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Holiday closings

Canton Township offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, and Monday, Dec. 27, for the Christmas holidays. For New Year's, offices will be closed Thursday, Dec. 30, and Friday, Dec. 31, except for the treasurer's office, which will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, to accept property tax payments.

Summit on the Park will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24. It will be closed Saturday, Dec. 25. On New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, Summit on the Park will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Canton Public Library will be closed Friday through Sunday, Dec. 24-26, and Friday and Saturday, Dec. 31, and Jan. 1. It will resume normal hours Sunday, Jan. 2.

Planners to meet

Canton's Planning Commission will meet Monday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. at Summit on the Park. Agenda items include:
1. Tim Horton's/Flagstar Bank - Consider for special land use approval for a fast food restaurant and site plan approval for property located south of Michigan Avenue and west of Belleville Road.
2. Canton Center Animal Hospital addition - Consider request for site plan approval for property located east of Canton Center and north of Ford Road.
3. IKEA - An update on the status of the project will be given.

LaJoy listens

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, will be at McCoy's Grill and Ice Cream Parlor in Belleville to meet with constituents 3:30-5 p.m. Monday Dec. 20. He will answer questions and discuss current legislative issues with local residents. No appointment is needed. The restaurant is located at 333 Industrial Park Drive in Belleville. Residents can call (866) 525-6921 for more information.

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Suspected robber crashes after chase

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

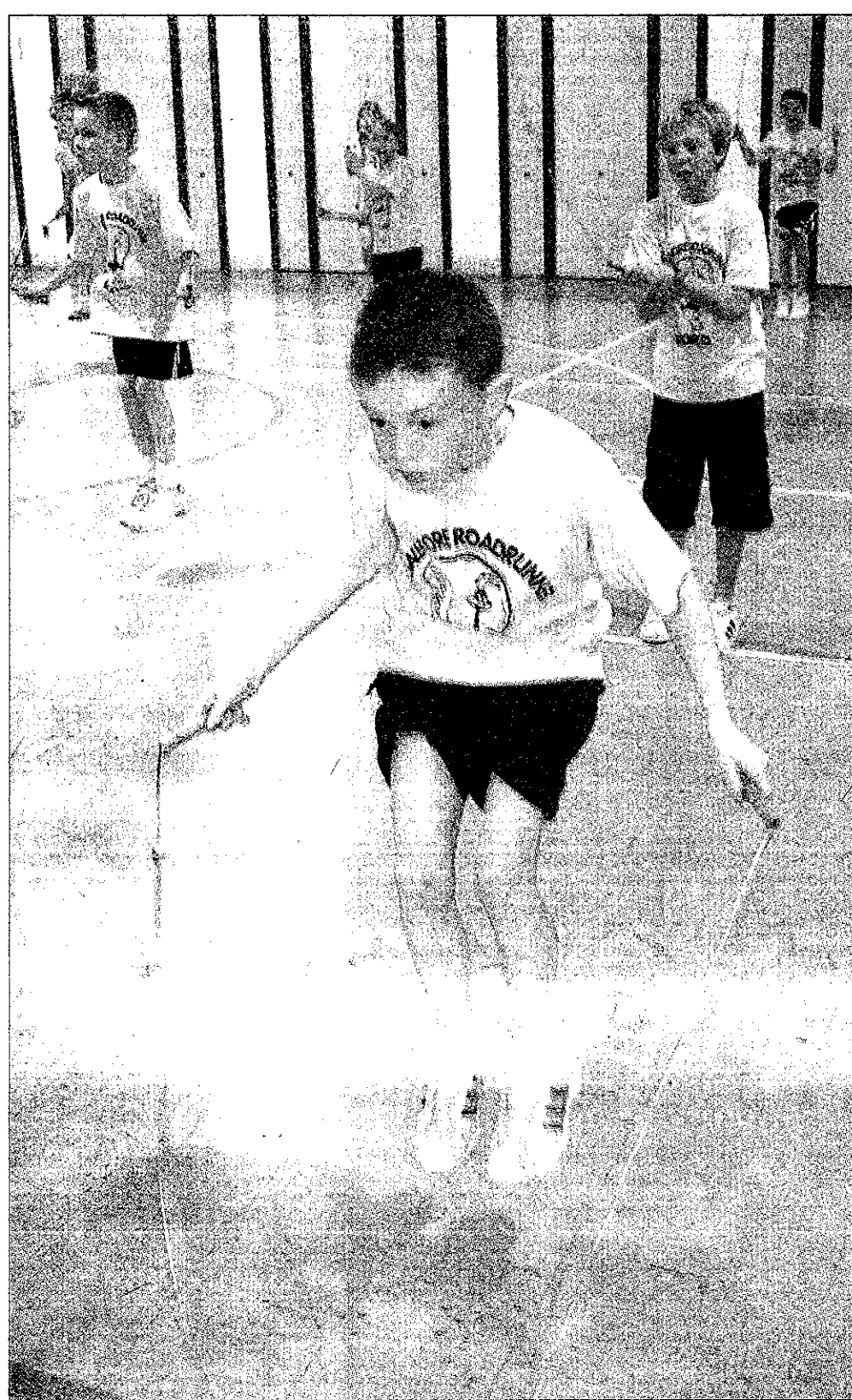
A suspect in nine southeast Michigan bank robberies was in critical condition at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Friday afternoon after crashing his car in Canton while being pursued by Michigan State Police troopers. The man is a suspect in robberies in Plymouth, Farmington, Livonia and

Northville, among others. MSP Sgt. Matt Nutt said the chase began after the Flagstar Bank in Chelsea was robbed around 9:45 a.m. Friday. "A man went into the bank and implied he had a weapon," Nutt said. "He left the bank with money. A witness saw him in his car and called Chelsea Police." The local police broadcast a description of the car, a black BMW, which was

spotted by a Washtenaw County sheriff's deputy who gave chase on eastbound I-94. State Police joined the chase as the man proceeded east on M-14 at speeds of up to 100 miles per hour," Nutt said. "He was swerving on our patrol cars several times during the chase," Nutt said. "He almost hit three of them." The man left M-14 and headed south on Beck Road where he was allegedly

traveling more than 70 miles per hour. State Police continued their pursuit as the man crossed Cherry Hill Road. "We attempted to stop him," Nutt said. "He rammed into one of our patrol cars, lost control and flipped in the air." Canton Police were not involved in the chase but monitored it as it moved into the township.

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Jump!

Gallimore Elementary third-grader Kyle Topper practices with other members of the Road Runner Ropers, the school's jump rope team. See story in Sports, page B1.



During her internship, Rose took a moment to pose in the White House press room.

Eye-opening experience
White House internship special for PCA grad

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Natalie Rose has heard all the jokes. That just goes with the territory for a female White House intern in the post-Monica Lewinsky era. Rose, a 21-year-old Canton resident, just completed a four-month internship at the White House, working in the Office of Global Communications. She was one of 80 White House interns working in various capacities during the fall semester. During that time, she heard more Lewinsky jokes than she cares to recall. "I've heard them all," she says with a sigh. Despite the jokes, Rose said working for the White House staff and President George W. Bush was anything but a laughing matter. Rather it was an eye-opening experience for the 2001 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy, where she was a co-valedictorian. The conservative-leaning Rose said

the job was interesting enough, but was even more exciting because it took place during the recent highly contested presidential election. "I really considered it a privilege to work for the president," she said. "All the people that work for him are so great, so intellectual. I just appreciated working for these people, especially during the election. It was a very exciting experience." Rose is a senior at Michigan State University, where she is studying international relations at the school's James Madison College, a highly regarded institute in the field of foreign affairs. Before her internship at the White House, she worked as a staff assistant for State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, and now seems on the fast-track for a life in politics, something the internship just reaffirmed for her. "The whole experience confirmed that I want to be involved in politics and government," Rose

PLEASE SEE INTERN, A4

Township, county trying to straighten roundabout's future

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Canton's first and only roundabout may turn out to be just another intersection. A roundabout uses a traffic circle rather than stop signs or traffic lights to move vehicles from one side to the other. They're common in Great Britain and a couple have recently been built in Oakland County. Plans were to build one in western Canton where Ridge, Saltz and Denton roads come together. It was part of the

projects for the extension of Denton north of Cherry Hill and the paving of Saltz to Ridge. The roundabout was to be paid for by two developers and Wayne County. Canton was not footing any of the bill, but was helping to coordinate the project. But the cost estimate has come in higher than expected. Canton engineer Tom Casari said the project is on hold for the moment. A meeting is scheduled Jan. 4 with Canton engineers, the developers and county officials. "We're not sure what the status is at

this point," Casari said. "The cost estimate is considerably higher than everyone thought it would be." He said his department has done some research on roundabouts and the cost estimate seems to be in line with what they cost. "We took a look at one in Oakland County," he said. "That one cost \$1.2 million. Our estimate is slightly more than that right now." Casari said constructing a roundabout is not an ordinary paving project. "It's a specialty item," he said. "It's not like a straight 3,000 feet of road. You

have to build a radius and there's additional curbing." Township Supervisor Tom Yack said he doesn't think the project will happen. "The idea of a roundabout was always Wayne County's," he said. "When they got into the design process, they decided to change the specs of the roundabout." Denton and Saltz have been completed to the point where the roundabout (or intersection) would be built. "But they found that Ridge is higher than Saltz and Denton," he said. "They

PLEASE SEE ROUNDABOUT, A4

Water, sewer lines coming to Pilgrim Hills

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Township trustees Tuesday approved a \$2.7 million project to install water and sewer lines in the Pilgrim Hills subdivision in the northwest portion of the township. "The original development was built in the 1960s with gravel roads that still exist," Municipal Services Director Tim Faas told the board. Residents use wells for water and septic tanks for sewage. It's almost a throwback to the earlier days of the township.

The township first considered adding water and sewer lines to the area about 10 years ago. "We studied it in 1995," he said. "However, due to the concern with the disturbance of trees and that the project was a Special Assessment District, there was not enough (resident) support to move forward with the project and it was placed on hold." But in 2003, he said, several residents of the area began requesting that the township add water service. A petition was circulated among the residents to determine whether there was support

for a water distribution system. Faas said a survey of residents was conducted in the spring of 2003 and the results of the survey showed that 86 percent of the residents wanted water and 74 percent wanted sanitary sewer. Prior to the survey, he told the board, the township did a water quality sampling in a creek that traverses Pilgrim Hills. Once the project is completed, it will make water and sewer service available to the 65 lots in the subdivision.

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Coming Thursday in Filter

'Forbidden Christmas'
Actors lampoon the typical celebrity holiday variety special with song, dance and lots of laughs.



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GIFTED PROGRAM

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.

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tion building. All forms must be completed and returned by Jan. 18, 2005 to your school principal, or sent directly to:

Barbara Woody, G/T Coordinator, North Middle School, 47097 McBride, Belleville, MI 48111.

For more information, call Barbara Woody at (734) 697-6370.

SWIM, GYM AND FILM

Bring out the entire family and celebrate the New Year from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at Summit on the Park. The aquatic center will be open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for all kinds of swimming and water activities. Following the swimming, a movie will be shown, and popcorn and pop will be on sale. Feel free to bring blankets, cushions and pillows to sit on — no chairs or outside food and beverages please.

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.

For those interested in helping, 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 drop-off box at Plato's Farmington location (35227 Grand River).

For more information, call (734) 981-7301.

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



All I want for Christmas

Rachel Scheske, 2, and her 4-year-old brother, Nicholas, take a moment to visit Santa during the Holiday festivities at the Tutor Time Learning Center in Canton on Thursday. Children at the day care center participated in the Celebration Around the World, which recognized different ways of celebrating the holidays.

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 email Bittinger at noelbittinger@remax.net.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN CLUB

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 mother-sandmore63@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 corner of Canton Center Road and Heritage Park Drive.

Poinsettias range from \$5 for 4.5-inch pot, to \$20 for 8.5-inch 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.

CRAFTERS, ARTISTS WANTED

Officials of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters are looking for crafters and artists for "Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble." The event is scheduled for 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at Canton High School. It's a juried show. For more information, e-mail Diane Van Dyke at djvandyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416-3354.

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.

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Bully pulpit

Program shows students key is being nice

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Ten-year-old Stephanie Sheridan admits she used to be a bully.

"When I was in kindergarten, I was being mean to another person," confessed Stephanie, a fifth-grader at Tonda Elementary in Canton Township. "Then, they bullied me. I stopped, but then they kept doing it to me. I finally told the teacher and they stopped."

Stephanie said her bullying days are over.

"I wouldn't do it now because I want to be nice and make more friends," she said. "And, I don't want to get into trouble."

Bullying can be a problem, no matter what the age group. Amy Caudill, a third-grade teacher at Tonda, helped her students choreograph skits for each grade level to show the importance of respecting all classmates.

"There are a lot of messages I was hoping our class would get across, but the big one is kids who are picked on can't always stick up for themselves," said Caudill. "Let's have positive peer pressure by helping those kids who are being picked on."

Caudill said statistics show three kids in every classroom begin the school day physically ill. "They're sick because they know they are going to be picked on," said Caudill. "We want to show there are positive ways to deal with these kinds of situations, and maybe the bully will realize they shouldn't be acting like that."

Caudill added that nearly 30 percent of all students who are bullied early on eventually commit some type of violence in high school.

"It's important to know that you shouldn't bully other people," said Madeline Andrews, 8, of Canton. "It makes them feel sad, and you shouldn't do it."

Madeline, a Tonda third-grader, said she's seen bullying during soccer games and while on the playground.

"I think bullies don't feel good about themselves, and they do it to make themselves feel better," said Madeline. "I would tell them not to do that because it could hurt someone's feelings, and I don't want to be responsible for hurting someone else's feelings."

Caudill agrees with Madeline that bullies don't generally have high self-esteem.

"Many times people think bullies feel good about themselves, but it's generally the opposite," said Caudill. "They make themselves feel better by picking on other kids."

"And, there are other misconceptions," she said. "Bullies aren't always boys; and they aren't always taller, they come in smaller packages, too."

At West Middle School in Plymouth Township, Assistant Principal Mark Bondy said there generally is a much bigger problem in the middle schools.

"Because kids are developing their personalities, they want to become individuals and be noticed by others," said Bondy. "We have to work proactively to get ahead of the problems before the problems begin."



Tonda Elementary School third-graders (from left) Briana Grillo, Katie Schweikhart and Sarah Wohl take part in acting out a skit about bullying during a program the class put together to help educate their classmates about the importance of getting along.

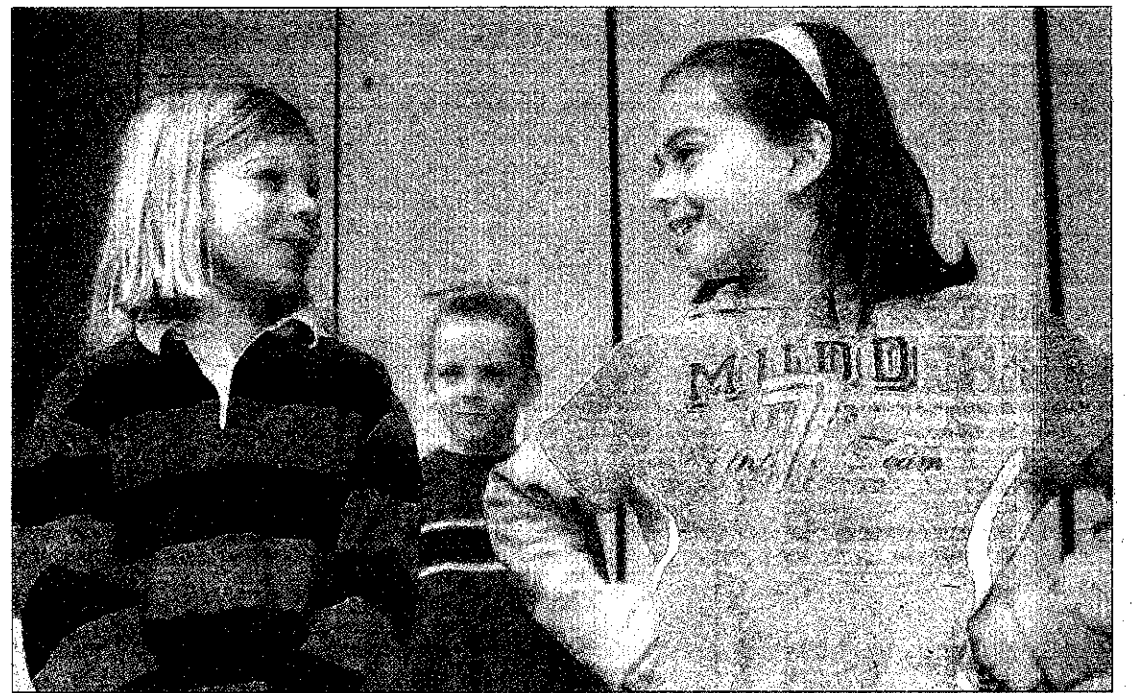
At West, students can anonymously identify bullying problems by putting notes in the Bully Box.

"Any child can put a note and be guaranteed that someone will address the problem as quickly as we can," he said. "Over a period of time, our culture as a group - students and staff - is that we don't tolerate bullying and we are working collectively to make it stop."

Colleen Bouton of Plymouth has two children attending Plymouth-Canton Schools, one at Canton High School and the other at Bird Elementary.

"Everybody here tries to be aware, and if and when it happens we take care of the problem right away," said Bouton while waiting for her fifth-grader to emerge after school. "Bullying is as simple as saying 'You're fat' or 'You're small,' so you try to take care of it right away."

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Tonda Elementary School third-graders Madeline Andrews (left) and Sarah Wohl act out a skit about being a bully on the playground.

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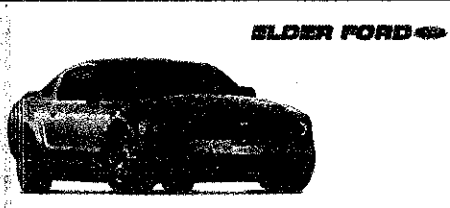
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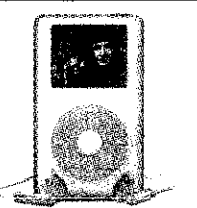
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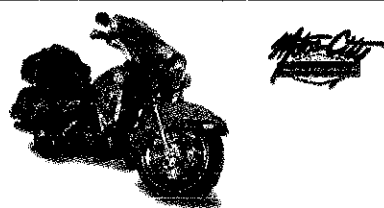
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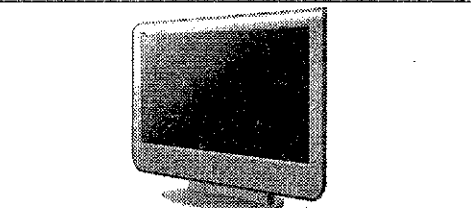
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said. "I don't think I'll ever run for office, though I'm not counting it out. I want to work for a conservative think tank or in national security. I've done a lot of research about global terrorism, and would like to utilize that."

During the internship, she said her duties included monitoring translated news broadcasts from all over the world, especially the Middle East. She would watch for certain types of images, as well as reporting inaccuracies and biases she felt White House staff might be interested in.

"It was really interesting work," she said. Before graduating from Michigan State in 2005, Rose is planning to study abroad in Argentina. She has already completed two trips to Europe, where she studied the political cultures of several nations. She said it is likely she will continue her education and get a master's degree.

Somewhere down the road, she plans to return to the nation's capital. "I just love Washington. It's such an intellectual city, and it's really happening. It's the center of it all. The conversations you hear on a daily basis are so great. I'm definitely moving back there some day," she said.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Natalie Rose, a 2001 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy, discusses her recent internship at the White House in Washington.

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ROUNDBOUT

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would have to raise the roundabout because of the sight line problem. As you raise it, the number of dollars goes up accordingly."

Casari said the Saltz and Denton projects have been shut down for the winter.

"We have time to evaluate this and determine what we're going to do," he said. "By the end of 2005, that road system needs to be completed."

Yack said he was concerned that the project might not be completed by the time the new fire station opens on Denton Road. That station is tentatively scheduled to open next summer.

"It was just one of those good ideas that probably isn't going to happen," he said.

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School land buy will allow for more parking

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

An improved and larger parking lot and bus loop will be constructed at Fiegel Elementary after the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education on Tuesday night purchased property adjacent to the school.

The district, on a 5-1 vote, bought one of two properties next to the Plymouth Township school, which will allow for the enhanced parking lot and bus loop reconfigurations to be paid from a \$109 million bond issue passed by voters Sept. 28.

"Anytime you get an opportunity to buy property around a land-locked school, especially one with such a small site like the nine acres around Fiegel, we wanted the board to take a look at it," Supt. Jim Ryan said. "We felt if we got it, we could do that famous split of the bus

loop and the parent pickup and dropoff and increase our safety."

The property, which has a rental unit, sold for \$198,000. However, Ryan said that with the additional \$126,000 made from the sale of district property in Canton Township, plus the money generated from the rental unit for a couple of years before the renovations begin at Fiegel, the net cost to the district will be only \$11,000.

"I think the safety issue itself in separating the home dropoff and the buses is a major factor in providing for our children," Trustee Carol Saunders said.

Board President Mark Slavens said he agreed it was an opportune time to buy the property, but he still had reservations and voted against the purchase.

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D
Arthur J. "Art" Duva, of Clarkston, died Dec. 15.

F
Becky Furca died Dec. 11.

H
Martin Heiss Jr., 81, died Dec. 14.
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New law benefits Rouge, other watersheds

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

A bill sponsored by State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, which will allow communities to form voluntary watershed alliances, unanimously passed both houses of the State Legislature last week, and is awaiting Gov. Jennifer Granholm's signature.

The new law will allow communities within the same watersheds to form voluntary alliances. These alliances, which are essentially public corporations, will be able to

raise money, hire staff, and work on watershed-wide projects. A watershed is the land area drained by a river system.

However, the law doesn't give the alliances the authority to tax or impose fees of any kind.

"This bill allows and encourages local governments to cooperate through voluntary alliances to study, create and enact the best plans for a specific watershed," said Patterson. "It's the kind of regional cooperation we're always talking about. Hopefully it will become a

model." Patterson, who considers himself a conservationist, decided to sponsor the bill after he was approached earlier this year by Kurt Heise, director of Wayne County Department of Environment. Heise was instrumental in the creation of the Assembly of Rouge Communities (ARC) last year, and said the new law was needed for the group to survive.

ARC has 38 community members, including Canton Township, which are all located within the Rouge River

watershed. The new law will help efforts to clean up the river, which was once considered one of the most polluted waterways in the country. Patterson said recent restoration efforts have sometimes been hindered because individual communities were left to do projects on their own. With this legislation, they can pool resources and work on joint projects.

"With this law, they can put together a singular plan and raise enough money to actually do something," Patterson said. Heise said ARC is already in

the process of changing its bylaws, so the language matches the language of the new law. He says the bylaws should be completed by the spring, so they can be presented to individual community members, who must approve them. He said the new law will also let school districts, airport authorities, and non-governmental agencies become members in the alliance.

Heise said ARC also plans to hire an executive director, and has formed a committee to determine how to proceed.

"Do we want a person or a

company to handle the executive director position? Will it be a full-time or part-time position? Those are the questions we're trying to answer," Heise said.

According to Heise, the new legislation was really a no-brainer for state politicians, and has had bi-partisan support from the very beginning.

"To have a bill go from introduction to hopefully being signed by the governor within a span of six months is almost unheard of," he said.

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SUSPECT

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"It went right by Dodson Elementary School," said Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

Nutt said the man was identified as a white male, about 40 years old who lives in Farmington.

An FBI spokesman said the bureau believes the man is a serial bank robber that they have dubbed the "Sysco Bandit."

"In a number of the robberies he wore a baseball hat with the word 'Sysco' on it," said FBI Special Agent Terry Booth. "His method of operation was consistent. He would have a note threatening a gun. Sometimes a gun was observed in his waistband. He wore a baseball cap and sometimes prescription glasses low on his nose."

He also wore a black jacket in many of the robberies. "I was told a black vehicle was observed in at least one of the other robberies," Booth said.

He said the man is a suspect in nine area bank robberies:

- Sept. 3, Metro Bank in Farmington
- Sept. 14, Charter One in Livonia
- Sept. 21, Standard Federal in Northville
- Sept. 29, Comerica in Plymouth
- Oct. 5, Key Bank in Saline
- Oct. 21, Bank One in Fowlerville
- Nov. 1, Fifth Third Bank in Gibraltar
- Dec. 7, Bank One in Milan
- Dec. 17, Flagstar Bank in Chelsea

Booth said there have been 445 bank robberies in Michigan this year to date, a record. The old record was in 1996 when there were 356 bank robberies in the state.

But he said Friday's incident was the sixth apprehension of a serial bank robber within the last month.

"Law enforcement agencies came together," he said. "We've solved about 50 cases just within the past month."

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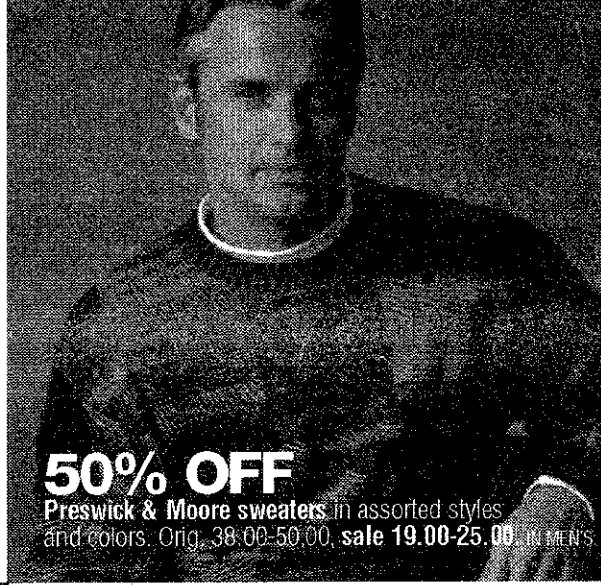
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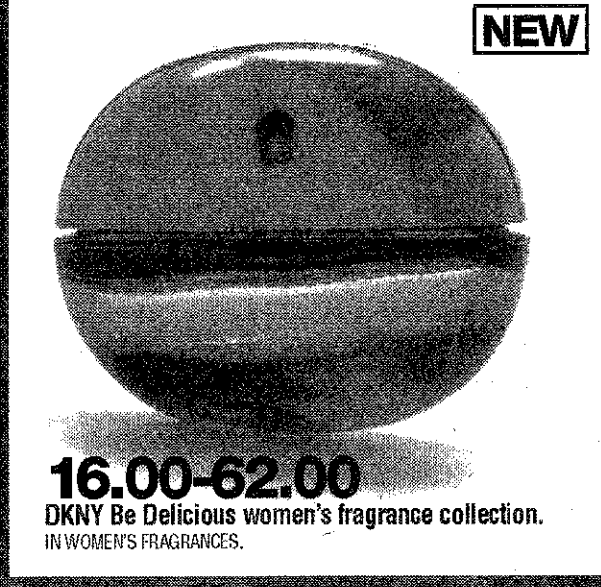
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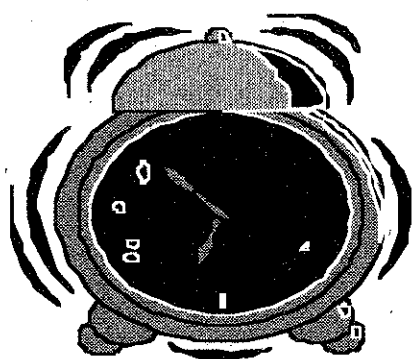
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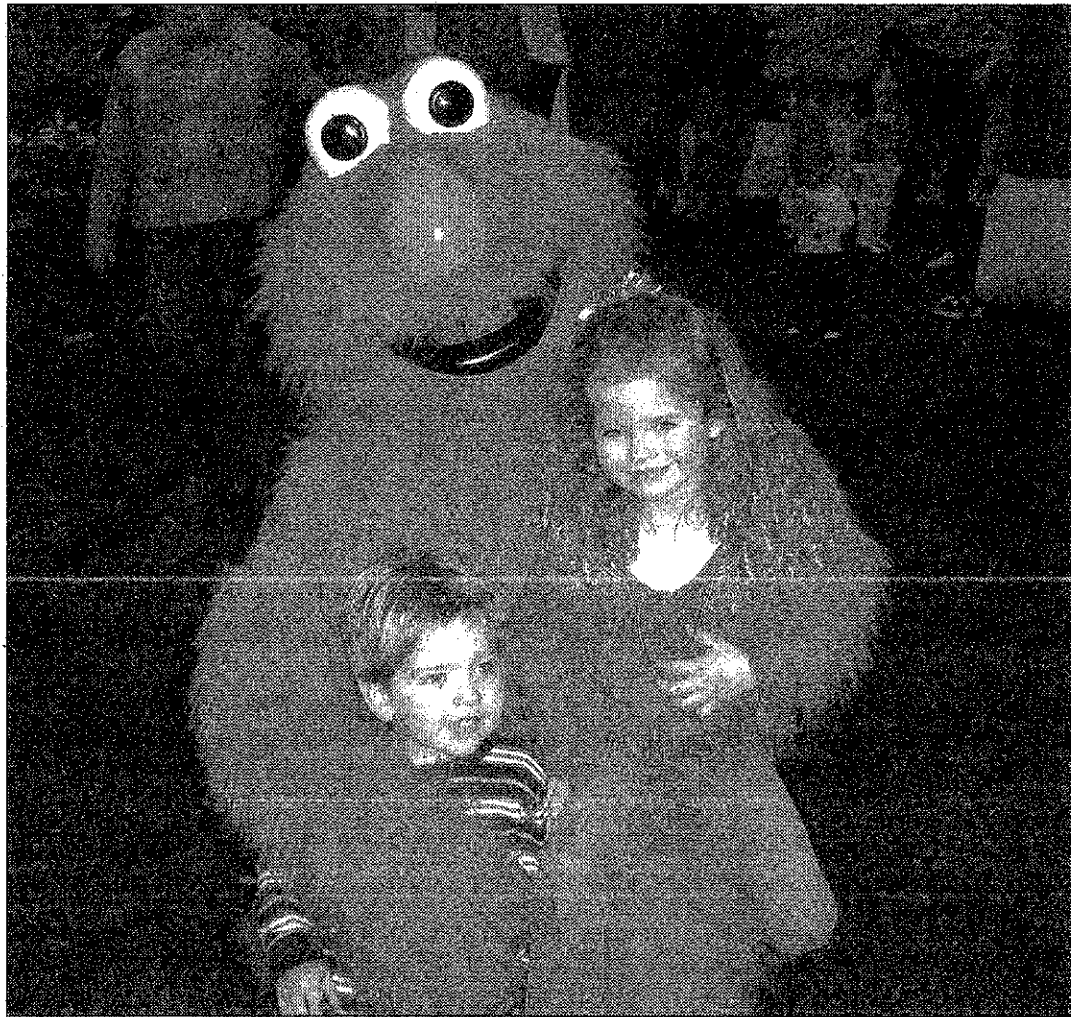
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Kids helping kids

Annual party a 'valuable' lesson for youngsters

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Angela Jackson likes the idea of being able to teach kids a good life lesson while at the same time being able to help needy children.

And that's just what Jackson, the owner of Jump-A-Rama in Canton, feels happened with her sixth-annual Christmas party with the theme, "Kids Helping Kids." The event took place

Wednesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center in Plymouth, with special guest appearances from Santa Claus and Sesame Street favorite Elmo along with raffles of various prizes.

Jackson said the event raised more than \$500. Kids also collected "three huge bags of toys," all of which are being donated to Toys for Tots.

"It was awesome," Jackson said. "The kids learn about giving and sharing. They have

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The mission of the nonprofit Phi Theta Kappa is to provide the campus and the community with quality events, and services through various service-learning projects.

Burton Manor has donated a portion of their banquet facility to hold this event. The Michigan Region "Auction for a Cure" will be semi-formal event, include a dinner, cash

bar and both a silent and live auction. All proceeds from the event will be given to the American Cancer Society.

Doors open at 5 p.m. for viewing of the auction items. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the live auction begins at 7:30 p.m. The silent auction will begin at the opening of the event.

Tickets are \$20, which includes dinner and entrance into the auction.

To purchase a ticket, make a contribution or donate an item for auction, call (734) 462-4422. Mail donations to: Schoolcraft College, Attention Student Activities, Michigan Region "Auction for a Cure," 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia 48152.

CAMPUS NEWS

KETTERING UNIVERSITY

Dawn Palmou of Plymouth and William Clark, Timothy McGookey, Shana Paciocco and Amanda Spence of Canton were named to the Dean's List at Kettering University in Flint.

The Dean's List is an honor earned by students who have attained a minimum weighted grade average of 92.0 of a possible 100, have received no grades lower than 85 and have earned a minimum of 16 credits.

HOWE MILITARY SCHOOL

Cadet Mark Lewallen, a 12th-grader at Howe Military School in Howe, Ind., was named to the Superintendent's List for the second six-week grading period of the 2004-05 school year.

Cadet Lewallen, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Steven Lewallen of Plymouth, received the award by attaining at least a 3.5+ average in his studies in a college prep curriculum. Lewallen has attended Howe

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERN OHIO

George Diavairian and Sean Kenney of Canton were among the students named to the Dean's List for the August 2004 session for the College of Technologies at the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima, Ohio.

The students made the list by maintaining a grade-point average of 3.5 or better.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

DEARBORN

Vinhtoan Duong of Canton, a senior majoring in accounting, made the Undergraduate Dean's List at the University of Michigan-DeARBORN for the summer 2004 term.

Three students from Canton — James Biddle, Mingshan Li and Jennifer Marrocco — made the Graduate Dean's List. Biddle is a graduate accounting student, while Li and Marrocco are both in business administration.

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Brother lives on with donation of organs

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

A year later, and a pained look still crosses the face of Russell Schmitt when he talks about his brother Kurt who passed away on Dec. 7, 2003, after a short illness.

But as much as he misses his brother, Schmitt knows that he lives on in the form of soft tissue and corneal donations that were made following his death.

"I've had second thoughts, but I know Kurt would have liked it," Schmitt said. "I think he would be happy because he was a very giving person. Kurt is helping other people, and that's what he liked to do."

Schmitt had decided to donate his brother's soft tissue, including the large arm and leg bones, and corneas to Gift of Life Michigan for transplantation. He had second thoughts almost as soon as he said yes about how his brother would look.

"He looked as good as he did alive," Schmitt said. "I had to be careful how I hugged him and when I held his hand so I didn't move his arm out of place."

Founded in 1971, Gift of Life Michigan acts as the intermediary between donors, physicians and hospital staff. Working in collaboration with the Michigan Eye-Bank, it provides all services necessary for organ, tissue and eye donation.

As of Dec. 1, 2,839 people were waiting for an organ transplant (kidney, heart, lung, liver or pancreas); 568 had received transplants and 133 had died while waiting for one in 2004.

On the flip side, 812,677 individuals are registered on the Gift of Life Donor Registry. Schmitt is one of those on the registry.

He made the decision in 1977 following an accident. He had talked to his brother about organ donation many times, but Kurt, who had Down Syndrome, would always respond that he wasn't going to die.

"We'd talk about donating his organs, if he died, but all Kurt would say was 'not me,'" Schmitt said. "I'd say something like 'when you die and go to heaven' and he'd say 'not me, not me Russell.'"

Kurt was 47 and died just four days after becoming ill with what was thought to be a cold. He decided to go to the hospital when he began experiencing difficulty breathing, but collapsed in the van he was riding in as it was pulling away from the home he lived in on Geronimo in Westland.

Schmitt, who lived across the street from his brother, had left in advance of Kurt and was waiting at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital. The aide that was with Kurt got the help of neighbors and summoned Fire Rescue. He was taken to Garden City Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Apparently, a virus had attacked Kurt's heart.

"I was at Annapolis waiting and waiting," said Schmitt. "I called and couldn't get an answer. Finally, the hospital told me he had been transported to Garden City. I regret I wasn't there. If I'd known he was close to death, I would have stayed with him, but he didn't seem that bad."

Schmitt was very close to Kurt. They had lived together for several years until 2000 when Schmitt took ill and couldn't care for his brother. Kurt ended up moving across the street where he at first had one roommate and then eventually two.

Kurt had retired from the Harold Coil Workshop in Wayne in 2000 after 15-16 years. But he didn't stay retired for long. He got a job at the Paragon Workshop Downriver, retiring from there less than two months before he died.

He also was a Special Olympian and won numerous gold and silver medals. He spent most of his adult life in competition. He snowshoed, swam, did some running and played poly hockey (floor hockey with a plastic puck). The last 10 years of his life he competed in ice skating.

"He was a very gifted people person," Schmitt. "He always seemed to make friends. We'd go to a restaurant and he'd know more people than I did simply because of his nature."

Things were turning around for Schmitt, and the brothers were making plans to live together once again when Kurt died. They had been on two vacations together, including trips through the Upper Peninsula and Canada, Kentucky, New York and Pennsylvania.

"It's very difficult, he was my best friend," Schmitt said. "I think he would have said do this. For him to understand the concept ... I don't think he could, but he would want people to give."

People interested in becoming organ, tissue and eye donors can sign the Gift of Life Donor Registry at <http://www.michigan.gov/sos>.

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Pfizer focuses on science

Open house a draw for area educators

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Central Middle School science teacher Lynette Wehner wasn't sure what to expect when she joined other educators at the recent Science Education Task Force open house sponsored by Pfizer.

But when it was over, she was glad she'd gone.

"I didn't really know what it was going to be all about. I never had really known anything about Pfizer," said Wehner, who teaches sixth-graders. "They really went out of their way to make us feel welcome. We got a lot of information, and they showed us what they had to offer."

Wehner attended the open house with fellow Plymouth-Canton teachers Jim Jenson and Susan Rynkiewicz.

The Pfizer open house, designed for middle- and high-school science teachers and included educators from around southeast Michigan, featured informational booths by a variety of local resources: Ann Arbor Hands On Museum, Detroit Science Center, Leslie Science Center, University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History, Southeastern Michigan Science Fair, Michigan Science Olympiad, Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Michigan State University High School Honors Science/Math Program, Wayne State University Community Outreach and Education Program and Michigan Tech University.

At the end of the open house teachers received a Genome Electrophoresis Extension Kit,

a ready-to-go lab that revolves around a crime scene with two suspects. Students will use the kit to determine which suspect is implicated in the crime using the DNA fragment patterns produced in the lab.

"The main reason I went was for the human genome project; I wanted to see that," said Jim Jenson, also a sixth-grade science teacher at Central. "It's looking at the human gene and genetics, where we get our characteristics and traits from."

"What I was looking for was a little too advanced for our sixth graders, but will be good for our eighth-graders," Jenson added. "The Detroit Science Center was there promoting their center, and we're contemplating a visit there now."

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Holidays are stressful, watch for depression

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

While the sleigh bells are jingling, are your nerves jangling? Does the idea of joining the melee at the mall sound like torture? If you said yes to either, you're probably reacting normally to a hectic holiday season.

But if you're not sleeping well, not making it to the knitting club meetings and find it hard to concentrate on anything, you may be suffering from depression, and the holiday season brings out some of the worst cases of the year.

According to Dr. Albert Bayer, clinical coordinator for MPRO (Michigan's Medicare Quality Improvement Organization), there are multiple factors that can make the holidays more depressing than delightful.

"There are seasonal causes," he said. "We get a spike in calls after setting the clocks back. Less light, colder weather and being cooped up inside affects people."

But seasonal affective disorder can be compounded by the holidays. Bayer said when holiday expectations are not met and people have to interact with people they've been in conflict with, it can cause stress and negative mood symptoms.

"There's a fantasy that everyone puts their differences aside around the holidays," he said. "The conflicts don't magically go away."

The symptoms — persistent sadness, withdrawal from regular social activities, slowed thinking or response, lack of interest in activities that were previously enjoyable, changes in weight or sleep patterns and an inability to concentrate — are signs of depression.

All of those things can crop up at any time of year and the holidays are not without their own stresses; it's the continuation of the symptoms beyond the first of the year that could signal a more pronounced problem.

"When the symptoms are sustained and more profound, it becomes a clinical concern," Bayer said. "That's when we'd recommend treatment."

Interestingly, the holidays are also the time when those symptoms stand out most. Vicki Boyle, a registered nurse with MPRO, said the proximity of friends and family around that time of year draws notice.

"There is a heightened awareness of feelings of helplessness and worthlessness in a season that is all about hope and renewal," she said. "The family will

notice. When you identify more with feelings of loss than anticipation, it can be the tipping point."

She agreed that the holidays can weigh on people, but said while it's common to feel overwhelmed, someone who feels too tired to react is experiencing a different condition. According to Bayer, the elderly suffer more at this time of year and get less help.

"Depression is much more commonly recognized in the elderly, and people put it up to age," he said. "Depression is not part of the process of aging."

He said people labor under misconceptions like "why shouldn't he be depressed, he can't drive anymore," and they overlook highly treatable conditions. The elderly, he said, respond very well to medication and counseling.

Both Bayer and Boyle say it's important to treat the condition as soon as it crops up. A trip to a regular physician can put someone on the right track to being treated appropriately. It's also a good way to get someone into the mental health realm without bringing it up directly.

"There's still a stigma to mental health," Boyle said. "Some people see it as weakness or a failure of moral character."

NAACP holds meeting for student program

The NAACP Western Wayne County Branch, MI is sponsoring its 2nd Annual ACT-SO program. The NAACP's Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) was developed to enhance and showcase the academic and artistic achievement of African-American high school students (grades 9 through 12) just as we do their athletic achievements.

The branch is seeking students in 15 communities of Western Wayne County, including: Belleville, Canton, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Lincoln Park, Sumpter Township, Plymouth, Redford, Taylor, Romulus, Wayne and Westland. The Branch is also opening up the competition to students in Ecorse, River Rouge, and Monroe County.

ACT-SO is a yearlong enrichment program that culminates in a local and national competition where students compete for awards and scholarships totaling over \$50,000. ACT-SO, the "Olympics of the Mind," seeks to promote positive self-esteem, academic

and artistic excellence, positive interaction between our youth and the adult professional community. Furthermore, ACT-SO encourages more African-American youths to pursue higher education.

The competition involves solo performances or projects of individuals. Accompanists are allowed to assist the solo performances.

An organizing meeting for adults and potential student applicants is 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut, Inkster. Interested adults and students are invited to attend. There will be an orientation video, discussion about the program and assignments. We are now seeking students, mentors, judges and other volunteers.

Additional information about ACT-SO can be found at (1) www.naacp.org. Once here access the Programs link then scroll to ACT-SO, or (2) contacting Raymond G. Mullins at 734 485 5715 or email at attyray-mullins@provide.net.

Jeffress appointed to higher education board

Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College, has been appointed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to the

Midwestern Higher Education Commission. Jeffress was appointed as an at-large member for a term expiring March 8, 2007.

David L. Eisler, president

of Ferris State University, was appointed as an at-large member to represent high education for a term expiring March 8, 2005.

Lt. Gov. John Cherry was named as the governor's designee of the Midwestern Higher Education Commission until January 1, 2007.

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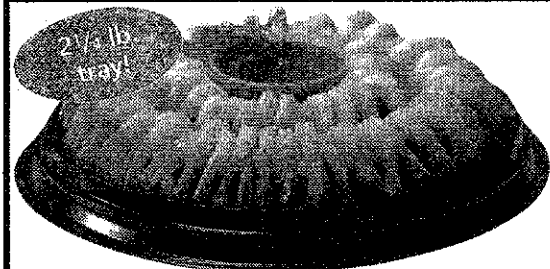
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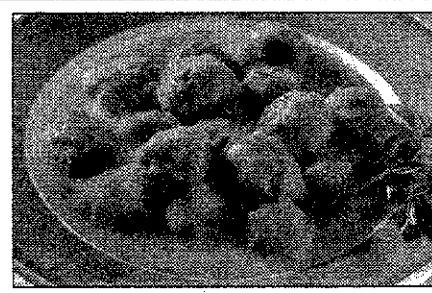
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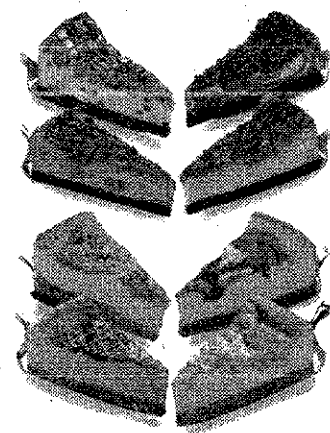
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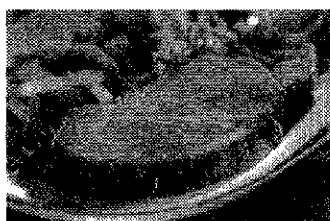
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Detroit teetering on brink of complete financial ruin

For the last month, it has been clear that if any city in the nation desperately needs a Christmas present, it is Detroit. And the city's school system is even more needy than the city itself.

Yet both are likely to get lumps of coal from an unsympathetic Legislature and a state which increasingly seems to believe that Detroit's problems are none of its concern. People in Traverse City and Monroe and even suburban Livonia think that the city's woes have nothing to do with their well-being.

Perhaps they should think again. It looks increasingly likely that the schools, despite five years of "reform," are near financial collapse. They will soon be forced to close as many as 40 of the 255 school buildings and eliminate 4,000 jobs, in a district that has too few teachers to begin with.

But even then the schools, which have been hemorrhaging students for decades, may not be able to pay the bills. In that case, the Legislature is likely to take control of them once again. Five years ago, Lansing disenfranchised an incompetent and largely corrupt school board and installed a mayor-appointed reform board, with a member appointed by the governor having a veto.

This time, it would be much different. The Legislature would likely install a military-style financial manager with dictatorial powers, charged with getting the district's finances in order. That would be hugely unpopular in Detroit.

Yet it is hard to see how that can be avoided. If that happens, tensions are bound to

increase between the nearly all-black city and the mostly white, Republican-dominated state government.

And now for the really bad news. Nobody is talking about this openly - yet. But precisely the same fate could be in shape for the city itself, which is running a deficit between \$200 and \$300 million in a budget that by state law has to be balanced. The city can't expect help from the state, which has a budget that is itself way out of whack and expects to cut what remains of revenue sharing.

More than likely, the only way for Detroit to comply with the law will be to slash jobs and services in a city that already doesn't have enough cops or streetlights and has far too many abandoned buildings and murders.

Eventually - probably not this year, but in a few years - the point may come when the politicians feel that nothing more can be slashed and yet the bills cannot be paid. When that happens, receivership may follow.

That would mean the elected politicians would lose all power, and Detroit would be run by a state-appointed financial manager.

Politically, that would effectively reduce Detroit to something like the status of an occupied city, like Baghdad. Some would argue that this might seem appropriate, since there are areas that look like Fallujah.

Tom Clay, perhaps the state's most respected budget analyst, says he doesn't know anybody who can say what the woes of the city and its schools are likely to cost state taxpayers. "But it will be huge," he said.

What is clear is that Detroit had close to two million people half a century ago. The schools were so good suburban parents would try to sneak their kids into them. Today, there are barely 910,000 people. The schools are so bad that virtual-

ly any city dwellers who can afford it, including the self-styled "hip-hip mayor," send their children elsewhere.

Whose fault is all this? Whites, in private if not in public, largely blame blacks, who they say trashed and ruined a once rich and thriving city. Blacks blame the whites, who they say left for greener suburban pastures and took their jobs and money along. The truth is something very different.

"Elastic cities thrive. Inelastic cities don't, and Detroit is one of the most inelastic cities there is," said David Rusk, a former mayor of Albuquerque who is a leading national urban expert. What he means by elasticity is growth.

If Detroit had been able to annex surrounding areas, as Los Angeles still does, it would have been fine. Or if Detroit and surrounding Wayne County, or better yet Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, could have been combined, as is the case in Miami or Nashville, there would be resources for all.

But Detroit, surrounded by county lines and incorporated cities, hasn't been able to annex a parcel of land since 1926. And there is little sentiment for metropolitan government in the suburbs, which don't want to pay, or the city, where black politicians fear losing political power.

What many fear is that eventually, when the city and its schools collapse, there will be unified government, but not the kind anyone wants.

Stay tuned; you can expect to hear lots more about this. The condition of Detroit is likely to be Michigan's greatest crisis of this decade, and it comes in an era when the state desperately needs a leader.

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Justice delayed is justice denied? High court waffles

Wait 'til next year. That's what Detroit Tigers fans say about the home team's pennant prospects.

It's what the U.S. Supreme Court said to atheist Michael Newdow, who challenged the constitutionality of the words "under God" in the pledge of allegiance his daughter recited in school.

And it's what the Supreme Court said Dec. 13 to two lawyers and three prison inmates who challenged a Michigan law prohibiting court-appointed counsel in appellate cases for persons who had pleaded guilty to crimes.

The high court dodged the "under God" case by ruling 8-0 that Newdow lacked legal standing to sue. Newdow is the non-custodial parent of his daughter. The girl's mother had no problem with an Elk Grove, Calif., school rule that required teachers to lead the pledge to the flag. Newdow and others will have to find a better plaintiff to sue over the 1954 amendment to the pledge law sponsored by then-Michigan Congressman Louis Rabaut.

The Michigan prison case is a bigger tangle than three strings of Christmas tree lights.

It's commonplace to say there are two sides to every question. In this case, called *Kowalski vs. Tesmer*, there are three sides:

1. Circuit Judge John Kowalski and other judges, mainly from the Saginaw area. They applied a state law that prohibits the appointing of appellate lawyers for persons who had pleaded guilty, even if the Court of Appeals had granted leave to appeal. These

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They can sit next to the Tigers and Michael Newdow.

appeals arise chiefly over judges' sentencing at the high end, or above, sentencing guidelines. Several *Observer & Eccentric* area representatives were co-sponsors of the 1999 law. Purpose was to cut down the number of cases clogging the state Court of Appeals.

2. John Tesmer, who is doing nine-15 years for home invasion, and two other convicts. They were represented by Mark Granzotto, Royal Oak attorney and stalwart of the American Civil Liberties Union.

3. Arthur Fitzgerald and Michael Vogler, attorneys who make part of the living handling court appointments in appeals cases. The office of state Attorney General Mike Cox argued they shouldn't have standing to join the suit because their claims are based on potential, not actual, clients.

The Supreme Court sided with the state, 6-3. "The attorneys before us do not have a 'close relationship' with their alleged clients; indeed, they have no relationship at all," said Chief Justice William Rehnquist in the majority opinion.

He was joined by conservatives Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas; moderates Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony Kennedy; and liberal

Stephen Breyer. Dissenting were liberal Ruth Bader Ginsburg, moderate David Souter and liberal John Paul Stevens. Ginsburg wrote that indigent convicts are unlikely to have the legal skills to pursue an appeal without help of appointed counsel. And she added that it is "hardly debatable" that attorneys Fitzgerald and Vogler will lose income if the Michigan law remains in effect.

The core question - the prisoners' rights - was shuffled aside. It's common for the Supreme Court to dodge questions like this until the right case comes along. It sent back several cases on whether defendants were entitled to court-appointed counsel before taking a 1961 "clean" case from Florida called *Gideon vs. Wainwright*. The high court also waited 20 years to outlaw school segregation before taking the *Brown vs. School District*. The delays are discussed in *Chief Justice: A Biography of Earl Warren* by Ed Cray (1997).

Meanwhile, David Moran, the Wayne State University law professor who represented attorneys Fitzgerald and Vogler, warned state officials they "are proceeding at their peril if they follow this law, which is certainly in question." And if state legislators think they have a tough time finding school money, their work will become even harder if (when) they must cough up funds for court-appointed appellate lawyers.

So the prison inmates will have to wait 'til next year - or the year after, or the year after - to learn if they can get court-appointed counsel to handle their appeals. They can sit next to the Tigers and Michael Newdow.

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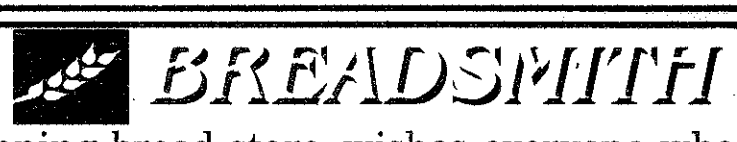
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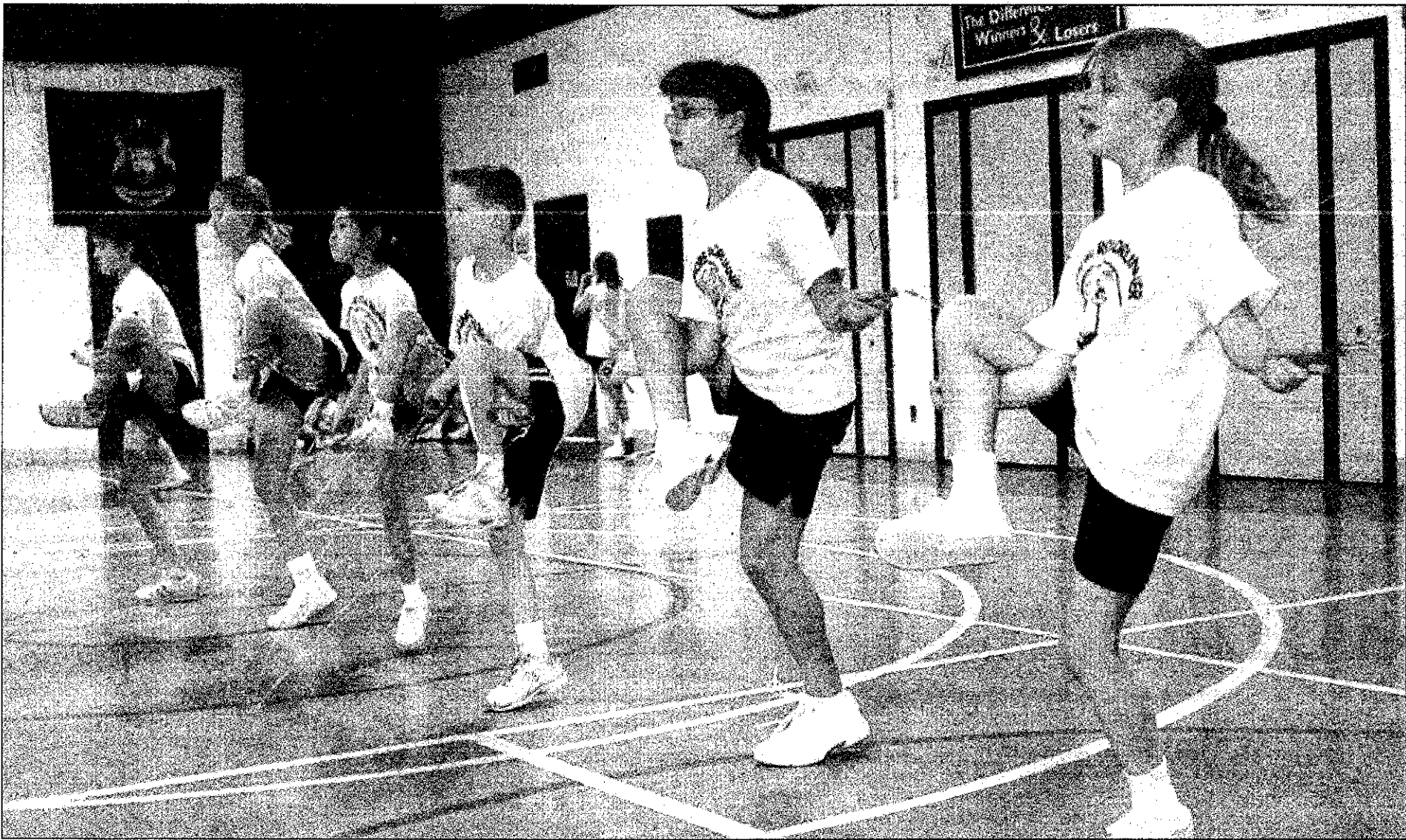
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Performing the challenging 'leg-over' jump are (left to right) Gallimore Roadrunner Ropers Allie Stephen, Kelsey Johnson, Minji Kim, Christopher Bryden, Michele Bellovary and Rachel Golonka. The Ropers practice one hour each week and perform at school assemblies and during halftime of high school and college basketball games.

Sidelines

Whalers slip

The Plymouth Whalers suffered a disappointing 2-1 road loss to Toronto St. Michael's Friday night in a game played at St. Michael's College School Arena in Toronto.

The loss dropped the Whalers to 12-14-4-2 and put the brakes on the team's two-game road winning streak. The Majors, who entered the game in last place in the Ontario Hockey League's Central Division, improved to 9-18-3-2.

St. Michael's goalie Justin Peters turned away 28 of the Whalers' shots to preserve the win for the Majors, the OHL's lowest-scoring team.

Ryan Nie took the loss between the pipes for Plymouth, despite stopping 32 of 34 St. Michael's shots.

The first period ended with a 1-1 deadlock. Andrew Fourier scored the lone Whalers' goal. He was assisted by Jonas Fiedler and James Neal. St. Michael's first-period marker came off the stick of Darryl Boyce, who was assisted by Justin Disendette and John Adams.

The game-winner came at the 5:21 mark of the second period when the Majors' Cory Vitarelli beat Nie with his sixth goal of the season. Nathan McIver and Scott Lehman assisted.

The Whalers outshot the Majors, 11-7, in the third period, but couldn't slip one past Peters.

After playing at Belleville on Saturday night, the Whalers will return to action tonight when they play at Oshawa. The game can be heard on WSDS 1480 beginning at 5:45 p.m.

Wolfpack tryouts

Tryouts for the Western Wayne Wolfpack, an AAU basketball team for girls between the ages of 10 and 13 years old, will be held Tuesday, Jan. 4, Wednesday, Jan. 12, and Thursday, Jan. 13.

The Jan. 4 tryout will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; the Jan. 12 session will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Isbister Elementary School; and the third tryout will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at West Middle School.

Call Fred Thomann at (734) 484-7746; or Bob Blohm at (734) 495-3160 or (734) 414-8156.

Rec offerings

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department has several programs it will be offering to the general public in the near future:

■ A women's winter basketball league, which will include a 10-game regular season, will be held on Mondays from Jan. 31 through April 11. The entry fee is \$395 per team.

■ A 12-week co-ed adult volleyball league will run from Jan. 17 to April 11. Games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays. The entry fee per team is \$230.

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Off the couch and into the gym

PE teacher goes beyond call of duty

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Linda Rotramel's idea to form a jump-rope team at Canton's Gallimore Elementary School in the fall of 1996 was initially met with widespread disinterest.

"I wanted the kids to have an after-school, non-competitive activity that would help them realize the importance of daily activity," remembered Rotramel, a physical education teacher at Gallimore since 1995. "Unfortunately, only about 20 kids signed up, and I had to beg most of them."

Nine years later, the program is the hottest thing going at the school, and it's the students who are begging for a chance to be a Gallimore Roadrunner Roper.

"The students in the school found out how much fun it was, and that they'd get a T-shirt and have opportunities to perform during halftimes of high school and college basketball games, so it became a very popular thing," Rotramel said. "By the third year, we had a couple hundred kids trying out for the team."

"Unfortunately, due to time and space limitations, we have



Gallimore Roadrunner Ropers coach Linda Rotramel works on a routine with her jumpers during Wednesday afternoon's practice. Rotramel, who volunteers at least two hours of her free time each week for the Ropers, formed the team nine years ago.

to cut kids from the team now, because we just don't have room for the number of kids who try out."

The 2004-05 Ropers are divided into junior-varsity and varsity squads. The teams consist of a total of 79 students — both boys and girls — from first grade through fifth. Each team practices one night a week for one hour.

The practices are lively, energetic and filled with Top 40 music that is easy to jump to.

Rotramel, whose dedication to the program earned her a coveted "Extra Miler" award from the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, said the benefits of jump-roping are plentiful.

"From a physical standpoint, jump-roping is an outstanding form of exercise because it improves the kids' muscle tone, leg strength, agility, quickness and coordination, among other

PLEASE SEE JUMP, B2

Jump-rope program helps build sweat equity in kids

I understand why video games are so appealing to kids today. They are stimulating, challenging and their realistic graphics make you

feel like you're *in* the game, not playing it.

I can barely jump and touch the bottom of the net on the basketball hoop that hangs over my driveway, but you

Ed Wright

might as well call me LeBron Wright when I have a PlayStation controller in my hands and I'm playing NBA 2004. I can rock the rim with the best of them.

There's no doubt that these games are slick — and addictive.

That said, I'm not a big fan of X-Box, Sega, PlayStation or Nintendo, simply because their games are luring children off playgrounds, basket-

ball courts and bicycles, and planting them in front of the television set for hours on end.

(Fortunately, the lure of Pong was never strong enough to keep me from playing after-school pick-up basketball or football games outdoors when I was growing up.)

While the high-tech gaming industry may be responsible for building strong thumb muscles across America, the proliferation of these games is one of the primary reasons why a growing chunk of this country's children is getting softer in the mid-section than the bean bags they sit on while playing the games.

Refreshing sight

On Wednesday afternoon, I visited Gallimore Elementary School in Canton to observe the Gallimore Roadrunner Ropers, a team of jump-ropers who perform at school assemblies and at halftime of high school and college basketball

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PCA's Sumner thrives in crunch-time

Chief cagers win; Salem falls. Please see Page B4

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When the score is tight and the clock is winding down, Stephen Sumner transforms from point guard to insurance man for the Plymouth Christian Academy basketball team.

The Eagles' fate was in good hands Friday night as Sumner controlled the ball flawlessly and drained six straight free throws in the final 1:15 to help ensure PCA's 44-36 home win over non-conference opponent Lutheran Westland.

PCA improved to 2-1 with the victory. LW dropped to 0-3.

The Warriors had carved a nine-point deficit down to 36-34 with 1:40 remaining before Sumner took over.

"I've been a point guard for as long as

I've played, so I like to control the ball, especially late in close games," Sumner said. "I like the pressure of shooting free throws late in games."

PCA coach Doug Taylor said he wants the ball in Sumner's hands if possible in games like Friday's cliffhanger.

"Stephen has a calming effect on the entire team when he has the ball," Taylor said. "He struggled scoring a little in the first half tonight, but he played a solid overall game in the second half."

Sumner finished with a game-high 24 points, 19 of which came after the half-time intermission. The 6-foot senior also yanked down six rebounds and recorded two steals. Teammate Aaron Ciborowski had a solid outing as well, scoring nine with 14 boards. No other Eagle scored more than four.

Senior forward Josh Davis canned a team-high nine for the Warriors, who also received eight from junior forward Paul Rosin. Center Pat Higgins, a 6-10 senior, paced LW with five rebounds and a pair of blocked shots.

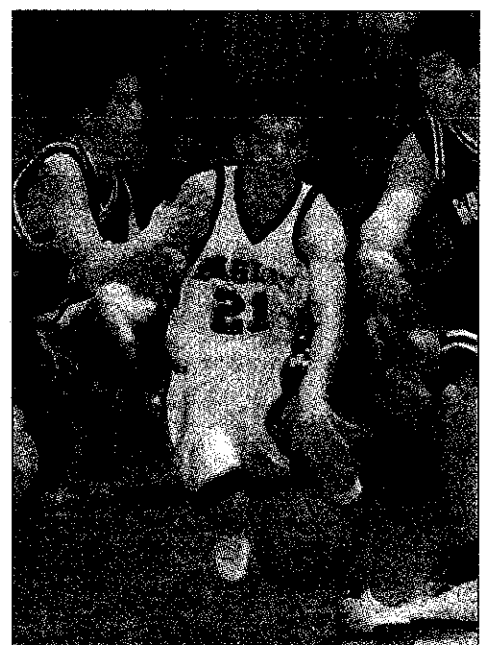
"We're a very young team, so it was the first time a lot of our players have played in crunch-time on the road in a varsity game," said Warrior coach Dan Ramthun. "I thought we did a nice job of cutting the lead down to two, but we had a couple of turnovers that cost us in the end."

"I thought our two big guys — Josh Davis and Pat Higgins — did a nice job defending their big guy (Ciborowski). And I was happy with our defensive effort the entire first half when we held them to just 19 points. We're 0-3 and going through some growing pains right now. We need everyone to keep their heads up and to keep playing hard."

Ciborowski was the key reason PCA led 11-6 after the opening eight minutes. The 6-4 senior contributed five points and three boards.

The Eagles took a 19-12 lead into the half thanks largely to a 22-9 rebounding advantage.

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Plymouth Christian senior point-guard Stephen Sumner splits Lutheran Westland defenders Jae Ha (left) and Pat Higgins during the second quarter of Friday night's Eagle victory. Sumner, who finished with a game-high 24 points, made six consecutive free throws in the game's final 1:15.

SWEAT

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games (see accompanying article).

As I watched the Ropers practice their impressive routines, one thought kept racing through my mind: I was witnessing the "anti-video game," a non-competitive, after-school activity that gets kids off the couch and onto their feet.

Instead of pounding the buttons on their game controllers, these elementary-school-aged students were performing complicated moves like leg-overs, double-unders, Irish jigs and front criss-crosses.

Some of the routines the kids have mastered must be seen to be believed.

"Our son absolutely loves it," said Rob Gamblin, whose son, Tyler, is a member of the varsity Ropers. "This has really helped him in his other sports, too," Gamblin said, gesturing toward the four rows of in-sync ropers. "It improves coordination, quickness and endurance for soccer and hockey. And it's fun."

Difference-maker

Most of the credit for this heart-pounding, agility-building, PlayStation-busting activity goes to Gallimore physical-education teacher Linda Rotramel, who serves as the coach of the 79 kids who make up the school's junior-varsity and varsity squads.

Nine years ago, Rotramel developed the jump-roping team to give kids at Gallimore an opportunity to enhance their physical-fitness skills for

one hour each week. The program started slowly, but its popularity soon swelled so much that Rotramel has to have tryouts each year for prospective jumpers.

Rotramel, who earned a degree in physical fitness at Purdue University, volunteers two hours of her time after school each week to coach the Ropers.

She also coordinates assemblies at area schools where her athletes get an opportunity to display their unique talents.

"Since I started this program, I can't tell you how many parents I've had tell me that their kids have rearranged the furniture in their living rooms so that they can practice their jump-roping," said Rotramel. "It's music to my ears when I hear comments like this because it means that the kids are getting something out of it. Whenever I hear this from a parent, I say, 'Yes!'"

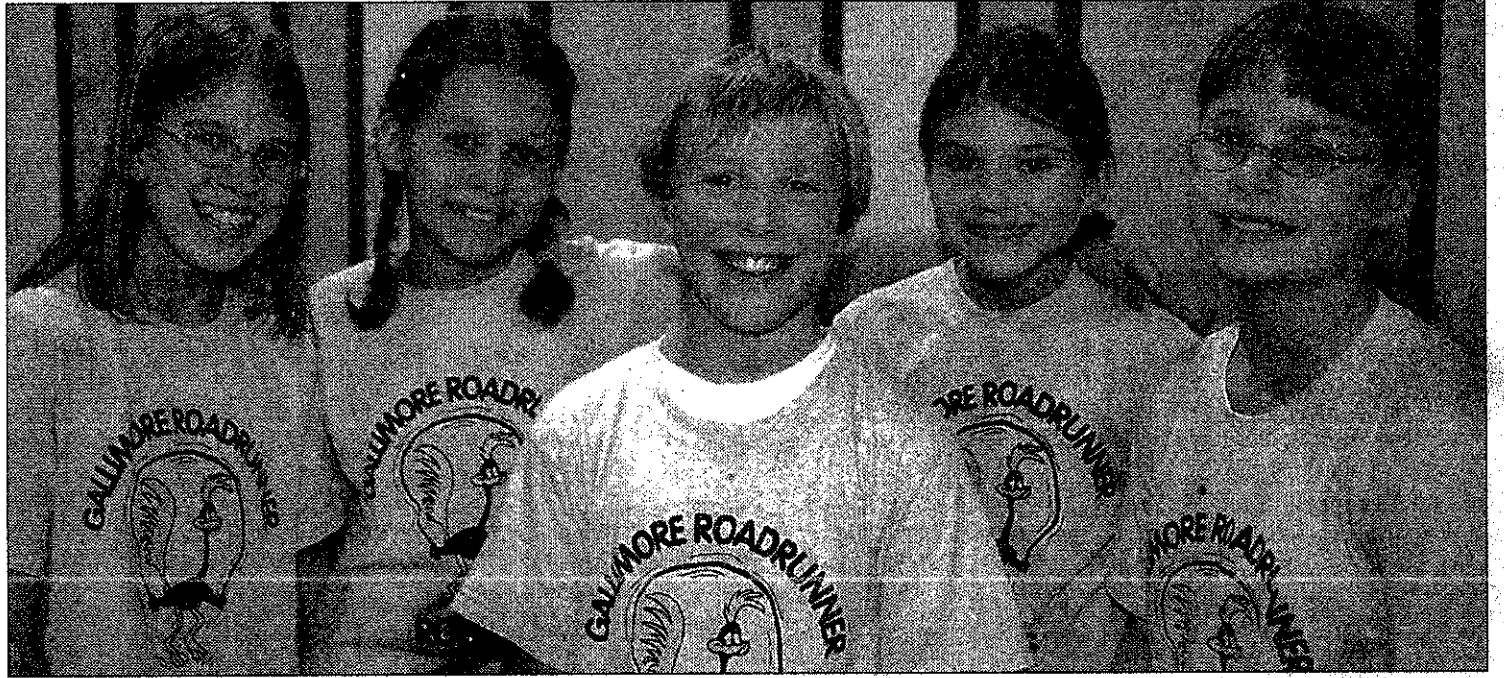
Many positives

Some of the nice things about jump-roping are it's inexpensive (you can purchase a decent jump rope for less than \$10), kids can do it just about anywhere, and it is another tool parents and educators can use in the fight to curb childhood obesity.

So put down those video-game controllers, kids, and pick up a jump rope.

You may not be able to dunk, but, with enough practice, you'll be able to perform a front criss-cross or leg-over that would make even LeBron James envious.

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There are five five-year members of the Ropers. Pictured (l-r) are Jennifer Nelson, Jamie Lang, Peyton Wilburn, Allie Stephens and Michele Bellovary.

JUMP

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things," she said. "I've had dozens of high school and middle school coaches ask me how they can use jump-roping as part of their training. It's especially good for sports like hockey and soccer that require a lot of agility.

"The program is great for the students' self-esteem, too. What it does for their self-confidence is immeasurable. Last year, I had a first-grader on the junior-varsity team who used to cry and get really upset when he first started. Now, he just beams at practices and when we perform in front of crowds."

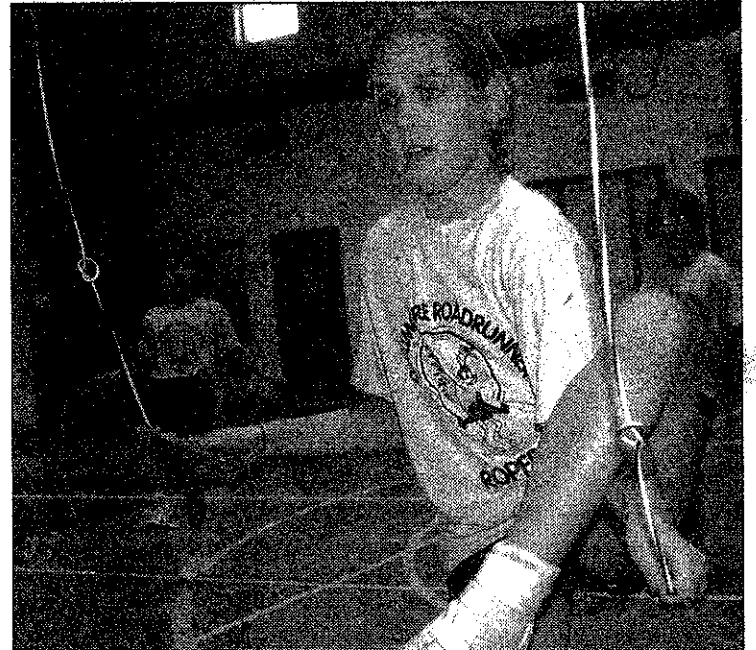
The Ropers perform in at least two assemblies each year

for schools throughout the metropolitan Detroit area. One stop that is especially popular for the students is Garden City's Burger School for Autistic Children.

"It's always a wonderful experience for the students when they visit Burger," Rotramel said. "Our kids eat lunch with the students there, then they help teach the Burger students how to jump rope. It's something our kids really look forward to."

Over the years, the Ropers have also performed at half-time of Eastern Michigan University, University of Michigan and Canton High School basketball games. This year's performance at Canton is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 28.

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Gallimore fifth-grader Kelsey Johnson is pictured performing the difficult 'leg-over.'

THE WEEK AHEAD

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

YOUTH WRESTLING

The second session of the Canton Wrestling Club will run from Jan. 3 through March 13. The cost is \$45 and includes membership in the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association and a club T-shirt.

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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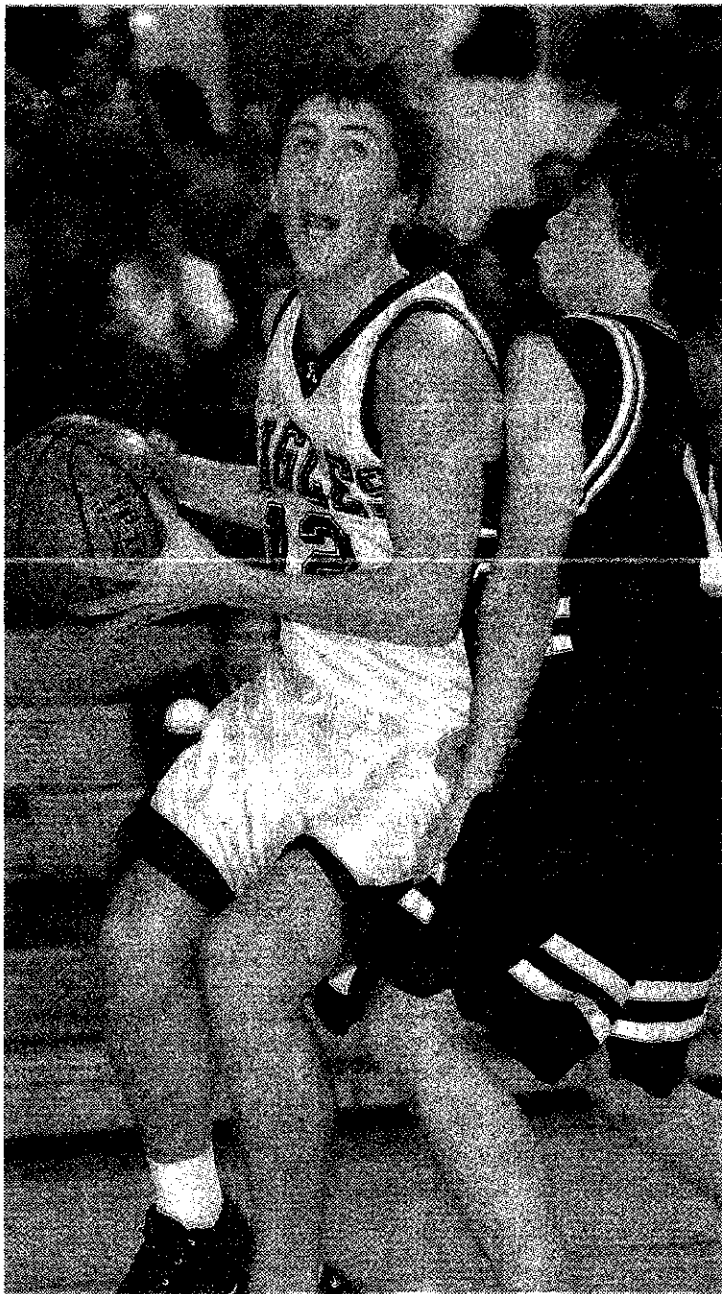
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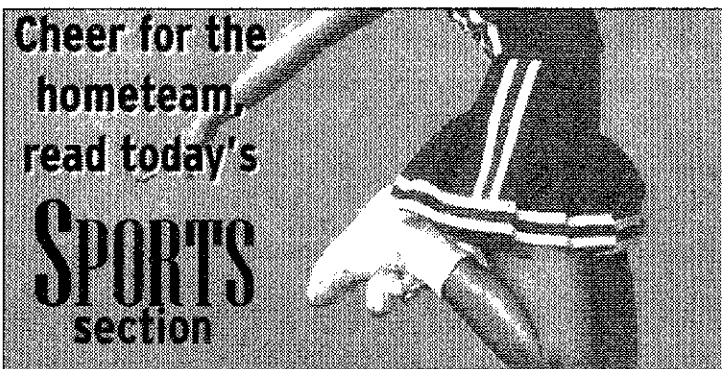
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Plymouth Christian's Jon Wendt drives past Lutheran Westland's Kevin Frusti on his way to the hoop during Friday nights game at Plymouth Christian.



Cheer for the hometeam, read today's **SPORTS** section

PCA

FROM PAGE B1

PCA secured a 34-26 lead with five minutes left on a Summer triple, but LW countered with an 8-2 run over the next 3:50 to cut its deficit to 36-34. Davis and Higgins were the catalysts for the rally, combining for six of the eight points.

Summer hit two free throws with 1:15 left to put his team ahead, 38-34. Following a Warrior turnover, the senior point guard hit two more from the stripe with 55 seconds left, and he finished off LW with a pair of free throws 17 seconds

later.

PCAs Chase VanTiem put the icing on the cake with a last-second, fast-break lay-up. "Matt Saagman did have big numbers tonight, but I liked the way he hustled and rebounded," Taylor said. "He was at the right place at the right time a lot tonight."

"Lutheran Westland lost 54 points to graduation off of last year's team, so they're very young. Once they play together more and start jelling, they'll have a very good team."

PCA is idle until Thursday, Dec. 30, when it travels to Sterling Heights Bethesda.

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Agape spikers swept

VOLLEYBALL

Canton Agape Christian's volleyball was swept by a talented Lutheran Westland Team in three games Thursday night at Discovery Middle School, 25-4, 25-15 and 25-20.

"The girls improved as the match went on," said Wolverine coach Justine Pummill, who shares the coaching responsibilities with Melissa Hanson. "I think we may have a little nervous in the first game. It was our first home game, plus the girls are learning a new offense, so they're not as comfortable as they will be in a few weeks."

"It wasn't just that we played poorly; Lutheran Westland played great. They have a good team."

Pummill commended the play of Erin Allen and Danielle Henry.

"Erin played a good all-around floor game," she said. "And Danielle did a nice job serving and hitting."

The Wolverines return to action after the holidays when they host Oakland Christian Jan. 4 at Discovery.

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Rough, but ready

Canton hoop team overtakes Lions in OT

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

A football game nearly broke out at South Lyon High School Thursday night when Canton's basketball team squared off against the Lions.

The Lions played rough, but the Chiefs were ready as they handed a 64-58 overtime loss to their physical hosts.

Canton improved to 3-1 while South Lyon slipped to 1-3.

"It was a very physical game, much like our game against Redford Union on Tuesday night," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "It took us a little while to adjust to their style,

but we finally did in the second half. We shot much better as the game went along, and Andy Cortellini really stepped up, especially in the overtime."

Cortellini not only stepped up; the 5-10 senior guard trampled the Lions with his clutch, long-distance shooting in the extra four-minute session. He scored half of the Chiefs' 16 OT points — six coming on two arching three-point shots — to help Canton pull away.

South Lyon tied the game with a basket at 48-48 with seven seconds left in regulation.

Canton had one final opportunity to win it, but Julian

Smith's last-second, game-winning effort was deflected out of bounds.

Cortellini finished with a team-high 18 points. Fellow senior Kevin Thornton recorded 17 points, five rebounds and two blocks while sophomore Ryan Waidmann provided a strong spark off the bench, netting 12 points and two blocks.

Jason Houdek contributed nine points and Smith had a team-high seven boards for the winners.

South Lyon had three players hit double-figure scoring: Nate Spurgess (19), Austin McMullen (18) and Mike Rhoad (15).

Paye said he delivered a con-

fidence-building speech to his team during the short break before the overtime.

"I just told them that I thought we were the better team and it was our game to take," he said. "Andy came out and made some big shots and the entire shot well from the free-throw line in the overtime."

The Chiefs drained 16-of-26 free throws for the game; the Lions sank 15-of-21.

Canton is off until Wednesday, Dec. 29, when it travels to Harper Woods Notre Dame to take on the Fighting Irish.

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Patriots' game

Salem cagers fall, 57-45

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Members of Salem's basketball team might have a difficult time deciding which seemed longer Friday night: their long bus ride to Warren Cousino High School or the opening eight minutes of the Rocks' non-conference game against the Patriots.

In reality, the bus ride was much longer, but you might have a hard time making believers of the Rocks, who got battered 18-6 by Cousino in the seemingly endless first quarter before eventually losing, 57-45.

The setback left Salem with an 0-4 record heading into Tuesday's opening round of the Allen Park Christmas Tournament against Dearborn Heights Crestwood. The Patriots' record improved to 2-1.

"Cousino came out of the blocks fast and we came out lethargic," said Rock coach Bob Brodie. "They pounded the ball inside to their two big kids and we did a poor job fronting them."

"Offensively, we shot the ball too quickly, so we never got opportunities at second or third shots. They'd get the

rebound and fast-break or set up their offense and pound it inside. They scored at will against us in the first half."

Cousino sprinted to a 33-16 halftime lead before Brodie and his fellow coaches shared some inspiration with their players during the halftime break.

"Let's just say we got their attention a little at halftime," Brodie said. "I told them that this was west vs. east and that we needed to start playing with more pride. We didn't have a good showing in the first half, but we outscored them in the second (29-24), so there was improvement."

Dave Cardenas was the only Rock to break into the double-digit scoring column as he netted 10.

Mike Marek, Brian Baumgart and Brad Zonca contributed six points a piece.

Dave Lewandowski paced the Patriots with 18 points. Pat Arnold twined 11.

If the Rocks defeat Crestwood on Tuesday night, they will play the winner of Tuesday night's Allen Park-Woodhaven game at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

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Shamrock basketball team falls to 0-4

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

For a while, it looked like Redford Catholic Central's varsity basketball team had a decent shot Friday night to win for the first time this season.

But the Shamrocks ran into foul trouble late in the first half, enabling host Grosse Pointe

North to open up a 36-31 half-time lead. It was more of the same after intermission, with the Norsemen earning a 78-62 victory.

"We had too many turnovers," noted Catholic Central head coach Rick Coratti, whose team is 0-3. "That's where we miss our point guard."

That point guard, senior Rob

Fragoso (broken hand), is almost ready to return. "We should get him back after Christmas," Coratti said.

Catholic Central also played without 6-7 center Chris Harding, who is recovering from pneumonia. Coratti expects Harding back for Tuesday's 7:30 p.m. game against visiting Redford Union.

The top scorer for the Norsemen (3-1) was senior forward Michael Bramos, with 29 points.

For the Shamrocks, junior guard Antyrto Raimier scored 19 points while junior center Aras Butkimas tallied 17 points and seven boards. Scoring 10 points was junior forward Garrett Senczyszyn.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

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The Canton Soccer Club is accepting registrations for spring soccer for players 5 through 19 years of age (as of March 1). Registration forms are available online at www.cantonsoccerclub.com or at the club office, which is located at: High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan Ave., Canton. Call (734) 480-7046.

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Wayne State University Women's Softball Program will hold hitting and pitching camps during the months of January and February. The hitting camp will be held Jan. 9 with session one running 9 a.m.-noon, and the second session from 1-4 p.m. Pre-registration is \$35 per player or \$40 at the door. Players in grades four through 12 are welcome and the camp is limited to the first 80 players registered. The pitching camp will be held on Sundays from Jan. 16 - Feb. 13. Session 1 is from 9-11 a.m.; session two will be held from 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., session three from 12:30-2:30 p.m., and session four from 2:15-4:15 p.m. Sessions one through three will concentrate on developing a fastball with speed and control and the change-up pitch. The first three sessions are recommended for young pitchers. Session four is to develop various pitches, including the fastball, change-up rise and drop, work on pitch location, selection and strategy. This session is recommended for 16-18-year-old pitchers with varsity experience. Cost is \$100 for all five Sundays. The clinics will be held at Wayne State University, 5101 John C Lodge Mathaei Building, on the corner of Warren and the West side of the Lodge Freeway. A map is available at www.wsuathletics.com. More information can be obtained by calling (313) 577-7513 or (58) 979-6299 or e-mail to ah6905@wayne.edu or pakgib@aol.com.

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Salem icers hold off late Chief rally

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The game also helped – at least temporarily – fill a void for area hockey fans who have missed watching the locked-out Detroit Red Wings for the past two-plus months.

Who needs the NHL? That may have been the prevailing thought for many of the hundreds of fans who watched Wednesday night's skillfully played, down-to-the-wire hockey game between Salem and Canton at the Arctic Edge Arena.

The Rocks won, 4-3, over their cross-town rivals, but not before Canton staged a dramatic, last-minute comeback that nearly wiped out a three-goal deficit.

The victory improved Salem's record to 5-4 overall and 3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Canton dropped to 4-2-1 and 3-2.

The game also helped — at least temporarily — fill a void for area hockey fans who have missed watching the locked-out Detroit Red Wings for the past two-plus months.

"I knew it was a big game, but it was even more intense than I thought it would be," said first-year Canton coach Mike Behen, who witnessed his first Chief-Rock clash.

"Most of the players on both of the teams are friends, and the rest of their friends are in the crowd, so everyone was fired up. It was pretty exciting."

Salem coach Fred Feiler said the game served as a gauge for the progress his team has made since practice started in November.

"We have a lot of inexperienced players, so it was a good game for us to see how we measured up against Canton," said Feiler, who has coached Salem since the team's incep-

tion in 1998. "We tried to come out and be the aggressor and cut off their passing lanes."

The strategy worked during the first period, which ended with Salem holding a 2-0 advantage. Despite getting out-shot, 8-5, the Rocks secured a lead thanks to goals from Chris Wilson and Craigen Bauldry, and the flawless goal-tending of senior net-minder Brandon DeMars. Steven Tripp, Adam Gilliken and Tommy Cooper picked up assists on the goals.

Canton sliced its deficit in half when Kevin Tollison scored an unassisted goal at 9:49 of the second period with just four seconds remaining in a Chief power-play.

Canton's Bryan Wioncek came close to knotting the score at 2-2 with 45 seconds left in the second period, but he was denied from close range by DeMars.

"DeMars is a great goalie," Canton coach Mike Behen said. "He's the first left-hander we've faced this season, and we really had trouble figuring him

out. Bryan (Wioncek) had a couple of break-aways that he stopped."

Salem's lead grew to 3-1 early in the third period when Cooper scooped in a power-play goal from in front of the net. He was assisted by Kris Brant.

When Brant scored a power-play goal with 4:51 remaining off a pass from Cooper, it seemed like nothing more than unnecessary insurance, with the Rocks leading 4-1.

However, Canton's Reece McCabe rifled an unassisted missile past DeMars from the right wing on a power-play with 2:58 to close the Chiefs' gap to 4-2. Just 44 seconds later, Wioncek beat DeMars from the door-step to make the score 4-3 and force Feiler to take a crucial time-out.

"Most importantly, I wanted to try to settle the guys down," Feiler said, referring to his time-out speech. "A couple of the guys were really gassed from killing all the penalties, so they needed to re-group. We discussed what we had to do, and they went out and did it."

With 6.1 seconds left, Salem was whistled for its fourth penalty of the period, giving the Chiefs a virtual two-man advantage since they had pulled their goalie one minute earlier.

Following a face-off in the right circle, Salem's Wilson dropped to his hands and knees and shielded the puck with his body as Canton players unsuccessfully tried to free it and score.

A brief skirmish ensued following the final horn as players from both teams squared off

momentarily. Nine players — five Chiefs and four Rocks — were disqualified, which means they will miss their respective teams' next game.

Salem will be short-handed for Tuesday night's home game against West Bloomfield while Canton was forced to rely more on its reserves in last night's WLAA contest at Northville.

"I thought the referees over-reacted a little bit with all the disqualifications," Behen said. "Only two players — one from each team — dropped their gloves, so they should have been the only ones penalized. A few minutes after that happened, both teams shook hands and everything was fine."

SALEM 4, WATERFORD MOTT 4: Nathan Edelen scored twice to lead the Rocks to a tie with the Corsairs.

Rock forward Stephen Tripp opened the scoring when he scored an unassisted goal less than two minutes into the game.

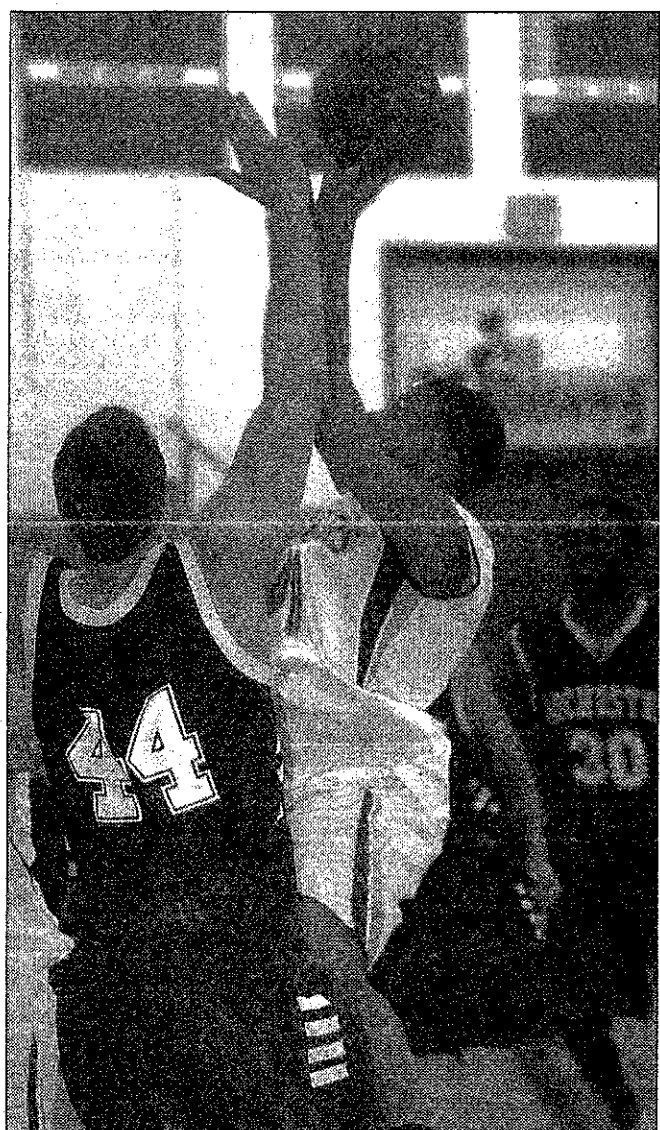
Edelen made it 2-0 with 5:32 left in the second period. He was assisted by Craigen Bauldry and Tripp.

After Mott knotted the game at 2-2, Bauldry scored off a pass from Brooks Belhart to give Salem a short-lived 3-2 lead.

Mott tied the game eight seconds into the final period on a goal by Logan Smith. Six minutes later, the Corsairs regained the advantage on Tim Schneider's goal.

Salem earned a point when Edelen deposited a pass from Tripp with 4:41 remaining.

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Dragons upend Madonna

Madonna's D.J. Bridges, a graduate of Canton High School, scored eight points and hauled in eight rebounds in Friday's night's 86-75 loss to Tiffin University in the first round of the Notre Dame College (Ohio) Super 8 Classic. Canton Agape Christian graduate Jordan Napier also played well in a losing cause, netting 12 points and two assists.

WRESTLING RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 53, LIVONIA STEVENSON 24
Dec. 16 at Livonia Stevenson H.S.
13 pounds: Steve D'Annunzio (P) decisioned Tommy Myshock, 8-2; 112: Jon Reale (LS) pinned Ben Gibson, 3:12; 119: Ben Kosmowski (P) p. Anthony Mainella, 1:32; 125: Andrew Saunders (P) won by void; 130: Ziad Kharbush (LS) p. Andrew Tate, 3:25; 135: Ali Youssef (P) p. Joe Bacigal, 0:44; 140: John Hagar (P) p. Justin Fan, 0:54; 145: Brandon Garcia (P) p. Brent Cetnar, 1:36; 152: Patrick Borden (LS) p. Mark Rosiek, 0:36; 160: Adam Kokenakes (LS) p. Ramin Pakray, 5:01; 171: Vincent Daroffi (P) dec. Billy McNally, 11:5; 189: Taylor Fox (P) p. Trent Judd, 0:11; 215: Dany Jammoul (P) won by technical fall over Dan Inson, 16:0; 275: Shaun Bailey (P) won by void.
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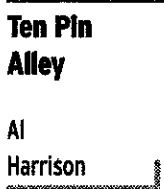
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Bowling action heats up on these cold days

Some things are heating up on these cold wintry days, especially some of the bowlers in and around Westland.

Starting with the highest level of youth bowling competition, the ALRO Steel Michigan Junior Masters Association monthly tournament held recently at Eastland Lanes in Kalamazoo was led by Pat Barter of Westland, who paced qualifiers with a 227



Ten Pin Alley
Al Harrison

average, good enough for second place and \$300 in scholarship help. Ronnie Sparks, Jr., of Wayne, placed seventh and Sean Hall of Redford was 13th, not bad considering a starting field of 98 bowlers from four states and Canada.

Kerry Schmansky of Westland rolled the girls high game of the tournament (257) on her last game of qualifying to jump over two bowlers and into third place.

The finals began with Schmansky out-bowling Kristy Kerr of Essexville, 257-221. In the next round Kristine Bailey defeated Schmansky 214-211.

Schmansky wound up in third place, averaging an even 200 and adding \$75.00 in scholarship funds.

For more information in the MJMA, call Jerry Tarabek (586) 264-0432 or Bob Black (419)734-1771.

Also in Westland, the Tuesday Junior Classic at Town 'n Country Lanes, affiliated with the Wayne Westland Metro Bowling Association, exited the month of November with a great big roar.

Scores were higher and many bowlers left the lanes scratching their heads in awe of the scores and wondering what it takes to win a jackpot.

The scores attained were certainly a record for the league. Four series of 800 were the talk of the town and in addition, there were 15 series in excess of 700 and 25 higher than 660.

The night's leading scorer was Joe Dyer with games of 239-300-279 for a series total of 818. Dyer's 300 score was the ninth perfect game in the league this season.

Joe Jacobs added 248-280-

278 for an 806. Meanwhile, Ryan Rollins posted scores of 279-278-254 for a total of 811, while one of his opponents, Mark Konopatzke, shot games of 224-290-289 for an 803. Lance Howey was close to an 800 series with scores of 245-279-257 in a 781 set.

The league kept it up the next week with another outstanding outing (Dec. 7) as Jim Finch bowled a 258-278-268/804, fol-

lowed by Ryan Rollins, 290-234-248/772; Tony Grote, 267-278-248/793; Larry Johnson, 257-278-225/760; Bud LeBlanc, 243-256-255/754; Lew Agius, 203-246-299/748; and Rich Trullard, 299-259-197/755.

The new proprietor of Town 'n Country Lanes is Bob Goike, owner of Lodge Lanes in Belleville and one of the local hall of famers. He is probably amazed to see so many out-

standing bowlers in his newly acquired establishment.

There is quite a controversy brewing over who is the greatest bowler of all time.

With the success of Walter Ray Williams, Jr. in recent years, some observers are of the opinion that he is the best ever. Others favor some of the past luminaries such as Don Carter and Dick Weber.

Myself, I'd pick Earl Anthony because he was the most accu-

rate bowler I ever saw and had an uncanny ability to win.

At this time, Earl still holds the all-time record for Pro Tour titles (41) against such players as Mark Roth, Marshall Holman, Johnny Petraglia, Wayne Webb and Brian Voss to name a few that were great bowlers. Anthony later won seven more titles on the Senior tour.

Anthony reigned supreme during his era and that was

before the plethora of high powered bowling balls arrived on the scene.

Walter Ray is chipping away at Anthony's record number of victories on tour, he now has 40 and will very likely surpass the present record of 41.

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

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WRESTLING RANKS

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(as of Dec. 13)

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. Brandon Nikula, John Glenn; 5. Jamie Preiss, Wayne Memorial.

112: 1. Josh Preiss, Wayne; 2. Steve Ludke, Garden City; 3. Ken Nelson, Redford Union; 4. Jon Reale, Livonia Stevenson; 5. Sam Santilli, Canton.

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. Rowdy Glasgow, John Glenn; 4. Mike Warren, Franklin; 5. Justin Keatts, Wayne.

130: 1. Corey Phillips, Canton; 2. Justin Smith, Churchill; 3. Jim Wood, John Glenn; 4. James Jones, Franklin; 5. Robert Bytner, Lutheran Westland.

135: 1. Ryan Webb, Canton; 2. Sean Dong, Redford CC; 3. Josh Wischmeyer, RU; 4. Orlando Carswell, John Glenn; 5. Scott Fysh, Salem.

140: 1. Jim Moore, RU; 2. Dave Watkins, Franklin; 3. Konrad Konsitzke, Canton; 4. Josh Kelly, Churchill; 5. Saif Naber, John Glenn.

145: 1. Rece Cox, John Glenn; 2. Jameson Murray, Churchill; 3. Chris Tomasik, RU; 4. Alex York, Livonia Stevenson; 5. Nate Turco, Franklin.

152: 1. Ben Adams, Churchill; 2. Adam Kokenakes, Stevenson; 3. Val Gul, Salem; 4. Chad Phipps, Wayne; 5. Ramin Kakray, Plymouth.

160: 1. Trevor Stewart, Redford CC; 2. Kurtis Robbins, Livonia Clarenceville; 3. Jon McCahill, John Glenn; 4. Blake Karkoska, Franklin; 5. Kyle Lis, Stevenson.

171: 1. Brad Bartram, Redford CC; 2. Manuel Schubert, Churchill; 3. Brent Robbins, Clarenceville; 4. Cody Rize, Stevenson; 5. Mike Taylor, RU.

189: 1. Joe Bargerstock, Churchill; 2. Jeremy Henderson, Salem; 3. Robert Coffey, Wayne; 4. Craig Markgraff, Garden City; 5. Chris Van Camp, Franklin.

215: 1. Hafeez Qureshi, Churchill; 2. Eric Vojtkofsky, Redford CC; 3. Jacob Tuomi-Galindez, Lutheran Westland; 4. P.J. Caram, Canton; 5. Matt Shilekis, RU.

275: 1. Pat Draheim, Churchill; 2. John Morasso, Redford CC; 3. John Miller, Salem; 4. Billy Dobosy, RU; 5. Michael Oesterling, Clarenceville.

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Tribute to Grandpa

For 19 years of my life I had the honor of having John Z. Kay Sr. as my grandfather.

My grandfather was not a lifelong Salvationist. He came to The Salvation Army on the streets of Detroit, attracted by the sound of the Detroit Citadel Band. My grandfather came to know the Lord and brought his wife and three children (later to be four children) to the corps the following Sunday.

By the time my youngest brother and I came along, he was retired from General Motors and had happily become a professional grandparent. I can honestly say my grandfather had 15 favorite grandchildren, although Jim and I benefited from the arrangement the most.

My grandparents were at our house often, and we made the seven-minute trip from our home to theirs just as often.

So when the phone rang at about 7:30 a.m. Dec. 19, 1991, it seemed like the world stopped turning for a second and altered its rotation forever. My grandmother called each one of her children and told them to come quickly: "Your father's gone Home." My oldest brother

summed it up best as he delivered the message at Grandpa's funeral: "When you remember Grandpa, thank God for giving us the best."

Since that Christmas, I have stood kettles every year on Dec. 19 in honor of my grandfather's memory. My grandfather worshiped Christ and loved The Salvation Army, he was proud of giving his heart to God and his hand to man. Standing kettles is a fitting tribute to him.

As I have grown and my life has changed, there have been unexpected blessings from this tradition. My grandfather has been gone for 13 years, yet there are times when his loss seems fresh and painful. My brother and I were so close to our grandfather, yet he never met my husband and has never seen our children. It seems odd that such a strong figure in our lives has never seen the people who have become our lives.

My husband, Jerry, began standing kettles with me in 1994, we married in 1999 and maintained the tradition. Our son, Connor James, joined us in 2002. I am happy that Grandpa is a part of our Christmas even though he is no longer here.

When *Parents Magazine* sent out a request for parents to send in photos with their children volunteering, I submitted a photo of Connor and me standing kettles last Christmas. I made Connor a sweatshirt that says "I'm a Bell ringer." It also has a patch with the red shield on the front (the patch was courtesy of his grandfather George Aren, Disaster Services coordinator for Eastern Michigan). The back states "Need Knows No Season." It is pretty hard for people to walk by our little guy and not give.

We were thrilled when the editor called to tell us that Connor had been chosen for the December 2004 issue of *Parents Magazine*. We were also happy to see that they included a contact number so that others could contact their local corps to volunteer as well.

Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year, too!

Jennifer Moore is a Canton resident.

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Museum gowns show sweep of history



During the AAUW holiday celebration at the museum, members get a tour of the exhibit on first ladies' gowns. To the right is the gown of Helen Taft (1861-1943).



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Dawn Parker of Canton and her mom, Gloria Savich of Livonia, look at a replica of a gown that first lady Martha Washington wore (1731-1802) during the American Association of University Women holiday celebration at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The Plymouth-Canton branch enjoyed a tour led by Bob Zaetta.

Exhibit helps AAUW celebrate season in style

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Want to learn about history without venturing quite as far as our nation's capital? The Plymouth Historical Museum is hosting an exhibit featuring 15 reproductions of the inaugural ball gowns of the first ladies featured in the Smithsonian.

The exhibit is part of the Joan Deer Collection of the Frankenmuth Historical Museum. It will remain in Plymouth through Jan. 30.

Museum director Beth Stewart has been pleased with response to the exhibit, which opened in early November. "It's been huge," she said. "The reaction's been great."

Members and guests of the Plymouth-Canton branch, American Association of University Women, toured the exhibit

Wednesday during their annual holiday get-together. Participants also brought items for First Step, western Wayne County's agency on domestic violence and sexual assault.

Stewart anticipates even more interest in the exhibit in January, closer to the inauguration in Washington, D.C. "That's when people really get excited about it," she said.

The exhibit gowns were designed by a team of Michigan designers and researchers headed by David Zeese and Don Nagle of Frankenmuth. They were the first group of designers allowed to sketch the gowns in the Hall of First Ladies. They weren't allowed to take photographs, but could observe the curators at work and sketch.

"It really did take awhile," Stewart said of the process, which included finding fabric to recreate each gown. Grace

Coolidge's gown of red velvet was possibly recreated from the same bolt of fabric at the same store.

The Plymouth museum has hosted the exhibit in the past, usually with four-year election cycles. "You don't often get a

chance to talk about first ladies," Stewart said.

The gowns exhibited were selected to show both a progression of fashion

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HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Judy Vindici of First Step tells AAUW about services and programs the agency offers.

First Step volunteers play a vital role

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Judy Vindici, special projects manager for First Step, appreciates the volunteer help the agency receives, not only at Christmas but throughout the year.

"There's a profound need for help in so many of these areas," she told members and guests of the Plymouth-Canton branch, American Association of University Women, Wednesday evening.

The holiday gathering included donations of toys, clothing and other items for First Step clients. The agency

serves western Wayne County victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Vindici described the art work of a boy who was angry with his mother and planned to hit her when he was strong enough. "Unless that child is reached, we have another generation of this going on," she said.

She talked about bringing art supplies to the First Step shelter and being swamped by eager children. Art therapy's an important volunteer area, she said, along with other children's programs and covering the 24-hour help line.

The help line is (734) 459-

5900 or toll free at (888) 453-5900. To volunteer or for general information, call the office at (734) 416-1111.

Vindici described how verbal abuse can escalate into physical violence. She noted the agency has had male clients, and that abuse can occur in same-sex relationships.

"You know how demeaning it is for them and how that person changes over time," she said of domestic violence victims. "It really is akin to torture."

Vindici discussed the recent case of Nancy Seaman, the area teacher convicted of murdering her husband. Seaman

claimed she was a longtime victim of domestic violence.

"Those are very complex situations," Vindici, noting the couple's two sons had differing views of their parents' marriage.

It's terrifying for children to be in situations where people are angry all the time, she said.

Vindici also discussed services for sexual assault victims. "It's just a traumatic situation that can turn your world upside down." Victims can contract AIDS and other diseases, she added.

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Scouts use a little sugar to sell cookies

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Keep an eye out and support Girl Scouts, says Virginia Letellier as she marches Troop 2008 from the *Observer* offices. Her five young charges epitomize the Girl Scout Law to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, and to sell lots of cookies, especially at this time of year.

When asked about their current project, Breann Graca, Alyssa Osenko, Taylor Shalhoub, Arika Agnew, and Kayla Parker were ready to represent all Girl Scouts in the endeavor. They wanted no attention brought to themselves but to the annual sales drive to benefit girls in green vests.

At Patchin Elementary in Westland, several under the leadership of Letellier are taking advance orders for the cookies priced at \$3.50 a box.

Each has set a goal of selling 115 boxes to family, friends, and co-workers of mom and dad. Osenko, accompanied by her father, plans to visit neighbors on her block.

Girls take advance cookie orders now through Jan. 16. From Feb. 19 to March 20, they will deliver to customers and sell from booths set up outside stores in the area.

But the Girl Scout organization teaches more than technique to sell Pinatas, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Patties, and Thin Mints, their best seller. Math and goal setting skills are all honed during this time.

"If they say no thank you, be nice and not pouty," said Graca. "Be polite."

"You have to be nice," added Shalhoub.

The Girl Scout Law teaches respect for self and others as well as authority. At Thanksgiving time, the girls in Troop 2008 donated food

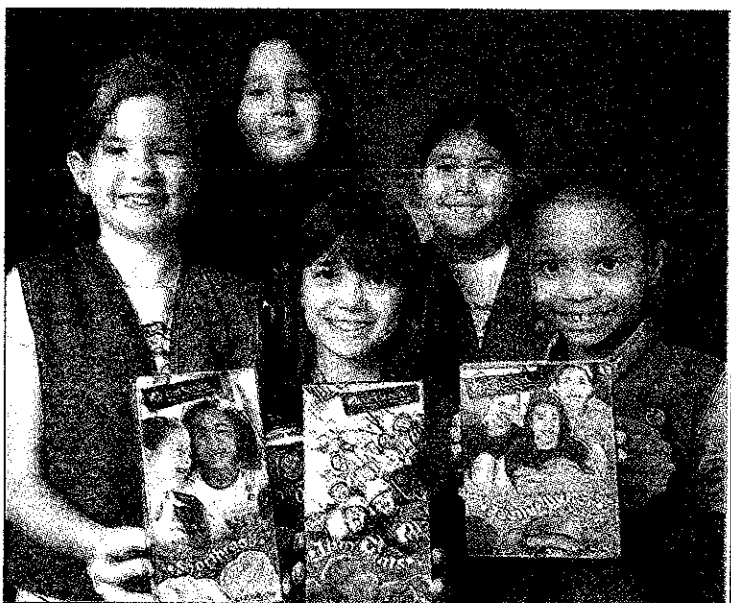
which was displayed in the Wayne Rotary parade then given to the Salvation Army. The theme was Count Your Blessings.

"Girls Scouts helps you to work in a group with other people, helps you make friends," said Shalhoub. "And cookies make it affordable for any girl to join."

A portion of the proceeds from cookie sales provides financial assistance whether it be for craft materials, badges or a field trip. The girls in Huron Valley Troop 2008 recently had fun riding the carousel, Model T's and horse-drawn wagons during Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village.

In February, they'll spend a weekend at Camp Linden, but it won't be all fun. While there, they'll learn to sew so they can make carry-all bags for the walkers of local senior citizens.

"Selling cookies teaches us what Girl Scouts is all about," said Parker. "It's not about our-



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Breann Graca (left counter clockwise), Alyssa Osenko, Taylor Shalhoub, Arika Agnew, and Kayla Park recently visited the *Observer* Newspapers to promote the Girl Scout Cookie Program. Accompanying them were co-leaders Virginia Letellier and Janine Shalhoub (not pictured).

self. It's about people around us and helping out the community."

For more information about Girl Scouts or locations of

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ANNIVERSARIES



Bargowskis 50th

Richard and Donna (Lewis) Bargowski of Canton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a gala party hosted at the Hanford Clubhouse in Sunflower subdivision Dec. 4, 2004.

The party, given by their children, was attended by approximately 100 of their family and friends.

Richard and Donna have six children — Richard P. (Sheree) Bargowski and family of Canton; Dennis Bargowski of Wyandotte; Jeffrey Bargowski of Salt Lake City, Utah; Christopher (Carrie) Bargowski and family of Chicago; Craig (Julie) Bargowski and family of Chicago; and Matthew (Jennifer Bargowski) Van Horn



and family of Canton.

The couple also has eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Donna and Richard were married Dec. 18, 1954 in Redford and resided in Canton since 1976 with their family. The couple are members of St. John Neumann Church.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS



Hartke-Barnes

Amanda Marie Barnes of Rochester Hills and Brandon Jay Hartke of Royal Oak were married Aug. 28, 2004, in St. Andrew Catholic Church in Rochester before the Rev. Timothy Babcock. A reception was held at Greystone Golf Club in Romeo.

Amanda is the daughter of Dr. Bruce and Mary Barnes of Rochester Hills. She is completing her Master's Degree in cardio rehabilitation at Oakland University while working as pharmacy billing coordinator for St. John's Health Systems. She is a 2002 graduate of the University of Michigan.

Brandon is the son of Michael and Toni Hartke of Plymouth. He graduated from Michigan State University in 2000 and is pursuing a

Master's of business administration degree at Wayne State University. He is vice president of Xfer International.

The bride was attended by maid of honor, Heather Wolfe. Bridesmaids were Samantha Chao, Erin Fleck, Julie Hatlen and Jennifer Hetzel, sister of the groom.

The groom was attended by best man, Todd Lee. Groomsmen were Brian Barnes, brother of the bride, Patrick Barnes, brother of the bride, Andrew Hetzel, brother-in-law and Samuel McGrath. Ushers were Peter Barnes, brother of the bride, Mark Bray, John Hanratty, Jamil Kahil and Michael Plozai.

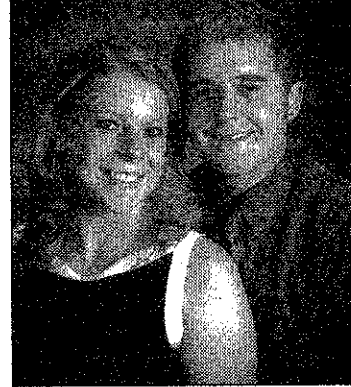
Amanda and Brandon spent their honeymoon on a Caribbean cruise. They are making their new home in Royal Oak.

Roberts-Holm

Claire and Frank Roberts Jr. announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee Lynn Roberts, to Paul Steven Holm, the son of Steve and Lynette Holm of New Ulm, Minn.

The bride-to-be attended Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minn., and works for Concordia Lanes/Kegel Klub in New Ulm.

The prospective groom attended Minnesota State University in Mankato, Minn., and works for Concordia Lanes/Kegel Klub in New Ulm.



The couple plans a 2006 wedding at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Plymouth.

LIBRARY PICKS

Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of best sellers, based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons.

The books are available by placing a request with the library on the Web at plymouthlibrary.org or by calling (734) 453-0750.

FICTION

- 1. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven," Mitch Albom
2. "Dark Wind," Clive Cussler and Dirk Cussler
3. "London Bridges," James Patterson
4. "Night Fall," Nelson DeMille
5. "A Salty Piece of Land," Jimmy Buffett

NON-FICTION

- 1. "America (The Book)," Jon Stewart
2. "When Will Jesus Bring the Pork Chops?" George Carlin
3. "His Excellency: George Washington," Joseph J. Ellis
4. "How to Talk Like a Liberal (If You Must)," Ann Coulter
5. "Will in the World," Stephen Greenblatt

PARENTS' CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

- 1. "Boo Boo," Olivier Dunrea
2. "May There Always Be Sunshine," Jim Gill
3. "Half a Pig," Allan Ahlberg
4. "Snug in Mama's Arms," Angela Medearis
5. "Super Sam," Lori Ries

CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

5416 Northville High School Classes of 1964, 1965 1966 A combined reunion is planned for the summer of 2005. Volunteers needed. For details contact Howie Ambinder, e-mail at nancyambinder@comcast.net.

REUNIONS

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

Grosse Pointe North Class of 1991 Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylor-reunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com.

Horace Mann Grade School, Detroit Class of 1963 Looking for classmates for reunion. Please contact Kathie at (734) 525-

Pooles are golden

Jim and Great Poole of Canton celebrated 50 years of marriage Dec. 18, 2004.

The couple was married Dec. 18, 1954 in the United Methodist Church in Marion, Ky. Following 20 years of military service, Mr. Poole and his bride retired to Canton, where he became involved in community politics. He served four years on the Canton Board of Trustees before becoming supervisor for eight years.

Joining them in their celebration were their three daughters: LeRhea McKinley of Skaneateles, N.Y., Gena Swisher of Chanhausen, Minn., and Lynnette Poole of Rancho



Mirage, Calif. They have five grandchildren: Camron and Casey McKinley and Sam, Zach and Carly Swisher.

New Year's Eve Specials advertisement for Comfort Inn. Includes details about deluxe wine, breakfast, and late check-out. Contact: 734-458-7111.

Casino Shuttle Service advertisement. Get a \$20 value for only \$15! Includes a list of destinations and contact information: 1-866-2ROLLEM.

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through the decades and to represent time periods in U.S. history. Gowns featured in the exhibit include: Martha Washington, Dolly Madison, Louisa Adams, Sarah Polk, Abigail Fillmore, Mary Todd Lincoln, Julia Grant, Helen Taft, Grace Coolidge, Lou Hoover, Eleanor Roosevelt, Lady Bird Johnson, Pat Nixon and Rosalynn Carter.

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the gowns, Stewart said, as the first ladies were often agents of change in their time.

Stewart noted that beginning with the Carter administration there were several inaugural balls for each president and more than one gown, but one gown still traditionally goes to the Smithsonian.

The museum gift shop has books on presidents and first ladies, along with other items for children.

The Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students (ages 5-17), under age 5 free, and there is a family rate of \$7.

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Tiffany & Co. advertisement for a heart-shaped pendant. Text: 'Your Heart. Her Heart.' Price: \$2,750.

MotorCity Casino advertisement. Service provided by Blue Lakes Charters & Tours. Includes contact information for MOCH.

Burton Manor advertisement for a New Year's Eve party. 'The area's best party!' Includes details about entertainment, supper, and tickets.

Acapulco and Apple Vacations advertisements. Acapulco: 'HOT Days & Sizzling Nights!' Apple Vacations: 'Cheer for the hometeam, read today's SPORTS section'

If you're alone Christmas Day doesn't have to be lonely

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Pastor Dennis Skiles was alone in Dallas 18 years ago when he held the first Christmas dinner for those without family at a Unity church. On Dec. 25, he introduces the tradition to Unity of Livonia. He and his wife, Paula, aren't sure how many will show up to share the feast which will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with caroling 2-3 p.m. followed by a meeting of recovery groups 3-5 p.m. at Unity, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. For more information, call (734) 421-1760.

"Back then we invited people and had recovery meetings for 12-step people," said Skiles. "We were making sure people who were sober had somewhere to go for Christmas. At the time I was for two years. Those who helped were people trying to live a Christmas message instead of just preaching it."

"Anyone who's alone, without somewhere to go on Christmas Day can bring their meal or share our meal. If they want to bring a dish or not bring a dish. Anyone who wouldn't otherwise have family to be with, they can come and be with family of the church. This is how we do Christmas."

Pastor Skiles was referring to himself and wife Paula, co-minister at Unity of Livonia. Paula says she's been blessed to experience Christmas Day and New Year's Day with a spiritual family ever since she was single and alone in Texas.

"When I was single this was where I spent my holidays. Unity's been doing this many years," said pastor Paula Skiles. "It's not on a reservation basis. It's an open invitation. We're doing our best to prepare for quite a few people. Being the first we don't know what to expect but we're doing everything as much as possible."

ST. DUNSTAN DINNER

There is no reason to spend Christmas alone no matter which community you live in. St. Dunstan Catholic Church in Garden City is fixing all of the trimmings for a dinner for anyone who is alone or without somewhere to go. The doors open at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 25, dinner served at 1:30 p.m. There is no charge but reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations, call Mary or John at (734) 425-3282. St. Dunstan Catholic Church is located at 1616 Belton, Garden City.

"The church has been doing this for over 35 years. I've been doing this for 30," said Mary Surge of Garden City.

"There's a need for something like this for people who are alone. We enjoy doing this so they have somewhere to go on Christmas Day. It takes a lot of volunteers. One family cooks the turkeys. We feed about 180 people."

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.

"The biggest thing for people to think about is not the actual foods they're eating, but how much," said Darlene Zimmerman who teaches cardiac 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 control how much you eat of something."

Before Zimmerman begins filling her plate she looks over all of the choices on the table.

"I evaluate the best choices. Survey the whole area before

Offer to bring something that you've made. Don't tell anybody that you've made a Heart Smart dish.

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 made. Don't tell anybody that you've made a Heart Smart dish."

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.

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Hospital helpers

Teddy bears donated to comfort children

Children who visit the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Emergency Center are receiving Chelsea Teddy Bears, donated through the Helper Club program, established by The Chelsea Teddy Bear Company.

In only a few weeks, more than 100 Helper Club Bears have been donated to St. Mary Mercy from customers who purchase them from The Chelsea Teddy Bear Company at Laurel Park Place in

Livonia. The high quality bears are \$6 and come dressed in a St. Mary Mercy Hospital T-shirt.

The Helper Club began in 2003, when a third-grader and his two younger sisters from Chelsea wanted to help the sick people at Chelsea Hospital. Together, they raised \$2.95 by gathering their own change and recycling pop cans.

They donated the money to the hospital, which was in turn used to help buy a teddy bear

to comfort the next child who came to the ER for care.

After hearing this story, Bob Turner, owner of the Chelsea Teddy Bear Factory, wanted to start a donation program and created the Helper Club Teddy Bear. It all started with children helping children.

To donate a bear, stop by the Chelsea Teddy Bear Company, across from the Disney Store, at Laurel Park Place, located at 37700 Six Mile or call (734) 462-1100.



Laquita Iler, an employee at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, holds the Chelsea Teddy Bear Company traditional teddy bear that can be donated to children who visit the emergency room. Iler helped arrange the teddy bear donation program to St. Mary Mercy.

**PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

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CHERRYWOOD PARC PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (FINAL PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 072 99 0018 000 AND 072 99 0019 000. Property is located north of Cherry Hill and east of Ridge Road. (Second Public Hearing.)

SECTION 18

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, January 6, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: December 19, 2004 and January 2, 2005

**STOW & GO SELF STORAGE
AUCTION NOTICE**

Pursuant to State Law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at **STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI** on **JANUARY 21, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.**, on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. **CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS ITEMS.**

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UNIT #339 - JAMES ALTER (NWC INC.)
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Brief case, fax machine, clothes, boxes, other misc. items.

UNIT #348 - KEVIN EFIMETZ
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Desk, rug, clothes/coats, (3) chairs, boxes, other misc. items.

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Publish: December 19 and 30, 2004

Livonia native returns for workshop

Katie Chonacas is excited about coming home for Christmas. She'll not only be spending time with family and friends in Livonia but teaching others how to successfully model and act from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23.

The cost is \$125. For more information, visit www.katiechonacas.com.

During the workshop, Chonacas will provide participants with a folder containing lists of what to read, where to go, photographers, dos and don'ts, agents, and more.

Chonacas has started to make a name for herself as an actress and model in Los Angeles where she moved a few years ago. She appeared in the films *Standing in the Shadows of Motown* and *Slingshot*, a number of television shows including *Crossing Jordan* and *The Young and the Restless*, and national commercials for Nike. In early December she received the good news that she's been booked on *CSI New York*.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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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

Publish: December 19, 2004 & January 2 & 6, 2005

**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 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

Publish: December 12 & 19, 2004

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PULTE REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 121 99 0012 000, 121 99 001 3 000, 121 99 0024 002, 121 99 0025 000, 121 99 0026 000, 12 1 99 0027 000, 121 99 0028 000, 121 99 0029 000, 121 99 0030 000, 121 99 003 1 000, AND 121 99 0032 000 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL, RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL AND R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 121 99 0014 000, 121 99 0015 001, 121 99 0015 002, 121 99 0038 000, 124 99 0001 000 AND 124 99 0002 000 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL AND RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Geddes between Denton and Barr Roads.

SECTION 31

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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BENNETTAN BUREN HOMES REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 120 99 0010 704, FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (1 DWELLING UNIT/ACRE) AND PARCEL NOS. 120 99 001 1 000, 120 99 0012 000, 120 99 0013 000, 120 99 0014 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL (1 DWELLING UNITS/ 5 ACRES) TO R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (2 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE). Property is located west of Denton between Geddes and Proctor Roads.

SECTION 30

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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RDK HOMES REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 070 99 0001 000 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL (1 DWELLING UNIT/140 ACRES) TO R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (2 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE). Property is located south of Ford between Ridge and Napier Roads.

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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AROUND TOWN

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 home-delivered. 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.hycn.org/info/teensusingdrugs>.

Tao Chi Society

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan, a non-profit charitable foundation, offers Tai Chi classes for health improvement in Livonia at 38121 Ann Arbor Road (1 mile East of I-275) on Monday through Thursday at 7 p.m. New beginner classes start Jan. 3. Registration is \$20; monthly dues are \$30.00. Pre-registration is not required. For further information, please call (248) 332-1281 or visit www.taotaichi.org.

Folk art workshop

The Ann Arbor Art Center will be offering a Folk Art Workshop on Sunday, Jan. 23 from 1-2:30 p.m. The American Folk Art Workshop will explore the history of untrained artists across the United States. Participants will learn how folk artists make works of art with traditional techniques and content, in styles handed down through many generations, and then create their own works of art. Workshops are



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Christmas cheer

Joe Krogman of the Plymouth Salvation Army loads donations of food and toys from the Observer Cheer Club. Dozens of donors gave generously to make sure needy children from around the area had presents for the Christmas holidays.

suitable for all ages; cost is \$11 per creator. Registration is required and payment is due in full upon registration. To register or for more information, stop by the Art Center at 117 West Liberty, call the Ann Arbor Art Center at (734) 994-8004m, Ext. 101, or register on-line at www.annarborartcenter.org.

Art center classes

The Ann Arbor Art Center will be offering a number of new and non-traditional 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 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.

NAMI meets

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 Adey of Michigan Rehabilitation Services and Bill Ruterbusch, Director of Fresh Start Clubhouse. Admission is free. For details, call (734) 994-6611.

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Marquis Theatre

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

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Regular Sunday Worship Services:
 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Services:
 3:00 p.m. Puppet's Service
 5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant
 8:00 & 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols
 December 26th Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m. only

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
 48755 Warren Road • Canton, Michigan 48187 • 734-451-0444
 Rev. Richard A. Perretto, Pastor

CHRISTMAS EVE - Dec. 24th
 4:30pm - Children's Mass (All Saints Center)
 4:30pm - Mass (Church) and 10:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY - Dec. 25th
 10:30am - Mass

SUNDAY - Dec. 26th
 10:30 a.m.

SATURDAY - Jan. 1st
 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY - Jan. 2nd
 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

DECEMBER 24TH
 CHILDREN'S SERVICE AT 5:30PM
 ANTHEMS & CAROLS AT 10:30PM
 CHRIST'S MASS AT 11:00PM

DECEMBER 25TH
 CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT 5:00PM

DECEMBER 26TH
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 Wayne Road between
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 Pastor Jill Hegdal

We invite you to come celebrate
 Christ's birth with us
 December 19
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 11:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Party
 Christmas Eve
 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship
 December 26
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 Holy Communion at all services

First Congregational Church of Wayne
 Christmas Eve Services
 Friday, December 24
 6:30 pm Family Service
 11:00 pm Candlelight Service

Located on Wayne Road
 between east and westbound Michigan Avenue
 734-729-7550

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 5835 Sheldon Road • Canton, MI 48187
 (734) 459-0013

Christmas Eve Services
 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. Family Service with Stories and Carols
 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Candlelight and Communion Service
 (Nursery care available at all services, except 9 p.m.)

Sunday Worship
 Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, one service, 10:00 a.m.
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CHRISTMAS AND FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve	10:00-11:45 pm	Confession	10:00-11:00 pm
Christmas Day	9:00 am	Confession	9:00 am
New Year's Eve	12:00 am	Pray the Holy Rosary	9:30 am
New Year's Day	9:00 am	Confessions	9:30 am

Pray the Holy Rosary at Midnight
 New Year's Eve to start the new year.

Risen Christ Lutheran Church
 Christmas Eve Worship

4:30 pm
 7:30 pm

Rev. Dr. Alan W. Br.
 Plymouth, MI 48170
 (734) 453-5252
 www.risenchrist.info

St. Andrew's Ep
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 Livonia, MI
 (734) 453-5252
 Website: www.sta
 The Rev. C. Allen
 The Rev. Alan W. Br.
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 5 PM Sunday Scho
 Christmas Eve, Fri
 7 PM Special!
 7:30 PM Holy
 (Babysittin
 10:30 PM Specia
 11 PM Holy
 Christmas Day, Sat
 10 AM Holy

Cherry Hill United Methodist Church
 321 S. Ridge Rd.
 (just south of Cherry Hill Rd.)
 Canton, MI 48188
 (734) 495-0035
 www.gbgn-umc.org/cherryhill

Christmas Eve Services
 7:00 p.m. Family Service
 11:00 p.m. Traditional
 Childcare Available
 "Open Hearts,
 Open Minds, Open Doors"

Oh
 Christmas
 7 p.m. Family Cate
 9 p.m. Candlelight
First United Me
 6443 Merr
 Garden City, MI
 Sunday
 9:30 am

St. John's Episcopal Church
 Woodward Avenue
 and I-75 (exit 50)
 NEXT TO COMERICA PARK
 www.stjohnsdetroit.org
 (313) 962-7358

Friday, December 24th, 2004
 Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Children's Pageant w/Communion
 10:30 p.m. Carol Prelude Service
 11:00 p.m. Festive Holy Communion Service with our professional choir!

December 25th - Christmas Day
 11:00 a.m. - Low Mass in the Chapel

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Kirk in the Hills
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Sunday, December 19 - Advent 4
 Traditional Service at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
 "The True Gifts of Christmas (4): Salvation"
 Norman M. Pritchard, preaching
 St. Andrew's service at 9:00 a.m.
 "Home Stretch" Lana E Russell, preaching

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Services
 Family Services at 4:00 p.m and 6:00 p.m.
 There will be live nativity on the front lawn prior to the services
 Kathleen L. Doyle, preaching
 Holy Night Services at 8:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
 Meditation by Norman M. Pritchard
 1340 West Long Lake Road, half-mile west of Telegraph Road

Sunday, December 26
 Traditional Service at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
 "Hazardous Holiday" David J. Hanna, preaching
 St. Andrew's service at 9:00 a.m.
 "Where is Home?" Raymond B. H II, preaching
 1340 West Long Lake Road, half-mile west of Telegraph Road



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 CHRISTMAS
 Continue th
 Christmas Eve Candlelight
 4:00, 5:30, 7:30
 Dr. James N. McGuire

St. James Episcopal Church
 355 W. Maple St. • Birmingham, MI 48009
 248-644-0820
 Corner of Maple and Chester
 & Downtown Birmingham
 www.stjamesbirmingham.org

Christmas Eve
 Friday, December 24, 2004
 5:00 p.m.
 Creche Procession & Holy Eucharist
 Carols & Candles
 Especially for children • Nursery provided
 10:00 p.m.
 Choral Eucharist of Christmas Eve
 Carols, Christmas Message
 & Candles

Christmas Day
 10 a.m. Eucharist with Carols

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church
 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago Ave.
 Livonia, MI 48150
 Pastors: Rev. Richard Peters and Rev. Kellie A. Bohlman

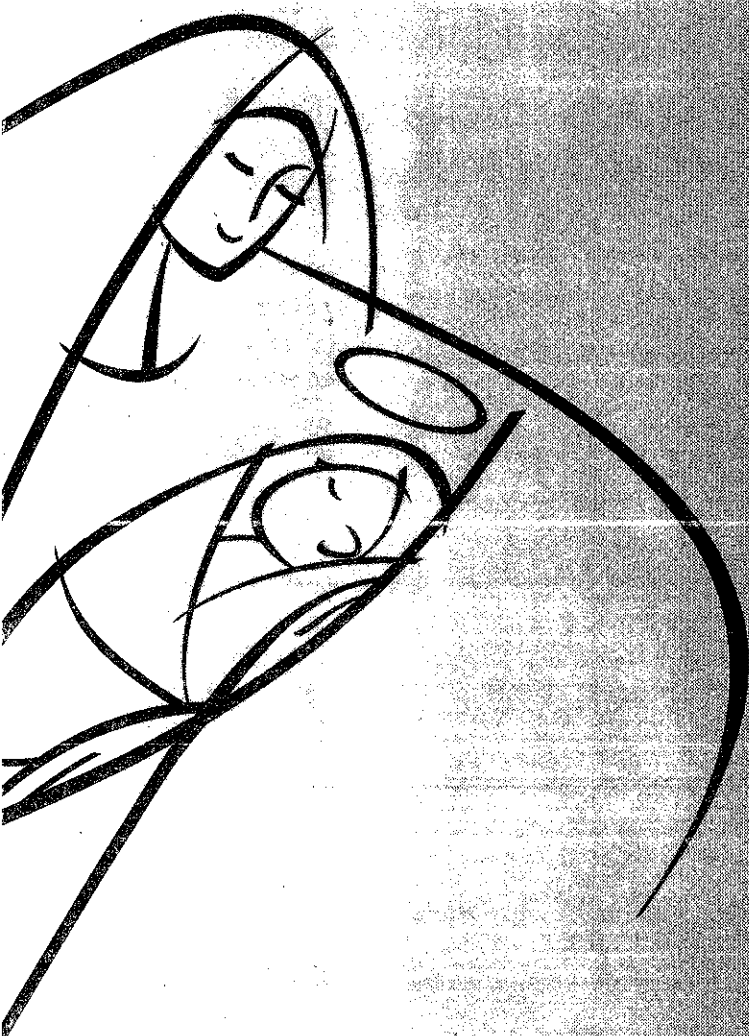
December 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE
 5:00 PM - Family Service
 Music by the 3 Youth Choirs:
 Cherub, Chapel Kids & High School Kids
 completing our "Journey to Bethlehem"
 10:00 PM - Candlelight Communion
 Music by Chancel Choir

December 26 - CHRISTMAS SUNDAY
 9:00 Contemporary Service
 10:30 - Traditional Service with "Lessons and Carols"

734.422.0494
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NEW YEAR'S EVE
 A wonderful way to usher in the New Year
 Friday, December 31, 11:00pm
 Service of Worship & Communion





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Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
14175 Farmington Rd • Livonia, MI (Just north of I-96)
(734) 522-6830

★ Christmas Eve Children's Service
Friday, Dec. 24, 7:00 PM

★ Candlelight Communion Service
Friday, Dec. 24, 11:00 PM

St. Alan Catholic Church
3077 Gloucester - Troy
(248) 649-5510
Rev. Gary M. Tierney, Pastor

Shepherd's Mass December 24 at 4:00 P.M.
Midnight Mass December 25 at 12:00 A.M.
Christmas Day at 10:00 A.M. & 12:00 P.M.

Servant Church of St. Alexander
27835 Shiawassee
(between Inkster & Middlebelt)
Reconciliation Monday, December 20th 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve
Friday, December 24
Children's Play Family Mass 4:00 PM
Teen Drama Christmas Mass 7:30 PM
Christmas Carols & Mass 9:30 PM

New Year's Eve
Friday, December 31
Mass for World Peace Midnight

New Year's Day
Saturday, January 1
New Year's Mass 10:00 AM

Christmas Day
Saturday, December 25
Christmas Carols and Mass 9:30 AM

Big Beaver United Methodist Church
3753 John R • Troy, MI 48083
248.689.1932
Jack L Mannschreck, Pastor

Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.
Bible Studies & Group Activities for all ages

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
7:00 & 11:00 p.m.

Antioch Lutheran Church
33340 W. 13 Mile Road Farmington Hills, MI 48334
Antioch, a congregation of the ELCA, is located at the NE corner of 13 Mile and Farmington Roads in Farmington Hills.
(248) 626-7906; website: antiochELCA.org. Join our celebration of Jesus' birth - God's gift to us all.

Christmas Worship Services
(communion at all services)

December 24
4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas
6:00 p.m. Family Worship (pre-service music at 5:45)
10:30 p.m. Candlelight Festival Worship (pre-service music at 10:00)

December 26
10:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols

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Christmas Eve:
5 pm Candlelight Family Service
7:30 pm Candlelight Traditional Service

Christmas Day:
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Bloomfield Hills
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248-642-2290
Rev. Henry F. "Jack" Brown, Pastor

Christmas Eve Service
7pm
A service of Candlelight, Carols and Communion

Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School for All: 9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study & Children's Church

Farmington First United Methodist Church
www.FarmingtonFUMC.org
33112 Grand River (East of Farmington Rd)
(248) 474-6573 **Nursery Provided**

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
4:30 PM-Family Service
10:00 PM-Carols & Bells (9:30)

Pastors: Dr. Jeffrey R. Maxwell
Rev. Sondra Willabee
Rev. Carolyn Wilk

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The Eve of Christmas
"The Eve is as the Day"

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December Worship Services

December 19
Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

December 24 Christmas Eve
"The Living Light of Christ"
Candlelight and Carols 7 p.m.

December 26
Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

16935 West 14 Mile Rd. • Beverly Hills
248-644-8890
www.ascensionofchrist.org

Opal Church
3481
December 25

"Christ Our Hope" Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian
"White Church on the Lake"
Christmas Eve Services
FAMILY WORSHIP - 5 & 7 PM
CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP - 8:00 AM
REGULAR WORSHIP - 9 & 10:30 AM
5171 Commerce Road • Orchard Lake
(248) 682-0730
www.orchardlakechurch.org

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CHRISTMAS EVE • Three Services

4:30 p.m. Family Service, Carols and Candlelighting.
7:00 p.m. Lessons, Carols, Special Music & Candlelighting
11:00 p.m. Holy Communion and Candlelighting

(734) 422-0149

Home Let Worship
Services
10:00 a.m.

First United Methodist Church
1589 West Maple Road, Birmingham • 248-646-1200

Christmas Sunday - December 19
8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Dr. William A. Ritter preaching
Sunday Night Alive - 5:00 p.m. Jeff Nelson preaching

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 p.m. for Families with Young Children
5:30 p.m. for Families with Elementary Children

7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Lessons and Carols
Dr. William A. Ritter preaching
Holy Communion at 7:00 and 11:00
Nursery Care at 7:00

Pastors
William A. Ritter
Lynn Hasley
Carl Gladstone
Jeff Nelson
Carl E. Price
Rodney F. Quainton

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Come Catch the Christmas Spirit
Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Dec. 24

5:30 p.m.
★ Youth and Children's Christmas Pageant
★ Closing service with individual candles

10:00 p.m.
★ Sermon: "Look at THAT Couple!"
★ Adult Choir and Hand Bell Choir
★ Communion
★ Candle Lighting

Sunday Dec. 26
one service
10:00 a.m.
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CHRISTMAS EVE
tradition...
Services Friday, December 24
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6363 Livernois Between Square Lake & South Blvd
248-879-6363

December 21-Longest Night Service
7:00 pm - A Service for all who've experienced loss, grief, death, or feel a little down during the holidays

December 24-Christmas Eve
4:30 pm - Family Service with a visit from the Holy Family
7:00 pm - Candlelight & Choirs
9:30 pm - Contemporary Christmas Eve
11:00 pm - Candlelight & Communion

December 26
10:00 am - Carols to Sing

Websites:
FUMCTROY.ORG
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620 Romeo Street, Rochester - 248-651-9361

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5:00 P.M. Children/Family Celebration
(Glo-sticks for children, candles for adults)
"Dr. Weemboff"

7:30 & 11:00 P.M.
CANDLELIGHT SERVICES
"Victory of the Lowly"
Rev. Regan

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Christmas Eve 8 pm
Candlelight with
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Everyone Welcome



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Christmas Eve
4:30 p.m. Children's Service
7:00 p.m. Family Service
10:30 p.m. Festival Communion Service
Christmas Day
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
Regular Worship
Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00
Dr. Philip Hemke, Pastor

**Christmas
Candlelight Service**

December 24, 6:00 pm
First Baptist
Church
6377 Orion Road
Rochester, MI
48306
(248) 652-6151



First Presbyterian Church of Troy

4328 Livernois • (btw Wattles & Long Lake Rds.)
Troy, MI 48085 • 248-689-0112

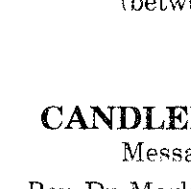
Christmas Eve Services
6 p.m. Family Worship
Service & Communion
8 p.m. Candlelight Worship
Service & Communion
Family of Faith - Sharing God's Love
Dr. J. Harold Ellens, Pastor



North Congregational Church

36520 Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills
(between Drake and Halsted Roads)
(248) 848-1750

**CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - 7:30 P.M.**
Message: "Unto Us A Child Is Born"
Rev. Dr. Mark P. Jensen Senior Minister
Rev. Mary E. Biedron Associate Minister



The Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church

The Reverend Kimi Riegel, Minister
Jan Price, Director of Religious Education
Lois Hitchcock, Director of Music
• Sunday, Dec. 19 5 P.M.
Candlelight Holiday Service
• Monday, Dec. 20 7 P.M.
Celebration of Yule (Winter Solstice)
• Friday, Dec. 24 11 P.M.
Christmas Eve Gospels & Carols
A Welcoming Congregation
Home Page: www.northwestuu.org
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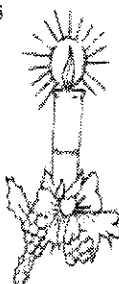
**CHRIST THE SAVIOR
IS BORN!**

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
6:30 p.m. Candlelight Family Worship with Carols
11 p.m. Candlelight & Communion Worship with String Quartet

**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Services**

4:30 pm A family service with young children
6:00 pm A family and youth service
8:00 pm The Traditional Christmas Eve
11:00 pm A sacred communion service

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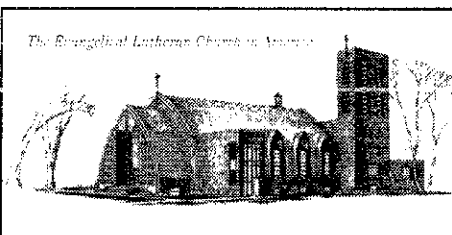
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**Christmas Eve 2004
5:00 p.m.**
Handchimes, Carols and Readings
Family Service and Children's Sermon
10:15 p.m.
Candlelight Service and Holy Communion
Handbells and Choir
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5:00 pm & 11:00 pm
CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION SERVICE
10:00 am
NEW YEAR'S EVE COMMUNION SERVICE
7:00 pm



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RedeemerBirmingham.org
North side of Maple Rd.
between Cranbrook
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Dec. 19 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Lessons & Carols
December 24
Children's Pageant 5:30 p.m.
Candlelight & Carols 8:00 & 10:00 p.m.

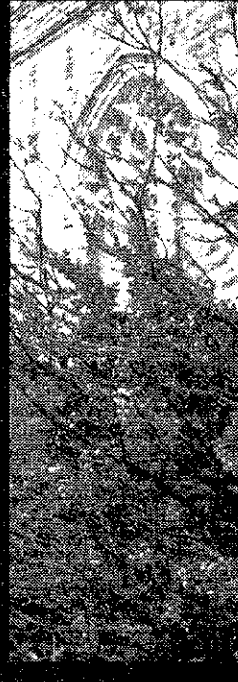


**CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK
CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**

Christmas Eve
Friday, December 24
8:00 and 11:00 p.m.
Holy Eucharist
Musical preludes begin 30 minutes
before each service;
child care available at 8:00 p.m.

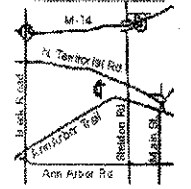
Christmas Day
Saturday, December 25
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills
(corner of Lone Pine and Cranbrook)
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www.christchurchcranbrook.org



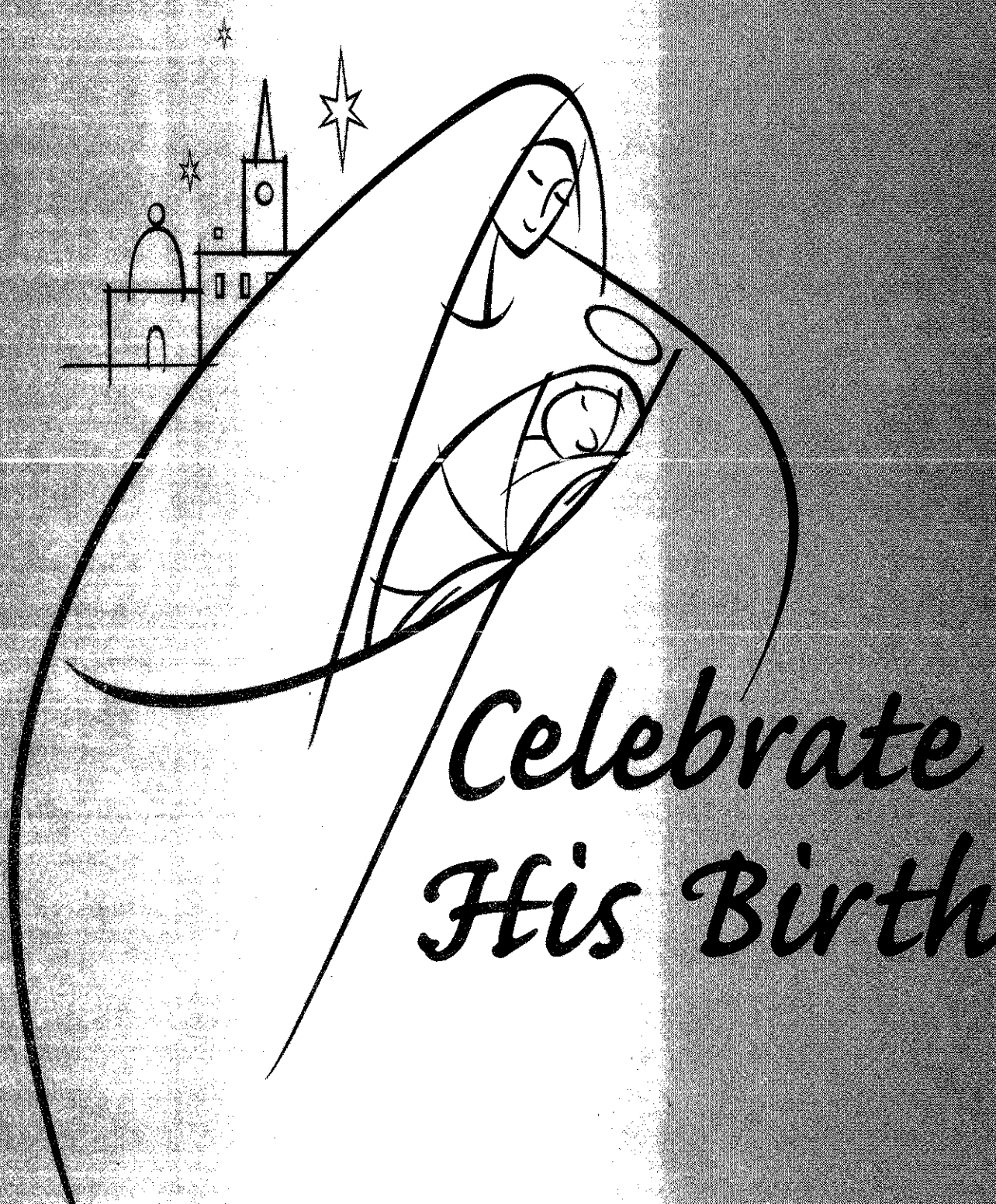
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**5 pm
Family Christmas Eve Service**
**9 pm
Carols & Candlelighting**
**11 pm
Carols, Candlelighting
& Communion**



**Celebrate
His Birth**

**Prince of Peace
Catholic Church**

4300 Walnut Lake Road
West Bloomfield
248-681-9424
Christmas Mass Schedule
Friday, December 24
Masses at 4 pm, 6:30 pm
and Midnight
Saturday, December 25
Masses at 8 am, 10 am
and 12 noon
No 4 pm Mass on Christmas Day
Friday, December 31
Vigil Mass at 4 pm
New Year's Day
New Year's Day is not a Holy Day
of Obligation this year
No Masses on Saturday,
January 1, 2005

**Worship With Us This Christmas
ST. OWEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
6869 Franklin Rd., Bloomfield Hills
Communal Penance: with individual absolution
Monday, Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m.
Christmas Liturgies:
Friday, Dec. 24, Family Mass 5 p.m.
& Evening Mass, 10 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 25, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
(no 5 p.m. Mass today)
Sunday, Dec. 26, Feast of the Holy Family,
9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Saturday/Sunday, Jan. 1/2,
Feast of Epiphany, 5 p.m., 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.



Take It From Ernie

Ernie Harwell

Vitamins help keep us running

Vitamins help to keep the human motor running

In Michigan, we know a lot about automobiles. We've become familiar with phrases such as "a well-running engine requires oil every so many miles" or "you must keep the fluid levels at specified manufacturer's suggested amounts" so that the engine won't lose performance.

The human body runs much the same way - it uses food to manufacture all of its building blocks and provide fuel. Vitamins assist us with some essential processes:

- Regulating blood sugar levels and blood pressure
- Converting food to energy
- Bolstering the immune system

In other words, vitamins, in food or as supplements, help us to live.

Making a healthy diet can be hard in these fast-paced times. Talk with your doctor about your diet and whether you may need to supplement it with vitamins and nutrients.

And remember, take care of your health before it's longgg gone!

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

HEALTH

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Discount drug cards

Seniors save with prescription programs

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

One year after the Medicare Prescription Drug Law was signed by President George W. Bush, Alice Brandt is counting her savings on prescriptions for diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol, arthritis and osteoporosis. The 70-year-old Westland senior was spending nearly \$400 a month until receiving the Medicare-approved Discount Drug Card, one of many cards available to seniors along with free programs from manufacturers. The card cut her cost by more than half. Insulin which used to cost \$150 for a two week supply, now is \$12.

Brandt was able to afford prescriptions when she worked but a stroke in June 2003 left her sometimes asking her daughter for assistance. Brandt's small pension and Social Security checks must stretch to pay for a one-bedroom apartment at Our Savior's Manor plus food and prescriptions.

SHE'S PLEASED

"It was easy. I filled out papers and sent them in and they sent me the card," said Brandt. "Now I call in my pre-

scriptions to Kroger in the morning and they're delivered that afternoon and delivery is free for seniors.

"It's given me peace of mind and I'm able to buy something here and there. You don't have to rely on somebody to help you. I want other seniors to know how easy this is and how it can help them. It took only about three-four weeks."

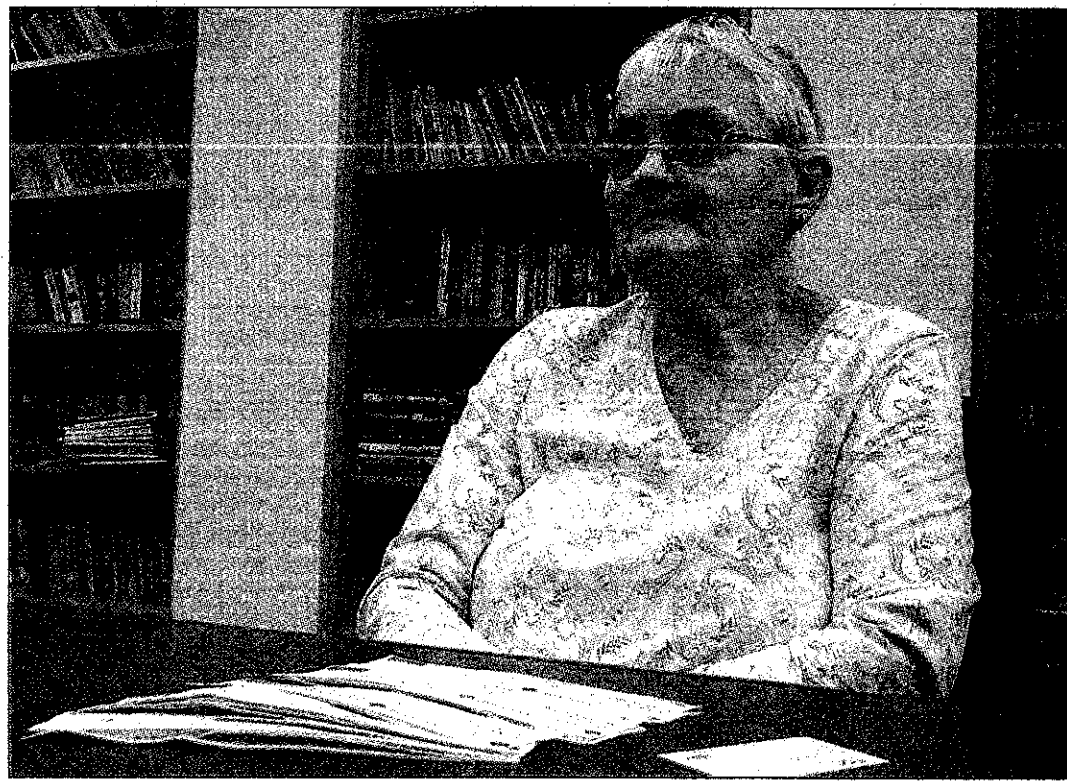
At the Area Agency on Aging 1-B for Oakland County in Southfield, Carrie Shea assists anyone unable to complete the application process. It's the agency's business to help seniors with services ranging from personal care to chores, home delivered meals, and information on assisted living facilities and senior centers, and legal assistance.

Seniors needing help should call the Area Agency on Aging where they live, or a local senior center such as the Livonia Senior Activities Center at (734) 466-2555.

At Area Agency on Aging 1-B, Shea assesses seniors needs then searches for a card after checking to see if they might meet requirements for a free prescription program.

"If they need help filling it out, if they don't have anyone, I help them," said Shea, Medicare-Medicaid assistance program coordinator for the agency. "Many have caregivers or family that can help. We rarely go out to a home, but we will. We have trained volunteers if they come into the office, and we're always looking for more. If free, they need their doctor to fill it out the paperwork in most instances."

"It's difficult to choose a card. They need Internet access or someone who can help like us. We need a list of their medica-



Alice Brandt with her Medicare drug discount card and prescription receipts.

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tions, dosage and frequency, preferred pharmacy, and income. Or they can go on the www.medicare.gov Web site and search for which one is appropriate, or call (800) MEDICARE."

In the state of Michigan there are 41 cards from which to choose. Each covers a different set of drugs. For help, call the Medicare/Medicaid assistance program at (800) 803-7174, or the Area Agency on Aging 1-B information line (800) 852-7795.

Seniors who have Medicare Part A and or Part B and don't have outpatient prescription drug benefits through Medicaid are eligible for the Medicare-approved drug discount card. If eligible for the card they could save 11 to 18 percent on many brand name drugs and more on generics, regardless of income.

Depending on income, seniors may be charged up to \$30 annually for the drug card. There is no annual enrollment

fee and seniors may also be eligible for a \$600 credit if on a limited income.

"There's also \$600 in assistance available for 2004 and 2005," said Shea. "If they apply by the end of this month (December) they can use it toward next year, but only for low income. Everyone can't get the (monetary) assistance but can get the card."

OPTIONS

In addition to the Medicare-approved drug discount card, area Medicare and Medicaid experts recommend checking out county and State of Michigan cards.

"Every seven days, the formulary (list of drugs and dosages) can change for the Medicare-approved cards," said Shea. "Their drugs could be dropped and they can't switch cards throughout the year as opposed to Oakland County or Michigan."

"There are also a lot of pro-

grams through pharmaceutical companies that low income can get. There's a lot of options for people without insurance."

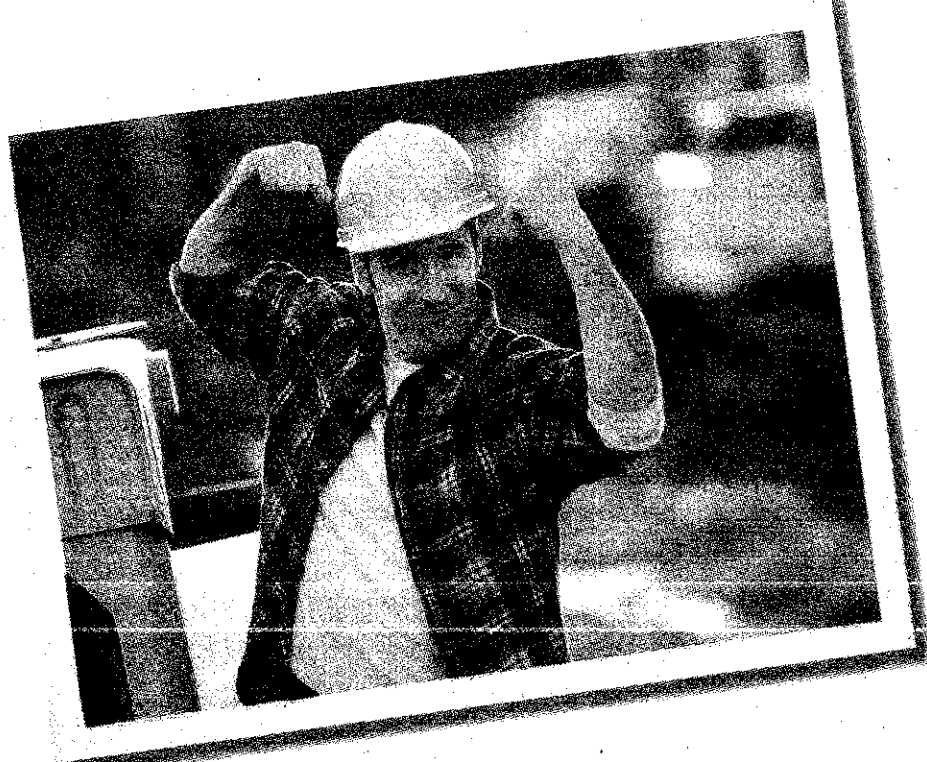
In Wayne County, Georgia Bradford is waiting to assist seniors at the Area Agency on Aging 1-C, the Senior Alliance in Wayne. Call (734) 722-2830 or visit www.aaa1c.org.

"I'm glad to help people fill out forms," said Bradford, who works in the information and assistance department that serves 34 out-Wayne County cities. "We have a guide for the Medicare approved card. Call (734) 727-2061 for the guide. We can help locate different discount cards. We have applications for the Together Card, Wayne County, Pfizer, and Lilly card that I'm mailing out. All of them are different."

"If they have difficulty call their senior center or call us for a Medicaid and Medicare counselor. Some make home visits."

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Medicare prescription drug benefit begins in 2006

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Medicare-approved drug discount cards won't exist when the 2006 Prescription Drug Insurance Benefit, Medicare Part D, kicks in a little more than two years after President George W. Bush signed the prescription drug law.

All cards in the intermediary Medicare program expire Dec. 31, 2005. Depending on a seniors income level that could be good or bad news, according to Carrie Shea, Medicare-Medicaid assistance program coordinator for the Area Agency on Aging 1-B for Oakland County in Southfield.

"It's going to cost about \$35 a month for insurance unless you're low income, and there's a \$250 a year deductible before insurance kicks in," said Shea. "After \$250 until \$2,250 in drug costs a senior will pay 25 percent, Medicare 75 percent. From \$2,250 to \$5,100 the beneficiary pays 100 per-

cent, over \$5,100 (the catastrophic level) there's a \$2 or \$5 co-pay or 5 percent whatever is higher."

According to current guidelines, low-income seniors will be categorized depending on income.

"Low-income people are divided into three tiers, at 100 percent of poverty for income less and up to \$9,310 they don't pay a deductible or premium and have a co-pay of \$1 for generic, \$3 for brand name up to \$2,250 and after don't even pay the co-pay."

"The second tier from \$9,310 to \$12,568 with assets of no more than \$6,000 for a single, \$9,000 couple (doesn't include owning a car or house) don't pay a deductible or premium. It's \$2 for generic, \$5 brand name up to \$2,250 then co-pays are waived."

The third tier from \$12,568 to \$13,965, assets are \$10,000 for a single, \$20,000 for a couple. Monthly premiums are on a sliding scale depending on income. The annual deductible

is \$50 a year after that a 15 percent co-pay up to \$2,250. After that the beneficiary pays the greater of \$2 for generic, \$5 brand name or 5 percent of the cost of each prescription.

"These plans say it's optional to enroll, but you incur a penalty in the future if you don't enroll when it's first available if you don't have other credible coverage," said Shea. "There is out of pocket expense but it will help some people."

"Anyone on Medicaid health insurance for low income, disabled or over age 65, or blind, those folks currently receive prescription assistance. In 2006, they'll be bumped to the Medicare prescription drug benefit. States will automatically enroll them."

"Everyone else will be getting notices from Medicare. They'll have from Nov. 15, 2005, until May 15, 2006, a six-month window to sign up without penalty. We expect to be inundated with calls."

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Association lauds metro builders and remodelers

Dave Kellett Sr. of Kellett Construction Co. in Bloomfield Hills was inducted into the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Hall of Fame during the association's 2004 Leadership Recognition Awards Night.

The Builder of the Year award was presented to Allen Menuck, Curtis Building Co. of Farmington Hills, for his service to the association and contributions to the home building industry.

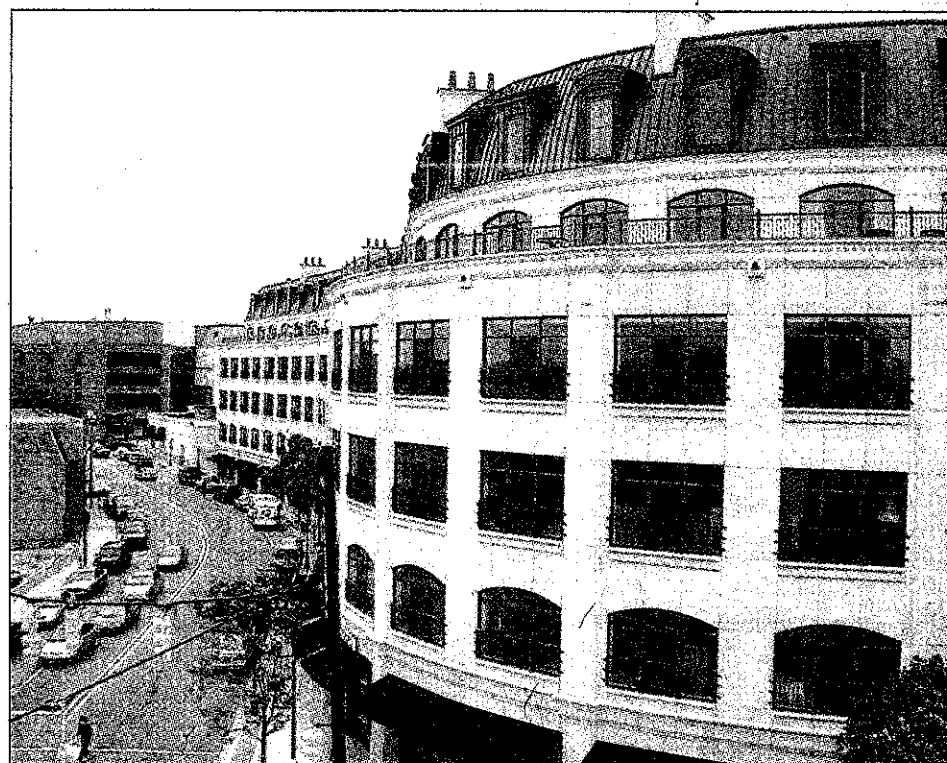
BIA 2004 President Stuart Michaelson, Windmill Group, Farmington Hills; Apartment Association of Michigan 2004 President Sheldon Gordon, Gordon Management Co., Royal Oak; and AAM's outgoing president, George M. Nyman of Professional Property Management in Troy; received a special recognition award.

The Young Builder of the Year award was given to Patrick O'Leary, Hometowne Building Co., Farmington Hills; Developer of the Year to Art Gerish, Gerish Building Co., Canton; Remodeler of the Year to Patty Shea, Shea Construction Co., Birmingham.

The Thomas Rickett's Annual Award to the Region's Outstanding Building Official was awarded to Bryce Kelley, Van Buren Township; and the Development of the Year Award to The Willits in Birmingham, Robertson Brothers Company, Bloomfield Hills.

Several professionals received Distinguished Service Awards including: Robert R. Jones, Robert R. Jones Homes, Bloomfield Hills, for service to the building industry; Peter Burton, Burton Katzman Development Co., Bingham Farms, for service to the housing industry; Tom Yack, supervisor, Canton Township, for service in government; Ron Mayotte, Ronald E. Mayotte & Associates, Birmingham, for his service in architecture; John Bolland Jr., Bolland Building, Bloomfield Hills, for service to BIA; Lester Burton, Burton-Share Inc., Bingham Farms, for lifetime service to BIA; Emmett Hagood Sr. of Detroit, for service in urban home building; Donald J. Maillho Jr. of Standard Federal Bank, Troy, for ongoing industry support in banking; Paul Irwin and Dave Girodat, Fifth/Third Bank, Southfield, for aggressive and faithful service in banking; and Mark Renn, H.J. Oldenkamp, Warren, for service to the BIA Remodelers Council and Associate of the Year to Jason Levy, Global Office Solutions, Novi.

BIA is a trade association representing more than 2,200 builders, remodelers, multi-family property



The Willits in Birmingham, developed by Robertson Brothers Co. in Bloomfield Hills, received the Development of the Year Award at Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's 2004 Leadership Recognition Awards Night banquet.

owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. Headquartered in Farmington Hills and affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in

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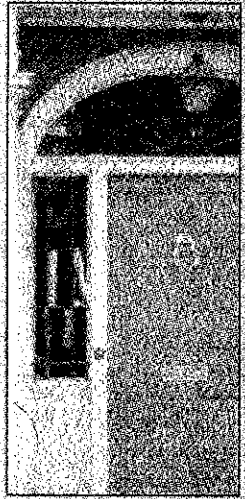
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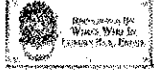
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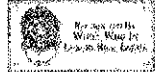
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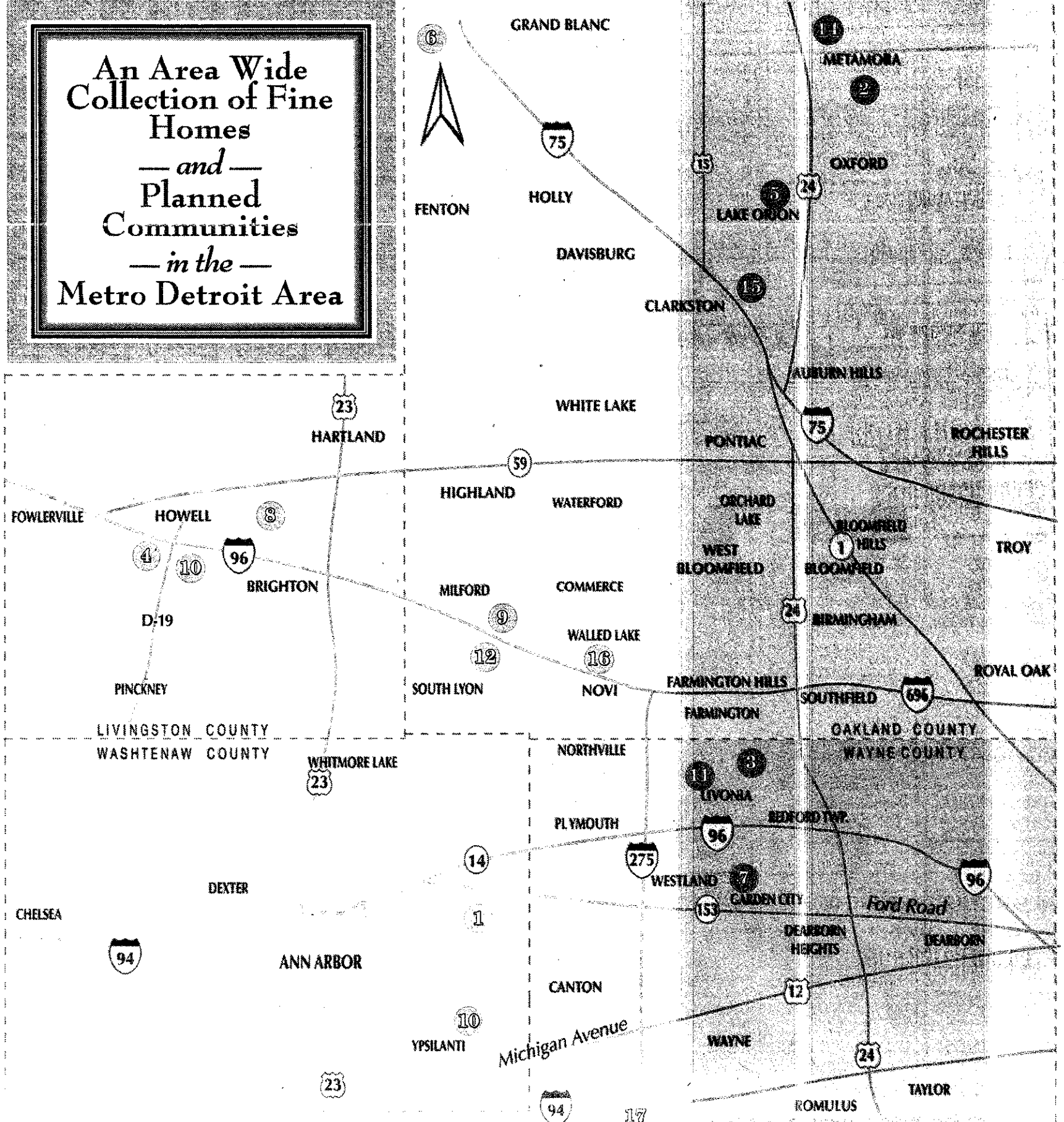


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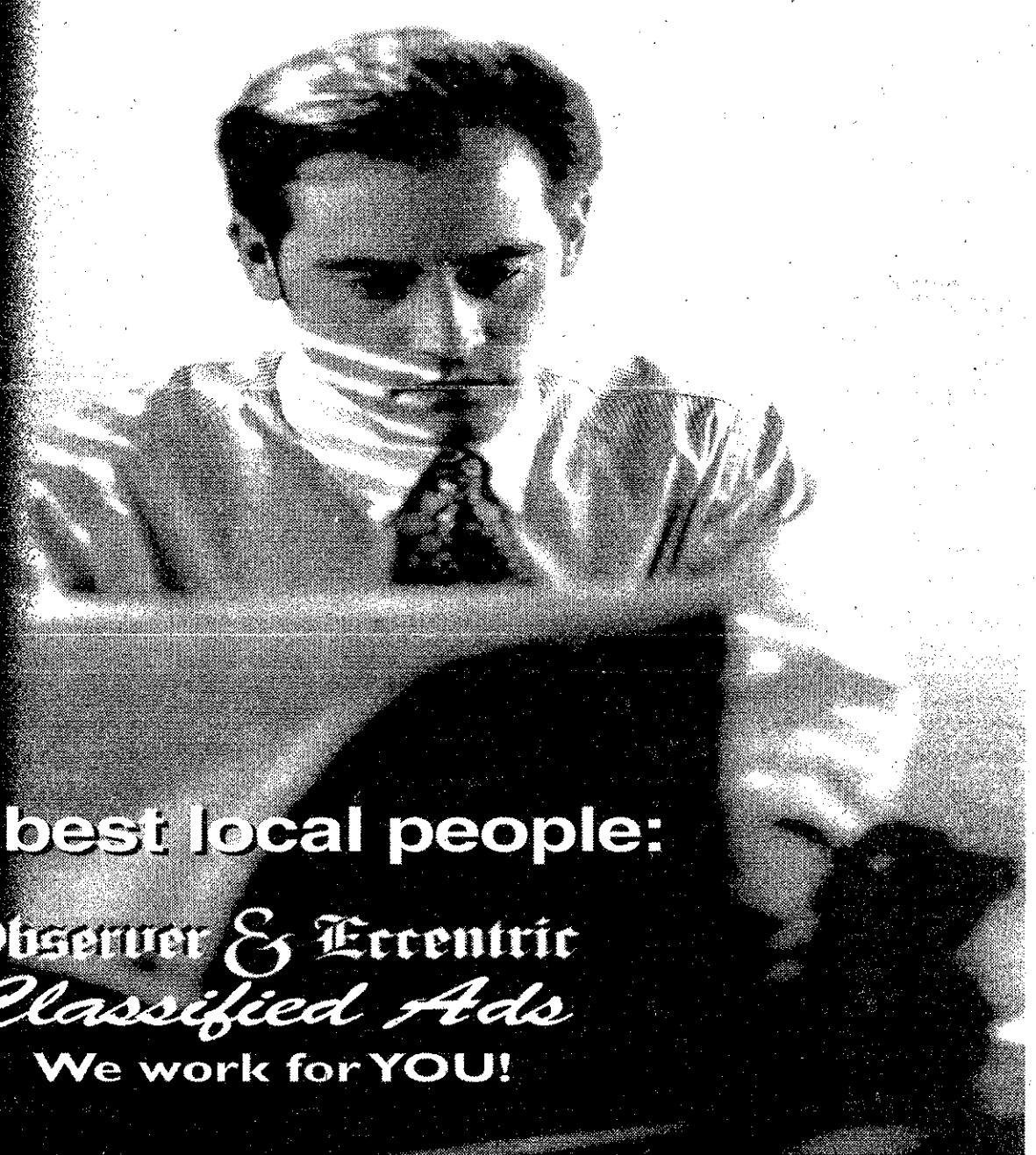


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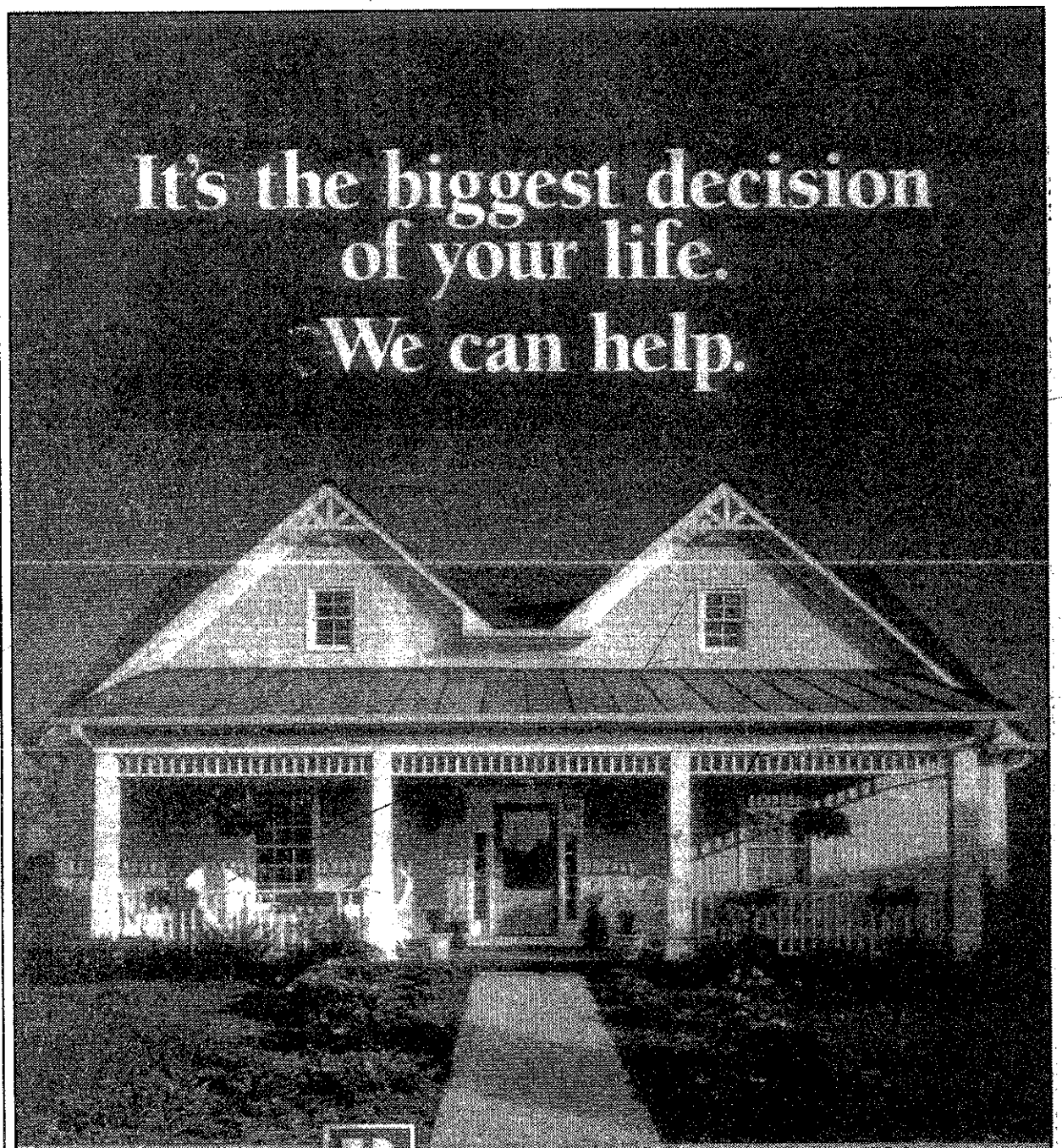
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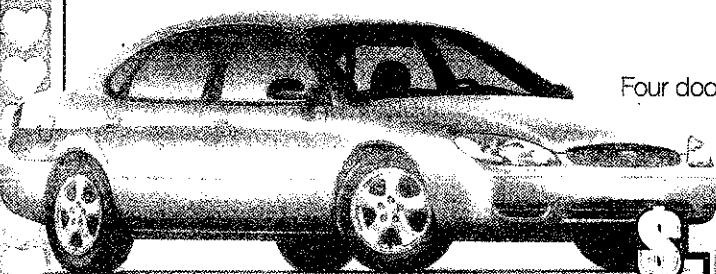
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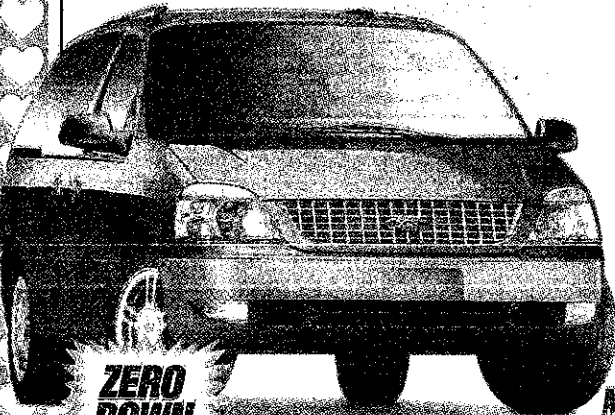
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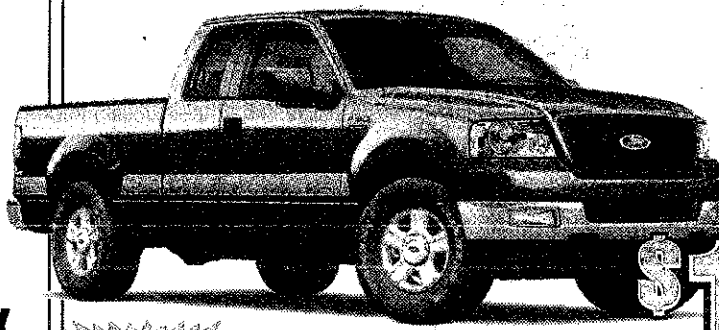
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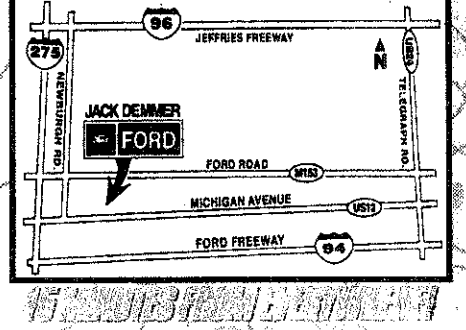
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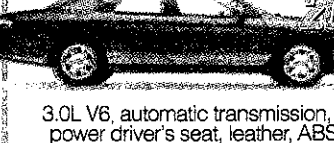
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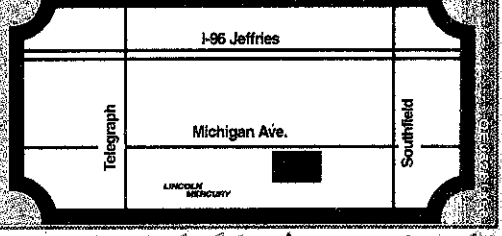
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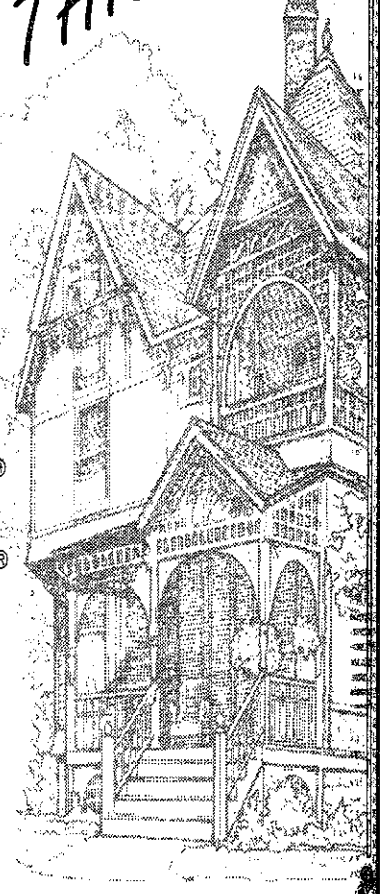
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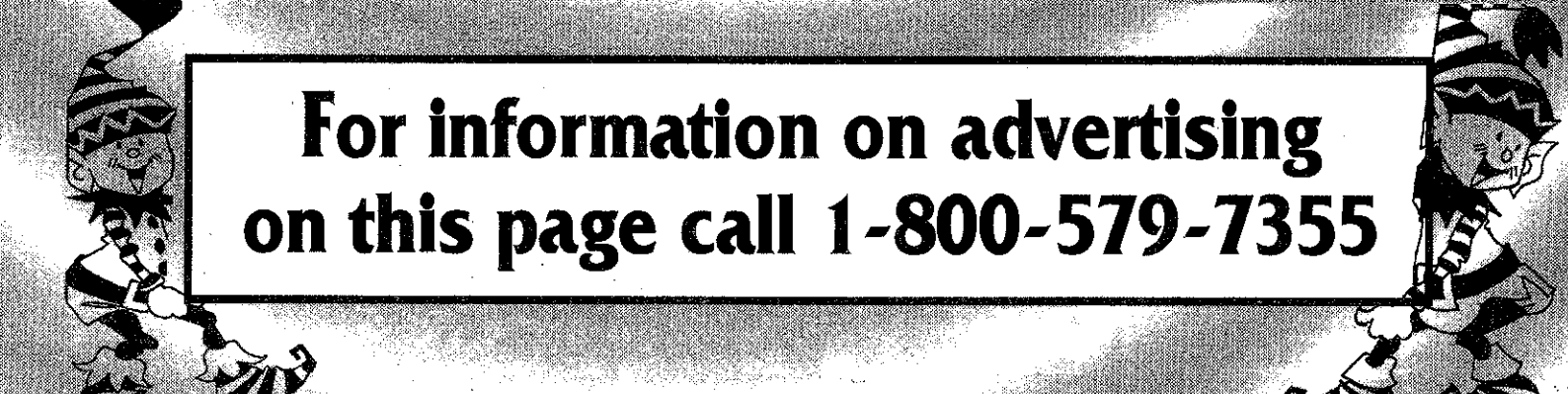
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