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The items will be collected until Friday, Dec. 10, when we'll turn them over to the good folks at the Plymouth Salvation Army. They'll distribute the donations to needy people in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

When you bring your donations to the office, we'll ask you to leave your name and hometown, so we can recognize your generosity in the paper. Of course, you're perfectly able to remain anonymous if you prefer.

For more information, give us a call at (734) 459-2700. Happy holidays, and please keep our Cheer Club in mind!

Blood drive set

Canton will host a Red Cross Blood Drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 26, in the Canton Public Library community room. Appointments can be made by calling the library at (734) 397-0999. Walk-ins are welcome.

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Delaney Diggs and her mom, Renee LaForest, watch a video about Delaney's battle with cancer.

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Keeping up the fight

Canton girl, mom battle cancer on different fronts

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The words were always familiar to Renee LaForest.

Cancer. Tumor. Malignant. What she never really registered, and what was hammered home to her with startling ferocity in the spring of 2002 when doctors told her about the tumor they found in the skull of her then-6-year-old daughter, Delaney Diggs, was that the words were synonymous.

"They called us in, and then they told 'Laney, 'Why don't you go in this room and color,'" recalled LaForest, now a Canton resident and the mother of three. "When they told me to call my pediatrician, I knew something was wrong. It was right then I learned tumors and cancer were the same thing.

"First I found out it was a brain tumor, then I found out it was malignant," she added. "There is no feeling like being told your child has a tumor, and five minutes later

being told, 'Oh, yeah, it's malignant, too.'"

For the first few months after Delaney started showing symptoms, doctors couldn't figure out what was wrong. That might not be surprising when you consider this particular cancer, Ewing's Sarcoma, is, generally speaking, found in boys, and the peak age is 10-20.

STATISTICAL ANOMALY

Further confounding doctors was the cancer is usually found in the trunk of the body. Delaney's was found in her frontal lobe, wrapped around her optic chiasm.

"Her chances of having this were minimal," said LaForest, who lived at the time with her family in Ohio.

But she did have it, and the statistics meant nothing. The cancer made life for a family already going through personal problems because of a divorce that much harder.

First and foremost, obviously, was getting Delaney started on treat-

ment. Located where it was attached to her frontal lobe, the tumor was inoperable, leaving radiation as the only viable means of reducing it.

Doctors put Delaney on a course of 26 radiation treatments, 21 of which were administered through the little girl's eyes. Complicating matters was the damage done to her sinus cavity and her ability to ward off illness.

"The tumor was shrinking, but at a terrible price," said Dr. Mark Ranalli, a doctor at Columbus (Ohio) Children's Hospital, who made a public service announcement video about Delaney's illness. "It destroyed her ability to fight even the most common infections."

SCARED, BUT BRAVE

Painful blood-glucose shots and numerous surgical procedures to clean out her sinuses followed, but

PLEASE SEE DELANEY, A3

Gannett to acquire HomeTown Communications Network

McLEAN, Va. — Gannett Co., Inc. (NYSE: GCI) has agreed to acquire the assets of HomeTown Communications Network, Inc., a community publishing company with newspapers, telephone directories, shoppers and niche publications in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

Terms of the deal, which is subject to regulatory review, were not disclosed.

The HomeTown Communications Network features one daily and 62 weekly and twice-weekly community newspapers, with an aggregate, audited circulation greater than 740,000. The network

also includes 24 community telephone directories with a total distribution of nearly 1,500,000; one shopping guide; and 18 other specialty and niche publications. The company has a digital operation, with Web sites and Web-based services including design and production, as well as commercial typesetting and printing from four plants.

The newspaper group includes the recently launched *Daily Press & Argus* in fast-growing Livingston County and non-daily groups in the suburban areas near Detroit, Cincinnati/northern

Kentucky and Lansing.

"HomeTown's publications are an excellent fit with Gannett's operations in these growth areas of Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky," said Gary Watson, president of Gannett's Newspaper Division. "We're very pleased that company founder Philip Power and his wife, Kathleen, looked to Gannett when they decided to retire. The Powers made very smart decisions in the nearly 40 years they owned and operated HomeTown and we plan to continue in that tradition."

"Gannett is one of the world's largest newspaper companies, with a demonstrated track record of capable professional management, great financial stability and high community involvement. I wanted the newspapers, telephone directories and other publications that I spent so much of my career building to wind up in good hands after I left. I believe Gannett's hands are the best available," said Philip Power, HomeTown's chairman.

PLEASE SEE GANNETT, A2

Van Buren shelves new Canton elementary school

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

During an emotional town hall meeting Wednesday, Van Buren Schools officials decided to postpone putting a new bond issue in front of district voters until at least next fall. They also tabled the possibility of the district building a new elementary school in Canton.

Instead, Van Buren Supt. Pete Lazaroff explained to the hundreds in attendance at Belleville High School that the district is looking at a number of mid-year budget cuts, including eliminating three elementary gym teachers, a business teacher at Belleville High School, and some custodial staff. The reason for the cuts, he said, is because of

expected cuts in state funding. The district received a letter from Gov. Jennifer Granholm's office saying to expect some cuts.

In addition, he said the district will have to make much more significant cuts for the 2005-06 school year, including closing Haggerty Elementary, redistricting school boundaries to reduce busing costs, and charging student athletes \$50 for each sport played in the high school and \$30 for each middle school sport.

Although the letter didn't say how much would be cut, Lazaroff is expecting \$100 less for each student, which will mean \$600,000 less for this year's budget. "This is the first time in public education funding that we have experienced three straight years of decline," he said.

As a result of the expected cuts, Lazaroff said he is not recommending any new building projects, including the proposed new Canton elementary school, until at least the spring.

Canton resident Jim Edwards attended the meeting. Although he doesn't have any children currently attending Van Buren Schools, his 2-year-old son will have to in the future. He lives in the Central Park South subdivision, one of three trying to pull away from Van Buren and into Plymouth-Canton Schools.

The three subs have requested the state let them join the Plymouth-Canton district.

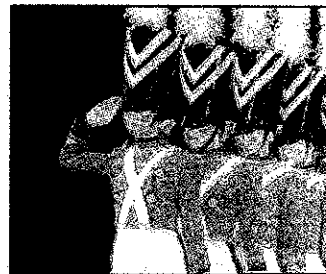
"We're not being served properly by Van Buren," he said. "Why not let us be released and let us go?"

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History of HomeTown Communications Network

HomeTown Communications Network, Inc. is owned by Phil Power and his wife, Kathy. The company was founded by Power in December 1965, as Observer Newspapers Inc., publishing six *Observer* weekly newspapers serving western Wayne County communities. In 1974, Observer Newspapers and Synercom Communications Corp. were merged, linking the *Observer* group with the *Eccentric* Newspapers, based in Birmingham. The company's name was changed to Suburban Communications Corp. at that time. Through the ensuing years, other newspapers were added, both by acquisition and through start-ups. The company was renamed HomeTown Communications Network, Inc., in July 1995. Today, the company owns one

daily newspaper, 62 weekly and twice-weekly newspapers, two specialty newspapers, one shopping guide and 24 community telephone directories. Total aggregate circulation of the company's newspaper publications is more than 740,000. The company also engages in commercial typesetting and printing from its plants in Livonia, Howell and Camden, Mich., and Cincinnati, Ohio. The company also operates a digital operation, with Web sites and Web-based services including design and production. Power is chairman of HomeTown's board of directors. President and CEO is Richard D. Aginian. The company has a small corporate staff located at its headquarters in Livonia. It operates through seven subsidiaries, each head-

ed by a general manager. HomeTown Communications Network is widely recognized as one of the nation's leading publishers of community newspapers and telephone directories. Over the years and taken together, its newspapers have won more state and national awards for excellence than any other company in the community newspaper industry. In September 2000, HomeTown launched the first new daily newspaper in Michigan in 45 years; today, the six-day morning *Livingston Daily Press & Argus* is Michigan's fastest growing daily newspaper. Power's award-winning column appears weekly in the company's Michigan newspapers.

GANNETT

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HomeTown has approximately 780 employees.

Revenues are expected to exceed \$86 million in 2004. Gannett Co., Inc. is a leading international news and information company that publishes 101 daily newspapers in the U.S., including *USA TODAY*, the nation's largest-selling daily newspaper. The company also owns more than 600 non-daily publications in the U.S. and *USA WEEKEND*, a weekly newspaper magazine. Gannett subsidiary Newsquest is the

United Kingdom's second largest regional newspaper company. Newsquest publishes more than 300 titles, including 17 daily newspapers, and a network of prize-winning Web sites. Gannett also operates 21 television stations in the United States and is an Internet leader with sites sponsored by its TV stations and newspapers, including *USATODAY.com*, one of the most popular news sites on the Web.

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NUTCRACKER BALLET

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra joins with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company for its traditional presentation of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet. Performances are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Salem High School auditorium. Admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. The Sugar Plum Tea follows the 11 a.m. Saturday performance and the 2 p.m. Sunday performance. Tickets for the tea are \$5. For tickets, season subscriptions or more information, call the symphony office at (734) 451-2112.

EEF THEATER

The Educational Excellence Foundation, serving Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, hosts a dessert/theater evening fund-raiser at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19 at Salem High School. The nationally ranked PCCS Culinary Arts team will prepare a variety of desserts, as well as a coffee/tea bar. After dessert, patrons will enjoy premiere reserved seating in the Gloria Logan Performing Arts Auditorium for the Park Players' performance of the comedy, *Rumors*. Tickets are \$25 each and qualify as a tax-deductible donation in support of the Performing Arts. Only 100 tickets are available, so they are advanced-sale only. To purchase tickets or for more information, call Carole Kody, (734) 416-2718.

CRAFT FAIR

Tri-City Christian in Canton will hold its annual Holiday Craft Fair on Dec. 4. More than 75 crafters will be selling their wares. Refreshments and a bake sale will also be high-lights. Tri-City is located at 3855 Sheldon Rd., just north of Michigan Ave. There is a \$1

AROUND CANTON



Girl Scouts from Tonda Elementary helped Trisha Brosnahan (right), director of events with the Michigan Humane Society, raise money and pet supplies during the annual square dance on Nov. 5 at the MHS's Westland shelter.

admission. For more information, call (734) 397-0819.

USED SPORTING GOODS

Canton Leisure Services will sponsor its annual used sports equipment sale on Dec. 4 at the Canton Softball Center's Diamonds restaurant. The public is invited to bring in gently used equipment and sell it. Employees staff the sale, so there is no need to be present at the sale. If you wish to sell items, bring them in on Dec. 3 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. to be priced and tagged for the sale. You set the price. Canton Leisure Services will keep 15 percent of the profits from all items sold during the sale. The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS

Here is an updated list of entertainment events for the Christmas in Cherry Hill Village weekend, scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 27. Main stage entertainment scheduled at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill (located at 50400 Cherry Hill Rd.):
■ 12 to 12:30 p.m. -- Village Music, Plymouth Children's sing a long for Santa's arrival

- 12:45 to 1:15 p.m. - Central City Dance
- 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. - Canton Community Chorus
- 2:15 to 2:45 p.m. - Wally Pleasant-music entertainer/comedian
- 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. - Renaissance Barber Shop Quartet and Chorus
- 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. - Vocal Arts Ensemble of Michigan-a Capella music
- 4:15 to 5:00 p.m. - Canton Community Band
- Strolling entertainment schedule:
 - 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Canton Youth Theater - Newsboys/Newsgirls announcing Santa's arrival
 - 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Scrooge
 - 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Newsboys - Franklin High School
 - 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. - High Wheel
 - 12:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Cyclist/Juggler/Magician
 - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Caricaturist
 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Stiltwalker-Father Christmas
 - 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Juggler/magician (tentative)
 - 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Krispy Krackers
 - 5:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. - Trombone Quartet-Canton Community Band

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Siblings learn the meaning of giving

Plymouth High students raise money for gifts for needy children

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

This is a Christmas story without a Grinch or a Scrooge. Although there was one humbug.

When Canton resident Marika Besco quit her job as a financial advisor three years ago to attend law school, she started driving a school bus for the Plymouth-Canton School District to bring in some extra money.

Each fall the district would distribute a list of names of children throughout the state who were in foster homes. The idea was to adopt a child and buy them Christmas presents from their "wish lists."

The program is sponsored by Operation Good Cheer.

"The last two years I'd look at the list and be tempted, but I'd think, no I don't have any money. Not while I'm in law school," Besco said.

This year, though, she had a different idea. Times were still tight and she wasn't going to buy Christmas gifts for her own two children,

Santino, 14, a ninth-grader at Plymouth High School, and Sasha, 16, a junior at the same school.

But she took two of the Operation Good Cheer names and brought them home.

"I gave each of my kids one of the names and said, 'Merry Christmas. This is your job. Raise some money and buy gifts for these kids. I wanted to see what kind of kids I'd raised,'" she said.

When Besco handed them the names, with the knowledge that they weren't getting Christmas presents themselves, they accepted the challenge.

"They said, you know Mom, we've got a lot," she said. "When they looked at the names and the reasons the children were in foster homes, they realized there were people way worse off than they were."

One of the children is 11, the other 12. The 12-year-old is in a home because of sexual abuse, physical abuse and emotional neglect. The 11-year-old was placed in a home because of emotional neglect,

home life, drug use and abuse.

Santino jumped at the chance to become the giver of gifts rather than the receiver.

"He said, Mom, can I go out there and ask for donations?" Besco said. "He mowed some lawns, collected cans, then started going door-to-door."

It was in the door-to-door phase where the humbug occurred.

"I went to this lady's house," Santino said. "She invited me to talk about it and then she said, well, I need to send the person a check."

Santino explained that there was no way she could make a check out to the people on the list.

"I said you donate to me, I give it to my mom and then we go buy the gifts," he said. "She said when I get a (solicitor's) badge to come back. And then she called the police."

Santino's mother said they didn't know they needed a solicitor's license.

The police arrived and asked what was going on. Santino explained.

"He said we were doing a

good thing," Santino said. "He said just go get a badge so you don't get in trouble."

They went to the township on a Tuesday to apply for the badge, a process they thought was going to take a couple of days.

"But the lady was so nice," Besco said. "She said give me a couple of badges. We got it all done that morning."

Their campaign has been a success.

The first weekend they went collecting they raised \$254. They spent it all on gifts for the two kids. But Santino wasn't done.

"You don't have to buy everything on their wish list," Besco said. "Usually just one present. Maybe two or three. But Sasha and Santino wanted to get everything on the list."

One day last week Santino went to three of the sections of their condo complex and collected another \$123.85. And he planned to go back until he had enough to complete the list.

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Santino and Sasha Besco raised more than \$250 for children in foster homes to have some Christmas presents - and they're still going.

DELANEY

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through it all, the 6-year-old Delaney rarely wavered. She took the chemotherapy and the shots and the illnesses, determined to beat the disease.

"I was scared," Delaney said. "But I was brave."

She had to be, as did her mother. LaForest lost one job while doctors were still trying to figure out what was wrong with Delaney, then lost a second job because she had to be in the hospital so much with her daughter once the cancer was diagnosed.

LaForest, experienced in program management, corporate training and information technology, hasn't worked since. With Delaney's father having moved to Texas, LaForest has been the only source of support for Delaney. The amount of time her daughter has spent in the hospital "has totally incapacitated me from working," LaForest said.

The family — including 10-year-old Emilie and 6-year-old Josh — has lived largely on money LaForest had originally planned on putting into a house and the generosity of the people in their church, St. Joan of Arc in Powell, Ohio.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Renee LaForest, posing with daughter Delaney Diggs, brought the family to Canton in part to take advantage of the Plymouth-Canton school district.

"They sent out meals when I couldn't cook for the kids, they did 'penny wars' for us," LaForest said. "They were always there, not just with monetary help, but with their prayers."

Family brought LaForest and her children to Canton. She's got a sister who lives in Canton and her former in-laws, who live in Redford and with whom she's still close, helped her get into the Canton house she's renting.

MOVING ON

The kids' godmother, Carol

Sutherland, who recently moved to Cleveland after 14 years in Plymouth, put LaForest in touch with a Realtor.

"I think Renee is doing an outstanding job, bearing in mind she's doing it alone," Sutherland said. "She has a terrific head on her shoulders. She has done a good job keeping them together. It's been difficult for her, but she's terrific at persevering."

Officials in Plymouth-Canton Schools — all three kids are at Field Elementary — have put together a specialized learning program for Delaney, something the school district in Ohio refused to do and one of the reasons LaForest chose Plymouth-Canton.

Unfortunately, things aren't getting any easier. LaForest is trapped in an employment Catch-22, unable to get jobs for which she's qualified because she's been out of the workforce for two years, and unable to get lower-paying jobs because she's over-qualified.

With Delaney's tumor shrunk, all three children are in school full-time now, leaving LaForest with plenty of time — if not opportunity — to go back to work.

"A job would pretty much solve everything," LaForest laments. "If I could find a job, everything would be much better."

Meanwhile, pennies are being pinched. It got so bad at one point she sought the help of the Plymouth Salvation Army, which allowed her to come in and stock her pantry when it had about hit bare.

"I was down to no food at all," LaForest said. "(The Salvation Army) let me get the canned fruit and vegetables, the cereals and other things I needed."

The family, meanwhile, has persevered. Delaney just found out she'll need another surgery next week to clean up a sinus infection, but it hasn't dampened her spirits any. She's been sick, but it hasn't stopped her.

ZEST FOR LIFE

For instance, she has dropped the puck at a minor league hockey game, sung the National Anthem and, last year, got a chance to record music with her favorite singer, Carole King.

"You would never know what's going on with her," said Sutherland, the kids' godmother. "You'd never have any idea what she's been through. She has not one time dwelled on the fact she is ill or that she is challenged in any way. She has a great zest for life."

That zest has even helped her mother get through the tough times. When she was at

her sickest, Delaney found a way to boost LaForest's spirits. She asked her mom if she was going to die, and LaForest assured her she wouldn't die unless her body just couldn't fight any more.

"I told her if her body couldn't fight anymore, Jesus would come and take her to Heaven," LaForest recalled. "Ever since, when she's been sick, she'd take my hand and say, 'Don't worry, Mom, I still have lots of fight.'"

Learn more about Delaney Diggs at www.caringbridge.org/oh/teamdelaney

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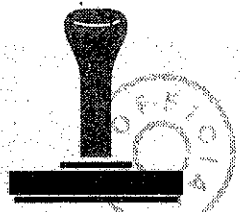
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DEATHS

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Bud D. Beard, 60, of Imlay City, died Nov. 11.
Erica A. Bridge, 41, of Pontiac, died Nov. 8.
Jerry Burke, 56, of Westland, died Nov. 13.

C
Carlo N. Cappatocio, 69, of Clarkston, died Nov. 7.

G
Godofredo G. Gannod, of Canton, died.
William P. Gillis, 77, of Livonia, died Nov. 14.
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Abraham Igrisan, 89, of Rochester Hills, died Nov. 6.

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Freddie L. Jackson, 59, of Auburn Hills, died Nov. 17.

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Vandetta L. King, 73, of Livonia, died Nov. 13.

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Johnnie M. Land, 59, of Rochester Hills, died Nov. 10.

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Joseph P. Maloney, 45, of Troy, died Nov. 8.
Goldie "Mert" Metzler, 84, of Auburn Hills, died Nov. 10.

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Lester V. Newton, 86, of Fenton, formerly of Redford Township, died Nov. 12.

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Shirley Parkinson, 73, of Rochester, died Nov. 4.
A. Mercedes "Merrie" Pearson, 78, of Ohio, died Nov. 14.

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James H. Richardson, 89, of Burt Lake, died Nov. 14.

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Stella Elizabeth Schmidtke, 97, of Jacksonville, Fla., formerly of Garden City, died Nov. 15.
Raymond A. Schebel Jr., 72, of Grand Lake, died Nov. 18.
Ariana Lee Shedd, of Leonard, died Nov. 6.
Marilyn M. "DeHaan" Smith, 74, died Nov. 12.
Eileen Anita (South) Smitley, 87.
Tania Stanley, 87, of Plymouth, died Nov. 14.

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Essie Turnmire, 82, of Chesterfield Twp., died Nov. 7.

V
Diane Van Sach, 61, died Nov. 14.

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Lottie Watchowski, 83, of Rochester Hills, died Nov. 14.
William Wood, 75, of Rochester, died Nov. 14.

Cops nab robbery suspect

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

An elderly couple was robbed on Wednesday as they were leaving the Bob Evans restaurant on Michigan Avenue.

Police said they were approached by a man who implied he had a weapon and took an undisclosed amount of money from the couple. No one was injured in the incident.

After robbing the couple the man ran across Michigan Avenue where he was followed by a good Samaritan who witnessed the robbery.

That witness followed the man to a motel, while another witness called Canton Police.

Canton officers converged on the motel and arrested the man without incident.

Canton Police Detective Sgt. Rick Pomorski said the man, a 38-year-old Ann Arbor resi-

dent, was also involved in a similar robbery at an Ann Arbor hotel on Monday night.

While the man implied he had a weapon in the Canton robbery, Pomorski said no weapon was found. After taking a statement from the man, police returned to the motel where they recovered the elderly couple's wallet but no money.

Police said the man was on parole for similar crimes.

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Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano officially opened LightFest 2004 Thursday with a fireworks display at the Merriman Hollow Area of Hines Park.

The annual display of holiday lights features more than 1 million lights on 35 animated

displays. It is the Midwest's largest and longest light show. The complete Lightfest route is over four miles of Hines Drive. Lightfest is open every day through Jan. 1, except for Christmas Day.

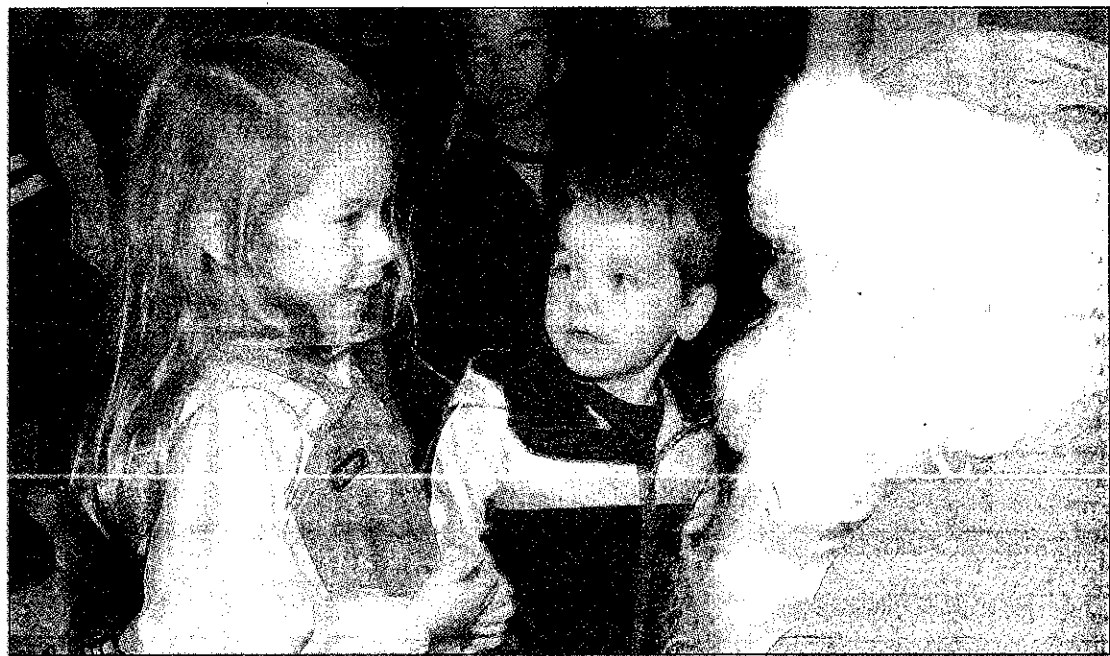
Dec. 7, 14 and 21 will be Toy Nights. Wayne County will be

lending a hand to provide toys to disadvantaged children in Wayne County. On these three nights, the community will be invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy in lieu of the suggested \$5 donation fee. Visitors are welcome to contribute the recommended donation.

At the end of the festival drive, visitors can stop by Santa's Workshop at the Warrendale Picnic Area for refreshments and gift shopping. Santa will be there from Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve. Outside of Santa's workshop there will be a giant mailbox where kids of all ages can drop off their letters to Santa. Santa's elves will pick up the letters each night.

Reindeer Nights at the Warrendale Picnic Area will be held Dec. 6, 13 and 20. At the conclusion of the display, families and friends are invited to stop by for free visit with Santa's reindeer. Visiting with the reindeer is free.

Hines Drive will be closed to traffic nightly beginning at 5:45 p.m. Lightfest will begin at 7 p.m. each night. Visitors



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Kendall and Tyler Milo, of Canton, got to meet with the big guy in the red suit at the opening of Lightfest 2004 at Hines Park. Santa's Workshop is at the end of the Lightfest drive at the Warrendale Picnic Area.

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Library seeks help from business community

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

The Friends of the Canton Public Library are looking for a few good business partners – or, more to the point, a lot of good business partners.

The idea was the brainchild of Canton resident Larry Johnson, a retired businessman who moved to Canton a couple of years ago and joined the Friends.

“I believe you’ve got to give back to the community that you live in,” Johnson said. “I’m a former school teacher. With my love of books I decided to do some volunteering at the library.”

After talking to Marcia Barker, the library’s program coordinator, he ended up joining the Friends and was elected vice president.

“I started looking at our community,” he said. “Very few businesses are aware of the breadth and scope of resources available to them at the Canton Public Library. One of the things we’re trying to do is build a partnership with the business community.”

The Friends organization, which has been around since 1988, has been an active supporter of the library. In the 2003-04 year alone, the organization donated more than \$36,000 to support program-

ming and projects not allowed for in the library’s budget.

“The Friends have had business memberships available for a long time,” Barker said. “But we never really pursued them before and never had a specific goal in mind.”

Barker and Johnson decided to send a letter to all Chamber of Commerce members asking them to consider joining the Friends as a business partner. Business memberships are \$50 or they can join as a “Best Friend” for \$100.

“As we get maybe 30, maybe 50, maybe 100 people in the business community to join,” Johnson said, “we’ll not only have the financial capability of adding resources to the library, but the knowledge, recommendations and advice of those people as to what would make the library more beneficial to them.”

In his letter to chamber members Johnson said the goal of the campaign for 2005 is to help enhance the library’s business and financial materials.

“Although we have a good collection to support your small and large business needs, we would like to add some significant items, in particular databases that would be accessible from your home and business computers,” he wrote.

He said some databases cost the library more than \$10,000

annually. He hopes the campaign will eventually enable the Friends to provide that much annually for new databases.

“The Friends are totally dependent on the good graces of people who volunteer, donate books, donate funds to allow us to buy collections,” Johnson said. “The business community ties it all in. Business partners are really part of our family.”

He sees the partnership becoming more than simply having businesses pay annual dues of \$50. Donations, of course, are also welcome.

But he said the library has much to offer the business community.

“This is a resource center that is better than the Internet,” he said. “At the library you see diversity, you see other people, you can communicate, talk about business,

get help.”

Johnson said when he was a businessman he may have been negligent in realizing how useful a library could be as a business resource.

“Businesses are people,” he said. “They have employees. They may or may not live in Canton. The Canton Public Library is there for them to do research, find out how to expand their business, to check on what other people are doing.”

“Everyone who has or owns a business needs to know how the library can support them.”

Johnson said anyone wanting to make a contribution can call Barker at the library at (734) 397-0999, stop by the Friends’ Secondhand Prose book store in the library or call him at (734) 495-1916.

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and professor at Michigan State University, who moderated the discussion. “People identify their sense of community with police and fire, and it takes a lot more prodding than such issues as public works, which deals with water and sewer.”

Plymouth Mayor Pro Tem Dan Dwyer, who sat in on a discussion of public works partnerships, agreed with the assessment.

“People aren’t going to be worked up like they would for police and fire,” said Dwyer. “You could probably do a lot of this – lawn mowing contracts, concrete work, vehicle maintenance, purchase of vehicles – because they know they get the service, but not how they get them.”

Jim Casteel, director of integrated technology systems for Plymouth-Canton Schools,

suggested a wide area network connecting all the communities.

“If the school district was to put up a fiber network, it would have to pass through all five communities,” he said. “They could share in the connectivity, and also provide some of the costs, and we’d all benefit by it.”

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said he sees possibilities for partnerships in areas such as recreation and the arts. But, he cautions that Monday’s summit has been done several times previously during his 16-year tenure, with little results.

“We couldn’t see any benefits for us (at the time),” said Yack. “I think you have to go to the next level to see if there’s a connection.”

“Identity is so important, and these communities are rich in it,” said Yack. “To get them to do serious reconstitution could be tough.”

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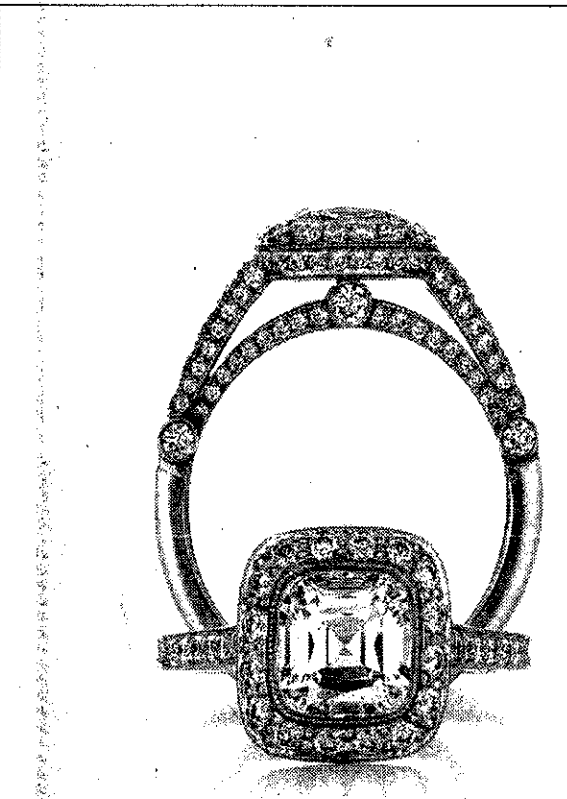
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AYP isn't about personal failure, it's about identifying problems

The Education YES! high school report cards released earlier this month weren't met with open arms by local educators or the public.

Many area schools failed to make adequate yearly progress under the No Child Left Behind requirements despite receiving passing grades for overall academic achievement and other state standards.

Tom Watkins, state superintendent for public instruction, says AYP reminds him of the Paul Simon song *50 Ways to Leave Your Lover*. He said there are 50 ways for a school to fail to make AYP.

This year, the primary reason for our area schools was the failure of identifiable sub-

groups within the schools to improve their academic performance. These groups include minority students, students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students and students with limited English proficiency.

While parents, advocacy groups and local educators have said it is unfair to single out these groups in evaluating the high schools —

and, in a sense, "blaming" them for the school's "failure" — Watkins said that attention to those groups is exactly what was intended by the No Child Left Behind act.

The word "failure" is always a problem. Nobody wants to be called a failure and no group wants to be singled out as "the group" that caused the school as a whole to be labeled a failure.

Semantics aside, it is important for the school districts and the state and federal governments to know whether or not these groups are progressing as they should. The onus isn't on the "failing" group, but on the system that isn't addressing their particular needs.

"The essence of the law was to take a look at subgroups to see that they were making progress," Watkins said. "How are you doing for African-American students or economically disadvantaged? We're trying to provide support and help on the law."

Of course, the measurement being used to ascertain progress might be questionable. Can we expect that students with disabilities, even when mainstreamed, will be able to perform at the same level as other students? Some can, some can not. Is it right to have new immigrant children taking the same test as native-born students when they have little or no command of the English language? But some measurement is necessary and

some standard for progress is needed. The details of how to do a proper evaluation are almost as complicated as trying to figure out how to remedy the problems your evaluation has uncovered.

While our suburban schools have subgroups that are not keeping up in generally successful secondary programs, every high school in the city of Detroit failed to make AYP on general academic performance, most failing in both the math and language requirements. Soon after the state announced the scores, Detroit schools announced more cuts in staff and programs. Don't expect those scores to improve anytime soon or those schools to make AYP.

Failure to make AYP under the federal government's program leads to consequences for schools that take federal money through Title I (which includes several suburban elementary and alternative schools and most Detroit schools). After two years, schools must begin evaluating how to change their schools. After five years of not making AYP, a school must be restructured — turned into a charter school, turned over to a management company or taken over by the state. It isn't clear that any of these "remedies" will improve the schools and raise the test scores.

Many students in Detroit don't make it to graduation, which also affects a school's AYP.

In a story in the *Detroit Free Press*, David Plank, co-director of the Education Policy Center at Michigan State University, expressed some of the frustration that must be felt by Detroit educators: "You can't assign all the blame to the schools. It's that these kids don't see education paying off. They don't see it worthwhile to stick around, obviously."

The conditions of home and neighborhood, job prospects, the lure of easy money through crime and much, much more need to be addressed. Many talented young people and their families look to charter schools or private schools to have some magic answer. But the evidence seems to show only limited success and, in some cases, worse results.

Our schools in suburban Detroit are in general doing a fine job of educating our children. But they and we need to know where they could do better. That's what NCLB is about at its best. Some of the details, some of the language, need to be tweaked, changed, given a more positive face. But the need to evaluate is absolutely necessary in order to improve.

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Hugh Gallagher

Simon the right person to lead MSU into the future

Lou Anna Simon often rides the campus bus around Michigan State University, where most students seem to regard her as "some old person with a briefcase." She says she isn't much of a cook, and she and her husband, Roy, frequently eat lunch or dinner in one of the dorms.

However, she has other talents. On New Year's Day, the longtime provost will become president of Michigan State University, succeeding M. Peter McPherson, who has led the school and its 44,836 students for more than a decade.

Short, modest and self-effacing, Simon is eager to get to work, and seemingly just as eager



Jack Lessenberry

to try to direct attention away from herself. "It really is not about me," she said. "I'm just here for a little bit in the whole scheme of things. And it's my responsibility to do whatever I can to make sure Michigan State has the ability to be even greater in the future than it is today."

News media accounts have focused on the fact that she is the first woman to head Michigan State since it was

founded as a school of applied agriculture for farmers in 1855. But what is more remarkable is that she has spent her entire adult life at the institution. A native of small-town Indiana, she arrived as a 23-year-old Ph.D. student from Indiana in 1970, and just stayed.

Remarkably, she nearly became MSU's president a dozen years ago. But the board deadlocked over her appointment, and McPherson, then a Bank of America official and former Reagan treasury undersecretary, was brought in as a dark horse candidate.

In most cases, that would have led to Simon's leaving the university. But the two forged a good relationship. Last spring, McPherson, widely regarded as the school's strongest and most effective president in decades, announced he was stepping down to look for a new challenge.

That normally would have led to a nationwide search. Not this time; he unhesitatingly recommended to the MSU board that it choose Simon as his successor, and the board unanimously agreed. "She will be an outstanding choice," he told me. "She is superbly equipped to lead this institution."

Lou Anna Simon knows that means a lot more than showing up for commencement. She takes office in a year that will be loaded with celebrations of the school's 150th anniversary, culminating in a three-day on-campus bash in September. She sees the most important part of her job as keeping what she calls "the land-grant ideal" alive and relevant for the next century.

The school — once known as the Michigan State College of Agriculture and Applied Science — was founded, she notes, as part of an

News media accounts have focused on the fact that she is the first woman to head Michigan State since it was founded as a school of applied agriculture for farmers in 1855. But what is more remarkable is that she has spent her entire adult life at the institution.

experiment to take knowledge beyond the ivory tower and make it relevant to citizens and the state as a whole, and to pioneer new discoveries for the public good.

"Not many people know that the process to pasteurize milk was invented here, that the drug that saved Lance Armstrong from cancer came from here," she said. When MSU was founded, "the visionaries of the time wanted a different kind of place, one that would move society forward with its democratic ideals. And they wanted a place that would position America to become a real economic player, as well as a champion of the people in the society who had talent, but who were underserved by the institutions at hand."

Today, she said with a smile, those same problems still exist, if in a slightly different form. "In order for us to be competitive in Michigan, we have to find a way to shift out of this manufacturing mentality, and that's going to require an educated citizenry of a different kind ... and becoming an engaged partner with other institutions in order that we can meet the needs of society."

Nobody questions her intellect. However, some have wondered whether the self-effacing Simon, who occasionally lapses into educational policy-speak language, can be an effective advocate for MSU in the broader political arena, where universities go toe-to-toe with each other in the battle for recognition and funding from the state Legislature.

Bruce McCristal of Bloomfield Hills, a 1954 graduate who just wrote an excellent new history of the school, *The Spirit of Michigan State* (MSU Press, 2004), says he knows her well and isn't worried at all. "She is such an effective and articulate speaker. She won't have any problems."

In an era of pinched budgets and funding cuts, that may not be quite true. But a century and a half after MSU was founded, the university's 20th president is eager to show what she can do.

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AYP is designed to identify groups with problems

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Several area high schools failed to make adequate yearly progress this year despite receiving passing grades in the annual report card released by the Michigan State Department of Education Nov. 4.

Last year several schools failed to make AYP because less than 95 percent of their students took the MEAP test. This year many schools failed because identifiable subgroups within the school did not improve.

That's what was intended when the No Child Left Behind Act was approved by Congress.

"It's not OK to leave a child behind," said Tom Watkins, state superintendent of public education, Nov. 12. "The essence of the law was to take a look at subgroups to see that they were making progress. How are you doing for African-American students or economically disadvantaged? We're trying to provide support and help on the law."

Subgroups identified in the law include minority students, students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students and students with limited English proficiency.

Letter grades for Michigan's Education YES! program are based on a combination of points awarded for academic achievement, school performance standards and AYP. Several area schools made good overall scores but still failed to make AYP, including Farmington Hills Harrison, C; Livonia Churchill, B; Livonia

Franklin, B; Redford Union, C; Salem, B; and Wayne Memorial B.

Schools receiving Title I federal funding that do not make AYP for two years are subject to penalties. The penalties become more severe each year a school fails to make AYP. Penalties range from professional development programs and allowing student transfers to staff and administrative changes. Failure to make AYP after five years would lead to restructuring of the school.

None of the area high schools are Title I schools.

Watkins said the state has been trying to work with the federal government to change some aspects of NCLB, particularly relating to students with limited English proficiency.

"A student could come into the country, enroll in a school on Monday and take the MEAP on Tuesday. We said that's absurd," Watkins said.

As a demonstration, Watkins asked state board of education members to take a second grade math test. He sat them down and asked them to turn the tests over and begin. The tests were in Russian.

"We asked that students be given three years before they had to take the test. We got some relief, they gave students a year," Watkins said. "We're trying to work with them to bring about changes."

Watkins is critical of many aspects of NCLB. He said it didn't make sense that a high school with high academic standards where only 94 percent of the students took the MEAP, instead of the the

required 95 percent, would be marked failing while another school with lower academic achievement but 98 percent participation in MEAP could be marked passing.

Watkins also questions the remedies for Title I failing schools.

"The law is 1,100 pages long and uses the phrase scientifically based research," Watkins said.

In a meeting of educators with President George Bush earlier this year, Watkins said he questioned the president about what scientifically based research supported the prescribed remedies, which include charter schools, take over by management companies or the state, changes in leadership and

"innovative programs."

Last week, the state Senate approved substituting the high school MEAP with a college test such as the ACT or SAT. Watkins said he would like to see a test that combined the best of the MEAP and college entrance tests.

The MEAP was intended to look at how well school districts were keeping up to state standards. The ACT and other college entrance tests are designed to predict how a student will perform at the college level.

"Why not take the best of both?" he said.

Watkins said designing a test that could do both was a subject discussed last week by the Cherry Commission, a panel chaired by Lt. Gov. John

Cherry to develop ways to encourage more young people

to pursue a post-secondary education.

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 In a medium bowl, mix together remaining ingredients. Spoon cranberry-apple mixture into squash, dividing evenly among wedges. Return to oven and bake, covered, an additional 15-20 minutes or until apples and squash are tender.
Variation for Microwave oven:
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For The Topping
 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
 3 McIntosh or Macoun apples, peeled, cored, and cut into eighths
 3 tablespoons light brown sugar
 Preheat the oven to 375°F. Scrub the potatoes, prick them several times with a knife or fork and bake them for 1 hour, or until very soft when pierced with a knife. Remove from the oven and scoop out the insides as soon as they are cool enough to handle. Place the sweet potato meat into the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment and add the orange juice, cream, butter, brown sugar, nutmeg, cinnamon, salt and pepper. Mix together until combined but not smooth, and pour into a baking dish.
 For the topping, melt the butter in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add the apple wedges, brown sugar and cook for about 5 to 10 minutes, until lightly browned on both sides. Sprinkle on top of the sweet potatoes. Bake the potatoes and apples for 20 to 30 minutes, until heated through.

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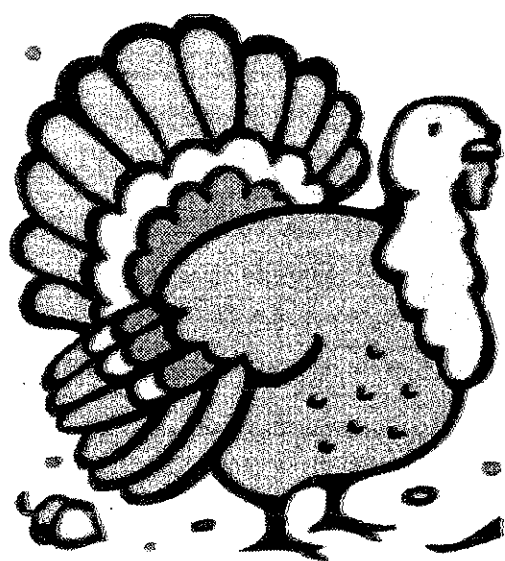
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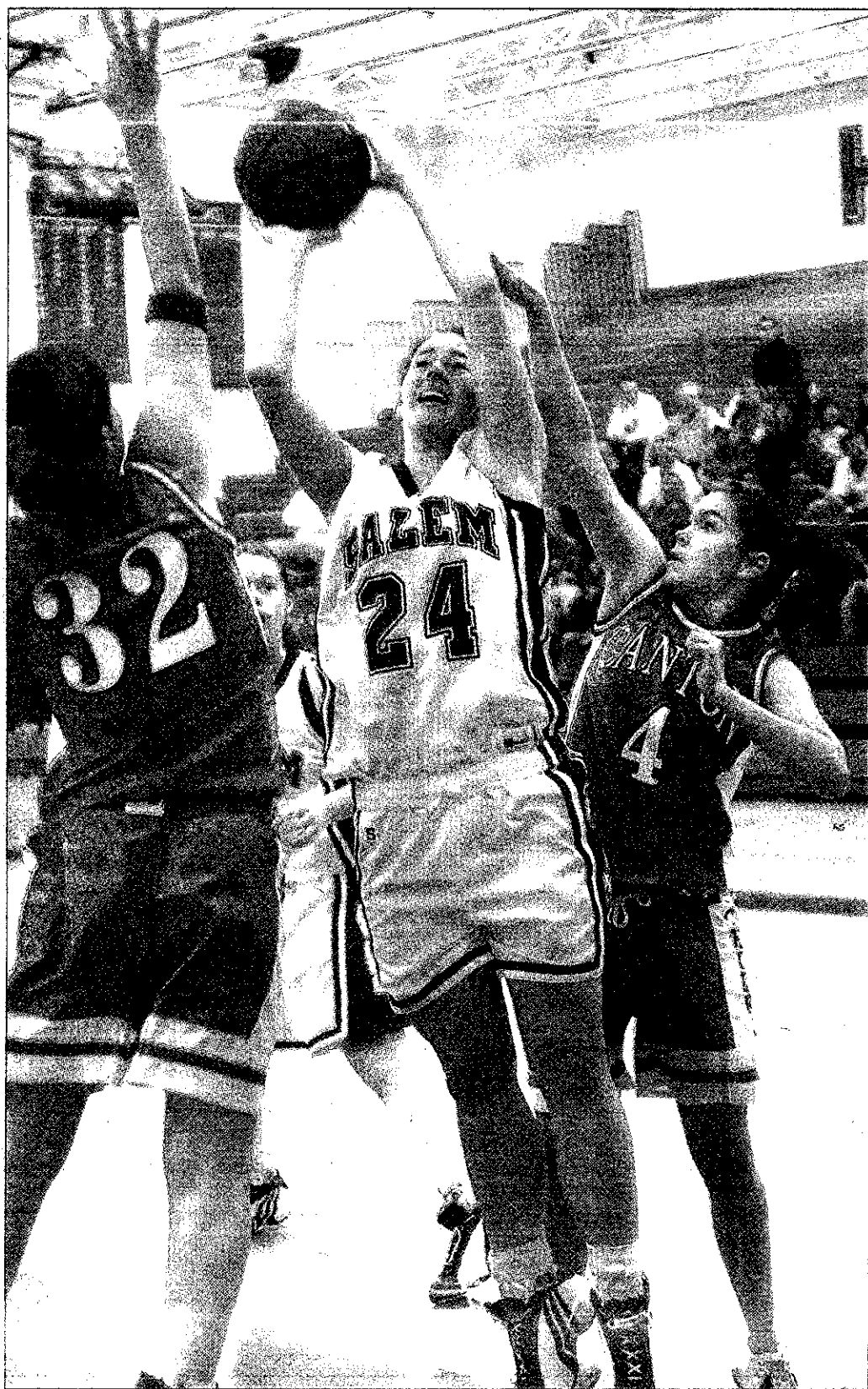
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Balanced Salem captures district title



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Salem's Carly Sommers goes up for a shot between Canton defenders Lisa Ealy (left) and Molly Conlon during the second quarter of Friday night's Class A district championship game played at Canton's Phase III gymnasium.

Rock seniors lead the way

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Salem girls basketball team carried the Class A district championship trophy off Canton's court Friday night the same way they won the prize minutes earlier — together.

The balanced, all-for-one Rocks neutralized Canton's biggest threat — senior center Katie Cezat — with a Velcro-like defensive scheme and hit clutch shots on offense in a 41-34 victory in the Canton High School Phase III gymnasium.

The Rocks will deposit the hardware in their trophy case before heading to Monday's 8 p.m. regional semi-final showdown against Birmingham Marian (17-4). The game will be played at West Bloomfield High School.

Monday night's opening game at 6 p.m. will pit the host Lakers against Pontiac Northern. The regional final is set for Wednesday at 7 p.m. at West Bloomfield.

Cezat, who was blanketed most of the night by a combination of sophomores Teresa Coppiellie, Lauren Kurtz and junior Carly Sommers, finished with a hard-earned 12 points before fouling out with 2:22 left in the game. When Cezat walked off the floor for the last time, the Chiefs' all-time leader in points,

rebounds and blocked shots was greeted by a rousing standing ovation by fans from both teams.

"Katie was my idol when we played for Our Lady of Good Counsel," said Coppiellie, who spent a good chunk of Friday's game shadowing Cezat. "She's so good, it takes more than one player to stop her, but we did a good job tonight. We have a very balanced team, but it's our three seniors who carry us."

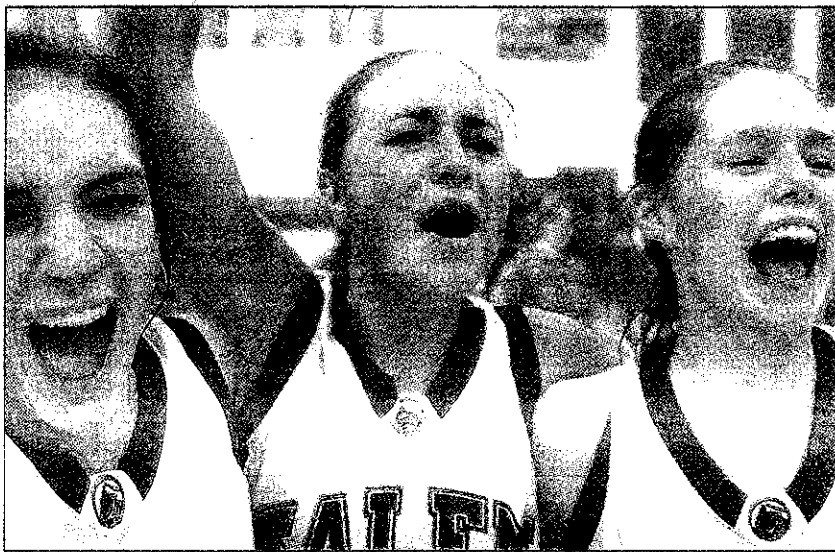
The seniors Coppiellie referred to — Alyssa Guerin, Ellen Canale and Kathryn Wheatley — all played pivotal roles in the victory. Guerin contributed a team-high 12 points and five rebounds, Canale netted 11 points and nine boards and Wheatley scored seven with three steals.

Most importantly, all three provided the team with an unwavering poise that elevated the Rocks to a championship-caliber level.

Molly Conlon and Becci Houdek both twined 10 points for the Chiefs.

"The key to beating Canton is defending Cezat and I thought we did a nice job of that tonight," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "All three girls that covered her did an excellent job. We also did a nice job with our perimeter defense. We didn't give them many open shots out-

PLEASE SEE SALEM, B2



Salem seniors Kathryn Wheatley, Ellen Canale and Alyssa Guerin celebrate after the Rocks' 41-34 victory over Canton in the Class A district championship game Friday night.

Multi-dimensional Rocks could be regional threat

I have two words of advice for the Birmingham Marian girls basketball coaching staff as they prepare to play Salem in Monday night's Class A regional semi-final game: Good luck.

Salem isn't extremely tall, incredibly explosive or unbelievably athletic. But, together, the Rocks make up the most balanced, cohesive team I've seen play this year.

In my book, that makes them dangerous.

One-dimensional teams are relatively



Ed Wright

easy to prepare for. Shut down the primary threat, and let the other four less-talented players try to beat you.

Five-dimensional teams like Salem, on the other hand, are the source of coaching nightmares.

Super-smooth senior point guard Ellen Canale is the team's leading scorer, but if you give her extra attention, you've opened things up for her backcourt mate, Alyssa Guerin, who can make even the quickest defensive wizards look silly with her assortment of cross-overs and spin dribbles.

And you're ill-advised to double-up Guerin, because Canale doesn't need much more than a few feet to bury you with her pin-point perimeter game or her off-the-dribble driving skills.

The Rocks' third senior — Kathryn Wheatley — is best known for her suffocating defense, but if you leave her open inside 18 feet, she will make you pay.

The biggest mistake opposing coaches can make before playing the Rocks is looking at the underclass status of their primary frontcourt players and assuming sophomores Teresa Coppiellie and Lauren Kurtz and junior Carly Sommers will be overwhelmed by the big-game atmosphere Monday night.

Friday night's district championship game against Canton was a pretty big game and those three couldn't have played with more poise.

The Rocks have some talented reserve players, too, in sharp-shooting guards Keiyana Arnold and Becky Ward. During

one 15-second span in Salem's district semi-final win against Novi Wednesday night, Arnold checked in at the scorer's table, ran over to the left wing area on the Rocks' offense set, caught a pass, squared up and buried a three.

Combined with Ward's ability to come off the bench and heat up quickly, they should be known as the Microwave-ettes.

Defensively, the Rocks are solid, smart and aggressive. They help each other, they box out and they scrap.

Marian will provide Salem with one of its toughest tests this season, but the way the Rocks are playing, it's one they can definitely pass.

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Worley honored as top golf coach

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Paul Worley knew he was walking into a good situation when he took the Livonia Churchill varsity boys golf job.

The longtime pro for the City of Livonia guided the Chargers to a 10-1 dual-meet season and a runner-up finish in the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament, second only to state qualifier Walled Lake Western.

At the tough Division I regional at Oak Pointe, Churchill finished just two strokes out of the third with Howell (299), Brighton and 2003 state champion Redford Catholic Central (302 each) take the team qualifying berths.

"We just ran into a regional where there were three better teams than us," said Worley, who was named Observerland Coach of the Year. "But I couldn't be prouder of the way our guys played. I had an idea what we needed to shoot and our goal was to shoot under 310. Any other season I'd take a 304. Ninety-nine out of 100 times we'd be going to the state tourney."

Churchill, led by individual state qualifier Tommy Lucko, a sophomore, had six players who played consis-

tently all season. Two earned first-team All-Observer honors, while three made the second-team and another was placed on the third team.

"For the first year I enjoyed it," said Worley. "But there was a lot more to it than I anticipated, not from a coaching standpoint, but from an administrative standpoint."

The 42-year-old Worley, a 1980 Livonia Bentley graduate, played high school golf under Ken Timmons. He is a 1984 graduate of Michigan State and has been employed by the City of Livonia's Golf Division for 26 years.

He is currently the head pro at Whispering Willows. "My dad Paul was a good player, a 6-to-7 handicapper, he got me interested in the game," Paul Jr. said. "With him being a good player, I always wanted to beat my dad."

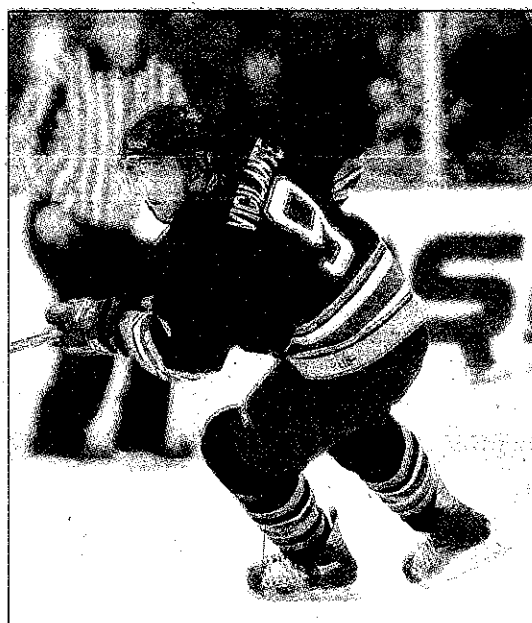
And although Churchill loses three of its top six players to graduation, Worley is already looking forward to next year.

"Things look pretty good," he said. "With three returning we have a pretty good nucleus. I don't know if we'll be as deep, but a lot more guys will get a chance to play next year."

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HOCKEY WEEKLY ACTION PHOTOS

Vigilante justice

Plymouth veteran left-winger John Vigilante scored his second goal in two games Friday night to lead the team to a 3-1 victory over the Erie Otters on Elvis Night. For details of the victory, please see page B3.

Sidelines

Food drive

The Plymouth Whalers and the United Way are hosting food drives at Plymouth Whalers home games on Nov. 24, Nov. 30, Dec. 3-4. All games start at 7:30 p.m.

There will be United Way volunteers at all of the above-listed games collecting nonperishable food items. For every food item brought in, you will receive a coupon good for \$2 off per ticket at an upcoming pre-selected Plymouth Whalers home game.

Items that are in the highest demand are boxed items (cereal, rice, potatoes, pasta, noodles, etc.) and canned goods.

All items donated will be used to re-stock the Salvation Army's food pantry.

Chief icers win

Canton's boys hockey team opened its season with a 5-1 victory over Utica Stevenson Friday night at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

Michael Kondratek shined for the Chiefs, netting a goal and two assists. Garrett Hyman, Reese McCabe, Ben Laurin and Ryan Mooradian scored single goals for the winners. Pat Davison, Nick Ledford, Mooradian, McCall and John Sudia recorded assists.

Senior Tony Hylko was solid between the pipes for Canton, stopping 21 shots. Stevenson's lone goal came late in the second period with Canton ahead 5-0.

"We came out with a lot of energy, jumped out ahead early and played well," said Canton coach Mike Behen. "The game got a little sloppy after we went up 5-0, but both teams kept playing hard."

Canton will return to the ice on Dec. 1 when it travels to Livonia Churchill to take on the Chargers.

MU women falter

Indiana Wesleyan shot 54 percent from the floor Friday night to earned a 64-53 women's basketball win at Madonna University.

The loss drops the Crusaders to 1-5 overall, while Indiana Wesleyan improves to 7-1.

Liz Howerth led Indiana Wesleyan with 20 points. Katrina Spitzer added 10. Wesleyan shot 24-of-44 from the field. The Crusaders got 20 points and 12 rebounds from Sarah Thomson, while Martina Franklin (Redford Union), Jackie Pingston and Stephanie Childs each contributed eight points.

The Crusaders shot only 35.7 percent from the floor (20-of-56).

Crusader men lose

Noel Emenhiser returned to his home turf Wednesday night, but the 6-foot-5 forward's game-high 26 points were not enough as host St. Francis (Ind.) turned back the Crusaders in a men's basketball game, 93-76.

Emenhiser, a senior from Woodland (Ind.) High School near Fort Wayne, connected on 10-of-19 shots from the floor, including 4-of-6 from three-point range.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem guard Kathryn Wheatley's drive to the basket is cut off by Canton's Becci Houdek during the first quarter of Friday night's Class A district championship game. Salem won, 41-34.

SALEM

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side.

"Offensively we made some key shots when we needed to. We didn't make a lot of shots, but we made them when we needed to."

Salem hit 14-of-35 shots from the field (40 percent) while Canton connected on just 9-of-33 field goals (27 percent). The Rocks outrebounded the Chiefs, 28-18.

Canton coach Bob Blohm said he sensed early on that his team was off its game.

"It seemed like we were out of synch right away," Blohm said. "We don't have the kind of team that can come back from a big deficit. Salem has a very good team. They bust their butts and work hard."

Following the game, Blohm said he commended his team for its outstanding effort this season. Canton won 15 of its final 17 games.

"First of all, I told them they should be proud because they

had a great season and they made it to the district championship game where they got beat by a very good team," Blohm said.

"We just couldn't make shots and we didn't get many points off offensive rebounds like we normally do."

Canton's only lead in the game came with 4:11 left in the opening quarter when Lisa Ealy's lay-up put the Chiefs ahead 4-2.

Salem led 6-4 after one quarter and 21-14 at the half. Canale scored seven points in the final 2:12 of the second quarter after Cezat was removed from the game after getting whistled for her third foul.

The Rocks stormed out of the lockerroom at halftime, outscoring Canton 5-1 to take a 26-15 lead. Salem secured a 33-19 lead after three quarters.

But anyone who has witnessed a Canton-Salem game in the past, knew there would be at least one more run left by the Chiefs. This rivalry game is rarely settled with a lopsided score.

Led by the long-range shooting of guards Molly Conlon and Becci Houdek, Canton made a dramatic late charge, outscoring Salem 12-2 over the first 6:09 of the fourth quarter. Houdek buried two long three-pointers during the stretch while Conlon swished a three from the left wing and a driving lay-up following a steal.

The comeback came to a screeching halt when Cezat committed her fourth foul with 2:27 left and her fifth five seconds later.

To make matters worse for Canton, Lisa Ealy, its second biggest offensive threat this season, fouled out 21 seconds later.

Wheatley sank three free throws and Guerin added a fast-break lay-up to seal the win, the trophy and the trip to West Bloomfield.

"We talked before the game about how hard we've worked since the summer to get to this point, and how we didn't want our season to end tonight," Coppiellie said.

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Eagles clip short-handed Borgess

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It's hard to say which obstacle was more difficult for Redford Bishop Borgess to overcome Thursday night: the fact that only five Spartans dressed for the game, or the 33 turnovers they committed against Plymouth Christian Academy.

Both obstacles had a bearing in PCA's 73-15 triumph in the Class D district basketball game played at Detroit Urban Lutheran High School. The victory vaulted the Eagles into Friday's game against Michigan Independent Athletic Conference rival Canton Agape Christian (please see page B1 for details on that game.)

"My hat is off to the Redford Bishop Borgess players and their coaches," said PCA coach Harvey Jennings. "It takes a lot of guts to play with only five players, especially when one of the them was hurt. I'm not sure it was a good game for us to get prepared for Canton Agape, but a lot of our players got to play a lot of minutes, so that was good."

When the Spartans' Evette Lang swished a jump shot three minutes into the game, Borgess trailed just 7-4 and threatened to make things interesting.

However, the Eagles dashed any hopes of a major upset by scoring the next 30 points. PCA led 45-7 at the half.

Every player on the roster

scored for PCA, which was led by sophomore point guard Joi Jennings' 19 points. Lauren Soblesky was next with 14 and Holly Johnson netted 12. Lauren Beckett and Kelsie Tietjen had six a piece for the winners.

Lang, who hustled the entire game despite the lopsided score, led the Spartans with nine points and nine rebounds. Freshman Crystal Combs scored six points and pulled down three boards.

The overmatched Spartans committed 17 turnovers in the first quarter alone against PCA's stifling press.

Beckett, Jennings and Carissa Elenbaas each pulled down a team-high six rebounds for the Eagles.

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Inside-outside duo lifts Agape to win in semi finals

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When Canton Agape's duo of A.J. Creps and Danielle Henry are clicking inside (Creps) and outside (Henry), the Wolverines usually turn their opponents inside-out.

That's exactly what happened Thursday night in the Wolverines' 46-33 victory over Westland Huron Lutheran Valley in their Class D district semi-final game played at Detroit Urban Lutheran High School.

Creps and Henry combined for 40 points to sideline the Hawks, who finished the season 13-7.

The win advanced the Wolverines into Friday night's district final against Michigan Independent Athletic Conference rival Plymouth Christian Academy (please see page B1 for results).

"We had a nice inside-outside thing going tonight with A.J. and Danielle," Agape coach Chuck Henry said.

"We had a nice inside-outside thing going tonight with A.J. (Creps) and Danielle (Henry)."

Chuck Henry
Agape coach

"Danielle was hitting her jump shots and A.J. was dominating inside. She is very strong and she works real hard."

Hawks coach Kris Ruth said the Wolverines' dominance in the paint was too much for her team to overcome.

"Rebounding was the name of the game tonight," Ruth said. "A.J. Creps is very tough to stop inside. Agape played a solid game defensively against us as well."

"I thought we had a great season, though. We won 13 games and we only lose two seniors, so I'm looking for-

ward to next season."

Huron Lutheran trailed just 9-4 after one quarter despite turning the ball over 13 times. Amazingly, Agape led by five even though it canned just 3-of-20 shots from the field.

Both teams discarded their opening-game jitters in the second quarter, which ended with Agape in front 27-16. The decisive quarter turned out to be third when the Wolves amped up their defensive pressure and shutout the Hawks, 13-0.

Creps contributed a team-high 17 rebounds. Teammate Brianna Chrenko chipped in with nine boards.

Huron Valley was paced by junior center Brittany Hickman who had 12 points and 10 rebounds. Freshman Lauren Adlof had six points and Edna Turk netted five. Rebekah Schultz failed to score for the Hawks, but she did yank down seven rebounds.

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PCA captures district hoop crown

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy's girls basketball team is peaking at the right time.

The Eagles won their first Class D district title since 2000 Friday night by knocking off long-time nemesis Canton Agape Christian, 34-31, at Detroit Urban Lutheran High School.

PCA will take its 11-11 record to the regional semifinals Monday night at 7:45 p.m. at Whitmore Lake High School. They will play the winner of the Adrian Lenawee Christian district tournament. A victory Monday night will propel the Eagles into Tuesday's 7 p.m. regional final.

The Wolverines finished their season at 10-12. Lauren Soblesky paced the

winners with 15 points. Joi Jennings, the Eagles' leading scorer this season, finished with 10 while Lauren Beckett contributed eight rebounds and three blocks.

Lindsay Gant's 10 points led the Wolverines, who played half of the game without leading scorer A.J. Creps, who suffered an ankle injury. Creps finished with five points.

"Agape came out with an agenda to stop Joi, and they did," PCA coach Harvey Jennings said. "We wanted to try to slow down Danielle Henry and A.J. Creps, and we did a good job of that."

"As a fan of basketball, I thought it was a great game. It was back-and-forth action. I told a couple of the Agape girls after the game that they didn't lose, they just ran out of time. They're a classy team and they have a classy coach."

The Wolverines led most of the game until Soblesky buried a short jump shot with 35 seconds to play to put PCA ahead 32-31. Agape had an opportunity to regain the lead on its next possession, but the Wolverines missed two free throws.

Sara Ross was fouled with a few seconds remaining, and she sank both her free attempts to ice the win.

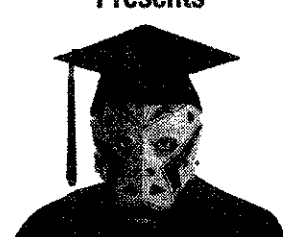









"Any time you lose a game in which you led most the way it's disappointing," said Agape coach Chuck Henry.

The Eagles led 12-11 after one quarter, but Agape surged back to seize a 20-14 halftime advantage.

The Wolves secured a 25-19 lead after three quarters before PCA outscored their rivals 15-6 over the final eight minutes.

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Adam Hogue, Jr., Redford CC: The hard-working, focused Hogue had an amazing season for the Shamrocks. He averaged 35.1 per nine holes, 71.8 per 18, set two school and course records within a five-day period (31s at Cattails and Plum Brook) and finished strong by winning the Division I state regional at Oak Pointe with a 68.

Hogue medaled eight times, earned selection to the All-Catholic squad after shooting a 70 at St. Johns and shot a 79 at the DI state final at East Lansing.

According to Catholic Central head coach Bill Hayes, the tri-captain not only hits the ball 300 yards or more off the tee, he knows his way around the rest of the course.

"I think his course management is better, he has a better understanding of that," Hayes said. "Bad shots, bad holes don't upset him. He just puts it out of his mind and goes on."

That can only mean trouble for Catholic Central opponents next season.

Tommy Lucko, Soph., Liv. Churchill: The two-year letterwinner earned a trip to the Division I state meet as an individual qualifier by shooting at 71 (tied for second) at the Oak Pointe regional in Brighton.

Lucko averaged 76.6 for 18 holes and 38.22 for nine.

He earned a top ten finish at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet (tied for seventh with a 78) en route to All-Division honors. Lucko shot a 75 to finish 16th and added a 77 at the Pinckney Invitational.

Lucko was also medalist three times in dual matches.

"Tommy was our MVP this year," Churchill coach Paul Worley said. "Usually he's at the course or playing golf. He takes his game very seriously, just a nice kid to have."

Dave Denyer, Jr., Redford CC: Despite some inconsistency, the Shamrocks' junior tri-captain sparked the team with averages of 38.2 per nine and 76.7 per 18 holes.

Denyer medaled four times, and capped off the season with impressive outings - he shot a 76 at the Oak Pointe state regional and 79 at the DI state final at East Lansing.

Coach Hayes said Denyer, a 41 student and National Honor Society member, has a good chance to take his game to another level.

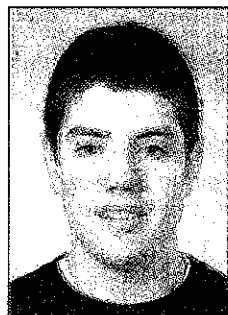
"As good of a year as he had, he's better than he showed during the year," Hayes said. "He just needs to play more and work on his short game, from 150-to-160 yards in."

Mike Dolmetsch, Sr., Liv. Churchill: The senior co-captain had Churchill's lowest scoring average for both 18 holes (76.25) and nine (38.3).

He tied for seventh in the WLAA tourney, shooting 78, making All-Division. He tied for



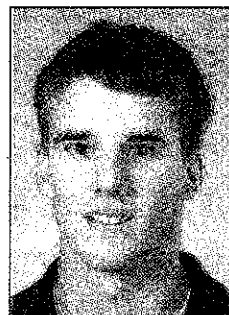
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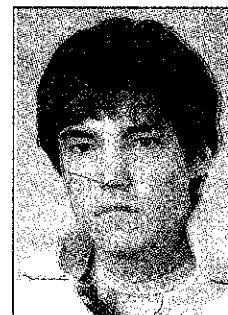
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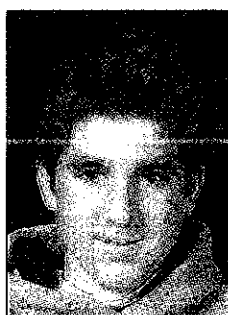
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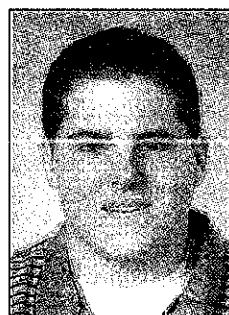
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Garden City

Adam Grady, Jr., Redford CC: A transfer student, Grady overcame a hand injury and eventually turned in a solid season for the Shamrocks.

Highlights for the lefty included making the All-Catholic team with a 71 at St. John's and finishing with a strong 77 at the state regional at Oak Pointe. He averaged 39.8 for nine holes, sparkling with his chipping and putting, said coach Hayes.

"I expect great things from him next year," he said.

Mike Fierk, Sr., Liv. Churchill: The senior and three-year letterwinner averaged 39.6 for nine holes and 79.67 for 18.

He earned a top ten finish at the WLAA tourney with a 78 to make All-Division.

Fierk also shot a 77 at the Pinckney Invitational and carded an 84 at the Brighton Invitational.

"Mike seemed to play well when the chips were down," Worley said. "Even if he had a bad round going early, I knew we could still count on him and that he would always come home with a good result. You could never count him out."

Eric Frankowicz, Jr., Garden City: Consistency and efficiency were hallmarks of the junior Cougar's season - where he averaged 38.75 for nine holes and earned selection to the All-Mega White team for a second consecutive season. Other achievements included medaling three times, winning one match with a one-under-par 33.

"His game is down the middle, on the green and in the cup," said Cougars' head coach Ron Pummill. "He's real consistent. His ball doesn't go flying onto different fairways. He keeps it in play."

Pummill said Frankowicz also placed second overall for the entire Mega Conference.

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Mike Lawton, Jr., Liv. Churchill
Cory VanDivier, Sr., Belleville
Adam Grady, Jr., Redford CC
Mike Fierk, Sr., Liv. Churchill
Eric Frankowicz, Jr., Garden City

THIRD TEAM

Richard Wyman, Soph., Liv. Stevenson
Matt Robinson, Sr., Liv. Churchill
Matt Haskell, Jr., Westland Glenn
Dominic Gallo, Sr., Canton
Jeremy Henderson, Sr., Salem
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Whalers upend Erie Otters, 3-1

A sellout crowd of 3,701 went home happy Friday as the Plymouth Whalers left their Compuware Arena building on Elvis Night with a 3-1 Ontario Hockey League victory over the Erie Otters.

The Whalers, who moved within one point of second-place Windsor and just three behind first place Sault Ste. Marie in the OHL Western Division, improved to 7-7-4-2. Erie drops to 11-7-1-2.

Goalie Ryan Nie stopped 27 of 28 shots to earn first star honors as the Whalers played to their third sellout in 10 games.

Andrew Fournier and John Vigilante each notched their fourth goals of the season in the victory, while Dan Collins contributed

his team-leading eighth. John Mitchell chipped in with two assists.

After a scoreless opening period, Fournier and Vigilante scored at 5:36 and 6:59 of the second period to give the Whalers a 2-0 lead before Erie's Ryan O'Marra countered at 12:21 of the same period to cut the deficit to one.

Collins finished the scoring in the second of the final period from Mitchell and Tim Sestito. Plymouth outshot Erie, 31-28.

On Wednesday, Plymouth and the host Owen Sound attack battled to a 2-2 draw before 2,021 fans at the Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre.

Brad Richardson's power-play goal with

10 seconds left in the second period tied the game at 2-2 after Plymouth veteran Jonas Fiedler was assessed a slashing penalty.

Mitchell and Vigilante scored for the Whalers, while Bobby Ryan had the other goal for Owen Sound, which stood 12-6-2-1 after the deadlock. Owen sound outshot the Whalers 29-26 in a second-to-third period

Friday's game of the Erie Otters Republic was assessed a gross misconduct for directing a racial comment toward Attack forward Stefan Ruzicka, a native of Slovakia. Ironically, Whalers captain James Wisniewski (Canton) was given a five-game suspension last season in a similar incident with Ruzicka.

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Romulus takes district basketball crown

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Romulus has a rich history in boys basketball and now the girls are taking center stage under fourth-year coach Rhonda Henry.

The Eagles earned their first Class A district title since 1984 with a 52-35 victory over Wayne Memorial in the finals Friday at Garden City.

Romulus, 21-2 overall, used a 10-3 run to start the third quarter to subdue stubborn Wayne, which finished the year 4-17 under first-year coach Richard Rashad.

The Eagles, who average 66 points per game, led by only two at half-time, 20-18, before outscoring the

Zebras 17-7 in the third quarter to take command.

It was more than coincidental that Romulus took advantage of Wayne point-guard LaDwan Jones' absence. The Zebras' chief ball-handler went to the bench early in the second half after picking up her fourth foul.

"That took us out of sync," Rashad said of Jones' exit. "When she's in the game she spearheads the whole thing. We had to sit her out the whole third quarter and that's when they made their run."

Senior forward Ashley Sibey led Romulus with 15 points, while senior guard Janice Armstrong added 11.

The Eagles, who had trouble fin-

'I just told our girls you've got to relax, control the tempo and let the game come to us.'

Rhonda Henry
Romulus coach

ishing shots around the basket, won despite hitting only 21-of-68 shots from the floor (30.8 percent) and 9-of-22 from the free throw line (40.9 percent).

"I just told our girls you've got to relax, control the tempo and let the game come to us," said Henry, whose sister Andrea Gorski of

Livonia Ladywood also captured a district (Class B) on Friday night against Bloomfield Hills Kingswood. "We just had to quit forcing. We were pressing."

Wayne's game plan was to force the Eagles to take mid-range jump shots.

"My whole philosophy was to not let them get any uncontested layups or uncontested three-pointers," Rashad said. "We wanted the score to be in the low 40s and limit our turnovers. We felt we had a real good chance if we could do that."

Wayne had a total of 26 turnovers to 14 for Romulus. The Zebra made just 12-of-54 shots from the field (22.2 percent).

Carrie Laubernds scored a team-

high nine points for Wayne, while Jennifer Anderson, who also picked up three first-half fouls, added eight. Jones finished with six.

Romulus now moves on to the Tecumseh regional to face the Southgate Anderson district champion. "I'm not really happy with the whole game, but I'll take it," Henry said. "We were not making shots. Our field goal percentage was way down. It was not us, but maybe it was because we played back-to-back games."

It was only the night before that Romulus beat Belleville, 53-36, while Wayne beat rival Westland John Glenn, 50-35.

"I'm just going to try and enjoy it," Henry said. "It's been 20 years."

Lady Ocelots drop ball in national semis

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Schoolcraft College women's soccer team proved it is human after all.

After starting the season a machine-like 23-0, the Lady Ocelots dropped a 2-0 decision to top-ranked Monroe (N.Y.) Community College Friday night in the semi-final game of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division 1 National Championships, played at Paradise Valley Community College in Phoenix, AZ.

The Ocelots will play for third place in a consolation game Sunday afternoon.

Monroe's Jamie Dougherty scored on a penalty kick at the 26-minute mark of the first half to give her team all the offense it would need. Dougherty scored again with two minutes left in the game to ice the win.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

"Whenever you put in as much time and effort as we've put in this season, it's pretty disheartening when it ends," said SC coach Bill Tolstedt. "The girls have a right to be disappointed, but I'm sure when the disappointment fades they'll realize what a great achievement it is to go 41-2 over two seasons."

"It would have unsettling to lose on a penalty kick, but that last goal was a great shot; our goalie, Andrea Dunn, didn't have a chance."

SC advanced to the semi-final round on Thursday with an impressive 3-1 victory over Mesa Community College. Nicole Saigh was the star for the Ocelots, scoring the first

two SC goals. Lindsey Stiver assisted on the first goal; the second was unassisted.

Mesa's Ashley Hale converted a penalty kick seven minutes before the halftime intermission to make things interesting. However, Kyle LaPorte re-established SC's two-goal advantage with a goal at the 33-minute mark of the second half.

A Mesa player was ejected in the second half after she injured SC's Rachel Myers with an elbow to the face. Myers was transported to the hospital with a cut at the base of her nose, but she returned to play in the semi-final game.

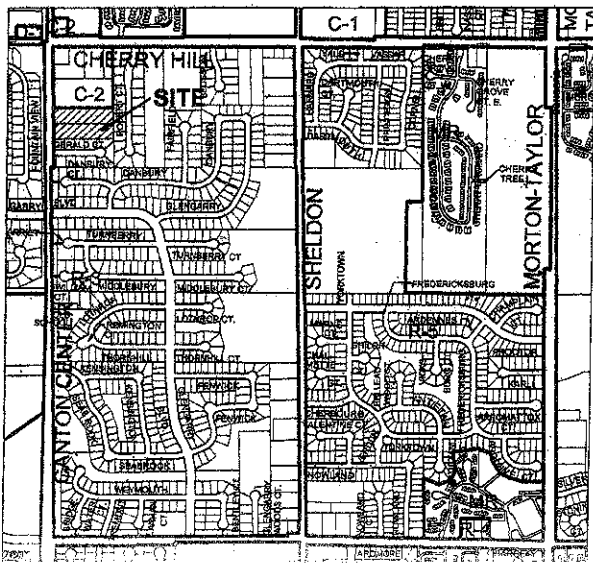
"Mesa was a very fast, very aggressive team," Tolstedt said. "They were able to pass the ball long distances with accuracy. They had three or four good, solid chances to score, but Andrea Dunn and Meaghan Farrell made some great saves for us."

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Public Act 263 of 2001 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 6, 2004 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

MORRIS/TOWNSHIP INITIATED FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FOR PARCEL NOS. 086 99 0002 001 AND 086 99 0002 002 FROM MEDIUM-LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (UP TO 3 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE) TO LOCAL SHOPPING WITH OFFICE USE RECOMMENDED. Property is located on the east side of Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill Road.



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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, December 2, 2004 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, December 2, 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 04-24 853 Church Non-Use Variance Requested
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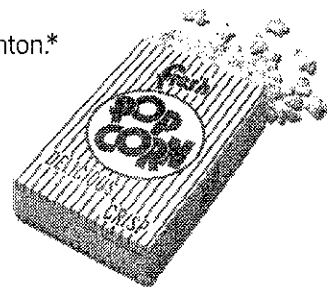
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NCAA men's College Cup tourney has local flavor

BY DAN STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER

Kellen Kalso and Jordan Gruber have been friends for many years. Now, the duo will close out their college soccer careers on a high note.

In a banner season of men's soccer within the Big Ten Conference, one state school will be leading the pack — Michigan State, where Kalso and Gruber are key players. Six of the league's seven varsity teams qualified for the NCAA Division I men's soccer tournament, where first-round games will be held on Nov. 19-21 around the country.

Even as the No. 5 seed in the Big Ten Conference tournament, Michigan State won the tourney championship Nov. 14 with a 1-0 victory over Northwestern in the finals played at Michigan. Penn State, Michigan, Indiana, Northwestern and Ohio State also qualified for the NCAA with at-large bids, while Wisconsin was left on the outside looking in.

It was the first conference tournament championship in school history for MSU, who is guided by 28th-year head coach Joe Baum. MSU had lost 14 times in the tournament under Baum, the last coming in 2001 finals, when the Spartans lost to Indiana, 2-0.

"It's a great way to go out," said Gruber about winning the Big Ten and qualifying for the NCAA College Cup. "This is what you shoot for."

Michigan State is led by six players from the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers' coverage area, including Gruber (Birmingham Groves), a senior forward, and Kalso (Oxford), a senior sweeper. Gruber and Kalso, along with sophomore midfielder Ryan Dick (Rochester), are all starters. Freshman midfielder Ben Pirmann (Lake Orion/Auburn Hills Oakland Christian), junior midfielder John Kaczmarek (Plymouth Canton) and fresh-

man goalkeeper Chris Austin (Livonia Franklin) come off the bench.

A seventh player, freshman midfielder Ryan Gochneaur of Medina, Ohio, actually played for two high school seasons at Rochester Adams before transferring down to Medina.

"We knew we had to win our last four or five games to get in, and at least one (win) in the Big Ten tournament," added Gruber. "We beat Indiana in the semifinals and they were the top seed. And we beat Northwestern in the finals, and they are a very good team. It wasn't an easy road."

Kalso, a former ODP national team player in high school, anchors the Spartans' backfield which has picked up six shutouts, while Gruber leads MSU with 11 goals and eight assists for 30 points, with six game-winning goals this year. Dick, who played on Rochester's Division I state championship team in 2002, is an outside midfielder who has one assist this season.

Kalso, a four-year starter after transferring from Indiana (he was a redshirt at IU in 2000), was named to the All-Big 10 Second Team after missing just one game in four years. Gruber is also one of the all-time leading scorers in Michigan prep history and three-year starter at MSU. Both played on MSU's NCAA team in 2001 that beat Butler (2-1) in the first round, but was eliminated by Indiana in the second round (1-0).

"We feel like we can go out and do well in the tournament this year," said Kalso. "We beat some pretty good teams to get here."

"Playing in the NCAA tournament as a senior, you can't ask for anything more," he added. "We hope to go out and have a good showing and make a run."

Off the bench, Pirmann, a four-time All-State First-team selection during his prep days, has three assists. Kaczmarek

has two goals and two assists, and Austin has a 1.52 goals-against-average, playing in six games with one start as the Spartans' No. 2 goalkeeper on the depth chart.

Elsewhere, Penn State (10-4-7), the No. 10 seed in the 46th annual College Cup — the top 16 schools in the 48-school field were seeded — is led by sophomore forward Simon Omekanda (Rochester Adams), Michigan's Mr. Soccer in 2002, and junior fullback Paul Omekanda (Rochester Adams), who has been injured most of the season. The Nittany Lions received a first-round bye and will play the winner of MSU and Tulsa.

Michigan (10-7-4) will play at Akron, and defending national champion Indiana (14-4-1) is the No. 2 seed and awaits the winner of that contest in the second round. All second round games are Nov. 23-24.

Freshman midfielder Billy Weaver (Lake Orion) is on the Indiana roster, and junior midfielder Alexander Renzi (Rochester Adams) comes off the bench for Northwestern, which is making its first-ever NCAA appearance and is just four years removed from a winless season in 2000.

Michigan has four O&E players on its roster — senior forward Karl Lopata (Farmington), sophomore fullback Kevin Savitskie (Plymouth/Salem), sophomore midfielder Brian Popeney (Plymouth/Salem) and senior goalkeeper Joe Zawacki (Livonia Stevenson).

Ohio State (10-6-2) played at Memphis in its first-round game.

Outside of the Big Ten, the Ohio State/Memphis winner will play at fifth-seeded Notre Dame (13-2-3) in the second round. Sophomore midfielder Nate Norman (Rochester Adams) has played in all 17 games for the Fightin' Irish, collecting two goals and three assists on 21 shots on goal.

Minus goalie, SC men kickers fall in opener, 5-4

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

What could have been for the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team.

Forced to go without starting goalkeeper Liam Curran in Thursday's opener of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I tourney in Tyler (Tex.), the Ocelots were felled by Mercer County Community College (N.J.), 5-4.

On Friday, Schoolcraft bounced back with a 3-2 overtime win over Community College of Baltimore County-Catonsville.

The Ocelots (11-9) will face defending champion NJCAA Yavapai (Ariz.), 22-2 overall and the top seed, for fourth place this morning. (Georgia Perimeter upset Yavapai in

first round, 3-2.)

Curran had to sit out after being red-carded for a dangerous tackle in a 2-1 overtime victory over host Lewis & Clark (Ill.) in the Central District championship last Sunday. That forced Lew Tripp (Plymouth Christian Academy), normally SC's starting midfielder to go into net.

"It was tough to get them going, they were crushed," said SC coach Dominic Scicluna of the quarterfinal loss. "We lost to them barely with Liam out of net. But we still have that invisible bond."

Rod Asllani figured in all three Schoolcraft goals in the win over Catonsville.

He set up Danny Dragoi (Westland John Glenn) to make it 1-1 in the second half and then scored unassisted in regulation to give the Ocelots

a 2-1 lead before Catonsville tied it with 20 minutes left in regulation.

Richard Godfrey then scored the game-winner with four minutes to go in the first 10-minute OT.

Against Mercer on a soggy and slipper field, Rob Marinkoski scored a pair of goals, while Godfrey added one goal and one assist. Jamie Miller (Livonia Stevenson) had the other Schoolcraft goal. Other assists when to Shannon Cole, Dragoi and Brian Stephens.

Mercer's Roy Sharaby scored the game-winner with only 12 minutes remaining in regulation from his twin brother Shay as Mercer improved to 18-1-1 overall.

Travis McKoy and Marcus Price each scored two goals for Mercer, who trailed 3-2 at halftime.

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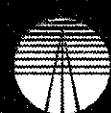
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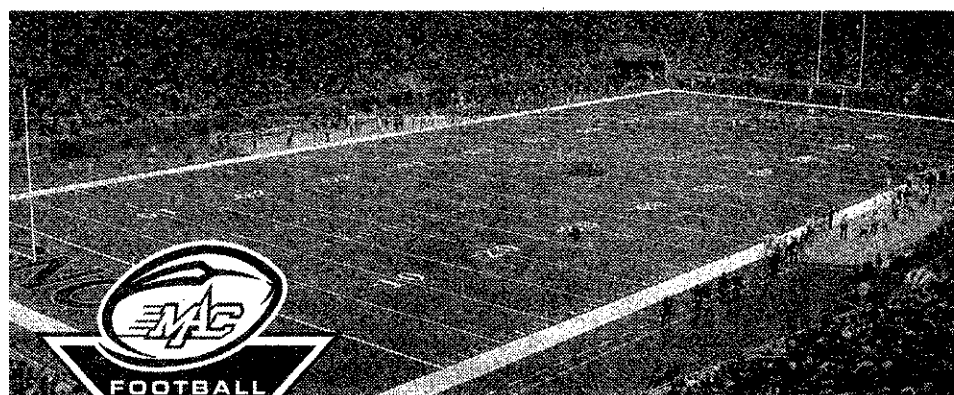
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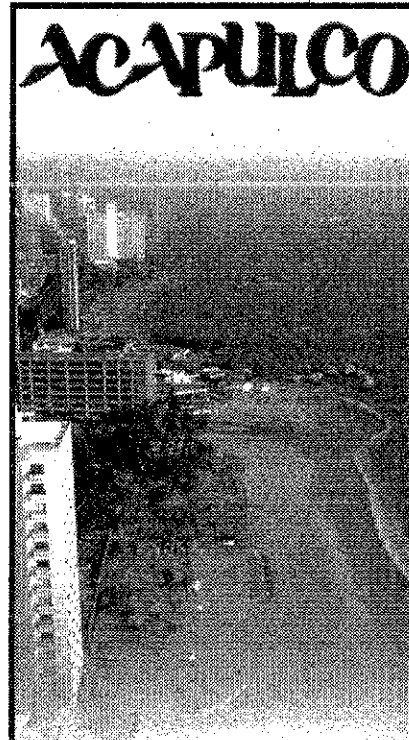
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U.S. Bowling Congress ready for action

On Jan. 1, the United States Bowling Congress will become a reality.

Through a gradual transition, the new organization will replace the American Bowling

Congress, the Women's International Bowling Congress, the Young American Bowling Alliance and USA Bowling.

The former organizations will retain some of their previous identities in tournaments, awards and

certain events. Of more importance is the local effect on our leagues and houses.

There will be mergers among the local organizations which have been providing service and information to the bowlers. Some meetings have already taken place to plan for such mergers even though there

appears to be some question as to how this will all shake out.

There will be a whole lot of press ink coming up in the next several months on the merger subject. One of the reasons for the unification was for more operating efficiency and cost savings; another is to strengthen the ongoing efforts to get ten-pin bowling into the Olympics.

The problem with getting bowling accepted into the Olympics is that this sport is much too honest. Either the pin fell down or it didn't. There is no judgment call; there are no referees and no umpires or judges as in most other sports. Was it fair or foul? Who hit the other guy illegally? Did the race have a false start? Who had the best form, as one judge had a 6.3 and another had awarded a 9.7 for the same person? And then there are performance enhancing drugs.

Maybe that's just what bowling needs to make it into the Olympics. Bowlers don't just score, but they're judged on form as well. How about the correct armswing, steps, release and follow through.

Then there is the after-delivery form to be considered. Can you spin twice without crossing the foul line? How about a raised fist for making a good shot? There are all kinds of things a bowler could do to embellish his or her score after the ball has been released.

We have all seen bowlers who can "run-out" their shot, crossing over the next five lanes, and let's just see what that could add to those style points.

Marshall Holman and Pete Weber come to mind when it involves style after the shot. Compared to other sports, yes, bowling should be in the Olympics. It is played in almost every country and under standard rules, equipment and conditions.

It is not necessary to be bigger than your opponent. Size offers virtually no advantage in bowling as compared to most other sports. Bowling success depends mostly on an individual's skill, dedication, training, ability to focus and a strong determination to win. Okay, everybody, start working on that form.

■ Last Sunday's Greater

Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame Dinner was a huge success with the induction of Jeanne Gebbia, Troy resident Tony DaDeppo, Ray Williams who is now a Californian and came back to receive his honors, Detroiters Myrtha Cooper and Ferndale's Paul Stuart, who received the Bowling Centers Industry Award. He is the proprietor of Luxury Lanes.

Dorothy Thompson added to her many laurels by receiving the Judge John D. Watts Award for her many years of service and promotion of the sport of bowling.

The Thomas McKay Award had two recipients, George Zainea and the late Dan Ottman of Troy who passed away a few months ago. Ottman's mother was present to accept the award and to say some very heartfelt words about this man, whose entire life was dedicated to bowling and who left his mark in so many ways.

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



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

In-Line champs

The IHC Black Biscuit 88's, formerly known as the Mullet Hunters, captured the initial 2005 TORHS Regional Championship with a 4-1 win Sunday over Mission Detroit 88 at the In-Line Hockey Center in West Bloomfield. Black Biscuit won all five games during the three-day tourney including wins over the Mission 87's (4-2), Mission 89's (4-2), Team Fusion (5-3) and the Windy City Warriors of Chicago, Ill. (6-1). Scott Ozog (Novi), who had a goals-against average of 1.8, earned the Top Goalie award, while forward Dan Bara (Northville) took Tournament MVP honors. Other members of Black Biscuit, coached by Jay Pesant and Scot Etzel, include: Nick Harris, Westland; Tom Pashkot, Livonia; Kevin Tollison, Nick Siekirk and Nick Pesant, all of Canton; Kevin Etzel, Northville; Mike Hargreaves, Hartland; and Ryan Lammers, Rockwood.



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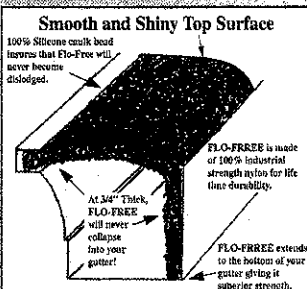
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Charities give thanks for help

Making the rounds of nonprofit organizations this holiday season, I expected to hear the need is great. What came as a surprise was the gratefulness for donations from residents in the community.

While Audrey Mattson of Ja'Noah House in Livonia was quick to mention the poor and homeless need gloves, hats and scarves, she just as quickly gave thanks for blankets and socks donated last year. This year many organizations are asking for clothes, food, disposable diapers, toys.

Mattson together with husband Carl will serve 120 turkey dinners out of their motor home on Thursday. As yet they do not have any donations. Once Thanksgiving is over they'll rush to fill wish lists for kids in the Brewster projects, Brightmoor, Cass Corridor, and Norwayne area in Westland. To help, call (734) 522-5077.

"We're just so thankful for anything," said Mattson. "We've been doing this 15 years in May. People keep giving and people keep needing."

FIRST STEP

Now more than ever women and children are fleeing abusive homes, according to Judy Ellis, director of First Step based in Plymouth. Associate director Mary Jane Hood is setting aside that fact for the moment to enjoy a season when people open their hearts. For their wish list, call (734) 416-1111.

"It's really exciting to see everybody getting on the band wagon. People saying I have enough and want to

COTS

Thanks to the generosity of sponsors last year, 60 families were adopted through COTS, a temporary shelter for homeless in the Cass Corridor. The nonprofit provides sponsors with ages of children and a wish list. If you don't have time to shop for an entire family, how about one child. The Santa Shop needs new toys. To help, call Robyn Smith at (313) 831-3777, ext. 223.

CAPUCHIN SOUP KITCHEN

Brother Vincent Reyes will feed more families at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen this Thanksgiving than last. Not something he expected as the soup kitchen is about to celebrate the 75th anniversary of its founding in 1929 at the beginning of the Great Depression.

For those who'd like to find out more about what the soup kitchen does, the Conner kitchen will have an open house 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. It's a busy time at both soup kitchens. In addition to feeding and clothing the hungry, Reyes and volunteers will soon pass out over 17,000 new toys, as yet to be donated. To help, call (313) 579-2100, ext. 203.

"We're not seeing any less children," said Brother Vincent Reyes, the pastoral director who works out of the Meldrum kitchen. Sister Nancyann Turner has a few ideas of her own on ways people can help. The Livonia nun runs tutoring and art programs at the Conner kitchen. To help, call (313) 822-8606, ext. 210.

Linda Ann Chomin is the health and community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Send ideas to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net or call (734) 953-2145.

Observer LIFE

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Make the holiday season a little brighter for someone else by purchasing greeting cards or gift items to help your favorite charities. Several of the organizations such as Seedlings Braille Books For Children offer a special way to show you care. For a \$10 tax deductible donation, a family member or friend will receive a card saying a book will be inscribed in their name. According to community outreach director Susan Bresler less than 1 percent of books available for children in print are available for children in Braille.

"We could not do what we do without our books being subsidized," said Bresler. "If blind children do not have access to popular books, they can't read. We increase literacy for blind children by making low cost books available.

"Blind parents also appreciate our books - *Brown Bear, Brown Bear and Goodnight Moon. The Little Engine That Could* is having a comeback. For children any books they can touch and feel are popular because they have other things to touch besides the Braille."

drome, offers a package of 15 cards. Each package contains three cards each of four different images, as well as three bonus cards of the limited edition "Baby boy with candy cane." Images are in the style of hand-painted photographs. A pack costs \$15. To order, visit www.bandofangels.com on the Internet or call (800) 963-2237.

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The Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan offers eight cards featuring designs from CLF patients. Cards are in packages of 20 for \$20.

They can be imprinted with a personal message for an additional charge.

Cards can be bought via phone (800) 825-2536, fax, online or at the CLF office, 29777 Telegraph Road, Suite 1651, Southfield, MI 48034. Visit leukemiamichigan.org.

CLF is an independent statewide organization providing information, financial assistance and emotional support to adults and children affected by leukemia, lymphoma and related blood disorders.

Global Hope Project

Offers two card designs to help orphans in Africa. Cost is \$5 for pack of four cards with two of each design; 100 percent of proceeds go directly to the children.

Global Hope Project runs a village in Malawi that feeds, clothes, shelters, educates and takes care of the health of children orphaned by the AIDS epidemic.

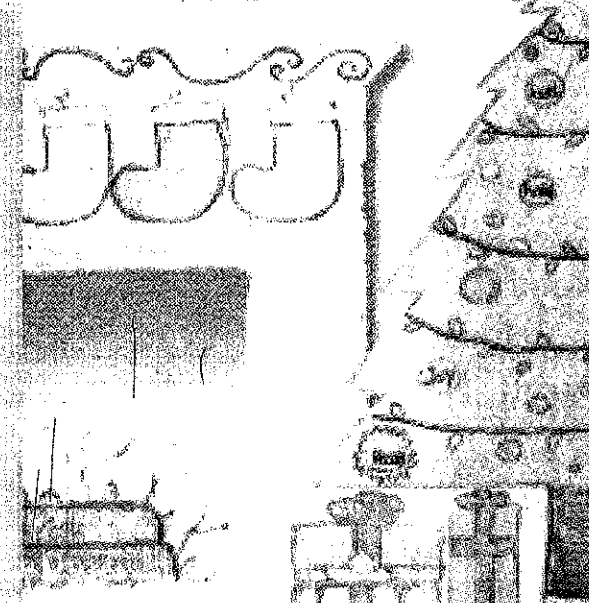
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or for \$20 give a Send a Wish card that helps grant a child's wish. Make-A-Wish makes wishes come true for children with life-threatening conditions. Call (800) 622-WISH or visit the Web site at www.wishmich.org.

Offers two varieties of cards - an assortment of four designs, and the Leroy Street entry door at First United Methodist Church, Ferndale, the church supports the people of Malawi,

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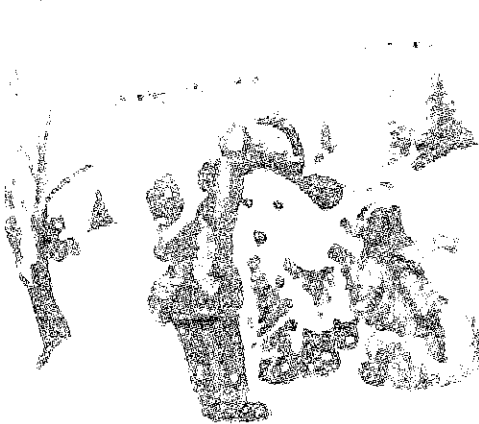
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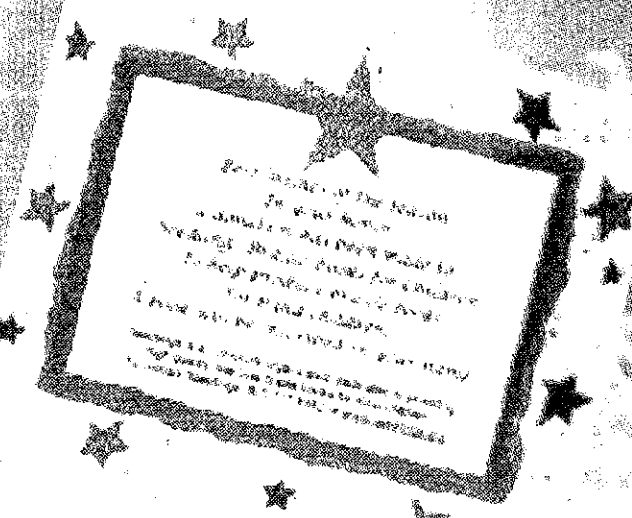


And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I know you are looking for a great joy which will come to you through this child. For he will be born to you, and he will be called Jesus. He will save you and all the people of Israel from all their sins."

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Seedlings

'Babes in Toyland' comes to life

Paper Bag Productions announces the opening of the Victor Herbert classic *Babes In Toyland*. The production features 50 of the area's most talented children from Livonia, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Redford, Canton, Wixom, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, and Detroit.

The show opens Saturday, Nov. 20, and runs Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 19 at Livonia Youth Theatre in Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt.

On Saturday lunch begins at noon and the show begins at 1

p.m. On Sunday lunch begins at 1 p.m. and the show at 2 p.m.

Lunch is a hot dog, bag of chips, cookie, and a beverage. Cost for lunch and the show is \$10. Show only tickets are \$7.

"Babes In Toyland" is one of Victor Herbert's best loved musicals and features the songs "Lemonade," "Floretta, "The Gypsy," "Jane," "I Can't Do the Sum," "He Won't Be Happy 'Till He Gets It," "Before and After" and one of the most beloved classics - "Toyland."

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1. "Hour Game," David Baldacci
2. "Echoes," Danielle Steele
3. "Northern Lights," Nora Roberts
4. "The DaVinci Code," Dan Brown
5. "Plot Against America," Philip Roth

NON-FICTION

1. "America (The Book)," Jon Stewart
2. "The Last Season," Phil Jackson
3. "How to Talk Like a Liberal (If You Must)," Ann Coulter
4. "When Will Jesus Bring the Pork Chops?" George Carlin
5. "Chronicles: Volume One," Bob Dylan

PARENTS' CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE

BOOKS

1. "Things I Learned in Second Grade," Amy Schwartz
2. "A Fire Engine for Ruthie," Leslea Newman
3. "My Teacher for President," Kay Winters
4. "New Baby Train," Woody Guthrie
5. "Paisley," Maggie Smith

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(Nov. 21-Nov. 24)
By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

With so many irons in the fire, Ram, it's a pity to have to caution you that the financial outlook is anything but rosy right now. On the other hand, you'll have everything you could possibly need once you tell certain individuals to grow up and fend for themselves—sooner, not later!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

The Sun now passing through your opposite sign may be bringing problems of an intensely personal nature to a head. However, after countless unproductive discussions over finances, you are finally holding an unusual number of trump cards and are in a position to speed things along.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You're unlikely to see to eye with colleagues while the dynamic planet Uranus is crossing an important angle of your solar chart. However, stick to the course you've chosen and stay true to your principles, because it won't be long before you get a chance to turn the tables.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Each stage of life confronts one with new challenges. And, if you're typical of your birth sign, then you now realize that the kind of personal satisfaction or professional recognition you seek can only be found in a different environment or people. Switch gears, MoonKid!

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Having streamlined your affairs and put relationships on a firmer footing, long-standing arrangements can now be tackled with confidence. A decisive aspect between the Moon and Sun this week will be all it takes to get you thinking and moving in a new direction.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Adapting to change is seldom easy for a Virgo—there simply has to be order. However, planetary activity now through Thanksgiving signifies you will come to realize that changes are gifts announcing your willingness to give others the

chance to provide what you seek.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Good gosh—is it holiday-time already? Something at home will demand all your attention this week, and if you're wise, you'll not try to wiggle out of what is expected of you. Your freedom may be precious to you, but you also have obligations to others.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Although recent developments have left many Scorps bewildered, don't lament what might have been. After the Sun changes signs on the 21st, you'll no longer feel quite so neglected. New opportunities are about to arrive, and you must be ready to take advantage of them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

To be born under the sign of Archer is to be as straight as an arrow and brutally honest. Therefore, in spite of current emotional difficulties, you must make a number of decisive moves this week and set the record straight. For a while now, you've been moving in the wrong direction. Fess up, kiddo!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

A series of spectacular planetary aspects now urges you to back your own instincts to the limit and not allow others' mood swings to make you go against your better judgment. If you've decided to move on, then it can only be because the time is right for you to broaden your horizons.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Since late summer you've been urged to find the speck of gold in the sand (as tedious as its been). Now, it should be staring you in the face. In fact, the Moon in your sign next weekend says that the time has come to concentrate only on what affects your long-term happiness.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

You seem to be smarting from last week's put-downs, and unfortunately, this coming days with the Moon and ruling planet aspects signify that a make-or-break situation in one very special tie is about to take place. However, the ball is no longer in your court, and you must learn to accept the things you simply cannot change.

Birmingham astrologer **Dennis Fairchild** is an author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 646-3555.

Holiday choral music highlights season

Schoolcraft College Choral Union (formerly the Schoolcraft College Community Choir) gives their holiday performances at two different churches again this year.

The Choral Union performs a traditional holiday program, entitled "Sweeter Music," 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, as part of the traditional Noel Night celebration, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Detroit, 4800 Woodward between

Warren and Hancock. The concert marks the chorus' sixth annual appearance at Noel Night.

The second performance will be at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 5, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile Road, between Merriman and Middlebelt roads. For more information, call chorus president Shari Clason at (248) 349-8175 or Schoolcraft's Liberal Arts Department at (734) 462-4435.

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Giving and receiving equally is important

Q. I have been in a relationship for three years. I know this may sound strange, but I am getting more from my partner than I am giving to him or the relationship and it makes me feel uncomfortable. Is this normal?

Relationship reciprocity is when emotions and behaviors are exchanged relatively equally in a relationship. Reciprocity is very important to how satisfied people are in their relationships. Studies show that we look for reciprocity in four areas of our relationship. We value equal exchange in communication, time spent thinking about the relationship, self-disclosure and time spent with the partner. All relationships have ebbs and flows where one partner is more involved or invested than the other, but in general we evaluate this balance over the long haul.

We may think that it would be nice to be in a relationship where our partner is more invested in the relationship (emotionally and behaviorally)



Love Doctor

Terri

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than we are, but studies find that it is actually very uncomfortable to get more than we give to our partners on a regular consistent basis. Psychologists have argued for quite some time that we like balance in our relationships, so when we think we are over benefited (we receive more than we give to the relationship) we feel guilty, and when we think we are under benefited (we give more than we get out of the relationship) we feel sadness or anger. Both are unpleasant feelings. Thus, the uncomfortable feeling in your three-year relationship is not uncommon at all.

If you would like to continue the relationship, you need to

All relationships have ebbs and flows where one partner is more involved or invested than the other, but in general we evaluate this balance over the long haul.

think about areas where you can become more involved and invested in your relationship.

1. Make a note to think or call your partner on a regular daily basis.
2. Be sure to communicate or talk to your partner in relationship terms (use terms such as "we" and "us" rather than "I").
3. Share more about what you think about and do during your day with your partner. When you have a problem at work, home or with family, let your partner know.
4. Make an effort to spend more time with your partner.

There are two questions you can ask yourself to find out whether there is reciprocity in your relationship.

1. On a scale from 0-10, where 10=a lot and 0=not at all, how much time and effort do you put into your relationship?
2. On a scale from 0-10, where 10=a lot and 0=not at all, how much time does your partner put into your relationship?

To find your score, subtract your answers from each other. Scores can range from 0-10. The lower the score, the greater reciprocity in your relationship.

To submit a question, e-mail The LOVE DOCTOR on her Web site at www.detroitlovedr.com.

Terri L. Orbuch, Ph.D., is a psychologist, sociologist, author, Oakland University professor, and research scientist at the University of Michigan. Listen to the LOVE Doctor on Magic 105.1 (WMCB FM) every Tuesday morning at 7:30 a.m.

Twins, triplets and quadruplets sought for fun activities

The New Detroit Science Center and Pfizer will host Multiples Day on Sunday, Nov. 21. All twins, triplets and quadruple siblings are invited to attend a day of fun activities and give-aways, just for multiples. All multiples visiting the Science Center on multiple day will receive "buy one get one free" general admission and special exhibit admission to "Genome: The Secret of How Life Works."

Special activities for multiples will take place 2-6 p.m. and will include: A Tree of Genetic Traits, where you can test your traits and see how you compare to your sibling and other multiples; free puzzles, courtesy of Pfizer; free cookies and more. Visitors can also enjoy daily science shows with brilliant demonstrations and devices; four lively laboratories with hands-on exhibits; SBC Children's gallery where

small hands can discover science; Dassault Systèmes Planetarium that lets you travel the universe, and IMAX® Dome Theatre taking you to places only imagined.

"Genome: The Secret of How Life Works," made possible by Pfizer Inc, explores the nature, history of discovery, and impact of genes through interactive, family-oriented hands-on exhibits. Visitors will uncover some of the mysteries

of genes, why the human genome (a person's entire set of genes) was mapped, and the potential benefits of gene research, including preventing and curing diseases, living longer, solving crimes, and producing better food and drugs. Visitors to the exhibit can explore a 25-foot-long model of a double helix while gaining a quick understanding of the basics of DNA.

Genome: The Secret of How

Life Works will be on display through Dec. 23 at the center, 5020 John R just down the street from the Detroit Institute of Arts in the University Cultural Center. Admission to the exhibit is free for Science Center members, 3\$ for adults and 2\$ for children 2 and up and seniors. For more information, call (313)577-8400 or visit the Web site at www.detroitsciencecenter.org.



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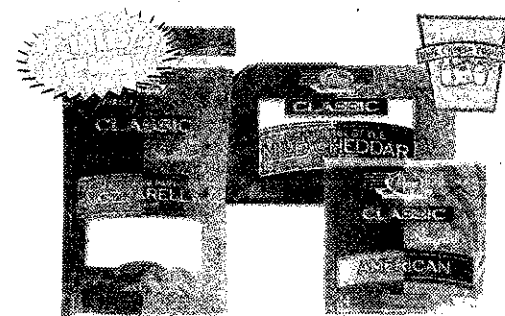


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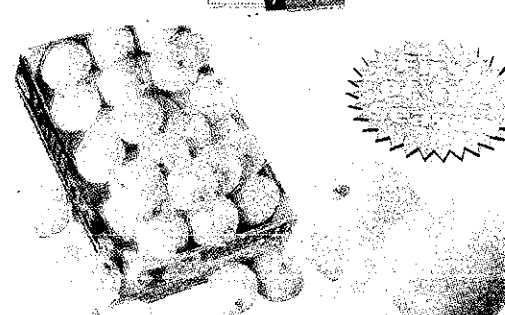


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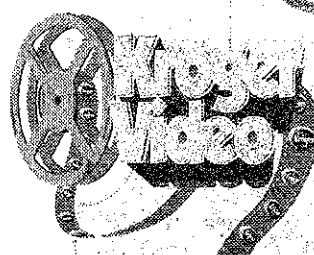


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REUNIONS

Birmingham High School

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 22-23, 2005, at Radisson Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. For more information contact Nancy Yarnell Schutte at (248) 646-0235 or nys1937@comcast.net.

Bishop Borgess

Class of 1984
A 20-year reunion is planned for Nov. 26, 2004. For more information, contact George Sullivan (734) 891-1176 or e-mail bbhs84@hotmail.com.

Bloomfield Hills Lahser

Class of 1984
A 20-year reunion is planned for 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at Fox and Hounds at Woodward and Long Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills. For

more information contact Christian George at (248) 398-2840 or christian-george@comcast.net.

Brother Rice High School

Class of 1984
A 20-year reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at Birmingham Athletic Club. 7:30 p.m. Contacts: Mike Sarafa (248) 669-7238 or msarafa@aol.com; Bernadette Donohue Dailey (248) 334-2101 or donohue@oakland.edu; Paul Ryder (248) 645-9140 or recoryder@aol.com.

Class of 1989
A 15-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at Big Rock Chop House. 7:30 p.m. Contacts: Jill Randall (248) 709-2436; Steve Cosgrove (248) 872-8254 or scosgrove@twsmail.com.

Class of 1994
A 10-year reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at Lucky's Irish Pub. 7:30 p.m. Contacts: Sarah Brenner, sbmadigan@sbcglobal.net; John Taggart (248) 737-0634 of jtaggart@argus-group.com; Mick Ide (248) 703-4188 or grizzly766@hotmail.com.

Class of 1999
A 5-year reunion is planned for

Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at Big Rock Chop House (Got Rocks) 7:30 p.m. Contacts: Cate McKeon cmckeon@umich.edu; Rebecca Kramer rkramer@umich.edu; Dan Timmis '96-timmis@brice.edu.

Canton and Salem

Class of 1994
A 10-year reunion is planned for Nov. 26, 2004, at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi. For more information, call Julie at (810) 227-4671 or e-mail Pcep1994@yahoo.com.

Clawson High School

Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion is being planned. For more information call Barbara or Warner at (248) 435-4351 or email wiseppi@wideopenwest.com.

Dearborn Lowrey

Class of 1954
Now organizing. Call Fay (Bolton) Reeves at (248) 349-2094.

Denby High School

Class of 1964
A 40-year reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at The Barrister House in St. Clair Shores. For more information, contact Joel Pumphrey at (248) 879-5978 or mkrause@net-ex.com.

Detroit Redford High School

Class of 1974
A 30-year reunion is planned for 6

p.m. to midnight Nov. 27 at St. Aidan's Church Hall, Livonia. For more information, call Bonnie at (248) 398-5122 or e-mail hendrybonnie@sbcglobal.net.

Fitzgerald High School

Class of 1974
A 30-year reunion is planned for Nov. 26, 2004, at Cranks in Warren. For more information, contact Louise Oles (248) 652-1488 or LouiseToles@prodigy.net.

Fordson High School

Class of 1984
A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at Burton Manor in Livonia. 6 p.m. to 12 midnight. For more information, visit www.fordsonclassof84.org or contact Michele at (734) 953-5746 or Melanie at (734) 676-3658.

Garden City High School

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The 10-year reunion is scheduled for Nov. 27 at the Hellenic Cultural Center. E-mail GCHS94reunion@yahoo.com for more information.

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Horace Mann Grade School, Detroit

Class of 1963

Looking for classmates for reunion. Please contact Kathie at (734) 525-5416

Ladywood High School

Class of 1984
A 20-year reunion is being planned. Looking for classmates. Contact Ladywood84@aol.com for information.

Lakeview High School

Class of 1984
A 20-year reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at San Marino Club, 1685 Big Beaver Road, Troy. 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. For more information visit www.reunion84.com.

Livonia Bentley

Class of 1974
A 30-year reunion of the Class of 1974 will be held Saturday, Nov. 27, at Laurel Manor. Tickets are \$70. Classmates are being sought. Please visit www.Bentley74.com for further information, or notify Kathy (ladipaolo) Jones at (734) 462-9438 or e-mail at meandmrsjones11@hotmail.com or Dave Marlowe at (734) 462-2465 or e-mail at dmarlowe@motor.com.

Livonia Stevenson High School

Class of 1984
A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at St. Mary's Cultural Center on Merriman in Livonia. Contact (734) 261-3264 or e-mail reunions@peoplepc.com

Northville High School

Classes of 1964, 1965, 1966
A combined reunion is planned for the summer of 2005. Volunteers needed. For details contact Howie Ambinder, e-mail at nancyambinder@comcast.net.

Seaholm High School

Class of 1994
A 10-year reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at Big Rock Chop

and Brew House, Stone Terrace, 245 S. Eton, Birmingham. To receive an invitation, contact Nicole Rendziperis Munder at nrmunder@hotmail.com or visit www.seaholm94.com.

Southgate Aquinas

Class of 1984
A 20-year reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at Riverside Banquet Center, 3530 Biddle, Wyandotte. For more information, contact Sue (Saez) Tylutki at (734) 676-1957 or ONorth1957@aol.com.

St. Damian School

An Alumni Mass and Complimentary Reception is being held 11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004, at St. Damian Church and Community Room in Westland. St. Damian will be celebrating 50 years in 2005. alumni@stdamian.com.

St. Florian School

St. Florian School in Hamtramck is seeking all former students, teachers and staffers to join the newly created St. Florian Alumni Association. For information, call Greg Kowalski at (313) 893-5027 or e-mail gkowalski@ameritech.net.

Walled Lake Western

Class of 1994
If you are interested in attending the 10-year class reunion, please e-mail your contact information to: walled-lake94@yahoo.com.

Warren Fitzgerald High School

Class of 1969
A 35-year reunion is planned for Nov. 26, 2004, at Fern Hill Country Club. For more information, contact Vince Foss at (248) 969-0589.

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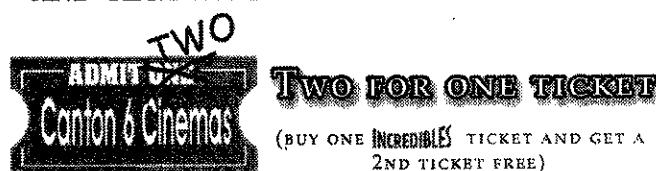
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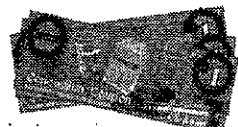
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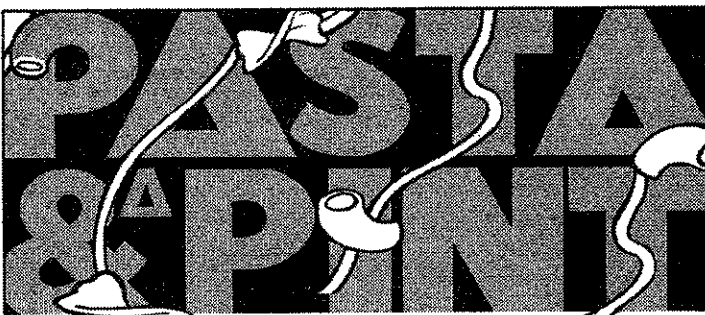
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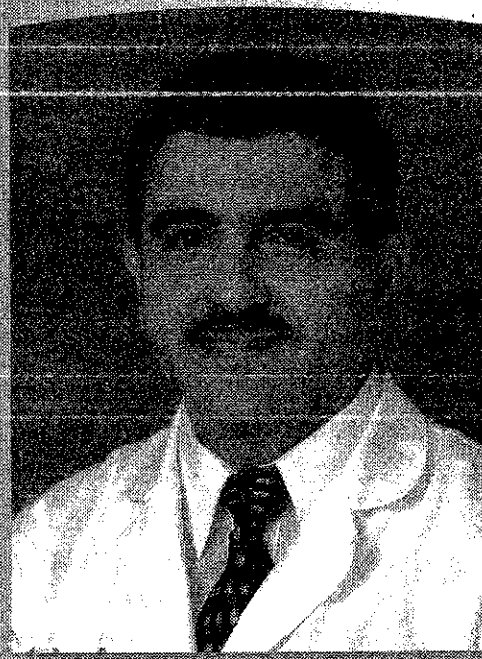
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The Plymouth Optimist Club is selling Entertainment '05 books for \$20, with all proceeds being used to help children in southeast Michigan. Coupons help save 50 percent on things you do every day. The books can be home-delivered. For information or to order, call Bill, (734) 453-8253.

Cairo Coffeehouse

Schoolcraft College's yearlong Focus Middle East project reaches a grand crescendo Wednesday, Dec. 1, with "Cairo Coffeehouse," an opportunity for students, staff, and the general public to experience an afternoon of Middle Eastern music, literature, food, and art. Free of charge and open to everyone, the event will take place from 1-5 p.m. in the DiPonio Rooms A, B, and C at the VisTaTech Center.

Model railroad display

A display of model railroading comes to the Novi Expo Center Dec. 3-5 for the Toy & Hobby Expo 2004, featuring three collector shows in one location. Held at the Novi Expo Center at I-96 & Novi Rd. (Exit 162), young and old alike will have the opportunity to experience scale model trains in action and the excitement that builds as they race along hundreds of feet of 'O' gauge rail on a 100' modular model railroad display. Hours for the show are Friday Dec. 3, 5-9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 4, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission for adults is \$7, children under 12 are free with an adult and parking is \$5. For more information call R.R. Promotions Inc. (734) 455-2110. For recorded travel directions to the Novi Expo Center call (248) 348-5600, at any time.

Marquis Theatre

The Marquis Theatre in Northville presents "Rumplestiltskin" through Jan. 16. Performances are at 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays (Nov. 27; Dec. 4, 11, 18; Jan. 8, 15); Sundays (Nov. 21, 28; Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26; Jan. 2, 9 and 16) and Monday-Friday, Dec. 27-31. Tickets are \$7.50; no children under the age of 3. For group rates and more information, call (248) 349-8110. The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main in Northville.

Re-Max scholarships

RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan, with more than 65 offices and 1,325 associates, presents its third-annual "American Dream" scholarship program, open to high school seniors in Macomb, Monroe, Oakland and Wayne counties. The scholarship program — \$500 to each of 20 student recipients — was originally established as part of the celebration of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan's 25th anniversary three years ago. Because the program was so successful in its inaugural year, RE/MAX decided to offer the scholarship contest for a second time last year, and again this year, making it the third annual program. To apply, students must provide a short essay on what the "American Dream" means to them and the role that higher education plays in helping to achieve that dream. Essays and supporting materials will be judged on content, originality and creativity. The deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 1. For more information about the scholarship program, or to obtain an entry form, contact Jeanette Schneider at (248) 440-0404, Ext. 202, check online at www.manyhouses.com, or visit any local RE/MAX office.

Handcrafters show

Handcrafters sponsors its 22nd annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Show Dec. 10-12 at the Northville Hillside Recreation Center in Hillside Middle School, located at 8 Mile and Center St. More than 90 juried artisans will display their talents with such works as florals, stained glass, seasonal items including Christmas decorations, jewelry, wood items and clothing. Show hours are 6-9 p.m. Dec. 10; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 11; and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 12. Admission is \$2.

Appreciation concert

Merriman Road Baptist Church hosts an "Appreciation Concert" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 featuring Legacy, a Christian singing group based in Garden City. Admission is free; non-perishable food items will be collected. Group members first sang together at the church five years ago. Since then, Legacy has performed at churches across Michigan and several church meetings, conventions and conferences. They were selected as regional semi-finalists in the Exalting Him National Talent Search in July. Merriman Road Baptist Church is located at 2055 Merriman, south of



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Elementary tribute

State Rep. Phil LaJoy talks to Hulsing Elementary School students after presenting them a State of Michigan Tribute to for Hulsing's participation in the Mail for the Military program. For the second consecutive year, Hulsing was the top elementary school in Michigan in the number of letters sent to servicemen. Teacher Jodi Ring has spearheaded the program the past 12 years while teaching at West Middle School and Hulsing. LaJoy, who was a serviceman during the Vietnam War, told students he appreciated receiving mail during his tenure in the military, and that he was proud of the students.

Ford Road, in Garden City. For more information, call (800) 733-3976, Ext. 3132.

Toy expo

The "Toy & Hobby Expo" returns to the Novi Expo Center Dec. 3-5 featuring operating model railroad displays, vendors and collectors selling vintage toys, trains, dolls and hobby items from the 50s to today. Show hours are 5-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7; kids under 12 are free; parking is \$5. The Novi Expo Center is at I-96 and Novi Road. Call (734) 455-2110.

ABWA craft festival

The American Business Women's Association Maia Chapter of Ann Arbor and the Pioneer High School Women's Athletic Teams co-host the annual Holiday Art & Craft Festival from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at Pioneer High School, 601 W. Stadium Blvd. at the corner of Main. There will be 135 juried exhibitors. Admission is \$2; children 12 and younger admitted free. For information, e-mail abwa_maiachapter_2004craftshow@yahoo.com or call Cindy Lewis at (734) 649-7749.

'Mr. Hockey' appearance

Detroit Red Wing great Gordie Howe appears at McCoy's Grill in Belleville at 6 p.m. Dec. 17 to sign copies of his book, "Mr. and Mrs. Hockey, a Tribute to the Sport's Greatest Couple." Proceeds from the book signing benefit the Belleville High School Channel 19 group. A \$49.95 fee gets buyers an autographed copy of the book and a Gordie Howe bobblehead. McCoy's is located at 333 Industrial Park Drive in Belleville. Call (734) 699-3258.

Poetry contest

The International Library of Poetry has announced \$58,000 in prizes will be awarded in the group's poetry contest. To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style, to The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19921, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Deadline for entry is Jan. 31. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free of charge.

Mercy shopping

Mercy High School in Farmington Hills sponsors its 24th-annual arts and craft show from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27. Admission is \$3 Friday, \$2 Saturday. Proceeds benefit Mercy's tuition assistance fund. Mercy High School is located at 29300 W. 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8020, Ext. 1253.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement out

reach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, (248) 348-0115 for information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

Symphony fund-raiser

The Plymouth Symphony is selling the 2005 Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. The 2005 Entertainment Book can be picked up at the Plymouth Symphony Office, next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, or by calling Mary Thomas, (734) 453-3016. Cost of the book is \$20, with proceeds benefitting symphony programs. For more information, call the symphony office, (734) 451-2112.

Crafters, artists wanted

Officials of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters are looking for crafters and artists for "Spring Arts

and Crafts Ensemble." The event is scheduled for 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at Canton High School. It's a juried show. For more information, e-mail Diane VanDyke at divandyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416-3354.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Robert Scoggins, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., via e-mail at rscoggins@wideopenwest.com or call (734) 455-9565.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. We present speakers on child & family issues, have small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Childcare is provided. We meet at Plymouth Baptist Church (42021 Ann Arbor Trail) on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at 734-207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details, call Birthe (734)458-8143 or Martina (734)464-0481

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The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veteran's hospitals, schools and community service. Call 734-420-2775.

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857.

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

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

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

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

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GODOFREDO G. GANNOD

Was born on May 4, 1939 in Manila, Philippines. Fred married Maria Ascuncion Catolico on May 6, 1960. He graduated in April of 1962 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Far Eastern University in Manila and immigrated to the United States in 1964. In the late 1960's and early 1970's Fred lived in Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia before eventually settling in suburban Detroit. In addition to numerous positions with different hospitals, Fred established his own private practice in 1974 in Canton, Michigan. Fred was active in the Filipino-American Medical Association in Michigan, once serving as Vice President, and Kiwanis International, for which he held the office of Lieutenant Governor for the State of Michigan. He was a volunteer for several civic projects as well as medical missions to the Philippines. Fred was a member of Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church in Plymouth, Michigan prior to moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 2003. Fred is survived by his wife of 44 years, Maria, children Danilo (Elsa), Mary Grace (Phillip), Gerald (Barbara), and Godofredo Jr. (Jennifer), six grandchildren, and brothers Jaime and Fernin.



RAYMOND A. SCHEBEL JR.

Age 72, of Grand Lake, passed away on November 18, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Betty; daughter, Kimberly (Mark) Maillaux of Harper Woods; two sons, Ray (Pam) of Hessel & Brian of Canton; two grandsons, Eric & Travis Schebel; and sister, Jane (Hazen) Philippart of Central Lake. Mr. Schebel retired from the Honeywell Corporation in 1992. He had been very active with Scouting in the Livonia area before moving north. Friends may visit at the Beck Funeral Home in Rogers City on Monday from 10:00 AM through the 12-noon Funeral.

STELLA ELIZABETH SCHMIDTKE

Age 97, of Jacksonville, FL and formerly of Wayne and Garden City went to be with the Lord on Monday, November 15, 2004. She was the beloved wife of the late Frank E. Schmidtke. Left to mourn her passing are her beloved children, Fran Keegan (Mark) Kerneghan of CA., Frank Jr. (Marion) of Garden City, Barbara Jump of Jacksonville, FL., and Suzanne (Gary) Stapleton of Greenville, TX. She also leaves behind a loving sister Elizabeth Carpenter of FL., and a brother Anthony Stofa of FL. She is survived by 9 cherished grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and 7 great great grandchildren. Stella was a charter member of the First Missionary Church of Wayne (Westland) and a former partner in the family-owned Schmidtke's Market in Wayne. Arrangements by Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association or NE Florida Community Hospice, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32257.

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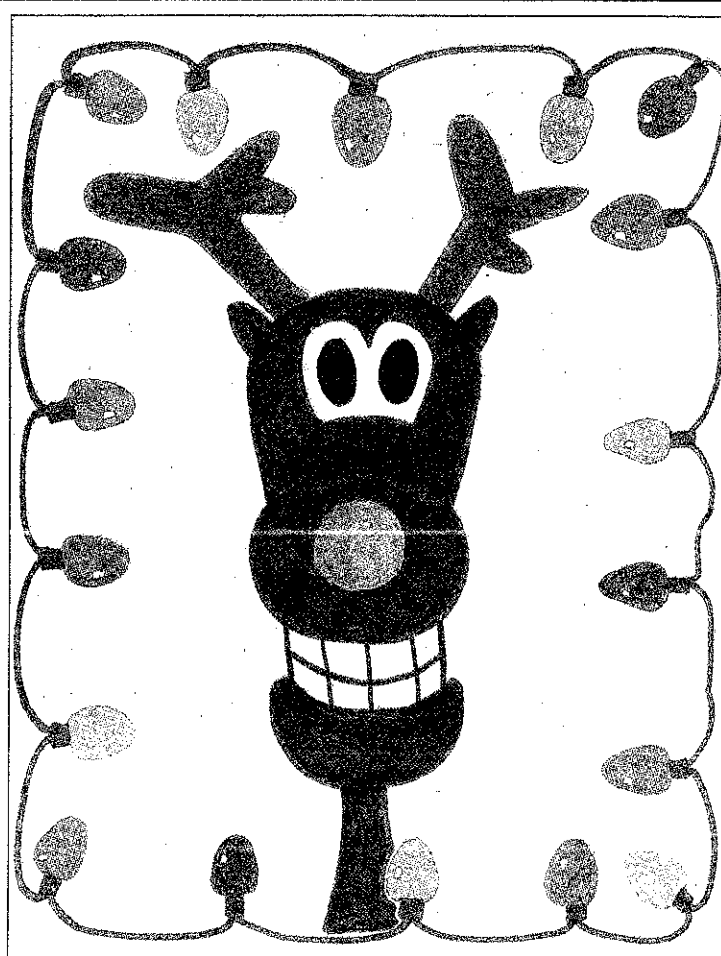
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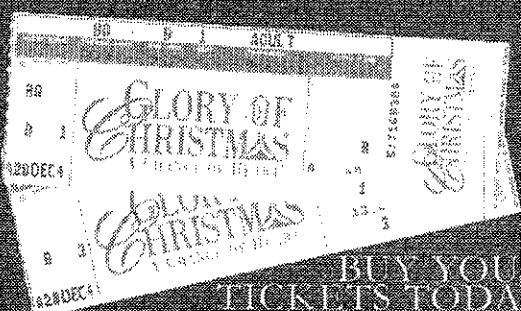
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If you're one of those people who hasn't been able to kick the smoking habit, I want to encourage you to keep trying. The stakes are high and it's never too late.

And remember to take care of your health before it's lonnnngggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled *Life After Baseball*, is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.

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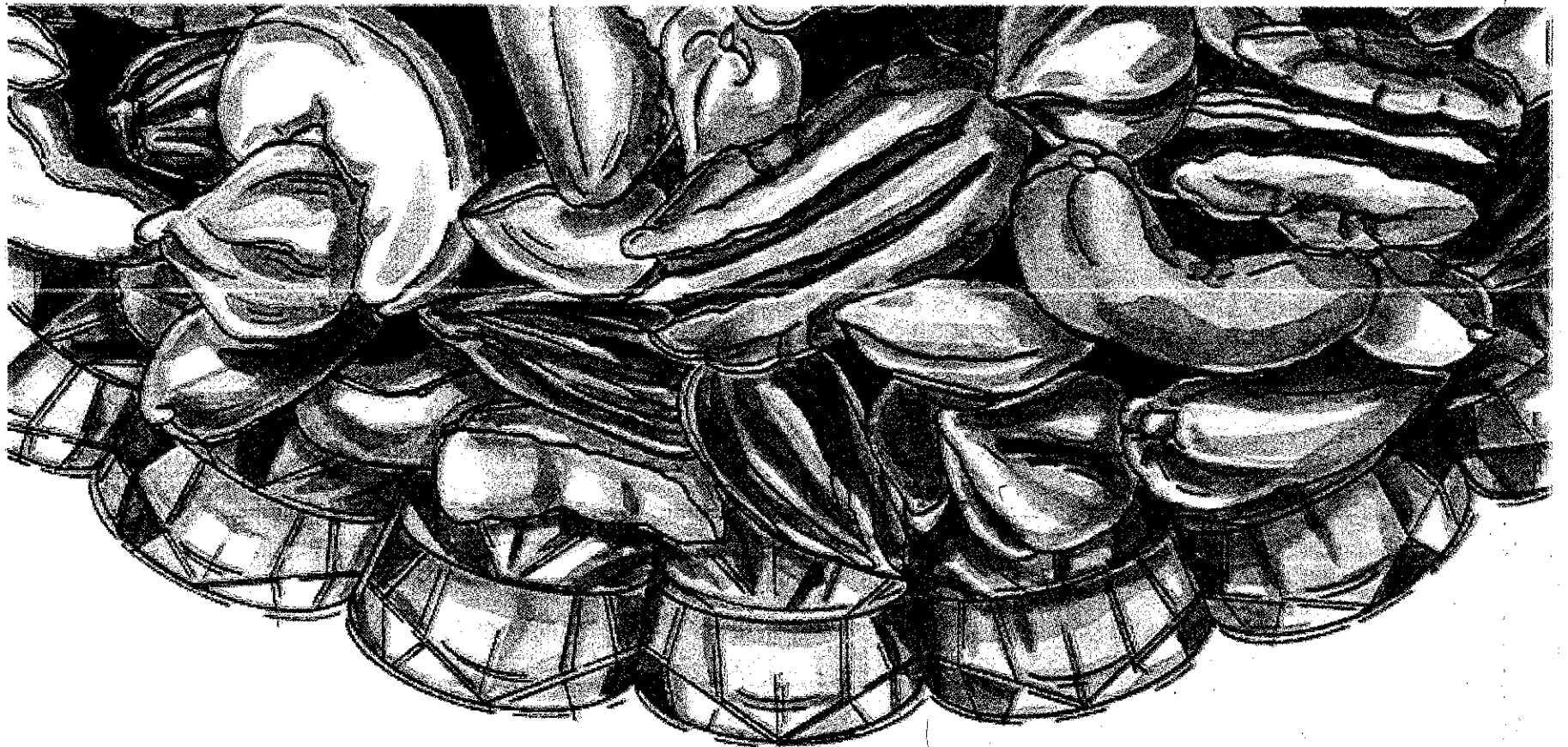
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Nuts more than a tasty snack alternative

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Instead of eating chips at this year's holiday gathering, it might be better for your heart to reach for the almonds, pistachios and walnuts. Darlene Zimmerman believes in the benefits of eating nuts. A registered dietitian for Henry Ford Hospital's Heart Smart nutrition education program, Zimmerman teaches cardiac rehab patients about healthy eating once a week at the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute in Livonia.

"The 1997 study of Seventh Day Adventists found people who ate nuts five times a week cut their risk of heart attack in half compared to those who ate nuts less than once a week," said Zimmerman. "I later saw studies with large groups of people that showed benefits of eating nuts. The heart benefits they're finding are kind

of amazing.

"Then in July 2003, the FDA approved a health claim for most nuts - an almond seller could put 'scientific evidence suggests but does not prove that eating 1 1/2 ounces per day of most nuts as part of a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol may reduce the risk of heart disease.' It takes a lot for the FDA to approve a health claim but the only nuts that can make that claim are almonds, hazelnuts, pecans, pistachios, walnuts and peanuts."

AMINO ACID

So what makes nuts heart healthy? One of the reasons is thought to be the presence of arginine, the amino acid needed to make a molecule in the body that relaxes constricted blood vessels, eases the flow of blood, and makes blood platelets less sticky and less likely to form clots. Nuts also contain vitamin E, potassium and fiber, all necessary to a healthy heart. Peanuts contain the phytochemical resveratrol that studies show may promote healthy cholesterol levels, shield cells from

damage and curb tumor growth.

"Maybe it isn't just one thing but a combination that work together to help," said Zimmerman.

"I do recommend nuts as part of a Heart Smart program. It can be one small piece in the fight against heart disease. I tell them to enjoy a little handful, 1/3 cup or 1 1/2 ounces. Where they might get into trouble is if we think about adding it to the diet without subtracting something else. It's a great alternative. Yes, there is fat but it's a healthy fat."

Nuts offer a satiety factor as well. Zimmerman plans to fill bowls with nuts in and out of the shell for the family Christmas gathering this year.

"They may be more satisfying than pretzels or chips," said Zimmerman. "In potato chips you're not going to find fiber to do that. Nuts are nutrient dense for the calories you're eating as opposed to a candy bar or potato chips and if you get them in the shell you may not eat as many."

Nick Nicolay's philosophy is "if God made the nut it can't be all bad," and probably is more good, but then as owner of Kar's Nuts in Ferndale he definitely is an advocate of the tasty treat.

"People have been eating nuts for thousands of years, before they were eating meat," said Nicolay, a Birmingham resident who's worked at Kar's since his father bought the busi-

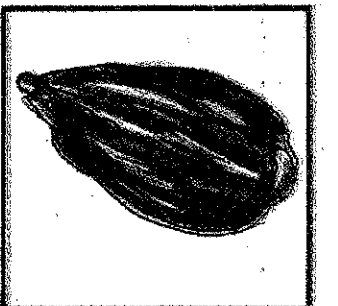
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from the Karpe family in 1967.

Today, he's president and CEO. "In the early days through 1990 nuts were a four-letter word because of the fat content then the almond and pistachio growers' and peanut shellers in the mid- to late '90s started to employ universities to do studies."

Nicolay suggests visiting almond-sarein.org and peanut-institute.org to read summaries of research that's been done to date.

"Roasted and salted pistachios are very popular at this time of year and good from a nutritional standpoint," said Nicolay. "We put out pistachios, cashews and mixed nuts. A two-ounce serving of nuts will fill you up and help you avoid eating a lot of high carb snacks that don't have the same nutritional value attached to it. If you look at nutritional charts there's not a lot of nutritional difference in an oil roasted or dry roasted nut that's



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For easy-to-follow advice on staying healthy, look for “Take It From Ernie.” This column, sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, brings you words of wisdom from Hall of Fame broadcaster Ernie Harwell.

Each week, Ernie highlights simple steps we can all take to improve our health and our quality of life. You’ll find entertaining information on the benefits of walking, the value of using less expensive generic drugs and simple ways to stay healthy and fit. And nobody’s a better example than Ernie himself, Blue Cross Blue Shield’s Health and Fitness Advocate, who makes healthy choices and exercises every day at 86 years of age.

So read “Take It From Ernie,” and as Ernie says, “Take care of your health before it’s lonngggg gone.”

The truth about regular physical activity – at any age.

By Ernie Harwell



While it’s not uncommon for some adults to think they’re either too old or too frail to exercise, nothing could be further from the truth. Regular physical activity brings health benefits and greater well-being at any age.

Regular physical activity helps improve muscle strength, stamina, balance, joint mobility, flexibility, agility, overall physical coordination, metabolism, blood pressure, weight control, even the treatment and prevention of heart disease. It also helps slow bone loss and lowers the risk of developing adult onset diabetes. It even improves your mood.

Of course, I recommend three simple rules for regular physical activity in life’s later innings: Have a physician on your team, take a lot of intentional walks and remember that, as Yogi Berra is fond of saying, “It ain’t over ‘til it’s over.”

And please remember to take care of your health before it’s lonngggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, “the voice of the Detroit Tigers” for more than four decades, retired after 54 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie’s days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with “Miss Lulu,” his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled “Life After Baseball,” is available at bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.



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NOVEMBER

Recover support group

The self-help mental health organization meets 2:30 p.m. Sunday, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m. Monday, at St. Matthew's Methodist Church, and 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, all locations are in Livonia. Recovery, Inc. helps people who suffer from depression, tension, anger, low self esteem and other feelings and sensations that interfere with daily living. No charge. For more information, call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org.

Bone marrow drive

For Kelli Weatherly 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at First Baptist Institutional Church, 17101 W. Seven Mile, Detroit. Volunteers must be between 18-60 years of age and be in general good health, fill out a brief questionnaire and give a small blood sample. No appointment necessary. For more information, call Tarita Gibson of the American Red Cross at (313) 549-7042.

Hepatitis C Support Group

Meets 7-8:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21, the third Monday of every month, at the Farmington Hills Public Library, 32737 West 12 Mile, West of Orchard Lake Road. For more information, call (248) 674-8152.

Legal issues in medicine

A symposium presented by University of Michigan Health System 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 23, issues include medical malpractice policy reform, in Sheldon Auditorium at the Towsley Center within the U-M medical center, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor. Robert P. Kelch, M.D., U-M executive vice president for medical affairs and CEO of U-M Health System, will open the symposium, which is titled "Leading Medical Legal Reform." Speakers include John Nelson, M.D., president, American Medical Association, Joseph Schwarz, M.D., U.S. House of Representatives-elect and former Michigan state senator and otolaryngologist, Troyen Brennan, M.D., J.D., and professor of Medicine,

Law and Public Health, Harvard University.

The symposium offers health care professionals, policy makers and citizens an opportunity to explore medical legal reform from government, health system, professional society and academic perspectives. No charge. For more information, visit www.med.umich.edu/obgyn/HealthServicesResearch/MedicalLegal.pdf or call (734) 615-4575.

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, and Dec. 14, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. The group provides a forum for discussion, receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. For more information, call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Blood needed

The American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood, to donate visit any day Monday-Saturday, at the Livonia Blood Center, 36650 Five Mile. Walk-ins are available or make an appointment by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. To donate blood you must be age 17 or older, weigh 110 pounds or more and be in general good health.

Volunteers needed

If you are a post menopausal woman age 45 to 50 in good health, not taking estrogen and are either experienced frequent hot flashes or never experienced any, you may qualify for a research study at Wayne State University. For more information, call the Behavioral Medicine Laboratory and ask for research assistant Elaine Douglas at (313) 577-6588 or send e-mail to ac1728@wayne.edu.

Cooking classes

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Self help groups

Local church provides space for self help groups. Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step program for eating disorders, meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Alcoholics Anonymous, a 12-step program for alcohol related problems, meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays. Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step program for co-dependency and destructive relationship problems, meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward. Parking adjacent to church's north entrance.

Red Cross safety courses

Began Sept. 17 and include CPR/first aid with AED (automated external defibrillation), Infant/Child CPR, CPR/AED review for professional rescuers, CPR review for individuals with current CPR certificates, nurse assistant training, and baby-sitter training 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.

Research volunteers needed

Healthy individuals age 12 and older with seasonal, late summer allergy symptoms (stuffy or runny nose; sneezing; itchy eyes, nose or throat, or watery or red eyes) are needed for a research study at the Michigan Respiratory Health and Research Institute in Novi. Individuals who qualify receive study related office visits,

limited testing, and investigational medications at no charge and compensation for participating in the study. For more information, call Julie at (248) 473-6400 or (800) 326-5959.

Hospice volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help provide services to terminally ill patients, their caregivers and families. St. John Hospice provides services in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties. Volunteers can choose from a variety of functions that include offering companionship by providing respite relief for caregivers, making supportive telephone calls, running errands, and providing other services that are needed by patients, caregivers, and families. In addition, volunteers are needed to provide administrative support in the Farmington Hills office.

Training to become part of the Hospice team will be provided to all volunteers. Scheduling will be at the convenience of the volunteer. For more information, contact Pamela DiSanto or Katie Landa at (800) 248-2298.

G.E.M.S.

Group Exercise for Multiple Sclerosis meets every Friday at the Livonia YMCA on Stark Road, Group swim from 6-7 p.m. Support group meeting 7-8 p.m. For more information, contact Karolyn Davis at (734) 459-9715 or Mike Hickey at (734) 522-0036.

UPCOMING

Flu shots

The U-M Michigan Visiting Nurses has received more doses of the flu vaccine. Shots will be available 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Patients must be over age 18 and in high-risk groups as defined by the Centers for Disease Control. Cost is \$17. The CDC's flu vaccination recommendations can be found online at www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/whoshouldget.htm. To learn more about MVN services, visit www.umvn.org.

Bone marrow drive to help Southfield Lathrup grad

Thousands of people die from leukemia, aplastic anemia and other life-threatening blood disorders every year. Many could be cured with a marrow transplant, but they need to find an unrelated donor to help save their life.

You can help by becoming a donor on the National Marrow Donor Program Registry. All you need to do is visit your local drive, complete the brief health questionnaire, and give a small sample of blood.

Volunteers must be between 18-60 years of age

and be in general good health.

Sometimes a little help can save someone's life. This is one of those times. On Sunday, Nov. 21, the family and friends of Kelli Weatherly are asking everyone to come to a bone marrow drive from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at First Baptist Institutional Church, 17101 W. Seven Mile, Detroit. No appointment necessary. For more information, call Tarita Gibson of the American Red Cross at (313) 549-7042.



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Your doctor can do little to treat the fracture, time is the only healer. You can take medication for pain, but narcotics tend to cause dizziness and loss of equilibrium more than stop pain. To prevent further stress fractures, your doctor will prescribe calcium and a biphosphonate such as Actonel or Fosamax, which halts bone loss. Presently a new medication, Forteo, which you need to inject daily, holds promise of being an effective drug. Forteo helps the body grow new bone that ultimately is the best way to prevent future stress fractures.

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assuming it's not cooked in a hydrogenated oil. We use a peanut oil and eliminate the whole trans fat issue.

"But it's everything in moderation. It's pretty hard not to eat nuts around here. That's been a change for me. I've gone to a low carb, high protein diet and my cholesterol has gone down. I replaced refined carbohydrates with nuts."

Peanuts, cashews and almonds are top choices for Nicolay, his wife, Dana, and children Sarah, 19, and Peter, 16, who eat a lot of nuts and snack mixes on a regular basis.

DOC'S A FAN

Cardiologist Stephen Smith prefers peanuts for lunch just because he likes them. Dr. Smith encourages his patients at Henry Ford Hospital to eat a healthful diet that may or may not include nuts. He says it's more important to control body weight and exercise.

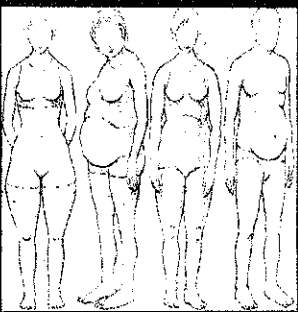
"You can find various food advocates but exercise, diet is most important to achieving ideal body weight," said Smith, who lives in Birmingham. "The focus is on calories and exercise. People who regularly exercise have a longer life and more quality of life. You want to live well for as long as you can."

A runner, Smith recently suf-

fered a knee injury but continues working out on elliptical machines, cross training and lifting weights.

"Staying fit is something that pays off every day you do it and in the long run," said Smith. "As far as restricting calories for me it's all about numbers - calories in, calories out. Keep your diet balanced and eat throughout the day and exercise. There are very few people, even those with heart conditions, who couldn't benefit from physical conditioning."

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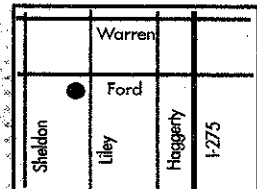
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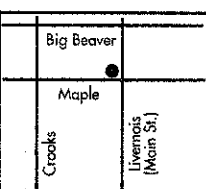
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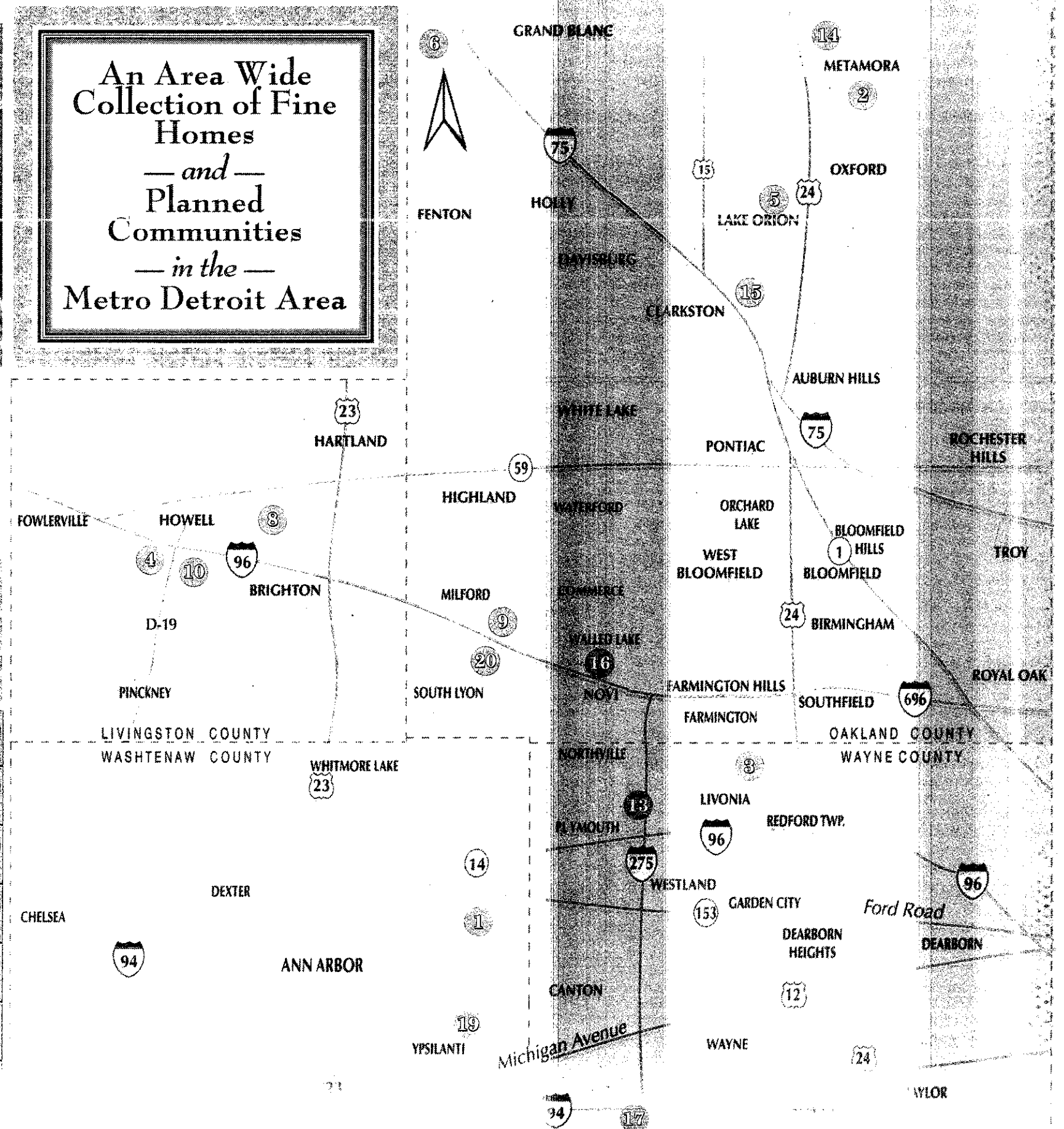


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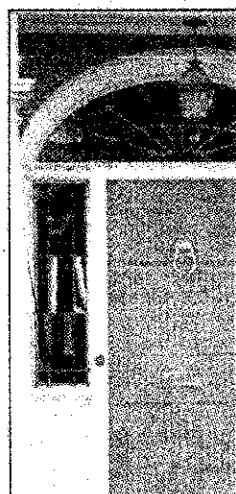
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As back yards become a focal point for relaxing and entertaining, homeowners are enhancing the back of their home with shutters, headers and other exterior decorative trim products.

Decorative trim enhances outdoor living

(MS) - When it comes to enhancing their home's exterior, homeowners are putting their best face backward. Back yards have become the newest focal point of the home, meeting a range of needs from entertaining to recreation and personal relaxation. Improved outdoor spaces serve as a canvas for personal expression on a home. Features like ponds, pools, fountains, fireplaces, grilling centers and hot tubs have become the hallmark of today's well-appointed yard.

It's no wonder that homeowners are looking up the back of their homes with updated trim details to directly reflect the front. Features such as shutters,

window headers, door surrounds and dentil trim give residents and guests an aesthetically pleasing perspective from all vantage points.

According to Roan DelVero of Mid-America Building Products, decorative exterior trim use is growing as people strive to distinguish their home from their neighbors'. "Especially in newer developments with similar-style homes, using color with trim can make one house distinct from another," he says.

Decorative exterior trim products are available in a range of colors, styles and sizes. Popular options in decorative exterior trim include:

■ **Windows** - At one time, shutters

served two primary functional roles - to provide security and reduce the effects of inclement weather. Today, shutters have a primarily decorative role. Different styles convey contemporary, traditional or rustic feels. Want to add a splash of color? Shutters can help do that also. Shutters can match house trim, add a complementary color or go wild with a paintable surface. For that final architectural detail, finish off windows with window headers or sunbursts.

■ **Doors** - The door to the back yard may be the most-used entrance. That's why it should look as warm and welcoming as the front door. If the door to the deck or patio looks like an afterthought,

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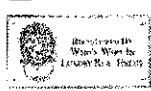
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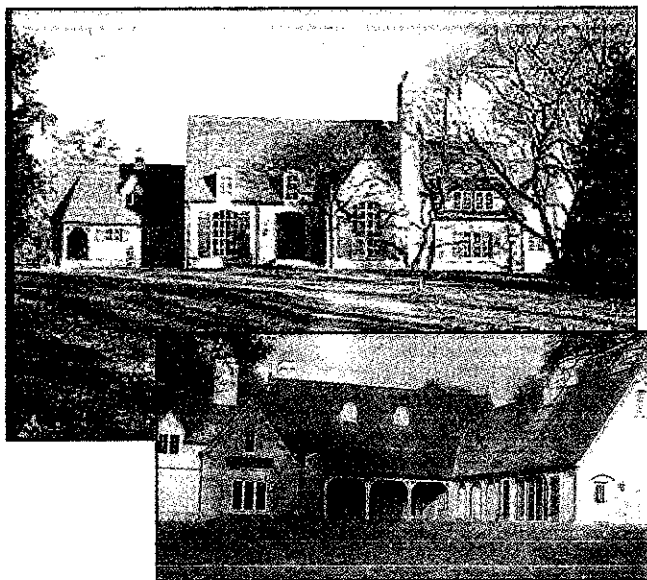
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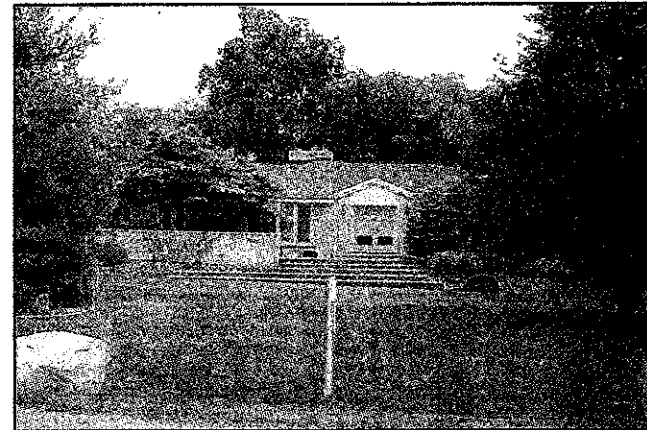
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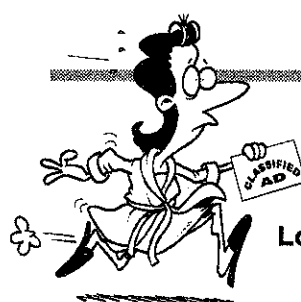
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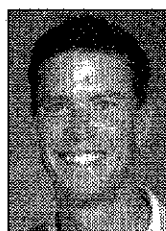
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Avoid costly repairs with routine home maintenance

BY JOHN F. MALONEY
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Like many other professional remodelers, I'm very familiar with what happens over time when routine maintenance is not performed by homeowners. While lots of people rely on remodelers to update a home's features, many remodeling projects are also undertaken to fix problems that could have been minimized or prevented through proper routine home care. Whether you just moved into a brand new home, or have lived in your home for years, these routine maintenance tips might save off costly repairs down the road.

New homeowners generally receive a warranty from their builder on workmanship and materials. This warranty applies to problems related to the construction of the home, but it does not apply to problems that arise because of failure to perform routine maintenance. For example, if your

roof begins to leak after six months because of faulty workmanship, your warranty would cover that. However, if you develop

a problem because water backed up in clogged gutters that you should have cleaned, the builder is not responsible for repairs. You should fully familiarize yourself with the terms of your warranty soon after you move into your new home. Some items, such as appliances, may be covered by manufacturers' warranties and are not the responsibility of the builder. Observe the recommended cleaning and maintenance schedules that are found in your appliance manuals. A warranty may be void if you don't follow these recommendations.

On the outside of your home, keep gutters and downspouts free of leaves and other

If you develop a problem because water backed up in clogged gutters that you should have cleaned, the builder is not responsible for repairs. You should fully familiarize yourself with the terms of your warranty soon after you move into your new home.

objects. Make sure your downspouts are always turned away from your home's foundation to insure proper drainage. Altering the grade on your landscaping can also impede drainage. When you install

trees, shrubs and other landscape features, always double check that the grade slopes away from your home's foundation.

EXTERIOR

The exterior of your house is built to withstand exposure to the elements, but a periodic cleaning will improve the appearance, and in many instances, prolong the life of siding and other exterior products such as decks and shutters. Check the caulking around windows and doors, and re-caulk if you note any voids or shrinkage.

If you have an asphalt driveway, remove oil, gasoline and similar substances immediately with soapy water. To avoid depressions in your asphalt driveway, refrain from resting sharp objects on it in warm weather. In the winter, use salt sparingly as it can damage concrete driveway surfaces and landscaping. Never burn anything on an asphalt driveway,

and make sure that barbecues and portable wood burners are high enough off the ground to prevent heat buildup that can cause your asphalt sealer to melt.

Important preventative maintenance is also necessary on the inside of your home. For example, you should inspect your home's heating and cooling systems at least annually. Late summer and early fall are ideal times for an inspection. Change the filters on these systems as recommended. Vacuum your air ducts periodically to prevent buildup of dust and debris and make sure that you do not obstruct heat supplies or cold air returns by placing objects in front of, or over them.

Test smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers periodically. Fire extinguishers do lose their effectiveness over time and must be recharged or replaced.

Know where utility shut-offs (gas, water and electric) for your home are located. Items

such as sinks, washing machines, and toilets also have shut-off valves. In case of a leak, when you need to act quickly, knowing where shut-offs are located can be critical. If any of your sinks leak, inspect your drain trap. A partially clogged drain can cause overflow. Use a plunger, plumber's snake, or boiling water to unclog drains.

Preventive maintenance can save you time and money and protect your investment. For more information about taking care of your new home, visit the Web site of the National Association of Home Builders at www.NAHB.org.

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Repair cracked walls in a few hours

(NAPSI) - There are easy ways to repair the cracks that can form in a home's plaster and drywall. In fact, the typical repair project requires only a few hours to complete using inexpensive materials.

Try these tips for patching small to medium-sized cracks in plaster and drywall. They come from experts at United States Gypsum Company, a leading manufacturer of gypsum board and plaster products.

■ **Prep the area** - For plaster walls, begin by pushing against the crack to determine how soft the surrounding wall area is. Remove any loose material with a screwdriver and then clean the area with a slightly dampened paintbrush or sponge.

■ **Gather materials** - You'll need a utility knife; two drywall knives-one that's four to six inches wide and one that's eight to 10 inches wide; paper joint tape for wider cracks; a ready-mixed or powdered joint compound; safety goggles and a dust mask; and either a fine, 150-grade sandpaper or a sponge.

■ **First coat** - Fine to small drywall and plaster cracks require only one application

Smooth the surface once the wall is completely dry. Lightly smooth the edges of the repaired area with fine sandpaper or a damp sponge.

of joint compound, while deeper cracks require two or more coats of compound. Using the four- to six-inch-wide putty knife, apply a generous amount of joint compound over the crack. Angle the knife to force compound into the crack and then smooth it out. Let the compound dry completely before sanding or applying additional coats (for deeper cracks).

■ **Reinforce** - Deeper or wider cracks need to be reinforced with paper joint tape.

Apply a thin coat of compound over the crack. Then embed a strip of paper joint tape into the compound to bridge the

crack. Draw a knife firmly over the crack to tightly embed the tape. Let the coat dry completely.

■ **More compound** - Apply a coat of joint compound over the tape to level the repair. Then apply a generous amount of compound with a drywall knife and smooth and feather the compound out along the edges of the repaired area. Let the repair harden and apply another coat of compound, if necessary.

■ **Finish** - Smooth the surface once the wall is completely dry.

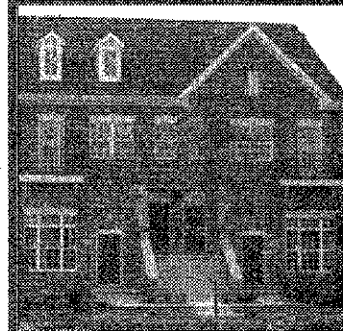
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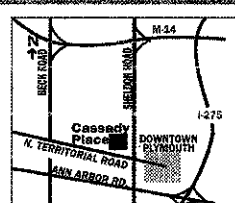
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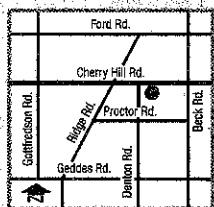
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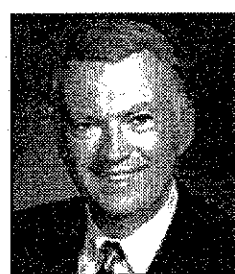
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- 7 14-line poem
- 13 Money
- 14 Favor
- 15 Calif. city
- 16 Basketball player
- 18 Pharaoh's god
- 19 Teacher's warning
- 21 Contented sound
- 22 Skidded
- 24 Coal deposit
- 25 Fishhook part
- 28 Yea, to a matador
- 29 Wing it (hyp.)
- 31 Haiku maker
- 33 Time div.
- 34 Sheriff Taylor's boy
- 36 Pesky plant
- 38 Ring stat
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- 42 Not on time

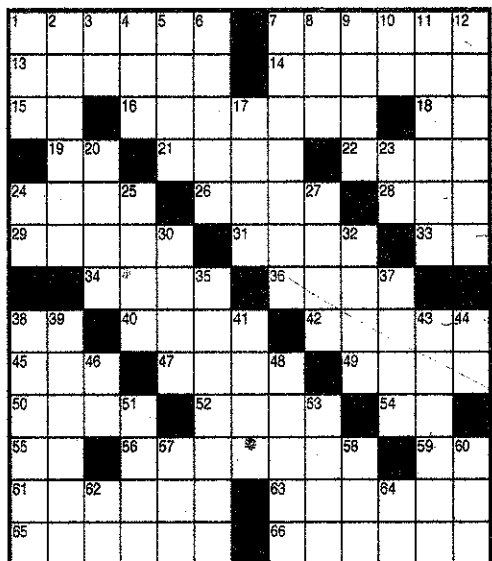
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- 2 Quit
- 3 Gold Rush st.
- 4 Brownie
- 5 Grind to a halt
- 6 Bush
- 7 Small songbird
- 8 Puckster
- 9 Bobby —
- 10 Rorem and Beatty
- 11 In a spooky manner
- 12 Dealer
- 17 Coat or sweater
- 20 Que. neighbor
- 23 Behold!
- 24 Richmond's st.
- 25 Barely beats
- 27 Root vegetable
- 30 Favoritism
- 32 Run like crazy
- 35 Surpass
- 37 Hard candy
- 38 Ribbed
- 39 Sibly
- 41 Marx or Malden
- 43 Fought with swords
- 44 Quaker pronoun
- 46 Short query
- 48 Bucket handles
- 51 In — (unmoved)
- 53 Trickle
- 57 OAS member
- 58 Wallace — of "Cujo"
- 60 Analyst's concerns
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BRIGHTON Magnificent Home
Custom built Cape Cod with 2 story entry, ceramic flooring, custom lighting. First floor master with jetted tub. Dual staircase, oversized 3+ car heated garage with hot and cold water. A must see.

(B38BEA) 248-349-5600 \$589,900



NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial
Open floor plan, 2 story foyer with hardwood floors, formal living room & dining room, family room with fireplace, finished basement, spacious master has glamor bath, 3 car attached garage all offered in this 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home.

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LAKE ORION Impressive Location
An island accessible by bridge. Two wrap-around porches, boat house with hoist, hardwood floors, turn of the century-style, open floor plan with sky lights, widow's walk and stone fireplace, an inviting lake living home.

(B04LON) 248-652-8000 \$675,000



WHITE LAKE Sunsets On White Lakefront
Updated Ranch, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Walk-out lower to over 70 feet with 2 permanent docks & boat house. Kitchen has moveable island & door wall to front deck. Dining room has wall of windows & open to living room & library. Newer 2 1/2 car.

(B55RID) 248-363-1200 \$549,000



BLOOMFIELD Hills Unique Property
Approximately 3 1/2 acres with water frontage and island included. Five bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 lavatories Colonial filled with charm and character. Walk-out basement, deck and 2 car side entry garage with beautiful views of nature.

(B67EAS) 248-642-8100 \$1,750,000



NOVI Entertain Indoors & Out
Pride in ownership. Custom kitchen & hearth room, stainless appliances, brick paver patios (3), electric awning, pool, putting green. Huge dining room, first floor laundry, gas generator, wall for lawn, 3 1/2 car heated garage. Extra wide drive.

(B37HAZ) 248-349-5600 \$599,900



CANTON Luxurious Golf Frontage
Grand 2 story entrance, hardwood floor, 3 baths, 2 powder rooms, spectacular view, fabulous master suite & jetted tub, bright kitchen, walk-in pantry & butler service station, two-tier deck and 3 car garage.

(B86DEL) 734-455-5600 \$529,623



LAKE ORION Indianwood Golf Living
Well appointed custom Ranch with finished walk-out on 18th hole of course. Many custom features including granite counter, custom cabinets, mahogany front door and railing, sky lights and custom bar.

(B53KIR) 248-652-8000 \$619,000



COMMERCE Pond & Acreage Setting
Five bedroom, 4 bath home with breathtaking yard. Set up for handicap needs. Optional first floor master with cathedral ceiling, fireplace & bath. Finished walk-out & second kitchen, bedroom, den & bath. Quick access to I-96 & mall. Walled Lake schools.

(B83CLA) 248-363-1200 \$549,900



BLOOMFIELD Hills Newer Construction
Fabulous 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Colonial features an outstanding floor plan, master suite with sitting room, bath and spa, fit for royalty. Hardwood floors, custom moldings, gourmet kitchen and 4+ car garage. Birmingham schools.

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NORTHVILLE Discover A Perfect Oasis
Amazing woodland lot with creek shelters. Newly crafted home that gracefully blends historic with contemporary in soothing comfort & style designed for the way you live. Beautiful stone, wood & granite. In the heart of town. Perfect.

(B35HIQ) 248-349-5600 \$949,900



TROY Sharp
Newly built 2 story with 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, great room with panoramic windows & fireplace. Master suite with large walk-in closet and walkout pool. Formal dining room with bay window. Full basement, 2 car side entry garage. Troy schools.

(B88WIN) 248-524-1600 \$441,900



ROCHESTER HILLS Two Acres
Historic home with pond, White Bay gourmet kitchen, dual gas fireplaces, vaulted ceilings, library built-ins, second bedroom with private bath, first floor master with 2 walk-in closets, large shower/tub. Whole house filtration system & warranty.

(B90MIL) 248-652-8000 \$589,000



WATERFORD Case Lakefront Jewel
Very large Penthouse with a lot of flair. Condominium just experience, makeover. Custom woodwork, flooring, mirrors & painting. Three bedrooms, den, basement storage. Four car finished garage, pool, beach & dock.

(B59PORT#28) 248-363-1200 \$500,000



BLOOMFIELD Hills Gorgeous
Four bedroom, 4 bath Ranch with extensive remodeling on wooded lot at the very back of prestigious sub. Premium privacy and up north feeling.

(B55FOR) 248-642-8100 \$897,000



COMMERCE Immaculate Throughout
Come experience this hidden paradise yourself. Immaculate builders' model. Three bedroom, 3 1/2 bath with walk-out basement on canal front. Five sites also available for your custom built home.

(B89MAG) 248-349-5600 \$749,900



BLOOMFIELD Approximately 1.3 Acres
Flowing 4 bedroom, 2 full and 2 half bath home on private wooded land with a large pond. Updated, gorgeous home with Bloomfield Hills schools. Build, expand or move right in. Survey available.

(B64PIN) 248-524-1600 \$699,000



ROCHESTER HILLS Hawthorn Hills
Hardwood foyer and hall, ceramic kitchen, oak cabinets, island counter, crown molding. Judges' panning, jetted tub, wet bar, 2 fireplaces and finished basement. Newer windows, roof and garage door.

(B92MER) 248-652-8000 \$494,900



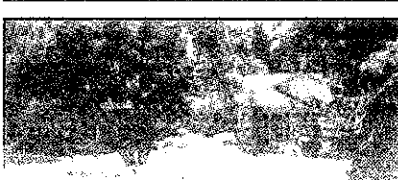
WEST BLOOMFIELD North Maplewoods
Updated spacious Tudor with 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 bath, 3 car garage & finished basement, plumbed for kitchen & wet bar. Step down family room with fireplace, large kitchen with island & appliances. Updates: roof, windows, carpet, paint, etc.

(B44BAU) 248-626-8800 \$484,000



BEVERLY HILLS Newer Construction
Custom 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home with a beautiful view of the lake. Hardwood floors, granite kitchen, fireplace & sitting area. Part finished basement with bath & exercise room. This is a "10"!

(B60BEV) 248-642-8100 \$799,000



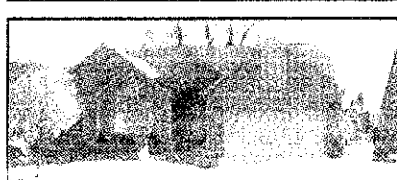
NORTHVILLE Northville City Ranch
Spectacular 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home with a beautiful view of the lake. Hardwood floors, granite kitchen, fireplace & sitting area. Part finished basement with bath & exercise room. This is a "10"!

(B45POT) 248-349-5600 \$549,000



ROCHESTER HILLS Spectacular
Two story, 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home with a beautiful view of the lake. Hardwood floors, granite kitchen, fireplace & sitting area. Part finished basement with bath & exercise room. This is a "10"!

(B10QUA) 248-524-1600 \$479,900



ROCHESTER HILLS Deluxe Detached Condo
Two story, 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home with a beautiful view of the lake. Hardwood floors, granite kitchen, fireplace & sitting area. Part finished basement with bath & exercise room. This is a "10"!

(B47FAI) 248-652-8000 \$489,900



BIRMINGHAM Downtown Birmingham
Two bedroom, 2 bath, one of only 2 larger units in downtown. Completely remodeled, late 90's. Extra large master bath - custom cut crystal and beveled mirror accents. Neutral decor. Top quality throughout. A rare find.

(B44CHE) 248-626-8800 \$470,000



BIRMINGHAM Walk To Downtown
Beautiful built home, 3 bedrooms with cathedral ceilings, 3 full baths and 1 half bath, kitchen with granite counters & Jenn-Air stainless steel appliances. Master with walk-in closet, own laundry area & fireplace. Hardwood floors & cedar deck.

(B76BAT) 248-642-8100 \$679,000



NOVI Stunning Colonial
Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with a beautiful view of the lake. Hardwood floors, granite kitchen, fireplace & sitting area. Part finished basement with bath & exercise room. This is a "10"!

(B52WES) 248-349-5600 \$534,900



TROY Northwest Troy
Lovely 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with Troy schools. Private premium lot with mature trees. Den, first floor laundry, vaulted ceiling in family room, crown molding throughout. Newer furnace, central air, hot water heater and driveway.

(B44HOU) 248-524-1600 \$449,000



COMMERCE Custom New Construction
Spacious built home. Open floor plan, 2 story foyer with cathedral ceiling, custom staircase and railing, mahogany front door, master bedroom with Jacuzzi, full walk-out basement.

(B84DAR) 248-652-8000 \$459,900



DETROIT Detroit Golf Club Finest
English Tudor, 5 bedrooms, 5 baths, 3 lavatories, on the golf course. Updated kitchen, marble foyer, slate roof, pro-landscaped. Living room, formal dining, library, 2 family rooms, 4 fireplaces, finished basement, first floor laundry & mud room.

(B15HAM) 248-626-8800 \$810,000



BIRMINGHAM Restored Cape Cod
Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath with first floor master, never kitchen with stainless steel appliances & living room with open staircase. French doors to family room, finished basement with rec room & laundry. Circular drive & many other marvelous features.

(B81LIN) 248-642-8100 \$658,500



CANTON New Construction Home
Cape Cod with 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 4 car attached garage, first floor master with sitting room, large walk-in closet & bath with corner garden tub, cathedral ceiling in open foyer & great room. Kitchen with granite tops. Time to pick cabinets & grand staircase.

(B02ROL) 734-455-5600 \$768,000



CLARKSTON Remarkable Sub
Only 7 lots in sub. 5 are walk-outs. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, ceramic foyer, kitchen, lavatory and first floor laundry. Gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Master with jetted tub. Four car garage. Two story family room with gas fireplace.

(B24HID) 248-524-1600 \$549,900



MILFORD Golfers Paradise
Near Milford, stunning 1 1/2 story contemporary, designed by Lubin of Bloomfield Hills. Best of everything. Located at 12th green, wall of windows, soaring ceilings, 8 foot doors, finished walk-out, curved walls, Amish cabinetry, theater room & full bar.

(B34GLE) 248-363-1200 \$1,400,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Gorgeous Pine Lakefront
Nestled on almost 1 acre deep tree lot with "Monet"-inspired back yard retreat. Lush gardens, pond. Estate-size great room with fireplace. Formal living & dining room with cove ceilings. Gourmet's custom kitchen. Hardwood floor throughout.

(B68ORC) 248-626-8800 \$989,900



HUNTINGTON WOODS Cape Cod
Attention to detail in this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath with a grand master, Andersen windows, newer roof, baths, kitchen & doors. Deck off family room, wood floors, sprinklers & pro-landscaping. Finished basement & 2 car attached garage with work shop.

(B37HUM) 248-642-8100 \$485,000



CANTON Oversized Interior Lot
Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial has a great architectural design with open floor plan with soaring ceilings, hardwood floors & spacious rooms. Gourmet kitchen with maple cabinets opens to family room & 3 car attached garage & basement.

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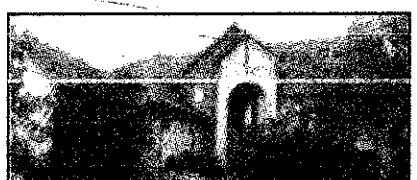
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP Gorgeous
Four bedroom, 4 bath home with a grand entrance. Master bedroom with walk-in closet and large walk-in closet. Great room with high ceiling, French doors in library. Hardwood flooring. Backs up to a wooded area.

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WEST BLOOMFIELD Reduced Price
Gorgeous custom built home. Open floor plan, soaring ceilings. Two phenomenal gourmet kitchens, 3 family rooms. Master suite with a sitting room and two 2-way fireplaces. Finished basement and 4 car garage.

(B07PEG) 248-626-8800 \$899,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Gorgeous
Ranch with 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, formal living room, spacious family room, library and master bedroom suite. Finished lower level with theatre/media room, full kitchen, game room and spa. Just breathtaking.

(B88LAN) 248-642-8100 \$419,900



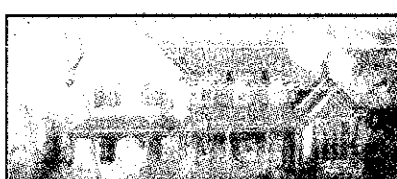
PLYMOUTH This Home Is Wonderful
Gorgeous 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath with 3 car garage, basement, family room with gas fireplace, library, cherry kitchen with island & granite counters, door-wall to deck, first floor laundry & so much more.

(B60WIL) 734-455-5600 \$422,900



ROCHESTER HILLS New Construction
Two story with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, walk-out basement, wooded lot and upgrades throughout. Three fireplaces, master bedroom with Jacuzzi tub and walk-in closet. Gourmet kitchen with built-in appliances.

(B17GRA) 248-524-1600 \$474,900



COMMERCE Artist At Work
Approximately 850 feet of waterfront peninsula, private dining room, 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, masterpiece finished walk-out & custom detailed throughout. Hard to find beauty & tranquility in this intimate setting. Lower Straits treasure.

(B05COM) 248-363-1200 \$974,900



SOUTH LYON Serenity And Elegance
Every upgrade is possible in exclusive Tanglewood Condo. Two-tier decks overlooking fairway, finished lower level, complete with wet bar and den.

(B64SAW) 248-626-8800 \$435,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Detached Condo
Three bedroom, 2 1/2 bath on wooded cul-de-sac. Open floor plan, cathedral ceilings in living & master. Walk-out family room, library & wet bar. Two fireplaces, kitchen center island, DR, 3 decks, master bedroom suite with walk-in closet. Appliances & 2 car garage.

(B54DEE) 248-642-8100 \$414,900



LODI TOWNSHIP Country Club Living
Spacious 4 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath Cape Cod sitting on the fifth green, offers full basement, 3 car attached garage, large suite with cathedral ceiling & elegant bath. First floor master suite with Jacuzzi and double shower.

(B66HEA) 734-455-5600 \$749,900



OAKLAND Fantastic New Build
Stunning 4 bedroom estate home with media room, 3 full, 2 half baths, Andersen windows, stainless Jenn-air appliances, cherry cabinets, granite, hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, 2 laundry rooms, spacious master suite, daylight basement.

(B56PAR) 248-652-8000 \$749,000



COMMERCE Lake Sherwood Lakefront
Gorgeous 2 story Colonial has the most beautiful view of Lake Sherwood. Two furnaces, upstairs laundry. Extra garage. Lower level with great room and second kitchen and full bath. Sun room. This is a must see home.

(B16DR) 248-363-1200 \$910,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Well Kept Home
Contemporary with 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2 story foyer, kitchen with tall cabinets, guest suite, high ceilings & fireplace in family room. 2-way staircase with bridge over family room. First floor laundry, pro-landscaped, sprinklers. Immediate occupancy.

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Gorgeous site for 4,320 SF colonial w/den/12,136 SF in fin. walk-out w/2nd kitch. 5-6 BRs w/2 mstr sies. 4.5 BA, 3 frps., 3 car gar. \$995,000
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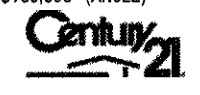
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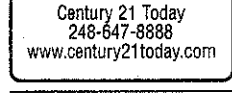
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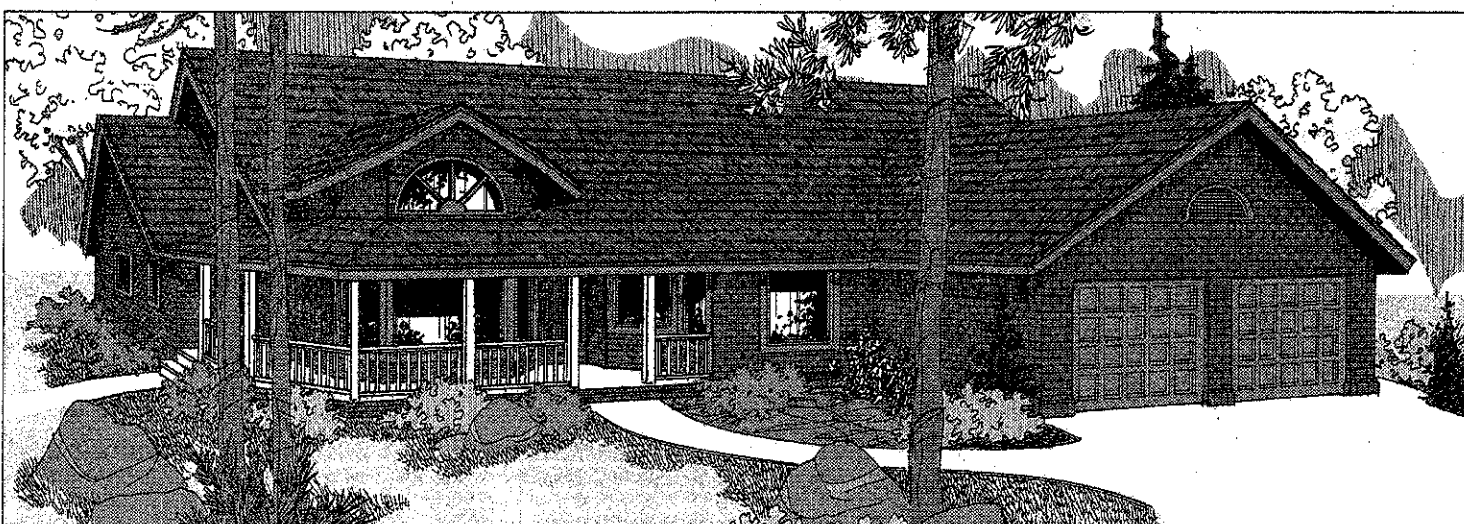
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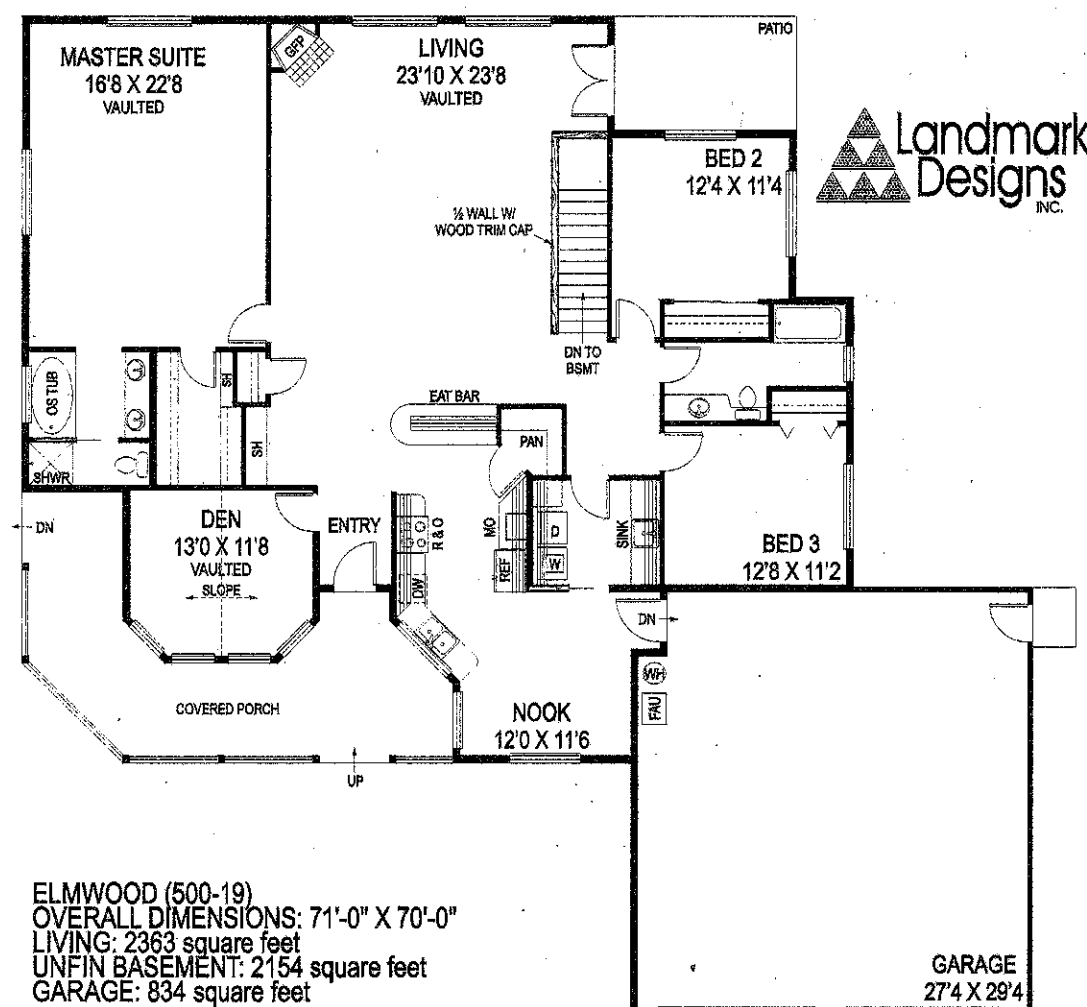
The Elmwood, a ranch-style home, has broken with tradition and has brick on the outside. There's a large dormer over the den and a half-moon window. To accent this half-moon window, a half-moon louver has been placed over the two garage doors.

Entering the Elmwood treats one to the feeling of open spaces and gracious living. The kitchen and nook are in the front corner, and the balance of the area is the long and wide-vaulted living room. A corner gas fireplace is in the rear. The only other outstanding part to the living room is the half-wall capped with wood trim that protects the stairs to the unfinished basement of 2,154 square feet.

The kitchen is to the right of the front door with the eating bar sticking out from the walk-in corner pantry. The microwave and refrigerator run parallel to the range and oven and dishwasher. At an angle are the dual sinks with a large window over providing a view of the front yard and bathing the room in light. The nook is across the space with a door that opens into the two-car garage.

Behind a pocket door is the utility room with the washer/dryer on the left and the sink on the right. Conveniently adjacent are the two bedrooms and the full bath. Each bedroom has a wall closet and windows to bring the sunshine inside. The bath has a tub and single sink.

On the left side of the front door is a vaulted den. This



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GARAGE: 834 square feet

vaulted room has a series of bay windows and also has a dormer overhead. There is a slope to the ceiling that adds a special touch and feel to the room.

The balance of the left side of the Elmwood is the master suite. The main suite is almost as deep as the living room and nearly as wide. It is spacious

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The Moceris, well-known Novi-based builders, have a Town & Country Cedar Homes Region Design Studio, and represented the company at the awards dinner held at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

The event recognized metro Detroit's outstanding architects, designers, builders and artisans.

Over 50 awards were presented to the award dinner's 325 attendees, and were selected from some 400 entrants in a variety of categories.

"We're honored by these awards," said Stephen Biggs, company president. "Being recognized by your professional peers is the highest praise and

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HGTV personality Joan Kohn emceed the dinner, and contest judging was done by a broad range of panelists from throughout the country. They included design critics, professors, magazine editors, HGTV hosts and executive producers.

The best log home award was for a home built for Jim and Darlyn Daratony of Dexter along Lake Michigan on Michigan's Leelanau Peninsula. The Daratony's use the home as a vacation getaway and it's snugly situated adjacent to an area rife with that coastline's fabled sand dunes.

In the best outdoor architectural elements category, the winning home was the residence of J.B. and Allison Davies of Birmingham. The Davies' home is on Walloon Lake, between Boyne City and Petoskey. One of its unusual features is an outdoor great room in the form of a covered porch that has a truss and purlin roof system and field-stone fireplace.

Deck your garage for holidays

(NAPSI) - One of the home's untapped areas could provide a terrific solution to the inevitable crowds and clutter that can come in with the holidays. Home organization experts offer these tips to use your garage to create a calm retreat.

■ Do it when decorating. Pulling out the holiday decorations can create a great time to get the garage in order. The act of digging through items accumulated over the past 12 months for holiday lights might be just the push needed to get organized. Better yet,

since it's the season of giving, this is a great opportunity to donate unwanted items to charity.

■ Look up. You may not find flying reindeer but you'll find new storage opportunities. Think vertical when storing items for maximum space. Several manufacturers offer products to create storage space on the walls.

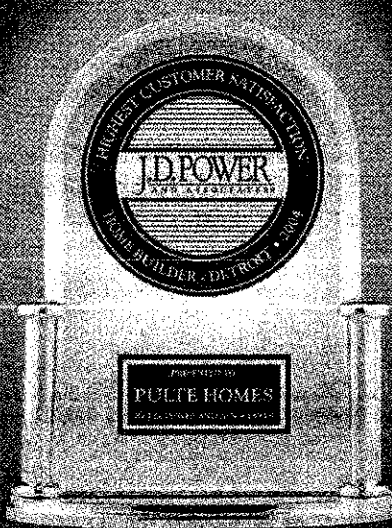
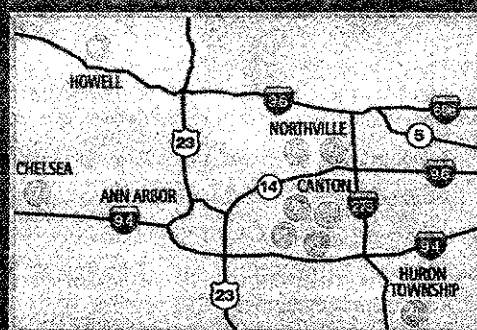
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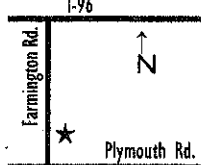
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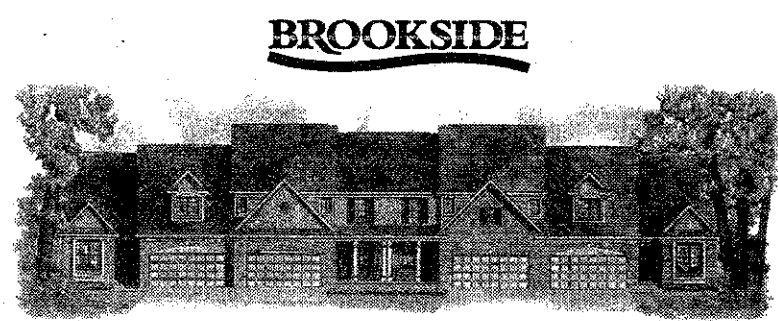


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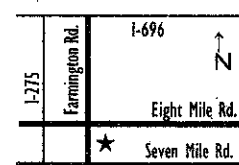


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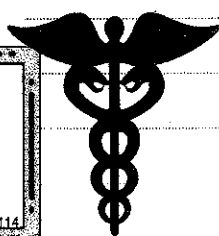
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Exuberant Leading From Where You Stand



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Difficult times inspire unexpected actions, often carried out with unaccustomed

exuberance, writes best-selling author Kay Redfield Jamison, in "Exuberance: The Passion for Life" (Knopf, \$24.95). This may mean becoming inspired to lead in unaccustomed territory.

"In times of adversity," Jamison writes, "inspired leadership offers energy and hope where little or none exist(s), gives a belief in the future to those who have lost it and provides a unifying spirit to a splintered populace." The exuberance behind it "carries us to places we would not otherwise go . . .," she adds.

Passion drives exuberance, which is essential to leadership: "Exuberant people take in the world and act upon it differently than those who are less lively and less energetically engaged." They may not already be leaders in a certain area. Jamison mentions a speech given by Theodore Roosevelt at the Sorbonne in 1910 when he was en route to Norway to receive his Nobel Peace Prize: "The credit belongs to the man in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat

and blood; who strives valiantly . . . who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions . . . who at best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly . . ."

CHALLENGE

Leading is much more than outperforming yourself and others, much more than tossing thoughtful ideas into a hat. Personality may be extremely important in keeping a suggestion or idea alive and on track, according to John Koivisto, Army LTC at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. When an idea fully engages you, others recognize your commitment, even as you attempt to work through or overturn a roadblock. This passion -- or exuberance in Jamison's worldview -- engages others and draws them in.

Senior leaders may not always reward exuberance or passionate leading among employees. Even if your company discourages employees from becoming leaders, understanding the company's vision may well make leadership possible. For example, Koivisto says that "a factory worker driven to being a leader through process improvement (can still lead) even if his supervisor doesn't want to change things, because he's committed to building the best Chevy, Ford, Dodge

that he can, and that is consistent with the intent of the bigger organization."

Existing leaders may also be threatened, regardless of age or gender (theirs or yours). Your vision of the company may be limited by where you stand in it, Koivisto says.

"I see this as a real issue in large organizations," he remarks. "For argument's sake, let's take a look at a suggestion that Private Jones submits via the Army Suggestion Program. He suggests using a spring clip instead of a cotter pin to secure the wheel hub on a 2.5-ton truck. He can get them cheaper at Bill's Hardware shop. The suggestion goes from him to the program office. From there it's routed to the supply center, then the Ordnance Center for evaluation. Well, by the time it's 'approved,' Private Jones is a Sergeant!"

Clearly, our imagined Private Jones kept on leading, even as his role was changing in the organization.

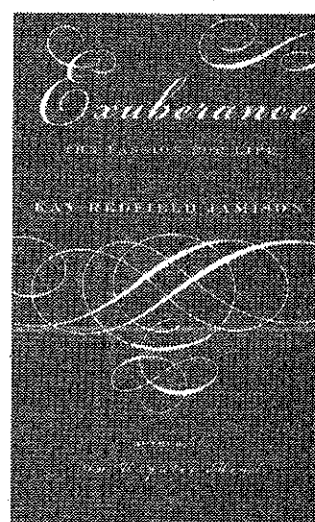
CIRCUMSTANCE

When no company is as profitable as it might be, when no one is as fully engaged in the workplace as is humanly possible, when the economy twists and turns, you might ask what more you can do. Proximity to problems often foments leadership.

Koivisto suggests that you consider the direction of communication at work to determine whether self-propelled leading is welcomed. If communication "flows freely up, down and across the organization," he states, "leaders are mature and confident in themselves and their mission."

Koivisto points out that being motivated isn't enough in and of itself. That motivation must reflect the organization's deepest objectives. "Since the Army went all-volunteer in the 1970s," he notes, "we've been even more clear in communicating our mission and purpose. Today, the vast majority of young men and women who enlist 'buy in' to what our military does and the values we promote."

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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 6020

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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 6020

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Still, this 2005 Hummer H2 SUT, even with its limitations because of the shorted pick-up capabilities, is an absolute dream car. I would give my right arm to own one.

This is a vehicle for the ages. Not only is it the most commanding vehicle on the road today, it's actually fun to drive. Honest. It's really fun to drive.

You would think it's lumbering, too big, just difficult in every sense of the word, from parking to getting it into your garage. Well, it is a little challenging on the garage side.

But this puppy has a ride and drive characteristic of a luxury automobile, with absolutely no awkwardness at all.

Even my daughters commented on the difference. Although the Hummer H2 SUT is absolutely huge, it doesn't assault your body as you drive it. The ride and drive is smooth, the handling as nimble as a sports car and the comfort involved is more like a fine-tuned ultra-luxury vehicle as any other around.

But at \$58,475, this beauty is affordable by only a chosen few.

I took the Hummer up north with me, only to find that I wanted it even more. It's got a nearly 10-inch ground clearance, can ford 20 inches of water in the 4-to locked position, can tow 6,700 pounds by using the transfer case to send power to the front and rear in tough tow situation and can clear a 60 percent slope, 40-percent side slope and climb a 16-inch vertical wall. Capability that isn't present in any other vehicle that can come alive with the quick flick of the wrist any where on this planet.

Let's talk about power. Try on a Vortec 6000 6.0-liter cast iron block engine with cast aluminum cylinder heads and sequential fuel injection mated to a 4-speed automatic that handles just about any situation without blinking a headlamp. We're talking a respectable 325 horses under this hood that's more than adequate to service any need imaginable. Without a groan or whimper.



Anne Fracassa

Let's talk about the outside for a moment. It's distinct, yes, like no other vehicle on the road today. You approach one from the opposite side of the road, and you know right away what this vehicle is all about. No mistaking the styling, aggressive stance or imposition of a Hummer. It's all about muscle.

It's got that unique ladder-type frame, box-section side rails and front and rear treatment that you can't mistake. The mid-section is fabricated and welded, stamped-steel and segmented to help minimize vibration for a smooth -- and I mean absolutely smooth -- ride. This entire package screams strong, solid and totally indestructible.

Yet, it's really well balanced. It doesn't overwhelm you in any way. You feel one with the road, the surfaces that aren't road surfaces can actually feel like paved ones. There's no difference between the two. It can handle anything you throw it with ease.

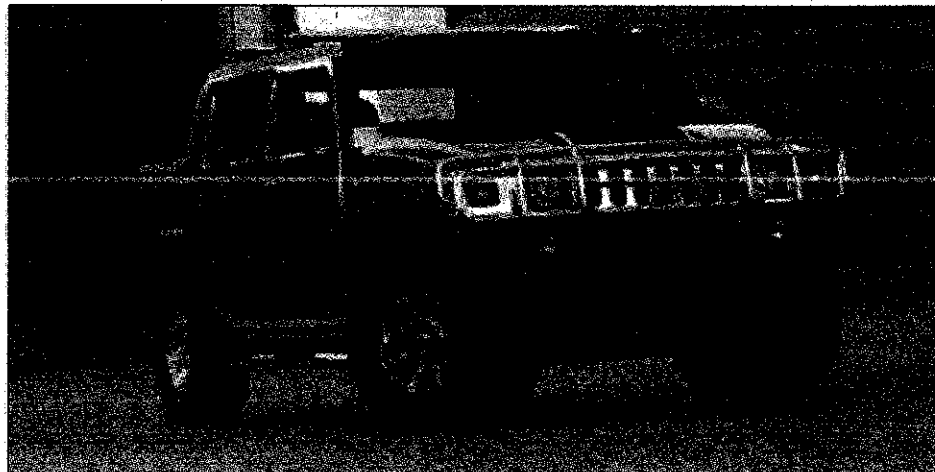
On the inside, everything is larger than life. Knobs are big enough for the largest hands -- like mine -- and everything is within reach of the driver. The passenger can fool around with the controls, however, because they're straight on in the center instrumentation stack. From the heating and cooling to the stereo options, it's easy for the front passenger to fool around with everything.

You just have to slap that hand. Takes just a second to put you back into control.

All the luxuries of a fine luxury vehicle are here, from leather seating surfaces that envelope you're body in comfort to the mere fact that you feel so very safe and secure in every way, the Hummer H2 SUT can be all that you want it to be. And more.

The starting price is around \$52,000, and accessories are cheap. On the standard list, you'll find all that you really need, including dual front airbags (that you can shut off the passenger side), remote key fobs with a panic button (tell me who in their right mind would mess with someone in a Hummer, thank you very much), daytime running lamps (that aren't really intrusive but very, very subtle), pass lock them deterrent system, battery rundown protection, foldable midgate, heated front seats (that are great for arthritic bones like mine), flock-flat second-row seats, rear seat audio controls (that make the kids happy to control what the heck you listen to, unfortunately), leather-wrapped steering wheel that tilts to where you want it, power sliding sunroof, rear spare tire carrier, heated folding mirrors, front winch, 17-inch cast aluminum wheels and all-terrain tires.

Onstar is also standard equipment, with its controls at the most bottom part of the center stack console. I think it should be a lot more up top. After all, when you're in trouble, the last



2005 Hummer H2 SUT. Vehicle type: Ultra sport utility. Power: Vortec 6000, 6.0-liter V8. Where built: Mishawaka, IN. Price as tested: \$58,475.

thing you need to do is reach around the shifter to press Onstar for help. Even if it was mounted on the headliner's instrumentation area, it would help.

There are a ton of accessories you can add to the Hummer H2 SUT that can make you call it your own. These include a locking hard tonneau cover, an SUT bed mat, grille guard, chrome roof rack crossbars, chrome door handles, chrome mirror caps, chrome license plate holder, mudger seat covers, custom floor mats, soft cargo carrier, portable freezer/fridge, portable DBD player and a first aid and tool kit.

I don't often mention stuff like this because most manufacturers are just about the same, but the warranty information is important here. You've got a total warranty of 36,000 miles (exception is normal maintenance), which covers everything from corrosion to normal repairs. And the warrantee transfers if you have the heart to sell this puppy to someone else.

The Hummer H2 SUT I tested had a few options like chrome door handles and mirror caps, up level interior trim, AM/FM 6-disc CD changer, XM radio, Chrome aluminum hood handles, hoot latches and fuel door with locking gas cap (what a pain to open, by the way), rubber bed mat for the rear and 17-inch chrome wheels (that are sharper than sharp could be).

You know that commercial for the diamond anniversary ring that has a guy who screams in the middle of a European square filled with pigeons, "I love this woman!!!"

Well, "I love this vehicle!!!"

No other has ever made me feel so secure, so safe, so in power of what's around me than this Hummer. People on the interstate move over when I'm coming. That's how commanding this vehicle is.

If you can afford it, please get one. You're driving experience will never be the same. No matter what.

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HONESTY REQUIRED
Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, is looking for tall, dark, handsome SBPM who is honest and down-to-earth, to spend time with. **2401088**

VERY SPICY!
BBW, passionate, SBF, 46, honey-complexion, dimples, seeks outgoing, fun-loving gentleman, 35-55, N/S, N/Drugs, any race, for movies, pool, dancing, music, and romance. Dating, possible LTR. **2752243**

CALL ME!
SF, 21, 5'4", 140lbs, long dark/hazel, N/S, no children, enjoys dining, movies, working out, bowling. Seeking SWM, 21-40, N/S. **2488575**

ROMANTIC LADY
Beautiful, voluptuous DBF, 42, 5'8", likes traveling, outdoors. Seeking man, 45+, race unimportant, to enjoy life together, for friendship maybe more. **2464954**

POTENTIAL LOVE
SWF, 44, tall, N/S, attractive, down-to-earth, enjoys boating, the outdoors, dining out. Seeking SWM, 28-59, N/S, for possible LTR. **2439446**

YOU WILL LIKE ME!
Attractive SWF, 66, 5'5", blonde, artist, fun-loving, well-groomed SWM, 60+, loves cuddling, dining out, and sharing life. **2722663**

SIMPLE REQUEST
Are you honest, trustworthy, down-to-earth? SBF, 40, N/S, seeks SBM, 27-57, N/S, who knows how to take life one day at a time. **2508061**

A PRECIOUS JEWEL
Very attractive BPF, Christian, 47, 5'5", 145lbs, blonde, honey brown, enjoys outdoors, movies, traveling, cooking. Seeking romantic BPM, 40-55, financially secure, similar interests, for LTR. **2432793**

PEOPLE-PERSON
SBF, 45, grown up, enjoys working out, playing cards, quiet evenings at home. Seeking emotionally/financially secure man for companionship leading to more. **2811381**

IN IT FOR THE LONG-TERM
SBF, 30, 5'6", blonde, enjoys traveling, would like to get to know SBM, 25-41, w/passion for travel and life. **2509782**

SEARCHING
Sexy, attractive SBF, 33, 5'11", 145lbs, brown complexion, curly hair, enjoys movies, dining, ISO her soulmate, a compatible SBM, 45-55, possible marriage. **2508955**

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?
28-year-old SJF, fun, various interests, enjoys sports, comedy, movies and more. Seeking SJM, 25-35, funny, sincere, honest dating. **2501291**

FOUL UP AS ME
Mutual friends, 40, blonde, likes to travel, cuddling, playing music, smoking at home. Would like a special guy exploring new things, beyond the head of my life. **2517421**

CHRISTIAN BACKGROUND
SBF, 30, no children, seeks goal-oriented SBPM, 25-37, no children, who is respectful, intelligent, intellectual, and respects women. **2319550**

LOOKING A WHITE CHOCOLATE
SBF, 27, 5'3", 98lbs, black/gray, N/S, degreed, graduate student, seeks SWPM, 24-45, for friendship first, possible LTR. **2526384**

HELLO, HOW ARE YOU?
Loving, down-to-earth SBF, 33, 4'11", 180lbs, mother, N/S, N/D, enjoys bowling, shopping, movies, live entertainment. Seeking SBM, 32-35, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. **2829735**

NO NONSENSE
Nice-looking, active, non-nonsense gal, seeks good looking, active, non-nonsense guy, 35-49, white or hispanic. DWP/F, young 43, athletic, Companionship and fun desired. **246655**

ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND?
But gentle of heart? Good-looking, trim SM, 42-55, N/S? Very cute SBF, 53, emotionally and physically in shape, with eclectic interests, currently accepting applications. **246655**

GET TO KNOW THIS...
petite, attractive SBF, 57, N/S, enjoys music, concerts, dining. Looking for SBM, 57-63, for friendship, possible LTR. **2402995**

SENSE OF HUMOR A MUST
SF, 43, smoker, student, looking for SM, 25-35, N/S, who is trustworthy, a good listener, and will make me happy. **2484338**

CALL ME...
If you are a business man, 60-70, SWM, N/S, N/D, homeowner, interested in horiellie, nature, pet, alternative medicine, sports. I'm a SWF, 73, w/the above. **2416289**

MICHIGAN RESIDENT
SBF, 41, who likes to visit Florida several times a year. Seeking SM, 42+, who likes dining, movies, comedy clubs. **2432325**

FULL-FIGURED BEAUTY
Light-complected SBF, 25, 5'5", 285lbs, brown eyes, dimples, enjoys movies, parks, playing pool. Seeking SM, 18-32, who is sweet, treats a woman with respect. **2112932**

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SBF, 42, 5'3", 140lbs, enjoys film, theater, musicals. Seeking handsome, passionate, active, outgoing SBM, 45-55, for LTR. **2701412**

SEEKING MR. DO RIGHT
Full-figured SBF, 29, seeks tall/average SBM, 29-37, who is intelligent, down-to-earth, and has an honest spirit. **2854314**

LET'S HANG OUT
SF, 28, 5'11", 135lbs, CNA, enjoys movies, travel, hanging out, seeking compatible SM, 25-45, who shares similar interests. **2475292**

LIFE IS TOO SHORT
Mature and outgoing SBF, 50 years young, 5', 170lbs, thick not fat, great figure, interested in meeting mature/black male who loves to live spontaneously. **2276032**

ALL MY LOVE 4 YOU
Down-to-earth woman, 25, RN, enjoys beaches, dining, theater, romantic times. Seeking a special man to share life, love and TLC. **2850879**

ROMANTIC LADY
Good-looking SWF, 65, 5'5", 135lbs, reddish-brown hair, humorous, likes gardening, dining, going out to movies. Seeking SWM, 66-75, 5'8"-6'2", for companionship, possible LTR. **2903369**

TRY ME!
SF, 37, blonde/blue, 5'6", mother, enjoys bowling, pool, concerts, long park walks, cycling, music! (especially Rod Stewart) more. Seeking Macomb man, to share happiness with. **2404691**

STARTING OVER
Employed, widowed grandmother, 56, loves old-school music, playing cards, concerts, and park walks. Searching for a similar man, 48-62. **2648146**

MAKE ME LAUGH
25, SWF, average build, seeks SM, 27-35, who is daring, and loves outdoor and indoor activity. **246263**

CALL ME
Fun-loving, affectionate, real SBF, 32, enjoys playing cards, the outdoors, candlelight dinners, having fun, seeking SWM, 30-60, for dating. **2474843**

IT'S ALL GOOD
Cool SBF, 31, 5'8", N/S, likes to bowl, fish, skate and travel, seeks SBM, 19-35, N/S, to share honest friendship, romance, quality time together. **2478802**

SEARCH NO MORE
Genuine, attractive, feminine, independent SBF, 56', 140lbs, who enjoys jazz, romantic dinners, quiet evenings, nights, in seeking honest, independent, sincere, feminine SF, 30-42. **2473831**

PRECIOUS ONE
SWF, very pretty, a young 39, medium dark/green, works in medical field, seeks attractive SWM, outgoing, honest, caring, sensitive and creative, for best friend, more. **2230586**

LOVES THE OUTDOORS
SF, 29, CNA, single mother of three, enjoys the outdoors, watching football, hockey, relaxing at home, seeking SWM, 31-37, for dating. **2477949**

BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED
Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, enjoys comedy and romance, bowling, walks in the park. Seeking tall, dark, handsome SBM, 33-50, **2481293**

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QUIET BEAUTY
SBF, 46, shy but loves to laugh, enjoys concerts, movies, seeking good, honest SBM, 43-50, N/S, for LTR. **2498245**

ONE OF A KIND...
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WARRIOR PRINCESS!
WPF, 49, seeks SBPM, 35-52. Let's snuggle and make a winter a total melt-down! Love laughter, humor, reading, and life. **2480978**

OLDER LOVE IS SWEETER
DWF, 54', blonde/blue, heavyset, 50, sweet, loving Christian. You: a DM, 45-60, loving, gentle Christian ready for LTR leading to marriage. **2420360**

FRIENDS FIRST
SBF, 28, Aquarius, N/S, is looking for a friend, SBM, 28-38, N/S. Must have a sense of humor, must be hard-working, trustworthy, and goal-oriented. **2759073**

LOVE A NURSE
SBF, 44, blonde, seeks SM, 40-50, who is a nurse, enjoys traveling, and has a good sense of humor. **2444319**

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME
Attractive, educated SBF, 38, small business owner, mother, 5'3", full-figured, light brown complexion, reddish hair, seeks honest, sincere, trustworthy, secure, educated SPM, for friendship/relationship. **2960933**

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SWF, 39, 5'7", 125lbs, ISO professional male, for friendship possible relationship. Not just arm candy, have opinions, feelings, don't want perfection just right person. **2410665**

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Active, affectionate SBF enjoys dining out, movies, plays, concerts, traveling. Seeking honest, good-humored SBM, 55-70, w/similar interests, for companionship. **2413503**

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ARE WE A MATCH?
SWF, enjoys the outdoors, rollerblading, biking, long walks and romantic dinners. Looking for SWM, 25-30, for LTR. **2465764**

GET TO KNOW ME!
SF, 38, N/S, mother of two, looking for working man, 28-55, N/S, for friendship first. **2413382**

LOVE IS HARD 2 FIND
SBF, 28, libra N/S, N/D, no children, sweet, fun and affectionate, seeks SBM, 25-35, for friendship and possible LTR. **2935950**

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SBF, 24, sweet and sincere, ISO SM, 28-36, who's honest, gentle, fun and caring with arms and heart open wide. **2201588**

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TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE
SBF, tall, medium build, N/S, who enjoys music, traveling, comedy shows, seeks man, 45-55, N/Kids, N/S, outgoing, affectionate, stable, for LTR. **2444748**

A REAL 10
DBF, 42, executive, very attractive, new transfer to area, looking for professional male, 35-48, for friendship. No blue-collar workers, please. **2480005**

ARE WE A MATCH?
SBF, 45, tall, pretty, enjoys working out, theater, cooking, comedy clubs. Seeking tall SWM, 42-60, attractive, financially secure, similar interests. **2483446**

LIFE IS WONDERFUL
SBF, 40, mother of two, enjoys movies, plays, walks in the park, quiet times at home. Seeking BM, 45-55, N/S, D/D-free, who loves kids. **2589246**

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Catholic DWF, 59, looks much younger, N/S, very tall, looking for gentleman, 56-63, w/upbeat personality, to enjoy family activities, camping, travel, much more. **2455072**

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SWF, 44, looking for outgoing guy, 39-44, who is looking for a serious relationship and commitment. **2461117**

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R U OUT THERE?
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FUN-LOVING LADY
SBF, 43, Virgo, smoker, loves chocolate, seeks fun-loving, sincere BM, 34-56, enjoys conversations, companionship. **2438719**

OLD-FASHIONED, LAID-BACK
SWF, 52, N/S, very active, slim and attractive, petite, W/LTM a man up to 6', H/W proportionate. I enjoy dancing, movies, walks, dining, casinos, more. **2231338**

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AAA YOUR HEART
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Kind, fun-loving DF, 55, enjoys movies, music, dining out, affection, outdoors, laughter. Seeking fun-loving, caring SM, 55-60, N/S, for companionship. Nattie, lost number, please call again! **2935262**

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SBF, 42, 6'8", full-figured, seeks intelligent man, 48-60, 5'8"-6'2", medium build or heavier, for possible relationship. **2232593**

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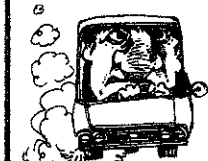
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Floor onl w/strorage/shft, 5-pass handling pkg, dual exhaust sys, strg whl w/audio/climate ctrl, pwr lth w/bk scap, 17" 5 spoke alloy whs, 4.6L OHV EFI V8 eng, elect auto O/D trans, P235/55R17 BSW tires, trim ctrl, pwr adj, pedal, pwr trd mirrors w/bk scap, trunk mounted CD chng, mchmtc ext paint. STOCK #41821 ■ WAS \$31,135
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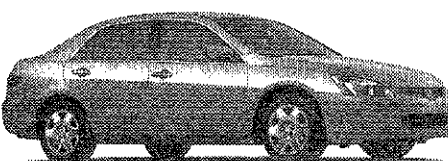
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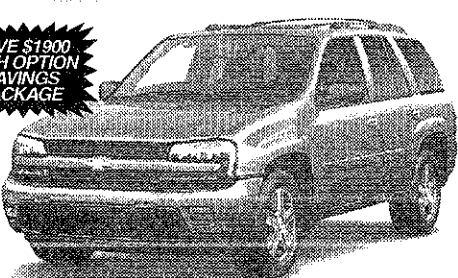
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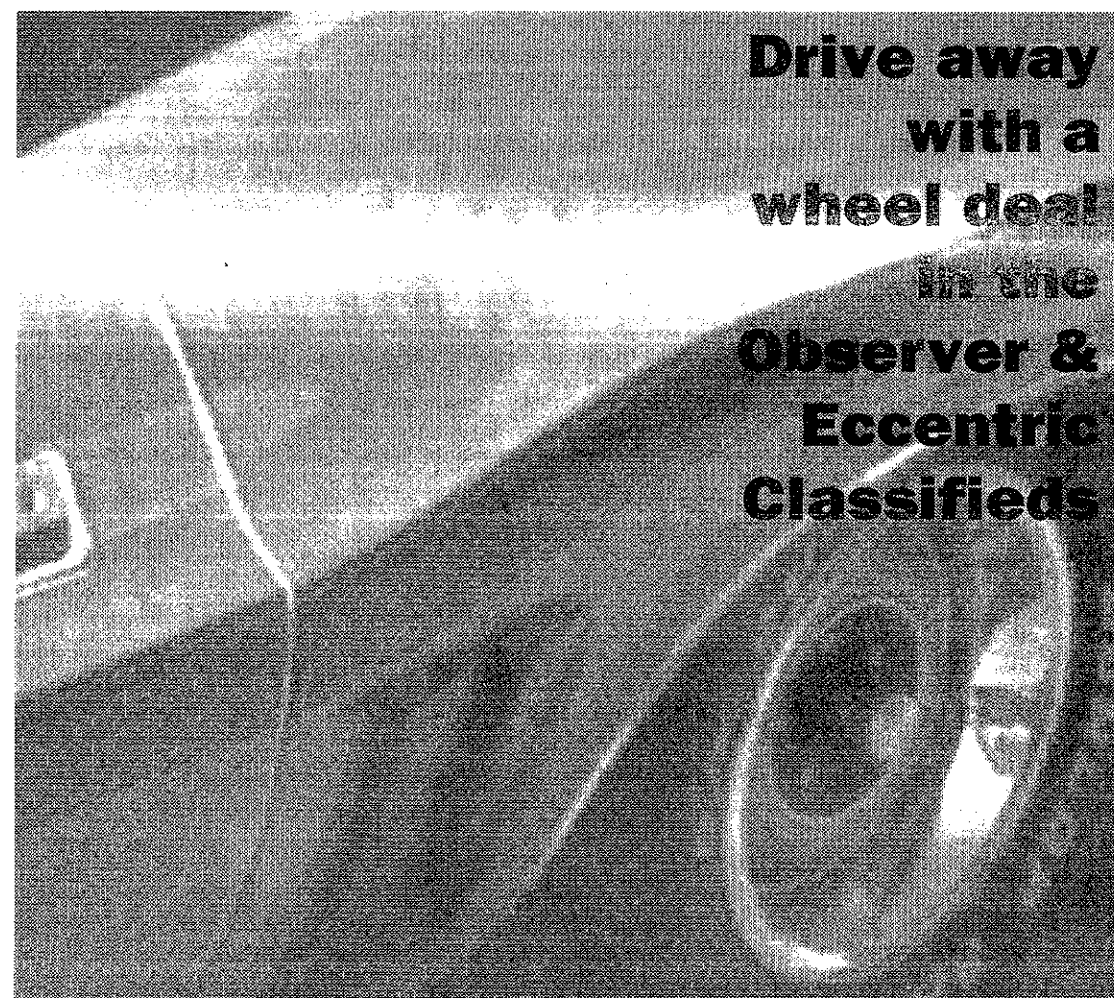
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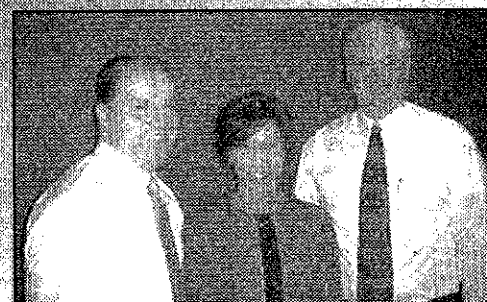
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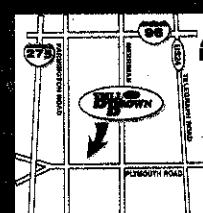
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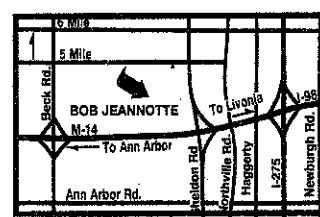
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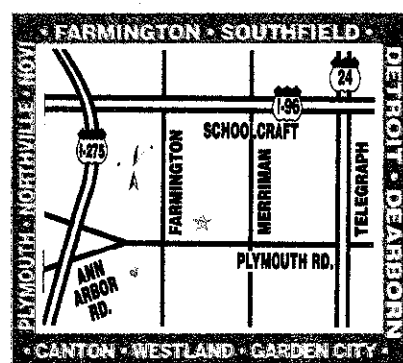
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