter, Marja, to write *Macular Degeneration: The Complete Guide to Saving and Maximizing Your Sight* - and to open the center. The newest location in Livonia is enabling people like Cherry to adapt to living with low vision.

NEW ATTITUDE

"Even on their first visit it's a relief," said Mogk. "Patients with MD see a lot, not just detail. When they first arrive they go through questions about what they're having trouble doing, and a depression assessment. Depression saps your incentive to learn new things."

"Macular degeneration rehabilitation is different from glaucoma where they lose peripheral vision first and the sight narrows. With MD they lose central vision and maintain some form of peripheral so there's a lot of misunderstanding. For many people once they realize they'll be able to do things, the depression lifts."

Diagnostic tools such as macular perimetry, administered with a scanning laser ophthalmoscope, help Mogk map the exact position of the blind spot so a patient can learn to see around it. Magnifying aids further a patient's ability to read. A comprehensive packet on low vision living lists resources that range from catalogs selling talking watches to information on the Library of Congress Talking Books program.

"Virtually everyone with MD can read enough to participate in daily life. We show them how to meet different challenges. You can't take this to the drugstore," said Mogk, pointing to an optical magnifier that enables a patient to write checks and read. "Computers are what's allowed people to participate, talking and Braille computers. All of this technology changes lives. We don't save eyes. We save lives. We need eyes to be able to do what we're able to do. There are three ways to read - eyes, ears and fingers. The resource packet includes lists of support groups and forms for large print *Reader's Digest* and *New York Times* plus suggestions on lighting, and overcoming glare and contrasts."

CONTRAST COUNTS

Not being able to distinguish where one object ends and another begins can be disastrous. The Training Room at the Livonia rehab center features a kitchen



Birmingham resident Mary Cherry works with her optical magnifier to read her mail.

It was difficult when Mary Cherry had to give up driving five years ago, but not as traumatic as not being able to read.

decorated in contrasting colors. Mogk teaches patients to pour black coffee into a white cup, to choose a contrasting color of rug if they own a golden retriever to prevent tripping over the animal.

According to Mogk, many will need this information as they age. MD typically hits in the late 50s and early 60s, the average age is 70 to 73, then it progresses but not predictably. By 75, 30 percent will have some level of macular degeneration.

"If someone in your family has it you are at higher risk," said Mogk. "Up to 50 percent of all people will get macular degeneration if they live long enough. Not being able to drive impacts people hard. Be open to options. If you own a car and can't see you have to be creative. Find someone who can drive."

Working with the rehab center's occupational therapist on and off site teaches patients everything from how to use adaptive computers with large scale keyboards in the Training Room to shopping in a grocery store.

"The training part is really important," said Mogk, "and learning about the disease. The book contains recipes for kale, one of the dark green leafy vegetables patients should eat five servings of a week. Nutrition is important. Supplements for macular degeneration can make a difference. There are also sections on do it yourself rehabilitation, and we've added a section on computers and driving."

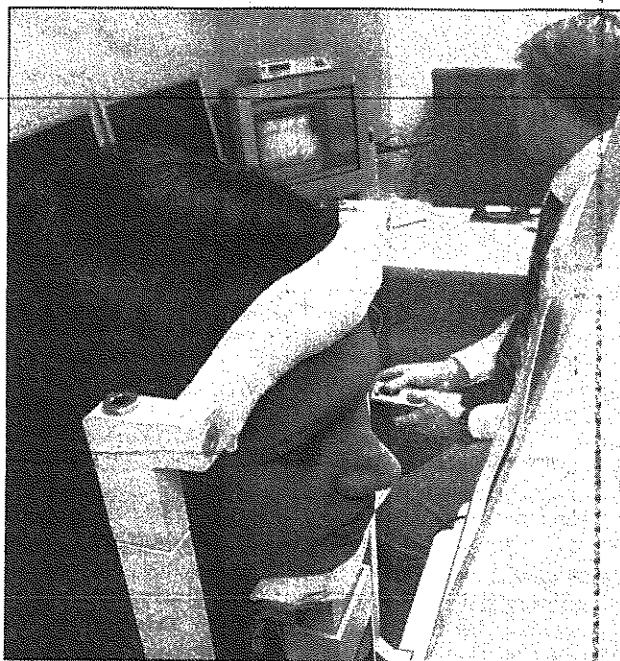
LIFE CHANGES

It was difficult when Mary Cherry had to give up driving five years ago but not as traumatic as not being able to read. At age 87, she lives alone in the same home she has for the last 46 years. That makes navigating inside easier but outside the house is another

world. From the living room window she's unable to recognize people walking down the sidewalk.

"My whole life came to a standstill. I couldn't read anything. My sons came over and read mail and did bills," said Cherry, a retired art teacher. "The closed circuit television made a wonderful difference for me. Now I can pay my own bills and can read. The occupational therapist came to my home and marked the washer and dryer and stove. I don't bump into furniture. I can see going down steps by looking from the side. It's just the sharp vision to read so I couldn't read spices. Now I take everything to the closed circuit TV."

Cherry's favorite saying is "you adapt." She no longer plays crossword puzzles but still gardens and does all of her housework. On Christmas morning, she hosted a family breakfast for 10. An electric magnifying glass helped her put on makeup.



David Dahl uses macular perimetry to map blind spots in a patient's field of vision. Dr. Bhavani Iyer sits in the patient's position for this demonstration of the scanning laser ophthalmoscope.

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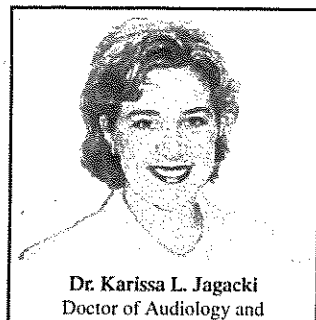
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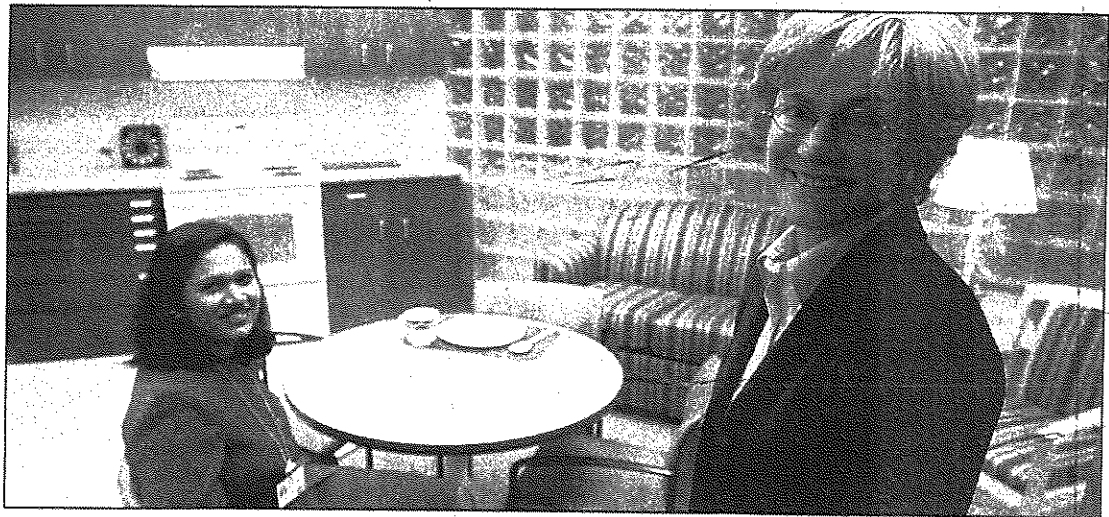
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Dr. Lylas Mogk and Dr. Bhavani Iyer help people live with sight problems. They're pictured here in the Training Room of the Visual Rehabilitation Center in Livonia.

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Time to resolve to stop smoking now

Despite alarming statistics, nearly one fourth of Michigan adults are still smoking. The American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and American Lung Association are joining forces this holiday season to urge smokers to make a New Year's Resolution to quit!

There is good news for those who quit. The risk of heart attack drops by one-half after a year of staying smoke free. After five to 10 years of not smoking, the risk of lung cancer drops dramatically. People who quit feel better immediately and pride themselves on regaining control of their health.

Smoking cessation experts agree that year end is a good time for smokers to stop. Detroit resident Tracey Jackson quit three years ago.

"It was days before Christmas, and I figured it would be the best present I could give myself," Jackson now works with ALA's Freedom From Smoking program, one of many cessation programs available.

"Each day we see the ravages of smoking and the toll it takes not only on the individual but often times on the loved ones left behind," said Dr. Shukri David, chief of cardiology at Providence Hospital in Detroit, and president of the Metro Detroit Board of the American Heart Association. "Not only is it important to get smokers to quit for their own health, but it's also beneficial to the health of non-smokers exposed to secondhand smoke. Constant exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of heart disease, cancer and lung disease."

"We know that 70 percent of smokers say they want to quit," said Kay Doerr, president of the Board, American Lung Association of Michigan. "Smoking is an addiction, and is extremely difficult to overcome. We always tell people who want to stop - never quit quitting. It may take three or more attempts at quitting before a smoker overcomes the addiction."

The American Cancer Society, American

Heart Association and American Lung Association remain committed in their efforts to see Michigan move ahead with comprehensive tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

"We look forward to working with state lawmakers in 2004 to make Michigan a leader in the war on tobacco," said Judy Stewart, tobacco policy manager, American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division. "Together we can make a difference, by helping those who currently smoke quit and preventing youth from forming a lifelong addiction that kills."

A number of free quit smoking programs are available. For a complete listing of smoking cessation help, visit www.cancer.org, www.americanheart.org, or www.alam.org. Facts sheets on tobacco and the benefits quitting are available by contacting any of the organization representatives.

Study to evaluate herbal alternative for hot flashes

Women who are having bothersome hot flashes and are looking for a non-estrogen based treatment can participate in a research study at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. The study will help determine whether black cohosh, an herb available over-the-counter, is helpful in lessening or stopping hot flashes in women. The study will also help to determine if side effects are possible from regular use of this herb.

"Hot flashes are experienced by many women," explained Dr. Philip Stella, medical director of Saint Joseph Mercy Cancer Care Center. "Recent information

regarding the increased risks of developing breast cancer with hormone replacement therapy leave women and their doctors with fewer options to treat these often debilitating hot flashes. This research is necessary to see if a popular but unstudied herb, black cohosh, is a good option for women. We hope this research will help us find safe and effective alternatives to reduce or eliminate hot flashes."

The black cohosh study is available at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, the leading research institution of the Michigan Cancer Research Consortium

Community Clinical Oncology Program which includes six other southeast Michigan hospitals. It is the only program in Michigan offering this study. The study is being sponsored by the North Central Cancer Treatment Group out of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor participates in more than 100 cancer treatment and prevention trials. For more information about this study, other cancer studies or other participating hospitals, please call Saint Joseph Mercy Cancer Care Center toll-free at (888) 474-HOPE.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Healthy cooking classes

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

Red Cross safety courses

Continue with CPR/Standard first aid with AED (automated external defibrillation) and Infant/Child CPR at the Livonia Service Center, 36650 Five Mile, call (734) 542-0442 or visit www.semredcross.org, and Bloomfield Service Center, 2388 Franklin Road, call (248) 322-2500. Among the offerings are CPR review, CPR for the professional rescuer (and review), First aid/CPR/AED instructor, and nurse assistant training. Costs vary.

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 biweekly, and families are encouraged to partic-

ipate as long as they need support for their grief.

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

Fitness classes

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

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. Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, between Haggerty and Meadowbrook, Novi. For information, call (248) 477-6100.

CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185-2298, on **January 7, 2004, at 10:30 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

Official City Newspaper

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

January 08, 2004

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday January 08, 2004 at 6:45 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following proposed Special Land Use:

SUA/SPR 03-008, an application to operate a USED AUTO SALES BUSINESS on the property located at the northwest corner of Ford and Belton. The subject property is zoned C-3, General Business. USED AUTO SALES are a Special Use within the C-3 District.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Planning Commission, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

Allyson M. Bettis
Treasurer/City Clerk

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Redford Township Department of Solid Waste Management 2003 Holiday Sanitation Schedule

Redford Township resident are reminded there will be no sanitation service on Thursday, December 25, 2003 due to the Christmas Holiday. Thursday's refuse will be picked up on Friday, December 26, 2003. The Friday, December 26th collection will be picked up on the Saturday, December 27, 2003.

Also, there will be no sanitation service on Thursday, January 1, 2004 due to the New Year's Holiday. Thursday's refuse will be picked up on Friday, January 2, 2004. The Friday, January 2nd collection will be picked up on Saturday, January 3, 2004.

Normal sanitation schedule will resume Monday, January 5, 2004.

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Remember, that an abnormal result on any of these tests, does not automatically mean you should stop your arthritis drug(s). Many problems may cause such a result. The finding indicates a further look before continuing your present medication.

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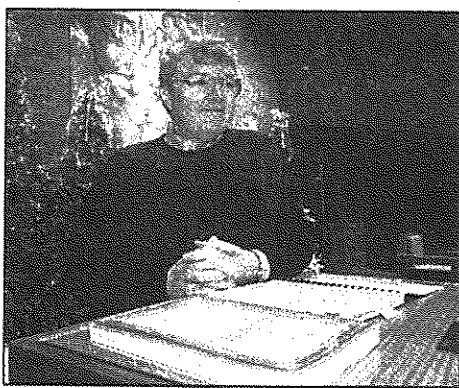
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Gary Robertson of St. John Neumann will direct about 200 vocalists and musicians who will perform in a joint concert with St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28.

Combined choirs will give all a musical boost

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

When 200 voices and instruments come together in holiday music, you are bound to feel uplifted.

"We all need a shot in the arm. We all need a morale boost," said Gary Robertson, music director at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

And the community will get just that at 7 p.m. Dec. 28 when St. John's adult and youth choirs, the Praise group and Revelation (theDeChavez

family and two friends) join voices and music with the adult and youth and bell choirs of Canton's St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church, and the St. Cecelia Players orchestra.

The result is designed to be an enlightening and uplifting experience. The public is welcome to experience The Wonder of Christmas at St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Road, just west of Canton Center Road in Canton.

"This is the largest scale I have ever done," said Robertson, who is working with Karen Nycek, music director at St. Thomas.

The concert will feature traditional Christmas

fare, as well as holiday music with a more contemporary flair. "It sounds marvelous. It really was outstanding," Robertson said of the rehearsal that brought all the groups together. "It really is a grand scale in our little parish."

And don't think for a moment that you have to just sit and listen. Robertson has provided for those who want to join in and sing. He has erected screens with each song's words for all to see.

"I think people will walk away feeling uplifted," Robertson said. "We are doing this because we have an appreciation for what we have in our lives. If you come, you will feel fully enriched."

Libraries receive 100-book donation

The Redford Township Public Library and the William P. Faust Library of Westland are among several metropolitan Detroit-area libraries with 100 more ways to inspire children to read, thanks to a donation from the Brownstone Book Fund.

The libraries each have been given the opportunity to choose 100 new books, at no charge, from a list of titles for children ranging from pre-kindergarten to early reader.

In addition to Redford and Westland, the libraries are: Dearborn Public Library; Detroit Public Library - Bowen Branch, Campbell Annex, Chandler Park Branch, Edison Branch, Franklin Branch Library, Gray Branch, Mark Twain Annex, Montith Branch Library, Parkman Branch and Wilder Branch; Hamtramck Public Library; Mount Clemens Public Library; Oak Park Public Library; Pontiac Public Library; Roseville Public Library; Wayne County Library - Dearborn Heights Caroline Kennedy Library, Leanna Hicks Library of Inkster, Romulus Public Library and Taylor Community Library.

A private foundation based in New York City, the Brownstone Book Fund aims to foster an early interest in and love of books and to encourage families to read together by providing children's books to libraries nationwide. Inspired by the childhood library visits that enriched her life and her dream of becoming a librarian, Diane Brownstone created the foundation in 1997 to bolster literacy by helping those communities whose libraries could not afford enough books for young readers.

"The timing for this donation is extraordinary! With so many cutbacks in library funding, these materials will be put to great use by all the children in our community," said Patricia Slater, librarian at the Redford Township District Library.

"What a wonderful and practical donation."

"These new books are all hardback copies of the highest quality, and the selection was wonderful - many are classics and some are just great titles that needed replacing," added Paula Beaudoin, children's librarian/manager of the Chandler Park Branch of Detroit Public Library. "These books are greatly needed in our branch located on the east side of Detroit and will be enjoyed, I am sure, by the youngsters that visit our branch."

The Library of Michigan facilitated donations from the foundation to 60 libraries across the state.

The Michigan Reads! One State, One Preschool Book program, an effort to encourage all of Michigan to read the same book during the same time period, highlights the importance of family literacy by focusing on a picture book for children ages 0 to 5. Michigan Reads! events and activities, slated for April 2004, will focus on "Barnyard Song" by Rhonda Gowler Greene, chosen by the public via an online poll as the program's official book.

Michigan Reads! is co-sponsored by the Michigan Center for the Book and the Library of Michigan, in cooperation with libraries around the state. For more information about the program, visit www.michigan.gov/hal.

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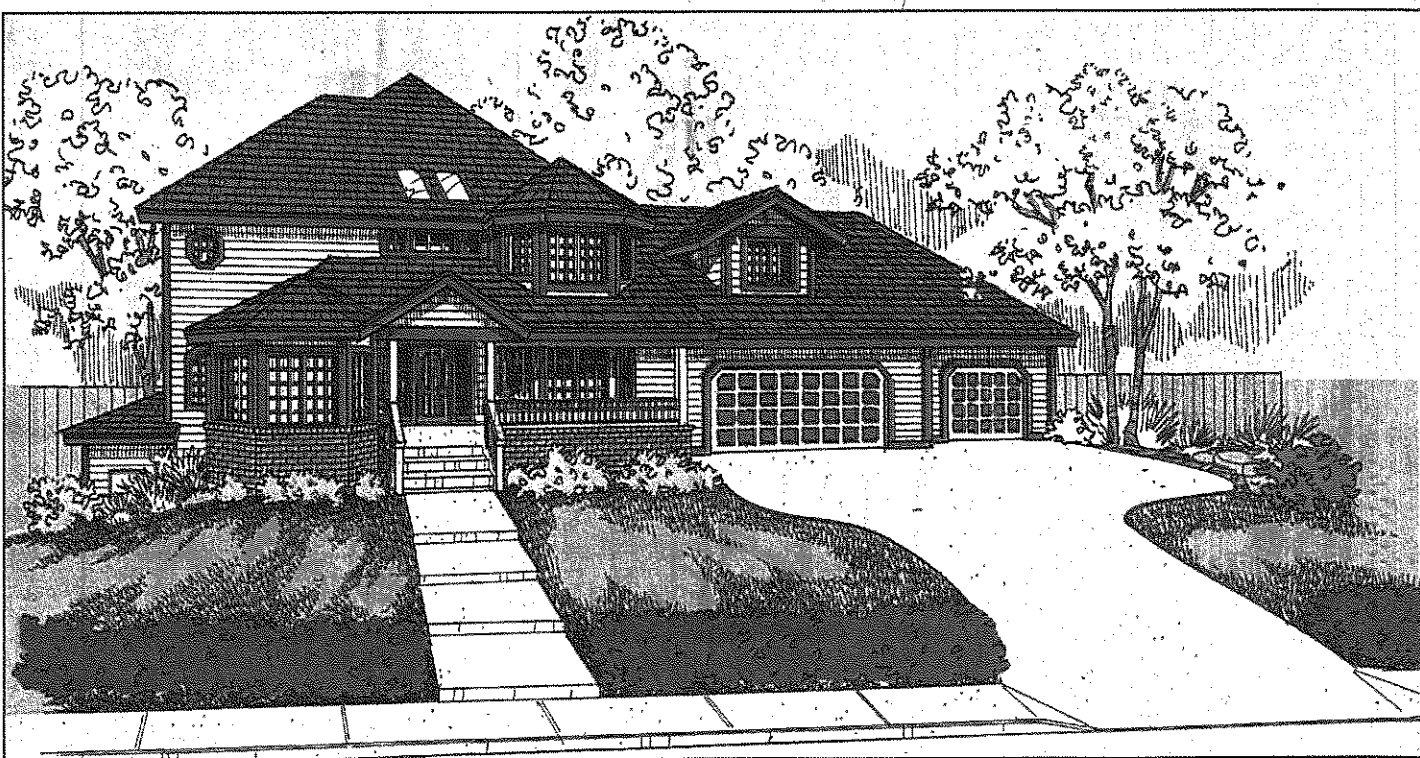
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Greek-influenced entry makes Gorman unique

The influence of many styles makes the facade of the Gorman very unique. Two bayed window sections, one that follows from the second floor down to the first, as well as a large dormer above the garage draws the eyes of the beholder to the front entry. The covered porch has brick with wood railings and a Greek influenced entry.

Upon entering this spectacular home, a curved staircase goes up to the second floor. On the right side of the entry is an office, ideal for the work-at-home family member. On the left is a formal vaulted living room. Both these rooms have bay windows and are bathed in light during the day. Beyond the living room is the dining area.

The kitchen and nook stretch from the dining area to the rear deck. The "C" shaped kitchen has an island with cook top as well as a raised eating bar. Ovens, pantry and the refrigerator run adjacent to the sweeping staircase. The nook at the rear has a door to the deck. As an optional feature, a spa has been placed in the deck.



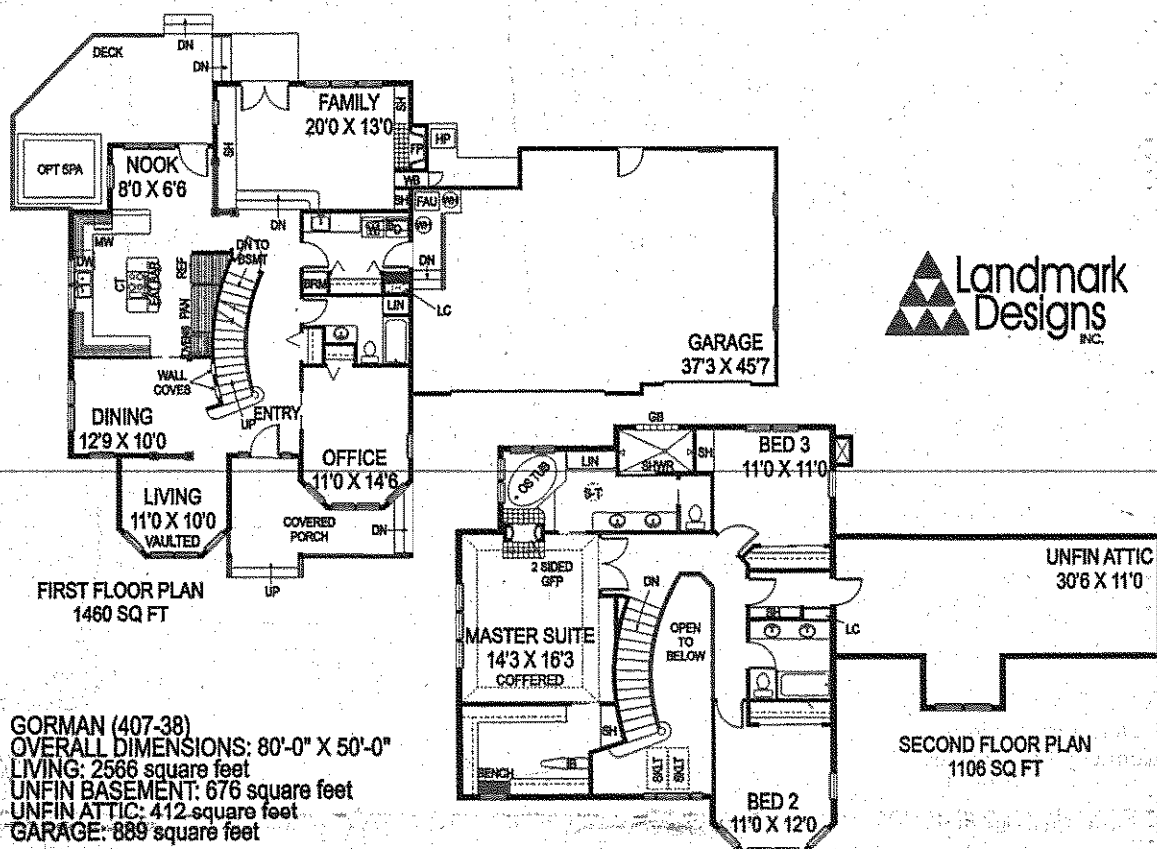
FAMILY ROOM

The family room is sunken and has a fireplace on the right wall. There is a wood box that opens from inside and outside as well as shelves that run along the wall. Opposite the fireplace is a wall of shelves, ideal for books, and French doors that open onto the rear deck. Between the office and family room is a full bath and utility room.

There are three bedrooms upstairs. Bedrooms two and three each have a full closet and numerous windows. Between the two is full bath. On the left side of the upper floor is the master suite. The main suite has a coffer ceiling and two-sided gas fireplace. A huge walk-in closet with a bench and built-in ironing board runs across the front of the suite. At the rear is an enormous bathroom. The oversized tub has full view of the fireplace. "His and her" sinks, a linen closet, large custom shower and private stall complete the amenities. Skylights are sprinkled around the second floor.

An unfinished attic is over the three-car garage with access available between bedroom three and the full bath. Two water heaters and a forced air unit are inside the garage with the heat pump outside.

For a study plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section(s), and an artist rendering, send \$24.95 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Road E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Please specify plan name (Gorman) and the number (407-38). A catalog featuring hundreds of home plans is available for \$12.95, or save by ordering both for \$29.95. For faster processing, call (800) 562-1151 or visit www.landmarkdesigns.com.



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Ultimate family home demonstrates how families actually want to live

(MARKET WIRE) - Families are looking for a much different home than they were just a few years ago, one that balances family time with private pursuits, enables safety and comfort, addresses energy efficiency, provides ample storage, and helps organize an often chaotic family schedule.

It's a tall order for today's home builders, many of whom seem stuck in the "more is more" mentality of simply providing families with bigger homes and superficial style instead of smart design and true substance. But in the Nevada Trails community in Las Vegas, a home is being built to demonstrate how families really want to live. It's called The Ultimate Family Home, a four-bedroom, 5,300-square-foot example of how to accommodate modern family lifestyles with practical, comfortable, and attainable design, construction, and operation.

The Ultimate Family Home is the result of a partnership among BUILDER magazine, HOME magazine, and an award-winning design-build team of Bassenian/Lagoni Architects and Pardee Homes. Based largely on extensive mar-

In recent years, homebuyers have indicated a desire and a willingness to incorporate new technology and systems that save energy and lower utility costs.

ket research and focus group sessions with entire families, everything about The Ultimate Family Home - from the floor plan to the finishes - is rooted in a family's complex needs.

"This is the first project of its kind to truly address what families really want in their homes," says Boyce Thompson, Editor-in-Chief of BUILDER. "Around every corner, inside and out, we've created a home that addresses how families live, work, play, rest, and entertain."

HIGHLIGHTS

Among the family-friendly highlights of The Ultimate Family Home:

- A rotunda kitchen flanked

by a home management center that allows supervised homework and keeps the family schedule; a secondary kitchen area provides space for large meal preparation and caterers.

- An oversized mud room complete with built-in storage lockers, seating, and a cozy spot for the family dog, with a generous laundry area and half-bath in close proximity.

- A three-car garage with an air-conditioned bay and a fully equipped workshop.

- A dedicated study and guest suite offers privacy now, with the potential to convert to a main-level master suite as the owners' age in place.

- Secondary bedroom suites, one with access to a private "hideaway" area.

- An observatory that converts easily from a game room to a sleeping porch.

- A half-acre lot that includes a deep loggia and covered, open-air pavilion with a full bath, kitchen, and television ... and steps into a pool behind the house.

ZERO ENERGY HOME

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have indicated a desire and a willingness to incorporate new technology and systems that save energy and lower utility costs. In fact, The Ultimate Family Home has been designed and built to be a "Zero Energy Home" based on the Solar Buildings Program of the U.S. Department of Energy.

Combining smart design such as deep eaves, recessed windows, and zoned control; systems including water and energy-saving appliances that monitor energy use; reflective roofing, compact fluorescent lighting; and simple-to-use control systems, The Ultimate Family Home is built to be efficient.

And, thanks to an array of photovoltaic (PV) cells placed in the side yard, The Ultimate Family Home will generate its own electricity - and sell any surplus back to the local utility. Other "green" touches, consistent with Pardee Homes' Living Smart Program, include engineered lumber, certified lumber, formaldehyde-free insulation, mold-resistant drywall, electronic air filters, low-VOC paint, and carpeting made from recycled soda bottles.

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An onsite information center is open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (866) 600-2300. Or visit www.seniortownhomes.com.

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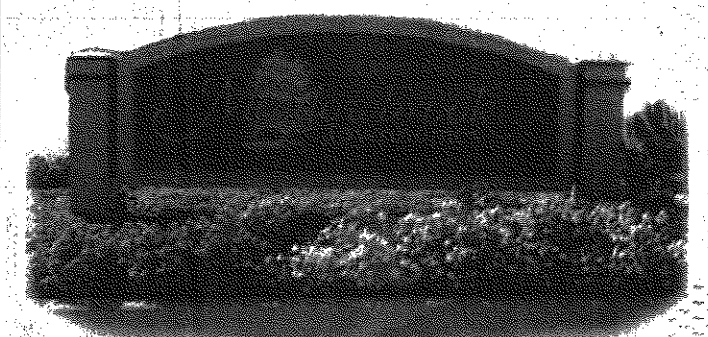
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I believe a prudent seller should stay in touch with changing developments in the marketplace. Some of these changes could have a major impact on the ability of a property to be sold in the foreseeable future. Here are some things to watch:

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The most important factors to consider are similar homes now competing for your buyer. How is your home positioned when compared with them? Have any of them had a price reduction? Have any sold and, if so, for how much? Are there any new listings that have just come on the market that are in direct competition with you? Also, have any listings expired because they were too badly overpriced? Your home may have been very competitive when you listed it, but it may no longer attract buyers because other homes are now a better buy.

THE LOCAL ECONOMY

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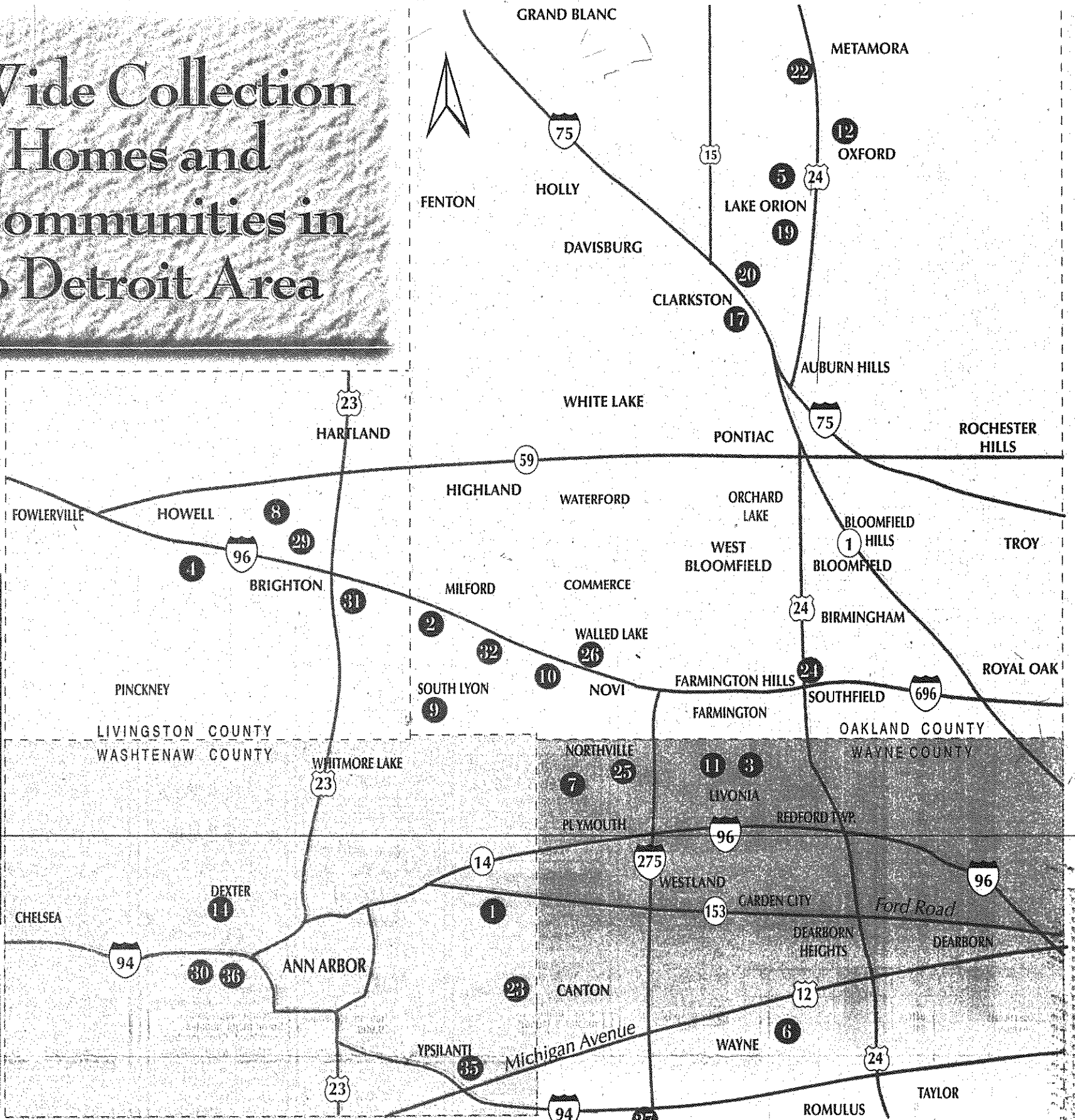
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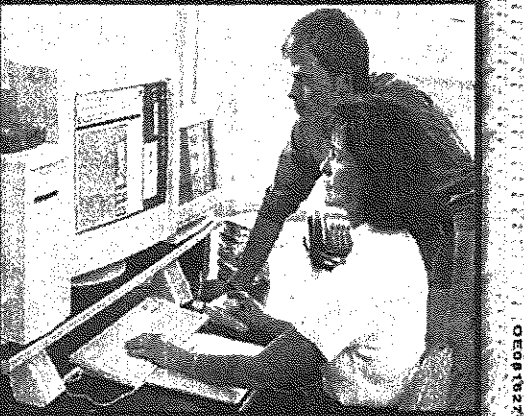
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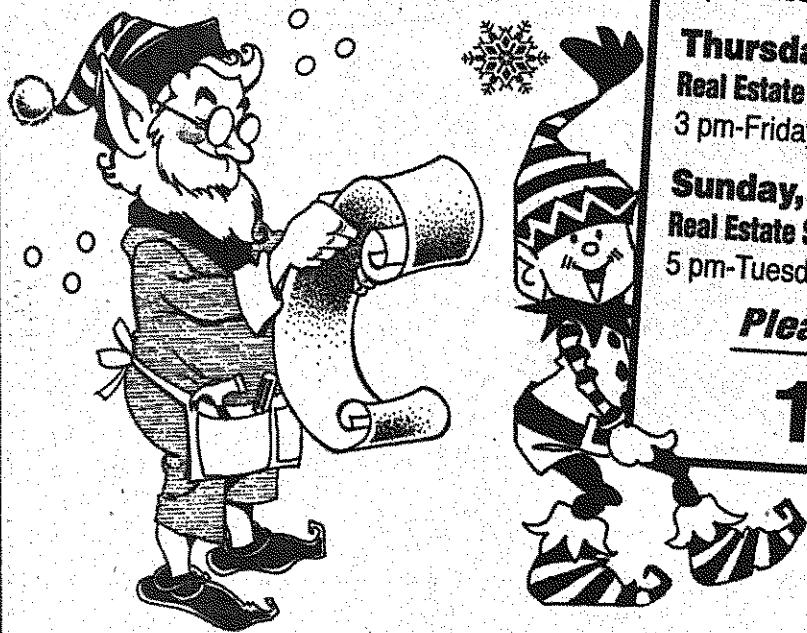
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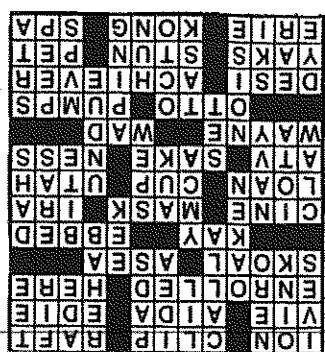
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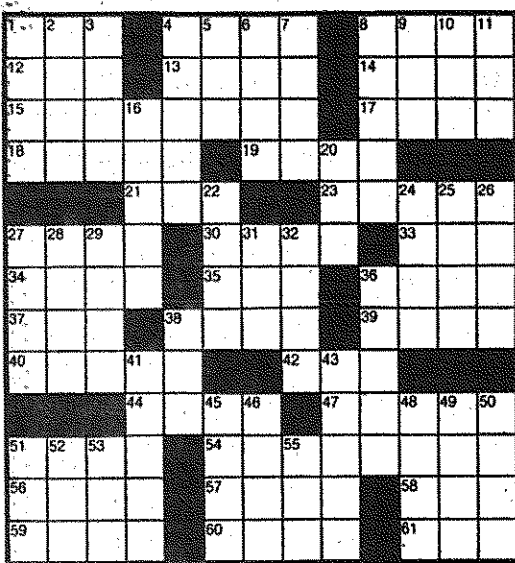
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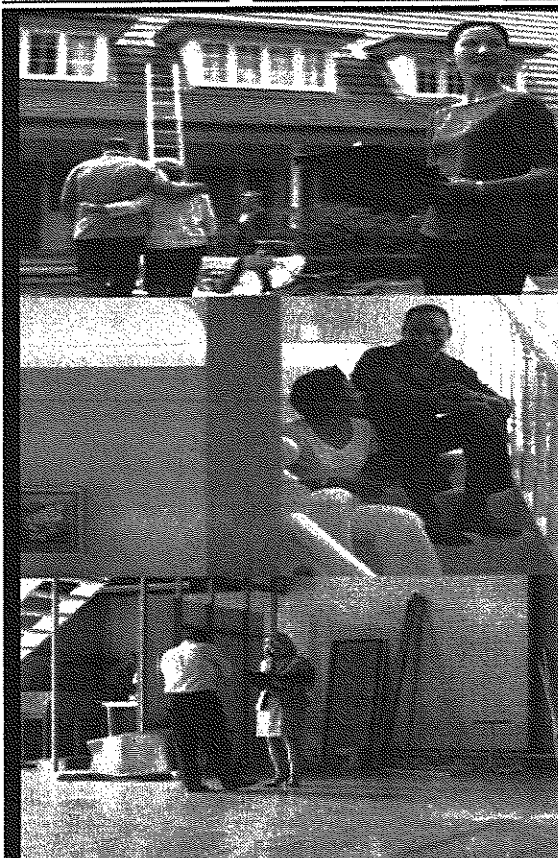
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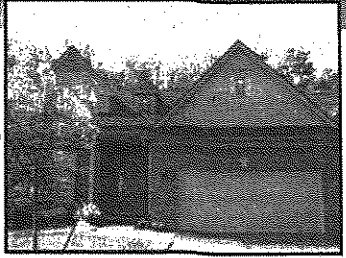
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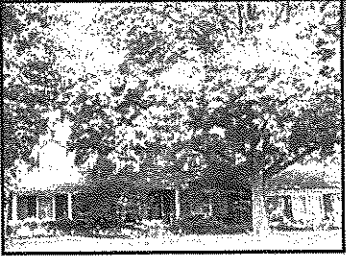
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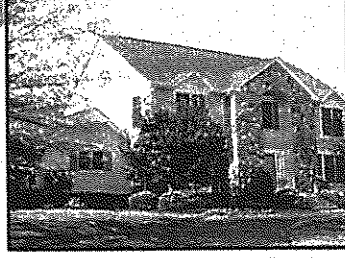
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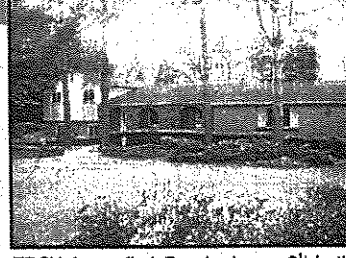
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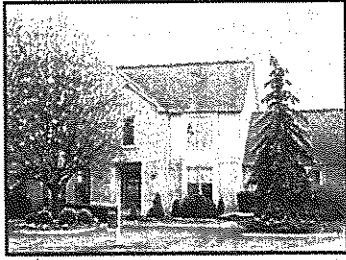
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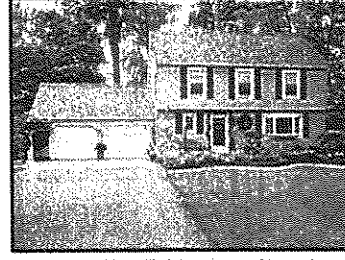
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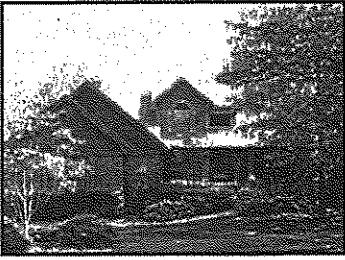
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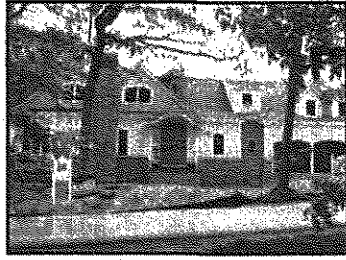
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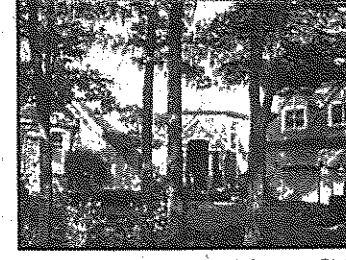


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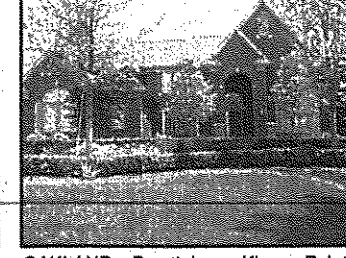
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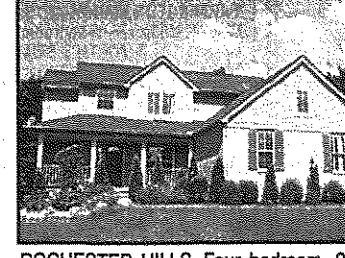
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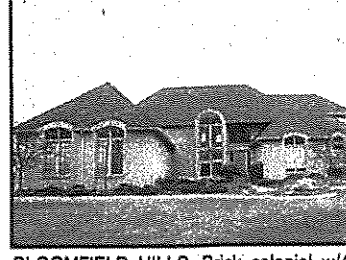
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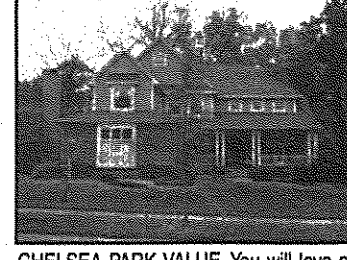
SPACIOUS FAMILY HOME 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 bath quad w/lake priv. on 3 lakes, family rm w/FP, large kitchen w/brkfrk nook, dining room, master bedroom w/full BA and WIC, very large bedrooms, possible separate living on lower level, double lot, nice storage barn. This home is a must see. \$319,900 (17DUN) 248-363-1200



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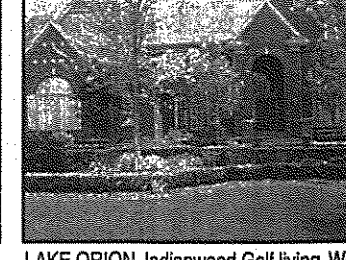
ROYAL OAK. Well cared for home with fireplace, C/A and attached 2 car garage. 2 multiple season rooms looking out onto fenced yard. Eat in kitchen, 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, formal Dr and lots of closet space. Located in a beautiful area with immediate occupancy. \$310,000 (31NOR) 248-642-8100



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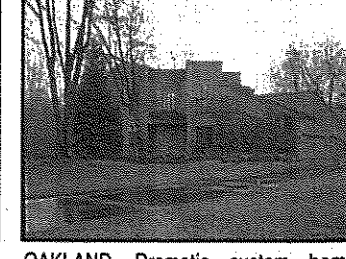
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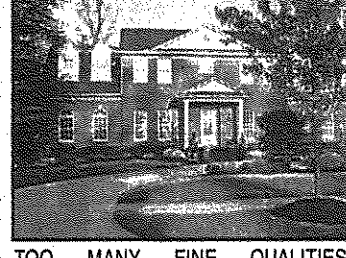
OAKLAND. Dramatic custom home. Exceptional home w/gorgeous acreage on cul-de-sac. 3 bedrooms each with private baths, 3 1/2 baths, 3 car garage, gourmet kitchen, glassed sunroom, sunken spa tub, great room with soaring ceiling and fireplace. \$642,900 (50SUN) 248-652-8000



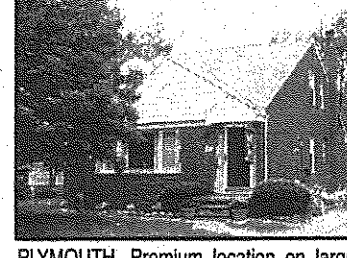
FABULOUS 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL on approx. 1/2 acre. 3 1/2 bath finished W/O basement w/full bath. 1 st floor laundry, C/A. Great room w/fireplace. Newer blinds, lots of recessed lights. All appliances stay. 3 car garage w/side entry. Prof. landscaping. \$324,900 (90CAM) 248-626-8800



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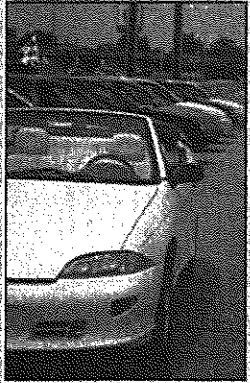
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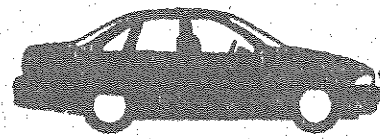
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2004 Acura TSX: A pleasure to drive

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There are so many nice things to say about the 2004 Acura TSX that I don't know where to start.

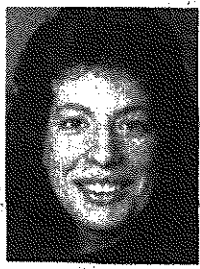
First of all, with the amount of luxury, technological features and the smooth ride, it's hard to believe this vehicle costs under \$29,000. Options? No options necessary. It's all right there and in the standard price. You do have the choice of a six-speed manual or five-speed Sequential SportShift automatic transmission, however, Me, I'd choose the automatic for ease of operation. The automatic is standard and can be shifted manually for hands-on sporting fun. But having the choice with the manual also gives you a choice to pump up this premium sports sedan and take it to a new level.

Let's look at the powerful engine first. This 2.4-liter dual overhead cam 16-valve I-VTEC engine produces 200 horsepower in a four-cylinder that outperforms most six-cylinder engines out there. It's equipped with platinum-tipped spark plugs that allow you to go 110,000 miles before a scheduled tune-up.

The TSX has an extremely rigid body and four-wheel independent double-wishbone suspension that's designed to reduce lift and body roll with its front and rear stabilizer bars, there's also variable power assist rack-and-pinion steering that provides a smooth ride in almost any situation - even on dirt roads.

Traction control provides an added measure of safety, along with four-wheel disc brakes with a four-channel anti-lock braking system.

Enough about the guts of the vehicle, let's take a peek on the outer skin. Based on the European Honda Accord, the TSX's lines flow endlessly and without any interruption. The styling on the TSX is truly beautiful. From front to rear, the TSX looks very classy with a subtle hint of its sports car heritage. Its aim is to



Anne Fracassa



2004 Acura TSX Vehicle class: Compact luxury sedan. Power 2.4-liter DOHC 16-valve four-cylinder engine. Mileage: 22 city / 29 highway. Where built: Sayama, Saitama, Japan. Price as tested: \$28,490.

please, and it does. Making every other driver flash their lights at me while driving at night was Acura's High Intensity Discharge headlights. I'm sure you're noticing them more and more as the HID lights become standard on more vehicles. They're ultra bright and somewhat annoying to other drivers. Their purpose is to light the road ahead of you brightly for your safety and the safety of others. While they can be annoying, they do a great job of lighting dark, unlit roads. You can see far ahead of you - something sometimes not possible with regular headlights. Styling cues include large air openings under the front bumper and a high trunk lid that drops off sharply. Stepping into the inside of the five-passenger TSX, you'll find comfort and luxury all around you. Instrumentation is a joy to look at and very pleasing to the eyes because of its LED-illuminated front. At night, it's downright gorgeous to watch. Very well done.

There's leather on the seating surfaces, leather-wrapped three-spoke steering wheel and leather surfaces all around. The steering wheel has audio and cruise control buttons for operation without taking your eyes off the road.

The rear seat is a 60/40 split fold-down seat that has three-point seatbelts in all seating positions. The cargo space in the trunk measures 13 cubic feet and is expanded more when the seat is down.

Other amenities you'll enjoy as standard equipment include driver's eight-way power seat, heated

front seats, AM/FM/CD changer with 360-watts and eight speakers, power windows and door locks, automatic up and down window controls, keyless remote locking system, HomeLink system, power door mirrors with turn indicators, intermittent wipers that are speed sensitive and power moon roof.

Safety issues are all taken care of in the TSX. There are driver's and front passenger dual-stage air bags, driver's and front passenger's side air bags, side curtain air bags, anti-lock brakes, theft deterrent system and side impact door beams.

The Acura Navigation System comes as a factory-installed option but is standard equipment at no additional cost. The system is very sophisticated and features voice recognition technology. The system has an eight-inch touch screen display and features a destination guide that has more than seven million points of interest throughout the U.S., 3-D graphics for freeway on and off ramps and turn-by-turn voice guidance. It's easy to use and easier to listen to. I punched in an up-north location and it actually popped up on the screen - something that hasn't happened with any other navigation system before.

All in all, the Acura TSX is sure to please the most discriminating driver and provide a level of comfort and luxury at a price most can afford. Go get yourself one.

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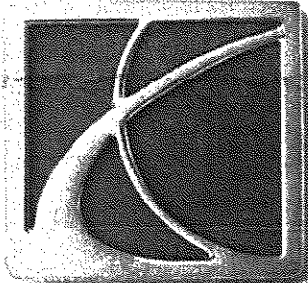
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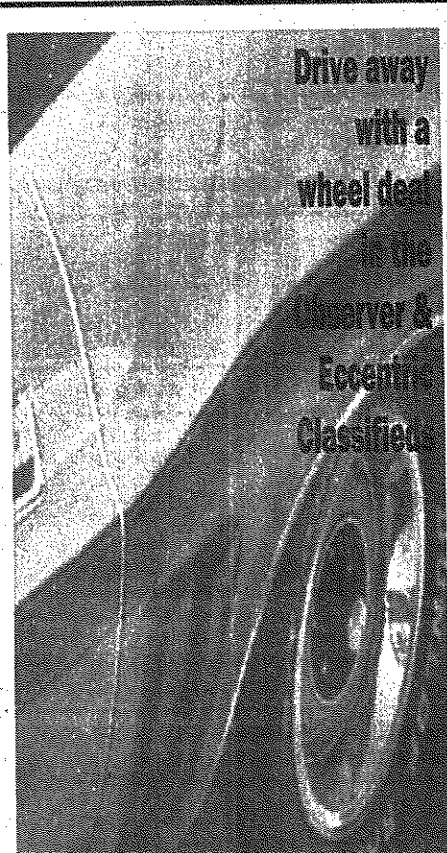
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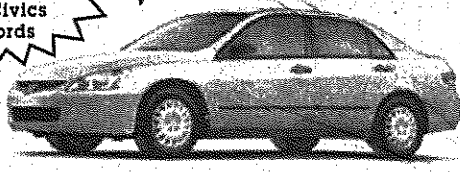
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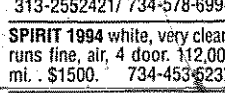
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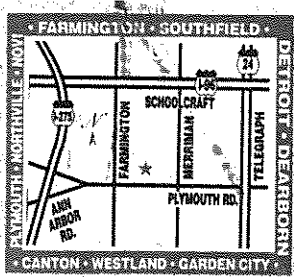


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