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This week in PINK

Speak to LaJoy

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, is hosting office hours Monday, Dec. 13, at Van Buren Township Hall. He will be there 3:30-5 p.m. to answer questions from local residents. LaJoy will also discuss current legislative issues. Call (866) 525-6921.

Winter help

Plato's Coney Island (42405 Ford) is accepting donations of "gently used" blankets, coats and other winter clothing for needy families this holiday season. It will distribute whatever is collected to families in Detroit, in conjunction with the Detroit Police Department.

Drop off donations in the box at the back of the restaurant through Christmas day, Both children and adult sizes will be accepted. There is also a dropoff box at Plato's Farmington location (35227 Grand River): /Call (734) 981-7301.

Clarification

Last Sunday's "Our Kids Can't Wait - Fair Funding for Schools" story should have indicated that the \$110-\$120 per student cost for retirement is the increase in the payment school districts must make in 2004-05.

Last year, the districts' contribution was 12.99 percent of teachers' actual wages. It jumped to 14.87 percent this year. For example, for a teacher earning \$60,000, the retirement cost would have been \$7,794 in 2003-04. This year's cost would be \$8,999.

Holiday concert

The PCEP Choirs will present the annual Holiday Concert 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$3 per person or \$5 per family.

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NATIONAL AWARDS

Sentencing set in drowning case

Mother pleads 'no contest' in death of 11-month-old son

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Jennifer Ann Avery, who was arraigned in 35th District Court in October 2003 in connection with the drowning death of her 11-month-old son, Bryan, entered a plea of no-contest on Friday in Wayne County Third Circuit Court to a charge of second-degree mur-

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for

Jan. 25. Avery was arrested after making a 9-1-1 call to Canton police in October 2003 and telling them that her son had slipped in the bathtub and was not breathing. After police and paramedics arrived, Bryan was transported to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

At her arraignment in district court, Canton Detective Chad Baugh testified Avery confessed to drowning her son.

the defendant confessed that there was a good person and a bad person inside her," Baugh testified. "She said the bad person told her to hold her son under water until he stopped breathing."

Her father said at the time that Avery had a history of mental health problems.

In November 2003, her preliminary exam was delayed when her courtappointed attorney asked for a competency exam. Judge Ron Lowe ordered the matter turned over to the Ypsilanti Forensics Center for Avery to be evaluated as to whether she was competent to

In December of that year, she was remanded to the center after a psychiatric exam determined she was incompetent to stand trial.

In March 2004, the forensics center determined her competent for trial but her attorney got another delay when he asked the court that he be allowed to conduct an independent competency exam. In May of this year, she was bound over to Circuit Court after two different examiners found her competent to stand

She was originally charged with one count of murder in the first degree, one count of felony murder and one count of first-degree child abuse.

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Old world know-how

Jeweler gave up soccer glory for life among gems

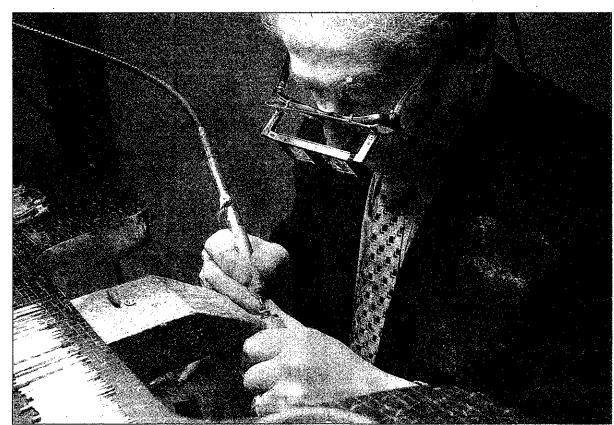


Syrian President Adib Chichakly pinned a medal on Karjian's uniform after a soccer game in 1953.

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

Looking at Manuel Karjian, crouched over an old wooden workbench in the corner of Rosy's Jewelry Creations in Canton, you would never know the 75-year-old was once considered the equivalent of Michael Jordan on a soccer field in his native Syria.

For two decades, Karjian, who now resides in Livonia, captained national soccer teams in Syria and Lebanon. During his distinguished career, his talent took him



TOM HAWLEY STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jeweler Manuel Karjian of Livonia works on setting a stone at Rosy's Jewelry Creations in Canton. The former Syrian soccer star has been in the jewelry business for nearly 60 years.

all over the globe, where he played in numerous World Cup matches. He received medals from national presidents, and even got the chance to meet T.E. Lawrence (a.k.a. Lawrence of Arabia).

In his playing days, Karjian was known as a strong, flashy player, who could improvise fantastic plays on the field. A far cry from his persona now. As the master setter and jeweler at Rosy's, a store he has operat-

ed with his daughter, Rosy Yeremian, and other family members for five years, he is meticulous and precise, sometimes working on a single piece of jewelry during an entire day. The results, however, are often as dazzling as the moves he once made on the soccer

PLEASE SEE JEWELER, A7

Canton jewelry store is 'wiped out' by thieves

STAFF WRITER

The Showroom of Excellence, a highend jewelry store on Canton Center Road between Ford and Hanford, was

broken into about 5:30 a.m. Thursday. The four thieves were in and out in less than four minutes according to a

surveillance video camera that caught the break-in on video.

"They took gold and diamonds," coowner Linda Robin said. "It seemed to be mostly gold that they were going for. They pretty much wiped out what we had in our cases."

Police responded to a burglar alarm that went off at the store about 5:30

a.m. By the time they arrived, the burglars were gone.

"They threw something through the window (a front window facing Canton Center), smashed the window and scooped out the display cases," Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski said. "There were four people in an SUV that were caught on videotape."

Pomorski said the video showed that the thieves loaded merchandise in bags that they brought with them. They then left southbound on Canton Center.

"They were in and out in minutes," he said. "We can't identify their faces. We don't know how much they took at this

PLEASE SEE THIEVES, A7

State woes won't cut as deep in Canton

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

With dire news continuing to flow out of Lansing over an impending state budget crisis, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack says the township will survive without layoffs or cuts in services.

"If they have their way, all of our statutory revenue sharing will be gone," he said. "We'll continue to move on while some other communities will be laying off police and fire. We're isolated from that dire circumstance. Revenue sharing is not a significant piece of our revenue pie."

This year, according to township accountant John Spencer, Canton should receive more than \$6 million in total revenue sharing funds. Of that amount, a little more than \$1 million is in statutory funds. The balance is in constitutionally mandated funds that cannot be taken

But the fact that Canton receives the bulk of its revenue through property taxes and is in survival

Budget expert says the state's financial problems are structural rather than fiscal. Page A7.

Communities worried that deficit woes will be paid at city halls everywhere. Page A9.

mode doesn't make Yack any less critical of state government operations.

"There's a lack of leadership in Lansing on both sides of the aisle in dealing with recurring financial problems," he said. "Every year, they're a billion dollars short."

He said the state's approach to dealing with a budget crisis seems to be one of "smoke and mirrors."

'There's enough blame to go around," he said. "It's not just Republicans and Democrats. It's all of them. The Republican majority isn't saying to the governor, 'You're the executive, you take the lead.' She's not going to the Republican leadership and saying 'You're the majority, you take the lead.' So



Yack

nobody takes the lead."

Minimally, he said, leaders in Lansing should be looking at all forms of taxation.

"We have a tax system that seems to be based on a manu-

facturing economy," he said. "People who are more intelligent about the tax structure than I am should look at the types of taxes we have today and whether they are incentives or disincentives.'

He also said state leadership should take a hard look at the local level and try to determine exactly what services are needed and whether there is duplication of serv-

"I think there are too many school districts, for instance," he said. "But they should be looking at the whole gamut of operational questions and structures. Nobody is looking at

PLEASE SEE WOES, A9

State deficit: The local impact

The issue: An estimated \$370-\$460 million combined deficit in the state general fund and school aid fund for the current budget year ending Sept. 30, 2005.

Impact on public schools (K-12): Earlier this month, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and legislative leaders agreed that the shortfall in the school aid fund will be made up elsewhere in the budget. That means schools will receive at least \$6,700 per pupil this school year.

impact on Wayne County: Wayne County has made cuts in every department except for the sheriff and prosecutor's

Canton Township: While Canton could lose more than \$1 million in statutory revenue sharing, should the state take that money away from local communities, Supervisor Tom-Yack says the growing township will weather the loss without any layoffs or cuts in services.

impact on state: Cuts have yet to be decided and likely won't be until early next year - after a Jan. 13 revenue conference or February when the 2006 budget is presented. Cuts could include overall reductions in state departments, cuts in higher education spending and/or reductions in Medicaid services to the poor, elderly and disabled.

What do you think? Is there room at the local level to cut? What do you think needs to be done to solve the state's fiscal crisis? Voice your opinion to: kkuban@oe.homecomm.net

For complete reports on budget analysis from treasury and state fiscal agencies see: Senate Fiscal Agency: www.senate.michigan.gov/sfa/

House Fiscal Agency: www.house.mi.gov/hfa/ Michigan Department of Treasury: www.michigan.gov/treasury

The Celebration Youth

Orchestra (CYO) will be presenting a concert on Thursday, Dec. 16 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The CYO is supported by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and is conducted by Lindsay Riemer, the symphony's assistant conductor. The CYO is comprised of two ensembles: the Celebration Strings and the Celebration Sinfonia.

The group debuted in 2003 for orchestral musicians ages 9 and up.

Tickets for the show, which begins at 7 p.m., are \$8 and can be purchased through the Summit on the Park by calling (734) 394-5460), or at the theater box office two hours before the show.

For more information, contact the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra at (734) 451-2112.

MCEDUCATOR'S NIGHT

Canton Student Congress (Student Government at Canton High School) is sponsoring a McEducator's Night at the Ford Rd. McDonald's from 4-7 p.m. Dec. 15.

Staff members will "work" at McDonalds to raise funds to support the Dupek family this holiday season. Tim Dupek was a 26-year-old Canton High School maintenance worker killed in an accident this past

September. He is survived by his wife, Amy, and three chil-

GIFTED PROGRAM

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Van Buren Public Schools is accepting referrals for possible placement in its Gifted Program for the 2005-06 school year. Eligible students must be in grades K-7.

The program, which services students in grades 1-8, is designed for academically gifted and highly motivated students. The program stresses a combination of acceleration and enrichment. There is a high level of academic work, a rapid instructional pace, and many opportunities to delve more deeply into subject matter.

Some of the characteristics to look for are:

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- A strong sense of fairness ■ Concern with issues "too old" for his/her age

Forms are available in all Van Buren elementary and middle schools, and the administration building. All forms must be completed and returned by Jan. 188, 2005 to your school principal, or sent directly to: Barbara Woody, G/T Coordinator, North Middle School, 47097 McBride,

Belleville, MI 48111.



BRYAN MITCHELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Eyes of a child

Olivia Masters, 2, of Canton peeks into Santa's House in Plymouth's Kellogg Park during his arrival to town. She was waiting to see the jolly old elf after his big arrival. Her sister Elizabeth is behind her. Santa welcomes visitors to his house on Main Street just outside the park every weekend, 6-8 p.m. on Fridays and noon-5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

For more information call Barbara Woody at (734) 697-

THEATER AUDITIONS

Auditions for the DuBois Theatre production of the Broadway musical You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown will be held on Jan. 5 and 6 in the DuBois Theatre at Canton High School from 3-6 p.m. There will be an audition workshop held at the same location on Dec. 15, where those interested can learn the music and learn audition tips.

If you can't make the workshop, contact Mrs. Henry at Canton High School beginning Dec. 15. She will provide audition packets.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Lee and Noel Bittinger Team at RE/MAX is offering three scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,000, for local high school seniors that are planning to attend a college or university in the fall of 2005.

To apply for the scholarship, entrants must submit a short essay (not to exceed three pages, double-spaced with a 12 pt. font) that address the following question: Describe how someone in your life has influenced you in a positive way and changed your life?

All submissions must include name, address and phone number of entrant, high school they attend, and college or university they plan to attend in the fall.

All submissions must be received by Dec. 31, 2004. They should be sent to The Bittinger Team, 43435 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

"The Plymouth/Canton community has supported us for over 20 years. The Bittinger Team Scholarship is just one of the ways that we can say thank you by giving back to our community," Noel Bittinger said. "This is our way of paving the way for a stronger, happier future for the next generation."

For more information, contact the team at (734) 459-1010, or e-mail Bittinger at noelbittinger@remax.net.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITANS

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is 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.

MOTHERS & MORE

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

MORE WREATHS, POINSETTIAS

By popular demand, the Canton Historical Society is continuing to sell holiday poinsettias and wreaths at the museum, which is located at the

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Poinsettias range from \$5 for 4.5-inch pot, to \$20 for 8.5inch pot containing three plants. Pine wreaths are \$20. and \$25 with a custom tied bow. Bird seed wreaths are also available for \$14.

Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays, or by appointment. For more information call the museum at (734) 397-0088, or Kay Hartman-Kuck at (734) 453-9266.

CONGRATULATIONS

Canton resident Joseph Furca has been accepted into the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy.

Located at historic Fort Custer in Battle Creek, the academy offers a second chance at an education and life skills training to young men and women ages 16-18, who have dropped out or are at risk of dropping out of high school. It only accepts 120 applicants annually.

Cadet Furca successfully went through the academy's stringent selection process.

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, e-mail Diane Van Dyke at djvandyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416-3354.

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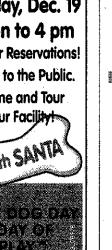
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Holiday photo op

Santa pictures part of the party for Tanger kids

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Getting a photo taken with Santa is a family tradition for many, and local kids shared in that experience Wednesday during a party at Tanger Center.

Plymouth A.M. Rotary puts on an annual holiday party for Infant and Preschool Special Education Program children and autistic students. St. Nick was the star Wednesday evening at Tanger.

"The Rotary is providing the food," special education teacher Mary Kay Herr said. "They're our heroes. They've made a big difference in our program. A very special group of people."

The holiday gala featured some 200 people, children up to age 5 and parents. In addition to Santa, there was an accordion-playing

The Rotary club and Visteon teamed up to equip a sensory motor room at Tanger, at Five Mile near Haggerty, Herr said. Through Rotary, a volunteer provided weighted vests for the youngsters to wear, which help them

Staff and families in Plymouth-Canton appreciate such community support, Herr said. "They're really pretty special," she said.

Beth Stewart of Plymouth A.M. Rotary, who heads up the Tanger effort, said club member Ron Muir through Ford and later Visteon helped to provide the specialized equipment.

Wednesday's merriment included crafts for kids and face painting. Interact students (Rotary's youth program) and Youth Leadership students lent a hand at the party as well.

The menu included hot dogs, pop and chips, Stewart said, with families bringing desserts.

"There's always good eating there," Stewart said.

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Four-year-old Charlie Poat of Plymouth gives Santa a big hug during the A.M. Rotary Club Christmas party for special-needs kids at Tanger Center. Charlie was excited to see Santa and wanted to look nice for him so he wore his suit.



Tanger student
Bryce McMinn,
3, of Canton
puts glitter on
the reindeer
tree ornament
he is making
during the
Christmas party.
His sister
Allison McMinn,
6, (seated next
to him) also
made an
ornament.

State Legislature approves mental health authority

The state legislature last week approved the creation of a Wayne County Mental Health Authority to replace the current Detroit-Wayne County Mental Health Agency.

The bill was introduced by state Sens. Beverly S.
Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, and Shirley Johnson, R-Troy.
Wayne County Executive
Robert Ficano has opposed the legislation.

The bill is now on the desk of Gov. Jennifer Granholm. Press reports indicate that Granholm will veto the legislation.

The bill will require that the Mental Health Agency be established as an independent authority to receive state support and prohibits city or county employees from serving on the 12-member board. Six members of the board will be appointed by the county executive and six will be appointed by the mayor of Detroit.

Under the authority, \$530 million in Medicaid grants will go directly to the authority for mental health programs serving approximately 75,000 Wayne County residents.

"This is great news for specialty services consumers and their families," said Hammerstrom, chair of the Senate Health Policy Committee, in a press release. "Consumers in the DWCCMH are not getting the kind of services they deserve. Throughout the lengthy debate on these bills that has been our primary concern."

Hammerstrom and Johnson have argued that the current Wayne County system jeopardized state Medicaid funding for the entire mental health system. Under the bill, the new authority would be required to hold a Medicaid contract with the state.

A statement from the Ficano administration says, "The state legislation passed Wednesday to create a mental health authority fails consumers and will stop the momentum resulting from improvements made beginning in 2003. It in no way addresses the many improvements identified by both the Governor's Commission and the Ficano Administration as essential to reforming the mental health system and moving it towards Mr. Ficano's goal of becoming a national model so that people can get quality mental health care when and where they need

Hammerstrom and Johnson say they acted because of the Mental Health Agency's failure to fulfill its state Medicaid contract and "as recently as two months ago, providers were still not receiving timely payment because of the cumbersome county procurement process."

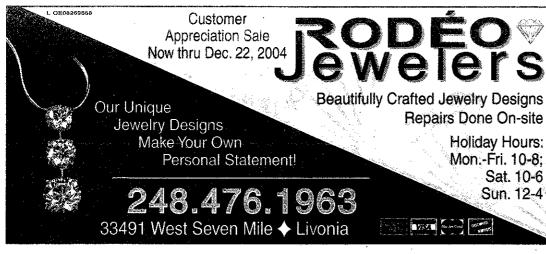
The Ficano statement counters, "Reforms are working and the groundwork for steady progress has been laid. This Administration clearly is on the road towards creating model mental health system in the quickest time frame. Already, in two years we've balanced the books after years of deficits. We went from a paper-based system to a computer system that will have real time capability to serve and track

consumers."

The statement argues that the new law gives more power to the mayor of Detroit than to the county executive. The executive says the county budget is still solely responsible for the local match of \$17.7 million.

County Commissioner John Sullivan, D-Wayne, whose district includes Canton, said he doesn't see how an equally divided authority is any improvement over the current 12-member board.

"We have to find a way to do more efficiently and cut out the bureaucracy. I wouldn't care if the state took it over again if they provided the services," he said.









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District faces cuts due to state's latest red ink

STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland School Supt. Greg Baracy is skeptical of a state promise that school districts will be held harmless for a shortfall in the state school aid

He firmly believes that if the state leaves the Wane-Westland's \$7,396 per pupil foundation allowance alone this year, it's most likely the district will get less than that next year.

"Do I believe them? Absolutely not," Baracy said. "If the state doesn't fix the structural problem in its budget shortfall, it will be passed on to us. We heard that the new Legislature will take up the issue after the next revenue consensus meeting shortly into 2005. The bottom line in the state dealing with its shortfall is once again it will balance its budget on the back of local school districts."

Wayne-Westland has watched its fund balance rapidly evaporate as the state's budget problems continue. The district's state revenue is down \$2 million from last year and \$4 million from 2002-03. It has a fund balance of almost \$14 million this year, down from \$25 million



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only 11 percent of the district's \$119 million budget, enough to cover expenses for 1 1/2 months, but not enough to carry the district from the start of its budget year July 1 through

to October when it receives its first money from the state. Baracy estimates the district has lost \$8 million in revenue because of frozen foundation grants for two years and an additional \$1.8 million because of pro-

"It's a big ouch, and despite serious cuts in funding, we've had to incur significant increases in our retirement costs, increases in health care costs and increases in doing business," Baracy said. "The costs are rising and in most instances it's double-digit increases."

According to Baracy, there are 14 school districts in the state that have a deficit reduction plan in place for this year and it could be as many as 30 districts next year.

'Obviously, it's a serious problem not only here, but around the state," he said. Faced with the prospect of running

"will make appropriate cuts in 2005-06" because the district is running an annual deficit in an effort to maintain programs and save as many jobs as possible.

"We'll solicit input from as many sources as we can in making our decisions," he said. "We'll ask our Parents for Fair Funding Committee, members of our administrative ranks, teachers, cabinet level administrators in coming up with a proposal.

Only then will we make a recommendation to the school board on what programs should be eliminated so we can maintain financial stability."

Baracy is frustrated with the situation and said it is heartbreaking to have to eliminate programs after the district has put so much time and effort into creating a top-notch educational program.

This is something that's been pushed upon us, it's not something we created," he said. "I think the state needs to do what it has required the schools to do and look within its budget and do a better job of controlling expenses so its expenditures don't exceed the revenue coming in.

They need to do that rather than push their shortfall on local school districts.

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Homeowners advisory council to meet Monday

The Canton Homeowners Advisory Council (CHAC), which provides information to condo and homeowners associations in the township, is holding its next meeting 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13. The meeting will take place at Fire Station No. 1, which is located 1100 S. Canton Center Road.

Norm MacKay will be the guest speaker at the meeting. A specialist in the field of homeowners associations, will demonstrate to associations the most effective way to conduct meetings.

Also attending will be Kris Sanders, who is the township's neighborhood coordinator, and Trustee Karl Zarbo, who is also a CHAC

board member. Both have a wealth of knowledge about issues facing associations, and will field questions from

attendees. There are approximately 200 condo and homeowners

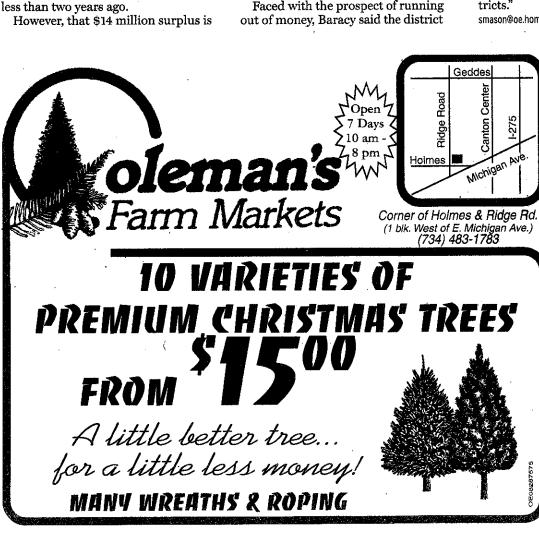
associations in Canton.

The CHAC meets on the second Monday of every month at Fire Station No. 1, which is just north of Township Hall. There is a guest speaker at each meeting, including lawyers, accountants, and insurance and property management professionals. Everyone is welcome to attend the meet-

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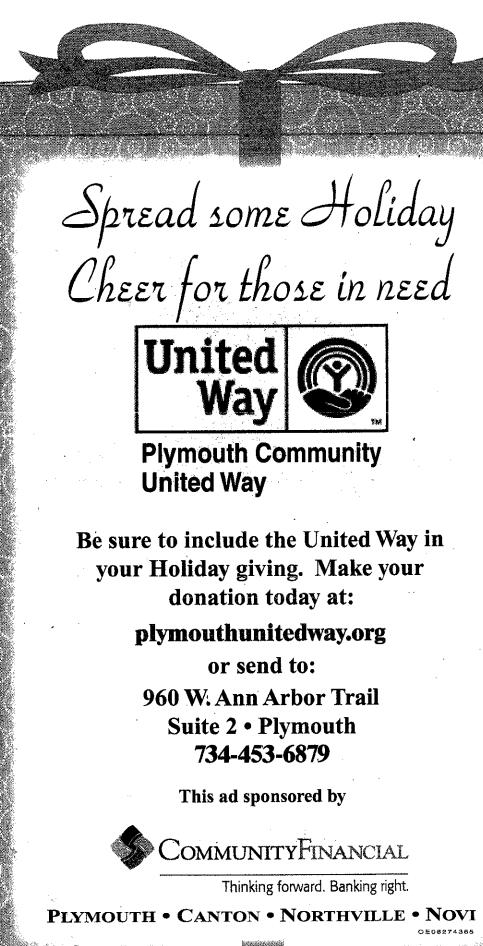
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Jan Woodford's third-grade class at Gallimore Elementary School raised some \$1,550 to help a Florida elementary school recover from hurricane damage.

Gallimore pitches in to help Florida hurricane victims

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When Gallimore Elementary teacher Jan Woodford saw her home in Port Charlotte, Fla. destroyed by Hurricane Charley on Friday, Aug. 13, she took solace in knowing she could leave her southern retreat and come back home to Michigan to carry on a normal life.

However, Woodford's ability to get away from the destruction of Charley didn't mean she forgot about those left behind.

"I was there seven days after the hurricane, but was able to board a plane and come home to Michigan," said Woodford, who teaches third grade. "When I went back in October to take care of business, I saw an elementary school that was condemned and saw how many children were still living in shelters, churches, wherever they could find a roof over their heads."

Woodford knew she had to do something, and with the help of the Principal Kevin Learned, staff members and hundreds of Gallimore students, a campaign was started to collect loose change for students at East Elementary in Punta Gorda, Fla., whose school had the roof ripped off by high winds, windows broken and collapsed walls.

The campaign, entitled "Your Small Change Can Make A Big Difference In Someone Else's Life," resulted in "Pennies from Heaven" for their counterparts in the storm-ravaged area. Just this week, after a five week campaign, Gallimore Elementary sent a check for \$1,550 to their new friends at East Elementary.

"I knew we'd get our goal of \$1,000 because

Zach Tavierne, 8, of Canton Township, wholike many students-donated some of his own money. "It was a good feeling, and everybody was excited about it. We hope they rebuild the school and get new books."

Madelyn Momano, 8, of Canton, said the project was a good idea.

"It was a good cause because we could help other people," said Momano, who helped fellow students count the donated change.

"It's sad for those families that had their houses wrecked," added Madelyn. "It's like you have a house you live in, and then it's destroyed. I just wouldn't imagine what it would be like if it was our house. That would be tough.

Woodford said when she originally presented the idea to Gallimore students, they instantly became excited.

"When I shared what happened with the kids, they immediately became more connected," Woodford said.

"They know there are other people far away that need us."

Along with the money, students made bookmarks and sent homemade cards. They'll also become pen pals with students in Punta Gorda, who now have to share an elementary school and attend class in shifts.

While the amount collected is far from what is needed to rebuild East Elementary, Principal Jack Stroup said he and his students appreciate any and all help that comes their way.

"Any sum is great if it's given from the heart," said Stroup. "It's just fantastic. We're very appreciative of everything they did."

every day people put money in the bucket," said tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 459-2700 Crash suspect waives exam

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

A 17-year-old Hazel Park woman charged with negligent homicide in the death of a Canton woman in an automobile accident waived her right to a preliminary exam in 35th District Court Friday.

Diane Kiriakus was bound over by Judge Ron Lowe for a Jan. 7 arraignment at Third Circuit Court. A \$5,000 personal bond was continued.

Kiriakus was driving a Jeep Liberty south on Haggerty between Cherry Hill and Palmer about 2 p.m. on Sept. 29 when her vehicle struck a car waiting to make a left turn onto Westfield. The impact forced that car into the northbound lane in the path of a semi truck that was heading

The driver of the other car. Uzma Nasir, 47, was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital where she later died.

Kiriakus was treated and released at St. Joseph Hospital. The driver of the semi was not injured.

Police said at the time that alcohol was not a factor in the accident. They also said there were no skid marks at the scene and that the speed appeared to be near or at the posted limit of 45 miles per

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Infant dies in local day care center

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BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Canton Police and officials from the Wayne County Prosecutor and Medical Examiner offices are investigating the death of a 3-month-old infant at a Canton home day care center.

The incident occurred on Monday, Dec. 6, when EMS technicians and police were called to the house on a report of an infant who was not breathing. The child was lying face-down in a playpen.

Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski said such investigations are standard operating procedure in the death of a child that young.

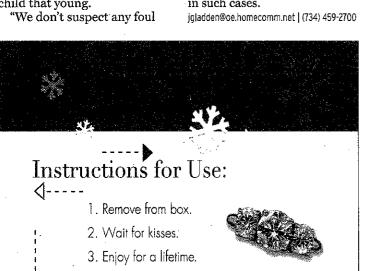
play," he said. "We don't think there was anything intention-

He said the woman who owns the house and runs the center is licensed by the state of Michigan to care for 12 children in her home. She also had an assistant working for her.

"There have never been any complaints about the center," he said.

He said an autopsy has already been done, but the cause of death has not been determined.

He said Wayne County has a special team that investigates cases of what appear to be sudden infant death syndrome. They do extensive investigation in such cases.



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Sherry L. Arebaugh, 45, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 2.

Doris C. Barkham, 80, of Rochester, died Nov. 30. Milma M. Bratton, 93, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 4. Patricia H. Breuning, 75, of Rochester, died Dec. 9. William F. Brown Jr., 98, of Auburn Hills, died Dec. 5.

Amy J. Capuano, 44, of Rochester Hills, died Nov. 25. Russell G. Carter, 89, of Rochester Hills, died Nov. 21. Grant Chamberlin Jr., 81, of Northville, died Nov. 25.

Robert R. Dildine, 82, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 3.

Margaret A. Foust, 76, of Royal Oak, died Nov. 19. Margaret E. Frank, 97, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 5.

Marguerite "Peggy" Osmun Gail, 92, of Hilton Head Island, S.C., died

Barbara J. Gerczak, 66, of Linden, formerly of Rochester, died Dec. 3.

Leonard, died Dec. 4.

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Ellie Rebecca Jakubowski, 3 months, of Plymouth, died Dec. 6.



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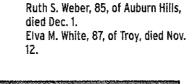
Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Community Life section in Passages on page C5.

Mildred G. Van Saw King, 91, formerly of Rochester, died Nov. 20. Charles M. Kleindl, 74, of Pontiac, died Dec. 1,

Albert A. Martin, 68, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 2. Mina Opal Maxwell, 80, died Dec. 7. Lasalle Stephen Mayes, 75, of Northville, died Dec. 7. Larry G. Miller, 64, of Rochester Hills, died Nov. 28.

Stella D. Rogalski, 85, of West Bloomfield, formerly of Livonia.

Kelly Vargo, 21, of Redford, died Sept. 21.



Historical touch: Rifle plates reflect county's past

STAFF WRITER

A Westland gun shop/firing range will be the only Michigan business to sell an exclusive line of rifles that commemorate Wayne County with engravings of historical landmarks.

Only 11 of the rifles -Winchester .45-caliber long Colts - will be made and sold.

The first-made rifle will cost \$3,895. The other 10 will have a \$3,295 price tag.

"It's not a gun you shoot. It's a gun you display," said Tommy Vaughan, part-owner of Firing Line and a retired Westland police lieutenant.

"That's the gun that won the West," he said, showing off the rifle inside the Firing Line, on Hix Road north of Ford. "That's John Wayne there."

The gold on the rifles is 24 karat, including the inside of the barrel. The wood is a high-grade American walnut with a satin

But it's the engravings on these rifles – made by Coloradobased Rocky Mountain Firearms - that makes them unique and irreplaceable.

The gold engravings include meticulously crafted drawings of the Ambassador Bridge, the Grosse Ile Lighthouse, the Edison Institute, the Wayne County Courthouse and a county map that shows such cities as Livonia, Dearborn, Hamtramck and Detroit, among others.

The wood engravings show Nankin Mills in Westland, Belle Isle and the Steamer Ste. Clair, and it notes Wayne County as the site of America's first state

fair in 1849 and as the stove capital of the world in 1893. Engraved writings include Henry Ford, Chicago Road, Colonel Broadhead, the Battle of Monguagon, Chief Tonquish

and the Fox Indian Massacre,

among other highlights. Each rifle will come with its own letter of authenticity and a custom, French-fitted case. Because of the price tag, the guns will be made only as a cus-

tomer places an order. Vaughan said four rifles already have sold, including one to a woman who is buying it for her gun-enthusiast husband for Christmas.

"These rifles are significant because they're made for Wavne County and they have all the historical highlights of what made Wayne County what it is," he said. Firing Line part-owner Donald Haigh, a retired Westland police sergeant, said he is considering getting one of the guns for himself.

After the guns are sold, Vaughan said Firing Line has plans to sell a series of revolvers that will match the rifles. The gun shop will have exclusive. rights to those, too.

Rocky Mountain Firearms already has made rifles for other Michigan counties, including Oakland, Washtenaw, Macomb and St. Clair.

Customers who buy the rifles might want to view it as an investment.

Said Vaughan: "The value of these guns will only go up as time goes on."



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"Perfection is his philosophy," Yeremian says of her father. "He is very, very picky

when he works."

Jewelry was always something Karjian was interested in, dating back to the time he was a little boy and helped his uncle who owned a jewelry store in Syria. Over the years, when he traveled around the world with his soccer teams, he made it a point to visit jewelry stores so he could learn the different techniques employed in

each country.

Karjian applies that oldworld training and know-how
to his work at Rosy's, where his
little wooden workbench and
antique-looking tools look
somewhat out of place among
the shiny glass, chrome and
jewels.

According to Yeremian, who lives in Canton, the store's specialty is the fact Karjian makes custom pieces right in the store, which fit each customer's preeds

needs.

"We can custom design a piece of jewelry, which differentiates us from many of the chain stores," she said. "People can bring in pictures of what they want, or just describe a piece, and my father can make

The store can usually have a custom piece finished in two to four weeks.

One technique that Karjian is known for is pavé, which are pieces with lots of small inset diamonds, all done by hand.

Yeremian said those pieces are very popular this holiday sea-

Karjian, who is actually of Armenian descent, came to America and the Detroit area in 1972, and opened his first jewelry store shortly thereafter in Southfield. He has owned several since. Yeremian recalls a childhood where the entire family would hang around the stores, helping Karjian conduct the business.

"My mom would pick us up from school, and we would go to the shop to help out," said Yeremian, who is a graduate of Livonia Clarenceville. "This business is all I know."

Although he has fond recollections of his soccer career overseas and his upbringing in Syria, Karjian doesn't have any regrets about his decision to come to America in 1972.

"Back then, everybody's dream was to come to America," Karjian says in his broken English.

Has the dream worked out as he hoped?

"Yep," Karjian says with a big smile.

Rosy's Jewelry Creations is located at 1705 Canton Center Road in the Centre Village Plaza. Currently, the store is running a number of specials for the holidays, as well as a contest where customers can earn points to win a number of prizes, including a 27-inch flat screen television. For store hours and other information, call (734) 844-1600.

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Rosy Yeremian and her father, Manuel Karjian, own Rosy's Jewelry Creations in Canton



Karjian (right) was able to meet many dignitaries during his long soccer career, including this encounter with T. E. Lawrence (a.k.a. Lawrence of Arabia) in 1950 in Lebanon.

Problems with budget inherent

BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

The state's financial problems are rooted in old thinking and will not improve no matter what turn the economy

That's the opinion of Tom Clay, a budget expert with the nonprofit Citizens Research Council of Michigan.

The state has been experiencing "significant" budget problems for five years, worse than anything since World War II. The economy is partly to blame, but revenue growth has not kept pace with expenditures.

Clay said the prime culprits are the corrections budget and Medicaid — accounting for \$4 billion-plus, almost half of the general fund. There are 50,000 people locked up and 1.4 million in the Medicaid system. Neither situation would improve if the economy were better.

Michigan is tougher on crime relative to neighboring states, all of which have a lower incarceration rate and sentence length for the same offenses. If the rate were comparable, Clay said, the savings would be \$300 million to

\$400 million per year.

The ongoing fiscal crisis has resulted in a 14 percent cut in the higher education budget

over the past two years, a \$300 million loss. And state revenue sharing to communities is down by 26 percent over four years, a loss of \$400 million per year. The state workforce has been cut by 14 percent (8,500 jobs) — resulting in the smallest workforce since

Unfortunately, Clay said even if the economy picks up, spending is still going to outpace revenues.

The big problem is the state has a structural rather than cyclical budget deficit. In short, no matter what the economy does, spending pressure will grow faster than rev-

This is because the tax structure is geared for the 1950-70 era, when half of all state jobs were in manufacturing. The bulk of taxes are on goods (physical, hold-in-your-hands merchandise). Now, 80 percent of all jobs in Michigan are service-related.

If the structure were more balanced — as most states' are — revenues would grow more in line with expenditures. To change things will require political will on the part of elected officials, Clay said.

The Citizens Research Council of Michigan is a private, not-for-profit public affairs research organization established in 1916.

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point. It was an undisclosed amount."

According to a statement issued by Canton Police, the initial investigation shows that a series of similar burglaries has taken place in the Toledo, Ohio, area in the past six to eight months. In addition, several other communities in metro Detroit have also experienced similar break-ins.

The store was closed Friday while employees took inventory to determine exactly how much jewelry had been taken.

"Hopefully we'll be open again on Tuesday morning," Robin said. "We hope to have most of our stock replaced by then."

It was the first break-in at the store, which just celebrated its fourth anniversary in Canton.

Robin said she knew that several other businesses in the

metro area have been burglarized in a similar manner. And she's appealing to the community for help.

"We know there were several cars traveling on Canton Center Road between 4:45 and 5 a.m. Thursday," she said. "If anyone saw someone pulling into or out of our parking lot about that time, we're asking them to call Canton Police. If anyone saw anything, they should call the police."

Ironically, the store had just

issued several gift certificates offering customers discounts on merchandise for the

upcoming Christmas holidays.
"We hope to be back in business on Tuesday so we can honor those certificates,"
Robin said.

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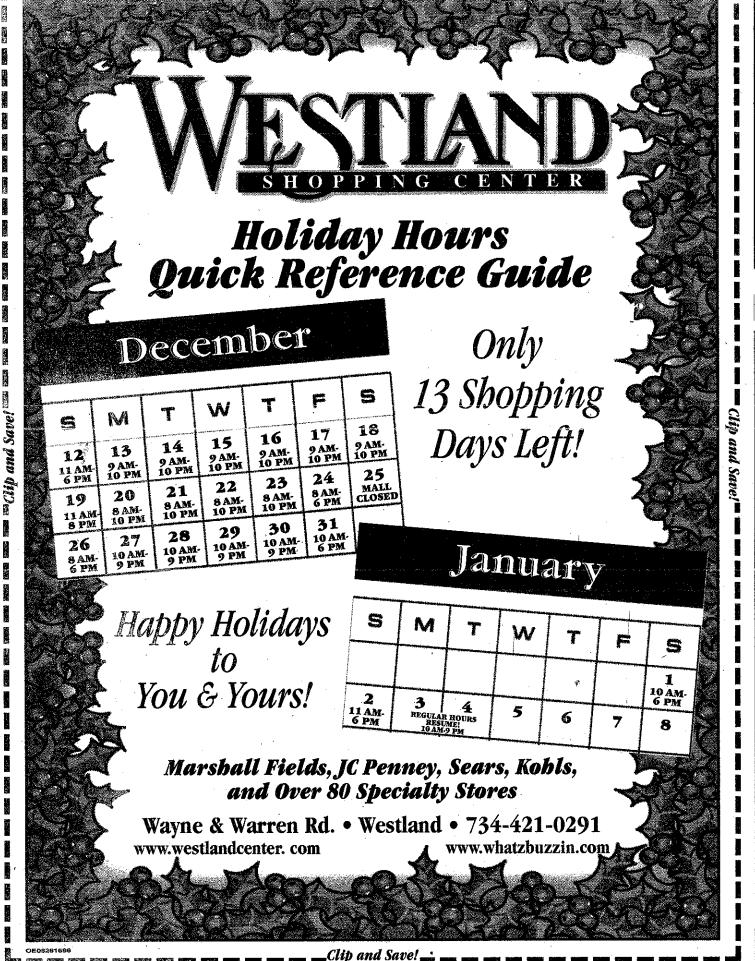
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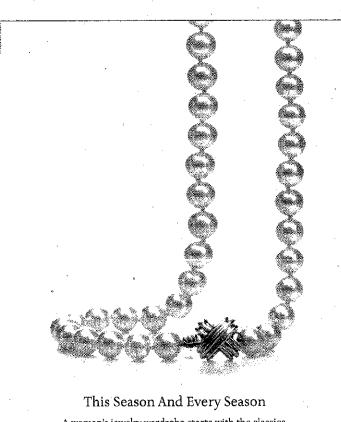
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Frustrated legislators eye solutions College has 'wiggle room'

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, December 12, 2004

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Bruce Patterson said he's frustrated with efforts by the state legislature to remedy funding issues, so he's taking matters into his own

"As of Friday, I started contacting credible business people and other leaders to establish a task force to study the whole issue of revenues," said Patterson, "in the context of the purported shortage in school funding, municipal funding, road funding and corrections funding.

"I'm now satisfied the members of both the House and Senate appropriations committees have failed us," added Patterson, (R-Canton Township). "Rather than leave this very important topic to the appropriation committee members, who obviously haven't done a good job, I'm going to step in and try to find a solu-

Patterson, who has not been a member of the appropriations committee during his four years in the House and two in the Senate, said he wants to enlist people like Dick Scott, owner of Dick Scott Dodge in Plymouth; David Brandon, CEO of Domino's Pizza; and Jim Ryan, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Schools.

Budget woes are an inherent part of state funding, according to experts. News, Page A7,

Patterson said that he'll sign up a few of his colleagues, but he's essentially forming the task force himself

"Rather than keep it incestuously within the beltway, I'm going to go out into the real world," said Patterson. "I'm going to get people who are problem solvers with people who state there is a problem and establish a goal. How much money should be going to municipalities? What is full funding for schools?

Patterson said the task force idea isn't new. He did the same thing with his committee to investigate electric restructuring and reform in the state

"Are we going to raise taxes? Are we going to raise fees? Are we going to get more efficient?" asked Patterson. "It doesn't fit neatly into a box. Let's think outside the box."

State Rep. Phil Lajoy, R-Canton Township, agrees with Patterson, say ing "we have to look at things differently."

"In the past, we've always looked at just making cuts, and have never looked at how much money we had to spend and our priorities," said Lajoy.

"We have to do it early. We've always waited to the very end, with the result drastic cuts or increasing

Lajoy said he wants to protect the school aid fund, and understands that communities can't live without revenues. He suggests it's time for the state to look in the mirror.

"I have a bill that I'll introduce after the first of the year to look at consolidations," said Lajoy, "like payroll functions throughout state government, finance, accounting, equipment, rent, all costs. We need to make changes, leaving no stone unturned."

Lajoy, who spent 35 years in the private sector in human resources and as owner of his own business, earlier introduced a bill to consolidate human resource departments in state government. It got through the House and Senate, but was vetoed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

"I don't agree with the way we've been doing things the past couple of years," said Lajoy. We need to come up with new and creative ways of doing government. Otherwise, we'll end up in the same situation."

State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, did not return repeated calls seeking comment. tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net (734) 459-2700

Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress says the college has some "wiggle room" if cuts are made in state funding because of a successful employee buyout plan earlier this

But unless something is done to fix the state's budget problems, Jeffress said the college will have to start looking at other options, including tuition increases.

"Last year we made a deal with the governor and Legislature that if we held our tuitions to the 2-3 percent level, we would be held harmless in the next cuts," Jeffress said. "However, there is talk they will not be able to keep their word. There may be an \$800 million shortfall in 2005-06."

A budget shortfall of \$350 million

is expected for the current 2004-05 budget year that began Oct. 1. Last year, Schoolcraft College received an \$11,297,400 appropriation from the state, just over 20 percent of the college's operating budget. "We haven't laid off anyone with

past cuts. It depends on how big a cut you receive," Jeffress said. "What we did in anticipation of the state's budget cut is we offered buyouts."

In the current crisis, Jeffress said the "wiggle room" created by the buyouts will probably keep the college from any layoffs, but may keep the college from replacing staff.

Jeffress said he's concerned that the

college can't continue to take cuts in

its operating budget. "We obviously are looking at tuition

hikes," he said. He said the college is also developing classes and programs that will bring in revenue, rather than going to taxpayers for a millage increase at a time when other government entities are also seeking more revenue.

One source of unexpected income is the success of VisTaTech, a high-tech center rented out to area businesses for conferences and workshops.

"Normally a project takes three years of operations before you break even, but I'm actually ahead. It's taken in a half million (dollars) more revenue than we expected," Jeffress said.

Rising retirement payments and health care insurance premiums are a concern for the college.

"I would be grateful for zero percent increase (in state funding), I would see that as a blessing, but not if I have 10-12 percent increases in insurance and retirement," Jeffress said.

The state needs to make some tough decisions on taxes and spending, he said. He said it can't continue to do all it does.

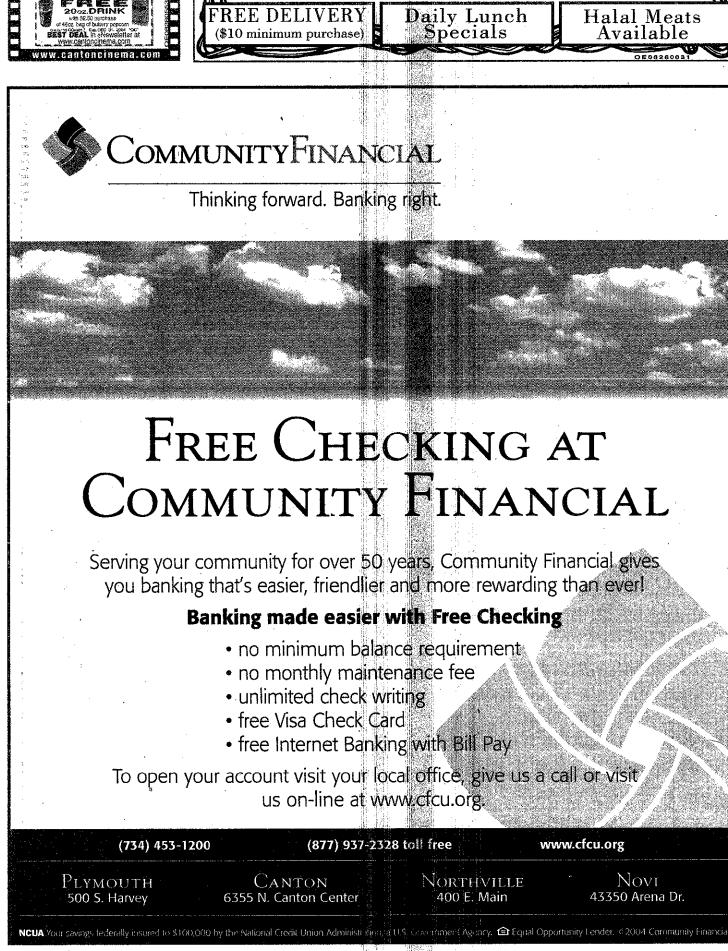
He said the dependence on a sales tax has caused the structural problem during recent difficult economic times.

He said the state needs a revenue source that can be counted on during hard times while preserving some form of sales tax to benefit when economic times are good.

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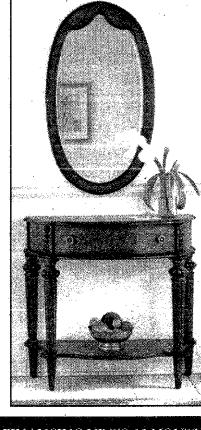
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Communities concerned state's deficit is their loss

BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

With the state running a deficit of several hundred million dollars, local municipalities are looking warily to Lansing for its next move.

And while Gov. Jennifer Granholm has promised school funding is off the table, community leaders have a sinking feeling that the state's financial woes will be paid — in one way or another — at city halls everywhere.

Canton Township Director of Finance Anthony Minghine said the state got fat during the boom times of the 1990s and didn't pay attention to the storm on the horizon.

"During the last part of the Engler term, the writing was on the wall," he said. "They believed the economy would come back."

Fresh from a state budget conference, he said the state is working with 1996 revenue levels dollar for dollar (not adjusted for inflation). What's making the local communities scream, he said, is what they've done to try to bring the state out of the hole.

"They went to a 6-cent sales tax, telling us it would be a stable revenue source for communities and schools to count on," Minghine said. "When the fluctuations occurred, they took hundreds of millions out

of the sales tax pool." Even in communities like Canton, which is doing fairly well economically, the squeeze from on high is causing problems. As of the 2000 census there were 76,000 people in the township. Although population there is now estimated to be closer to 85,000, the township has had to maintain a hiring freeze to keep finances in line. It's not a cut in services and no one has been told not to come back to work after the holiday, but population growth without a subsequent expan-

and drain, on the system.

He said the feeling of optimism in Lansing has subsided now that everyone realizes an economic rebound — even a profound one — isn't going to help. What needs to happen, he said, is the entire tax structure has to be re-evaluated from the ground up.

sion of support staff is a strain,

"The problem is systemic,"

Minghine said. "They have to look at how the state is taxed from businesses to individuals. They need to start with a clean sheet of paper and decide what the state is supposed to do."

He's concerned that the state might eventually phase out revenue sharing altogether.

"It's like they believe if they have problems, everyone should," he said.

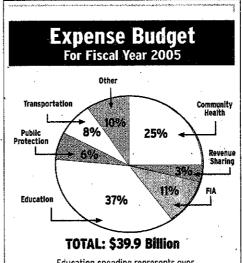
Oakland County Director of Management and Budget Laurie Van Pelt said the key to weathering rough financial seas is foresight.

"We saw this coming," she said. "We budget for two years at a time so we were able to make adjustments."

The county instituted a hiring freeze, arranged for early retirements and in all put 175 separate measures into effect before the hard economic times became apparent. As a result, it has been able to avoid layoffs and cuts to county programs

In short, early pessimism spared the county from the state's financial fate.

"The county was being conservative," Van Pelt said. "We would rather plan for the



TOTAL: \$39.9 Billion

Education spending represents over 37% of the total state budget.

Source: OBDGG, CM, 10/22/04

worst-case scenario and be pleasantly surprised than have

a shortfall."
Conversely, she said the state has been too optimistic about the direction of the economy and Lansing is paying for it now. State leaders assumed the economy would turn around and generate more jobs, something that hasn't happened.

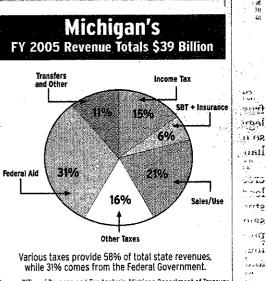
"Now, they estimate it will take 40 quarters, 10 years, to recover (jobs) to year 2000 levels," she said.

With the general fund balance, the school aid fund balance and the budget stabilization fund gone, she doesn't know how the state is going to pull out of its current crisis. She likened the situation to a person who is raiding their savings to keep up with

expenses without considering cutting the amount of outgoing

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cash. Privatization might help the state. Van Pelt mentioned Oakland County has saved quite a bit of money by outsourcing food service in the jailors system. What concerns her is most the suspicion that's not the route the state will take.

"We're concerned that the longer they wait to address the cit problem, the more likely it is that they'll turn to revenues," two she said.

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that. They see there's a budget problem and they go about whacking."

As far as the state's promise to spare schools any cuts in state aid, even though there's a \$100 million shortfall in the School State Aid Fund, Yack was skeptical.

"Typically the School Aid
Fund is in a deficit mode, so
they transfer from the general
fund to the school fund," he
said. "Then there's a hole they
have to plug in the general
fund. When you start to have
hold-harmless areas the size of

the school aid fund, to balance the books you're going to have to decimate state services and some local revenue sharing."

While Yack said Canton will weather the storm, that doesn't mean that everything is business as usual.

"We'll just continue not hiring," he said. "We continue to get 1,500 new residents a year and the folks who work for the township will just have to work harder. Our goal is to maintain what we have. We're not adding any new projects."

One new project not being added is the plan to develop Patriot Park, the 130-acre site at Ford and Ridge roads. "That's not even on the horizon," he said. "To fully develop it would cost about \$8 million. Even if it were \$2 million we wouldn't do it. We'll maintain what we have, making sure the roofs don't leak and the parking lots are taken care of."

He said they are also cutting corners where they can.

"We lost our golf pro at Pheasant Run," he said. "We've eliminated that slot. We've given some additional responsibilities to a couple of people and gave them a small raise. That probably saved us about \$60,000 to \$70,000."

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Alyssa MacIntosh, 13, of Westland has her face painted as a Dalmatian by Janice Priest, who was Lovely the Clown at the Burger Center winter carnival.

Christmas delight

Burger carnival has Disney theme

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

"When you wish upon a star, it makes no difference who you

Those song lyrics from Pinocchio were especially meaningful at the annual holiday carnival at Burger Center for Students of Autism Thursday, where those famous lyrics were the event's theme.

"There are different stars in our world," said Colleen Polin, Bürger teacher and chairwoman of the carnival committee. At Burger, the 350 students and 200 staff members are stars, too, she said.

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The school became a feast for the senses as hallways, classrooms, multipurpose room and gym were transformed into hubs of activity.

There was a variety of craftmaking activities, a petting farm, Detroit Tiger Nate Robertson autographing baseballs and other items, face painting, visits with Santa, inflatable toys students could play inside of and even pinball machines.

Judy Walsh, one of Burger's associate directors, said many of the activities actually were lessons in disguise.

"A lot of the activities involve sharpening skills that a lot of



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Shawn Agge, 7, couldn't wait to talk to Santa.

kids need to work on," Walsh said, referring to fine motor skills, writing and dealing with the concepts of "in" and "on."

By making personalized gift bags, frosting cookies, stringing beads onto yarn to make necklaces and coloring gingerbread houses, they had a chance to sharpen these skills.

The Jack Russo family and Larry Berman are benefactors for the annual carnival. A big "thank you" for their generosity was prominently displayed inside the gym.

The Russos have been providing spring and Christmas parties and helping with projects at the center for more than 15 years. They became involved in the center after Jack heard about it from his barber, who had a relative at Burger.

"They (donate the money) out of the goodness of their hearts," Polin said, adding that they do not have children in school.

Polin said a highlight of the event was former student Michael Gilbert, 26, singing "What a Wonderful World."



Cody Cheft, 9, made a penguin mask at the winter carnival.

"He sounded just like Satchmo," she said.

Ken Kajowski was one of an estimated 100 volunteers and helpers at the carnival. He was guiding students through the process of frosting sugar cookies. His daughter, Natalie Kajowski, is a teacher at the Burger Annex.



Garden City High School Key Club members dressed in Disney costumes for the Burger Center Winter Carnival. With a theme of 'When You Wish Upon a Star,' Linsey Dodge came as Bessie from 'Down on the Range' (from left), Kristy Wilson as Jafar from 'Aladdin' and Matt Fitzgibbon as the Genie from 'Aladdin.'

The honesty of the students always moves him, he said. "What you see with them is what you get," he said.

He wasn't the only one noticing the candor of the Burger students. Gordy Dorey, Vietnam veteran and member of Vietnam Veterans of America's Plymouth-Canton chapter, said that showing up in uniform was a good conversation starter for the kids.

Some thanked us one sort and our country, said house a former Marine who served 1968-1969. Garden City High School Key Club members dressed in costume for the event.

"I think all the arts and crafts (are the best part of the event)," said Key Club member Brittany Mouzourakis. Polin said an estimated 650 people, including Burger's 350 students from throughout Wayne County, 200 staff members and 100 volunteers made the event a success.

We wanted to create a day that the children will remember forever," she said.

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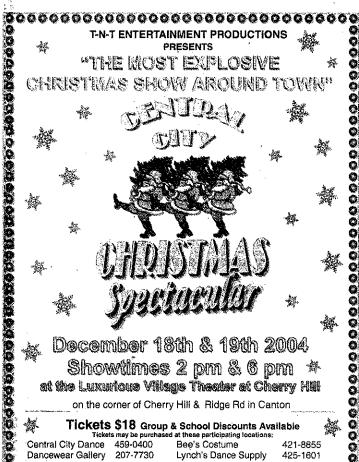
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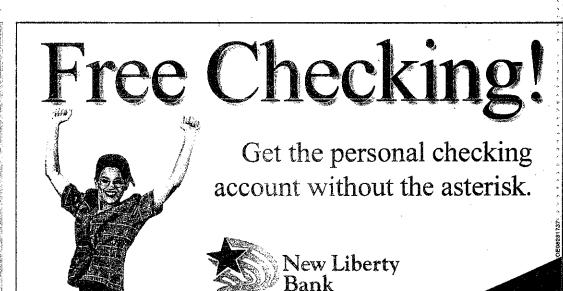
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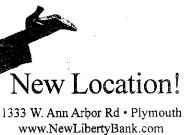
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an Cantle has coped with snakes and swans and your odd peacock, potbellied pigs and legions of iguanas.

But she won't ever forget the armadillo. "Someone in Westland was keeping it in a drawer and it tunneled out," so eventually it was brought, as are thousands of illegal or discarded exotic pets, to the Michigan Humane Society's wildlife department in this northern Detroit suburb.

*It is safe to say that when she was a little girl in England, Jan,



who now manages the Humane Society's Rochester Hills shelter, never imagined she would be dealing with

the problems of a south-Lessenberry western mammal far away from his native soil.

But she was resourceful. She found a sanctuary in Oklahoma that would agree to take the 'dillo, who by that time everyone was calling Chuck. Finding an airline that would take him was a trifle harder, but one finally surfaced. Armadillos, however, have to fly in a specially made carrier of a precise size. So they found someone to build one.

Then all that mattered was Chuck's ticket — \$200 or so and he was off.

"That's one story that has a happy ending," she laughed with a lilting British accent. Too many other stories don't.

For in this throwaway society, too many people regard animals as disposable. If Easter is the season people buy pet bunny rabbits, this is the season they dump them off at the Humane Society.

"We keep all the ones we have space for," she said. Thirteen came in one recent dav. Jennifer Sullivan, a young woman who gave up a real salary and a potential career in TV production to work for the Humane Society, became a foster parent to a mother and four babies, taking them to her small apartment so they wouldn't have to be destroyed.

Welcome to Michigan's Ellis Island for animals. Tragically, their efforts amount to barely a drop in the bucket. Contrary to what most people believe, the Michigan Humane Society, which serves perhaps 100,000 animals annually on a shoestring budget of \$10 million, doesn't get a dime of tax dol-

Instead it "depends 100 percent on the support of individuals as well as businesses," said Cal Morgan, the Society's executive director.

"Without this support, we would not be able to continue our cruelty investigation and rescue services or animal sheltering operations," he said. Not to mention the humane education programs or veterinary services, he added.

Nor do they really operate statewide. People can and do bring in animals, particularly injured wild animals, from as far away as Traverse City or Monroe. Some dogs even came in as a result of the Florida hurricanes. But their anti-cruelty "animal cops," who are featured regularly on TV's Animal Planet, only venture into Detroit, Highland Park and Hamtramck.

They have three major shelters, in Detroit, Rochester Hills and Westland, where they serve perhaps 100,000 animals a year. But that's just a drop in the ocean, noted Amy Johnson, the Society's volunteer coordinator and community relations specialist. The state is being overrun with colonies of feral (wild) cats.

The estimates are that there are as many feral cats as house cats in the country," she said. Many are sick and ill-nourished. Even their kittens cannot be domesticated in any real sense. When they come to the shelter, they have to be put down, as do any and all pit bulls. "No, not all of them are

vicious, but they have been bred for fighting," said Jennifer Rowell, who manages the Detroit shelter, where animals are crammed into every nook and cranny of a century-old building where the Humane Society has been sheltering animals since the depths of the

Great Depression. For some, there is a happy ending. Nearly all the puppies and kittens considered adoptable go home with someone, minus their ability to reproduce. In the last few years, there seem to be fewer unwanted puppies being born, though the lives of many are nasty, brutish and short in the grim streets of Detroit, where large sums are bet in secret, illegal exhibitions where pit bull terriers fight to the death.

But the Michigan Humane Society, which is in the process of building a new shelter in Westland, needs all the help it can get. Log on to www.michiganhumane.org and get a load of what it needs, and how you can help. Or call (248) 852-7420. One minor way is by not keeping so-called exotic animals. Every year, the Society has to dispose of many unwanted baby alligators, who have no business in Michigan.

As for Chuck the armadillo ... some time later, Jan Cantle got a picture from Oklahoma. Not of Chuck, but of a hole he had dug for himself. Not a hole in a dresser drawer, or in a cage, but in his natural climate. And every time she thinks of that, it makes her happy.

Elephant update: Remember Wanda and Winky, the elephants the Detroit Zoo wanted to send to a sanctuary, a move opposed by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, which wanted to send them to Columbus? Detroit won, and the pachyderms will live out their old age in a sanctuary in California.

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A playful 'animal companion' adopts a couple of 'guardians'

pparently "pet owner" is politically incorrect.

A helpful press release from the Michigan Humane Society gives tips on how "companion animal guardians" should care for their "companion animals" during winter's cold and nasty weather.



Hugh Gallagher

I understand. The new phrasing is more accurate if a bit tortuous to get the tongue around. If cats could laugh,

Buddy would be rolling in the aisles

(or at least on the grass) at the notion that he was owned by anybody.

Five years ago, my wife and I had just returned from a long autumn weekend up north. Sitting on the porch was a handsome orange and white cat. He was strikingly good looking with a soft butterscotch back coat and snow white front. His face, with large green eyes and a flawless blend of his two-tone coloring, was richly expressive.

"Where did you come from?" my wife asked. That was probably the tipping point. Once a conversation was started and she stared into those green eyes, she was hooked.

The cat held back a bit. He seemed healthy and well cared for, obviously somebody's pet (sorry, companion). We went to the store to get some canned food to feed him, thinking he'd wander back home. Then day after day we'd come home to find him emerging from under our front porch, waiting for his new friends and his food. We took him into the

house. We searched for his "guardians" with ads, phone calls. As October turned into chilly November, we decided

we'd better keep him. From the first I called him buddy, little buddy, bud. So after my wife suggested just calling him cat and I suggested some overly sentimental moniker, she said, "You call

him Buddy, so Buddy it is."

We took Buddy to the vet, who confirmed that he was about 15 months old, neutered and had probably had his shots, though we revaccinated him. He knew what a litter box was all about. He scratched, but he wasn't destructive. He didn't hiss. He was polite, playful,

intelligent. Cats don't drape you with love the way a dog will do. They don't suck up to you, waiting for you to give a little in return. But not all cats are aloof, indifferent, cold-blooded animals as some would have you believe.

Buddy knew friends when he saw them. He adopted us, not the other way around.

He enjoyed the outdoors, but he was obviously more an indoor cat. We didn't feel right keeping him indoors all the time, so we worked out a deal. He's mostly an indoor cat who goes out.

Outdoors, he maintains a small kingdom within our condominium complex. He hangs with a couple of other local cats (usually they stare a lot at each other, though recently I've seen them nuzzle affectionately — remember he's neutered). He loves flowers, hedges where he can hide, a spot on the back porch where he can stalk the wildlife that he has occasionally captured, given a friendly pat and sent on their way. He loves to scare himself and make mad dashes for the door. He has been really frightened by a raccoon and frightened a few animals him-

He hates the wind and getting his feet wet, though he enjoys a good five minutes out in brisk winter air.

But mostly, he's an indoor cat. Like the Beatles, he follows the sun. He luxuriates in

the sun, stretching, yawning, lapping it in. From the beginning he's enjoyed playing, mouse around the room, his ing behind a couch and waiting to pounce or leaping and twisting as the feather hover above his head. chasing a feather or a toy above his head. He will often initiate the play, rubbing my legs to get my attention then going to a feather and rolling around with it until I understand it's time to get up and play the game (humans can be so slow sometimes). He hates vacuum cleaners, but he loves to scamper under the covers when we make up the

At night he often, but not always, joins us and snuggles up close after making it clear that it is getting late and we really should be going to bed. Then he wakes up much too early and persistently lets us know that it's time to get a

He's leery of the grandson. We believe an unfortunate Christmas encounter with a young grand-niece has made him permanently wary of lit-tle children. But there seems to be a bit of jealousy, too.

So we are definitely not "pet owners." Buddy is a friend. This time of year, many

people like to "buy" a "pet" for their children. But the new terminology makes it clear that we're really guardians of companions for whom we have a responsibility. Christmas is probably a little too chaotic for introducing an animal into family life. And it's never the children that "guard" the new family mem-

The Humane Society advises giving instead an IOU and selecting a new companion (preferably from a shelter) after the holidays.

Then go and select the right companion to adopt you.

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Canton's 'D' silences Wildcats, 40-24

STAFF WRITER

Canton's basketball team used a memorable defensive effort Friday night to put the brakes on a forgettable losing streak to Novi.

The Chiefs thoroughly frustrated the smaller Wildcats and ran off with a 40-24 victory. Novi had knocked off Canton in the two teams' four previous meetings, including the most-recent matchup in last season's 2004 Class A district tournament.

Novi sank just nine shots from the

field against a defense that featured unyielding perimeter pressure and the interior dominance of senior post players Kevin Thornton and Julian Smith.

"That was the best defensive game we've played in the two years I've been here," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. With Kevin and Julian back there, it allows our guards to put good pressure on their perimeter players:

"Kevin played very well tonight. Even when he doesn't score a lot, he has an effect on the game with his defensive presence and shot-blocking ability. He did a nice job of offensive rebounding

tonight, too. He really went to the glass

Thornton (16 points, 16 rebounds and four blocks) and Smith (10 and 5) were a two-man wrecking crew in the paint for the Chiefs. Most of their points came after they received passes from Canton guards Andy Cortellini, David Calille and Jason Houdek, who broke down the Wildcats' defense with regularity.

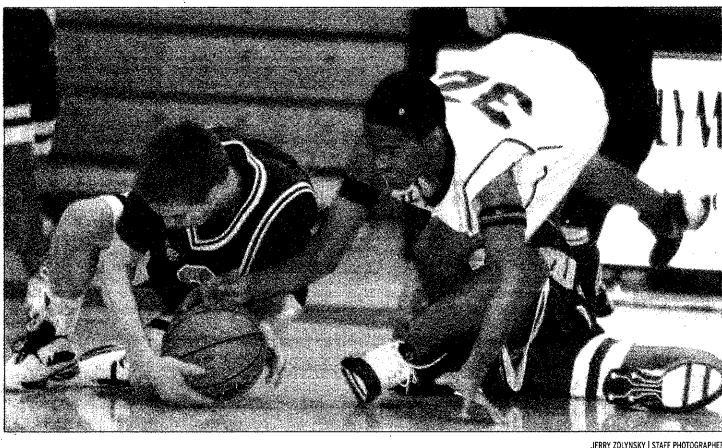
"We didn't play well at all, but their two big guys had a lot to do with that," said Novi coach Pat Schluter. "They got way too many offensive rebounds, plus they were getting most of the loose balls.

"I thought we played a decent defensive game, but offensively we have a lot of work to do."

Calille finished with nine points and six rebounds for Canton.

Senior guard Anthony Harbin paced the Wildcats with 10 points. He was the lone Novi player to hit double-figures in scoring. It appeared as if 6-5 senior center Mark Moore was going to have a productive night when he scored six quick points in the second quarter. But Thornton and Smith were instrumental

PLEASE SEE WILDCATS, B2



Plymouth's D.J. Coleman scrambles for a loose ball during the first half of Friday night's game against Lincoln Park. The hustling Coleman finished with 13 points and five steals in the Wildcats' 54-40 victory.

No problem

Inexperienced 'Cats' hammer Railsplitters

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Inexperience and the lack of senior leadership could pose problems for the underclassmen-only Plymouth basketball team as it perseveres through its challenging schedule this season.

But it was the Wildcats who made life problematic for more-seasoned Lincoln Park Friday night in their 54-40 victory in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

The win boosted Plymouth's record to 2-1. The game was the seasonopener for the Railsplitters.

"It's nice to win, but we still have a long way to go," admitted Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "We had decent ball movement against their zone, but we shot poorly from the

PLEASE SEE HAMMER, B2

coach gives seniors nod

See All-Area Football team, Page B4.

BY BRAD EMONS

Observerland Coach of the Year John Filiatraut deflects much of the credit away from himself when it comes to the success of Livonia

Churchill's 2004 football team.



The 8-4 Chargers earned their first playoff berth since 1978 and reached the third round of the Division I state playoffs before falling to Sterling

Heights Stevenson. Filiatraut, however,

certainly deserves accolades as he guided the Chargers to their first winning season since 1986 and their first win over rival Livonia Stevenson since 1989 (in the first round of the playoffs). "We had two ingredients," Filiatraut said. "First, we had a senior heavy, great class, a good bunch of decent kids who played well together.

"And we also had a great staff, which was kept entirely together from the previous year. They work as hard as anybody in our league and they enjoy kids."

Among those on Filiatraut's varsity staff is offensive coordinator Floyd Carter, who has over 29 years as a head coach at Wayne Memorial and Dearborn Heights Crestwood; brother-in-law Ron Targosz, who played with Filiatraut on Dearborn Divine Child's 1985 state Class B championship team; Matt Fryer, who spends endless hours with the players in the weight room; and Dave Simpson.

Two men had a profound impact on Filiatraut, who coached four seasons at Divine Child before taking over the head coaching spot at Churchill when he replaced Steve Naumcheff.

One was former Divine Child head coach Wes Wishart, along with former Melvindale head coach and former DC defensive coordinator Dale

Top football | Chief icers outskate Knights, 8-2

The Walled Lake Northern Knights got kinged by the Canton hockey team Friday night at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena.

The Chiefs scored three goals in both the second and third periods on the way to a rousing 8-2 victory over the overmatched Knights. The win improved Canton's record to 4-1 overall and 3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Canton led just 2-1 after one period before the onslaught ensued over the final 30 minutes.

Three Chiefs turned in two-goal games: Paul Stevens, Bryan Wioncek 🐞 and Brad Barath.

Stevens added two assists and

Wioncek had one helper.

Pat Gallagher and Mike Kondratek scored the final two goals for the Chiefs. Tony Hylko and Jon Bonham split time in net for the winners.

On Wednesday, Reece McCabe scored three times and added one assist as the Chiefs downed host Livonia Franklin (2-1, 1-1) in a WLAA-Western Division game at Eddie Edgar Arena.

Pat Davison and Kondratek also scored for Canton, which pulled away in the final period with a pair of goals. Wioncek contributed three assists.

Hvlko was stellar in net, stopping 25 of 27 Franklin shots.

Franklin tallied both of its goals in the second period, cutting the deficit to 3-2

at 12:52 on Dan Kozlowski's power-play goal from Steve South and goalie Austin Mesler (19 saves). Matt Sgriccia also scored a power-play goal at 8:21 of the same period from Garrett Radford and Alex Chisholm. Franklin played the final three min-

utes short-handed.

"All the boys skated hard and played hard, but we made too many mistakes," said Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt, whose team converted only two-of-nine powerplay chances.

Canton had six power-plays. The Chiefs return to the ice Wednesday when they host cross-campus rival Salem in an 8 p.m. game at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena.

Slam sandwich

Belleville notches 2nd win vs. WLAA opponent

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Belleville made its second stop on its tour of the Western Lakes Activities Association Friday night at Westland John Glenn and won another boys basketball game in convincing fashion, 76-58.

The state-ranked Tigers, who opened their season last Tuesday with a 61-35 triumph over visiting Salem, can complete their hat trick of WLAA with a win this Tuesday at Wayne Memorial.

Glenn, which stayed close for a half, dropped to 0-2 on the year.

But the Rockets simply had no answers for Belleville's talented junior duo of Leon Freeman, who finished with a game-high 33 points, and Tommie Clark, who added 20.

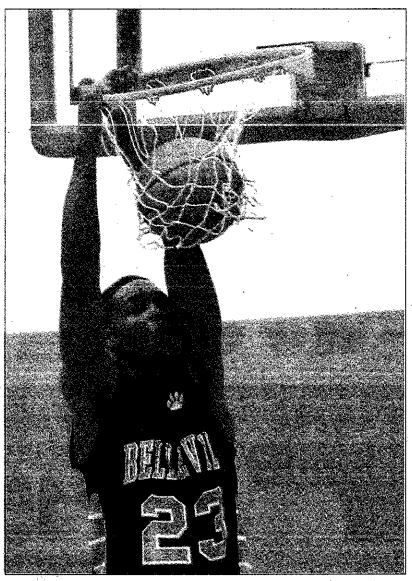
Glenn's senior forward Barry Eberhardt scored eight of his team-high 20 points in the first quarter as the Rockets led 16-12.

But the tide turned late in the first half when coach Mike Krogel elected to play a zone defense.

"We worked on it a lot for two reasons," Krogel said of the zone. "Number one, teams zone us a lot. And number two, it's gotten us out of problems in the past. Last year we got a win against (Detroit) DePorres with it, and we also used it against Detroit Redford with success."

In the zone, Belleville decided to front the 6-6 Eberhardt and it worked to perfection, particularly in the third quarter as the Tigers, who led 29-26,

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Belleville's Tommie Clark slams home two of his 20 points in Friday night's 76-58 triumph over Westland John Glenn.

Szczechowski excels

Plymouth resident Stefani Szczechowski, a former All-State goalie for Livonia Ladywood and a current net-minder at the University of Wisconsin, was named to the Big Ten Conference's All-Academic team recently.

Szczechowski, a sophomore majoring in engineering, recorded two shutouts in her five starts this season. The soccer standout was voted All-State three times while at Ladywood.

Ocelots roll

Martin Samarco and Ty Scott had 27 and 26 points, respectively, for Schoolcraft College Friday night as the Ocelots blasted the host Alma College JV team.

Courtney Williams (18 points), Jamaal Lock (16) and Jarred Axon (10) aiso reached double-digits for visiting Schoolcraft (9-1). The Ocelots led 53-31

at the intermission. Belleville's Martin Samarco scored a gamehigh 29 points on 12-of-15 shooting from the floor in Wednesday's Schoolcraft

tory visit-College of Detroit (4-6). Jamaal Lock added 18 points, seven rebounds

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and six blocks for the victorious Ocelots, who led 45-29 at halftime. Other contributions came from Ty Scott, 17 points and five rebounds; Courtney Williams, 15 points and nine rebounds; Genois Safford

(Wayne Memorial), 10

points and six steals);

Jarred Axon, eight points; and Glenn Garrant (Livonia Clarenceville), six points and seven rebounds. Schoolcraft shot 57.3 percent from the floor (43-of-75), including 7-of-15 from three-point

percent). Lady Crusaders win

range. The Ocelots made

12-of-18 free throws (66

A balanced offensive attack lifted Madonna University's women's basketball team to a 75-59 victory Wednesday night over host Wayne State University. Leading the Lady

Crusaders (4-7) were Amy Henry and Sarah Thomson, who both registered 16 points. Adding 11 each were Stephanie Childs and Lydia Prusinowski, while Martina Franklin and Jackie Pingston chipped in with eight apiece. For the Lady Warriors

(2-5), Nicole Rogers and Kristen Rogers tallied seven and six points, respectively.

Madonna led 43-38 at the intermission and broke the game wide open in the second half. The Lady Crusaders helped their cause by hitting on 50 percent of their shots from the floor (28-56).

Clarenceville too much for PCA

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BY RICHARD L. SHOOK CORRESPONDENT

Speed isn't a great equalizer in basketball, it's a great edge. Livonia Clarenceville had the quickness advantage Friday

night and used it to outrace Plymouth Christian Academy, 63-47.

"We're going to out-quick a lot of people," coach Kevin Murphy of Clarenceville (2-0) said. "We fly to the ball pretty good."

'We didn't do a good job of handling the basketball," Coach Doug Taylor of Plymouth Christian (1-1) said. "They ended up dictating the tempo in the first half."

The visiting Trojans sped to a 30-20 halftime lead and withstood a strong third-quarter push by the Eagles.

Plymouth Christian got a basket and a pair of free throws from leading scorer Aaron Ciborowski (21 points) to cut the deficit to 30-24 1:20 into the second half.

But Bruno Shkreli made a layup and Ray Gardner made a three-pointer to keep Clarenceville in control.

"As bad as we handled the ball in the first half, we were only down 10," Taylor said. "The third quarter was our best quarter. We made three or four good passes at the start of the third quarter. We were more patient.

"But then we got sucked back into playing the game at Clarenceville's pace."

The Trojans re-fashioned a

The visiting Trojans sped to a. 30-20 halftime lead.

41-30 margin but then missed five straight shots, three of them three-pointers, and the Eagles got a three-point play from Ciborowski and a triple from Stephen Sumner to close to 41-37.

Donnie Carson, who led Clarenceville with 22 points, drove the lane for a stabilizing layup with 25 seconds to play in the third quarter and the Trojans got a steal leading to a layup by Gardner with 14 seconds left and the lead was back to 45-37.

"That took our momentum away," Taylor said.

Gardner played a sharp game at the point for Clarenceville, which participates in the Livonia City Tournament for its next action. Carson also did well on top with the ball.

"Gardner gives us energy," Murphy said. "He's seeing the floor a lot better than in the

"But we've still got a ways to go. We can play better. We have to, to do bigger things this year. We didn't play to our best potential. We did play hard, however.

"We missed a lot of layups. But then, this is a tough gym to shoot in."

Shkreli scored 10 points and

Jemere Gainer, who did a good job defending against Ciborowski, added 11.

Ciborowski scored 11 of his points in the third quarter but the Trojans did a good job of neutralizing him most of the time. They ran different defenders at him and tried to float someone down from the perimeter when he got the ball

Sumner scored 13 for Plymouth Christian, which plays Taylor Light & Life on Tuesday, before fouling out midway through the fourth quarter. Gainer scored five points at the start of the fourth quarter to help Clarenceville pad its margin to 50-41 and an 11-0 run that began less than a minute later salted the game

Plymouth Christian led once, 3-2, before a 9-0 run put Clarenceville in control.

"Donnie could have had 30, easy," Murphy said. "We did a $good\ job\ in\ making\ unselfish$ passes and we out-rebounded them.

We changed up our defenses quite a bit and it took them a while to adjust."

"Even though there was a large disparity in the final score," Taylor said, "both teams competed hard and it was a well-fought game.

"We've only got a couple of guys back with varsity experience. But they're doing a good job of learning on the fly. They're listening and really improving."

Salem's comeback bid falls just short vs. Monroe, 61-57

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Salem came close to hustling its way out of a 15-point hole Friday night in its home-opening basketball game against Monroe.

But the Trojans used an effective full-court press and a distinctive height advantage to hold off the Rocks, 61-57. The loss dropped Salem to 0-2 heading into Tuesday's home game against Saline. Monroe improved to 1-1.

"The game was in doubt pretty much the entire night," Salem coach Bob Brodie. "They led by 15 at one point, but we battled back to get it down to three. I told the guys that I was very proud of their effort tonight. They played very hard. They could have folded the tent when they were down 15, but they fought back to make it close."

Monroe led just 9-8 after the opening eight minutes, but a 26-18 second-quarter surge gave the Trojans a 35-26 halftime lead. Salem outscored Monroe 31-26 over the final 16 minutes, but it was too little, too late.

"We got it down to three at the end, but we had to foul and they made some free throws," Brodie said. "We improved in every phase of the game since we played Belleville on Tuesday. We didn't improve a lot, but we definitely played

better. I told everybody to keep their heads up."

Monroe's Pat Harwood led all scorers with 20 points. He was complemented by teammates Joe Thompson and Kevin Evans, who both tallied

Kyle Price paced a balanced Salem scoring attack with 12 points. Brad Zonca and J.P. Truesdell both chipped in with 11 each. Salem's Kevin Bradley grabbed a team-high seven rebounds while Joe Halewicz dished out five assists for the Rocks. Salem canned 14-of-20 free throws (70 percent). Monroe hit 18-of-29 (62 percent).

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WILDCATS

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in shutting him out the rest of the way.

The game's first three quarters consisted of a series of streaks, beginning with an 8-0 Canton run in the opening quarter that put the hosts up

Novi countered with an 8-0 run of its own in the second quarter to secure a 13-10 lead. Canton failed to score over a seven-minute stretch that consisted of the final two minutes of the first quarter and the first five of the second.

Smith ended the drought for Canton — and started a 10-0 first-half closing streak — with a driving finger roll. Two minutes later, he rocked the rim and the Wildcats' psyche with a thundering dunk after receiving a pass from Houdek.

After Canton took a 20-13 lead into the half. Novi scored the first four points of the third quarter on a three-point shot by Steven Hart and a jumper from Harbin. The Chiefs then outscored the 'Cats 9-1 to take a 29-18 advantage into the final quarter.

The Chiefs sealed the victory by scoring the initial eight

points of the fourth quarter to build a 37-18 lead.

Canton shot 35 percent from the field (19-for-54) and 11 percent from the free-throw line (1-for-11).

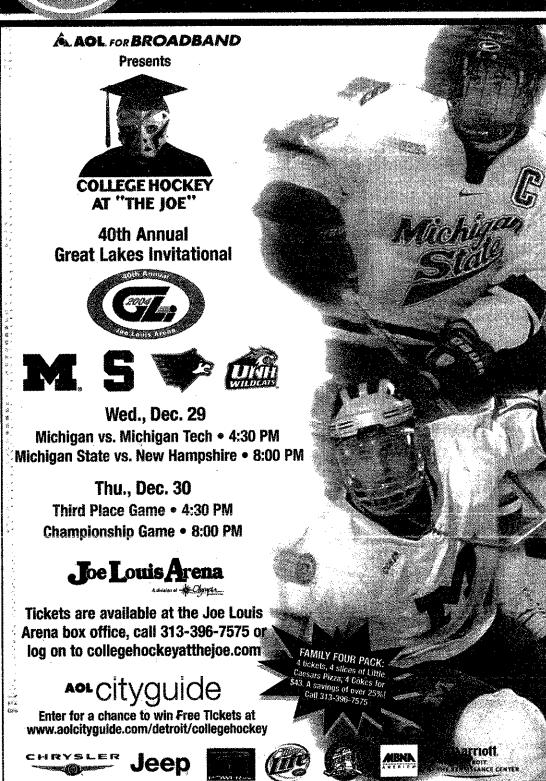
Led by Thornton, Smith, Calille and Steve Paye (four boards), the Chiefs outrebounded the Wildcats, 43-19. Both teams took care of the

ball. Novi committed just 11 turnovers while the Chiefs had 10 miscues.

Canton returns to action Tuesday night when it travels to unbeaten Redford Union. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

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free-throw line (11-of-24),

which let them hang around. "We showed good poise at times tonight and we made good decisions with the ball. But there were times we settled for threes when we were out of

ugly shots." Plymouth led 15-9 after one quarter and 25-21 at the half. The Wildcats outscored the 'Splitters 17-11 in the third

rhythm, which led to a couple

42-32 advantage with eight minutes to play. "We rebounded the ball well tonight," Van Wagoner said. "We had 30 rebounds, which is

more than we had in either of

quarter to secure a comfortable

the first two games."

Junior guard D.J. Coleman led the Wildcats with 13 points and five steals. Josh LeDuc netted 12 points and a teamhigh 13 boards while Kulraj Sandhu scored 11. Point-guard Brent Jones was steady, tallying seven points and six assists. "We moved Josh to the high

Van Wagoner said. "He's got a nice jump shot from right around the free-throw line." Isiah Beachamp scored 14 to

post to get him the ball more,"

pace the Railsplitters. Daniel Reyna contributed 10 points. The Wildcats play their

tourth consecutive nome game Tuesday night when they host Trenton. "That will be a tough game

for us," Van Wagoner warned.

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Tired of Cleaning Cuttore? 'Cats fall to Jags on basketball court

STAFF WRITER

Allen Park has been a state power in football for several

Plymouth found out Wednesday night that the Jaguars are also very proficient on the basketball court.

The scrappy Jaguars opened their season with a 55-43 victory in the Plymouth gymnasium, dropping the Wildcats' record to 1-1.

Even though Plymouth had played less than 24 hours earlier, coach Tom Van Wagoner said he didn't think fatigue was

"We just missed too many quality shots," said Van

Even though Plymouth had played less than 24 hours earlier, coach Tom Van **Wagoner said he didn't think** fatique was a factor.

Wagoner, whose team had scored 92 points the previous. night in a 16-point victory over Ann Arbor Greenhills. "Allen Park is a very good team, and I don't even think they have their basketball legs yet."

Practically the entire Allen

Park basketball team played for the Jaguars' football squad, which was eliminated three weeks ago in the semi-final round of the Division 3 state playoffs.

"Allen Park challenged most of our shots and we took too many off-balance shots," Van Wagoner said. "We just didn't play very well. The only bright spot was that we cut our turnovers in half (from 22 to 11) compared to Tuesday night."

The Wildcats played the Jaguars tough through the opening quarter, which ended with the score knotted at 15-15. Led by forward Kevin Kline, Allen Park outscored their hosts 17-5 in the second quarter and built a 40-27 advantage after

three quarters.

Kline was a force in the paint, scoring 18 points and hauling down 13 rebounds. Jason Traver was also strong inside, netting 10 points and nine boards.

The Wildcats were paced by A.J. Davey, who had 11 points and six rebounds. Point-guard Brent Jones scored 10 points, which included a pair of threepointers. Josh LeDuc led the

Wildcats with nine boards. Allen Park out-rebounded Plymouth, 43-26.

Neither team shot well. The Jaguars hit 19-of-54 shots (35 percent) while the Wildcats connected on just 17-of-58 (29 percent).

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went on a 18-5 run to take con-

"We needed to do something about the post situation because we got beat too much

inside," Krogel said. "Eberhardt killed us inside the first 12 minutes of the game. The second half we went to front him full-court and it seemed to slow him down. We had a couple of different guys on him, but Mike Donaldson in particular did a super job."

The Tigers entered the final quarter with a 52-40 cushion after leading by as many as 17.

Eberhardt went scoreless during the third quarter, while 6-foot-4 Freeman continued to take his game to another level, scoring 12 of his 33.

"The fact that we started taking it to the hole led to the turnaround," Krogel said. "At first we was settling for jumps shots, but then we took the ball to the hole like we should have.'

The Rockets had some life in the final quarter, cutting the deficit to 54-44 on an Eberhardt basket with 6:08 remaining.

But Glenn never got any closer.

"We just were not active, moving, or changing spots against their zone," Glenn coach Joel Lloyd said. "It's harder to guard a moving target. We just stopped working.

"You also have to have the

right touches for good shot opportunities. We never got that, but we didn't got shots either."

Senior center Derrick Bush added 13 points for Glenn, while sophomore Alex

McMillan contributed eight. The Tigers made 30-of-66 shots from the floor (45.4 percent), while Glenn made 28-of-

58 (48.2 percent). Belleville also got to the line 25 times, hitting 14, while the Rockets made just 2-of-9.

We played a strong first half, but I told our guys we have to play even better in the second half," Lloyd said. "In the third quarter Belleville showed its athleticism. They pounded the glass, got their hands on the ball, and were making plays. You can't give a club like

that second opportunities on the glass. You've got to block

Romulus transfer Anre Partee and Donaldson each chipped in with seven for Belleville.

But it was the play of Freeman, complemented by the explosive Clark, that led to Glenn's demise.

"Freeman's a good player," Lloyd said. "We put our best player in a matchup against him in Barry (Eberhardt).

"He (Freeman) attacks the basket with both hands and he's quick off the dribble. If I could change how we guard him, wherever the ball is, you have to be glued to him and limit his touches."

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASKETBALL Tuesday, Dec. 14

Belleville at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m. Saline at Salem, 7 p.m. Agape Christian at Urban Lutheran, 7:30

p.m. Light & Life at Plymouth Christian, 7 p.m. Trenton at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Canton at Redford Union, 7 n.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 Canton at South Lyon, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17

Belleville at River Rouge, 7 p.m. Salem at Warren Cousino, 7 p.m. Agape Christian at A.P. Inter-City, 7:30 Lutheran Westland at Plymouth Christian,

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Wednesday, Dec. 15 Plymouth at Livonia Stevenson Quad Tournament, 6 p.m. Dearborn Fordson at Belleville, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18

Canton and Salem at Canton Invitational 9 a.m. PREP VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Dec. 16 Lutheran Westland at Agape Christian

at Discovery Middle School, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 Plymouth Christian at Lutheran West, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 18

Plymouth Christian at

N. Farmington Invitational, TBA Plymouth at Madonna University Tournament at Plymouth H.S., 8:30 a.m. **GYMNASTICS** Tuesday, Dec. 14 Brighton at Canton, 7 p.m Saturday, Dec. 18 Canton at Vassar, noon MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Mohawk (Ont.) at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 15

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Friday, Dec. 17 (Notre Dame, Ohio Tournament) Madonna vs. Tiffin (Ohio), 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 Genessee Co. at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m. (Notre Dame, Ohio Tournament) Madonna vs. Notre Dame, 5:30 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Dec. 18 Genessee at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Cornerstone JV, 7 p.m.

Madonna at Taylor (Ind.), 3 p.m. **ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE** Sunday, Dec. 12 Whalers at Guelph Storm, 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 Whalers at Toronto, 7:30 p.m

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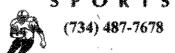
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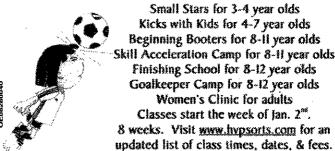
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Vinnie DeLuca, QB, Westland Glenn: The 6-foot, 180-pound senior threw for 1,711 yards (92-of-174) with 17 touchdowns and only four interceptions. He also rushed for 208 yards on 43 carries and three TDs.

'As a kicker, DeLuca hit 16-of-21 extra points and two field goals (36 yards the

... The first-team All-Western Lakes pick set Glenn career records for yards passing (2,930) and TDs (35).

"Vinnie needed to have a tremendous senior year for us to be successful," Glenn coach Todd DeLuca said. "He was consistent and always came up with the big play when we needed it. He had pressure on him all year. In our passing game, you need to be able to read coverages and he has the knack for doing that and picking up the right

"He had a great senior year and he's arguably the best quarterback ever to come out of Glenn."

Jeff Lake, QB, Salem: The 6-3, 200pound senior rushed for 1,304 yards, which was the second-highest singleseason total in school history. He also passed for 400 yards and scored a team-high 80 points. Lake excelled on the defensive side of the ball as well for the Rocks, providing excellent pass coverage and run-stopping abilities from his safety position. He was an All-WLAA tirst-team selection.

"Jeff was a good leader for our offense this season," said Salem coach Bob Cummings. "He did a tremendous Job of running our wishbone. Defensively, he covered well and he was å great run-support player. He's a twoyear starter and three-year varsity player. Jeff will be missed next year."

lan Her, RB, Redford Union: Explosiveness out of the backfield characterized Iler's season for the Mega Gold champion Panthers. He ran 171 times for 1,175 yards (6.9 avg.) and 12 touchdowns, giving him a career rushing total of an estimated 2,800 yards.

tier also ran back kickoffs and punts for another 250 yards. He averaged 20.1 yards on kick-off returns and 8.5 yards on punt returns.

"Every time he touched the ball we expected something great," said RU head coach Miles Tomaisaitis. "He was the focus of every team; as they committed to stopping lan (that gave) our

other backs great opportunities." Bruno Shkreli, RB, Liv. Clarenceville: The 6-foot, 195-pound senior earned All-Observer first-team honors for the second straight year after rushing for 1,671 yards on 175 carries (9.5 per attempt)

with 22 touchdowns. He scored a total of 25 TDs and had 2,023 all-purpose yards en route to All-Metro Conference accolades.

On defense, Shkreli played both outside linebacker and strong safety, finishing with 59 tackles.

. "Bruno was 76 percent of our rushing offense, 51 percent of our offense overall, and did 46 percent of the scoring," Clarenceville coach Ryan Hockman said. "he was our feature guy. When we need a big play, we had to get him the

"We rode him." Chuck Schumacher, RB, Canton: The 5-11, 180-pound senior was a force on both sides of the ball for the Chiefs. starting at fullback and outside linebacker. The first-team All-WLAA performer scored 13 touchdowns and racked up a team-high 1,200 yards rush-

F"Chuck was one of our most versatife players," said Canton coach Tim Baechier, "He has great vision and great cutting ability when he's running the ball. Defensively, we could line him up in different places and he'd do a nice jób wherever we put him. Chuck was a key part of our defense."

Trevor Hearns, WR, Liv. Stevenson: The 6-2, 175-pound senior, an Alf-WLAA pick, led the Spartans with 31 receptions for 618 yards and 12 TDs.

Hearns also excelled in the defensive secondary, finishing with 58 tackles. eight for loss, along with five intercep-

tions. ्र"Trevor had the attitude that on every snap he was going to make something happen," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "And that's what you hope

sides of the ball and on special teams. :"He could go up and get the ball on those quick, fade routes."

every kid would think. He did it on both

Nathan Beard, WR, Westland Glenn: The 5-10, 154-pound senior finished the year with 42 catches for 1,002 yards

and nine TDs. -The All-WLAA pick tied Andrew Peiffer's 2001 mark for catches in a seasón (42) and set a Rocket career mark for total yards receiving (1,473).

"Andrew was a very steady wide réceiver," DeLuca said. "Even though at times he was double-covered, he seemed to get open, in order for us to move the football, we had to get the

ball in his hands." Beard was also a factor on the défensive side on the ball as he made 30 tackles (with four assists) and five interceptions as a DB. He also returned

punts (9-for-68) and kicks. His punting average was 37 yards. Eric Kilijanczyk, OL, Canton: The 6-2, 255 senior offensive tackle was a key component on a Chief offensive unit that scored more than 40 points in nine of its 11 games. Kilijanczyk was an All-

WLAA first-team pick in his first year as "Eric was one of the biggest offen-

sive linemen we've had here," Baechler said. "We asked him to pull, down block and double-team, which are hard for a lot of big kids. But he moves well and is a physical player.

Mike Manoogian, OL, Liv. Churchill: The 6-3, 256-pound senior, an All-Western Lakes choice, was a three-year starter and best player in 2004 as the Chargers finished 8-4 and reached the Division I state quarterfinals.

"Mike got better as the year went along," Filiatraut said. "He's a good drive blocker with good footwork. He's a strong, aggressive kid who usually pulls for us. We don't throw a lot, but he. was our best pass blocker.

Manoogian also played on the defen-

"He'll probably go to a Division II school and they're going to get a gem with him," Filiatraut said.

Bill Dobosy, OL, Redford Union: One of the main reasons for running back lan lier's success was the outstanding, tireless work of Dobosy from the offensive guard slot, said head coach Miles Tomaisaitis.

"He kept teams from running inside because of his dominance," Tomaisaitis

Dobosy, RU's lineman of the year, also came through on defense, with 15 tackles, 16 assists, two sacks and a fumble-recovery TD.

Russ Bruner, OL, Canton: A two-year starter, the 6-2, 215-pound senior served as one of the Chiefs' captains. His spectacular, consistent blocking efforts earned him a spot on the All-WLAA first team.

"Russ is physical and very quick," Baechler said. "He was an excellent puller, which is important in our offense. Russ has great feet and is an excellent athlete."

John Morasso, OL, Redford CC: Built like a truck, Morasso was the Shamrocks' best offensive lineman, according to head coach Tom Mach. But the likable co-captain also played well on defense, chipping in with 34 tackles.

"John's a young man that gives maximum effort on every play," Mach said. "He's an inspirational player."

Brandon Baity, Specialist, Red. Thurston: If there was a job to do for the Eagles this season, Baity pretty much did it. On offense, he caught 20 passes for 450 yards and six TDs. As a strong safety, he tallied 80 tackles to lead the team. And he also handled punting and kicking duties with aplomb. Baity nailed 23 of 26 extra points and connected on three of five field-goal attempts. His punts averaged 35 yards.

"Brandon Baity is a great football player," said head coach Robert Shell "He plays both ways, he kicks the ball. He's just a ... tough kid."

Baity earned honorable mention status on the All-State team and currently is co-captain for the Redford Unified varsity hockey team.

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

Kevin Helton, DL, Redford CC: The senior Shamrocks' powerhouse was "the toughest player on the team, prohably our most consistent," said head

Helton registered 56 tackles on the season, including two quarterback

For his efforts, he also earned All-League and All-Catholic honors.

"We'll definitely miss him," Mach added.

Justin Bowie, DL, Wavne: The All-WLAA selection, a 5-8, 205-pound senior, anchored Wayne's defensive front with 110 tackles (including five sacks). four caused fumbles, two fumble recoveries and 12 quarterback pressures.

The two-year starter also started at offensive guard and fullback.

"He was a key for us winning football games," Wayne coach Craig Hnatuk said. "He was virtually unblockable because he was so quick and had a knack for getting to the football. That's something you can't coach."

Bowie's best position in college may be fullback.

"That's where we'll promote him at,"

Hnatuk said. Sean Adkins, DL, Liv. Churchill: The 6-1. 210-pound senior defensive made All-Western Lakes as an at-large selection. He finished the season with 76 tackles

"Sean had a good senior year for us, he did a good job for us up front," Filiatraut said. "He was good against the run and pass. Because of our scheme, we don't get a lot of pressure on the quarterback, but he was our best pass rusher. He led team in sacks

And when called upon, Adkins could step in and play offensive guard. He went both ways the entire game as Churchill beat rival Franklin, 23-21, in the regular season to sew up its first state playoff berth since 1978.

Kelvin Brown, DL, Redford Bishop Borgess: The tail Spartan excelled both at wide receiver and in the defensive secondary. With 23 sacks; he was named the team's defensive MVP.

"Keivin, what makes him good is he's so determined and a hard worker," said head coach Werner Blakely. "The only speed he knows is fast-forward, and that's a good thing."

But Brown sparked the offense, too, with 27 receptions good for 490 yards and three touchdowns.

Jemere Gainer, LB, Liv. Clarenceville: The 6-2, 220-pound All-Metro Conference selection finished the season with a team-high 17 tackles in a



Vinnie LeDuca John Glenn



Nathan Beard John Glenn

Brandon Baity

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Churchill



Eric Kilijanczyk Canton

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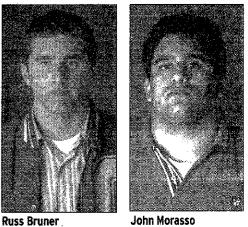


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Jemere Gainer Livonia Clarenceville



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Garden City

2004 ALL-OBSERVER **FOOTBALL TEAM** (selected by the sports staff)

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

Quarterbacks Vinnie DeLuca, 6-0, 185, Sr., John Glenn Jeff Lake, Sr., 6-3, 230, Sr. Salemi Running backs

lan Iler, 5-8, 180, Sr., Redford Union Bruno Shkreli, 6-0, 195, Sr, Clarenceville Chuck Schumacher, 5-11, 180, Sr. Canton

Wide receivers Trevor Hearns, 6-2, 175, Sr., Stevenson Nathan Beard, 5-10, 154, Sr., John Glenn Offensive line

Eric Kilijanczyk, 6-2, 255, Sr., Canton Mike Manoogian, 6-3, 256, Sr., Churchill Bill Dobosy, 6-0, 220, Sr., Redford Union Russ Bruner, 6-2, 215, Sr., Canton John Morasso, 6-1, 265, Sr., Redford CC

Specialist Brandon Baity, 6-0, 170, Sr., Thurston

> FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE Lineman

Kevin Helton, 5-11, 255, Sr., Redford CC Justin Bowie, 5-8, 205, Sr., Wayne Sean Adkins, 6-1, 210, Sr., Churchill . Kelvin Brown, 6-4, 205, Sr., Borgess Linebackers

Jemere Gainer, 6-2, 220, Jr., C'ville Manuel Schubert, 5-7, 187, Sr., Churchill Jake Powers, 6-2, 230, Sr., Canton D.J. Tracy, 6-2, 224, Jr., Franklin Secondary

Isaac Kindell, 5-10, 160, Sr., Belleville Julian Smith, 6-5, 220, Sr., Canton Ben Adams, 6-1, 162, Sr., Churchill Anthony Sabo, 6-1, 190, Sr., Redford CC Doug Persondek, 6-1, 189, Sr., Garden City

> **SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE** Quarterbacks

Brent Jones, 5-10, 175 Jr., Plymouth Chad Casey, 6-1, 170, Jr., Stevenson Running backs

Francisco Beltran, 5-8, 190, Sr., Churchil Nick Barrett, 6-0, 230, Sr., Redford CC Wide receivers

T.R. Ellis, 6-3, 185, Jr., Bishop Borgess Sam Williams, 6-3, 200, Sr., John Glenn Brian Aneed, 5-8, 161, Sr., Franklin Tight ends Josh LeDuc, 6-4, 210, Jr., Plymouth

Tom Johnson, 6-4, 230, Sr., Redford CC

Brian Rider, 6-2, 185, Sr., Canton

Offensive line Steve Bronsted, 6-2, 220, Sr., Stevenson David Johnson III, 6-4, 230, Sr., RU Jerett Coulter, 5-11, 243, Sr., Glenn

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE Lineman

D.J. Tracy

Franklin

Greg Rochon, 5-11, 210, Sr., Belleville P.J. Caram. Sr., Canton Jeremy Fick, 6-1, 261, Sr., Garden City Andy Rossow, 6-0, 175, Jr., Canton Hafeez Oureshi, 5-9, 225, Sr., Churchill

Linebackers Jeff Piper, 6-3, 190, Jr., Canton Jeff Hudson, 5-10, 185, Sr., Canton John Lloyd, 5-11, 210, Sr., Wayne Steve Lahane, 6-0, 185, Sr., Salem

Secondary Ray Gardner, 5-7, 140, Jr., Clarenceville Steve Brown, 6-1, 170, Jr., RU Tim Bingham, 6-0, 186, Sr., John Glenn Tarell Lewis, 5-9, 165, Jr., Thurston

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Nick Carignan, Mike Johnson, Joe Bargerstock, John Thomas. Franklin: Matt McCullough, Bert Smith. Nic Skoglund, Phil Muszynski, James Kelly,

Jeremy Peer. Stevenson: Jacob Howell, Mark Sabuda, Nick Gapen, Brandon Smith, Kevin

Domingo, Chris McFarland. John Glenn: Vern Emmons, Dan Cover, Brett Schwartz, Terry Pittman, Rece Cox, Joe Smitherman.

Wayne: Doug Johnson, Blaine Simmons, Alex Lickliter, Absalom Goode, Terrill Ford, Steve Frost. Clarenceville: Russell Spencer, Allen

Garrant, Pat Kennedy, J.J. Lohman. Lutheran Westland: Mike Schatz, Pat Higgins, James Refenes, Jacob Tuomi-

Galindez, Josh Davis, Bill Kahler. Redford Catholic Central: Dominique Fischer, Eric Vojtkofsky, Kevin Horal, Jon Smart

Redford Union: Chris Donahue, Jake Robbins, David Johnson II, Ryan Meyers, Chris Brown, Mike Taylor, Dezmond

.Redford Thurston: Brad Whittum, Aaron Sykes, Ray Brdak, Jimmy Kennedy. Garden City: Matt Barnier, Dustin Mattson, David Hilbert, Kevin Sexton, Eric

Redford Bishop Borgess: Joseph Jones, Sheridan Burton, Lionel Boyd, Rashad Campbell.

Canton: Scott Steffes, Matt D'Avanzo, Bryan Wagner, David Neu, Matt Sweda, Mitch Miller. Salem: Cam Schambre, Erik Dines, Ed

Evers, Cory Sinischo, Kevin Bradley. Plymouth: Anthony Green, Shawn Bailey, Taylor Fox, Kevin Minor. Belleville: Scott Golden, Alton Woods.

ball on us, Jemere was very instinctive." Hockman said. "I think by next year he'll be one of the top Division ! prospects in the Detroit area.'

Manuel Schubert, LB, Liv. Churchill: Though only 5-7, 187 pounds, Schubert led the Chargers in total tackles with 140 en route to All-Western Lakes defensive honors.

He was also an integral part of the Chargers' offensive backfield. "Manuel was always around the ball."

Filiatraut said. "He's a big hitter for his size, a great kid who always finds the seams in the other team's offense. He always runs to the ball. Just a smart Schubert is also the Division I state

wrestling champion at 171 pounds. Jake Powers, LB, Canton: The 6-2, 230-pound tight end/inside linebacker

was a three-year varsity starter on defense and two-year starter on offense. A powerful blocker and surehanded receiver on offense. Powers anchored the Chiefs' air-tight defense.

"Jake was our leading tackler on defense the past two years," Baechlersaid. "He was excellent at stopping the run and in dropping back in pass coverage. He had several deflections and an interception this season."

D.J. Tracy, LB, Liv. Franklin: The 6-2, 224-pound All-Western Division pick was a factor for the Patriots on both sides

Defensively, Tracy was second on the team in tackles with 58 (eight for loss) with three sacks and three forced fum-

"What makes him go defensively is his speed and size," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "He's quiet' kid, but he'll go after people. He's very confident. He's not a raw-raw type guy, but people seem to follow him as far as his presence on the field."

Tracy also led the Patriots in rushing with 864 yards. "As a ball carrier, he's a hard person to bring down." Kelbert said. "Most of his yardage came after he broke three or four tackles."

Işaac Kindell, DB, Belleville: The 5-10, 160-pound senior was a big-time producer on offense, defense and special teams for the Tigers. From his tailback position, he rushed for a team-high 814 yards on 111 carries, caught eight passes for 116 yards and scored seven touchdowns. Defensively, Kindell was in on 76 tackles, picked off three passes and blocked a field-goal attempt. He also returned two punts for TD's and one kickoff for six points.

"Isaac was a very exciting player for

us on both sides of the ball," Belleville coach Bob LaPointe said. "He is very fast, which made him dangerous every time he touched the football. He kept us in a lot of games with his running, defensive ability and his special-teams returns."

Julian Smith, DB, Canton: At 6-5, 220 pounds, Smith combined formidable size with blazing speed from his tailback and safety positions. The senior, who earned Alf-WLAA and Alf-State honors for his efforts, ran for 880 yards and a team-high 21 touchdowns despite not playing very deep into the second half in most games due to the Chiefs' lop-sided leads.

"We moved Julian to free safety this season after two years at linebacker and he did a great job," Baechler said. "He is a great open-field tackler who made several touchdown-saving tackles for us. We asked him to cover a lot of territory this season and he came

through. Ben Adams, DB, Liv. Churchill: The 6-162-pound strong safety picked off five passes this season and had close to 100 tackles as he earned All-Western

"Ben missed four games as a junior, but he can back this year and became a run stopper for us," Filiatraut said. "He's a very smart kid who made a lot of big plays for us this year."

Anthony Sabo, DB, Redford CC: The second-year starter came through in many ways for the Shamrocks, primarily at safety, where he made 44 tackles (17 solo) and picked off a pass. He also proved his worth on offense, playing quarterback and tailback.

Sabo's athletic achievements enabled him to be selected to the All-League and All-Catholic teams. But he is just as accomplished in the classroom, posting a 4.0 grade-point average.

"He was our best all-around athlete and he did a great job at quarterback, running back and defensive back for us," Mach said.

Doug Persondek, DB, Garden City: The senior co-captain and third-year starter led the Cougars in tackles (59). along with 59 helpers, two interceptions and a blocked punt. For his efforts, teammates voted him the squad's defensive MVP.

"He's a hard-working player who runs sideline-to-sideline," said Garden City head coach Mike Salter. "He's always around the ball and always ready to make a play."

Persondek made the Mega White first-team.

first-round playoff loss to Goodrich.

total of 102 tackles, "Goodrich was only one or two teams that tried to run the

In 10 games, Gainer finished with a

Brother Rice edges Catholic Central, 2-1

STAFF WRITER

Whenever Redford Catholic Central and Birmingham Brother Rice get together for a varsity hockey game, fans watch two teams going fulltilt in search of a Michigan Metro High School Hockey League victory.

That again was the case Wednesday night at Oak Park Arena, when the visiting Shamrocks fell 2-1 despite a third-period push to force overtime.

Unfortunately, the Shamrocks (4-2) could not overcome a 2-0 deficit, although a goal with four seconds left in the second period sparked the team for the final period.

"All of our league games are tough and tonight was no

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exception," said disappointed Catholic Central head coach Todd Johnson. "But they (Warriors) worked harder, they were more skilled than we were and had more desire."

Although the Shamrocks were without injured junior defensemen Tim Buttery (back) and Robert Lowney (concussion), and likely won't get them back for two weeks, Johnson emphasized his team needs to have an "attitude adjustment" to help stop a two-game losing streak.

According to Brother Rice head coach Lou Schmidt, defeating the Shamrocks is "a big win for our program. Catholic Central is an outstanding team, they're very

well coached and they're a disciplined team."

Schmidt said the team "came out hungry" and pushed the issue with an aggressive forecheck.

On the Shamrocks' lone goal, a dump in by senior forward Mychael Evans from the left point hit the boards behind Brother Rice junior goalkeeper Logan Tucker and bounced into the crease area where junior forward Wade Lafever dove and poked the puck over the line.

Also assisting was junior forward Dan Barczuk (17

The Warriors (2-2) scored goals in each of the first two periods.

Senior forward Stephen Walters broke a scoreless tie with 4:35 left in the first and senior forward Nick

McCracken made it 2-0 on an excellent individual effort at the 9:23 mark of the middle

McCracken swept around CCl blueliner Doug Raymond and cut in on junior goalie Ross Tashjian.

He then swept the puck behind Tashjian, who again played solidly with 19 saves.

Getting that first goal is a big confidence booster," said Schmidt, whose squad will play a pair of weekend games in the Grand Rapids area.

Earlier in the week, the Shamrocks split a pair of 5-2 games with Culver Military Academy (Ind.), winning on Saturday (Dec. 4), but losing on Sunday (Dec. 5).

Both games were played at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

WRESTLING RANKINGS

OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING RANKINGS (as of Dec. 6)

TEAM: 1. Livonia Churchill; 2. Redford Catholic Central; 3. Westland John Glenn; 4. Salem; 5. Canton.

INDIVIDUAL

103 pounds: 1. Alex Fowler, Churchill; 2. Jesse Gardocki, Livonia Franklin; 3. Jeremy Stankewitz, Salem, 4. Jamie Preiss, Wayne; 5. Brandon Nikula, John Glenn.

112: 1. Josh Preiss, Wayne; 2. Ken Nelson, Redford Union: 3. Rvan Wallace, Salem: 4. Alex Alfaro, Livonia Franklin; 5. Steve Ludke, Garden City.

119: 1. Matt Keffler, Salem; 2. Jason Crothers, Wayne; 3. Jay Fleischmann, Canton; 4. John Roos, Franklin; 5. Ken Nance, Garden

City.

125: 1. Ryan Stump, Salem; 2. Andrew Nadhir, Redford Catholic Central; 3. Mike Warren, Franklin; 4. Rowdy Glasgow, John Glenn; 5. Justin Keatts, Wayne. 130: 1. Justin Smith, Churchill; 2. Jim Wood,

John Glenn; 3. James Jones, Franklin; 4. Robert Bytner, Lutheran Westland; 5. Rob Carmichael, Redford Union. 135: 1. Corey Phillips, Canton; 2. Sean Dong,

Redford CC; 3. Josh Wischmeyer, RU; 4. Scott Fysh, Salem; 5. Orlando Carswell, John Glenn. 140: 1. Jim Moore, RU; 2. Ryan Webb,

Canton; 5. Matt Shileikis, RU.

Robert Coffey, Wayne. 215: 1. Hafeez Qureshi, Churchill, 2. Eric Vojtkofsky, Redford CC; 3. Jacob Tuomi-Galindez, Lutheran Westland; 4. P.J. Caram,

Salem; 4. Craig Markgraff, Garden City; 5.

Canton; 3. Dave Watkins, Franklin; 4. Dade

DiMaggio, Redford CC; 5. Saif Naber, John

145: 1. Rece Cox, John Glenn; 2. Konrad

152: 1. Jameson Murray, Churchill; 2. Chris

160: 1. Ben Adams, Churchill; 2. Jon

171: 1. Trevor Stewart, Redford CC; 2. Manuel

189: 1. Brad Bartram, Redford CC; 2. Joe

Bargerstock, Churchill; 3. Jeremy Henderson,

McCahill, John Glenn; 3. Kyle Lis, Stevenson; 4.

Blake Karkoska; Franklin; 5. Kurtis Robbins,

Schubert, Churchill; 3. Cody Rize, Stevenson;

4. Mike Taylor, RU; 5. Brent Robbins,

Tomasik, RU; 3. Adam Kokenakes, Stevenson;

4. Val Gui, Salem; 5. Chad Phipps, Wayne.

Konsitzke, Canton; 3. Alex York, Livonia

Stevenson; 4. Nate Turco, Franklin; 5. Josh

Keily, Churchill.

Livonia Clarenceville.

Clarenceville.

275: 1. Pat Draheim, Churchill; 2. John Morasso, Redford CC; 3. John Miller, Salem; 4. Billy Dobosy, RU; 5. Nick Turco, Franklin.

Note: Rankings compiled weekly by coaches Jim Gourlay (Redford Union) and Dave Chiola (Livonia Franklin).

Whalers sting Sarnia, 3-1

Newcomer Ryan Stephenson's power-play goal at 7:01 of the second period snapped a 1-1 tied and the Plymouth Whalers went on to defeat the Sarnia Sting, 3-1, in an Ontario Hockey League game played before 3.856 Friday night on the Sarnia Sports and Entertainment Centre.

John Armstrong and John Vigilante scored the other goals for Plymouth, now 11-12-4-2. Chad Painchaud scored the lone Sarnia goal. The Sting are now 9-18-3-1.

Ryan Nie continued his excellent play in goal for Plymouth, stopping 34 of 35 shots as the game's first star. Nie, who has been in goal for every Plymouth victory this season, lowered his goalsagainst average to 2.23 while raising his save percentage to .926 in 26 games.

The Plymouth victory - the Whalers' first on the road this season -- combined with OHL West Division leaders Sault Ste. Marie and Windsor both losing Friday night — moves Plymouth to within three points of Sault Ste. Marie and Windsor, in third spot in the OHL West.

Painchaud scored the only goal of the first period on a power play when his shot from the left point beat Nie at 8:40 of the first period.

Armstrong tied the game for Plymouth in the second period on a goal originally credited to Mike Letzia when he batted home a rebound off a shot in the slot by Cory Tanaka past Sarnia goalie Ryan Munce at

Stephenson — playing in his third game for the Whalers after being acquired Nov. 23 from Kingston — scored his first Whaler goal on another rebound from in tight.

Sarnia outshot Plymouth,

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Registration will be held Wednesday, Dec. 15 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in room 305 of Canton High School's Phase III building.

Practices will be held Mondays and Wednesdays. Athletes from first through eighth grades may participate. Practices will be divided into beginning and advanced wrestlers.

For more information, contact Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph at (734) 697-2083 or e-mail him at c_randolph44@yahoo.com.

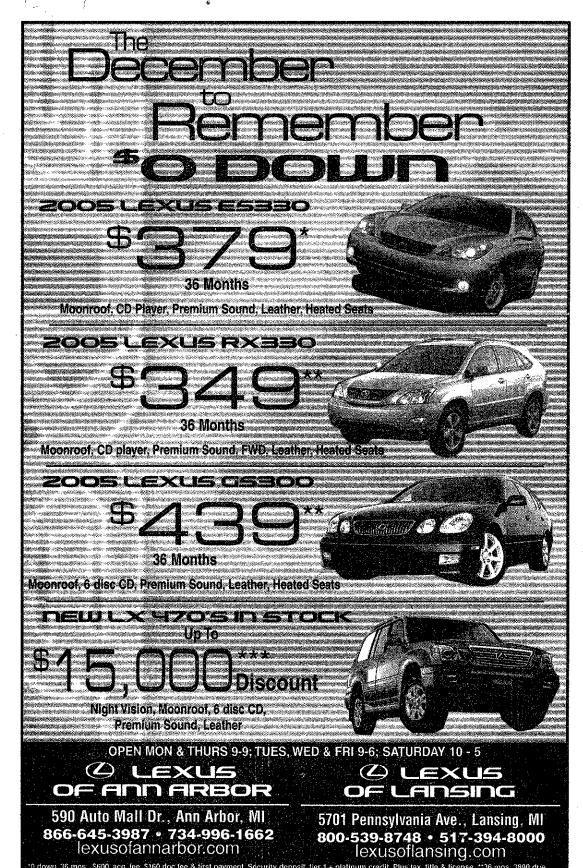
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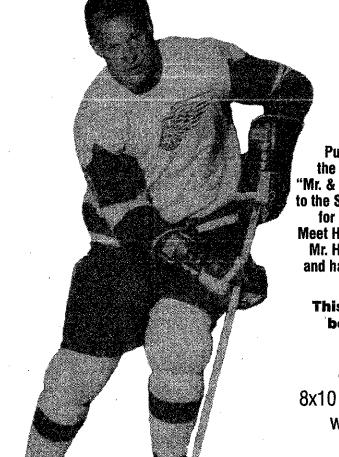
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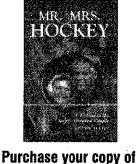
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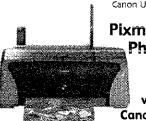
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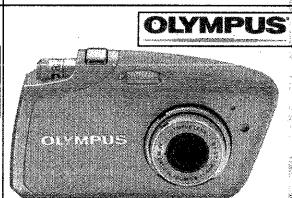
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hanksgiving is a great holiday. Most people eat extra helpings of everything. Someone at your house probably said, "I'm stuffed. I'm never going to eat again." But that's not true. Thanksgiving is over and we're hungry again - and just not for turkey, stuffing or pumpkin pie.

If you don't want to cook, you're in luck. One of the newest restaurants in Plymouth is the Burger Spot, located in Westchester Square Mall on Forest Avenue. They serve delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, and milkshakes. And no turkey.

The owners are Adam Covington and Charlie Schmidt, 25-year-old 1998 Salem High School grads.

They started working in food service in high school, attended Michigan State, one of the best colleges to learn about the hospitality industry. They've worked in the field ever since stadium concessions. entertainment venues and catering - traveling across the country, Adam in Texas, Charlie in Chicago.

Charlie and Adam wanted to be entrepreneurs like their parents. Charlie's family owns/Schmidt's Roadside Market and Adam's family owns an automotive tool and die business.

Each hoped to own a restaurant one day, but didn't think it would happen until they were in their 30s or 40s. When they ran across an ad for a restaurant, located in their hometown, it was an opportunity they couldn't pass up. They bought the restaurant last August. College friends helped them come up with the right name. And all the poinsettias in the restaurant have been provided by Charlie's mom's business.

If you think this restaurant is a simple burger joint, check out the menu. You can choose from a large variety of burgers the Spot burger, cheese, southwestern, Philly, west coast, mini, bacon cheese, portabella, and veggie. Or Hot Dogs - Coney, polish sausage, tofu, mini, Philly, and Chicago. Or French fries: garlic parmesan, loaded, cheese, chili, and vinegår. Or kid-sized burgers, hot dogs, pb&j, and grilled cheese.

Are you hungry yet? These guys know how to make great hamburgers and hot dogs. They purchase the meat daily from a local company, Eastern Market in Canton. The handmade burgers are one-third pound, two patties and "secret seasonings." The quarter-pound hot dogs are Nathan's, the original New York Coney Island dogs.

Charlie's goal is to open more restaurants, but he knows he has a lot of work to do to make this restaurant successful. He's not afraid of hard work and has already added catering services.

Adam wants customers to feel welcome when they walk through the doors and that the restaurant is a part of Plymouth, one of those places where everyone knows your name.

A lot of time and money goes into educating children in Plymouth and Canton. But often when it's time for them to get a job, young people may have to leave the state because of the slowed job market and economy. It would be nice if more young adults could live and work in the town they grew up in. Just ask Adam Covington and Charlie Schmidt. Or ask their parents.

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The Goodfellows donation party hosts Bruce and Debbie Modetz.

Holiday party perfect time to collect toys for Goodfellows

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI

very year Bruce and Debbie Modetz throw a Christmas party, but instead of accepting mounds of hostess gifts for themselves, they ask their guests to bring something for people less fortunate.

For more than a decade they have collected gifts for Livonia Goodfellows. Last year, Bruce learned that a good friend at the party received help from the organization.

Mike Caputo, a Livonia resident, told him a heartwarming story about how he and his wife received Goodfellow packages when they were a young couple. Caputo married when he was 19 and his wife

"We had children at a very young age," Caputo said. "Goodfellows, for the first two years of our marriage, literally made our children's Christmas."

They were so poor, Caputo says, that in the winter they used the snow on their porch to keep their milk cold.

We didn't have a whole lot of anything," Caputo said. "There was a lack of education and lack of opportunity. She came from a very, very poor family and I was in foster care most of my life. Goodfellows holds a very warm place in my heart. They never judged."

He tells about what a wonderful surprise it was when Goodfellows



Mike and Barbara Caputo of Livonia put their four gifts under the tree for each of their

arrived unannounced.

"You would just go to the door one day and they were there with boxes for all my children," said Caputo, who has four sons. "It was happy and sad at the same time. We were overjoyed. Tears came to our eyes."

Goodfellows didn't just drop off a few gifts and leave, he added.

"They not only came with toys, but food," Caputo said. "They knew we were in a bad way and they

pretty much took care of our Christmas dinner from A to Z.

A lot has changed since then and Caputo has become a successful businessman, selling Lincolns at Hines Park Lincoln Mercury in Plymouth. And he wants to return the kindness he received.

"It's very fulfilling to be on the giving end," Caputo said. "We now

live in a nice home in a nice neigh-PLEASE SEE GOODFELLOWS, C4

Family gathers for 50th annual Christmas bash

BY HUGH GALLAGHER

Every Christmas since 1954, the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Carl and Edith

Waack have gathered for a big Christmas celebration. This year the family gathering was Dec. 4 at Sand Trap's in Livonia.

In addition to celebrating the holiday, the Waacks also celebrate their deep roots as one of the first families of Clarenceville. Ruthann Waack of Redford keeps a scrapbook of

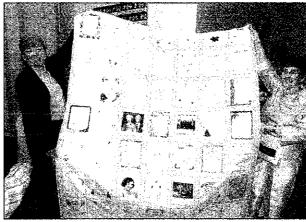
invitations to the soiree. "It's a social gathering," said Nancy Tatom of Livonia, Ruthann's cousin. "It started out in private homes, but it just got too big, too many people. In the late 1960s, they started having it in restaurants and

Each year a different family member plays host. The invitations include rhymes and colorful holiday motifs.

"I made a quilt of all the invitations," Ruthann Waack said. The quilt was one of several items raffled off Saturday. The raffle is an annual tradition to raise money for the next Christmas party.

Music, games and good food are also part of the annual get-together. This year, more than 60 Waacks gathered from as far away as California and Idaho. One year, more than

90 family members attended. To attend a family member has to be 18 years old, so



Ruthann Waack, left, and Mary Ann Waack display a family quilt made by Ruthann, featuring 50 years of holiday party invitations and family photos.

children grow up looking forward to the day they can join other family members for the big party. "It's getting together for a happy time instead of a funeral," Tatom said.

When Waacks get together, they have a rich history that is composed of both personal memories and the history of Wayne County. In addition to the colorful invitations, Ruthann

Waack's scrapbook also contains yellowing newspaper articles on the family's ties to Clarenceville.

ROOTS IN THE COMMUNITY

The once thriving farm community that has been absorbed into Livonia, Farmington Hills and Redford Township has been home to Waack family members since the 1850s. The school district that takes in parts of the three communities retains the Clarenceville

John Carl Waack (1795-1869) brought his family from Germany in 1852 to settle in the small community that was once an Indian village, Pojomoka, along the Old Plank Road, now Grand River, between Inkster and Middlebelt.

In her monograph The History of Clarenceville, published in 2000, Kathryn Briggs writes of John Carl's son Frederick (also known as Frank), "He was a carpenter, farmer, storekeeper and tavern owner." He bought up land along Angling Road, which parallels the Upper Rouge River, and leased it to area farmers. Frederick lived from 1826-1907.

The land proved so prosperous that his son Louis Carl (1857-1918) was remembered as "a gentleman farmer" who was often seen riding through the area in a surrey with a fringe on top.

The progenitor of the Christmas feast, Carl Waack, was born in 1880. He worked in a number of jobs. 'Our grandpa was a jack of all trades, a master of

not too many," Tatom said. "He was a dowser for water. I remember that because I lived with them for a while.

PLEASE SEE WAACK, C4

Seek partner's support to manage holiday stress

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both partners are stressed for some reason. Really stressful times, like the holidays, can

pull you apart or bring you closer together. It all depends on how you respond to that

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There are three basic responses to stress. First, you can turn the stress into anger and get upset at your partner or the people around you. Next, you can withdraw from your partner and not talk about the situation, because it is too difficult to manage the stress. Lastly, you can discuss the feelings with your partner, so that he/she understands you might not be at your best at this time. The first two responses are likely to pull you apart as a couple; the third response is more likely to bring you together. Studies show that when couples pull together, rather than apart, this actu-

ally reduces the stress and any

The holidays are a time when most people are filled with joy and celebration. Yet, this time of the year also can be challenging and overwhelming to many people.

negative outcomes that may be associated with stress, such as hypertension, high blood pressure, ulcers, lack of sleep and overeating.

There are always disappointments in a relationship. The letdown can be all the more

devastating when your expectations and anticipations are high. In your situation, you were looking forward to a special trip over the holidays, and it fell through. It might be easy to get angry at your partner, diminish his commitment to the relationship, or withdraw from him in sadness. That only penalizes both of you and your relationship. Instead, I encourage you to think about planning a smaller celebration closer to home and to figure out how to reschedule the special

The holidays are a time when most people are filled with joy and celebration. Yet, this time of the year also can be challenging and overwhelming to many people. Here are some Love Doctor Tips on how to manage stress over the holidays.

1. Set realistic expectations for what you can accomplish over the holidays.

2. Be sure to delegate some of your tasks and responsibilities to your children, partner, friends and other family members. Don't try to do everything yourself.

3. Try not to take disappointments personally. Others are feeling overwhelmed and stressed as well.

4. Try to remain calm and relaxed. Most situations are better resolved when you are

5. Be sure to communicate or talk to your partner about any stress you may be feeling. You need not resolve all of the issues over the holidays, but at least acknowledge and recognize the issues with each other. 6. When things get too over-whelming, seek the support of friends and family.

7. Be sure you eat well and get enough sleep. Foods high in sugar can exacerbate the

8. Remember to get some form of exercise. You can take a walk, shovel snow or swim

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Hopton-Bray

Brian and Debra Hopton of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Lynn Hopton, to Mark Richard Bray of Sterling Heights, the son of Richard and Barbara Bray of Plymouth.

Rebecca and Mark are high school sweethearts. Rebecca graduated from Salem High School in 1997, Mark from Canton High School the year before.

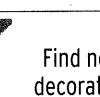
Rebecca received an elementary teaching degree from Western Michigan University in 2002 and now teaches kindergarten at Johnson Elementary School in Livonia.

Mark earned a teaching



degree in political science and history from Hope College in 2000. He is the head varsity basketball coach and teaches government at Henry Ford II High School in Utica.

The couple plans a July 30, 2005, wedding at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton.



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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

trip.

Cassandra Colleen Gray of Livonia and Bradley Gilling Smith of Livonia were married July 17, 2004, at Sweetest Heart of Mary in Detroit before the Rev. Mark A. Borkowski. A reception was held at the Marriott in the Detroit Renaissance Center.

Cassandra is the daughter of Gary and Peggy Gray of Livonia.

She is a 2002 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is a math and English teacher at Clarenceville High School. She is also a track

Bradley is the son of Susan Gilling of Livonia and Dennis Smith of Plymouth. He is a 2002 graduate of Western Michigan University.

He is en environmental con-

Attending the bride were her sisters, Kelly Kessler as matron of honor and Clancy Gray as

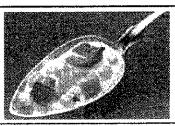
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O'Donohue, Janice Black, Stephanie Fries and Rachel Mallison.

Attending the groom was his brother, Martin Smith, as best man. Groomsmen were Gary Gray, Ryan Supplee, Thomas Hall, Thomas Taylor, Christopher White and Nathan Leslie. Ushers were Jeff Gray, Brian Kessler and Corey

Cassandra and Bradley spent their honeymoon on a Western Caribbean cruise. They are making their new home in Livonia.



ANNIVERSARY



McKinneys celebrate silver

Blaine and Becky McKinney of Canton celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 22,

The couple was married Dec. 22, 1979, and have three sons: Austin, 16; Connor, 13; and Lucas, 10.

They've lived in Canton for eight years. Blaine is a B-757 pilot with Northwest Airlines. while Becky teaches in the Wayne-Westland school district. The couple formerly lived in Shreveport, La., where Blaine was a KC-10 tanker pilot for the U.S. Air Force and Becky was a homemaker.

The couple, members of St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, are supporters of both the Plymouth High School Wildcats and the Plymouth-Canton Steelers youth football program.





Star By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20th)

Your way with words and with people often gets you what you want, but you'll have to do more to satisfy your desires this week, Ram. for everything you want, you'll have to give something of value in return. Got it? You'll be amazed how good it makes you feel!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Yep, the holidays are approaching, and for too long, you've put off something of an emotional pature, but what happens how with the Moon in your element will convince you that you can't un forever. Most likely, you'll discover that what you feared was a product of your imagination.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Plans will be disrupted this week with your ruling planet Mercury going direct and because you're the last one to know, you won't be too happy about it. However, there's no point in getting annoyed with those who let you down because the only thing it will change is your blood pres-

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

At some stage in the days ahead, MoonKid, it'll dawn on you that while you have been doing all. sor most, of the work, others have been getting most of the rewards. It's time you did something about it and spoke up! Especially now with the Moon segueing into your element.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

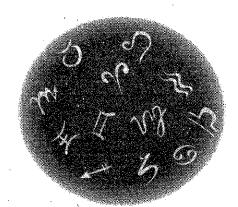
Unlike the typical Lion's proud 'my way or the highway' demeanor, it's time now to ask: Do you listen to your head or your heart? It's an age-old question, but one that will také on added significance as Christmas approaches as you weigh an emotional decision prior to your New Year's resolutions.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

It'd be nice if everyone shared your honesty, but they don't, kiddo. It'd also be nice if everyone could be trusted to abide by the rules-especially family and coworkers, but they cannot. A little bit of suspicion now could save you a lot of trouble later on. The Best is yet to come, Virgo.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

You'll have to compromise now if you want your plans to succeed. You'll only get where you want to go if others help you along the way, and that will only happen if they feel you value their



advice. You don't have to change. Just watch and wait for your chance, Balancer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Don't pretend that you're fearless when deep down inside you're shaking in your boots, Scorp. Everybody gets anxious when Big Changes are in the air! What is worrying you right now is nothing to be ashamed of. The sooner you own up to your fears, the sooner you'll overcome.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

It would be terrific if everyone shared your honesty, but they don't, kiddo. It'd be nice if everyone could be trusted to abide by the rules, but they can't and don't. A little bit of suspicion this week with Venus entering Sadge on the 16th could save you a lot of trouble later on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

Stop worrying that others are trying to steal what's yours, Cap, because that's more likely to make it happen. Your financial situation is in need of a shake-up, but it won't be nearly as traumatic as you fear. There will always be people who want to see you fail, but they'll never succeed so long as you believe in yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

You may have to be a bit loud, rough or rude with some of the people you deal with this week, but rather that than you allow them to waste your precious time. You have more important things to do, and they must get done. It's time you recognized that some things, and some people, are not to be taken seriously.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

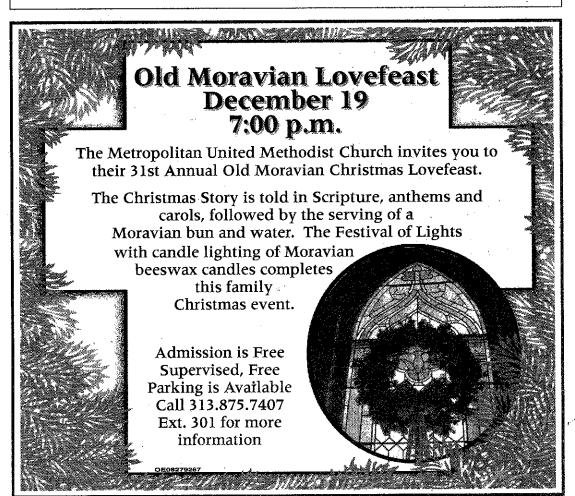
Now don't get paranoid, Fish, but what others say is true and what you believe is true will be at opposite ends of the stellar spectrum now. You'd be smart to back up your convictions. Question everything you see and hear. Your eyes and ears won't lie, but people surely will.

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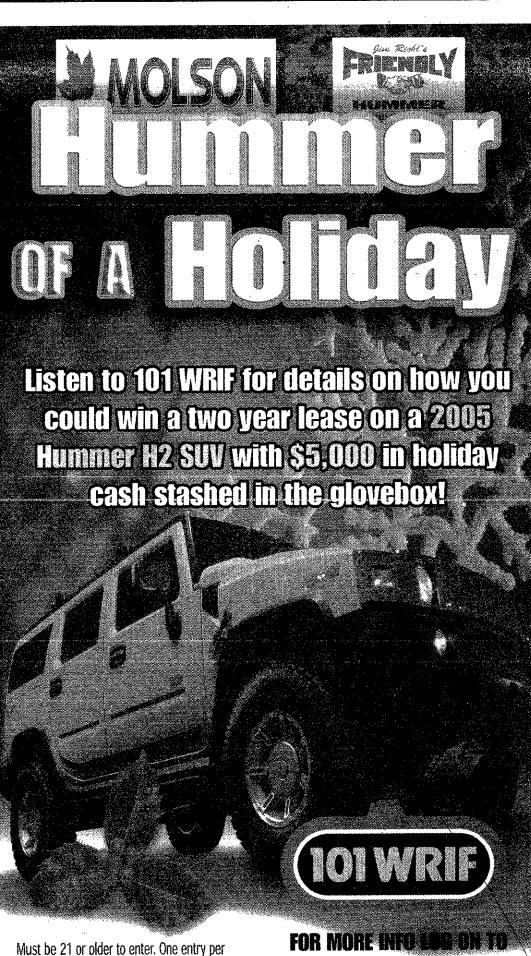
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GOODFELLOWS

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borhood. I'm able to provide for my grandchildren and children and it's nice to give something back. We not only give at Bruce's, but there's other things that we give for Goodfellows. I'm glad to have the opportunity."

THE CIRCLE GROWS

It seems the circle of kindness keeps growing. Each of the Modetzes' guests, usually between 50 and 80, come with a gift for Goodfellows.

Some arrive with five and six packages.

Each gift helps the Goodfellows maintain their pledge: "No Child Without a

Christmas." And this year the need is

greater than in the past. There are 500-some Livonia children who will receive Goodfellows packages, according to Vicki Wettach, Livonia Goodfellows volunteer and organization secretary. Last year, there were 479 children

who received gifts.

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like this."

"It's a nice way for people to contribute to any organization," Wettach said. "I hope it will give more people an idea to host a party for something

During the 10 years she has volunteered with Goodfellows, Wettach said, there was never a time when they couldn't provide a gift for a child in need.

"We always have a safety net, and if we didn't have enough contributions for that year we could always go into the safety net," she said.

With people like the Modetzes and their holiday party guests, the Goodfellows are usually well-stocked.

The Modetzes begin to get into the Christmas spirit during October, when they begin to put up their boxes and boxes of decorations.

"We invite everybody from friends to people we work with to the party," said Bruce, who worked at Foodland Distributors in Livonia until the company closed and now is a self-employed accountant who owns Great Lakes Retail Accounting in Livonia. Debbie

is a registered nurse at Garden City Hospital.

"People always bring hostess gifts and the first couple of years we decided we didn't need anything," Bruce said, explaining that when his sons, Christopher, 21 and Gregory, 18, were younger he used the opportunity to show them how good it felt to help others.

"They would go with me to drop the toys off," Bruce said, explaining that he was "absolutely amazed" to learn how many families in Livonia need help. "Because in Livonia you think of middle and upper class. That told me, 'My God, I'm so healthy and fortunate that I have two sons, a great wife and a good home. Why can't we give something

Every year he tells his guests that when they're having a miserable day in February, think of that young boy or girl who on Christmas morning opened the gift they donated.

"That will bring a smile on your face," he said. "That's what Christmas is all about. I'm 52 years old and I still believe in Santa Claus."

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WAACK

People would hire him when people were building homes."

Over time, the family farm was sold off in bits and pieces, but some of the original property that stretched from Seven Mile to Eight Mile and Angling Road to Middlebelt remains in family ownership.

Carl and his wife Edith (nee Pierce) built a stone house on the property on Angling Road in 1920. Waack would spend a day clearing stones from a farmer's field on Middlebelt and 12 Mile, haul them to the property on Angling and spend the next day putting on the stone siding.

The house has passed from one family member to another over the years. What Tatom calls "a majestic old home" has been the site of several of the Christmas gatherings.

Tatom lives on what was once part of her grandfather's property on Angling Road.

Carl and Edith had 11 children, many of whom stayed in the area.

Son Louis owned the popular Waack Bar until it burned down in 1978.

Ruth Waack's father Russell was a successful store manager



Suzanne Whitehead (left to right) Helen Waack, Grace Waack, and Patty Theurer talk about family stories at the 50th Waack family Christmas party.

and took responsibility for maintaining the Clarenceville cemetery, where many of the Waack family are buried, but not Carl and Edith.

"There's a funny story about that," Tatom said. "You know Clarenceville was settled by Germans and most spoke German. Our grandmother Edith was from England and offended by the fact that all these German people spoke German and she thought they were talking about her. She said, 'When I die, you're not burying me with those Germans.' So they are not

buried there. They're buried in North Farmington."

The last of the 11 children, Edwin, died in October.

Tatom said the next generation numbers 33 cousins, "and after that it's in the 80s and 90s, I don't even know how

many there are." Waack and Tatom hope the younger generation will continue the Christmas tradition. Tatom said plans are already being made for the 51st Waack Family Christmas.

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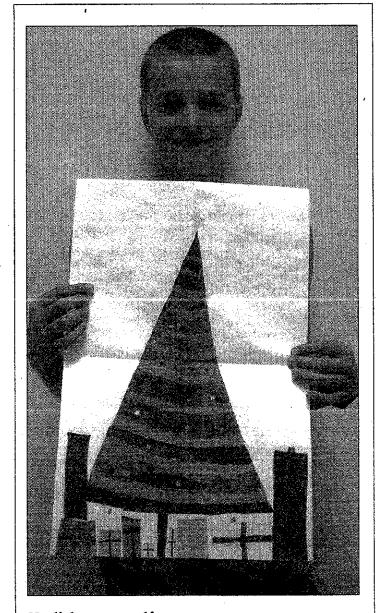
Entertainment books

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 homedelivered. For information or to order, call Bill, (734) 453-8253.

Teen drug seminar "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do," a free, ongoing workshop series, will be presented by Ron Harrison, SW, in the Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Part One: "What To Know," will be presented from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 4, Feb. 1 and March 1. It will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part Two: "What To Do," will be presented from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 11, Feb. 8 and March 8. It will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker. The workshops are free and open to the public. Parents, teens, and people who work with teens are all welcome. Free literature about alcohol/other drugs and teens is provided. For more information phone (734) 973-7892, e-mail jessa@med.umich.edu or go to http://www.hvcn.org/info/teensusingdrugs.

Art center classes

The Ann Arbor Art Center will be offering a number of new and nontraditional art classes for its Winter 2005 session, which begins Jan. 18. Classes range from one-day workshops to 10 weeks, and have beginning dates that range from January through March, Classes will be offered in a variety of media, including drawing, painting, jewelry, ceramics, photography, and more. In addition to Drawing Local Birds, new classes to be offered for adults include Art In Ballroom Dancing, a workshop where participants will learn a dance style and the art that evolved during the era. Three different Wine Tasting classes will be offered as well, including Big Ten's Six: A World-wide Tour of Varietal Wines, Wine Appreciation: An Introduction to France, and Wine Appreciation: A Connoisseur's Guide to Riesling. Youth classes are held in



Holiday greetings

Buyers still looking for a good deal on Christmas cards can get them from the New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville. Designed by John Chadwick of Plymouth, this year's featured artist, the cards are \$20 per package of 20 cards/envelopes with \$13 being tax-deductible. Staff limitations prevent Hew Hope from mailing the cards; however, buyers can call the New Hope office at 113 E. Dunlap in Northville, (248) 348-0115, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday to stop in and pick them up. Proceeds from the sale of these cards will fund New Hope's numerous support groups, workshops and services to those who are grieving throughout southeastern Michigan.

six-week sessions (beginning January 18 and March 1) and new offerings include the Primary Colors class for ages 3-4, an advanced introduction to different art mediums and materials for parents and their children. For more information or to register, call 734.994.8004 x101 or stop by the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty. To view the class schedule and register online, visit www.annarborartcenter.org.

National Alliance for the Mentally III (NAMI) of Washtenaw County conducts its public education meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church/Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard Road, Ann Arbor. Marilyn Wedenoja, MSW at Eastern Michigan University, will preside over a panel discussing "The Road to Self-Sufficiency." Panel members will be Steve Girardin and Amy Advey of Michigan Rehabilitation Services and Bill Ruterbusch, Director of Fresh

Start Clubhouse. Admission is free, For details, call (734) 994-6611. Wayne BPW scholarships

The Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club is now accepting applications for a "Career Development Scholarship" to recognize and support women entering or re-entering the workforce or seeking to advance their career. To qualify a candidate must demonstrate financial need, live and/or work in Wayne or Westland, show formal acceptance into a college or vocational/technical program and have a minimum GPA of 2.8 if already enrolled. For an application, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club, Career Development Scholarship Committee, 14201 Robbe Road, Belleville, MI 48111. Completed applications must be postmarked by Jan. 21. For information,

call Judie Quinn, (734) 699-6817. Marquis Theatre

The Marquis Theatre in Northville presents "Rumpelstiltskin" through Jan. 16. Performances are at 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays (Dec. 18; Jan. 8, 15); Sundays (Dec. 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 Marguis 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 x202, check on-line at www.manyhouses.com, or visit any local RE/MAX office.

'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. McCov's is located at 333 Industrial Park Drive in Belleville. For more information, 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.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach 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, please call our office at (248) 348-0115 for further 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, email Diane VanDyke at djvandyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416-3354.

Rotary A.M.

The 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 email 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 smallgroup 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

DAR

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. Cali 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 for further information.

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the 1.0.0.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

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

Chorus to sparkle in 'Silver and Gold'

LIBRARY PICKS

NAMI meets

The Farmington Community Chorus will perform its 25th annual holiday concert, "Silver and Gold," at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17-18, at the Mercy High School Auditorium.

Mercy High School is located at the corner of Middlebelt and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Tickets can be ordered in advance or at the door for \$10.

The 94-voice mixed chorus includes singers from the metro Detroit area. They will be joined in the concert by dancers and instrumentalists.

Directed by Steve SeGraves and accompanied by assistant director Susan Garr, the chorus will perform a variety of holiday music including, I Saw Three Ships, Ave Maria, Rockin' Down the Chimney, We Three Kings, Sanctus, and

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Christmas On the Beach in Malibu, as well as solo and small group numbers.

Also at the concert, the chorus will begin selling its new CD, Yuletide Memories, featuring songs recorded live at FCC holiday concerts over the past 10 years. The CDs are \$10.

To order advance tickets, call the FCC ticket line at (810) 632-4067 or the Costick Activities Center at (248) 473-1800. Tickets can also be purchased from FCC members.

For more information about the Farmington Community Chorus, contact manager Kathy Hall at (248) 471-4516 or visit www.farmingtonchorus.com.

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LASALLE STEPHEN

1929 - 2004 LaSalle Mayes, Age 75, passed away on Tuesday, December 7, 2004 at his home in Northville. LaSalle Stephen Mayes, born July 2, 1929 at his parents home in Centerline, Michigan, was the son of Raymond and Cecelia (Dzerzinsky) Mayes. He is survived by his wife Betty Lichty Mayes, his six children, Maura Millbern, Michael (Carol), Sheila (Peter) Klein, Tim (Laura) and Matt (Melissa), eleven grandchildren, Adam, Kylie, Trevor Gavin, Taylor, Ally, Chloe, Thomas Alex, Carter and Madison, and his sister Audrey Groulx of Roseville and his sister Marlene (John) Bruce of Harrison Township. LaSalle went to grade school and high school at St Anthony's in Detroit. He began work in his father's level factory, R Mayes and Son, where he ran the office and advertising for the company. LaSalle twice won the Harry Suffrin Award for his advertising work. He attended Meinsinger's Art School and Society of Arts and Crafts in Detroit. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from the University of Detroit in 1958. After receiving his degree, LaSalle taught English and Journalism for six years at Central High School in Detroit and Henry Ford High School in Detroit. LaSalle had a significant career in the Arts. Among his accomplishments, he painted the portraits of all of the pass and present University of Detroit Presidents, which are displayed in the U of D Library. He painted and sculpt ed numerous works for St. Maurice Catholic Church including nativity scenes, Stations of the Cross and stat-ues. From 1962 to 1969, LaSalle was the summer Camp Director for VFW Camp Woodbury in Dexter, Michigan In 1964 he received his Masters Degree in English from Wayne State University. He then joined the faculty of Schoolcraft College as Chair of the English Department. He co-authored and published the textbook Writing Concepts in 1978. He created the Writing Concepts Center at Schoolcraft and worked in the English Department until his retirement in 1992. Even though he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 1992 LaSalle continued to lead an active life of golf, travel and visits with his children and grandchildren. He had a significant impact on the lives of all he touched and will be greatly missed. Services were held on Saturday at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral home in

Northville, Memorial contributions to

the Michigan Parkinson Foundation or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for

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New York 10163 would be greatly

appreciated by the family.

STELLA D. ROGALSKI

Age 85 of West Bloomfield, formerly of Livonia, Beloved wife of Chester Dear mother of Raymond J. (Sandra) Rogal of Birmingham and Richard J Marjorie) Rogalski of Hanover, New Hampshire. Loving grandmother of Carolyn Holba, David Rogal, William Rogal, Ryan Rogalski, Alex Rogalski Devon Rogalski, Karen Rogal, Paul Rogal, Ken Lemanski and Brian Lemanski. She was preceded in death by her dear daughter Delores and son Leonard. Survived by her sister Theresa (Leo) Ignasiak, of Erie, PA Visitation from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Rd., (between 14 & 15 Miles Rds.) Sunday, 4-7pm. Funeral service from Holy Name Church, Birmingham, Monday, 10am Family will receive friends at the church beginning at 9:30am.

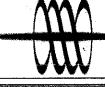


MARGUERITE

PALOSKY ROSS Aged 87, of Plymouth and recently of Jackson, passed away Monday, December 6, 2004. Marguerite was born July 25, 1917 in Ypsilanti, MI, daughter of Ivan and Lena Rau. She received her BA in Education and taught for over 30 years, retiring in 1976. She was married to Frank Ross 1940-1983 (widowed) and to Don Palosky 1987-2002 (widowed). She is survived by one son, Michael (Dianna) Ross of Jackson; one daughter, Linda (Doug) Ross-Barnes of Arizona, five grandchildren, Adam, Ben, and Elizabeth Ross of Jackson, Mark and Brian McKillip of Arizona; and four great-grandchildren, Nathan and Macy Ross of Jackson, and Taylor and Andrew McKillip of Arizona. Additionally she is survived by one brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Sue Rau and their children of Ann Arbor. Marguerite was a great mom and grandmother, loved music and travel, dancing and golf, and was the ultimate teacher. Donations can be made in her name to the Cascades Humane Society in Jackson. A memorial service will be held on May 28, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church in Ypsilanti, the Reverend Ed Ross officiating. Special thanks to the wonderful staff at Countryside who made her last months as comfortable as possible. Inquiries regarding the service can be made to Mike Ross, (517) 787-7219.

MARGUERITE "PEGGY" **OSMUN GAIL**

92, of Hilton Head Island, died December 7, 2004. She was born August 31, 1912 in West Simsbury, Connecticut, daughter of Clarence and Marguerite Osmun. She was a graduate of Barnard College and Catherine Gibbs. She was a member of The even Eastern Woman's College's, St. Luke's Episcopal Church and The Junior League of America. She married Parbury P. Schmidt of New York in 1936, he died in 1964, she later married Maxwell T. Gail in Detroit in 1969, he died in 1998. Her survivors include brother, Robert Osmun and sister-in-law, Ann Osmun, daughter, Margi Kyle and son, Parbury P Schmidt, Jr. 5 grandchildren, Mitzi McGirl, Alex Billesdon, Jennifer Schmidt, Robin Eikenberry and Nicholas Schmidt; great grandchildren, Morgan and Brandon McGirl Max Billesdon, Alex Eikenberry and Lauren Keith. A Celebration of her life was held in her honor on Friday, December 10. Contributions in her memory may be made to Hospice Care of the Lowcountry, 20 Palmetto Parkway, Suite 104, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926. The Island Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.



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The Redford Civic Symphony presents a holiday concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at St. Priscilla's Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia. Admission is free. Bob Zimmerman (pictured) co-conducts the program featuring songs ranging from White Christmas to the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. The St. Priscilla's Choir joins the orchestra for the concert.

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Musical finds hope just around corner

Northville Christian Creative Arts and the Livonia Symphony Orchestra are joining this year to present the holiday musical, "Hope is Just Around the Corner" 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 17-18, and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 19, at 41355 Six Mile Road, west of I-275.

Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, and available at the church and Christian Publications Bookstore at 33483 Seven Mile at Farmington, Livonia. For information, call (248) 348-9030 or the bookstore at (248) 477-7720.

"Hope is Just Around the Corner" is a story set in 1941 with relevant themes for today. The strong bonds of family, golden days of radio, and a nation on the brink of war are

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Lita Hoyer (left) of Farmington Hills; Jeremy Schultz, Novi, Kelly Blackney, Livonia, and Randy Jost, Plymouth, perform in the Northville Christian production "Hope is Just Around the Corner."

all elements of this dramatic production. Audiences will enjoy the drama, the humor, and the 1940s music and cos-

tumes as this Christmas presentation answers the question "Where can a family turn for hope in difficult times?"

Choose friends wisely to be happy

o me, a friend is someone you can trust, confide in, cry and laugh with. A friend should also accept you as you are. Friends don't change friends regardless of who they are. Unfortunately, these beliefs have not held true

> for everyone. Over the years, I have come

in contact with individuals who I thought were my friends. They were embarrassed by my disabilities. Obviously they were more

concerned with public opinion than taking the opportunity to get to know me. For example, I had this one childhood friend from age 5 until our teens who was very close to me. She became a part of my family. Then, suddenly, one day I

didn't exist. I never heard from her again. Over the next couple of

years, I learned to distinguish between fake and genuine people.

I also realized that I really didn't want to socialize with people who were close-minded and disrespectful of all people.

During my high school and college years, people either shielded themselves away from me or found ways to be unkind.

I've since learned that it was immaturity and lack of respect for others that influenced their choices and decisions.

I have been fortunate to meet people who didn't focus on my disabilities, but on me as a whole person.

For example, in college I came in contact with individuals who felt sorry for me and took advantage of me. I also made friends who treated me as one and the same with respect.

There was one person with whom I became a good friend who treated me as her equal. We had a lot of fun together and, more importantly,

she was supportive of me. In fact, we would play jokes on each other and she would be reprimanded by other college friends for being unsympathetic to my needs. Today, I consider her to be one of my best

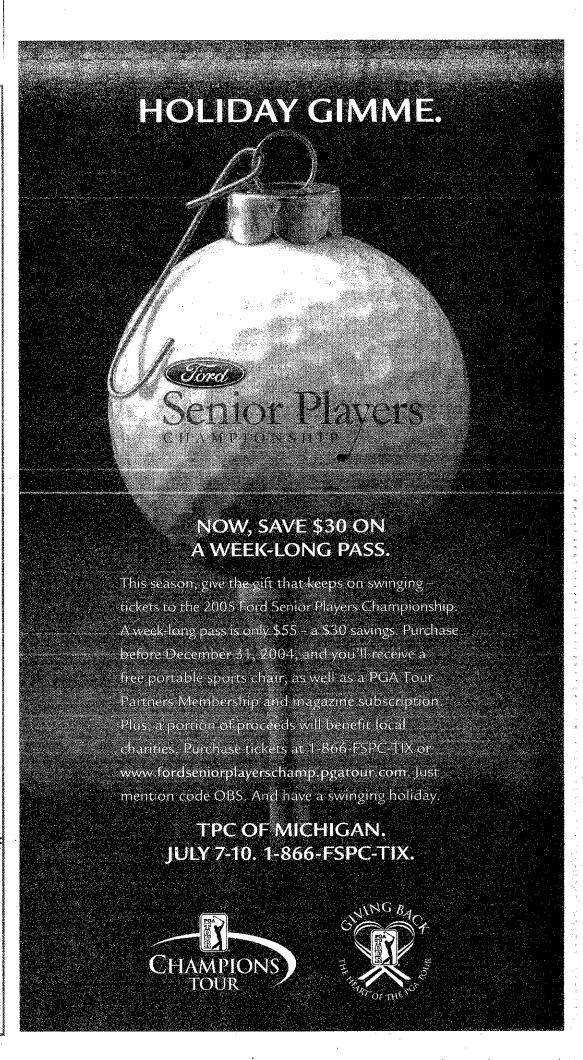
friends. Assumptions should never be made about someone unless you have all the facts from the correct source.

A simple solution is to not take everything personally and keep your true friends close. I also follow the belief that I learned from my parents that you should treat people the way you want to be treated.

We cannot pick our family, but we can pick our friends and surround ourselves with people that make us happy.

I've found that it's better to have few close friends than a room full of strangers. Seeing a friend should put a smile on your face, not a frown. Keep smiling!

Carrie Tynan is a Livonia resident who writes on disability issues.



Concours d'Elegance founder returns to helm of car show

Don Sommer, founder of the popular Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance, was recently elected chairman of the event's board of directors.

The move is being hailed as good news and is already generating excitement about next year's Concours d'Elegance, which is now one of the top automobile shows in the world.

In related matters, William Parfet was named vice-chairman, and David Fischer Sr.. Terry Adderley and Keith Crain rejoined the board of directors.

The new board members return following a successful show earlier this year under direction of Richard Kughn, who remains a member of the new board, along with Victor A. Zambardi, Jeff Groen and Larry Seyfarth.

"With hard work by these people, the organization's volunteers and with the support of sponsors, the Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance has grown from a small, community or regional show in 1979 to become one of the top car celebrations in the world today," Sommer said in a statement. "The Meadow Brook Concours is truly an international classic

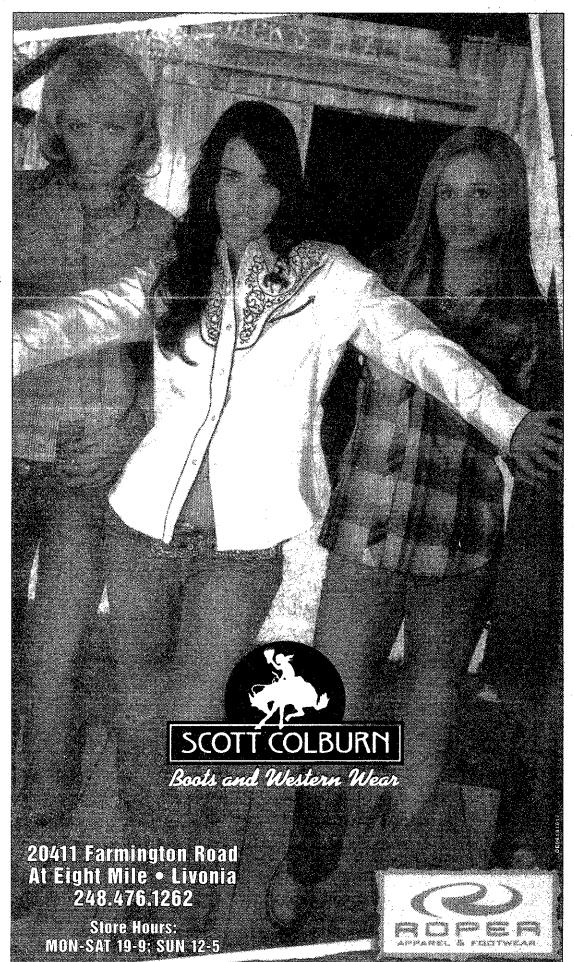
car show." The 2005 event will start a series of "Best Automobiles of America," with next year featuring the "Magnificent Brass Era Cars" of the early 1900s-1910s, 2006 highlighting the "Golden Era Classic Cars" 1920s-40s and 2007 showcasing the "Cars of the Power Years," 1950s-1960s.

Meadow Brook's Concours d'Elegance features five days of activity, including a vintage vehicle tour, a fine art display, a fashion show, a gala black-tie banquet with art auction, an

Italian car show and an RM classic car auction. For the main event on Sunday, Aug. 7, a field of almost 300 rare classic vehicles will be on display and in competition, with more than 20 classes from 1900 through

"We are pleased to have such charismatic personalities like Don Sommer as board chairman and Bill Parfet as vice chairman, as well as the support of these leading area businessmen who have long shown a passion for this truly special event, the preservation of Meadow Brook Hall and the conservation of our automotive history," said Gary Russi, president of Oakland University.

For more information about the Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance, call (248) 269-7672 or visit www.meadowbrookcon-



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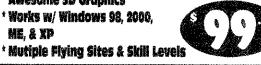


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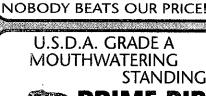


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GET IT TOGETHER
SBF, 28, 5'5", N/S, plus-sized, brown/
brown, would love to spend some time
with a nice SBM, 30-40, N/S, who has his life together. 12543576

BRIGHT EYES SWF, 28, 5'5", average build, N/S, seeks easygoing SBM, 27-44, who wants to talk, go out, see where things go from there.

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. 12230588

Attractive, outgoing, honest, sexy SBF, 32, ISO SM, any race, 31-37, for relationship. I enjoy movies, rollerblading, comedy clubs, bowling, etc. Serious replies only. 25455371 MUST HAVE SIMILAR VALUES

MUS1 HAVE SIMILAH VALUES SWCF, 51, 4*11*, 115lbs, blonde hair, two grown children, loves animals, church, children, sports. Seeking a good Christian man, 50-62, for friendship first, possible LTR. 25530353 MAYBE US?
WIWF, 42, devoted mom, 5'7", 145lbs, seeks handsome child-friendly SWM, 3'7-47, who enjoys bowling, movies, dining out, festivals, for friendship, possible relationship. Prefer N/S, N/D, D/D-free.

LOVELY, CULTURED, TRIM Professional, with many interests and fine qualities, who loves to dance. Seeks tall, attractive, nicely-built, educated gentleman, to share a loving, romantic LTR. 63-73. \$2506895

STILL LOOKING
Attractive tall SBF, 48, N/S, business woman. Enjoys fishing, boating, movies, long walks. Seeking 35+ w/same interest, N/S, 2525043

N/S. 17525043

POTENTIAL LOVE

SWPF, 44, tall, N/S, attractive, down-toearth, enjoys boating, the outdoors, dining
out. Seeking WPM, 28-55, N/S, similar, for
possible LTR. 17483846

CIRCLE THIS AD

Widowed WCF, 47, Italian background,
with grown kids, N/S, is looking to meet
a man, 45-50, N/S. 17541030

TWO HEART'S ONE LIFE
SBF, tall, medium build, N/S, who enjoys
musio, traveling, cornedy shows, seeks
man, 45-55, N/kids, N/S, outgoing,
affectionate, stable, for LTR. 17444748

LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL...

LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL in a SBM, 38-50, 6'+, 190+. Must be honest and laid-back. I enjoys movies, going out, walks, nice conversation, dining, more. \$\oldsymbol{2}\$631635

LOVE AND MARRIAGE Very romantic and shy Russian lady, 38, 5'10", slim, Sagittarius, would like to

meet an intelligent, romantic man, with a strict morality, who is looking for love, possible marriage. 2529118 TRY MEI
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

ATRACTIVE PRINCESS...

Jeeks knight. SBF. 26. 5. desires SBM, 26-35, for possible LTR, must be ambidus, enjoy pets, long walks, sports, be employed and full of possibility. \$2530839

LIFE IN THE COUNTRY
SF, 30, 517°, medium build, college-educated, real estate agent, dog breeder, seeks SF, 27-55, with passions, goals, and motivation in life. 2120949 LOST IN MICHIGAN SBPF, 29, 5'5", 190lbs, no children, never

married, very attractive, easygoing, laid-back, loves travel. Looking for sincere, open-minded, laid-back male who has his open-minded, laid-back stuff together. 2229089 SEARCHING

Sexy, attractive SBPF, 33, 5'1", 145lbs, brown complexion, curly hair, enjoys movies, dining, ISO her soulmate, a compatible SBM, 45-55, possible marriage. THICK AND HEALTHY

SBF, 30, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, no kids, employed. Seeking nice-looking SM, 20-35, w/no kids, N/S, for friendship, possibly more. 2534802 COULD IT BE ME?

Thick, cute BF, 32, single parent, enjoys kids, likes movies, music, bowling, humor, conversation, looking for BM, 29-37, with a romantic side. 2553542

SELF-EMPLOYED...
intelligent, funny SBF, 35, full-figured,
Aries, marriage-minded, N/S, likes jazz
music, comedy and action movies.
Seeking man, 29-45. 25525351 Seeking man, 29-45. \$525351

WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE
SBF, 27, Capricorn, smoker, 5, stable, financially secure, seeking a SM, 25-45, who is stable and knows what he wants in life. 2531401

BF, 31, sweet and sincere, looking for respectful, intelligent, fun-loving SM, 35-40, who is honest and trustworthy. Must like

SEEKS PROFESSIONAL MALE SWPF, 57", long brown hair, looking for an educated man, 35-55, who likes polireading and going to movies

LOVES TO DANCE Tall brunette, very attractive, 5'9", long black/green, looking for an available WM, 53-70, 5'10+, who loves to dance also.

ATTRACTIVE SWEET BF
49. HW proportionate, medium build, enjoys cruises, concerts, dining out, movies, traveling. Seeking honest, passionate SM, 45-60, with similar interests, ror dating, possibly more. 27134441

TAKING IT IN

SWF, 52, 5'2", 190lbs, youthful-looking, shoulder-length hair, brownbrown, love James Taylor, dining, seek-

ing SWM, 48-59. 2530084 LOOKING FOR YOU LOOKING FOR YOU

SWF, 61, looking for a man who likes good books, good conversation and appreciates the many differences between men and women. 59 to 70.

FULL-FIGURED BEAUTY
Light-complected SBF, 25, 5'5", 265lbs, brown eyes, dimples, enjoys movies, parks, playing pool. Seeking SM, 18-32, who is sweet, treats a woman with respect.

CUTE GIRL NEXT DOOR Me: 26, 4'9", 155lbs. brown-complected, employed. You: 5'9"-6'4", 190lbs-240lbs, single, drama free, handsome. Friendship first; maybe long-term later. \$\frac{127}{227}\$ 1252 LET'S COMMUNICATE

Active, affectionate SBF enjoys dining out, movies, plays, concerts, traveling. Seeking honest, good-numored SBM, 55-70, weimilar interests, for companionship. 22413506 YOU NEED ME

Very attractive, young, full-figured, mixed BF, 30, 5'6", searching for down-to-earth, tall, responsible, mentally/physically/ financially secure male. I need you as much as you need mel 251912

ATTN: WORKAHOLICS
SWF, 39, 5"7", 125lbs, ISO professional male, for frendship possible relationship. Not just arm candy, have opinions, feelings, don't want perfection just right person. 27410965

CALL ME
Fun-loving, affectionate, real SBF, 32, enjoys playing cards, the outdoors, candielight dinners, having fun, seeking SWM, 30-60, for dating. \$2474843 TOO MUCH JOY

Chruchgoing SBF, 53, loves to have fun in the kitchen, catches all the latest movies, has good time no matter what. ISO like-minded SBM, 48-56, \$279840

ARE WE A MATCH?
SBF, 45, tall, pretty, enjoys working out, theater, cooking, comedy clubs. Seeking tall SWM, 42-80, attractive, financially secure, similar interests. 17483446 HAPPY, HEALTHY...

adventurous, athletic SWF, 39, 5'2", smoker, mother of 2, seeks adventurous, energetic WM, 35-46, with a good sense of humor. 25542710 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. 23401088 SECRETARY OF FUN SWF, 36, Leo, N/S, blonde/green, mother of 2, seeks serious, hard-working SWM, 35-35, N/S, who is not into bars.

GIVE IT MY ALL SBF, 37, down-to-earth, 5'10", big and beautiful, N/Drugs, seeking clean-cut SM, 38-55, N/Drugs, for fun and dating.

SOMEONE SPECIAL
SBF, 42, 53°, 140lbs, enjoys film, theater, musicals. Seeking handsome, passionate, active, outgoing SBM, 45-55, for LTR. LOOKING FOR ME?

SBF, 19, 5'5", brown complexion, thick, student, likes weekend getaways, sunshine, fresh air, quiet times, romance, flowers Seeking caring, compassionate, considerate, commitment-minded man to share the good things in life. 2520419

YOU GOT A FRIEND
SPF, 5'4", N/S, N/D, HPTW, enjoys
going out and having a good time, not
into bars, seeking the right SBF, 36-43,
for friendship first. 2531171 SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE Full-figured African-American woman, attractive, 44, no children, ISO African-American male, 32-38, to spend quiet evenings. I'm carefree, love laughter, good

times, concerts, plays, sporting events, traveling, and quality time. 2290167 MAKE ME LAUGH SBF, 45, smoker, wants to find friendship, possibly more w/gentleman, 40-60, who appreciates music, travel, spending time outdoors. 2460269

SBF, 28, libra N/S, N/D, no children, sweet, fun and affectionate, seeks SBM, 25-35, for friendship and possible LTR. ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB

ADAM LOURING FUR YOUR RIB Financially secure, independent SBCF, 31, 57", 160lbs, enjoys concerts, movies, dinling, quiet times and more. Seeking SCM, 30-45, with similar interests, for possible LTR. 52217475 CHRISTIAN BACKGROUND SBCF, 30, no children, seeks goal-oriented SBCM, 25-37, no children, who is respectful, intelligent, intellectual, and respects women! 2819950 OPEN AND HONEST

SF. 35 looking for a woman, 25-45, for affection and attention. Call, let's additional control of the state o some excitement to life! 12424565 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

A LOT TO OFFER sional employed, loves the fun and excite-ment of festivals, enjoys new movies and concerts, seeks handsome, honest SBM. 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-worki trustworthy, and goal-oriented. 2759073 SWEET SINGLE FEMALE. SWEET SINGLE FEMALE...

looking for sweet SM, SF, 21, dark brown/brown, 5'2', 150lbs, tattoos/pleroings, ISO commitment-minded, loving, kind guy interested in friendship, happiness and a loving, long-term relationship, 24452322

SWF, 26, enjoys the outdoors, rollerblading, biking, long walks and romantic dinners. Looking for SWM, 25-30, for LTR. 79465744

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, qualify time together. \$\frac{97476802}{2}\$

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
SBF, 60, 5'4", 159lbs, blonde hair, certified nursing assistant, N/S, seeks BM, 61-62, for friendship, dating, perhaps more. 75514347 BEENTHERE? DONE THAT? Take heart. DWF, young-acting 53, 5'9", blonde/hazel, N/S, works in a warehouse.

Seeking that special romantic WM, 49-60, who enjoys animals, camping, traveling, and music. \$\pi\\$17372 A LOVE MATCH SPF, 43, travels on business a lot. Looking for laid-back, happy, financially secure man, 50-60, who needs someone in his life. \$\pi 526682\$

ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND? But gentle of hear? Good-looking, trim SM, 42-55, N/S? Very cute SBF, 53, emotionally and physically in shape, with eclectic interests, currently accept-ing applications. \$\mathbb{T}263684

FEELING LIKE A LADY
SWCF, honest, pleasant, long hair, 42, no children. Likes nature walks, travel, cooking, children, feeling like a lady. Seeking honest, genuine, marriageminded S/DWCM. \$2578655

BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, enjoys comedy and romance, bowling, walks in the park. Seeking tall, dark, handsome SBM, 33-50. \$\overline{\alpha}\ext{81293}\$

SEPTOME OF BEAUTY
SBF, 19, 5'8", 146'lbs, N/S, loves journalist, literature, writing, reading, movies. Looking for SM, 19-34, for possible relationship. 25518785 HELLO, HOW ARE YOU? Loving, down-to-earth SBCF, 33, 4'11", 180lbs; mother, N/S, N/D, enjoys bowling, shopping, movies, live entertainment. Seeking SBCM, 32-35, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. \$\overline{\text{TS}}\)2007-2007-2007-2007

PARADISE SBF, 36, 5'2", brown/brown, ISO honest SM, 35-40, who knows what he wants in life and who's looking for paradise, share my love. 27849600

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. 72350979

JUST LET ME KNOW

Intelligent, caring, affectionate DWF, 28, 5'4", brown/blown, full-figured, enjoys helping people, the outdoors and more. Seeking outgoing, trustworthy, affectionate SWM, 24-35, for friendship, maybe more. \$215849

CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH?

Spontaneous SWF, 61, 5'4", average build, happy, independent, humorous, enjoys boating, cards, music, dining, walks, travel, golf. Seeking good-humored SM, w/similar interests, for companionable 2006 ship. 23962703

TEACHER BY DAY.

likes to let-loose at night, SBF, 47, N/S, N/D, teacher, loves dancing, dining, movies, having fun, music, good friends, seeking SBM, 33-55, with similar inter-

Sports-oriented BF, 39, two teenage daughters, physically challenged, loves jazz, sports, gospel, picnics, amusement parks. Seeking SF, 29-45, 29:223080 LOYAL

SWF, 43, Leo, N/S, blonde/blue, professional chef, green thumb, petite, enjoys cooking, boating, seeks compatible SWM, 43-50, N/S, for dating and possible seletingship #9658739 ble relationship. 22956732 HAVE FUN AND CHILL SF, 6'4", 250lbs, works in medical field, seeking a SM, who wants to have fun and chill with her. \$\overline{x}\$517112

IN IT FOR THE LONG-TERM SBF, 30, 5'6", loves to get away for the weekend, would like to get to know SBM, 23-41, w/passion for travel and life.

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 **☎**484338

ARE YOU THE ONE? SBF, 41, 4'5", wishes to meet a king-sized SBM, 41+, for friendship and companion-RESCUE MEI

SBF, 41, 5'5", average build, enjoys church, family, shopping, much more. Looking for SBM, 43-47, professionally employed, IVS, who knows how to treat a woman. 23408635 RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM SWF, 43, N/S, would like to meet an outgoing, friendly, non-smoking man, 35-53, who likes outdoors, bicycling, walking,

YOU WILL LIKE ME! Attractive SWF, 66, 5'5", blonde, artist, fun-loving, seeks well-groomed SWM, 60+, loves cuddling, dining out, and sharing its \$2272663 ing life. 27272663

SHALL WE DANCE? SHALL WE DANCE?

SAF, 56, 4'11", 105lbs, desires wellgroomed, older gentleman, 60-75, who
toves to dance and travel. Grosse Point
area preferred. 25498134 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 QUIET BEAUTY
SBF, 46, shy but loves to laugh, enjoys concerts, movies, seeking good, honest SBM, 43-50, N/S, for LTR. 2498245

ROMANTIC LADY Good-looking SWF, 65, 5'5", 135lbs, reddish-brown hair, humorous, likes gardening, reading, going out to movies. Seeking SWM, 66-75, 5'8"-6'2", for companionship, possible LTR. Ypsilanti area. ☎990369 STRIKING...

blue-eyed blonde! Slim, sensuous, romantic, fun, caring, seeking attractive, romantic, fun, caring, seeking attractive, fit, fun-loving male, 47-57. Friendship, LTR. I enjoy movies, walks, music, hugs, laughter, quiet times. Let's get to know each other! \$2962332 EBONY SEEKS IVORY DBF. 42. 5'3". 140'bs, full-figured. DBF, 42, 5'3", 140bs, full-figured, seeks to date SWM, 40-50, in the Mount Clemens area, 22,455323

SOMEONE SPECIAL Classy, attractive SBF, 50, 5'3' 120ibs. ISO SWPM, 50+, for special friendship. I love boating, music, quiet times, movies at home, romance, outdoors,

GET TO KNOW THIS..

petite, attractive SBF, 57, N/S, enjoys music, concerts, dining. Looking for SBM, 57-63, for friendship, possible LTR. 25402995 R U OUT THERE?

Attractive, thrilling SBF, 39, never been married, no kids, enjoys music, sports. Seeking same in tall SBM, 30-45, preferably with facial hair. \$2914171 GOOD MAN WANTED Attractive SBF, marriage-minded, 5' 6", average build, 40, Capricorn, N/S, seeks BM, 40-51, N/S, to enjoy life and more.

SHARING MY HOME AND HEART
75-year-old, romantic WF. 5'9", full-fig-ured, N/S, N/D, disease-free, likes tall-men, swimming, TV and home life. Seeking SWM, 50-80. 22552079 A PRECIOUS JEWEL

Very attractive BPF, Christian, 47, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown, N/S enjoys out-doors, movies, traveling, cooking. Seeking romantic BPM, 40-55, financially secure; similar interests, for LTR. 22432793

could be it! Attractive SWF, 50, 5', 105lbs, willing to try just about anything with the right person! Seeking SBM, 32-50, for special relationship. \$241,8068 TAKE A CHANCE

BBW, attractive, enjoys many things. Seeking big, beautiful man, 55-65, 6'+, 250lbs+. Let's talk! \$\oldsymbol{\sigma} 424144 **FUN-LOVING LADY**

FUN-LOVING LADY SBF, 43, Virgo, smoker, loves chocolate, seeks fun-loving, sincere BM, 34-56, enjoys conversations, companionship. 12438719 WORTH THE CALL SBF 19, 57", Sagittarius, N/S, stay at home mom, student, seeks romantic, passionate SBM, 19 to 34, who enjoys

family activities, cuddling, surprises. DINNER FOR TWO

DINNER FOR TWO
SBF, 51, 57", H/W proportionate, foster
mother, likes baking, cooking, family
things, going out, dining. Seeking compatitible SB/WM, 47-67, has interest in children, possible LTR. \$7899391 DON'T PASS ME BY SBF, 19, wants to meet a man who loves working out, reading books, playing with dogs and playing basketball. 25908394

CHIC 60S CHICK
Widowed WF, N/S, N/D, young at heart, looks, spirit and attitude. Tall, talented temptress, waiting for your call. 25992042
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. 2342080

DARK EBONY DARK EBONY
SBF, 42, 5'8", full-figured, seeks intelligent man, 48-60, 5'8"-6'2", medium build or heavyset, for possible relationship. \$232593 SHALL WE?

DWF, 40, 5'4", H/W proportionate, light brown hair, N/S, loves golfing, suspense movies, and travel. Seeking active, outgoing WM, 40-49, N/S, for friendship.

FRIENDSHIP FIRST God-fearing, loving, intelligent SBF, 43, enjoys church, the outdoors, laughter, dining out, gospei music and more. Seeking god-hearing, honest, caring SBM, 40-45, for friendship first. \$221725

Easygoing, active DWF, retired, ISO fun male, 60+, who likes bridge, ternis, reading, hiking, animals, kids, popcom, willing to don a tuxado now and then. 25271793

AAA YOUR HEART

Let's keep the New Year right. Come into my world. SBF, 45, great smile. I'm sure you'll like me. 2568679 MR. RIGHT Are you a tall, big, handsome man, that could be my Mr. Right, for a SWF, 5'8", attractive, loving and fun. let's share life together. ☎443339

VERY OUTGOING
Catholic DWF, 59, looks much younger, N/S, very tall, looking for gentleman, 56-63, wupbeat personality, to enjoy family activities, camping, travel, much more. \$\pi\$455079 23455079 SEMI-RETIRED

SEMI-HETHED

SE, 62, 5'9", slim, fit, likes jazz, concerts, symphonies, theater, travel and out-doors activities. Seeking intelligent, hon-est, cariag, humorous gentlemat, 55-70, with soniag interests, 2746-7917.

CALL ME...
If you are a bisiness man 60-70 SWM.
N/S N/D, homeowner Interests in homelife, nature, pets, alternative medicine, sports, I'm a SWF, 73, w/the above. STILL LIVELY & ATTRACTIVE SWF, 62, N/S, very active, slim and attractive, petite, WLTM a man up to 6', H/W proportionate I enjoy dancing, movies, walks, dining, casinos, more. \$231338

CALL ME! CALL ME! 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. \$2488573

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 LIFE BEGINS AT 60

61-year-old WF, 5'1/2", 135lbs, N/S, N/D, brown/blue, nurse, enjoys cooking, Civil War-Revolutionary War history, travel, seeking gentleman, 56-70, loyal, honest, N/S, affectionate, enjoys being pampered. **23**409879 LONESOME

Senior WF, retired, 5'4", active, honest healthy. Need the attention of a WM, 65-75, enjoys everything, easy to please. So hurry up and call me! \$449585

LIFE IS BEATIFUL

ing professional. Seeking big-hearted, secure, intelligent SPM, 48-64, for fun,

Hard-working SWF, 50, smoker, enjoys laughter, movies, music, conversation, and more. Seeking healthy, trustworthy, intelligent SWM, 45-60, for friendship, maybe more. 2928511

TLISTEN WITH NIT GEATH Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. \$\incream{20070}{\text{control}}\$ **26**39272

race, for movies, pool, dancing, music, and romance. Dating, possible LTR. \$\frac{1}{2752243}\$

Open-minded, energetic, spontaneous SBF, 48, 5'3", seeks the star at the end of the rainbow. My star: someone communicative, kind-hearted, who enjoys romance, exploring life. 27998477 AM I LOOKING FOR YOU?

HOPE WE CANTALK SOON! I am a 5"2", brunette, dark eyes, early 60s, searching for a tall, financially secure gentleman who knows how to treat a lady. \$\frac{\pi}{466121}\$

42-year-old African-American female seeks tall, handsome man who is mature, N/S, and enjoys being in the company of a beautiful woman. \$\alpha 798192

men seeking women **EVENINGS AT HOME**

Respectful SM, 39, 5'11", slim build, N/S, delivery man, likes to watch movies, eat dinner, go dancing, seeks SBF, 23-35, N/S, for LTR, \$2527179 SEEKS OUTGOING SISTER

KIDS OK KIDS OK SBM, 31, 5'9", mustache and beard, slim build, Pisces, marriage-minded, security guard, smoker, seeks woman, early, 30s. 25538147

Easygoing SWM, 39, 518", 170lbs, brown/brown, N/S, into movies, dining out, relaxing at home, seeks SWF, 28-40, N/S, with good personality, morals, and values. 2540750

MY SPECIAL ONE?

SWM, 28, 5'11", 150lbs, enjoys camping, fishing, bowling, hanging out with friends, seeking that special person, 25-29, 3551232 29. 15531232 LOOKING FORWARD TO ...

ROCHESTER GENTLEMAN DWM, 59, handsome, fun-loving and active, but heavyset with cane, retired engineer, financially secure, enjoys the smaller thing in life: local theater, cooking and roadtrips. Seeking S/DWF, 50-60, for LTR. \$533085

TALL, DARK, HANDSOME SWM, 54, 6', average build, Aries, N/S, enjoys crossword puzzles and camping. Seeking WF, 45-55, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. 2537262

Sincere, sensible SWM, 45, gentleman, down-to-earth, mild-mannered, quite attractive, seeks fun-loving, romantic SWF, age open. 27472867

A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 5'10", financially secure. Seeks honest S/DWF, sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, movies, for friendship, possible LTR. 2269646

SWM, 50, attractive, healthy-looking, youthful, light-hearted, enjoys doing fun

things and going to interesting places. Seeking lady to spend time with. \$730508 A ROMANTIC ODYSSEY Grab your dreams and let's go! Youthful, easygoing SWM, 46, seeking attractive SWF with a lively spirit, good sense of humor. But will consider others. 3955782

SEARCHING FOR YOU SBM, 511", 2001bs, medium build, great sense of humor, likes movies and going out. Would like to meet a fit female, 3045with similar interests, 22531157

WAITING Nice-looking BM, 34, one chid, tooking for female, 26-35. Give me a call. "\$\textit{2T533025} HOPETO HEAR FROM YOU
SM, 38, 5'11", 170lbs, new in town, enloys
movies, and simple times. ISO SF wikind
heart and healthy sense of humor, for
sharing smiles, casual dates, talks, much

more. 2532489 CHILDREN OK CHLDREN OK

DM, 38, one son. professional, getting
back into the dating scene. Looking for a
woman, 28-40, to be a good friend first,
maybe more. 2552/786

OPEN BOOK SM, 30, 6', 175lbs, medium complexion, vell-groomed, very open-minded, spontaneous, casual, well-read, very sports-oriented, enjoys shooting poot, bowling, dining, seeking SF, 30-50, for companionship, 25/29881

TAKE A CHANCE Easygoing, ambitious, attractive, caring, kind-hearted WM, 38, 5'6", 150lbs, no children, loves hiking, traveling, sight-seeing, and golf. Seeking similar-mind-ed WF, 24-38. \$\mathbf{x}\$538554

BACK IN TOWN
Athletic SHM, 38, 5'11", 195lbs, Aries, N/S, black/brown, wears wire rim glasses, has a mustache, wishes to find a SF, 18-34, for friendship. 2533600

MUST LIKE CHILDREN
WM, 5'6", 150lbs, very cutgoing, enjoys spend a lot of time with my daughter. Looking for very attractive female, 18-24, who loves camping, the outdoors and more. \$5532099 MORE. 45532099
SEEKING SURVIVOR PARTNER
SWM, 44, black/brown, fit, romantic, honest, communicative, spiritual, attractive, immunity Challenge survivor. Seeking SF, 32-44, passionate, confident, enlightened, who enjoys travel, fine dining, sports, and theater. To enjoy lie. 4563189

LET'S TALK
SM, 30, 6', 200lbs, looking for a cute girl to spend some time with. Friendship first. \$\frac{\pi_{2}}{2521747}\$

HOPE TO FIND YOU

SBPM, 30, light complexion, 67", 350lbs, shaved-head, hazel eyes, goatee, glasses, light smoker, social drinker, seeks special lady H/W proportionate, who's fun, passionate, spontaneous, vivacious and loves laughter. TSS1332 MAGIC MOMENTS

Lonely SBM, 34, 6', 175lbs, N/S, ISO good conversation with a nice SF, 18-25, N/S. Call now, let's make the season magic! \$7522584 THERE FOR YOU 31-year-old SAM looking for a very lovely, open-minded lady, 24-40, who is looking for romance. \$2522910

MAN OF QUALITY
SN 35 art entures open-minded, courageous outgoing and furny, seeking similar qualifies in a woman 25-45, who is open-minded, straight-forward, \$7528018 SWM. 42, Pisces, N/S, 5'6', 175lbs, homeowner, good job, seeks woman, 18-25, no children, any ethnicity, religion.

GOOD CLEAN FUN 41-year-old SM, D/D-free, N/D, enjoys movies, dining, seeking a SF, 30-50, N/Drugs, who enjoys fun and spontaneity, for dating and possible relationship. A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 510", financially secure, seeks honest, caring S/DWF, with a sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candellight dinners, dancing, concerts, beating, movies, for friendship, possible LTR. \$507073 LTR. 2507073

LETSTALK

SWM, 52, 6'2", 220lbs, enjoys dining out, movies, the outdoors, quiet evening at home. Seeking honest, petitle SF, 50-60, with similar interests for LTR. East Points 2501272

Pointe, 27991273 HARLEY RIDER DWM, 45, 5'10", 225lbs, muscular build, blond/blue, beard, one-woman man, homeowner, has one son, seeks SF, 30-55, for LTR. 12522590

HOPE YOU'RE THE ONE DM, 41, 5'10", brown/blue, 190lbs, enjoys bowling, shooting pool, darts, the arcade, sporting events, rollerblacing, cycling, sledding, bonfire, movies, much more. Seeking Light-hearted, fun, young-atheart lady to share special times. GREAT SMILE

GREAT SMILE
SBM, 55, 61", salth-pepper/brown, H/W
proportionate, homeowner, enjoys working out, boating, gardening, antiquing,
travel. Seeking SF, with similar interests,
for friendship, possible LTR. 27478914 UP FOR A COLD ONE? SWM, 34, IVS, salesman in the beer business, likes to watch sports with friends, see shows, seeks SWF, 23-38, IVS, who is up for trying anything. \$2531186

ATTRACTIVE...
SWM, 46, 5'9", 150, youthful-looking, humorous, never married, seeks attractive, fit, affectionate female, 18-50, for datasets. ing. 25531285 RAPTURE BM, 43, looking for SF, 27-63, for friend-ship and companionship. Enjoys quiet times by the fireplace and more. \$2531934

ROMANTIC ITALIAN
WM, 5'10", 188lbs, loves life and cooking Italian food. Would love to meet my
Miss Right. I hope she is romantic also
and loves animals. 27532478 HONEST GENTLEMAN

HONESI GEN ILEMAN
DWM, 57, 6'3", 250lbs, enjoys movies,
dining in and out, bowling, golf, crosswords. Seeking honest D/SWF, 42-62,
with similar interests, leading to LTR. CALL ME BM, 45, looking for a B/HF, 35-45, who likes movies, bowling, playing cards, quiet evenings at home and more. \$\overline{2}\$532877

A SEXY SHORT SBF WANTED, age 32-55, 4'5"-59" tall enjoy music, movies, dining, talks, and more with SBM, 6'1", cute face, lips, and hair. Own home and car. 2496852 MUSIC IS MY PASSION
Easygoing, laid-back DWM, 55, 5'7",
150lbs, Aquarius, smoker, offbeat sense of humor, plays in a band, seeks sincere SWF, 50-55, who appreciates romance.

CONFIDENCE A PLUS 40-year-old SBM, N/S, handsome, well-dressed, seeks friendship with SBF, 26-38, N/S, who is cool, relaxed, and confident. 2523303

gent. 2523303

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Athletic SBM, 44, 5'8", Sagittarius, smoker, drummer, loves deep conversation, sports, cooking, seeks SBF, 35-50, smoker, for romance and LTR. 2526135 GORGEOUS BOWLER? SM, 55, seeking a pleasant, gorgeous, fit SW/AF, 30-49, who enjoys bowling, dining, movies, long walks, swimming. **2**530208

POSITIVE ATTITUDE DWM, 53, brown/blue, N/S, friendly, clean-cut, fit, well-mannered, enjoys cooking, the outdoors, walks on the beach, seeking similar SWF, 40-55. 2516925

LIKE INTHE MOVIES
SWM, 48, blande/falue, muscular build, works as projectionist, enjoy sports and electrics, seeking a SW/BF, 28-57, with a pleasant personality, similar interests. TES9751 FIT AND ACTIVE

SWM, 51, 5'9", 175lbs, super shape, Pisces, N/S, seeks petite, fit, appealing WF, 36-48, for exercise partner and LTR. LET'S START AS FRIENDS
Widowed WPM, 56, N/S, N/Drugs, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys golf,
cruises, movies, romance, cooking.
Seeking attractive PF, 46-56, N/S, HPTW,
race open, Southern Wayne County.
7526/045

WANTED: SEXY BLACK FEMALE Sexy, Italian SM, 56°, 170lbs, fit, athletic, runs daily, has herpes, sensitive, understanding, good SOH, likes comedy clubs, theater, dining/more. Seeking attractive BF, 21-40. LTR. \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$130446

RAPTURE
SBM, 43, seeking SF, 27-63, for friend-ship and companionship. Enjoys quiet times by the fireplace with that special someone. Race open. 22482105 CHRISTIAN MAN

SM, 31, loves movie and more. Looking for a female, 18-30, for friendship first, possibly leading to more in the future. Must have good morals. 25532507 ONE AT A TIME

SWM, 46, 5'8", 205lbs, soft brown hair, blue eyes, loves old cars, and a girl that melts in my arms. No drugs, booze, kids. \$\mathbf{T}\$114917 BLACK/WHITE/HAWAIIAN MIX Male, 32, 6'3", fit, college graduate, Virgo, N/S, logger. Seeking woman, 20-47, fit, shapely, nicely built, who loves movies and bowling. \$\overline{4}\$509002

Male, 50, 61", 2201bs, athletic build, hand-some, with sense of humor and own business, intelligenf, NVs. enjoys good commu-nication and honesty. Seeking WF, 35-47, silm or athletic build. 32264933

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FUN FRIENDSHIP...
maybe more depending chemistry. Goodlocking, degreed DWPM, Troy area, trim, fit, 150lbs, 57", youthful, 40+, playful, creative, respectful, appreciative, humor, integrity, seeks right woman, 5'2'- 5'6", good shape, age open, \$2962360

SEEK SWEET JEWISH WOMAN
SJM, 49, would like to meet a nice Jewish woman who is kind, caring and loving, for possible lasting relationship. \$2515270

LIFE'S SIMPLE PLEASURES
VSWM, 57, 5"10", 175lbs, NS, employed, business manager, kind, considerate, seeks SF, 50+, N/S, who enjoys the simple things in life. Race unimportant. Monroe County. \$2508600

"RECOMMENDED READING"
Share fun and laughter, enjoy simple placeures good conversatives or itself.

Share fun and laughter, enjoy simple pleasures, good conversations, or just hang out. SWM seeks SWF, 36-56. **GREAT FRIEND** Attractive, romantic engineer, Asian American male, light complexion, 54, 5'8", 160lbs, fit, financially secure, caring, funloving. Seeks W/H/A/F, 40-55, for friend-DO YOU BELIEVE.

in thoughtfulness, understanding, sincerity, sveryday warmth, coupled with romantic clay being paramount to a long-term, monogamous, romantic relationship? SWM, 42, 61", 190lbs, seeks slim, trim, romantic woman for LTR_ FRIENDSHIP FIRST SWM, 56, 5'10", 180lbs, salt n pepa/blue, music. ISO SWF, 48-60, with similar interests for friendship first, possible LTR. \$2525983

SEENING SOME PHING HEAL

DJM 58, N/S, professional, easygoing,
low-key, enjoys long walks, sporting
events and more. Seeking commitmentminded, loving, affectionate, understanding lady who wants to create something
special. 37510956

SEEKING SOMETHING REAL

special. \$\frac{\text{T510956}}{\text{ROMANTIC TRUCK DRIVER}}\$

Nice-looking BM, 6'2", 205lbs, 50s, no dependents, seeks stender or medium SF, 38-48, for concerts, weekend trips, ormance, dining cut, playing chess, etc. LTR an option. \$\frac{\text{TF}}{\text{TF}}\$ 178 Y IT OUT

Just call this friendly, social, easygoing SWM, 40s, humorous, optimist, seeks kind, sociable fady for casual dating. Age open. \$\frac{\text{TS}}{\text{TS}}\$ 13284 open. 2513284 BEST OF ALL?
Reserved, warm-hearted SWM, 40s, likes

neserved, warm-learned Svww, 4vs, includors animals, music, reading, outdoors. Seeking nice, friendly female for friendship or love. 17834246

CAPABLE, COMPETENT ADULT
Ready to move on? SWM, 71, 1 am a retired professional with many interests. Looking for a nice woman for a full relationship. 17282848 STARTING ANEW WITH... just me and you! Sociable, gentlemanly SWM, 40, likes to go to interesting places, Seeking nice female companion, LTR ok,

Seeking nice ternale companion, LTH ok, no marriage right now 25660062

IREALLY BELIEVE...

Do you believe in love at first sight?

Interesting SWM, easy to talk to, active, adventurous, seeks pleasant, playful SWF, 35-50. 2568509 CLDER WOMAN WANTED
SWM, 44, 6'2', 209lbs, brown/blue, mus-cular, athletic, rugged, degreed, outgoing, open-minded, likes to try new activities. Age and area open. Seeking friendly, open-minded SE #551208

Age and area open. Seel open-minded SF. 25531308 BRINGING US TOGETHER Why go it alone? If you're a decent, friendly lady, I'm a nice-looking, upscale SWM, 40s, looking to connect. 2534514

ADDRESSING MUTUAL NEEDS ADDRESSING MUTUAL NEEDS
Outgoing, friendly SWM, 44, open to suggestion, seeks unattached, nice-looking, pleasant SWF for memorable momenta and a meaningful connection. \$2207183
JUST SAY WHEN...

JUST SAY WHEN...
Willing to go anywhere in the tri-county area. SWM, 44, articulate, friendly and gentle. Enjoys art, nature; dancing and romancing. Seeks sincere lady companion. 27604683 COULD WE MEET? and have fun while getting acquainted? Good-natured, good-looking SWM wants to meet interesting SWF, 30s-40s." \$764071

with a lady's touch. SWM, 45, seeks good friend and true partner. Looks and age not that important. I just want someone real! **737**783752 COMMITMENT WANTED SBM seeks intelligent friend/lover, 30-55, for long-term commitment. Must be attractive, independent, and down-to-earth. Serious responses only.

PREFER KINDHEARTED...

TAKE A CHANCE Fit, communicative, humorous, persevering, Catholic SWPM, 45, 5'8", no dependents, enjoys in/outdoors. Seeking fit, educated, emotionally available SWF. \$\pi\$130291 SINCERELY HONEST

2455532

Honest, positive, caring, and uplifting SBPM, 42, 5'11", 205ibs, likes outdoors, dining, movies, plays. Seeking a SF for LTR after long talks with each other. \$\tilde{\Omega}\$35114 THINKING ABOUT ROMANCE?

Romantic, caring, personable, sincere SWM, 40, healthy-looking, outgoing, adventurous, seeks intelligent, friendly, playful woman for friendship, maybe more. 27987480 A-Asian B-African American/Black C-Christian D-Divorced F-Female H-Hispanic J-Jewish M-Male NS-Non-smoker ND-Non Drinker N/D- No Drugs P-Professional S-Single W-White LTR-Long Term Relationship

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR? PICK A WINNER

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

Attractive SWF, 50s, loves all life, ani-mals, arts, family, nature. Masters helpfriendship, depth, etc. \$2892242 BEAUTY AND BRAINS

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

BBW, passionate, SBF, 46, honey-complexion, dimples, seeks outgoing, fun-loving gentleman, 35-55, NS, NDrugs, any for movies pool, dancing, music, VERY SPICY! SEEKING THE RAINBOW

Attractive, kind-hearted SBF, 44, 5'8", full-figured, enjoys dining out, movies, playing cards, family and more. Seeking family-oriented, intelligent, humorous SB/HM, 40-60, for friendship and companionship.

PLEASINGLY PLUMP FEMALE

SEEKS OUTGOING SIGNER
SBM, 34, works in sales, loves bowling,
going to shows, seeking a nice SBF, 2634, no dependents, who is established,
outgoing. 25533322

medium build, seeks SWF, 28-4u, med-um build or voluptuous for dining out sporting events, occasional road trips

SOME ONE LIKE YOU

SEKS VERY PRETTY FEMALE
DBM, over 50, 5'11", 175lbs. Well-educated executive seeks very pretty, faithful female, 32-49, who would like a good, caring, thoughtful man in her life. Weight must be proportionate to height. #5540913



Don't forget to shop for yourself this season.

Remember to place your ad. Call 1-800-506-5115

INDELINES: MATCHMAKER PLUS ads are for adults 18 or over seeking monogamous relationships. To ensure your safety, carefully screen all responses. First meetings should occur in a public place. Abbreviations are permitted only to indicate gender preference, race, and religion. We suggest your adj centain of control occur in a public place. Abbreviations are permitted only to indicate gender preference, race, and religion. We suggest your adj centain of control occur in a public place. Abbreviations are permitted only to indicate gender preference, race, and religion. We suggest your adj centain of control occur in a public place. Abbreviations are permitted only to indicate gender preference, race, and religion. We suggest your adj centain of control occur in a public place. Abbreviations are permitted only to indicate gender preference, race, and religion. We suggest your adj centain of control occur in a public place. Abbreviations are permitted only to indicate gender preference, race, and religion. We suggest your adj centain of control occur in a public place. Abbreviations are permitted only to indicate gender preference, race, and religion. We suggest your adj centain of control occur in a public place. Abbreviations are permitted only to indicate gender preference, race, and centain of control occur in a public place. Abbreviations are permitted only to indicate gender preference, race, and centain of control occur in a public place. Abbreviations are permitted only to indicate gender preference, race, and centain occur in a public place. Abbreviations are permitted only to indicate gender preference, race, and centain occur in a public place. Abbreviations are permitted only to indicate gender preference, race, and centain occur in a public place. Abbreviations are permitted only to indicate gender preference, race, and centain occur in a public place of the public place. Abbreviation are permitted only to indicate gender preference, race, and centain occur in a public place of the public place. Abbrevi

Charities still seek donations for holiday gifts Parents need facts

The year has been a tough one for charities and nonprofit agencies. So, as the holidays arrive, many are seeking extra help from the community in order to make the holidays brighter for those they serve. Their "Santa" lists range from bicycles to toys to meal bas-

Listed below are a few area charities and the items on their wish lists.

Variety:

Variety - The Children's Charity gives up to 150 needy and special needs children in metropolitan Detroit brand new bicycles annually. The children are selected by local nonprofit agencies supported by the Southfield-based charity; all the children have made a difference in their communi-

The bikes, helmets and bike locks were presented Dec. 8 at the Bikes For Kids holiday party at the Welcome Baptist Church in Pontiac. Customized individual bicycles will also be given to children with special needs.

Donors from across southeastern Michigan each pledged a tax-deductible contribution of \$182.45 in order to give a bike to a child. More bikes, however, are still needed. To donate, contact Variety at (248) 258-5575. Children's Leukemia Foundation

Each year, the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, based in Southfield, helps to combat stresses and make the holidays brighter for families in the community facing cancer.

CLF provides gift packages to child patients and their siblings and to the children of adult patients. Each child receives four new gifts. The agency is currently providing gift packages to some 900 children throughout the state.

CLF is asking civic groups, businesses and individuals around the state to participate in its toy drive. Donated toys are needed for children of all ages, infancy through teens. All must be new, and not gift wrapped.

Ideal toys/gifts include books, arts and crafts items hand-held electronic games, dolls, action figures, bath and body sets, sports equipment and board games. Monetary

donations are always welcome. The agency's Web site is

leukemiamichiagn.org or call (800) 825-2536.

CLF is a statewide organization that provides information, financial assistance and emotional support to families of adults and children affected by leukemia, lymphoma and other related blood disorders. Focus:HOPE

Focus: HOPE in Detroit has two holiday programs.

The Share with a Senior program matches individual and group donors with homebound and low-income seniors. Donors provide a special holiday basket loaded with foods, including fruits, vegetables and meat. Often, donors spend time with the senior, or invite them to share dinner with their own family.

The Family to Family program matches individual and group donors with families of whatever size the donor requests. They provide the family with a basket containing the fixings for a complete holiday meal along with clothing and/or toys for the children.

Financial contributions

enable Focus: HOPE representatives to buy needed items for recipients.

Some 1,000 family members and senior citizens have been adopted so far this season. But, Focus: HOPE still seeks donors for 4,000 others.

"There are so many people in need," said Maurice Huey of Focus: HOPE. "I hope that people who have the resources to help will reach out to their community this year."

To volunteer, call Focus: HOPE's Volunteer and Community Resources Department at (313) 494-5500.

Focus: HOPE is a civil and human rights organization in Detroit. Its programs fight to end racism, poverty and injustice. It offers a food program, which assists 43,000 seniors, mothers and children each month; career training programs; child care; business conference facilities; community arts projects; and neighborhood revitalization initiatives. Through Focus: HOPE, thousands have become financially independent.

www.focushope.edu. - compiled by Susan Steinmueller

about pet rabbits

Michigan Rabbit Rescue, a local nonprofit rescue and education organization wants parents to look before they leap and learn the facts about rabbits as pets before they get one as a holiday gift, especially for a

This season local pet stores are featuring rabbits as good "starter pets" for children so the group is bracing for an onslaught of frantic parents calling after the holidays to surrender the long eared living present that didn't work out.

"Contrary to popular belief, rabbits do not necessarily make a good child's pet", Michigan Rabbit Rescue board member Lori Durham said, "In reality, even baby bunnies are willful and independent, and they do not enjoy being picked up and hugged and carried around which is what almost all children want to do with a rabbit.

"While they make wonderful pets in the right homes we want to be sure that people understand that rabbits are high maintenance and require just as much work, and sometimes even more work, than a dog or a cat. If you are getting a rabbit for your child know that, in reality, you are getting a rabbit for yourself since ultimately you will be providing the care."

The group urges parents to educate themselves about the day-to-day work and expense involved in taking on a rabbit as a pet and warns that they do bite and scratch if they feel threatened and have a fondness for chewing things up. They are also a long term responsibility.

"Parents need to be aware that rabbits live 8-10 years and many times a child loses interest in the rabbit after the first month or so. Also, a lot of chil dren go away to school during the lifetime of the rabbit. What we want parents to think about* before they get one is what will happen to the rabbit if the child looses interest or goes away to college,"said Michigan Rabbit Rescue General Director Renee Miller.

The group urges anyone who is interested in rabbits to contact them for more information before they get one, "We welcome questions about rabbits as pets," Miller said. "We're always happy to go over care and explain rabbit behavior. We also recommend that anyone are who is interested in getting a rabbit come up to one of our events or even volunteer with us for a while. That way they can get an idea of what having a rabbit is like without the commitment."

Michigan Rabbit Rescue finds homes for abandoned pet rab-name bits they obtain from area shelters and provides community education. Visit the Michigan Rabbit Rescue web site at www.michiganrabbitrescue.org or call 586-447-2260.

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"The biggest thing for people trol how much you eat of to think about is not the actual something." foods they're eating, but how Before Zimmerman begins dish.

Quantity key to not gaining weight this holiday season

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

The quantity of food not type is the secret to not gaining weight this holiday season, according to Darlene Zimmerman, a registered dietitian for Heart Smart, the Henry Ford nutrition education system.

Go ahead and eat that cookie, but only one.

As space permits, the Observer &

charge, announcements of class

reunions. Send the information to

Reunions, Observer & Eccentric

Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft,

son, and a telephone number.

Clawson High School

Class of 1955

Eccentric Newspapers print, without

Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the

date of the reunion, one contact per-

REUNIONS

A 50-year reunion is being planned.

Warner at (248) 435-4351 or email

For more information, call Barbara or

much," said Darlene Zimmerman who teaches car-

diac rehab patients about healthy eating once a week at the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute in Livonia. "It's a time for celebration to be with family, not a time of deprivation. We know denial doesn't work. You can always con-

wiseppi@wideopenwest.com.

Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylor-

reunions.com or e-mail: info@tavlorre-

Horace Mann Grade School, Detroit

Looking for classmates for reunion.

Please contact Kathie at (734) 525-

A combined reunion is planned for the

summer of 2005. Volunteers needed.

For details contact Howie Ambinder, e-

mail at nancyambinder@comcast.net.

Grosse Pointe North

Class of 1991

unions.com.

Class of 1963

Northville High School

Classes of 1964, 1965 1966

filling her plate she looks over all of the choices on the table.

"I evaluate the best choices. Survey the whole area before you start filling up your plate," said Zimmerman. "Have a glass of water before any meal to fill up your tummy. Some people eat before they go. Offer to bring something that you've

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made. Don't tell anybody that you've made a Heart Smart

Zimmerman suggests bringing fresh fruit, low fat crackers, vegetables with low fat dip, or a blackbean dip with corn and tomatoes served with pita bread as an alternative to sour cream dip.

"Good for you food tastes good, too," said Zimmerman. Ichomin@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2145

Canton Police

Public Auction at Budget Towing

876 Railroad, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 December 21st, 2004, 10:00 AM

1992 Ford 1FAPP1280NW142426

1992 Chevrolet 2G1WL54R1N9254586

1986 Acura JH4KA2644GC008332

1992 Ford 1ZVPT21UXN5187418

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community

Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a

bid for Year 8 Universal Service Fund (USF) Funding. Bidders

may obtain bidding documents by contacting Jim Casteel of the

PCCS Technology Department at (734) 416-2706. For additional

information, contact Dan Phillips of the PCCS Purchasing

Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due on or before

2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 16th, 2004. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on 12/17/04 at 10 am at Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather Rd., Plymouth, MI a public auction of the following:

Plymouth Twp. PD

734-453-3869

1974 Buick Century 4D29H4H179020

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NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN DOG LICENSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that current dog licenses will expire on December 31, 2004.

New pet owners must present a Rabies Vaccination Certificate that is valid during the next license period in order to obtain a license. purchased during regular City Hall hours, Monday Friday, 8:00 am-4:30 pm. The 2005 license will expire December 31,

License fee \$5.00 per dog

A copy of Ordinance #99-9

is available in the Clerk's office.

TERESA CISCHKE, CMFA City Treasurer

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

CLASS REUNIONS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community

Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for Technology Consulting Services, working with an

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be in the best interest of the school district.

NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WINTER TAXES

Winter taxes are due December 1, 2004 and payable through February 28, 2005 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH. Payments can be made at City Hall during regular working hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's office. After hours, payments can be placed in the drop box located in the City Hall lobby (Church Street entrance) or in the payment drop box next to the book returns

behind the Library.

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED during the Christmas Holiday from Friday, December 24, 2004 through Sunday, January 1, 2005. The Treasurer's office will be OPEN TO ACCEPT TAX PAYMENTS AND OTHER PAYMENTS ON Wednesday, December 29th AND Thursday, December 30th.

TERESA CISCHKE, CPFA City Treasurer

Board of Education

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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Architectural/Engineering firm, in the construction of one new elementary school. Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions can be directed to PCCS Director of Technology, Jim Casteel at (734) 416-2708 or brought to the mandatory pre-bid meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 7th, 2005 at the E.J. McClendon Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. Proposals are due to the same address, attention (Technology Consulting Bid) on or before 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 17, 2005 at which time, the bids will be publicly opened. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school. Board of Education

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR December meeting Tuesday, December 21, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable

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

> Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary Plymouth District Library 223 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170 734-453-0750 X217

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1150 S. Canton Center **Canton, MI 48188** THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED

Canton Police Department

ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON DECEMBER 14, 2004. AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT 6375 HIX RD., WESTLAND, MI 48185. 1001 PODD THINDEDDIED OND 1EADDCOTOMH11770C

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1994	FORD	ESCORT	4 DR	3FARP13J0RR100647
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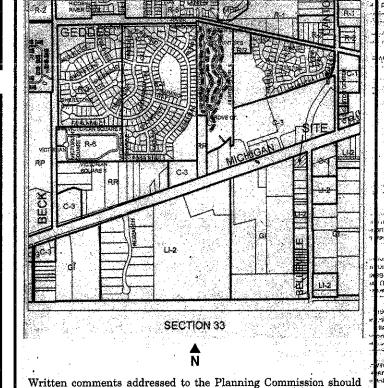
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE. IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 20, 2004 in the Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning

TIM HORTON'S/FLAGSTAR BANK SPECIAL LAND USE -CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT WITH DRIVE THROUGH AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B8 FOR PARCEL NO. 132 01 0001 000. Property is located at the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Belleville Road.



be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, December 16, 2004 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman OE08281151



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Ernie Harwell

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Now there's a simple way for all of us to help keep ourselves and others healthy just by washing our hands. Not just when they're dirty, but just out of habit.

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And remember, take care of your health before it's lonnggg 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 columns titled Life After Baseball, is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.

Support group meets

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 lócations 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.



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Seniors should exercise

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY CORRESPONDENT

You're never too old to get fit. Esther Friedrichs, age 83, not only knows this, but she could serve as a role model for the "You Can! Steps to Healthier Aging," a new campaign of the U.S. Administration on Aging (AoA). The Livonia resident, who is a popular fitness instructor at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, is a "moving" example of how regular exercise provides a better quality of life. "I'm happy due, in a large part, to exercise," she said.

The "You Can!" initiative was designed for older adults who are ready to make small changes in their food choices and physical activities.

"Regular physical activity is a necessary component for staying healthy and fit," said a trim Friedrichs, who has volunteered as an instructor at the senior center for 30 years. A physical education major in college, the mother of six and grandmother of 15, has also taught water aerobics classes at Schoolcraft College and the Livonia YMCA.

"I love what I'm doing, and it makes me feel good helping others to feel better and to function better." Her classes include exercises using hand weights, some aerobics and mat work focusing on stretching and flexibility.

Aaron Morrison of Novi, who operates Applied Health and Fitness Systems, also aims for functional strength in his "Strength Training for Seniors" class at the center. "I designed my classes so that seniors are able to pick up a gallon of milk, which weighs eight pounds, or a 20-pound bag of potting son, or their grandenndren. I want them to be able to continue to do what they enjoy doing."

This is also Friedrichs' goal.

"Most adults eventually experience mild or moderate arthritis. My classes are geared to work every joint and provide every range of motion."

KEEP MOVING

Jan Petrie, assistant director of the Birmingham Area Senior Citizen Center (BASCC), knows firsthand the need to keep moving to deflect the painful effects of arthritis. Diagnosed with a severe form of this disease of joint inflammation in her 30s, the 68-year-old has taught "Limber Up" for more than 20 years at

"If I hadn't learned the importance of movement

- she prefers this word to 'exercise" — I would not be walking today," she said. "Because I continue to be physically active on a regular basis, my arthritis is now very manageable."

"Not only does movement help my arthritis and my whole body, but it energizes me," Petrie said. "It's important for everyone, especially seniors, to realize how moving and being active can make their lives richer."

The mind-body connection is what also keeps Friedrichs moving. "Exercise sharpens the mind while it keeps the body fit."

In addition to exercising during her classes twice a week, Friedrichs participates in water aerobics classes another two days. In good weather, she also rides her bike outdoors; on bad weather days, it's a stationary bike at home.

Friedrichs added that being fit has enabled her to take care of her husband, George, who has been fighting Parkinson's disease for 20 years and is wheelchair-bound. "My goal is to get him back into the pool to exercise when he's feeling better. Always an active man, he, too, knows the benefits of exercise."

YOU CAN

The Livonia Civic Park Senior Center (734-466-2555) and BASCC (248-203-5270) offer a number of fitness classes for seniors, including chair exercises for those with health restrictions. "There are many classes available for seniors throughout the area, and older adults need to make the decision to join and participate in them," said Friedrichs.

According to AoA, with regular physical activity, combined with healthy diet

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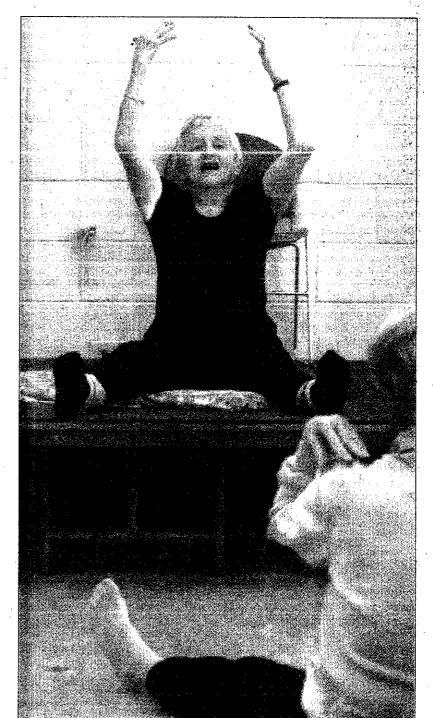
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way to become more active.

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Esther Friedrichs teaches a senior fitness class at the Livonia Civic Park Senior

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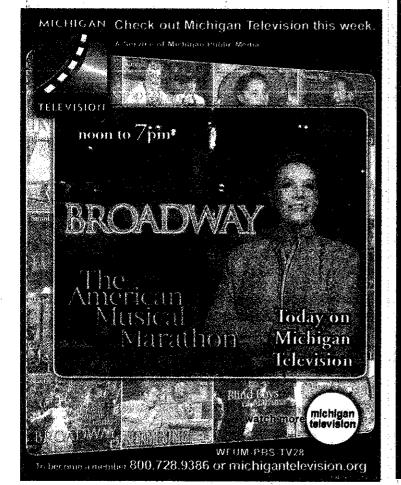
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Be kind to your feet and eliminate sports injuries

As the winter sports season approaches many adult, adolescent and child athletes could be playing with seemingly normal but persistent foot pain. That could be a sign of a more serious injury, according to Joseph E. Silver, a Westland podiatric surgeon and member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS).

"Playing with pain often is viewed as a badge of honor among athletes, but they must be aware that the persistent pain they dismiss as normal exercise-related stress could be something far more serious," said Silver.

Athletes of all ages visit Silver's office with foot pain due to overuse injuries from repetitive loading of the foot and ankle during running and aerobics.

SEE A PROFESSIONAL

"When athletes overdo their workouts, it may be normal to experience some temporary discomfort," said Silver, "but if pain continues longer than a few days with continued redness, warmth or swelling, the athlete should see a podiatric foot and ankle surgeon for proper diagnosis and advice on treatment options."

Athletes who ignore persistent foot pain and inflammation and continue to train risk potential complications that could sideline them for months.

Among possible injuries associated with persistent foot and ankle pain are stress fractures, muscle strains, tendonitis and subtle fractures after inversion ankle sprains.

"Stress fractures sometimes aren't debilitating and some athletes might continue their normal training despite the injury," said Silver. "But continual rigorous activity can worsen the problem. An examination and diagnosis by a foot specialist can determine whether the pain is from overuse or subtle trauma, requiring only a few days of rest, or something that may require surgical interven-

Heel pain in children often is caused by injuries to the growth plate and secondary growth centers in which tendons pull at the top and bottom of the growth plate of the heel. Boys and girls ages 8 to 14 are susceptible to this problem, and its major symptom is pain on either side of the heel.

"Growth-plate trauma is common

in soccer and other sports that involve a lot of running," said Silver. "Parents should make sure that their children stretch before playing and apply ice to the back of the heel after the game or practice. In some cases, anti-inflammatory drugs and shoe inserts or lifts are recommended, but the potential for recurrent injury exists until the growth plate closes."

Podiatric foot and ankle surgeons provide many forms of treatment to keep children pain-free and participating in sports activities. When treating athletes of any age, they will evaluate several factors that could be the underlying cause of foot pain including running or playing surfaces. Athletes who train on asphalt or cement are more prone to stress injuries than those who run on cushioned tracks or natural grass fields. Footwear should be appropriate for the sport and match the biomechanics of the individual's foot. For example, those who engage in one sport more than three times a week should wear athletic shoes designed for the sport, and shoe technology has advanced to allow for variances in

Injuries often result when athletes fail to build up to a desired training goal. Accordingly, a runner shouldn't set a goal of 20 miles a week without gradually progressing to that goal.

foot characteristics that require sta-

bility cushioning.

In children, overuse injuries sometimes occur from excessive parental pressure to achieve in sports. Stress fractures can occur in athletes with poor nutritional habits. Sleeping problems and resultant irritability and fatigue are common among some athletes who exercise aggressively. Variations in bone structure and muscle development are evidenced in

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individuals who are bow-legged or have malalignment problems.

Complimentary copies of brochures on treatment of various foot conditions are available from the ACFAS toll-free number, (888) THE-FEET, or on the Web at www.acfas.org.

BUYING TIPS

Before purchasing athletic shoes for kids, Silver recommends taking a few steps that could avoid problems in the future.

■ For comfort and injury prevention, children who regularly participate in a sport should wear shoes designed specifically for the demands of that sport. For example, tennis shoes are designed for side-to-side motion, while running shoes are made for forward momentum and have extra cushioning.

■ When shopping for athletic shoes for kids, remember the basics of good fit. There should be a thumb's width from the tip of the child's toe to the end of the shoe. The toes should have room to wiggle freely. The heel should not slip off the foot as the child walks

■ If specific socks are required as part of a uniform, it's important to wear these socks, or ones of the same thickness, to try on shoes.

■ Look for good quality athletic shoes with adequate support and

cushioning. Running shoes in particular come with a variety of arch supports. Knowing what type of arch the child's foot has - high, medium, or low - can help in selecting the most

comfortable and supportive shoe. For some children who have flat feet or who pronate excessively, spe-

cial orthotic inserts may be beneficial? Lacing shoes correctly is important. It is helpful to lace through each. top eyelet twice to ensure a more snug fit and decrease slippage. Children must be careful not to tie laces too tight, as this may cause injury to the nerves or tendons on the top of the foot and ankle.

■ Soccer shoes can contribute to heel pain in adolescents. The limited number of cleats in the heel of the shoe can cause excessive pressure on the growth plate of the child's heel. Many soccer players between the ages of 9 and 13 complain of heel pain that worsens with side-to-side pressure. Shoes with multiple cleats at the heel can help to alleviate this problem, but can be difficult to find.

■ Shorter cleats on football and soccer shoes may help to reduce knee and ankle injuries. For young players, cleats should be no more than one-

half inch long. For a general athletic shoe, cross trainers are a suitable choice.

■ Shoes used for sports should be examined for signs of wear.

DECEMBER

Divorce support The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, 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-

Extreme Challenge

The fund-raiser, benefitting Henry Ford Health System's pediatric hospice program, takes place 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m Saturday, Dec. 18, at the William Clay Ford Center for Athletic Medicine, 6525 Second, Detroit. The Extreme Challenge, combining 30 minutes of boot camp with 30 minutes of studio cycling, offers participants one of the most invigorating workouts ever experienced. Participants are asked to donate \$10 for members of the Athletic Center and \$15 for guests. Proceeds go to

providing care and support to children (pre-natal to early adult) that suffer from life-threatening illness. For more information and to register for the Extreme Challenge, call (313)

972-4040. Hepatitis C Support Group

Meets 7-8:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, 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)

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responsible volunteers to participate in type 2 diabetic, hypertensions, and

high cholesterol studies. For more information please call Bonnie at (248) 312-0025, Ext. 6113 **Fitness classes**

The Jewish Community Center's Fitness Club has added two new classes to its December roster. Offered on Thursdays, Yoga Sculpt classes incorporate callanetics, yoga and body sculpting techniques, and popular form of exercise in an intro-

Introduction to Mat Pilates offers this ductory setting that emphasizes basic principles. On-going classes include special programs for beginners and seniors, Spin, Step, water exercise, strength training and other mindbody group classes, such as Vinyasa and Ashtanga Yoga, Brochure is available online at www.jccdet.org. For information, call (248) 432-5427.

UPCOMING

Prostate Support Group

Learn how prostate cancer develops in the body at a discussion of the pathology of prostate cancer 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, at University of Michigan Hospital, Room 20108, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, For information call (734) 936-5938.. The program, sponsored by the Prostate

Cancer Education and Support Network at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, will 2018 feature Rajal Shah, M.D., clinical assistant professor of Pathology at 200 the U-M Medical School, who will explain the nature of prostate cancer. its causes, processes,

development and consequences. **Blood Drive**

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9; at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. No appointment necessary. For more information, call (248) 476-8860.



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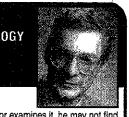
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addition, there are two other structures: the medial and lateral menisci. The menisci are composed of thick compact fibers that run front to back in the knee. If the ligaments and/or the menisci are torn, fraved or swollen, you develop knee pain that while present every day, is difficult to localize. The pain is often inconstant as one day

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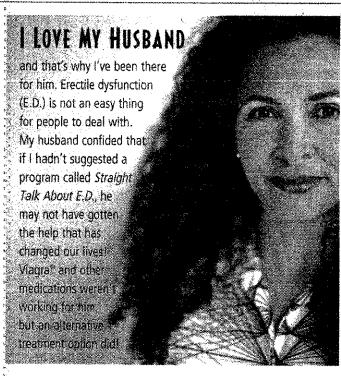
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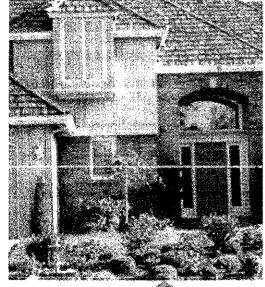
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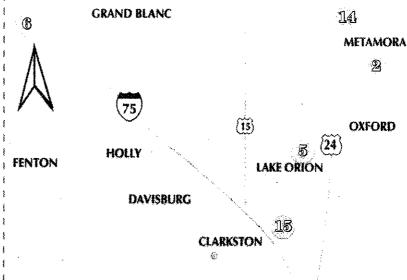
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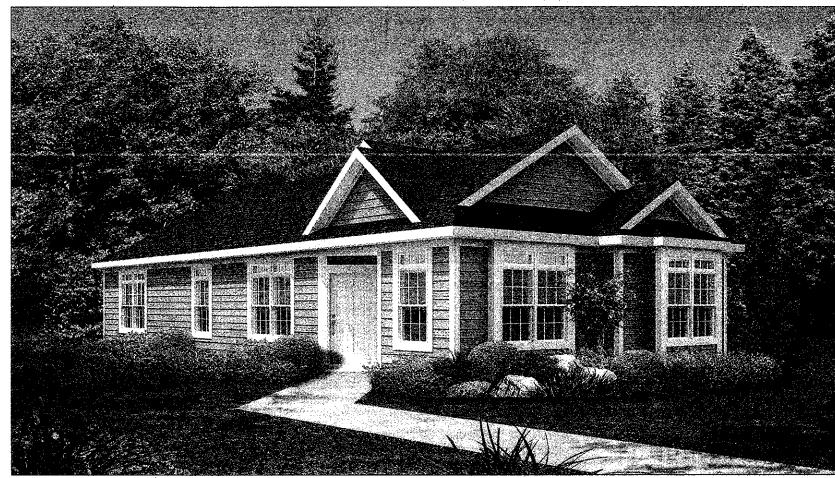
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Home meets needs of older 'Generations'

Champion Enterprises Inc.'s new Generations home is designed to enhance living for individuals in every life stage - especially for millions of aging Americans over 50.

"We are committed to providing aging baby boomers, an important and growing market, with a home that is comfortable, safe, well-built and, most importantly, affordable," said Kevin Flaherty, vice president of sales and marketing for Genesis Homes, a division of Champion

The Auburn Hills-based manufactured home builder unveiled its Generations model home at the American Association of Retired Persons Life@50 national event and expo in Las

Working with Laurence Weinstein, AARP's National Housing Pavilion Consultant and owner and president of

Shared Solutions America, a nonprofit organization, Champion designed this home using Life-Span design features that allow a homeowner to age comfortably in his or her own home.

A blend of functionality and beauty, the Generations home can accommodate all family members with a particular focus on the needs of older adults.

The display home, a 1,575 square foot one-story model, features numerous Life-Span design elements including a wide front doorway to accommodate a wheelchair or a stroller, lever style handsets instead of doorknobs, conveniently located switches and electrical outlets, an eye-level oven and range, a spacious shower stall and more.

"Having a comfortable, functional and safe place to live is a critical factor in determining one's quality of life and sense of security," said Weinstein. "For

many, the Life-Span Design features of Champion's Generations home could be the difference between living and living comfortably."

In addition to the Life-Span features, this home is available in a wide range of exteriors suitable for any area of the country.

Constructed off-site at a Champion building facility, the home is shipped and set on a foundation where a crew of building professionals completes the remaining finishing work.

"We're excited to offer our customers an affordable housing option that is not only beautiful, but will accommodate special needs now and into the future," said Kelly Kirkham, vice president, sales and operations for American Land Lease Communities. "The Generations home allows homeowners the ability to maintain their independence and enjoy the

comforts of home."

Champion's AARP Life@50 display home was built by Champion's Chandler, Arizona home-building facility.

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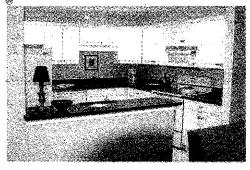
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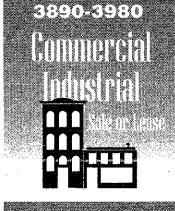




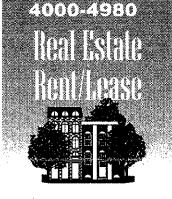


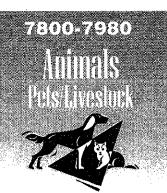




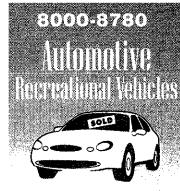












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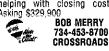
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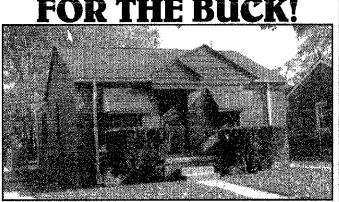
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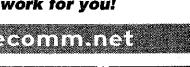
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Entry into the 1,919 square foot Dawn has the living room on the right. It is vaulted, has a large window overlooking the front yard, and is very spacious. A doorway in the rear of the living room opens into the vaulted dining room and the kitchen.

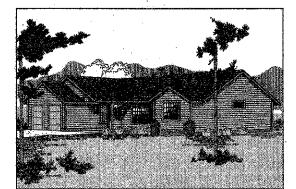
The dining room is very large and the vault is in the center to add a pleasing look to the room. Sliding glass doors open onto the patio.

The kitchen on the left is an "L" shape with an island containing the range and oven and cabinets. A dishwasher, dual sink, Lazy Susan in the corner, and the refrigerator run in this "L." At the end is a walk-in pantry as well as a cabinet accessible to the pantry from the kitchen. A storage closet and the utility room are in this hall area.

To the far left is the master suite with a coffered vault ceiling

Between the main suite and the garage is every woman's dream of a walk-in closet It is enormous. There is an area that could be an optional entertainment center if desired. The master bath has "his and her" sinks and an over-

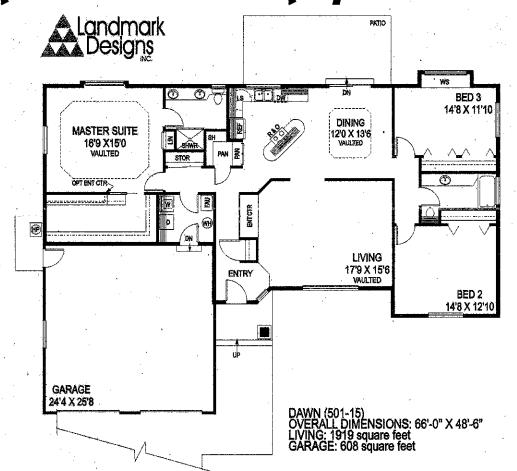
On the opposite side of the home are the other two bedrooms. Bedroom two faces the



front of the home and has a wall closet. Between the two bedrooms is a full bath with a tub. Bedroom three has an extra long wall closet on the front wall and a window seat in the rear overlooking the back yard.

This beautiful home would be ideal for the empty nesters. The master suite is so large that it would be wonderful to enjoy the space. The rest of the home is very open and easily accessible. With the bedrooms on the opposite side of the home, there is privacy when the kids or grandkids come to visit.

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Pulte Homes opens The Hamlet Villas

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"This community is truly a first of its kind for Pulte Homes in Michigan," said Jim Bagley, president of Pulte Homes of Michigan. "The whole master plan includes acres of open space, parkland, walking trails and multiple common areas for neighbors to come together. We believe this will be one of Canton's most sought after locations, a true gem for the community."

Located off Denton Road, between Geddes and Cherry Hill, the Hamlet Villas is the second phase of this master planned community scheduled to open this fall. It features Luxury Towne Homes starting in the mid-\$200s. Floor plans range from 1,650 to 2,150 square feet and include three or four bedroom options with full basements, two car garages and a large first floor master

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virtual tour of Phase I that shows many of the community's features.

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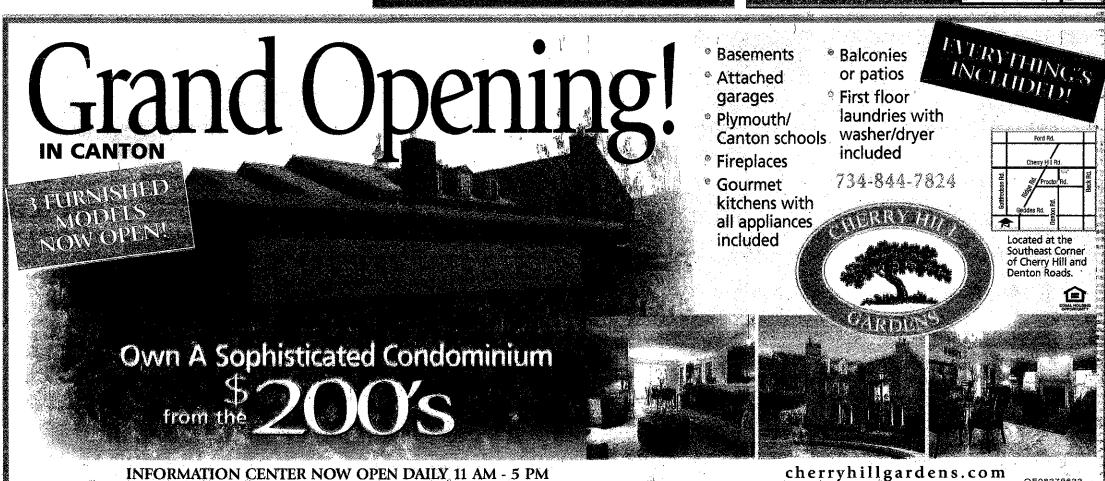
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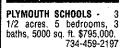
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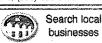
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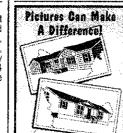
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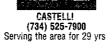
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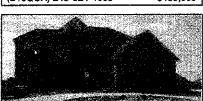
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Ways to keep your home warm this winter

(MS) - Homeowners feeling chilly drafts through their windows and doors this winter might be shivering more than usual as they're faced with skyrocketing oil prices. Costs for heating oil, propane and natural gas are expected to rise across the nation, no longer just hitting consumers at the gas pumps, but their home heating bills as well. As the weather gets colder, now is a great time to prepare for Old Man Winter by evaluating whether to replace problem windows and doors. That's the advice of experts at Weather Shield Windows & Doors, one of the nation's leading window and door manufacturers.

"All products in a home wear out over time, and windows are no exception," says Dave Koester, brand manager at Weather Shield. "Homeowners with windows over 25 years old need to consider replacing those windows in order to gain the best energy efficiencies and to protect the 'envelope' of the house."

To determine if your windows are candidates for a replacement job, Koester recommends checking for tell-tale signs that a window is losing its effectiveness. Some tips for making this determination include:

■ Stand inside your house on a windy day with a lit can-



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dle near the window. If the flame flickers or goes out, your weather stripping on the window could be damaged.

■ During the winter, if a window experiences ice buildup or a frosty glaze, the ventilation in your home may be inadequate. Another option is that your window may not be providing enough insulation value for your home, causing your heating bills to soar.

■ Do you need to prop open your window with a book or stick? If so, the window's ballasts may have lost their functionality.

■ Sit near your window. If vou feel cold air coming in during the winter (or hot air during the summer) your windows have little insulation value. This means you're paying more to heat and cool your house during the year to compensate

for the exterior air entering your home.

■ Do your windows get fogged with condensation between the glass panes? If so, you may have a seal failure and need to replace the glass or the entire window.

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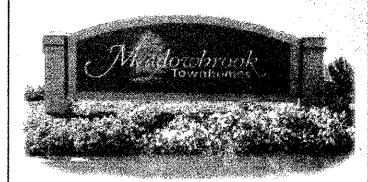
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upon us and many happy revelers are busy having fun brightening hearth and home with festive decorations. This traditional activity can be so engaging that it's easy to get caught up in the spirit of the season and forget that these decorative items may also pose a risk of fire or injury. With the launch of its annual Holiday Safety Campaign, CSA International, a leading North American product certification and testing organization, is reminding everyone to practice safety inside and outside their

homes during this joyous time

of year.

"We want to help families and friends enjoy a safe and happy holiday as they gather to celebrate the festive season," savs Sue Dempsey, director of sales, North America, CSA International. "Whether decorating the home or simply enjoying each other's company over a traditional holiday meal, we want to remind everyone through our 2004 CSA International Holiday Safety tips to be proactive this holiday season when it comes to safety in and around the home."

For 2004, CSA International has also brought back its online Holiday Safety Quiz at www.csaholiday.com.

increased indoor and outdoor safety:

Lights out: Always turn off holiday lights when you leave the house unattended or when going to bed.

■ Check for the Certification

Mark: When purchasing light strings, extension cords and electrical decorations, look for the certification mark of an accredited certification organization such as CSA International, UL, ELT. Certification marks provide assurance that the products comply with applicable standards for safety and perform-

■ Timing is everything: Use an outdoor timer to switch lights on and off.

Keep the gas behind glass: Do not use your gas fireplace if the glass panel is removed, cracked or broken.

Be on the level: Install at least one carbon-monoxide alarm near the bedrooms. Use more than one CO alarm if sleeping areas are located on different levels of your home.

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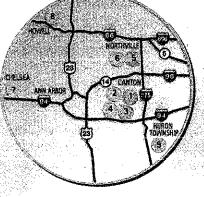
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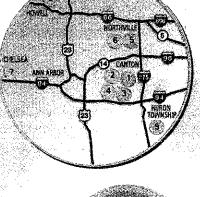
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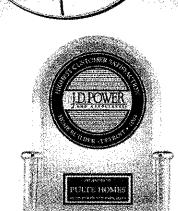
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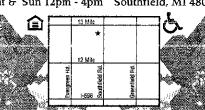
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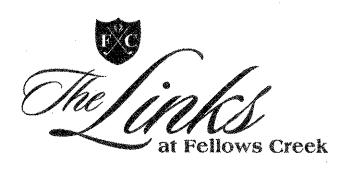
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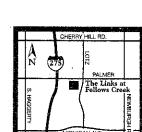
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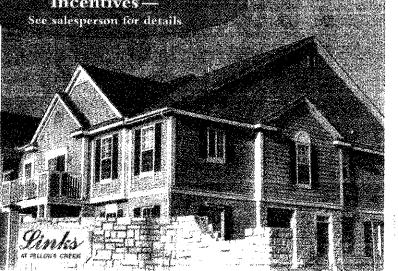
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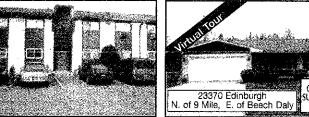
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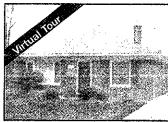


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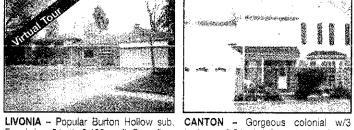
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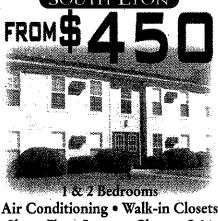
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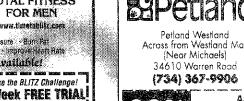
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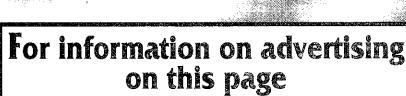
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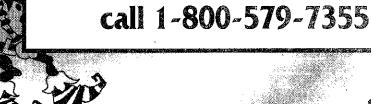


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Obesity, Stigma And Bias



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What type of discrimination slashes wages for men 3.2 percent and for women even more? Obesity, according to

research findings of Charles Baum and William Ford of Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, published in the September Health Economics. While the study doesn't document "systematic discrimination against obese workers," the authors believe that it's there. Drew Tipton of Baker & Hostetler L.L.P., a 550-attorney law firm headquartered in Houston also comments, "I have no doubt that some employers see their premiums escalating if they employ a disproportionately overweight workforce." He has tried cases involving issues related to obesity.

SUING

Eric Matusewitch, Deputy Director of the New York City Equal Employment Practices Commission, the City's EEO office, says that job bias based on weight didn't emerge as a major issue until 1993, when the federal appeals court ruled that ADA protects the morbidly obese, "generating a lot more litigation." Matusewitch, who reviews program implementation to assure legal compliance, comments, "From my standpoint, HR people involved in hiring share this bias."

Tipton has litigated numerous cases involving the ADA, where "the health and weight of the plaintiff were an issue with respect to another medical condition." He points out that courts tend not to dismiss discrimination claims regarding

So, will you sue if an employer refuses to hire you, refuses an accommodation or promotes stigma against the overweight? From a legal standpoint, you "must either be suffering from a handicap or a disability to have standing to sue," Tipton

Organizational consultant Rose Jonas of St. Louis contends, "It often doesn't pay to request accommodation, and I believe that would be the case with fat people (a phrase she ascribes to herself). 'Fat-ism' is rising in our society, but that not much is truly known about obesity, and it's easy to be displeased, upset or revolted by its existence. The trouble with any discrimination is that it's becoming more difficult for people to do much about it. It's a long, hard road, with risks and sacrifices to take action against a company.'

"I would feel I had to craft a delicate strategy to make it work for my client," she continues. "I'd never use it myself. It would be too humiliating. The reality, given the way the hiring process works, is that you're toast if you take this road. The likelier scenario . . . is that a fat person will go for a lesser job. You know you can't get and therefore don't go for the

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Will HR and bosses elsewhere in the company worry less about obesity and more about getting the work done? Matusewitch observes, "I'm not aware of research demonstrating that overweight individuals are poorer workers, will lead to greater medical insurance costs/rates or are less productive as workers."

Will you be dead in the water in tomorrow's workplace if you're obese? "I believe that employees who add to the bottom line will always be employable," Tipton observes. "Notwithstanding, I believe that, short a cultural shift in how the public views overweight people, it will take a statute specifically targeting this area of discrimination. Given that the current federal remedies are exceedingly difficult to obtain, the most



Rose Jonas, organizational consultant conten"discrimination exists against obese

likely course is for states and local municipalities to pass ordinances

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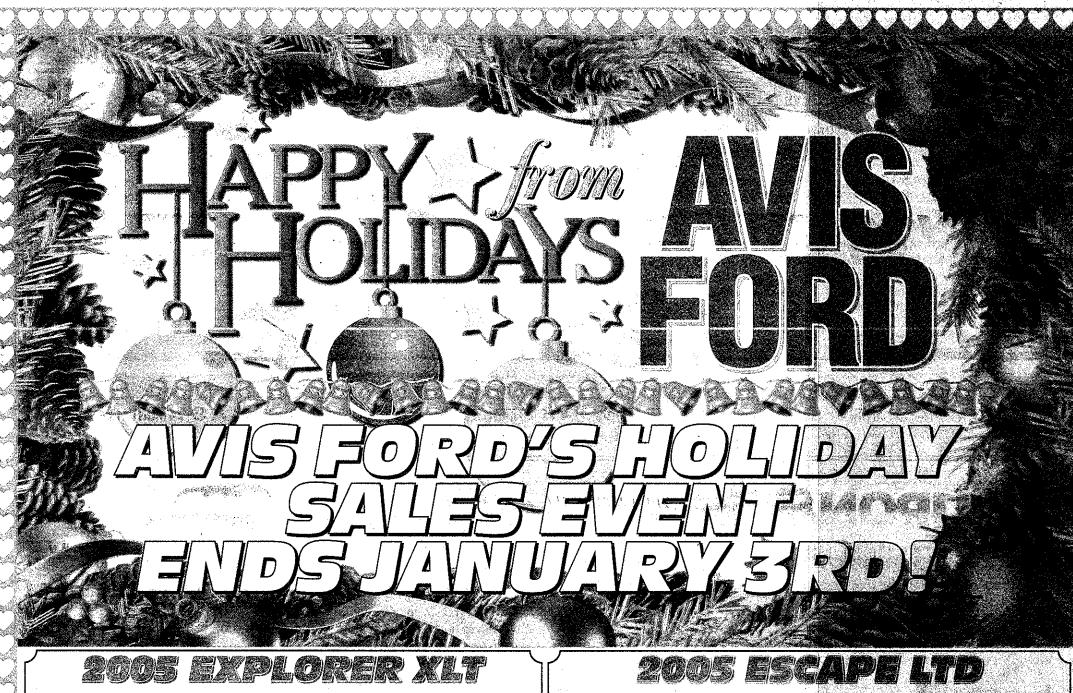
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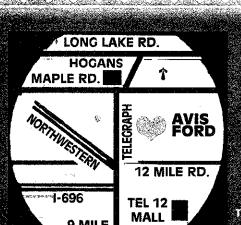
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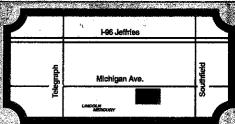
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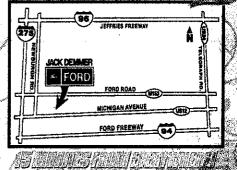
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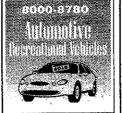
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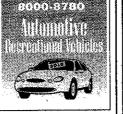
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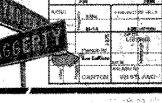
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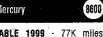
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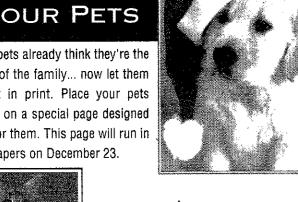
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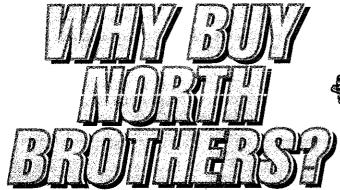
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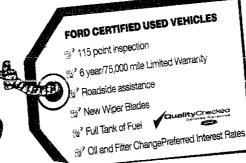


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