



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shopping for a good tree

Jim Trott, of Mary's Farm Market on the corner of Beck and Ford roads, helps Karen and Sue Urbanski, and Stacy Hotter, choose a Christmas tree. The women were shopping on 'Black Friday' - the biggest shopping day of the year. Stores along Ford Road were busy, as many took advantage of post-Thanksgiving sales to shop for loved ones.

Project on schedule

Completion of Warren project welcomed by businesses

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Back in the spring, Wayne County officials told Canton officials they would have the Warren Road widening project from Morton Taylor to Canton Center completed by mid-November. Much to the surprise of some, the road opened up right on time.

"Eight months ago, the county said the road would be open on Nov. 15th. They completed the project on Nov. 15th. That's the first time since I've been here that they have completed a road project on time," said Tim Faas, director of Canton's municipal services. "Certainly, I'd like to compliment the county on this project, however."

The \$2.9 million project, which widened Warren from two to five lanes, was part of the county's long-range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), according to Faas. The county contracted with John Carlo Construction to do the work.

For business owners along that stretch of Warren, the project's completion couldn't have come soon enough. Much of Warren between Morton Taylor and Canton Center is residential, but there are a few businesses, which say they were negatively impacted by the construction project.

Dena Brotherton, general manager of Four Friends Bar and Grill, which is on Warren just east of Sheldon, said the construction really took a toll on her business, particularly at lunch time.

"It killed us," she said of the project. "For it to take as long as it did is kind of ridiculous."

Brotherton said most of her lunch time business comes from workers in Canton's industrial district, who she said shied away because of traffic back-ups associated with the construction.

"They just didn't know what was going to be happening from day to day. And when you have a 20-minute window for lunch, five or 10 minutes makes a big difference," Brotherton said.

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Tree lighting, holiday festivities set for Wednesday

This year Canton Leisure Services has packed two of its traditional holiday activities into one festive event, which will take place Wednesday at Summit on the Park and Heritage Park.

The event will feature the annual Christmas tree lighting, as well as photos with Santa, live entertainment, carriage rides around Heritage Park, ice carving demonstrations and live reindeer.

The festivities begin at 6 p.m., and Canton Township Supervisor

Tom Yack will light the township's Christmas tree at 7 p.m. The event ends at 9 p.m.

Other entertainment and activities include:

- Grace Notes Flute Ensemble
- PCEP Senior Choir and Holiday Storytelling at 6:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 8:15 p.m.
- Goodfellows "No Child Without a Christmas Campaign" (they will be accepting new warm clothing or toys)
- Holiday performances brought to you by Canton Leisure Services'

resident dance program, Dancin' Feet. Show times are 6:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 8 p.m., and 8:30 p.m.

■ PCEP Strings

■ Wayne County Men's Renaissance Chorus

■ Holiday craft sponsored by Michael's

■ Popcorn, holiday cartoons and coloring contest for the kids

■ Refreshments sponsored by AAA

■ Workshop -- "Make Five Different Holiday Traditions from Across the Globe"

■ Refreshments sponsored by AAA

■ Carvel Ice Cream

■ Scholastic book fair

■ Holiday photo opportunities with Clix Photography (perfect for holiday cards)

Admission for the holiday event is free, though some activities have a small fee or suggested donation.

For more information on this or any other Canton Leisure Services event, please call (394) 5460.

Observer, Salvation Army hook up for Cheer Club

The Plymouth and Canton Observers and the Plymouth Salvation Army will once again team up for their "Cheer Club," the collection of toys and non-perishable foods the two have run for years.

The Salvation Army headquarters, located on Main Street just south of Ann Arbor Road, will be the primary collection point.

Dropping them off there gets them more quickly into the hands of those who need them. Donations can also be dropped off at the Observer office, 794 S. Main. The drive will run through Monday, Dec. 11.

The idea is to provide non-perishable food and other household necessities, along with new, unwrapped toys,

'The Christmas program is an integral part of our outreach program. The items we receive from the Cheer Club are a key factor in being able to do what we do.'

Kelly Boelter

Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign coordinator

for the Salvation Army's pantry and Christmas adoption program.

That program has helped provide a Christmas for hundreds of needy people over the years who might not otherwise have been able to provide one.

"The Christmas program is an integral part of our outreach program," said Kelly Boelter, the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign coordinator.

"The items we receive from

the Cheer Club are a key factor in being able to do what we do."

The program is simple: Drop off new, unwrapped toys; non-perishable foods including canned goods; and household items such as paper goods and toiletries.

The Salvation Army, which serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, is located at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth. The Salvation Army is open from

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Items dropped off at the Observer office will also go to the Salvation Army.

"We're honored to partner with the Salvation Army on the Cheer Club," Plymouth Observer editor Brad Kadrich said.

"They do a great job in the community, not only during the holidays but year-round, and we're proud to be a small part of it."

A list of donors will be maintained so that donors who provide a name and community can be recognized in the paper at the end of the campaign.

For more information, e-mail Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com or call (734) 459-2700.



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Orange barrels lining the shoulder of Warren Road await pick-up. Wayne County completed the Warren widening project on time, reopening the road Nov. 15.

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Coming Thursday in Filter



Let it snow
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Township board meeting

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Nov. 28 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Among the agenda items include presentation of fire department promotion badges, recommendations for the 2007 intersection safety improvement program, and an agreement with Wayne County to provide winter maintenance on county roads.

There will be a brief ceremony before the meeting at 6:30 to present the awards in the township's fire prevention poster contest.

Nutcracker performances

In the long-standing Holiday tradition, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra joins with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company to present the classic fairy tale, Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet.

Performances will be presented Saturday, Dec. 9 (at 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.), and Sunday, Dec. 10 (at 2 p.m.) at Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road in Canton. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children.

Judge Ron Lowe of the 35th District Court will introduce each performance with a reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Following the 11 a.m. (Saturday) and 2 p.m. (Sunday) performances the Plymouth Symphony League

will host the Sugar Plum Tea in the cafeteria. Tea tickets are available for \$5.

For tickets, season subscriptions, or more information, contact the symphony office at (734) 451-2112, by e-mail at info@plymouthsymphony.org or go to the symphony's Web site, www.plymouthsymphony.org.

School board meeting

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education will hold a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 27 at the Belleville High School Food Service Center, 555 W. Columbia Avenue in Belleville. Agenda items include an update on the Education Foundation, Michigan Merit Exam recommendation, substitute contracting recommendation, and maintenance department vehicle purchase request recommendation.

Shop Canton

The Canton Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Downtown Development Authority and Canton Leisure Services, will be promoting the Shop Canton Holiday Fest Marketing Initiative at Canton Corners Shopping Center (corner of Lilley and Ford Road) from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9.

Santa will be on hand to visit with the little ones as well as accept donations of canned goods, new children's books and new clothing to help support Canton Goodfellows. Parents are invited to bring

their cameras and take holiday pictures. Every person that visits Santa will receive a gift bag with coupons from area businesses for the parents and treats for the kids. After visiting Santa you can enjoy strolling carolers as well as specialty entertainment artists, window painting, face painting, coloring contest and many more fun activities for young and old.

For more information about this event, including business sponsorship at the event, contact Dianne Cojei at the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040 or e-mail her at diannecc@cantonchamber.com.

'Charlie Brown' play

Canton residents Frances Topalian (Sally Brown) and Melanie Gross (Chorus) are members of the cast in the Novi Theatre's upcoming production of *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*. The performances will be on Fri., Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 9 at 2 p.m., and Sun., Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road in Novi (between Novi and Taft roads).

The show cast will sing songs from *A Charlie Brown Christmas* in the Civic Center atrium for 20 minutes prior to

each performance, and the theatre's Senior Variety Series chorus will make a special appearance to carol with the cast at 1:30 p.m. prior to curtain at the Saturday matinee on Dec. 9.

Tickets are now on sale for \$18 at the parks desk in the Novi Civic Center. There will be a special student price of \$15 for the Fri., Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. performance. Seniors will be offered a special ticket price of \$15 for the Saturday matinee on Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. Due to the popularity of this production, tickets should be purchased in advance to ensure space. For performance ticket information, call (248) 347-0400.

Stage auditions

Local theater group Spotlight Players is holding auditions for *Stepping Out* Dec. 11-12 at the Village Theater, which is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road (at corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads - use stage door at rear). Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring a non-returnable photo and resume. For more information, visit www.spotlightplayers.net on the Web or call (734) 480-4945.

'Jesus in Islam'

The Muslim Community of Western Suburbs (MCWS) is hosting a lecture titled "Jesus in Islam" at 7 p.m. on Dec. 14 at the Canton Public Library (1200 S. Canton Center Road). The speaker, Harry Bassel, will discuss Jesus, and how he is viewed from an Islamic perspective. Non-Muslim friends



T.E.A.M. work

A Nov. 11 fund-raiser at Lighthouse Motorpool on Ford Road in Canton earned \$620 for the Canton Police Department's T.E.A.M. program. Lighthouse donated \$10 from every oil change performed that day to T.E.A.M. (Teaching, Educating and Mentoring), an educational program designed to make schools safer, to promote responsible citizenship and encourage positive characteristics. The program is taught at Discovery Middle School and to second- and fifth-graders in Canton's elementary schools. Pictured is T.E.A.M. Officer Heather Dunlop with Lighthouse owners Paul and Colleen Berry, who all expressed thanks to those who participated by paying for an oil change that day.

and neighbors are invited. Admission is free and refreshment will be served. For more information call (734) 467-7704 or e-mail info@mcws.org.

MDOT public meeting

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be holding a public meeting to seek input on its five-year Wayne County Road and Bridge Program 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the Taylor Transportation Service

Center, located at 25185 Goddard Road in Taylor.

At the meeting, listening sessions on the five-year program recently passed by the State Transportation Commission will be provided for members of the public, local elected officials and agencies. Afterwards MDOT will take comments and questions and copies of the draft plan will be available.

For more information on the MDOT public meeting please call (313) 375-2400.

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Recharging his batteries

Sabbatical helps pastor reconnect with God

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Clergy work hard and are susceptible to burnout on the job from all their long hours and responsibilities.

One local pastor, the Rev. Bryan Smith of Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, realized he needed a break. Smith, a Canton resident, took a sabbatical earlier this year.

"I did a number of things," the 45-year-old pastor said. His sabbatical ran from May to early September, and included June 5-15 Credo program for mid-career Presbyterian pastors.

They had time to reflect on and share their ministries. The denomination randomly chooses pastors ages 40-55 who've been in ministry at least seven years.

Smith was with about 25 clergy at a retreat center in Florida for Credo. He was at a weeklong retreat on praying the Psalms at the Sisters of St. Francis spirituality center in Philadelphia, Pa., July 5-12.

"I was the only non-Catholic and I was the only male," said Smith, who learned to pray the psalms with a number of nuns. After that, he had a week still in Philadelphia at the center to pray and read.

Smith recently spent a Sunday evening sharing with worshippers what he did on sabbatical. He had heard some friendly comments when it was learned he'd go on sabbatical along the lines of "it must be nice."

"I think it was more good-timed in terms of people realizing it's an amazing opportunity," Smith said of his sabbatical.

Congregation members have been supportive of the break Smith took.

"I think it was long overdue," said Geneva mission elder Dave Bunch, a Canton resident. "Bryan's been here 14 years without that kind of break."

Bunch's son-in-law has been pastor at a church the last



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Pastor Bryan Smith of Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton said the sabbatical he recently took was a rewarding experience.

seven years, and hasn't had such a break. Dave Bunch noted how pastors previously would change congregations every seven years or so, now down to about five years.

"There's so much to try to keep up with," said Bunch, whose focus at Geneva is on local missions. The congregation recognized the value of "stepping back and recharging and reconnecting with God."

Such a sabbatical can help a congregation retain a pastor, Bunch added.

Smith also got to spend time with wife Jennifer, a speech-language pathologist, and the couple's children, Julia, 15, and Joshua, 12. "We did quite a few things," he said. They spent 10 days

at a lake house in Ontario and traveled to Kings Island in Ohio.

Also, the Smiths gathered with extended family in Barrie, Ontario, where his mom's family is from.

The Presbyterian denomination has created recommendations that pastors take such a break every seven years. Smith noted that Christian clergy work Sundays and often spend Saturdays preparing.

"You really end up not having the typical kind of weekend," clergy also use a lot of energy and attention in caring for the flock, and can neglect their own self-care and need for balance, he said.

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Local elf's letters let kids hear from Santa

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

It's about to get very busy around Kristy Robinett's house. As an official correspondent for the Big Man, she's getting ready to write to good boys and girls and some naughty and nice adults.

Welcome to Sent By Santa, a home-based Santa's workshop specializing in personalized Santa letters.

"People provide me with the information, and I do the letter, I personalize every one," said the Westland resident. "Children are amazed Santa really knows so much about them - good things, as well as areas that need improvement. The letters are a great way to build self-esteem by commending the children of their accomplishments."

Robinett signed on as Santa's correspondent in 1997 and has done it every year except 2005 when she took time off for health reasons and a move from Garden City to Westland.

The letters are written with information provided by the sender. They cost \$8 each, with a portion from each letter donated to Wide Smiles, an organization for families with children who have clefting.

Oral-facial clefts are birth defects in which the tissues of the mouth or lip don't form properly during fetal development. They are the fourth most common birth defect, and the first most common facial birth defect. One child in 700 is born with clefting.

Wide Smiles - www.widesmiles.org - offers support, inspiration, information and networking for families dealing with the challenges associated with clefting, Robinett said.

The first year Robinett did Santa correspondence, she sent out 20-25 letters. The number inched up with referrals, and she now does 700 to 1,000 letters each holiday season.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kristy Robinett of Westland gets her elf ears at night when she writes her Santa letters to children of all ages.

son.

"They all come in at once," she said. "I have 35 now, but they'll all pile in the first week of December."

She puts in a lot of late nights, writing letters. Although she can do generic letters, she prefers to personalize each one, trying to make them more of a feel good letter created especially for the recipient.

She makes sure she uses different paper for youngsters who've gotten letters from her in past years and estimates that she does "about 30 a night, if I'm on a role."

Admittedly, there's a concern about the letters getting to their recipients in time, especially when some of the destinations are Ireland, England and South Africa.

"I've only lost one or two in the last 10 years, but it's always scary they won't make it in time," she said.

The international letters also are difficult because Robinett must research the traditions in those countries, so that the child can believe the letter is truly from Santa Claus.

Robinett gets help from her two children, ages 9 and 12,

who help make magic reindeer and magic and snowflakes that are included in the letters.

Her nine-year-old son last year told her there's no Santa, but "still believes I'm on Santa's payroll."

"I'm not sure if he's pulling my leg or if he's serious," she said. "I tell him I'm an elf and that I only get elf ears at night when I'm writing."

Robinett has done letters for all ages. She done the letters to children from parents and grandparents, has had grandmothers send letters to their husbands, "if they've been naughty," and even ones containing marriage proposals.

"There's endless possibilities and some of the requests have been doozies - some where they know the recipient's been cheating on them," she said. "I send those back because they're not appropriate."

As for those naughty or nice boys and girls, visit Kristy Robinett's Web site at www.sentbysanta.net for more information or to order a letter from Santa. But don't delay, her deadline for orders in Tuesday, Dec. 5.

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Kiwanis Club starts sweat suit drive

The Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club has kicked off its ninth-annual Sweat Suit Drive which supports First Step, the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

The drive collects new sweat suits that the staff of First Step takes with them when they are called to the hospital to aid a victim or victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.

If a criminal act is involved, the victim's clothing may be confiscated for evidence and that individual would then be discharged wearing only a hospital gown.

"These sweat suits provide the victim with some sense of dignity when they are released from the hospital," Kiwanian Mark Ott said. "Since all members of a family may be affected by the assault, all sizes and colors of new sweat suits are needed."

Difficult economic times can mean additional victims who require assistance, so community support is needed now more than ever, Ott said. The Kiwanis Club has arranged for convenient locations to drop off donations. They include:

■ Canton drop locations — Republic Bank on Canton Center Road at the corner of Hanford; Help-U-Sell Real Estate on Haggerty Road, just north of Warren; Avanti Group located at 8530 N. Canton Center, just south of Joy.

■ Plymouth drop locations — Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer; Dakota Truck Lines, 13101 Eckles, north of Plymouth; Boulders Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road just west of Main.

This year the Kiwanis Club is also collecting old cell phones that can be reprogrammed, and reused by First Step, as well as ink cartridges that can be recycled. All of the proceeds of these collections go to support the victims aided by First Step.

Cash contributions are also being solicited to purchase needed items. Checks may be made payable to "FIRST STEP" and mailed to: Plymouth/Canton Kiwanis Club, P.O. Box 6363, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Questions about the drive, or people who'd like to be a drop site, can contact Mark Ott at (734) 981-0460 or via e-mail at info@pckiwaniis.org

No change expected after another Parisian sale

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

The Parisian department store at Laurel Park Place Mall is expected to keep its name, even though the store has changed ownership for the second time this year.

Bon-Ton Stores Inc., a Pennsylvania-based company, purchased the Livonia store as part of a five-property deal announced Oct. 31. In a com-

pany press release, Bon-Ton reports it paid \$22 million for the properties and assumed debt to acquire Parisian stores in Livonia, Rochester Hills, a store under construction in Clinton Township, Indianapolis and Beavercreek, Ohio.

Earlier in the year, North Carolina-based Belk Inc. had purchased the 38-store Parisian chain from Alabama-based Saks Inc.

"We plan to keep the Livonia store as a Parisian and maintain the assortment of inventory the customers are used to seeing," said Bon-Ton spokeswoman Mary Kerr.

Bon-Ton has had a busy year with acquisitions that have doubled its portfolio. After adding the five Parisian properties, Bon-Ton controls 275 department stores and seven furniture stores in 23 states with an estimated \$3.4

billion in annual net sales. The three metro Detroit Parisian stores are Bon-Ton's first business ventures into southeastern Michigan.

The 108-year-old company, headquartered in York, owns retail stores under the name Bon-Ton, Bergner's, Boston Store, Carson Pirie Scott, Elder-Beerman, Herberger's and Younker's.

Kerr added it's worth noting that all of Bon-Ton's proper-

ties are in the northern United States, compared to the Livonia stores two previous owners which were both based in the south.

"We have the knowledge of the demographics of northern business operations," Kerr said. "This will make us better prepared to serve the region compared to a company headquartered in the south."

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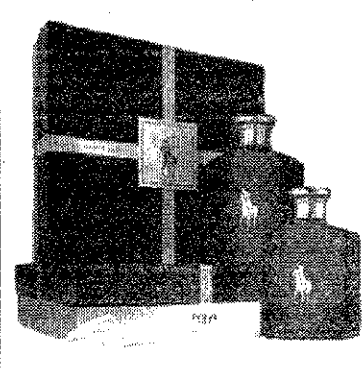
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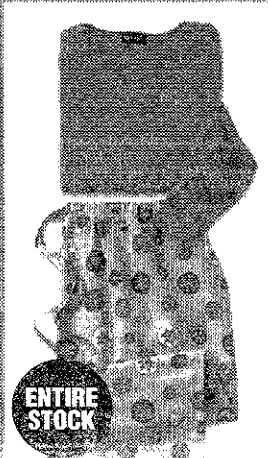
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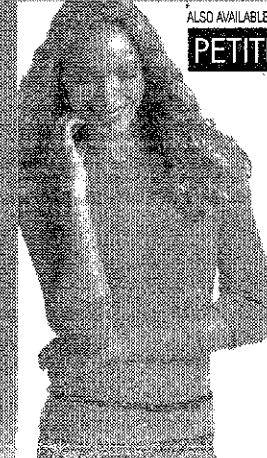
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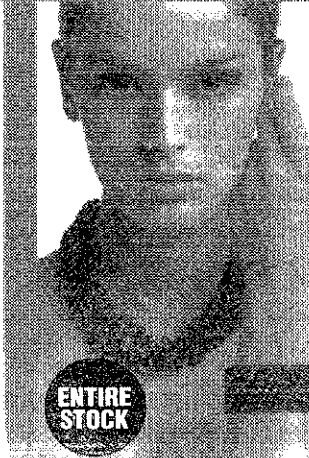
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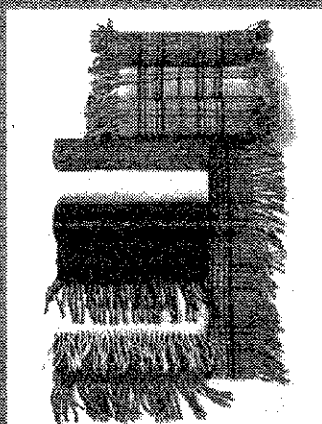
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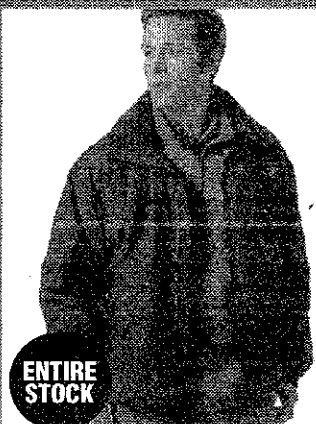
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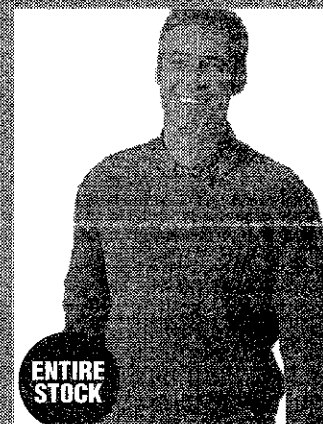
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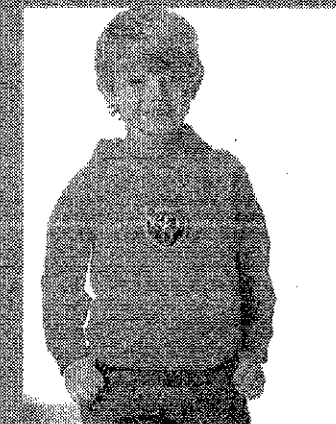
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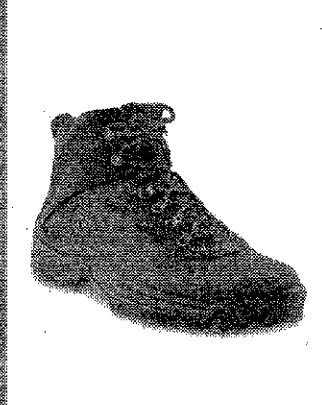
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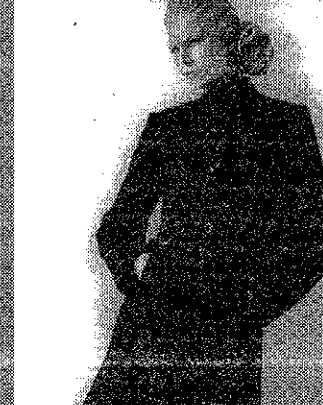
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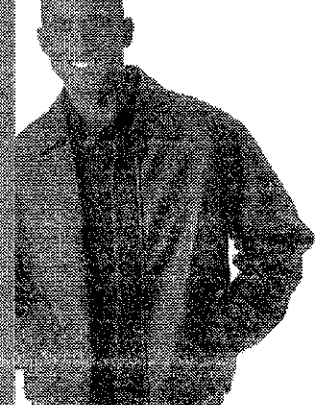
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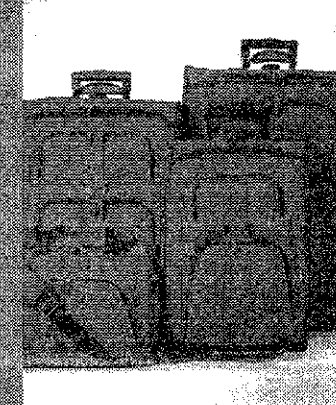
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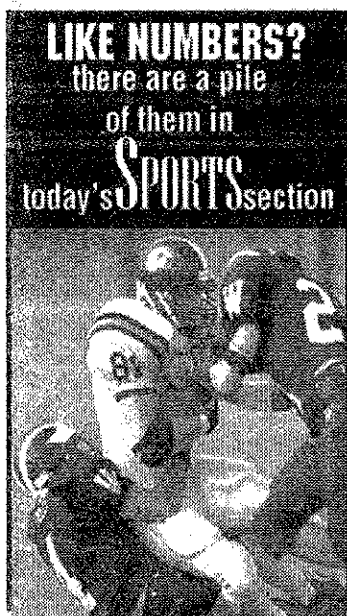
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Ladywood team leads pack in annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk arthritis benefit

For the third consecutive year, the ladies of Ladywood High School in Livonia will don Christmas attire, tie bells to their shoes and run for arthritis at the 19th annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk for arthritis. This year, the two runs are scheduled for Dec. 3 in Northville and Dec. 9 in Birmingham.

The team from Ladywood, an all-girls Catholic school, traditionally wins the award for having the biggest team and raises the most money to fight arthritis, the nation's leading cause of disability.

"This group of girls, they're really just a great group of kids. They really believe in service," said Tracey Mocon, an English teacher at Ladywood and team captain.

Ladywood's team reaches a new high of 91 walkers this year. Much of the recruiting — making announcements, distributing candy canes and fliers, and organizing — was handled by four girls, Andrea Warzyniec, Laura Guina, Stefanie Digiamdomenico and Alex Serowoky. "They've been a big part of getting kids to participate," said Mocon, a Canton resident.

Mocon said many participants know someone with the

disease. Her own mother has RA.

This year, the Ladywood team also has a special reason to run. They will participate in honor of Mary Youngs, who recently died from complications of rheumatoid arthritis.

And, while the Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis 5K event will be dedicated to the memory of Mary Youngs, it won't be a somber event, according to organizers.

Youngs, a graduate of Marygrove College in Detroit and an elementary school principal and teacher, lived with Rheumatoid Arthritis for 25 years. In February, she died in her sleep unexpectedly at the age of 56 from a coronary arrest as a result of her long battle with RA.

Her friends and co-workers knew that she was suffering. Although she could be seen walking down school hallways carrying a chair or boxes, she could not turn a door knob or tie a child's shoes because of the deterioration in her hand joints.

Through the years, Youngs went through multiple surgeries, having her ankles, feet, neck and cervical column fused to improve her mobility



Members of Ladywood High School's Jingle Bell Run team give a thumbs up to the arthritis benefit events, set this year for Dec. 3 and Dec. 9.

and lessen her pain.

Friends shared their stories with the Arthritis Foundation, asking that her life be celebrated in a special way. "That is why we are dedicating the Jingle Bell Run/Walk to the memory of Mary Youngs," said Scott Cleven, a foundation spokesman.

Events like the Jingle Bell Run/Walk raise awareness of the impact of arthritis — in Michigan more than 2.5 million adults and 7,000 children have one or more forms of arthritis or related diseases. The event also raises funds needed for research, health education and government advocacy.

"Mary's passing was a terrible shock for her family, friends, former and current students," Scott Cleven said. "Unfortunately, it is not that uncommon. People with rheumatoid arthritis not only have a higher risk of coronary heart disease than those in the general population, but they have more silent, unrecognized heart attacks and sudden cardiac deaths."

Both the Dec. 3 and Dec. 9 events start at 9 a.m. The Northville run/walk will be a 5K event; the Birmingham event is a 5K run/walk and a 10K run. The run is professionally timed and medals will be given out in 14 age

categories.

Registration fee is \$25, but it's \$5 more for those who register seven days or less before the event. Children 10 and under can register for the "Snowman Shuffle" for \$10. All who register will get a T-shirt and goodie bag, plus there will be food, prizes, entertainment and more.

The Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis is presented by New Balance, Dominator Clothing, Topz, the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, WDIV-Channel 4, WCSX-FM 94.7 and Northville Downs. For more information, call Scott Cleven at (800) 968-3030, Ext. 232, or register at www.arthritis.org.

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rigorous mental and physical challenges experienced by new cadets.

Phase one involves personal in-processing, orientation, and training in the fundamentals of being a cadet. Cadet trainees are prepared to adjust from civilian to military life and disciplines, and learn proper wear of the uniform, saluting policies and procedures, drill and ceremony, marching, and living quarters standards.

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During phase two, cadets train outdoors living in tents while learning to function in field conditions. Cadets apply and practice team work, cohesion and learn to deal with physically and mentally demanding situations. They complete the obstacle, confidence, assault, and leadership reaction courses, and participate in a rescue mission termed Operation Warrior.

McKinney is the son of Blaine and Rebecca McKinney

of Canton. He is a 2006 graduate of Plymouth High School.

Combat grad

Army Pvt. Nathan R. Marderosian has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

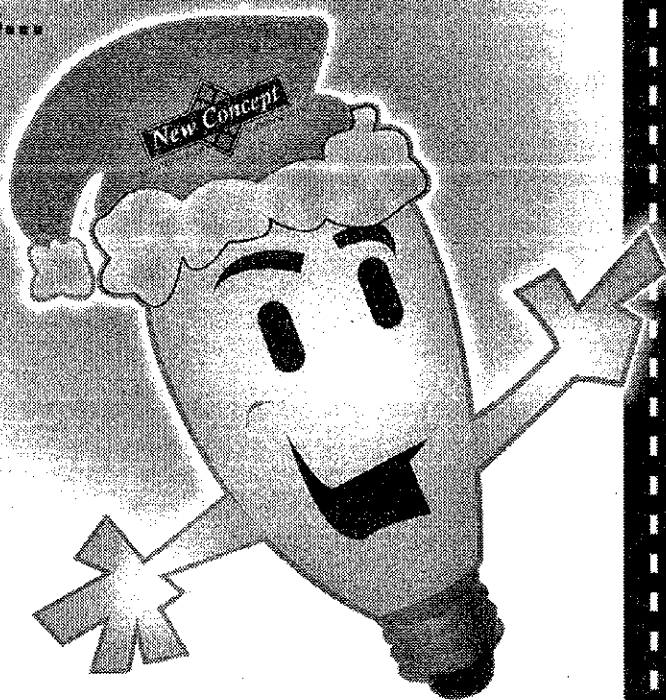
During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military

weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Marderosian is the son of Vaughn and Kathy Marderosian of Canton. He is a 2006 graduate of Belleville High School.

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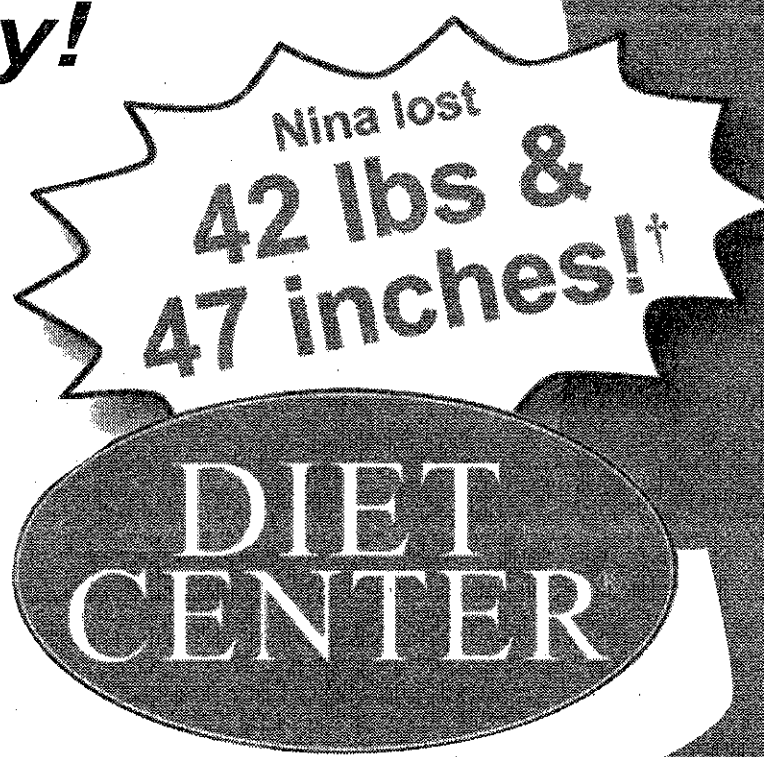
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Book tells dramatic story of softball, prison

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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In 1978, a group of teenage softball players wandered into Clarence "Bud" Hucul's sports store in Madison Heights to order some team T-shirts.

That chance encounter would change the life of Hucul and the young women. He found out they didn't have a lot of money and he helped with T-shirts and supplies.

He also found out they were inept on the field, a source of amusement for the folks in the bleachers. He told them so and when they asked him to become their coach, the success of the team and its players took over Bud Hucul's life.

In blunt, direct, matter-of-fact language Hucul tells a story in which personal disaster and team success are wound tightly together on the road to a national softball championship. In *22 Yellow Roses*, Hucul doesn't spare himself, but it's the success story that Hucul wants to emphasize.

"It's a true story. Seventeen of 22 girls from eight different high schools received full-ride scholarships. In that period,

that was more than all the high schools in Michigan put together," said Hucul, now a resident of Plymouth.

The girls were students at Shrine, Birmingham Groves, Marian, Southfield-Lathrup, Novi and East Detroit. Some came from broken homes, some had only marginal softball talent.

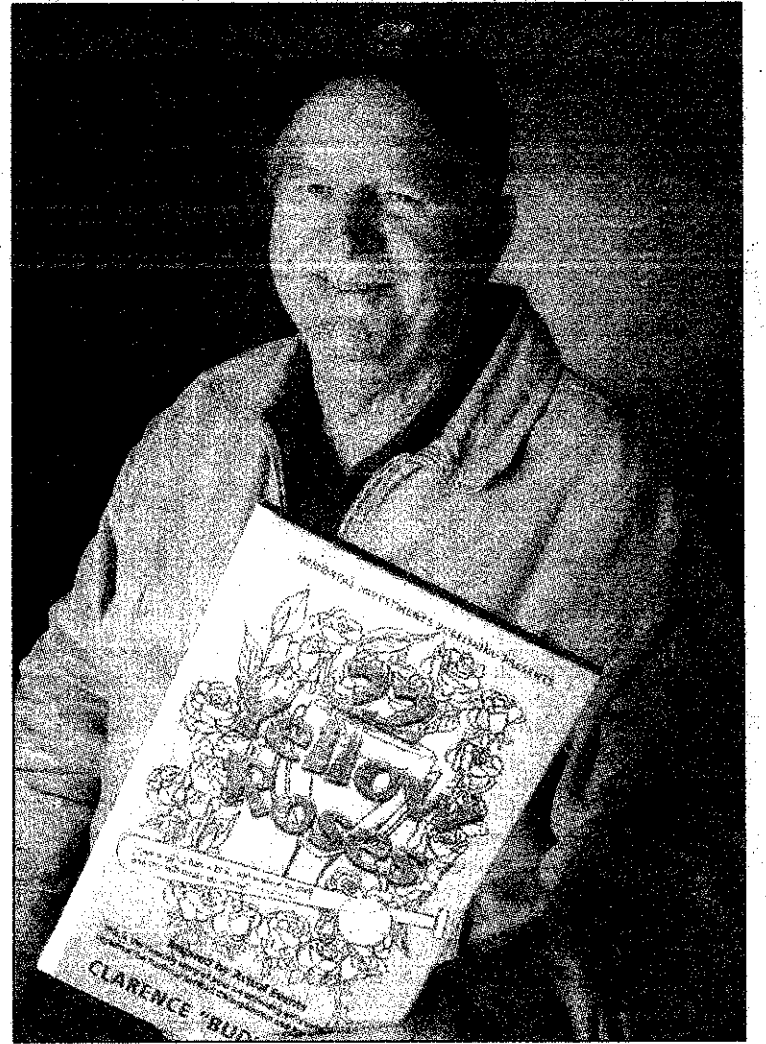
Hucul had played some pro ball and was a scout for the St. Louis Cardinals. When he and his wife at the time moved to Michigan to work at Beaumont Hospital in the mid-1970s, he coached a team of hospital employees.

But this team was different and his single-minded interest in their success would damage his marriage, his business and contribute to decisions that landed him in prison.

"A lot happened in those years. I think I wasn't too proud of some choices I made, but then I am of some," he said. "When I decided to keep bankrolling this thing and fudging my balance sheets, I had to make a choice and I bonded with them."

ROAD TRIPS

Hucul's sports store was



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Clarence 'Bud' Hucul with his book, '22 Yellow Roses.'

already doing weak business. But he began to spend money on team uniforms, shoes and equipment. And he began taking his young charges on trips

to demonstrate their skills to college coaches.

"They didn't have money to visit schools, they couldn't go to Western Florida or Tampa. They didn't have any cars," he said.

He knew what coaches wanted to see. He told his young team they had to take pride in what they were doing.

"I knew the game, baseball and softball have a lot in common. The fundamentals are the same," he said. "When they saw by changing the habits they had to doing the right thing, they were succeeding in batting and everything else. I was very disciplined and strict with them. We practiced hard, very hard and some girls cried."

In the process of financing the team and the out-of-state trips, Hucul began falsifying financial reports to keep his business afloat. His business activities drew the attention of the Internal Revenue Service and the FBI. While his team was winning ballgames, Hucul was indicted for mail fraud. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a year in prison and five years probation.

As his team was ready to play in the national championship round of games, Hucul sent 22 yellow roses, one to each player, and then left with his daughter to drive to Duluth, Minn., to begin serving his time.

LONG DISTANCE COACHING

The final part of the book tells of how Hucul coached his team by phone long distance from prison. To do this, he was able to get 60 other prisoners to relinquish their weekly phone time to him on the permission of the warden.

"They (the prisoners) were so happy to be part of something in the outside world. A level 1 (minimum security) prison, they think it's a play school where you have fun, with tennis courts, but a paradise it's not," he said. "You're secluded, you're told when to do this, when to do that. When they get up, when they shower, when to eat, when to go to the mailroom. It's a federal prison. You work."

The team won the 1978 championship and many of the young players did go on to college.

Hucul served just over nine months in Duluth. He returned to coach the team to a third place in 1979 and another championship in 1980 and devoted 21 years to coaching softball.

His efforts on behalf of his players included a successful suit against the Michigan High School Athletic Association rule forbidding high school softball team members from playing with recreational teams.

He is currently working on a booklet advising college-bound student-athletes on what to do and not to do.

Hucul's book is available through the publisher online at www.immortalinvestments.com or at the Book Cellar and Cafe on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

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There can be no winners from war and occupation

Suffering from chronic nosebleeds as a child sometimes required medical help. Under the Israeli occupation, my minor medical problem resulted in my parents enduring repeated humiliation to beg the occupying army for permission to seek medical help.

One particular evening, I watched as my mother and father took turns pleading with army officers for permission to leave our house. After what seemed an eternity, my parents were finally granted permission to take me to the nearest clinic for help.

It took several hours after being treated for us to get permission to return home. Under the Israeli occupation, little daily routines were dangerous and exhausting. My father risked his life and the life of his family by venturing out of the house to seek help for his child. One never knew when a jittery soldier would pull the trigger.

Most of my family survived and escaped the occupation and now are observers not of one, but two occupations, Palestine and Iraq. Both occupations are vicious, hazardous and inhumane. Young distrustful men and women are trying to maintain peace in foreign places through the barrel of their guns. They patrol the streets in fear and that, coupled with their high adrenaline, makes an already volatile situation dangerous and deadly. The occupation interrupts and robs everyone of a basic and normal life, and robs soldiers from their innocence.

But to hear the occupiers talk, one would think they are benevolent and kind to the people they occupy. President Bush consistently talks about freeing the Iraqis from Saddam Hussein and his tyranny. He talks about democracy and the rights of Iraqis to be free. Consecutive Israeli leaders talk about their kindness toward the Palestinians.

Yet in reality, the occupation of a whole society is the worst form of human violation a country can impose on its subjects. What the occupation provides is a life where an individual has now lost the ability to perform life's most basic tasks, such as walking to a neighbor's house or driving to the next town without checkpoints and permission from a stranger in uniform.

According to John Hopkins University, more than 650,000 people have been killed in Iraq since its invasion by U.S. forces. If this number is true, it is the equivalent to the number of people living in Livonia, Westland, Troy, Farmington Hills and Redford. Regardless of whether they were killed by coalition military action or insurgents, those individuals killed are more than just

statistics. They are someone's mother, father, son or daughter. Families in Iraqi are forever scarred, not only by the death in their families, but the destruction of their country and the uncertainty of their future.

We have disrupted their lives under the pretense of bringing democracy and freedom to them. Their daily lives are now full of violence, fear and frustration. Peace, tranquility and normal living are now something in the past. Like the Palestinians, the Iraqis are now on a path of struggle that will not end until they become free to rule their destiny — a destiny that must be free of occupation.

If the Iraqi tragedy does not stir our hearts, maybe we need to think of our soldiers and work to save them from the frontline of this calamity. The human cost to our young soldiers is immeasurable, having lost over 3,141 lives and over 20,000 lives altered by the injuries they sustained. This month alone, we have lost more than 45 soldiers, including two from Michigan. These numbers do not include the lasting psychological affect on people serving the occupation.

By enlisting, our service men and women have given up their voices because they are bound by the Code of Military rules. They are willing to die to keep us free, but fighting to continue an illegal occupation of a country should never be part of our military services. With the new election, we must commit ourselves to finding a true solution to the Middle East problem. Our next step is to find a constructive way to rid ourselves of the shackles of occupation and its corruption.

To honor our soldiers, we need to remind the president to exert the same will and stubbornness to end this war precisely like it was started. Just as he reminds us that we cannot cut and run until we win the war, we need to remind him that in war and occupation, there are no winners.

We are disillusioned if we think that we can ever restrain people who are fighting to be free. The longer this war and occupation are prolonged, the more death, destruction and hate will become the norm. The only winner in this war are individuals and former public officials, like Former CIA Director James Woolsey, Neil Livingstone, Randy Scheunemann and others who pushed for the war and are now making millions in profit from this war.

As the holiday season approaches and our soldiers and the Iraqi people are put in harm's way, we must test our courage by using our voice for peace and justice for the victory we seek. Nothing is won by force.

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Terry Ahwal

U-M can encourage diversity through outreach programs

Regular visitors to these pages might recall my letters among others supporting Proposal 2, the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, during the campaign. Thus I welcome Hugh Gallagher's Nov. 23 assessment that "Support of Proposal 2 opens door for dialog on race."

But not without quibble. Mr. Gallagher's continued insistence that Proposal 2 bans affirmative action, rather than a narrow subset of affirmative action programs involving race and gender preferences, is disproved by the proposal's ballot language. And Proposal 2's opponents didn't steer away from the race issue as much as they conjured imaginary threats to women's programs in an orgy of scaremongering.

I prefer to think that all that is behind us now, save for another sad, sorry lawsuit filed on the day after the vote by the radical group By Any Means Necessary and its fellow travelers disdainful of the unmistakably expressed popular will. Instead, I join Mr. Gallagher in endorsing forward-looking efforts to launch a dialogue on issues of race (as well as gender — why not?) leading to progressive change, as exemplified by the workshop he cites that is being planned by Toward a Fair Michigan (<http://towardfairmichigan.org/>).

Further, an online "Advisory" dated Oct. 19 from the U-M News Service concerning the university's 2006 enrollment listed several outreach measures already under way to encourage minority applications: "application workshops for prospective students and counselors, personal invitations by current students and U-M alumni, on-campus events to introduce students to the opportunities at U-M, and visits by President Coleman to African American churches and community events." Mr. Gallagher opines, and I agree, that such programs are not banned by the constitutional amendment that Proposal 2 has put in place.

I find the Advisory extract very instructive, for it casts doubt upon U-M President Coleman's contention that the new amendment marks the end of diversity; it underscores the importance of distinguishing what Proposal 2 bans from what it does not; and it puts Proposal 2 advocates, including me, to our proof over our assurances that affirmative action will survive. Having worked toward the proposal's

passage, we own it in the sense that we cannot and should not walk away from it.

So where do we go from here? Mr. Gallagher accurately recalls "the long, tortured history of race relations in this country and in this state," but almost as if that history should form an obstacle to fresh thinking about race relations. I'm not a social scientist, just a citizen, and if I had my druthers, diversity would not be orchestrated but would simply happen as my fellow citizens of all races, creeds, etc. participate in producing America's good things and preserving America's goodness. This is what I observed in the Army, where the mission is paramount. Rather than wallow in grievances, it might be more rewarding to take the situation as we find it and apply the fixes where they're needed.

Certainly, public education needs fixing and, as it bears on state university admissions, has been the flash point for Proposal 2's own tortured history. I'm not an educator, either, but I have an idea to utilize the state universities' commitment to diversity even more directly than appears in the U-M Advisory.

It might be called Adopt-a-District, whereby a state university would set up a resource and liaison center in a public school district found by measurable criteria to be underperforming.

Because the program would be predicated on performance, not race or gender, it should raise no concern under Proposal 2. Through its direct presence as long as needed, the university could provide cutting-edge expertise to district administrators, mobilize university staff and alumni to address specific concerns or tasks, invite dialogue with aspiring students and showcase an empowering option for life after high school. If successful over time, such a program could assist the district in producing university applicants fully competitive on the basis of merit. All very pie in the sky as proposed, but perhaps worth a look or even a pilot program.

A friend of mine who attended the MCRI Committee's victory party in Lansing on election night told me that Ward Connerly of the American Civil Rights Institute stated that "Now is the time for the heavy lifting." I hope that participants on both sides of this long and bruising campaign will lift together toward healing.

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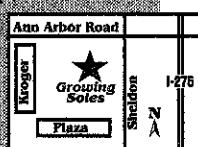
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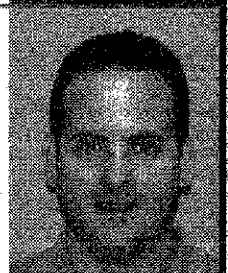
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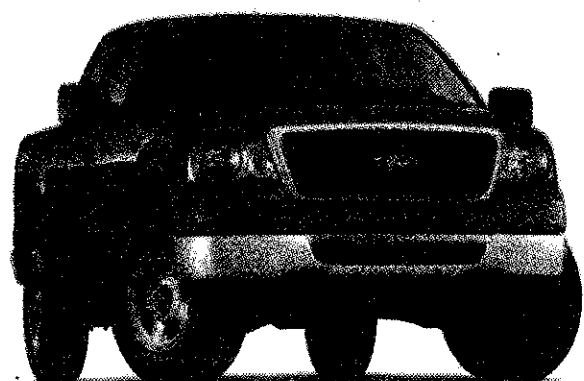
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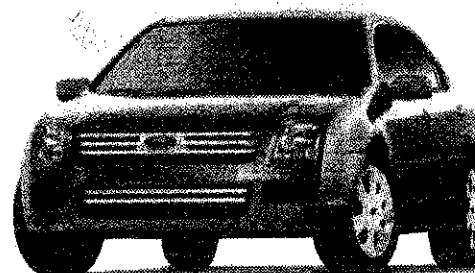
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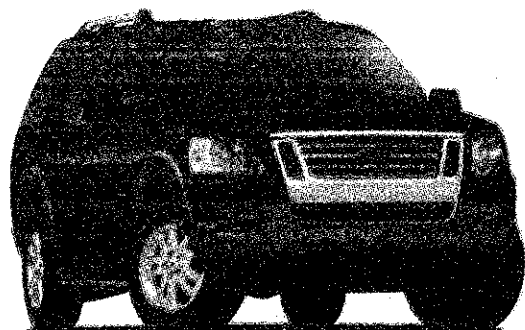
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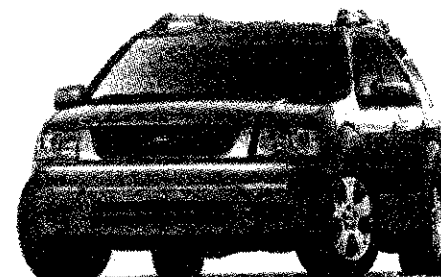
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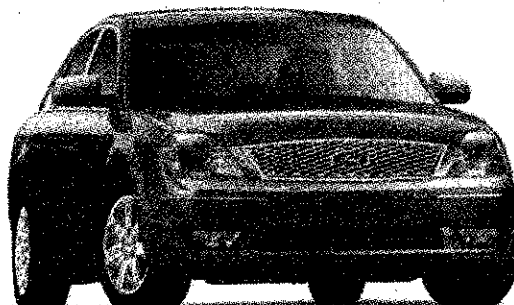
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Churchill's Anthony Ross fights off Catholic Central's Tony Thomas as he tries to gain control of the puck during Friday night's game at Compuware Arena.

Shamrocks spoil Chargers' season hockey opener, 4-3

Catholic Central's 3rd-period goal the difference

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill's hockey season started Friday night at the venue where the Chargers ultimately want to be at the end of the season - Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

But one team always standing in the way is eight-time state champion Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, which skated to a 4-3 win over Churchill thanks to Doug Raymond's game-winning unassisted goal with 7:25 remaining in the final period.

CC, which started its season Nov. 18 with a 3-2 victory at Orchard Lake St. Mary's, is 2-0 on the season. For Churchill, it certainly was a learning experience on many fronts.

"We need to work on our defensive zone coverage," Chargers coach Pete Mazzoni said. "We had not been tested like that in our scrimmages. They (CC) set the puck from behind the net and it forces you to turn your back to the rest of the ice. It was an adjustment for us.

"We just held on to the puck too long. We were our own worst enemy, but not to take away anything from their (CC's) forecheck.

Churchill, despite being outshot 9-5 in the first period, held a 2-1 lead after 15 minutes.

CC's Brad Higgins opened the scoring at 1:59 on a rebound shot with Tony Thomas and David Swiersczyk drawing assists.

Churchill countered just 1:23 later on Garrett Miencier's shot from the slot, which Shamrock netminder Greg Holland had no chance on. Assists went to Nathan Milam and Matt Heinzelman.

Zach Archer's wrist shot from Andy LaBerge and Keith Yackley with 4:38 to go in the same period made it 2-1 for the Chargers.

"It helps to have assistants who are alumni and played in the program," CC coach Todd Johnson said. "I didn't have to say that much. My assistants did all the talking. They let our guys know they didn't like the tone of their play after the first period."

Just 42 seconds into the second period, CC's Dominic Scala tied it at 2-2 when he capitalized on a four-on-four with each team having a man in the penalty box. With 8:09 to go in the same period, LaBerge scored on a power play from Miencier and Milam, only to have CC answer just 1:07 later when Chad Wilhelm back-handed in his own rebound past Churchill netminder Scott Lewan with Jeremy Christopher and Raymond assisting.

"I loved our effort the second and third periods," Johnson said. "The guys decided to join the party after the first period. Churchill outworked us that first period, but we really played well the second and third periods. We have pretty good speed and we showed a lot of good team speed in the second and third periods."

Although CC outshot Churchill 32-16 on the night, the shots were even at 7-all in the final period with the only goal - by Raymond on a wrist from the right side to the upper right-hand corner - coming shortly after Churchill's Jason Proctor came back out of the box after being called for holding.

Johnson had nothing but praise for the Chargers afterwards. "They a good hockey team, and Phil Wendeker (Churchill's senior defenseman) is one of the top players in the state," Johnson said. "We saw him in the fall league and he's just a great player and a great kid."

"And (Scott) Lewan and (Garrett) Miencier are right at the top at their positions."

Sidelines

Shaw gets salute

Penn State University senior defensive end Tim Shaw (Livonia Clarenceville), who finished the regular season with 21 solo tackles and 16 assists - sixth best on the team - earned All-Big Ten honorable mention honors in football by the media.

Shaw registered two sacks in a season-ending 17-13 win over Michigan State for the Land Grant Trophy. Penn State, 8-4 overall and 5-3 in the Big Ten, will face an SEC opponent Jan. 1 in the Outback Bowl in Tampa, Fla.

Bridges saluted

Madonna University's D.J. Bridges was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week in men's basketball.

The Canton High grad scored 28 points in back-to-back games last week-end at the McDonald's Maple City Hoopfest Tournament against host Goshen College (Ind.) and Taylor University-Fort Wayne.

He averaged 22.7 points per game last week and shot 59 percent from the field.

AAU girls hoops

Tryouts for Livonia's newest AAU girls basketball team, the 16-and-under Michigan Impact, will be from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 at the Livonia-Community Recreation Center, located at Five Mile and Hubbard roads.

For more information, call Moreno Taylor at (734) 427-1623.

Meet C'ville teams

Livonia Clarenceville will stage its Meet the Team Night for winter sports athletes parents/guardians from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, at the high school cafeteria.

The evening provides an opportunity to learn more about the athletic department and philosophy, and meet with coaches.

Topics include: athletic and academic eligibility, sportsmanship, season schedule, team rules and consequences, team policies and banquet information.

For more information, call athletic director Kevin Murphy at (248) 919-0217.

Whalers treat fans on Thanksgiving Eve vs. Spitfires

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Whalers feasted on a Thanksgiving Eve buffet Wednesday night that included short-handed goals, unassisted goals and one-sided fights.

Everything but cranberry sauce and stuffing.

When the always-intense border contest against Windsor at the Compuware Sports Arena was over, the Whalers had an appetizing 5-4 victory, while Spitfires goalie Anthony Guadagnolo was left with just a

bad case of indigestion.

The victory, Plymouth's fifth in the past six games, improved its suddenly oven-hot record to 13-10-0-0, which, as of Wednesday, was good for a third-place tie with Sault Ste. Marie (12-11-0-2) in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division.

Windsor slipped to 6-14-1-1.

Plymouth coach Mike Vellucci was satisfied with the victory, but not with how his team allowed the visiting Spitfires to close a three-goal gap to one in the game's final penalty-filled minutes.

"I thought we played great at first," said

Vellucci, referring to his team's three-goal cushion following the opening 20 minutes of play. "I thought it was going to be over early, but then we took some bad penalties at the end and they capitalized with a couple of five-on-three goals.

"Yeah, you want the two points and I'm happy we got them, but at the same time I don't like the way we let them back into the game in the third period."

The Whalers' fast start was fueled by James Neal's goal 25 seconds into the contest that gave the hosts a quick 1-0 advantage. Neal's team-leading 14th net-finder of

the season was assisted by Jared Boll and Wes Cunningham.

Plymouth doubled its lead with 5:38 left in the first period when Joe McCann stole a Windsor pass near mid-ice, skated into the Spitfires' zone, then parallel to the blue line, before sliding a pass to a hard-cutting Tom Sestito, who slid the puck into the lower left-hand corner of the net to cap a dazzling short-handed score.

John Armstrong poured some gravy on the first-period onslaught when he secured

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, B3

Voran propels Spartans over RU

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

If penalties weren't getting Redford Unified down on Wednesday night it was Livonia Stevenson's high-flying line led by senior forward Marcus Voran.

The Spartans, with Voran scoring back-to-back markers early in the third period, routed Redford Unified 5-0 in a nonleague hockey game at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

Other Stevenson goals were netted by senior forward Tim Droze and Voran's linemates - sophomore forwards Richard "R. J." Kierdorf and John Vella.

Stopping 17 shots for the shutout was Stevenson sophomore goaltender Mike Zynda.

According to Redford Unified head coach Larry Singer, his team (now 0-2) lost poise and energy having had to kill off six minor penalties in the second period (compared to just one Stevenson penalty).

"We had to kill 12 minutes of a 15-minute period and it showed," Singer said. "We tired out, we had no shots on net (in the second period) because we couldn't get any flow."

But Singer tried to motivate his players that they were still in the game (the Spartans only carried a 2-0 advantage into the final stanza) if they opened the third by killing off the final 1:33 of yet another penalty.

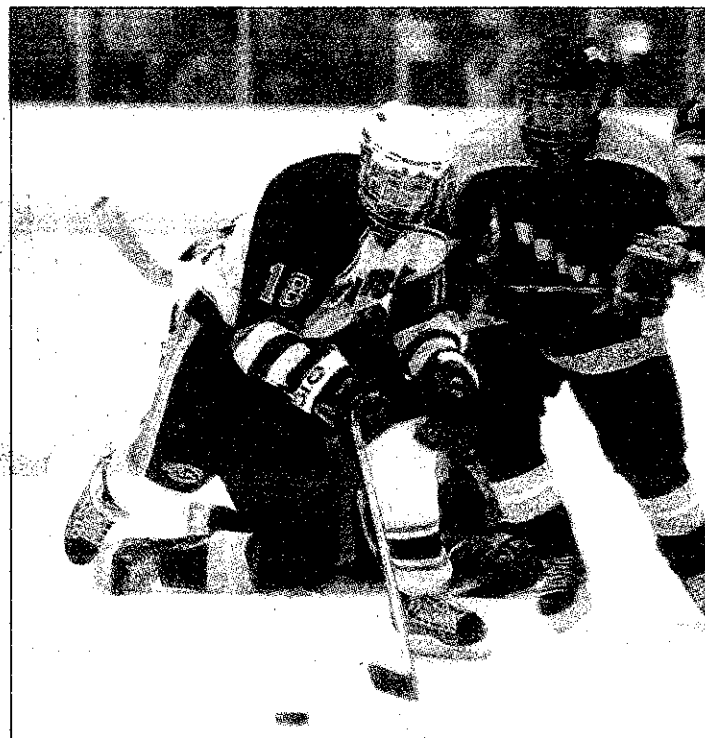
Instead of Redford players getting a boost, Voran deflated them with a power-play tally at the 27-second mark.

Senior forward Mike Jahn circled behind the Unified net, drew the defense his way and sent a perfect cross-crease feed to Voran. His one-timer easily beat junior goaltender Ryan Wagner (24 saves), who had no chance on the play.

Just 1:50 later, Voran backhanded a shot under the crossbar over a prone Wagner to make it 4-0. Assisting was Kierdorf, who gained control of the puck on one side of Wagner before flipping it the other way to Voran.


The Spartans finished the scoring in the final minute, when Voran and Kierdorf set up Vella. "People who don't see him a lot usually say he played a good game, but that's normal Marcus

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Stevenson's Thomas Gosselin tries to get control of the puck in Wednesday's game against Redford Unified.




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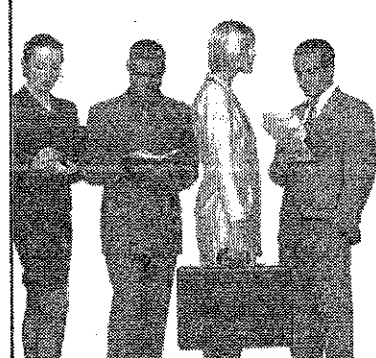
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Top-ranked NAIA team topples MU men, 89-76

The NAIA's top-ranked team in Division I, Robert Morris (Ill.) College, built a 10-point half-time lead and outscored Madonna University 48-45 in the second half before winning the second game of the second annual Robert Morris Classic, 89-76, on Friday night at the Gentile Center.

Madonna (1-5) was led by forward D.J. Bridges (Canton), who recorded the only double-double in the game with 24 points and 10 rebounds.

Senior forward Derrick Mudri had his top scoring outing of the season with 18 points against the Eagles (7-0).

Senior guard Adam Kerfoot added 10 points to round out the double-digit scoring efforts for Madonna.

The Crusaders would get as close as seven points in the second half, but Robert Morris (7-0) would lead by as much as 15 points en route to the 13-point victory.

Madonna shot .441 (30-of-68) overall from the floor, including just .269 (7-of-26) from beyond the arc.

Robert Morris, whose only loss this season was a 71-67 setback to NCAA Division I school Loyola of Chicago, was able to connect on 38-of-72 (.528) of its shots from the field, including

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.316 (6-of-19) from beyond the three-point line.

The Eagles out rebounded MU 43-36 and won the turnovers battle by forcing 12 turnovers and the Crusaders forcing 11.

MADONNA 71, ROCHESTER 62: All five of Madonna's starters scored in double Tuesday, leading the Madonna University (1-4) visiting Rochester College (4-2) at the Activities Center.

The win is not only the first for the Crusaders this season, but is also the 100th victory in the 14-year history of the program.

Senior guard Adam Kerfoot paced MU with 15 points and four assists.

Junior forward D.J. Bridges (Canton) scored 12 points, including nine from the charity stripe (9-of-12), while adding four rebounds.

Seniors Derrick Mudri and Doug Creighton (Redford Catholic Central) each scored 12 points. Mudri also collected a team high nine boards in the win.

Rochester got a game-high 19 points and 11 rebounds from William Goree. Tyler Leipprandt added 18 points.

Madonna shot a season high .521 (25-of-48) from the field, including .350 (7-of-20) from beyond the arc.

The Crusaders held Rochester to a .400 (22-of-55) shooting percentage from the floor, including just .259 (7-of-27) from behind the three-point line.

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Wednesday, Nov. 29
Franklin vs. Waterford Kettering at Edger Arena, 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 1
Churchill vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 2
Stevenson vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 3:20 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Bloomfield Unified at Arctic Pond, 6:30 p.m.
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Franklin at Novi-Detroit CC, 1:30 p.m.
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Lincoln Park Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
Rocket Inv. at John Glenn, 10 a.m.
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Adrian Dual Tourney, 10 a.m.
Lutheran N'west Tourney, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Sunday, Nov. 26
Schoolcraft at Genesee (N.Y.) Tourney, TBA.
Tuesday, Nov. 28
Madonna at Olivet College, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 2
Madonna at Alma College, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
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Madonna at Olivet College, 7 p.m.
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ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
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Detroit King withstands Mercy in Class A regional final, 56-48

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Too bad time ran out on the Farmington Hills Mercy girls basketball team.

And too bad the Marlins didn't answer the alarm clock until final quarter in their Class A regional championship game Wednesday night against Detroit King - because it might have been a different outcome.

But King was very good in the middle two quarters as the Crusaders held off a furious Mercy rally to earn a 56-48 victory in the finals at Livonia Ladywood. The Public School League champs, 21-1 overall, advance to Tuesday's Class A quarterfinal at Detroit Cass Tech against undefeated Dearborn Edsel Ford (25-0).

Mercy, meanwhile, ends its season at 20-5 overall.

The game all but appeared over with 7:20 left to go when sophomore guard Courtney Townsend scored to make it 45-21 for the Crusaders.

That 24-point cushion, however, quickly evaporated as King succumbed to Mercy's full-court press, committing 12 turnovers in the final period alone.

Kristina Bell's three-pointer with 2:52 left cut the King lead to single digits for the first time since the opening quarter, 49-41.

A driving layup by Milan Allen with 2:05 to go pulled Mercy to within six, but King's 6-foot-3 junior center Diamond Smith answered with a put-back and a free throw just 10 seconds later to give the Crusaders a 52-43 lead.

Not to be denied, Mercy made one last charge thanks to a rebound basket inside by Courtney Whalen followed by an Allen free throw, making it 52-46, with 1:20 to play.

The Blazers then forced another turnover, but Bianca Jiddou's triple-try caromed off the rim with 46 seconds to go.

Ratoria Jones, the 5-10 jun-

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ior, who led King in scoring with 16 points and 11 rebounds, put it out of reach with a pair of free throws with 42.8 seconds left, pushing the lead back up by eight.

"The last quarter I lost control of my team, they were playing by themselves," King coach William Winfield said. "It was a complete disgrace. They just didn't listen to what the coaches have to say. Normally they pay attention for the good of the team. We know a good team like Mercy will make a run, but we just lost concentration."

Mercy, which outscored King 27-13 in the final quarter, made just 8-of-37 shots for three quarters before getting untracked by going 9-of-22 over the last eight minutes.

"It was huge deficit to come back from, but I'm proud of the way we came back and got it down to six (twice) . . . we had a shot to get even closer," Mercy coach Gary Morris said. "The fourth quarter we had them rattled. It was a great effort and I'm proud of the run we made."

Both teams started out the first quarter slowly, but King took control by using its fast break and forcing 16 Mercy first-half turnovers.

"Once you fall behind, you get impatient on offense, start to hurry your shots, and it becomes a frustration thing," Morris said. "Maybe there were some nerves at the beginning. We missed some 'bunnies,' but obviously they're a good team."

King, leading 12-9 after one quarter, outscored the Marlins 21-10 in the second period to take a 33-19 halftime advantage.

"The start of the game we had opportunities," Morris said. "They (King) were turning it over, and I thought we dominated the game in some aspects, but we were only up 4-2. We had an opportunity to get a good lead - we should have

been up instead of down three (after one quarter). Our transition defense was not good and we were not hitting our shots."

Mercy's struggles continued through the third quarter as King added to its lead by outscoring the Marlins, who shot just 1-of-13 from the floor, 10-2.

"Once we got in the groove, we started playing better," Winfield said. "We played well for three quarters. Defensively we were doing an excellent job of switching because they do a lot of screening."

"We got out running on the break and that's how we capitalized on the lead."

Jones' three-point play with 4:21 remaining in the fourth period gave King a commanding 49-32 lead. But the Crusaders had to hold on for dear life down the stretch.

"What clicked was we finally found a combination on the floor that clicked," Morris said. "Basketball is a game of momentum. Once we hit some shots, it energized us and we started moving our feet a little quicker defensively."

The Marlins shot 17-of-59 from the floor (28.8 percent) for the game, while King was 21-of-52 (40.3 percent).

Sophomore point-guard Jordan Mueller, who sparked the late Mercy surge with her tenacious defense, tallied a team-high 10 points along with senior center Courtney Whalen.

Jiddou added nine, while Bell finished with eight. Allen contributed seven.

Townsend contributed 13 points for King, while 6-foot senior forward Ebony Cleary had 12 points, 11 rebounds and two blocks. The 6-3 Smith chipped in with seven points and six blocks.

"In these kind of games you've got to win, move on, and hope for the best," Winfield said. "You don't get a second chance in the state tourney. Sometimes you just have to win ugly."

SC spikers cap season with win

When the going got tough, as they say, Schoolcraft College's volleyball team got going.

The Lady Ocelots finished seventh in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Tournament in Scottsdale, Arizona - earning a 30-18, 24-30, 31-29, 30-27 win over Southwestern Illinois in last Saturday's season finale.

But according to Schoolcraft head coach Tom Teeters, the team seemed to play better in contested matches. His squad won three five-game postseason matches in a row (two at the regionals and one at the nationals).

"I thought Schoolcraft's suc-

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cess was defined by our ability to win the five-game matches," Teeters said, "as shown in three of the last four matches in our season."

Against Southwestern Illinois (35-15), all-tournament selection Amy Golem and Michelle Overzet sparked the Lady Ocelots' attack with 17 and 22 kills, respectively.

Schoolcraft's offense also benefited from a 40-assist performance from Sarah Schmidt.

Top defenders for Teeters included Marcie Hill (21 digs) and Brynn Kerr and Golem, with 12 digs each.

With the victory, the Lady

Ocelots finished with an overall record of 36-7.

Previously at the nationals, Schoolcraft knocked off Iowa Central in five games on Nov. 16 before dropping two four-game matches Nov. 17 against Cowley and Illinois Central.

The team's five-game victories at the Grand Rapids-hosted regional both took place Nov. 4 against Macomb Community College.

At the national tournament, Golem finished with 79 kills along with 58 digs.

Other statistical leaders for the Lady Ocelots included Hill (eight service aces), Schmidt (150 assists) and Kerr (78 digs).

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a loose puck in front of the Windsor net, then slammed an unassisted goal past a befuddled Guadagnolo to make it 3-0.

"I think the key to our fast start was that we came out prepared," Vellucci said. "Everybody knows we want the two points and we needed them after being on the road so much early in the season. Now we have a bunch of home games in a row so we need to make sure we win them."

The highlight for the fans in attendance may have been Zack Shepley's unanimous decision over Windsor's overmatched Adam MacArthur in a 30-second boxing match four minutes into the second period.

Windsor finally solved Plymouth goalie Michal Neuirth with 12:44 left in the second period when Mark Cundari completed a half-of-the-rink rush through the heart of the Whalers' defense by depositing a top-shelf goal over Neuirth's left shoulder to make it 3-1.

The Whalers countered less than two minutes later when Jason Terry's hard slapper deflected off Windsor defenseman Chris Purves' stick and past Guadagnolo to make it 4-1.

After Plymouth's Vern Cooper notched his fourth goal of the season to put his team up 5-1 with 14:23 left, it appeared as if it was just whipped cream on the pumpkin pie, so to speak.

But the resilient Spitfires scored three straight goals over the final 14 minutes to make it close.

The visitors' rally included lamp-lighters from Ryan Baldwin (14:12 left), Craig Voakes (6:04) and Bradley Snetsinger (4:45).

Windsor outshot the Whalers, 38-29, proving the importance of Neuirth's strong showing between the pipes.

"I thought Michal played very well," Vellucci said. "He made some big saves early on. Goalies can get bored if they don't face a lot of shots, and he didn't face a lot in the first period. But they took it to us after that and he played strong."

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Voran," said Stevenson head coach Mike Humitz, whose team improved to 2-1 overall. "He knows how to play the game, he plays hard and he's got skills. Put those three things together and you've got a good hockey player."

Humitz said Voran and his linemates for much of the game (Kierdorf and Vella) combined to wreak havoc against Unified.

"I thought that line did really well tonight, put a lot of pressure on them and caused a lot of loose pucks," Humitz said. "We've got a lot of speed on that line and they capitalized on it."

According to Singer, the meltdown troubled him. "It comes down to the team maintaining composure, learning how to battle back from adversity," he said. "That's what we didn't do

and that's our biggest weakness. They have to be determined not to allow what goes on during a game to take them off their mark."

Despite the five goals, Singer said he thought Wagner played well and was pretty much hung out to dry on several of the markers.

Singer added that his penalty killers also gave solid effort, particularly during the second stanza.

The Spartans opened up the scoring with 8:40 left in the first when Droze chipped in a rebound following a scramble.

Wagner made two stops and was on his back when the Stevenson player corralled the loose puck and sent it over the goal line.

Other than that tally, it was an evenly played period with Unified outshooting Stevenson 9-8.

Zynda, making his first start of the year, made a nice stick save on junior defense-

man Nick Bonadeo's blast from the left point during a Redford power play. Before the period ended, he held his ground and stopped senior forward Joe Petriches on the doorstep.

Stevenson's second goal, on the power play early during the second period, was apparently aided when the puck hit a linesman along the boards in Redford's zone.

Instead of sliding behind the goal, the puck found the stick of Vella who sent a quick feed over to wide-open Kierdorf.

The Spartans pretty much controlled the rest of the period - helped by the string of penalties against Singer's team - and outshot Redford 12-1.

Unified had several chances in the third period to break Zynda's shutout. Senior forward James Lehr clanked a shot off the crossbar and Zynda's quick glove snared a hard shot by senior



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Stevenson's Richard Kierdorf (left) tries to slip a shot past Redford Unified goaltender Ryan Wagner.

forward Bill Cetnar with about four minutes to go.

"He (Zynda) came up big when he had to," Humitz

said. "This was his first game of the year so he wanted to have a good effort."

"He certainly has given

himself the opportunity to get back in there again soq."

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Westland's Lancaster loved life, bowling

This man was a bowler, and a whole lot more. It was Nov. 18, at Super Bowl in Canton, when Ron Lancaster, a resident of Westland, suffered a fatal heart attack.

He could not bowl anymore due to his illness, he was there just to watch his grandchildren bowl. Ron had a wonderful family and lots of friends, many of whom were bowlers.

He served as a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association and enjoyed working with people.

The entire Lancaster family bowled, and Ron was the leader of the pack.

He helped John P. Gavie form the Mayflower Senior Men's Classic League. It was his idea to



Lancaster

create the Mayflower Lanes Senior Youth Challenge, which has enjoyed a successful 10-year run.

A few years back, Lancaster had hip replacement surgery, but continued to bowl. He simply did a wrong-foot-Louie delivery and took the pressure off of his bad hip by doing so. His high game was 299, and he always joked about just missing the perfect score.

He was proud of the championship in the Masonic Tournament that he and his son, Todd, captured a few years back.

Born in 1932, he was married to Priscilla (friends call her Bunnie) for 53 years. He will be missed by his son, Todd, and daughters, Dawn, Melonie and Sarah. Nine grandchildren will remember him as the best grandpa ever.

Lancaster served in the Air

Force and spent his career with GM as a manager in traffic control until he retired in 1987.

"Ironically, he always used to say that he would die in a bowling alley," said his daughter Sarah Mewton. "It was amazing to see how many complete strangers at Super Bowl just wanted to help my father. It restores your faith that there are still people out there that will help a complete stranger in such a time of need."

"I don't even know the names of some of the people that tried helping my dad, but I would like to thank them for their kindness and generosity."

■ Something new is cooking at Schoolcraft College.

The Ocelots are forming a collegiate bowling team, open to full-time students of both genders. Greg Colling is the coach and he already has some pretty good shooters trying out. Tryouts and practice sessions are being held from 3-5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, at Merri Bowl Lanes, located at Five Mile and Merriman roads, in Livonia.

The season will run during January and February of 2007 and a tournament is scheduled Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 17. Call (734) 462-4804.

■ 1,012.

That number is from a four-man team of senior bowlers for one game, which occurred last week in the Senior Men's Classic at Mayflower Lanes in Redford when the Casino 4 team rolled 33 strikes covering the 40 frames.

Here is how it went:

Lead-off man Ray Sonier (Southgate), 243-288-230/76; Joel Eitner (Taylor), 235-226-218/679; Ron Eisenbeis (Gros Pointe), 214-235-178/627; and anchorman, Larry Best (Brownstown), 265-263-247/775. Needless to say, Casino 4 captured the game. The total series was 2,842.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be reached by calling (248) 477-1839 or email: tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net.

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To win trust, you must be trustworthy

How can I prove to my parents that they can trust my judgment?

Trustless

Garden City

The easy answer is, if you want to be trusted, always act in a trustworthy manner. What this means is, make sure the things you do and say are worthy of your parents' trust. If you tell your parents you are going to the movies with your friends, don't go to a party instead. If you tell your parents that you're finished with your homework, don't leave some of it do just before class starts. If your parents depend on you to help with chores, don't wait until they ask you to do them before you think about them. By always doing what you say you're going to do, you'll earn your parents' trust and show them that

you're capable of making good decisions. They'll be more likely to trust your judgment if they never have a reason to doubt it!



Teen Talk

Monica Fulton

One of my friends is about to have a baby and she doesn't even seem scared. What can I do to make her realize that her life is going to be totally different?

Frustrated

Garden City

Having a baby, at any age, definitely changes a person's life. Having a baby when you're still a teen changes your life more than you can explain. Most people don't really know how different life with a baby is until they have one! Even if you think you know all the ways your life will be different, you really only know the half of it. So, convincing your friend that her life will be totally different might be impossible right now. However, after the baby comes, your friend might have a hard time adjusting to all the changes the baby brings that she didn't expect. It will be important for you to support your friend and help her in any way you can. If you have some personal experience with this, either as a teen mom yourself or as a teen sister of a baby, you will be someone who truly understands what she's going through. Be a good friend by listening to her and offering support when you can. The more support teen moms have, the better off their children are!

My friend is kind of a reckless driver. I want to tell her, but I'm afraid she'll be angry and think I'm trying to control her. What should I do?

Control Freak

Garden City

If you feel unsafe riding in your friend's car, you shouldn't be worried about your friend getting angry; you should be more concerned about your safety! However, it's still important to respect your friend's feelings while protecting your life. So, letting your friend know that you're concerned about getting in a car accident and getting hurt when she drives too fast or runs the yellow lights is appropriate. If she doesn't begin to drive safer, the next time she offers to drive, you can tell her your friend that you're not up for the Indy 500 race this time and you'll ride with someone else. Hopefully, your friend will make the choice to drive less reckless and protect her own life, too!

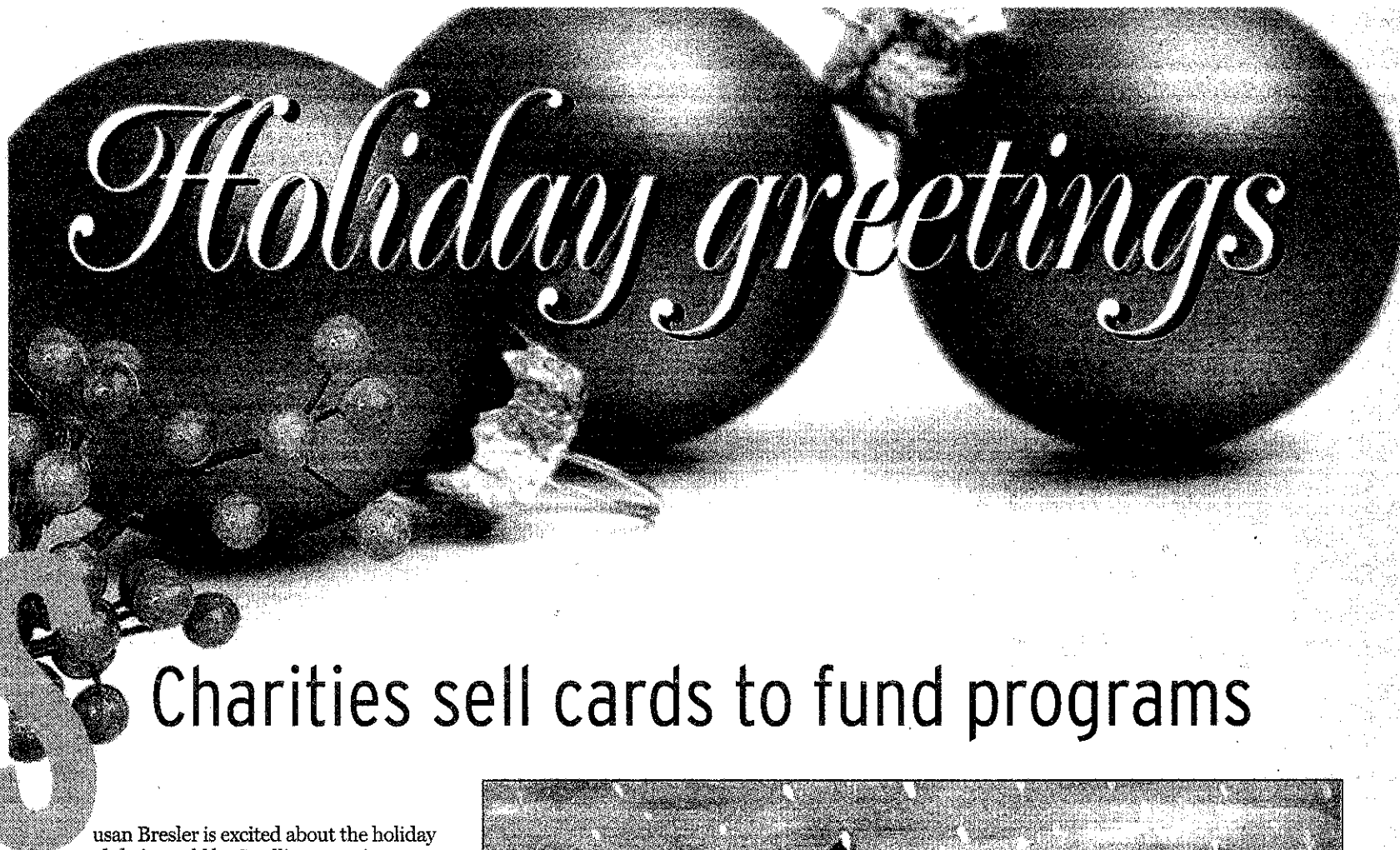
My friend is taking diet pills and she hasn't been feeling well. What should I do?

Worried

Garden City

Diet pills can be very dangerous — especially for teens! Your bodies are still growing and your brains are still making neuron connections you'll need for the rest of your lives. Diet pills can interfere with both your body and your brain as they develop, causing lifelong problems and sometimes even death! If your friend has been sick, and you think it's because of the diet pills, it's important that an adult know what's going on. Try to convince your friend to tell her parents, or another trusted adult, what her symptoms are and that she's been taking diet pills. Convince her that she should see a doctor right away! If your friend won't get help, you could tell your parents and ask them to help you get your friend the help she needs. It might be hard to "rat out" your friend, but it will be much harder to do nothing and allow your friend to do serious damage to her body, or even die.

Monica Fulton is the supervisor of the Family Resource Center in Garden City working on youth and family problems. She can be reached by e-mail at monicafulton@sbcglobal.net.



Charities sell cards to fund programs

Susan Bresler is excited about the holiday cards being sold by Seedlings to raise money to print Braille books for blind children locally and around the world. The Livonia nonprofit is one of several area organizations selling holiday cards to fund their specific charities.

1. This is the first year **Seedlings Braille Books for Blind Children** is offering seasons greetings along with their regular donation cards that notify the recipient a book has been inscribed with their name. Tribute cards for books inscribed with a name cost \$10.

Holiday cards are \$16 per box of 16 cards and 17 envelopes, and available in seven different designs including Northern Guardian which features Santa, a polar bear, white fox and owl, and reads Peace on Earth, Goodwill to All. For more information, call (734) 427-8552, or visit the office at 14151 Farmington Road, north of I-96 (Schoolcraft), Livonia.

The Pumpernickel Press cards are environmentally friendly and made in the U.S. including the packing material.

"All cards are made from recycled paper, printed with soy inks and packaged by occupational training workshop patrons so you're not only helping blind children," said Susan Bresler, community outreach director of Livonia.

2. The **Ann Arbor Ronald McDonald House** is selling nine different designs including Holiday Home. The card should appeal to Christian and Jewish recipients and senders alike as there is a Christmas tree in one window, a Menorah aglow in another and reads Happy Holidays from our house to your house. Cost is \$20 for pack of

25 plus \$3 for handling and shipping first box, 50 cents for each additional box. Make check or money order payable to Ronald McDonald House and send to Holiday Cards, Ronald McDonald House, 1600 Washington Heights, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Call (734) 994-4442. The nonprofit provides a home away from home for parents and families of seriously ill children receiving treatment in local hospitals. Designs were created by artists.

3. **Donate Life Coalition of Michigan** cards are sold in sets of 10 for \$12. Make checks payable to Donate Life Coalition of Michigan. Master Card and Visa payments accepted. Mail payment to Donate Life Coalition of Michigan, Attn: Cathy Warren, 4532 Chadsworth, Commerce Twp., MI 48382.

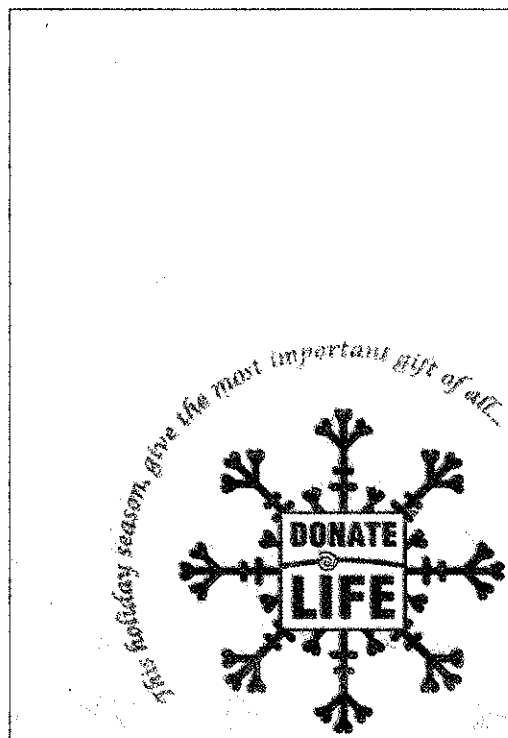
The nonprofit was founded in 1994 to promote organ and tissue donation.

4. **New Hope Center for Grief Support** is selling two different Christmas cards available in packs of 20 for \$20. \$13 is tax deductible. Based on Christian principles, the nonprofit helps people work through grief and offers hope and healing to all who seek their free services which include workshops, support groups and social activities. Cards must be picked up at 113 E. Dunlap in Northville due to staff and volunteer requirements. Shipping not available. Call (248) 348-0115.

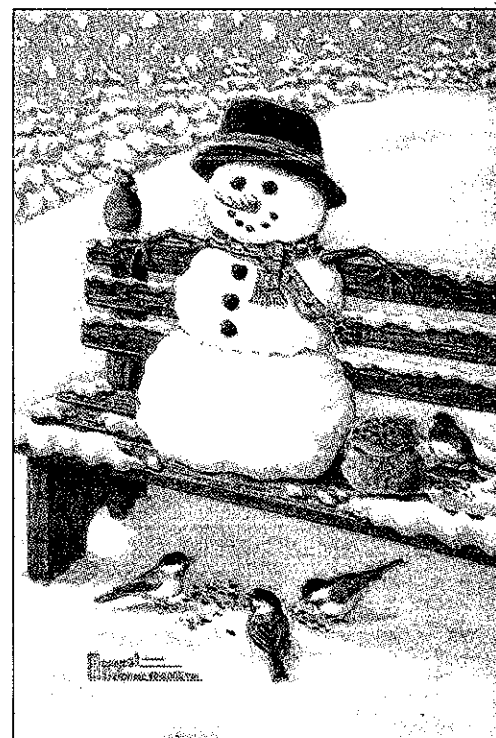
5. **Dawn Farm** sells packs of 12 Christmas, Hanukkah or holiday cards (available in an assortment) printed on recycled paper for \$12. The Farm operates a 13-bed Detox Facility in Ann Arbor with residential services and transitional housing for formerly homeless addicts and alcoholics in addition to offering outreach programs for addicted women with young children, addicts on the street and Washtenaw County Jail inmates. Call (734) 485-8725 or visit 6633 Stony Creek Road, Ypsilanti 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Proceeds help provide food, clothing and shelter for young people in treatment for substance abuse.



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Seedlings



American Lung Association of Michigan

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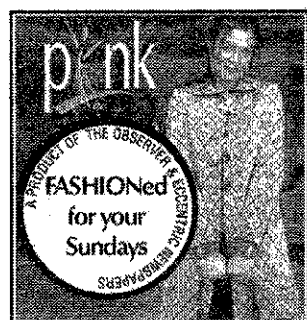
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Class of 1967

A 40-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Doubletree Hotel, Dearborn. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, approximately \$35. For information, call Cheryl Riske Brown at (313)336-0192 or e-mail efrs67@yahoo.com

Detroit Chadsey

Class of 1957

A 50th Reunion is being planned for the summer of 2007. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288.

Detroit Cody

Class of 1957

A 50th reunion at the Embassy Suites, Livonia Oct. 5, 2007. Cost is \$95 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, CD and much more. We extend this invitation to all 50's graduates. Deadline is June 25. Don't miss out.

CLASS REUNIONS

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Class of 1962

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Detroit Southwestern

Class of 1957

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Fordson High School

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1. "Dear John," Nicholas Sparks
2. "For One More Day," Mitch Albom
3. "Lisey's Story," Stephen King
4. "H.R.H.," Danielle Steel
5. "The Collectors," David Baldacci

NON-FICTION

1. "The Audacity of Hope," Barack Obama
2. "The Innocent Man," John Grisham
3. "Culture Warrior," Bill O'Reilly
4. "State of Denial," Bob Woodward
5. "I Feel Bad About My Neck," Nora Ephron

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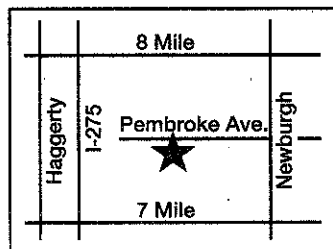
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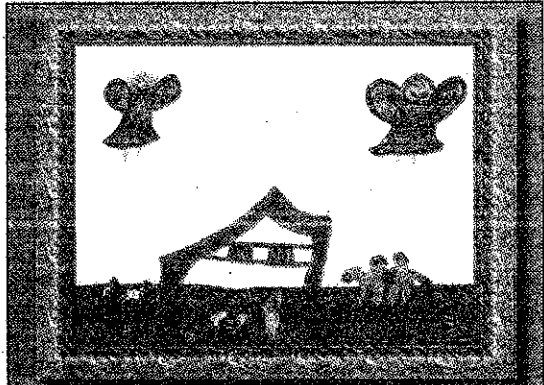
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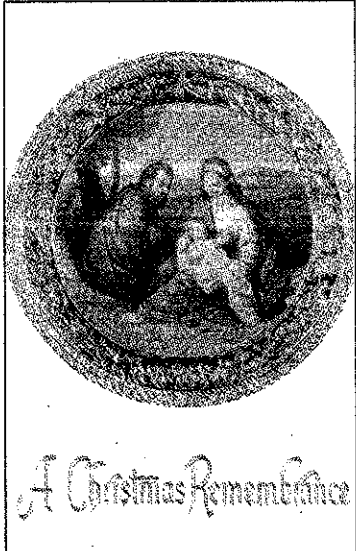
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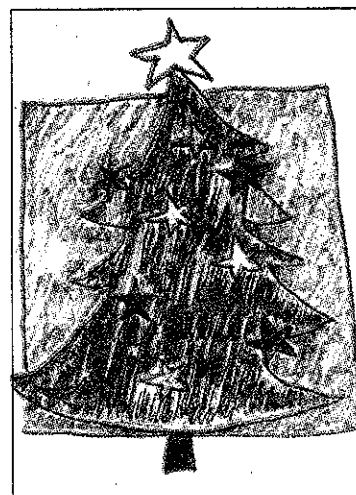
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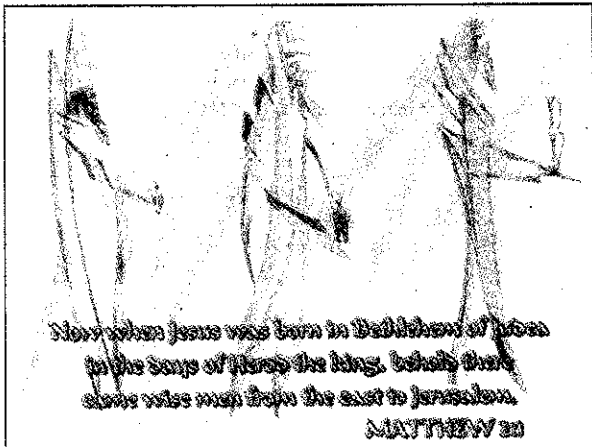
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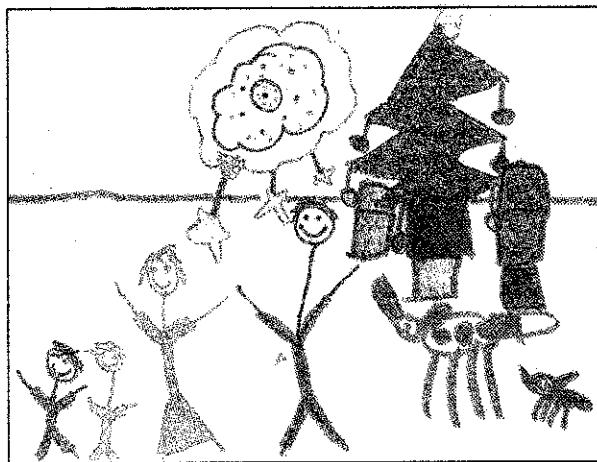
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6. STARS-kids, a charitable foundation Seeking Techniques Advancing Research in Shunts, raises awareness and funds for hydrocephalus and shunt research. Holiday cards are sold in packs of 25 for \$20, includes shipping and handling. All proceeds benefit STARS-kids based in Auburn Hills. To order, visit www.STARS-kids.org or call (313) 384-3232.

7. Lutheran Child and Family Service of Michigan offers a package of 20 cards for \$14. Proceeds provide support and guidance for counseling services to children and family. Send check made payable to LCFS Auxiliary to Rosemarie Herceg, 329 Leroy, Clawson, MI 48017.

8. Right to Life-Lifespan offers two selections of cards this year: A Precious Moment featuring the newborn Jesus (\$16 per box of 20) and an outdoor scene depicting the Holy Family (\$7 per pack of 10). Call the Livonia office at (248) 478-8878 or send e-mail to mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org. The nonprofit is a non-denominational and non-political pro-life organization dedicated to the protection of vulnerable human life from conception through natural death.

9. American Lung Association of Michigan cards include whimsical, tradi-



Spencer Lisabeth of Lathrup Village is among the Detroit-area children who created card designs for the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

tional and religious backgrounds. Hanukkah and Kwanzaa cards also available. Cost is \$9.95 for box of 10. Cards can also be ordered in Spanish. Special orders of customized cards also available. To view samples, visit www.buyholidaycards.com. Catalogs available by calling (248) 784-2030.

10. Beaumont Hospital's Integrative Medicine program is selling a snowy winter scene by Clarkston artist Jan Mayer, a 12-year cancer survivor. Cost is \$15.90 for pack of 10. To order, call (248) 551-7837 or visit Suite 304 in the Cancer Center at the hospital on 13 Mile, west of Woodward, Royal Oak. Cash, check, VISA and MasterCard accepted. Proceeds benefit programs for cancer patients at the hospital.

11. Choose from four different designs from Michigan-based **Band of Angels**, an international outreach organization dedicated to helping individuals with Down syndrome reach their full potential. Cost is \$14 for box of 12. Purchase online at www.band-ofangels.com or by calling (800) 963-2237.

12. Michigan Humane Society is offering four photo designs of its pets adopted during the year. Proceeds go to support the nonprofit's shelters in Westland, Rochester Hills and Detroit. Box of 15 cards is \$15, and available online at www.michiganhumane.org, by calling (866) 648-6263 or visiting 900 Newburgh in Westland; 3600 West Auburn, Rochester Hills or 7401 Chrysler, Detroit.

13. Forgotten Harvest, metro Detroit's only mobile food rescue organization, features three designs. Pack of 25 cards is \$23 with 100 percent of sales going to the program that last year rescued more than eight million pounds of perishable food and delivered it to soup kitchens, pantries and food providers in the tri-county area. Shipping and handling an additional \$3. Single cards available for \$1 each. Place orders by calling the Southfield office at (248) 350-3663 or visiting www.forgotten-harvest.org.

14. Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan features 10 designs, several by kids, many of them survivors of the disease. The statewide organization provides information, financial assistance and emotional support to families of adults and children affected by leukemia, lymphoma and other related blood disorders. Cost is \$25 for pack of 20. Visit www.leukemiamichigan.org or call the Southfield-based nonprofit at (248) 353-8222.



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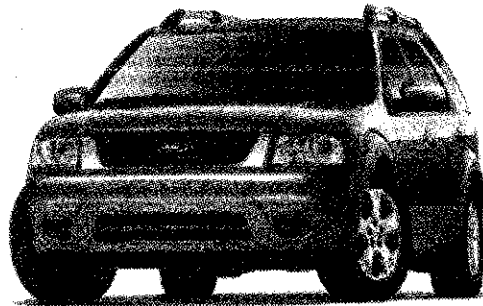
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ANNIVERSARY



Shaw's celebrate 10th
Arthur and Lila (Hegazi) Shaw of Commerce Township recently celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary.

The couple was married Aug. 18, 1996 at Pine Trace Golf Club in Rochester Hills. Arthur Shaw owns A.F. Shaw & Associates. Lila (Hegazi) Shaw, the daughter of Yousef and Selma Hegazi of Plymouth, is a medical sales representative.

The couple plans a future trip to Australia and New Zealand to celebrate.

ENGAGEMENTS



Bauer-Karam

Thomas and Janet Bauer of Sterling Heights and Daniel and Susan Schaffer of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie Bauer, to Joshua Karam, the son of Charles and Theresa Karam of Chesterfield Township.

The bride-to-be holds an associate's degree from Macomb Community College and is a current student at Wayne State University, pursuing a degree in education.

The prospective groom is currently an electrical apprentice employed with Motor City Electric Company.

A June wedding is planned at Grace United Methodist Church in New Baltimore, Mich.



Johnson-Grewe

Mike and Kathy Johnson of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Johnson, to Eric Grewe.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She is a graduate of Schoolcraft College and is pursuing a nursing degree at Madonna University for December of 2006. She is employed at Don Lora Electronics in Livonia. She plans to enter the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps in September 2007.

The prospective groom is the son Carl Grewe of Muskegon and Gay Moss of Canton. He is a 2001 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He is a 2004 graduate of Schoolcraft College. His a Petty Officer 3rd Class in the U.S. Navy at the Naval Power Training Unit in Goose Creek, S.C.

Eric and Lauren are planning an April 14, 2007, wedding in Livonia.

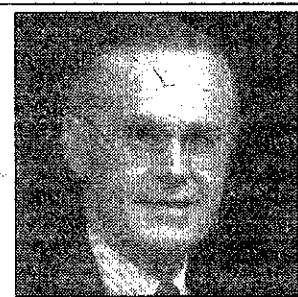


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JAMES A. ALIBER

Passed away November 21, of complications from Parkinson's Disease. He was 81. James was born on February 2, 1925 in Detroit, MI. James graduated from Redford High School in Detroit in 1943 and The University of Michigan in 1947 with a Bachelor of Arts after serving in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946 as a Lieutenant Junior Grade. While at the University of Michigan, James was a member of the varsity football team, playing quarterback under Coach Fritz Crisler. James began his business career working for J.L. Hudson, R.L. Polk and the National Bank of Detroit before joining First Federal of Michigan in 1957. He served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer from 1977 until he retired in 1990. James was extremely active in civic and community organizations. James was a 38-year Director of William Beaumont Hospital and a Trustee of The Skillman Foundation. He was also chairman of The United Negro College Fund, New Detroit, Inc., and the UMCA of Metro Detroit. He was a director of Camp Oakland Youth Programs, The Federal National Mortgage Association, Detroit Renaissance, Inc., The Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, The United Way of South Eastern Michigan, The Boys and Girls Club of Metro Detroit, the Detroit area of the Boy Scouts of America, Detroit Country Day School, The Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, the Federal Saving and Loan Advisory Council, The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan and The Economic Club of Detroit. He also served as President of the Michigan League of Savings Institutions and the Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan. James was a long time member of St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham, and a member of the Vestry. James was a member of Orchard Lake Country Club, Bloomfield Hills Country Club, The Ocean Club of Florida, The Country Club of Florida and Quail Ridge Country Club in Florida. James was formerly a member of the Detroit Club, the Detroit Athletic Club and the Renaissance Club. James is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ann E. (Gehrke). Survivors also include three children, son Thomas and his wife Karen and their daughters Kendall and Kirsten of Waterford, MI, daughter Sara and her husband Michael and their sons Peter, Charles and David of Wellesley, MA, and son William and his wife Kimberly and their children Thomas, Julie, Johnathan and Katherine of Kansas City, MO. James is also survived by his sister Mary Lou Aliber. James is preceded in death by his parents John and Norma Aliber. A memorial service will be held at St. James Episcopal Church, Saturday, December 2, 2006, 11:00AM. Memorial tributes may be made to the church or Beaumont Hospital Foundation. Arrangements by The Wm. R. Hamilton Co. of Birmingham. 248-644-6000

CLIFFORD R. BAKER

Age 91, passed away November 20, 2006. He was an avid golfer and fisherman. He was truly proud of being a graduate of Ball State University, and earning his Masters from Wayne State in Education. He was in the process of earning his Doctorate at U of M. Mr. Baker is survived by his children William (Sandra) Baker, Patricia (Albert) Beiring, 5 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and his sister Edna Freed. He was preceded in death by his wife Martha in 1992. A funeral service was held on Nov. 21st at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

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In Memory Of

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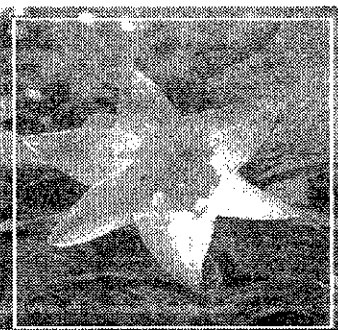
JAMES A. RICHARDSON

Age 76, of Genoa, Illinois (formerly of Plymouth, Michigan), November 22, 2006. Born October 15, 1930, in Detroit, the son of Ernest and Elizabeth (Marnich) Richardson. He married Arlene Jeffrey on August 5, 1961, and she survives. Also surviving are seven children, Gerald (Mary), Kathleen McCarthy, Charlene (Douglas) Tees, Deborah Ashley, James L., Ronald (Dawn), and Sherilyn (David) Radionoff; 11 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; a brother, Edward Richardson; sisters Eileen (Gerald) Putin, Rita Raiche, and Margaret Taylor; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by infant daughter, Mary Elizabeth, and two brothers. Mr. Richardson was a veteran of the U.S. Army, 1951-53. He worked in construction and the building trades in Michigan, retiring after 25 years. Jim then opened "Jim's Rod and Reel Repair" in Plymouth where he built custom fishing rods. Jim was an avid fisherman, a charter member of the RodCrafters Association, and a member of the Cross Wind Community Church of Genoa. Funeral service was held Saturday, November 25, in Genoa. Memorials to Angela Hospice, Livonia, Michigan, in care of Slater-Butala Funeral Home, 132 W. Main, PO Box 8, Genoa, IL 60135.



KATHLEEN ANN SHENEMAN

Age 52, November 22, 2006. Beloved daughter of John and Dorothy. Loving sister of Linda, John, Brian, Joseph and James. Dear Aunt of eight nieces and four nephews. Also survived by dear friend, Benjamin Pruitt. Memorial visitation Sunday 1-9pm with rosary service 7pm at HARRY J WILL FUNERAL HOME, 34567 Michigan Ave, Wayne. Memorial mass 10am at St. Mary Catholic Church, 34530 Michigan Ave. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family.



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WEDDINGS

Cothran-Parrish

Connie Lynn Cothran of Livonia and Christopher Michael Parrish of Woodridge, Ill., were married Aug. 12, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville with the Rev. Doug Thompson officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Connie Mack Cothran of Livonia and the late Linda Sue Cothran. She is a 1987 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and attended Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a medical receptionist.

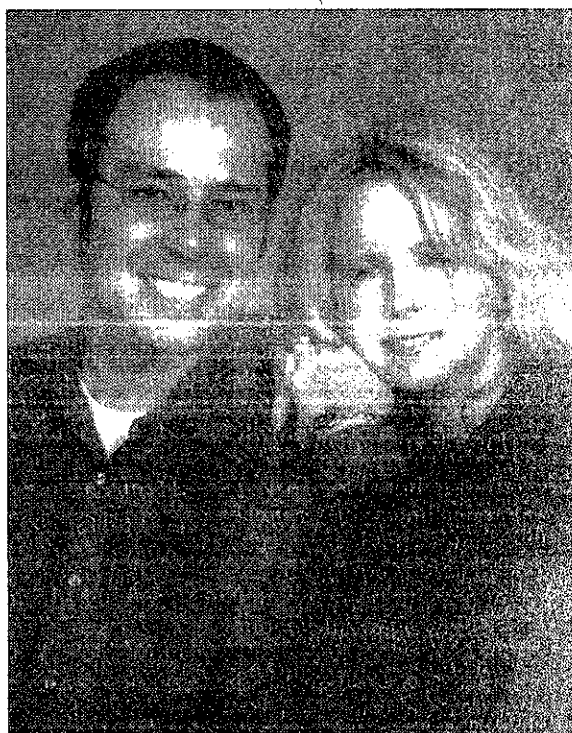
Attending the bride were Heidi Cothran, matron of honor, sister-in-law of the bride; Nicole Yambor, bridesmaid and cousin of the bride; Colleen Doyle, bridesmaid and cousin of the bride; Linda Vangoethem, bridesmaid and friend of the bride; and Jean McNulty, bridesmaid and friend of the bride.

The groom is the son of Deborah Fay Parrish of Fulton, N.Y. He is a 1991 graduate of Bodley High School in Fulton, a 1998 graduate of Lawrence Tech University and is employed with Neumann Homes-Chicago Division as a manager of land and engineering development in Chicago.

He was attended by Andrew Arigo, best man and friend of the groom; Russell Cothran, groomsman and brother of the bride; Paul Schych, groomsman and friend of the groom; Ronald Thies, groomsman and friend of the groom; Harrison Cothran, ringbearer and nephew of the bride.

A reception was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia. The couple honeymooned at Marco Island, Fla.

They are making their home in Chicago.



Timmerman-Jewell

Tracy Timmerman of Canton and Paul Jewell of Plymouth were married during a ceremony April 22, 2006 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville, with Pastor Kurt Gebhard officiating.

Tracy is the daughter of Pamela and Daniel Timmerman of Canton. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Michigan State University, and is a third-grade teacher in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Paul is the son of Irma and Timothy Jewell of St. Joseph, Mich. He earned a degree in computer science from Michigan State University, and is a software developer for Creative Solutions.

The bride was attended by Kimberly Tamme, Kelley Frader, Jackie Minor, Sarah Vermiglio and Kristin Jewell.

The groom was attended by Brian Ciaravino, Nick Timmerman, David Jewell, Matt Boyd and Andy Vermiglio.

A reception was held at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in Plymouth. After their honeymoon to Mian Riveria, the couple made their home in Canton.

Whittington-Ford

Heather Anne Whittington and David Hampton Ford, Jr., were married Oct. 21, 2006 at St. John Neumann in Canton.

Heather is the daughter of Terry and Christine Whittington of Canton. David is the son of David and Susan Ford, also of Canton.

The bride, a 2001 graduate of Salem High School, graduated with honors with a degree in geology (minoring in physics) from the University of Michigan in 2005. She works for Northwest Consultants, Inc.

The groom, also a 2001 Salem High School graduate, got a degree in marketing and economics from Michigan State, then earned his master's in accounting from the University of Virginia. He works for Ernst & Young.

A reception at the Michigan Union followed the wedding.



Friends of the Opera present gift of music

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Quinto Milito is all about tradition. Born and educated in Italy, the Livonia baritone can't imagine celebrating Christmas without music.

Beginning Dec. 3, Milito and the Friends of the Opera of Michigan, under his direction, perform three concerts as their gift to area residents.

Last year the opera company presented Amahl and the Night Visitors, but were unable to raise the money needed to repeat the production this holiday season.

"I always wanted to do this because we must do something for children, the senior citizens, the community," said Quinto Milito. "It's customary to do this at Christmas. We'll sing selections from Messiah by Handel, Christmas carols such as Silent Night, Jesu Bambino, Ave Maria by Schubert, holiday favorites like dreaming of a White Christmas."

Audiences should enjoy the free concerts sung by Milito, a graduate of the G. Rossini Conservatory of Music in Pesaro, Italy. He has performed in Europe, Canada, and throughout the U.S. including in Michigan with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. In November 2001, Milito says he received the greatest honor ever when he had a private audience and sang for the late Pope John Paul II.

Joining Milito for the concerts are soprano Karin White of Ann Arbor and piano accompanist Jeanne Muraski, the music director of St. Priscilla Catholic Church in Livonia. The final concert on Saturday, Dec. 16, also features tenor Steven Tompkins, the Redford Civic Symphony under the direction of Douglas MacQueen, and Muraski conducting the

'I always wanted to do this because we must do something for children, the senior citizens, the community.'

Quinto Milito
Livonia baritone

St. Priscilla church chorus.

White has sung most recently as a soprano soloist with the Manistee Symphony (Brahms Requiem), Eastern Michigan University (Carmina Burana), and Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (Beethoven's Ninth Symphony). This past spring White appeared as Queen of the Night in the Comic Opera Guild productions of The Magic Flute in Ann Arbor.

Tompkins is finishing his master's degree in vocal performance at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He made his professional orchestra debut with the International Symphony Orchestra in Sarnia, Ontario singing Handel's Messiah and Saint-Saens' Christmas Oratorio.

Although there is no charge for any of the concerts, donations are welcome. For more information, call (313) 582-0997.

The first performance takes place 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia.

A second Christmas concert is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at St. Gerald Church, 21300 Farmington Road, Farmington.

The final concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, is at St. Priscilla Catholic Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia.

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Tree of Life returns to honor loved ones

The Angela Hospice Tree of Life is now on display at Laurel Park Place, just next to the Von Maur entrance, at Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia.

The Tree of Life is a familiar site to many Laurel Park Place shoppers who have placed an angel ornament honoring their loved one on the tree for a donation to Angela Hospice.

An opening ceremony took place on Nov. 18, including a performance by the Angela Hospice Choir. Volunteer Stella Smith of Plymouth has worked the opening shift of the Tree of Life for the past seven years.

"It's very rewarding to meet so many families and listen to their stories," said Stella Smith. "The Tree of Life surroundings at Laurel Park are very beautiful and the angel ornaments add such a personal touch."

Barb Keppen, a volunteer from Livonia, has worked with Smith at the opening for the last three years. Both Keppen and Smith have taken Angela Hospice's bereavement training course, which has come in handy while working at the tree where many donors choose to make a donation in memory of a deceased loved one.

"I just like to be able to help them through their grief," said

'I just like to be able to help them through their grief. It's very emotional that time of year - very emotional. It makes you feel good to be able to help.'

Barb Keppen
Livonia volunteer

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Volunteers are the heart of this event, dedicating hundreds of hours to make the fund-raiser a success.

This is the 19th year for the Tree of Life which benefits Angela Hospice's programs for terminally ill patients and their families.

The display continues to grow each year and now includes eight Christmas trees.

To add an ornament honoring your loved one, visit the Tree of Life in person during mall hours, or call Angela Hospice at (734) 464-7810. The Tree of Life will remain at Laurel Park Place through Dec. 24.



PHOTO BY LISA NORTON

Volunteers Barb Keppen and Stella Smith wait to greet guests to Angela Hospice's Tree of Life. The tree will be on display through Christmas Eve at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

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 bid for **Data, Voice and Video Wiring for Miller Elementary School**. Bid documents will be available for pickup on or after November 15, 2006 from the District's technology consultant: Innovate located at 37558 Hills Tech Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331 or via email at info@innovatetec.com (request document #PC0604). A pre-bid meeting will be held at the District's E.J. McClendon Educational Center 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, on Monday, November 27, 2006 at 2:00 P.M. Sealed bids will also be received at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center and must be clearly marked "MILLER ELEMENTARY CABLING BID" and received no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on Monday, December 11, 2006 at which time they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids and to waive any bid irregularities, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JUDY MARDIGIAN, Secretary

Plymouth, November 26, 2006



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Toy safety

PIRGIM helps parents make smart shopping decisions

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Holly Bair sees toy-related injuries in the emergency room at William Beaumont Hospital all year long, but especially during holidays when older cousins visit and bring toys which can harm a young child. A registered nurse and trauma care coordinator at Royal Oak Beaumont, Bair spoke at a press conference to release the 21st annual Trouble in Toyland report from PIRGIM (Public Interest Research Group in

Michigan) on Nov. 21, at the hospital. The report provides safety guidelines to help parents make smart shopping decisions and lists examples of toys that pose potential hazards.

In 2005, 20 toy-related deaths were reported to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). A toy dart and a bead from a toy horse figurine were among the objects that took the lives of children ranging in age from 15-months to eight years. One child died after being strangled

by a Slinky and ribbon, another from an intestinal blockage caused by a magnet from a building set. Six choked to death on toy balls. Another 72,800 children under age five were treated in emergency rooms for toy-related injuries.

Bair easily pulls off the tire of a Rev-ups car from Hot Wheels to demonstrate the choking danger for small children.

"Everything goes into children's mouths under age 3," said Holly Bair of White Lake. "I was very cautious with my two children. They're very ingenious at taking things apart. We see a lot of swallowing of small objects that kids get hold of. A child's esophagus is the size of a quarter. If you find a child, he's drooling, unable to swallow his own saliva, seek medical attention immediately. They can inhale a small toy into the windpipe. Make sure a child plays with age appropriate toys. Periodically check toys for any damage to make sure all of the pieces are still on, there are no sharp edges that could cut a child."

Donna Bucciarelli began shopping for toys for her 7-year-old daughter Elena in July. A registered nurse and injury prevention coordinator at Beaumont, Bucciarelli says, it takes a lot of work to keep children safe. Bucciarelli still remembers a 3-year-old girl that choked on a grape and ended up in the intensive care unit. A marble is the same size and could easily hurt a child.

"I'm not as concerned at her age. She understands about

choking hazards and actually takes things away from her young cousins," said Donna Bucciarelli of Livonia. "But even when they're playing with beads, you can't expect a 5- or 6-year-old is going to patrol younger children."

Bucciarelli is especially concerned with the magnetic toys on the market. On Tuesday, the CPSC and Mattel Inc. issued a nationwide recall of 2.4 million Polly Pocket play sets after receiving reports that several children were seriously injured. The magnets become attracted to one another and can cause a bowel obstruction or life-threatening perforation.

A young boy died last Thanksgiving and several other children have undergone life-saving surgery after swallowing magnets from MEGA Brands' Magnetix toys. While MEGA has modified the design and placed a warning label on the toy, PIRGIM has requested that the CPSC require all magnetic toy makers to place a label warning parents to seek immediate medical attention if their child swallows a magnet.

"I never buy the magnets," said Bucciarelli. "I think parents wait for a recall. I probably would too if I didn't see it in ER. The cost of throwing it away is so much less."

One by one David Pettit revealed the dangers of toys assembled on a table at the hospital. This fall a team of researchers scoured stores in search of playthings that could cause strangulation, hearing loss, poisoning, or damage health. In the last 20 years the



PHOTOS BY EMILY HOWARD

Holly Bair, a registered nurse and Trauma Care coordinator at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, and David Pettit, PIRGIM Public Interest associate, discuss safety guidelines as Pettit holds up a choke cylinder. If a toy can fit inside the 1.75 inch diameter of the cylinder or a toilet paper tube, a child under age 3 can choke on the object.

nonprofit has made substantial progress in helping to remove unsafe toys from shelves.

While most toys today are safe for children, Pettit recommends parents perform their own test with a choke cylinder or toilet paper tube. If a toy can fit inside the 1.75 inch diameter, a child under age 3 can choke on the object. He urges parents to use the report only as a guideline (available at www.pirgim.org) and report any unsafe toy to the CPSC. The hotline is (800) 638-CPSC (2772) or visit www.cpsc.gov.

Baby Annabell, for age 1 and up, includes a pacifier a child could choke on. A Sassy photo book is made in China with phthalates, a chemical used to soften plastic toys and teethingers. Phthalates can cause reproductive defects and early onset puberty. The European Union has already banned the use of Phthalates in toys. Parents beware, even toys labeled as phthalate-free may still contain the dangerous chemical.

The musical keyboard with 19 flashing keys by Little Tike blares 103 decibels at close range. 85 decibels could cause hearing loss. Pettit suggests not buying the toy but if parents do to tape over the speakers to muffle the sound.

Although Playskool recalled its Team Talkin' Tool Bench in

September after two children suffocated when the toy's oversized plastic nails became lodged in their throats, Home Depot's Light & Sound Air Wrench includes the same size bolts.

In February, a 4-year old child died from swallowing a charm that was 99-percent lead. Besides death, lead exposure can cause delayed mental and physical development in children.

"There was three times the legal limit of lead in a necklace by Diddle," said Pettit. "They need to read the report."

Bair adds several suggestions to avoid a trip to the ER.

"Last year the CPSC received a report of a child dying after a balloon found it's way into the lungs," said Bair as she picked up a balloon from the table. "Pretty soon it deflates and is such a hazard. They breathe in to completely cover the airway and a child turns blue."

"The key is making yourself as educated as possible and stay up to date, check for warnings. A lot of it is just common sense. Read labels and store toys appropriately so the toy of an 8-year-old is not handed down to a 2-year-old. Keep up to date on recalls. Be safe. Have a great holiday season."

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Some of the toys that made the PIRGIM dangerous toys list for 2006.



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Cancer and Nutrition: Fuel for Life 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, at Karmanos' Weisberg Cancer Center, 31995 Northwestern, Farmington Hills, and Cancer and the Family: A Parent's Guide to Talking with Their Children 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Crittenton Hospital, 1101 W. University Drive, Rochester (also at Northwest Activities Center in Detroit on Nov. 28). To register or for details, call (800) KARMANOS (527-6266).

Natural hormone replacement

Bio-Identical Hormone Replacement Therapies: Managing Menopause the Natural Way and Overcoming Female Sexual Dysfunction, presented by Jerrold Weinberg, M.D., founder of Michigan's First Menopause Clinic & Mimi Kuykendall, PA-CMS 7-9 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 29, at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 489-1573. Ext. 304, to reserve your place for this free seminar.

Bridging the holidays

A program designed to help families work through the holidays and special occasions without their loved one, includes a small memorial 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, at St. Cletus Catholic Church, 26256 Ryan, Warren.

Winter memorial 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Best Western Hotel, 16999 South Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Come to honor and celebrate the lives of your loved one. All programs are non-denominational. No charge. RSVP requested by Nov. 27, at (800) 770-9859.

Substance abuse therapy

Group for ages 18-25 who are sincere about recovery and have completed or are currently in a treatment program, or participating in AA or NA, at Birmingham Maple Clinic, 950 E. Maple, Birmingham. Meets 8-9:30 p.m. Thursdays. Intake evaluation required. For details, call David Garvelink at (248) 646-6659 or (248) 320-6700.

UPCOMING

Shakin' and stirrin' for a cure

Friday, Dec. 1, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation hosts its 1st Annual Oak Town Mix Down in the 610 South Loft developments located on Troy Street, between 6th and 7th, east of Main Street. This social "mixer" features a variety of cocktails and appetizers from favorite establishments in the area such as Memphis Smoke, Mr. B's, Woody's, and Panera Bread, as well as live entertainment and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The cost to attend is \$50 for VIP tickets, which provide patrons with premium beverage selection and entertainment at a private Happy Hour (6-8 p.m.) prior to the general event, and \$35 for general admission 8-11 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information, please email Detroit@cff.org or call (248)

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Grant applicants wanted

Sinai-Grace Hospital is accepting grant applications until Dec. 1 from community organizations through its Srere Women's Care Fund (SWCF), an endowed grant program associated with the hospital's Obstetrics and Gynecology Department. The funding is open to all nonprofit organizations for programs servicing healthcare and social welfare needs of women and infants in north-west region. About \$50,000 will be available annually to fund several small one-year grants. Applicants will be expected to give a presentation of their proposal in January 2007. Following presentation and committee review, awardees will be notified after February 2007. Grant applications are available online at www.sinai-grace.org. For information about the application grant contact Coordinator-SWCF, Department of OB/GYN Sinai-Grace Hospital, 6071 W. Outer Drive, Room M541 Detroit, MI 48235, send e-mail to jstephen@dmc.org, or call (313) 966-3246.

Kidney ball

Motown Magic to raise money for programs and services for residents living with chronic kidney disease and those at risk, presented by National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, black-tie event begins with cocktails 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, dinner at 7:30 p.m., also silent auction and live music by Jerry Ross Band, at the Marriott-Detroit Renaissance Center. Tickets \$250, available online at www.nkfm.org or by calling (800) 482-1455.

Super moms

Super Heroes...Super Moms, an all day program for women who find that being a mom is becoming increasingly difficult 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, topics include medication safety, proper nutrition for families, physical fitness, dealing with teens and being part of the sandwich generation, at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. There is a \$5 charge for lunch. Pre-registration required for the program presented by Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital. Call (248) 937-4000 or online at www.hvsh.org.

Building a legacy

St. Mary Mercy Hospital sponsors a workshop that teaches you how to build a legacy of the past for your family, called Remember When? 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main Street, Northville. The speaker is Bonnie Hilberer, Vermeulen Funeral Home. Adults attending will receive a personal copy of the book, Just a Few Memories to Share. Presentation is free, but registration required. Call (248) 349-4140.

Alateen support group

For teens who are dealing with someone with an alcohol problem, meets the first and third Sundays of the month at 10 a.m., at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For details, call (248) 706-1020.

Teen drug workshop

Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do" series provides helpful information to families and others con-

cerned about a young person who may be harmfully involved with alcohol or other drug use. The free workshops are presented by Ronald Harrison, SW, in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Parents, other family members, teens, and people who work with teens are welcome. Free literature about alcohol/other drugs and teens is provided.

Part One: What To Know will be presented 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, and Jan. 2, and provides information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part One and Two are repeated every first Tuesday of each month from October to June. Part Two What To Do is scheduled 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12 and Jan. 9, and provides 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. For more information, call (734) 973-7892, send e-mail tojessa@med.umich.edu or visit www.teensusingdrugs.org.

Stroke screenings

Appointments begin at 9 a.m. Dec. 5, at St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren, Canton. Cost is \$109-\$129. Call (800) 697-9721. Pre-registration required.

Caregivers support

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the Alzheimer's Association have collaborated to offer an Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group 3-4:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month in Classroom 1 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levant, Livonia.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, which causes memory loss and a decline in mental function over time. The support group offers information, discussion and support to family members, friends, and caregivers who care for someone with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. There is no fee. No registration required. For more information, contact Audra Frye, Alzheimer's Association, at (248) 426-7055.

Blood drive

Huron-Valley Sinai Hospital in conjunction with American Red Cross of Oakland County is recruiting donors for its Holiday Blood Drive 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, in the Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Conference Center, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good general health. Donation process takes a little more than an hour. Walk-ins welcome but appointments encouraged. Call (248) 937-3314 or visit www.givelife.org and sponsor code "huronvsh."

Hats for the Homeless

The Broe Therapy Choir presents a concert and delivers hats for the homeless 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at The Detroit Rescue Mission. In the spirit of the season the a capella choir (comprised of people recovering from traumatic brain injury, mental illness and substance abuse) is asking for donations of winter hats and

gloves, and canned goods. Call to arrange drop offs or pick-ups at Broe Rehabilitation Services in Farmington Hills. The concert and program is free and open to the public. For more information, call (248) 474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit www.broechoir.com.

Know your nutrition

Presentation takes place 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levant, Livonia. Please use Main Entrance on Five Mile. This is a St. Mary Mercy Hospital Diabetes Support Group presentation. A new topic is presented on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. There is no charge, pre-registration not required. For more information, call (734) 655-8961. The speakers are St. Mary Mercy Hospital dietitians Katie Dooley and Judy Swancutt.

Blankets for AIDS

Higher Ground, an HIV-AIDS support group based in Royal Oak, is sponsoring the fourth Blankets for AIDS Drive to help adults and children living with HIV-AIDS in Southeastern Michigan. To participate purchase a new blanket and drop it into the bin at Affirmations on Nine Mile in Ferndale, Paramount Bank on Woodward in Ferndale, or St. John's Episcopal Church at Eleven Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak, by Dec. 31. For more information, call (586) 427-1259 or send e-mail to higherground2003@aol.com.

Educational seminar

On bariatric surgery (gastric bypass), performed laproscopically, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, educational seminar is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20 in the auditorium, 36475 Five Mile. Speaker is surgeon Tallal Zeni, M.D., and Paula Magid, director, Bariatric Program. To register, call (734) 655-2692 or toll free at (877) Why-Weight (949-9344).

Exercise classes

For men and women with Jeanie Weaver, personal fitness trainer and certified physical education teacher and group exercise instructor, classes continue through December at Metropolitan School Gym, 15585 N. Haggerty, north of Five Mile, Plymouth. An exercise therapy class geared for seniors wanting to improve balance, strength, stamina, and bone density 8:45-9:45 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays. Core strength and performance class runs 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays and includes jump rope, weights, bands and full body weight training loads to increase strength, dynamic flexibility and core strength. Cost for both sessions is \$6 drop in fee. For information, call (248) 446-9176.

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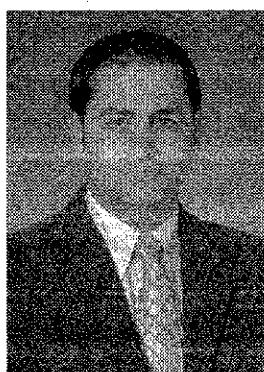
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At Schoolcraft gingerbread village, it's the sweet details

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Claire's Custom Cakes is in the northwest corner of a magical town. It's a sweet little village of almond streets, sugar snow, gumdrops, jelly beans, Necco wafers and chocolate parking lots. The walls of all the buildings are gingerbread and the windows are shimmery spun sugar.

Inside Claire's, a Christmas tree glows green and on the shelves are tiny pastries, all elaborately decorated for the holiday season.

It's easy to find Claire's, because it has a gold ribbon and a purple banner identifying it as the grand prize winner in Schoolcraft College's first gingerbread house contest.

Chef Joseph Decker, who directs pastry instruction in Schoolcraft's culinary arts program, said he had been involved for several years with a gingerbread display by professional chefs at the Festival of Trees at

Cobo Arena and thought it would be a good project for Schoolcraft students.

"We put an announcement up for anyone interested in having fun and winning a scholarship that there would be a gingerbread meeting and seminar explaining how to bake and assemble a gingerbread house," he said.

The theme was small town America and there was only one rule, the buildings had to be at least 50 percent gingerbread.

The entries were judged using a point system used at international pastry contests. Winning entries received gold, silver or bronze ribbons depending on points. The three top vote getters, all gold medal winners, received scholarships.

Janine Busz won a \$500 scholarship for Claire's Custom Cakes. Rhonda Heath and Mary Raveane received \$250 scholarships for a 1940s-style diner and Michelle Allen received a \$100 scholarship for the simple but elegant Corner Church.



Janine Busz accepts her first place award for her entry in this year's gingerbread village contest.

This wasn't Busz's first attempt at a gingerbread house. "I did one once on my own when I was 16. It was a massive disaster," she said. "Chef Decker helped us out with his seminar on how to make a professional gingerbread house."

Busz, a first-semester student from Dundee, estimated that it took 60-80 hours to complete



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Schoolcraft culinary arts student Michelle Allen dusts some powdered sugar, or snow in this case, along the gingerbread village at Schoolcraft College before the judging of the gingerbread houses.

the intricately detailed shop, that lights from the inside to show all the tempting miniature pastries and the glowing green tree. Marzipan, sugar glaze and Pez candies all played a part in the design.

"Some of it was planned and some of it was improvised," she said. The contest was judged by Chefs Kevin Garanski, Jeffrey Gabriel and Shawn Loving, all Schoolcraft instructors who took a long time to walk the village, evaluating the entrants for craftsmanship, neatness, originality, degree of difficulty and use of theme and gingerbread.

The village looks good enough to stroll and eat. It has a Texaco station complete with pumps and cars, a fire station with a firetruck ready to roll and a dalmatian puppy in his doghouse, a simple Protestant church on one side of town and a more elaborate Catholic church on the other, a mini-mall with a bowling alley, flower shop and record shop. The Town Hall has a tall clock tower. The houses range from elaborate Victorians to a turquoise beach house. The second-place diner is a perfect recreation with a chocolate parking lot and tiny cars, a lighted

sign on top with a hamburger and shake and inside are tiny booths complete with mustard and ketchup. The third-place simple church has a quiet meditation bench in the back.

The tasty village will be on display at Schoolcraft's VisTaTech Center on Haggerty just south of Seven Mile, Nov. 27 through Dec. 15. The grand prize winning cake shop will be raffled with 100 tickets selling at the college for \$5 apiece. Other buildings will be available through a silent auction. Profits will support the Culinary Arts Program.

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Book signing
Author Jerry Pociask will be signing copies of his book, "Call me Grandpa, A Man's Wish for His Grandchild," 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at the Northville Candle, Gifts and Card Store, 124 N. Center in downtown Northville. Pociask is an executive life coach and his experience in business and marketing has evolved to an intense interest in what motivates people. For more information, call (248) 380-7059.

Student development conference
Wayne State University's James S. Measell Public Relations Student Society of America chapter and Eastern Michigan University's Eleanor Wright PRSSA chapter have partnered to hold the 10th-annual student development conference. The conference will be held at the Four Points Sheraton in Ann Arbor Dec. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The conference will be followed by an informal social held in the hotel's Street Side Bar and Grill. The event is open to all students who wish to network and learn from professionals in the many areas of public relations. The conference is open to all students in all majors. To attend the conference, contact Michael Munie, Conference Coordinator at mmunie@emich.edu or you can register at the door the day of the event. Registration is \$35 for PRSSA members, \$40 for nonmembers if done before December 1st. After December 1st, registration is \$40 for PRSSA members, \$45 for nonmembers. Included in the registration fee is a light breakfast and lunch.

Career development scholarship
The Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club is now accepting applications for a "Career Development Scholarship" to recognize and support women entering or re-entering the work force or seeking to advance their careers. Candidates seeking application forms should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club, Career Development Scholarship Committee, 34030 Fountain Blvd., Westland, MI 48185. Completed applications are due postmarked by Jan. 31. For more information, call Amy Allen, (734) 522-1603.

Card party/luncheon
Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

Holiday nights
This December, step into a Christmas card of the past during Holiday Nights in Greenfield Village, December 1-2, 8-9, 15-17 and 19-23. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by calling 313-982-6001 or visiting The Henry Ford's website at www.thehenryford.org.

Vespers and nativity concert
The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) will sponsor a Vespers service and Nativity concert on Sunday evening, Dec. 3 at St. Clement Ohridski Macedonian-Bulgarian Orthodox Church, 19600 Ford Road, Dearborn. The evening begins at 6:30 with a Vespers service concelebrated by priests from COCC member churches and sung by the COCC's Inter-Orthodox Choir. Following the service, the choir will sing a concert of Orthodox liturgical and para-liturgical music for the Nativity season and selected Eastern and Western European Advent and Christmas carols. The story of St. Nicholas and gifts for children will follow the concert. Refreshments will be served. The evening is free of charge and open to the public. A freewill offering will be collected. For further information, contact Victoria Kopistiansky, director of the Inter-Orthodox Choir and chair of the COCC Music Committee, at (313) 366-0677 or KopistianskyVickie@sbcglobal.net.

Genealogical Society
The November meeting of the Livingston County Genealogical Society has been cancelled due to work at the LDS Church. The next meeting takes place Dec. 7 at the First United Methodist Church, 1230 Bower Road in Howell. The public is invited.

For more information, call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7745.

Crafters needed
The annual Holiday Craft Show at Hawthorne Valley is looking for crafters. The show is set for Dec. 3. For information please contact Sue or Paul, (734) 844-3128.

Hospice training
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Literacy Council tutors
The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Toastmasters meet
Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on



Homemade crafts

Kay Wurm, center, has opened Holiday Crafters Market, a weekend craft fair, with help from Sharon Voge and Sharon Strebbing. The market takes place at the Laurel Furniture building on Ann Arbor Trail, east of Main, in Plymouth. The market is open noon to 8 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 6 p.m. Sundays, through December. Nearly all of the crafts on hand are hand-made and homemade.

Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

Grief support
New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents

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Grief Support, or visit www.newhope-center.net.

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Rotary A.M.
The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

Plymouth Newcomers
Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplus-janet@aol.com

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue
The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

MOPS meet
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth.

For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

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

Moms Club
Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms, and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

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

German/American Club of Plymouth
Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
DECEMBER 14, 2006**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2006 AT 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson.

Acceptance of Agenda

1. Patrick Stieber of Allied Signs, Inc., 33650 Giftos, Clinton Twp, MI 48035 representing Jeff Chase of McDonald's, 44900 Ford Rd., Canton, MI 48187 for commercial property located at 44900 Ford Rd, north side of Ford Road between N. Sheldon and N. Canton Center Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, (7), sign variance.

Zone C-2

Parcel 039-99-0026-002
(Building)

Election of officers for 2007

Approval of the November 9, 2006 Minutes

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188.

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**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 *Bid for the Remodeling of Eriksson, Field, Hoben, and Hulsing Elementary Schools*. Bid documents are available by phoning Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at (248) 427-8400 or are available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; Builders Exchange, Grand Rapids; Construction News Service, Grandville; and Reed Construction Data, Novi, MI.

Bid Division descriptions include: 103:Selective Demolition / 106:Masonry / 107:Steel / 108:Carpentry/General Trades / 109:Roofing / 113:Hollow Metal / Wood Doors; Finish Hardware / 114:Aluminum Windows / Storefront; Entrances, Glass & Glazing / 115:Metal Studs, Drywall IFS / 116:Hard Tile / 117:Acoustical Treatments / 118:Resilient Flooring & Carpet / 120:Painting / 121:Visual Display Boards / 128:Pre-Manufactured Casework / 130:Window Treatments / 140:Plumbing / 142:HVAC / 143:Electrical / 160:Pre-Pricing of Vertical Unit Ventilators (for reference only).

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at the main office of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at the address noted above. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the bid division being bid identified on the outside of the envelope. All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) and are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 14, 2006 where they will be opened and read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. 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 district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JUDY MARDIGIAN, Secretary

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will sell at public auction by competitive bidding. Sales are cash only. Removal within 24 hrs., for sale and storage unit in which rent and fees are past due.

On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 30300 Plymouth Rd., Livonia Michigan, 48150 734-522-2274 on 12-4-06 at 9:30am;

Personal property described below in the matter of:

#2111	Cristen Buehrle	Couch, Dresser, Boxes
#3117	Daniel Vassallo	Boxes, Furniture, Equipment
#4042	Ava Hawkins	Couch, Mattress, Boxes
#6004	Gabes Construction	Boxes, Furniture, Mattress
#4145	Master Piece	Appliances, Totes, Equipment
#4077	Technology	Couch, Mattress, Boxes
#3111	Chad Field	Boxes, Furniture, Equipment
#4047	Mark Baerwalde	Boxes, Appliances, Couch
#4072	Catherine Petroff	Couch, Tables, Chairs
#3077	Donna Garris	Tools, Equipment, Totes
#3076	Anthony Antal	Furniture, Mattress, Totes
#2075	Sneeden Mouzon	Appliances, Totes, Equipment
#2039	Sharron Smith	Couch, Mattress, Boxes

On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 12900 Newburgh Rd., Livonia Michigan, 48150. 734-591-6447 on 12-4-06 at 10:00am;

Personal property described below in the matter of:

#B017	Linda Johnson	Dresser, Mirrors, Microwave
#A021	Willie McFalls Sr.	Couch, Loveseat, Television
#C112	Verdia Hayward	Chairs, Entertainment center, Dresser
#C113	Jamal Graham	Couch, Chair, Mattress
#D027	Kieth Martinez	Bed, Bicycle, Boxes
#D052	Shawn Bell	Couch, Chair, Microwave
#F073	Kareem Gerald	Office Equipment, Office Tables, Office Chairs
#E071	Snonita Bennett	Dresser, Shelving, Mattress
#E081	Eric Holston	Dresser, Couch, Television
#E086	Edna Rankine	Tables, Televisions, Exercise Equipment
#F029	Latonya Charleston	Electric Piano, Couch, Televisions

On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 36001 Warren Rd, Westland Michigan, 48185. 734-729-7095 on 12-4-06 at 10:30am

Personal property described below in the matter of:

#7032	Ronica Dunlap	1990's Ford Mustang
#3134	Dennis Hook	Dresser, Couch, Television
#3214	Shawn Croschere	Totes, Couch, Equipment
#6046	Universal	Mattress, Tables, Couch
#3052	Jennifer Harnos	Boxes, Appliances, Couch
#4162	Alie Faraj	Tables, Chairs, Mattress
#4142	Dan Robinson	Couch, Televisions, Boxes
#4138	Tiffany Creecy	Mattress, Totes, Equipment
#4036	Charlene Hickman	Boxes, Couch, Appliances
#4118	Marita Eckford	Totes, Tools, Equipment
#4078	Jennifer Andrew	Tables, Chairs, Boxes
#3030	Don Fields	Mattress, Furniture, Appliances
#2056	Mike Witkowski	Tables, Chairs, Boxes
#1300	Sherard Brown	Tables, Chairs, Mattress
#1164	Lois Kenyon	Couch, Televisions, Boxes
#1118	Cliff Gibson	Mattress, Totes, Equipment

On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 41889 Joy Rd. canton Michigan, 48187. 734-254-0243 on 12-4-06 at 11:00 am

Personal property described below in the matter of:

#1001	Michelle Blarze	Dresser, Couch, Television
#9260	Dustin Mitchell	Totes, Couch, Equipment
#9142	GPS Entertainment	Mattress, Tables, Couch
#9124	Frank Plastipak	Boxes
#9209	Martin Caruana	Tables, Chairs, Mattress
#9210	Martin Caruana	Boxes, Appliances, Couch
#4052	Orlando Austin	Cabinets, Boxes, Mini-bike
#4044	Michelle Robison/Pfizer	Totes, Couch, Equipment
#1072	Jorell Glasper	Mattress, Tables, Couch

On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 2101 Haggerty Rd. Canton Michigan, 48187. 734 981-0303 on 12/4/06 at 11:30am

Personal property described below in the matter of:

#5249	Dennis Hollinsworth	Dresser, Mirrors, Microwave
#6005	Mark Hughes	Couch, Loveseat, Television
#3046	Edna Smith-Gordon	Entertainment Center, Toys, Stereo
#3048	Smith II	Dryer, Washer, Couch
#9015	Tangela McDaniel	Chairs, Entertainment center, Dresser
#4253	Kevin Diaz	Couch, Chair, Mattress
#4034	Leah Sims	Bed, Bicycle, Boxes
#4026	Kenneth Marshall	Couch, Chair, Microwave
#3044	Philippe Lorezca	Couch, Microwave, Totes
#3012	Chuck Bradley	Refrigerator, Television, Couch
#5009	*Dona law office	Office Equipment, Office Tables, Office Chairs
#3008	Georgina Buba	Dresser, Shelving, Mattress
#6053	Richard Oconnell	Dresser, Couch, Television

On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 45229 Michigan Ave. Canton Michigan, 48188, on 12/4/06 at 12:30pm

Personal property described below in the matter of:

#2006	Rhonda Knight	Dresser, Couch, Television
#3018	Pen and Pad Products	Totes, Couch, Equipment
#3027	Rhonda Knight	Mattress, Tables, Couch
#3028	Rachel Laster	Boxes, Appliances, Couch
#4022	Derek Wright	Tables, Chairs, Mattress
#5107	Gloria Parham	Couch, Televisions, Boxes
#4161	Linda Lowery	Mattress, Totes, Equipment
#4148	David Fuller	Boxes, Couch, Appliances
#4011	Tony Marsh	Tables, Chairs, Mattress
#3033	Christopher Hahn	Couch, Televisions, Boxes
#2022	Dan Burch	Mattress, Totes, Equipment
#2015	Christine Hlavacek	Boxes, Couch, Appliances

On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 2500 Industrial Hwy, Ann Arbor Michigan, 48104, on 12/4/06 at 2:00pm

Personal property described below in the matter of:

#6021	Judith Jacobs	Couch, Toys, Bed
# 6005	Christopher Roberts	Grill, Suitcase, Boxes
#5012	Hampton Inn	Files
#3025	Sean Truez	Ladders, Leather Couch, Dresser,
#1058	Jonathon Rose	Ladder, Filing Cabinet, Boxes
#1027	Patrick Czeski	Dining Table, Kitchen chairs, Boxes

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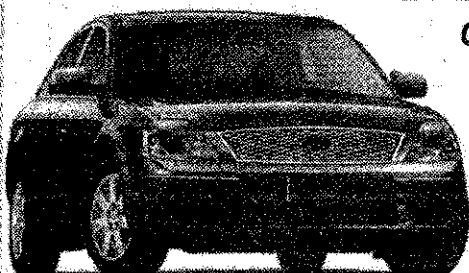
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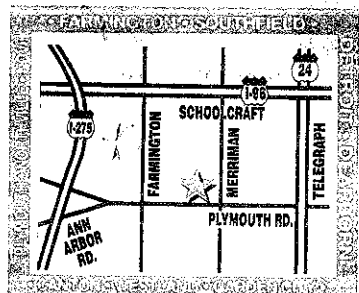
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Speech-language pathologists help get the word out

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Smith of Canton has no regrets about choosing a career as a speech-language pathologist.

"I had originally planned on being a psychologist," said Smith, who works at Building Bridges Therapy Center of Plymouth. She earned her master's degree in speech-language from Eastern Michigan University, in addition to undergraduate degrees in psychology and linguistics from UCLA and in communicative disorders from Cal State-Fullerton.

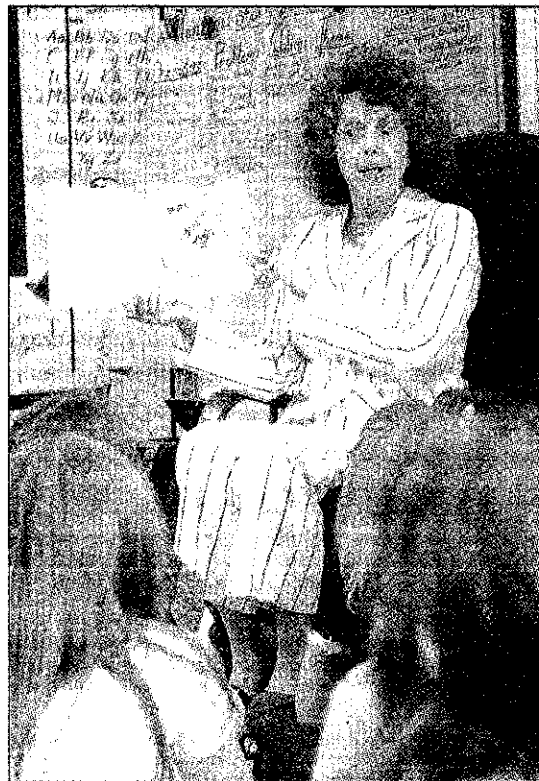
"I love that I can make a difference," Smith said. "I can help someone to achieve the gift of communication."

Speech-language pathologists, sometimes called speech therapists, assess, diagnose, treat, and help to prevent speech, language, cognitive-communication, voice, swallowing, fluency, and related disorders.

Smith noted that she's able to work in a variety of settings. She likes the mix of psychology and language her work affords, and the fact that she can work with all populations. Now she works with students of elementary and middle school age.

She likes to work with language and understand how the mind works, so work as a speech-language pathologist is a natural. Smith had one student thought disabled now in a gifted class, and finds that rewarding. She sees children with autism spectrum disorders, and noted she could work with stroke patients and many others. Hours are also flexible.

Mickey Edell, also of Canton, is a speech-language pathologist with the Plymouth-Canton schools, working with elementary students.



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Mickey Edell of Canton is a speech-language pathologist for the Plymouth-Canton schools and enjoys her work. She began her career in the Hartford, Conn., school system.

"This is my 31st year" with the district, she said. "You know, I'm just not quite ready yet. I'm not ready to retire. It has been so rewarding, challenging and best of all it's been fun."

Edell earned her master's in speech and language pathology from the University of Iowa and

also holds a bachelor's degree in the field from the University of Kansas.

While an undergraduate, Edell thought about fields where she could help kids with disabilities. She ended up in the Hartford, Conn., school system, choosing that over a hospital or clinic.

"You need to be able to connect with the students by making learning engaging, interesting and fun," Edell said. She appreciates her colleagues, administrative support and that of parents and students in her current post.

Edell noted those considering the field must be diligent in their studies for six years, and have patience. "I think they would find it very fulfilling," she said.

Speech-language pathologists work with people who cannot produce speech sounds, or cannot produce them clearly; those with speech rhythm and fluency problems, such as stuttering; people with voice disorders, such as inappropriate pitch or harsh voice; those with problems understanding and producing language; those who wish to improve their communication skills by modifying an accent; and those with cognitive communication impairments, such as attention, memory, and problem solving disorders. They also work with people who have swallowing difficulties, according to the Web site of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Speech, language, and swallowing difficulties can result from a variety of causes including stroke, brain injury or deterioration, developmental delays or disorders, learning disabilities, cerebral palsy, cleft palate, voice pathology, hearing loss or emotional problems. Problems can be congenital, developmental, or acquired.

Speech-language pathologists keep records on the initial evaluation, progress, and discharge of clients. This helps pinpoint problems, tracks

client progress, and justifies the cost of treatment when applying for reimbursement. They counsel individuals and their families concerning communication disorders and how to cope with the stress and misunderstanding that often accompany them. They also work with family members to recognize and change behavior patterns.

Most speech-language pathologists provide direct clinical services to individuals with communication or swallowing disorders. In medical facilities, they may perform their job in conjunction with physicians, social workers, psychologists and other therapists.

Most full-time speech-language pathologists work 40 hours per week; about one in five work part time. Those who work on a contract basis may spend a substantial amount of time traveling between facilities.

Speech-language pathologists held about 96,000 jobs in 2004, according to the Web site. About half were employed in educational services, primarily in preschools and elementary and secondary schools. Others were employed in hospitals; offices of other health practitioners, including speech-language pathologists; nursing care facilities; home health care services; individual and family services; outpatient care centers; and child day care centers.

A few speech-language pathologists are self-employed in private practice. They contract to provide services in schools, offices of physicians, hospitals, or nursing care facilities, or work as consultants to industry. According to a 2003 survey by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the median annual salary for full-time certified speech-language pathologists who worked on a calendar-year basis, generally 11 or 12 months annually, was \$48,000.



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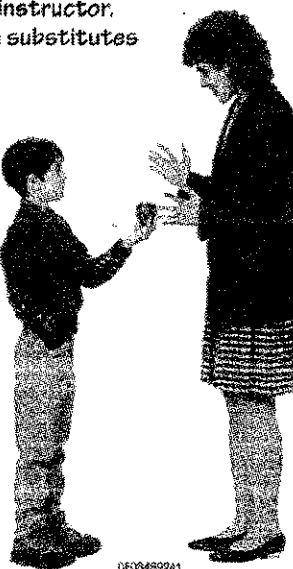
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Most people are familiar with the term 'landscaping,' but may not be familiar with 'hardscaping,' which describes the use of concrete products designed to serve a landscaping function.

'Hardscaping' can increase home's value

(NewsUSA) — Want to increase the value of your home? If so, you should consider making an investment in hardscaping.

Most people are familiar with the term "landscaping," but may not be familiar with "hardscaping," which describes the use of concrete products designed to serve a landscaping function.

Two studies, by Clemson University and the University of Florida, found that hardscaping contributes to higher resale values in single-family homes.

Since the return on investment is contingent on the quality of the hardscaping job, it's important that you find the right hardscaping contractor for your project and use high-quality materials like segmental retaining walls and interlocking concrete pavers.

Homeowners should consider the following when choosing a hardscaping contractor:

■ The scope of the project: Make sure the contractor understands your vision and will be

able to implement it. You may want to ask the contractor to design your hardscaping project. Many hardscape contractors have in-house design services.

■ Proper licensing: Your contractor should be properly licensed, bonded and insured for the work proposed. Many regions require special licenses to conduct earthwork, grading and plumbing operations. The contractor also should have liability and workers' compensation insurance.

■ Solid references: Check references and make sure the contractor has experience on projects of similar size and scope.

■ Certification and training: Inquire about the contractor's experience with the products being installed. Ask if the contractor has been certified or trained by the product supplier or achieved recognition from a local or national trade association.

For more information about segmental retaining walls, visit www.ncma.org. For information about concrete pavers, visit www.icpi.org.

BRIEFS

Coat drive

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office is partnering with PODS, Real Estate One and Outback Steakhouse to collect coats.

In response to an early call for coats from local charitable organizations, officials have kicked off the "Coats for the Cold" coat collection. This year's coat drive runs through Nov. 27. Real Estate One is, for the first year since the inception of the coat drive, serving as a drop-off location. The Real Estate One in South Lyon is located

at 346 N. Lafayette.

Drop off a new or clean used coat. Coats collected during November will be given to several different charitable organizations, who will then distribute the coats to those most in need at no cost.

For information, call Real Estate One — South Lyon, (248) 437-3800.

Free seminar

Mortgage Credit Coaching Seminar will be 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Public Library of Westland, located at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call Diane Adamick at

(734) 516-8043 to register. The seminar is free of charge.

Building Industry Association

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is offering:

■ "Customers for a Lifetime" seminar 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Janine LaPorte and Rick Weaver of Executive Image Group will present the program. Fee is \$40 for Apartment Association of Michigan or BIA members, \$65 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

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■ Another in a series of Effective Business Management Seminars, "Convention Strategies: How To Make the Most of the International Builders' Show," 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. John Bollen Jr. will speak. Continental breakfast is included. Fees are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Effective Business Management

Seminar on "The Ins and Outs of Condo Operations and Association Turnover: What Not To Do," 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Speakers will be Gregory J. Gamalski and Kaveh Kashef of Cox, Hodgman & Giarmarco and H. William Freeman of Freeman, Cotton & Norris. Continental breakfast is included. Fees are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

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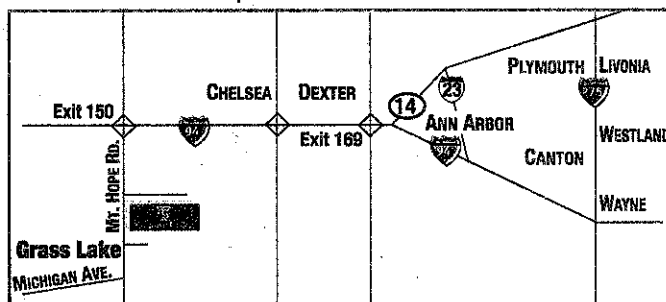
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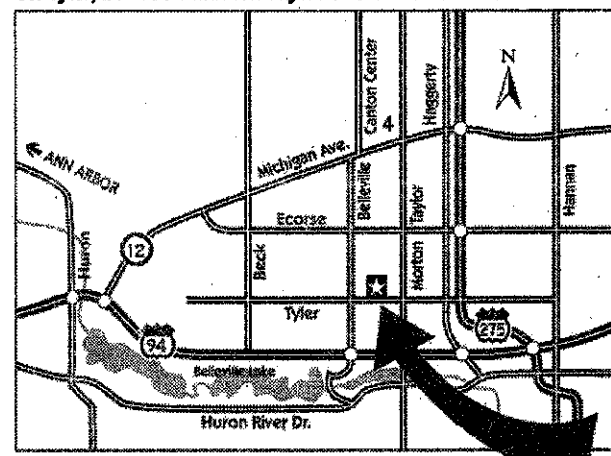
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Family living areas are at the front, bedrooms at the back. The vaulted ceiling gives a sense of spaciousness to the living room. A five-sided bay window brightens the living room and creates an interesting recess for plants, a specially designed couch, a couple of easy chairs — the possibilities are endless. The living room also has a door that opens onto a small deck.

Most homes this size have two bathrooms, but this one has three. The one next to the garage comes in handy for clean-up when clothes and shoes are grubby from working in the shop or garden.

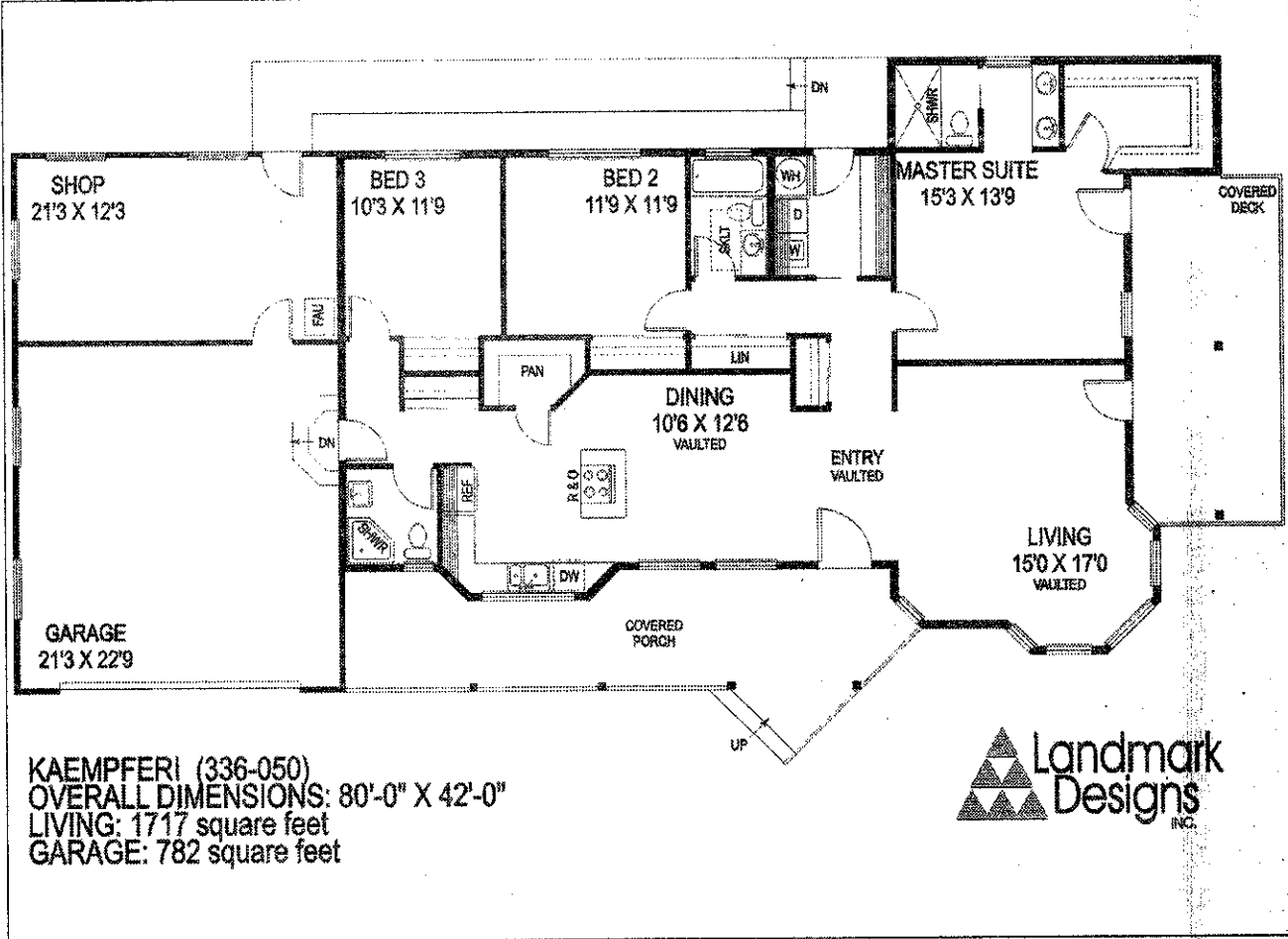
A work island, with a built-in range and oven, augments counter space in the kitchen. Other features include a large walk-in pantry, broom closet, and built-in dishwasher. Sink and dishwasher are nestled into a bay window that faces the street. Some families might prefer to outfit the adjacent space as a family room, rather than a dining room.

Luxury touches in the master suite include a huge walk-in closet, oversized shower and twin basins in the dressing area. A glass door opening off the main suite area provides access to the deck.

The utility room has cabinets and a long counter for folding clothes. It can be entered from the back yard, as well as from the interior hallway. Although not included in the plan, another deck could be built behind the home.

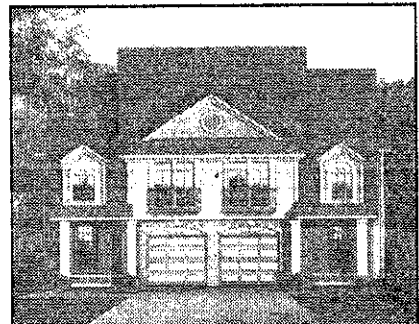
A skylight brightens the main bathroom and a large linen closet is across the hall, next to the coat closet by the entry. Bedroom three, which is accessible from the kitchen, could be used as a home office, hobby room, or you-name-it, if a third bedroom is not needed.

For a study plan of the KAEMPFERI (336-050), send \$15.00, to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call 1-800-562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for you dream home (\$5.00 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at www.ldiplans.com.



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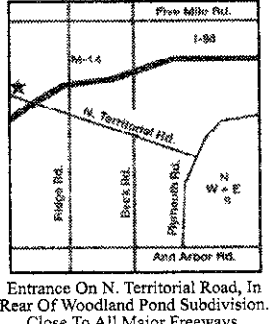


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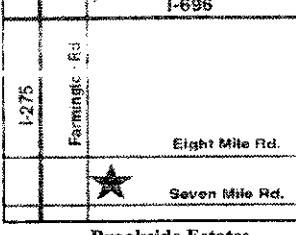
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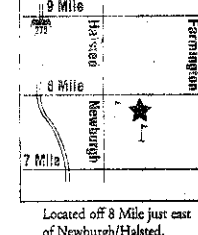
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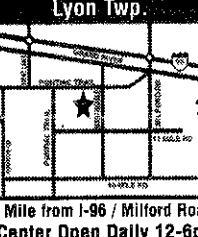
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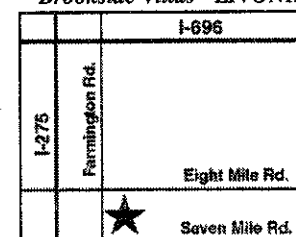
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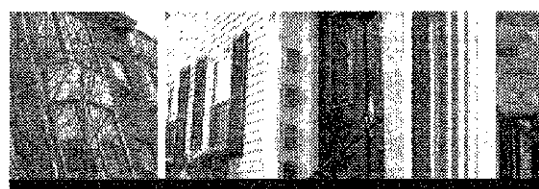
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ACROSS

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- 6 Moves toward
- 11 Castle feature
- 12 In inventory (2 wds.)
- 14 Library slogan
- 15 Annule
- 17 Roast beef — jus
- 18 Pipe fitting
- 19 — Nimitz
- 20 Time divs.
- 21 Actress — Martinelli
- 23 Pet Detective — Ventura
- 24 Had an intuition
- 25 Tie down
- 27 "Walk Away —"
- 28 Music album, today
- 30 Educational org.
- 31 FedEx units
- 32 Tooth puller's deg.

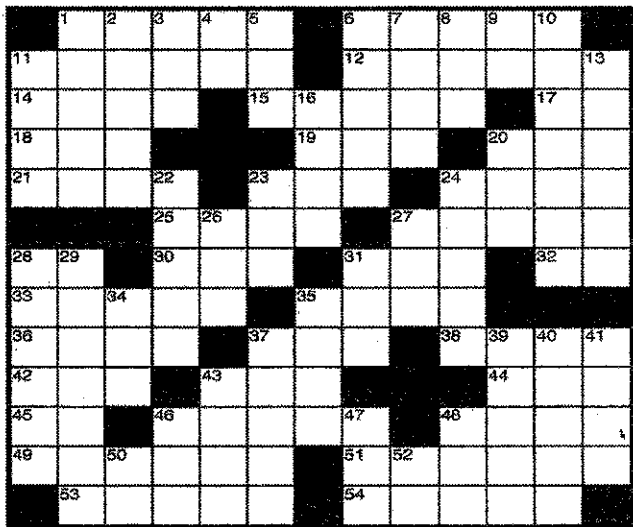
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- 33 — yoga
- 35 Cease from doing something
- 36 Cajun veggie
- 37 Bulldog cousin
- 38 Thick carpet
- 42 Garden-pond fish
- 43 Haider
- 44 Gai'sha's accessory
- 45 Movie alien
- 46 Damsels
- 48 Heath
- 49 Autumn chore
- 51 Fair amount
- 53 Charges too much
- 54 Watch site

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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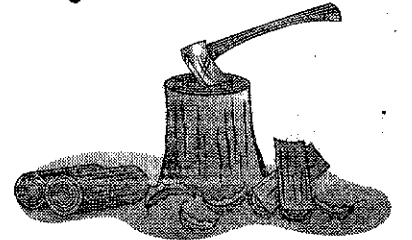
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Ya gotta love competition.

Competition is how we wind up with choices. If I remember my Economics 101 class correctly, the more competition, the more the various competitors work to make their products better, and cheaper.

You may not be able to choose your electric company or your water company, but you can choose what vehicle you want to drive. And the luxury SUV market, in particular, has exploded with choices over the last several years. Offerings from Infiniti, Lexus, BMW, Cadillac – heck, even Porsche has an SUV – are all competing for your dollar (many dollars actually).

Volvo is in the mix, as well, and its latest offering, the 2007 XC90 3.2, is as competitive as any of the others. The XC90, which also comes in a V8 version, is powered by a new engine for this model year. Out is the five-cylinder turbocharged engine, and in is a 3.2-liter, naturally aspirated in-line 6-cylinder engine. The new engine is rated at 235 horsepower, 27 more horses than the old engine, and 236 lb.-ft. of torque, same as the old one. The optional V8 will give you 311 horses and 325 lb.-ft. of torque. Both engines get the same transmission – a six-speed adaptive automatic transmission with “Geartronic,” the feature that allows you to shift manually, if you prefer. The only difference between the two powertrains is that the V8 version is an all-wheel-drive model; you can get all-wheel-drive on the 3.2 as an option.

Acceleration on the 3.2 is decent, and plenty quick enough for everyday driving and passing. If you really need to get off the line quickly, for some reason, get the V8. The 3.2 is EPA rated at 17/22, while the V8 will cost you a few more miles-per-gallon – 15/21.

The XC90, as you would expect from a Volvo, gives you a very nice ride, and handles very well. The front suspension is a MacPherson strut system, with coil springs, hydraulic shocks and stabilizer bar. The rear system is a multilink independent system with coil springs, hydraulic shocks and stabilizer bar. You can get a self-leveling rear suspension as part of an option package.



2007 Volvo XC 90 3.2 Vehicle class: Special purpose SUV truck. Power: V-8 or 6-cylinder engine. Mileage: 17 city / 22 highway. Where built: Gothenburg, Sweden Base price: \$36,135. Price as tested: \$43,350.

Handling is very good, thanks to the standard power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering. The turning circle is a little wide, so maneuvering into tight places can take a bit longer, but the XC90 corners very well, thanks to stability control.

As you would also expect from a Volvo, there are lots of safety features. In addition to stability control, the XC90 comes with traction control, roll-over protection system, tire pressure monitoring system, a side-impact protection system with side-airbags, and inflatable curtains for all three rows of seats.

Looking at the XC90, you can tell right away that it's a Volvo – and that's not a bad thing. It actually looks fairly stylish. The 2007 version comes with a new grille, bumpers and taillights. Color-coordinated side moldings and door handles are standard, as are fog lights, heated outside power mirrors, and roof rails. The 3.2 comes with 17" alloy wheels and you can get 18" wheels as an option (the V8 comes with 18" wheels). Active Bi-Xenon gas headlamps with headlamp washers are optional.

Inside, the cabin is designed very nicely. The instrument panel is attractive and features aluminum inlays. The steering wheel and gearshift knob are both covered in leather. While most of the control buttons and function switches are well laid out, I never have – and never will, I suspect – like the way Volvo designs its audio controls. I find the switches counter-intuitive and hard to adjust on-the-fly.

Speaking of audio systems, the one in the XC90 is pretty good. It comes with an AM/FM/CD system that includes an auxiliary input for an mp3 player, eight speakers and 160 watts of power. You can upgrade to a system that will give you a six-disc changer, but is

otherwise identical to the standard system, or you can get a powerful 650-watt system that will blow your doors off – with 12 speakers, and Dolby Pro-Logic sound. Each system is can accept a satellite radio system, but you'll have to add as an option. A rear-seat DVD entertainment system and a navigation system are other options.

The standard leather seats, which can be heated, are quite comfortable and can be adjusted easily – power, of course. There's plenty of room in the cabin, even for tall drivers. You can get the XC90 in one of two seating configurations – a five-passenger, two-row setup, or an optional seven-passenger setup which includes a third-row seat. Either way, the seats fold down for more cargo room, when you need it.

The XC90 comes with a bunch of standard interior features – cruise control, dual-zone climate control (with a separate control system for third-row passengers, if you opt for that configuration), trip computer, keyless entry, power windows, and two 12-volt power outlets are all included. A power moonroof is optional.

The 2007 Volvo XC90 3.2 starts at a shade above \$36,000. Add the optional headlamps, moonroof package (which includes the six-disc CD changer), and the third row seat package (which includes the self leveling rear suspension) and you're at close to \$43,000 – comparable with other luxury SUVs.

Competition continues to “drive” auto manufacturers to improve their vehicles year after year. The luxury SUV segment continues to benefit with some real good choices. The Volvo XC90 is one of them.

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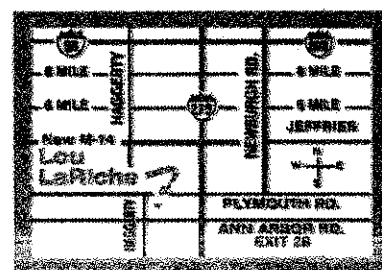
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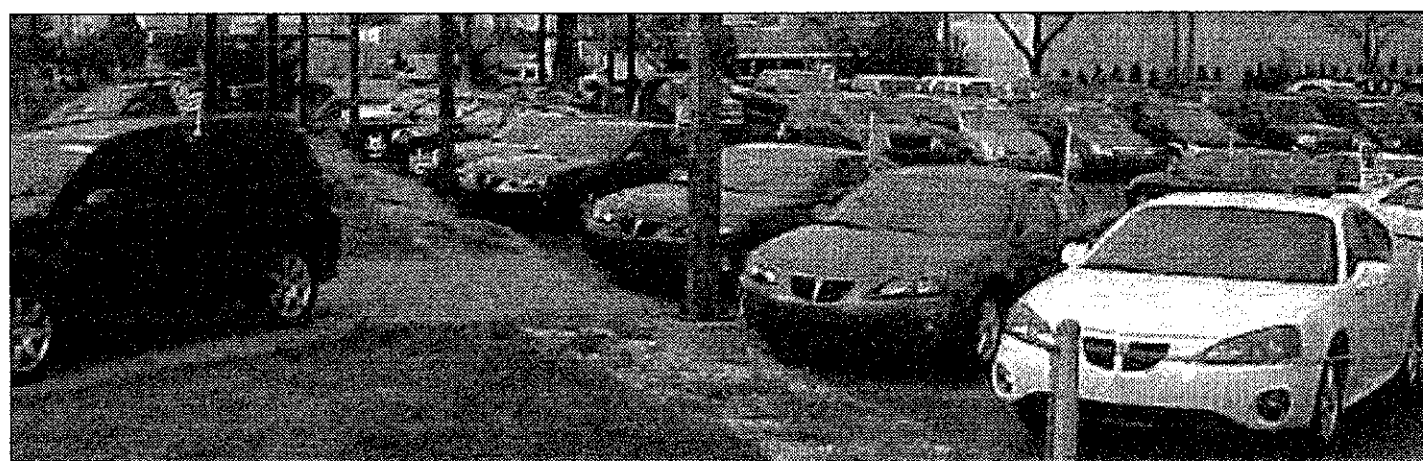
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The Buick LaCrosse still retains all the traditional value you've come to expect from Buick. From its luxurious well-appointed interior to the clean, flowing exterior design, LaCrosse makes a stylish impression.

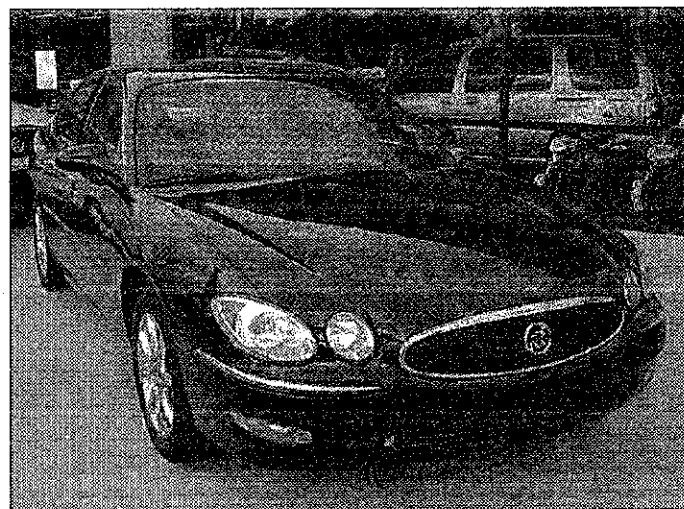
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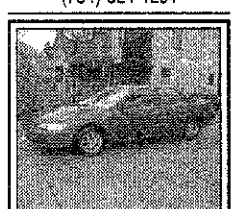
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