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Veterans Day

Offices in both the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will be closed Tuesday in observance of Veterans Day

Both governments re-open for normal business Wednesday.

Seniors party

The Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club sponsors its fourth annual Christmas party for seniors Sunday, Dec 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center

The event begins at 4 p.m. in the main banquet room. This year's party features dinner and entertainment by The Good Man Group, a brass ensemble from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and a return of the Chapels in concert. The special guest will be Santa Claus

Tickets will be available beginning Monday through Dec. 1. Seating is limited to 200 people, and tickets are available on a first-come basis. Tickets are free, but are required for admission. The Plymouth Cultural Center is at 525 Farmer. To get a ticket, call (734) 455-3670

Home tour

Tickets are available for the annual Plymouth Symphony Home Tour, this year themed, "Holiday Traditions Decor & Design." The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23.

Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 the day of the tour, and they're available from Colonial Card & Camera, Michigan Made & More, Gabriela's, the symphony office and at Gardenviews in Northville.

Grief seminar

Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors a holiday workshop for those who are grieving. The free workshop will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. It will be 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile in Northville. There is no need to register. For information, call Dorothy at (248) 374-5966

Voters approve bonds for new hall

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Observers on both sides of Thursday's election to determine whether Plymouth Township officials can sell \$6 million in municipal bonds to partially finance a new township hall thought the vote would be decided in the absentee ballots

Turns out they were right. Well more than half of the 4,791 ballots cast in Thursday's election were absentee votes, and absentee voters supported the sale of the bonds by a 266-vote margin, 1,428-1,162. Precinct voters — a much smaller percentage of the total vote — supported the measure by 250 votes

Overall, township officials were granted permission by a substantial margin — 55 percent — to sell the bonds, which will account for half of the estimated \$12 million cost of the new hall, which will be built on 9-plus acres of land at Haggerty and Ann Arbor Road the township purchased from auto magnate Don Massey

"We were extremely pleased the voters ratified our actions," Supervisor Steve Mann said. "This is something long overdue, and we're pleased it's going to be possible. The community and our police and firefighters are really going to benefit. This continues the progress."

The election was made necessary by a petition drive conducted primarily by

Citizens for Responsive Government, a group formed by township resident Don Schnettler, who criticized Mann for not keeping voters informed

Mann said Thursday's results refuted that charge

"I never bought the argument we weren't keeping them informed," Mann said. "I think we did a good job of informing them. I think the results of the election show (residents) agree what we're doing is right."

Schnettler said the vote "was close enough" to show township officials that people are concerned with how their money is being spent

PLEASE SEE APPROVE, A8

2003 HALL VOTE		
Results from Thursday's election on the Plymouth Township Hall:		
	Yes	No
Absentee Ballots	1,428	1,162
Precinct Voters	1,205	955
Totals	2,633	2,117



Listening

Sue McDowell, coach of the Plymouth-Canton Salem Girls unified hockey team, kicks off practice at Arctic Ice in Canton. For more on McDowell's winning ways, please see A3

Newsletter dispute arises

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann is under fire from members of his Board of Trustees for content included in the latest township newsletter, which came out just days before Thursday's bond election

The election decided whether township officials can sell \$6 million worth of municipal bonds to pay half the cost of a new township hall, and the

PLEASE SEE NEWSLETTER, A7

Governor orders cuts that could cost P-C another \$3.4 million

Plymouth-Canton Schools could find itself cutting \$3.4 million from its budget if Gov. Jennifer Granholm moves forward with an executive order slashing the state foundation grant to eliminate a \$350 million deficit in the School Aid Fund

Granholm's order to cut funding for Michigan school districts by \$196 per student will go in effect Dec. 5, unless state lawmakers come up with alternatives

"I'm disappointed because we have costs that con-

tinue to go up every year, and this means greater financial challenges for the district," Board of Education President Judy Mardigan said. "The governor is applying an equal cut among inequitably funded school districts. It just isn't fair."

Under Granholm's proposal, the Plymouth-Canton foundation grant would drop from \$7,025 per pupil

PLEASE SEE GOVERNOR, A4

District questions MEAP scores

The high school MEAP test results are in. But, as far as Plymouth-Canton Schools administrators are concerned, the results aren't accurate, rendering the district-wide scores useless

"I'm confident our kids did well, but that would be based on feedback from the staff at the (high school) park, not from the state," said Verna Anble, executive director of educational services. "I don't have any confidence in those scores because of incorrect information. I don't know how they will correct that."

The problem with the scores, according to Anble,

isn't the listing of MEAP test scores at Plymouth, Salem and Canton high schools, or even Starkweather Education Center

What baffles Anble are the scores listed for PCCS Warehouse

"I don't know what that is," said Anble, who noted the only warehouse she knows of is for supplies, located at Central Middle School. "Where do those scores belong?"

PLEASE SEE MEAP, A8



Stitch in time

Owner Lynn Krawczyk, who recently opened Lost Arts Stitchery in downtown Plymouth, holds a quilt she made. On the wall: A crazy quilt titled Misbehaving Women in History. See Observer Life for more

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AROUND TOWN

ART EXHIBIT

Local artist Michele Riddell Bagnasco will exhibit her work at the Plymouth Community Arts Council through the end of the month. Bagnasco's art will be on display along with that of artists Patti Monroe-Mohrenweiser and Wayne M Joseph in a show titled, "Visual Verse Exploring Imagery in the Written Word through Calligraphy, Collage and Assemblage."

According to PCAC officials, their work is mixed media with lettering and collage. Some of the work is three dimensional or has some dimensional quality to it and is very thought-provoking as quotations and poetry are used in the pieces, officials said.

The artists are planning a reception open to the public on from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13. Exhibit hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The PCAC is at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278, for information.

HOCKEY BOOSTERS

The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club holds its third-annual "Great Skate" to raise funds for the high school hockey programs from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9.

Salem, Canton, Plymouth and Girls' Unified hockey players will be collecting pledges for the "Great Skate" and participate in a skate-a-thon at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The community is invited to skate with the players for a donation of \$5.

The event includes pizza and soft drinks, prizes and games during the skate.

For more information, call (734) 254-9234.

German-Americans meet
The German American Club of Plymouth will meet on the third Thursday of November (Nov. 20) at a new location. The Knights of Columbus Hall located at 39100 Schoolcraft.

There will be a short business meeting, with a speaker to talk about personal money management.

For more information, call



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Color coordinated

Plymouth High School sophomores Matt Crosby of Plymouth (left) and Brandon Winowrecki of Canton, both 15, literally don the school's colors and cheer the Wildcats at the junior varsity Homecoming game played recently against Walled Lake Northern.

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HOLIDAY CARDS

The Sarah Fisher Auxiliary sponsors the sale of Holiday Cards which benefit the children at the St. Vincent and

Sarah Fisher Center.

The cards are available for purchase at the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, 27400 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills. The box contains 18 cards, and costs \$10 per box. For more information call

the center, (248) 626-7527, or call Betty Jones, (734) 421-7306.

PRIDE MEETING

The Plymouth/Canton Pride Board of Directors will have an open board meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 24 in the Dunning Room of the Plymouth District Library.

The board will be accepting names of individuals who would be interested in filling the two new and one vacant board positions at this meeting.

Anyone interested in supporting the PRIDE Fastpitch Organization is welcome.

CLASS REUNIONS

■ Plymouth High School Class of 1973 is having a 30-year reunion at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29 at Atlantis Restaurant in Plymouth.

Atlantis is located on Ann Arbor Road, just east of the I-275 interchange.

■ The Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem Classes of 1993 are having their 10-year

reunion Friday, Nov. 28 at Burton Manor in Livonia. For more information, e-mail cantonsalem1993@hotmail.com.

BRUNCH-ART EXHIBIT

Independence Village of Plymouth hosts a brunch and art exhibit Nov. 9.

Featured artists will include naturalist and painter Susan Falcone and renowned jewelry designer Farah Rose.

Brunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., the art exhibit will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (734) 453-2600.

NEWCOMER SHOPPING

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors have found a way for shoppers to get their holiday shopping done early. The Holiday Shopping Vendor Extravaganza.

The event will feature more than a dozen local vendors under one roof at the Plymouth Cultural Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18. For more information, call (734) 454-0645.

Fund-raiser helps to nail Habitat for Humanity's goal

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

There's a certain smile that comes over their faces when they see new owners - many who have never had a home - take possession of their new life.

"I was hooked right away on the concept of providing housing for folks who wouldn't otherwise have it," said Canton resident Herb Scott, a charter member and past president of the Western Wayne Habitat for Humanity.

Board member Dave Champagne of Canton describes a similar response. "To me, it's giving back to the community. To establish and give people any opportunity to own a home when they might

otherwise never be able to." Despite working on the board of directors level in Habitat for Humanity, Scott and Champagne have gotten right out there with volunteers welding hammers and whatever other tools to get brand new houses built for low income families.

"It's a blast," Champagne said, adding that his background in construction, which he used to put himself through college, has indeed come in handy.

Scott and Champagne are currently working with others to present Habitat's first-ever dinner and auction fund-raiser Nov. 22 to benefit the Western Wayne County Habitat. The black tie event will take place at the Ritz-Carlton Dearborn, with 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. auc-

tion and keynote speaker Mort Crim. Chuck Gaudica, WDIV-TV 4 personality will emcee the evening.

The fund-raiser is instrumental in Habitat's plans to build 50 houses in 15 years. So far 15 houses have been built in western Wayne County. Other communities include Wayne, Romulus and Taylor.

"Our biggest endeavor is finding the property," Scott said. "Inkster has a lot of property and is willing to work with us."

Some of the new houses are built on the same street. Other lots are in areas that used to be dumping grounds for neighborhood trash. Habitat just started a new house in Taylor.

"Every year we fall a little bit behind schedule," Champagne said.

While Habitat provides

houses - with a no-finance mortgage - for low-income families, Scott and Champagne say the program also improves the communities in which the houses are built.

"This is not a give-away program. But of the people who have gotten Habitat houses, something like 60 to 70 percent have gone on and improved their educations. Their children also have done much better in school," Scott said. "There is such a need for housing. It brings stability."

With the goal of building 50 houses by 2010, Habitat board members decided to be even more ambitious with fund-raising efforts. That gave birth to the gala planned later this month.

"We are eventually hoping to raise a couple \$100,000 a year," Scott said, adding key

sponsors include La-Z-Boy and Yazaki North America.

Another goal of the gala is to provide visibility for the Habitat program. Volunteers are always needed as are sponsors who are willing to donate money. "We will showcase the organization," Scott said.

The board has also tapped community leaders and political leaders to serve on the gala executive committee. Some of those leaders are state Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton), Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, U.S. Rep. John Dingell (D-Dearborn) and U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia).

For more information about the gala, log on to www.habitatgala.com. Tickets are \$150 per person or \$250 per couple.

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On the ice

'Horrible skater' now a hockey coach who inspires other women

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

An unlikely hockey player is what Sue McDowell calls herself

"I was a horrible skater. I am a bad athlete," she said.

That didn't stop her. Today she is the coach of the Plymouth-Canton Salem Girls Unified Hockey Team. And it's not the first team she has coached.

McDowell has been a hockey player since she was 12. Now 30-some years later, McDowell is still at it.

Raised in a small town on Cape Cod, McDowell was bitten by the hockey bug so badly - in a time when hockey wasn't a girl's sport - that she joined the daughter of a local businessman who sponsored a girls team.

"We practiced on Saturdays and on Sundays went to Boston to play," McDowell said. "That team was all over Cape Cod."

That team also had an array of players, ages from 13 to the early 30s.

Her mom wasn't particularly happy. But McDowell said she believes it was because she was playing hockey on Sundays instead of being in church. Where she grew up had a lot to do with her love of hockey. Boston and the Bruins and the Montreal Canadiens. There

was no better rivalry at the time.

Goaltending is what she fell in love with. "It's a combination of skating and good mental decisions," she said. "It applied to me in a way no other sport has."

It's a good thing because McDowell has made hockey a way of life.

She arrived in Michigan in 1985 for graduate school. A year later, with degree in hand, she went about her career.

Back in Michigan in 1990, she began looking for a women's team to play on.

She found her team in Ann Arbor, in the Metro Skaters Hockey League, which at the time had only five teams.

Today it has 32, a sign of just how popular hockey is with women. "I have my own teeth," McDowell said. "And not once have I broken my nose."

Obviously with any competitive activity, physical encounters of a rough kind are possible. Unlike the men's version of the game, women's is non-contact, which cuts down on bruises and cuts and bumps.

"But it is still a physical sport," McDowell said.

While on the Ann Arbor team, she did what a lot of people do in any organization. She commented, "You open your mouth and say, 'this league could be run a bit bet-



Coach Sue McDowell readies for practice while her team takes to the ice.

ter?" Lo and behold, she was asked, "Why don't you run for president?"

That led to coaching. Some Ann Arbor parents also asked

her to coach their girls team and then the request came in from the University of Michigan club team.

Finally, in 1997, she took over the vol-

unteer position as associate director of the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association.

"I made sure girls' hockey got a fair shake," she added.

While doing what she does best, McDowell was asked by booster club parents Beth and Sean Rowley if she was interested in coaching the Plymouth-Canton Salem team. She started that job about a month ago. Meanwhile, she is assistant coach in Ann Arbor for a team of women 19 years and younger. McDowell also makes herself available as a goalie coach.

And when she isn't quite busy enough, she also plays on the Iron Maidens team, for which she used to coach and now says she is "just a goalie."

Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz, a Canton recreation and

Summit on the Park manager, couldn't do with McDowell on that team. "She was my first real hockey coach," Bilbrey-Honsowetz said.

When she was asked to play, Bilbrey-Honsowetz was honest. She didn't even know how to skate. "I joined the Learn to Play Hockey Program."

But hockey appealed to her. She loves team sports. "I like to challenge myself. I was encouraged to try," she said. "Then I was hooked. It is just a team atmosphere."

Bilbrey-Honsowetz credits McDowell with giving her the support she needed. She is so supportive of anyone who has a passion to try women's hockey.

"With Sue it is the fact that you want to be involved that she considers terrific. I could have been intimidated."

Married and with one dog, a career and hockey all over the place doesn't phase McDowell. In the least, she'll add even more if she can.

"It has given so much to me. In a philosophical sense, I want to give back to it," said McDowell, who encourages women to get involved. "We need to empower young women that what they love - hockey - is valid."

When asked about her love of hockey and her deep involvement, McDowell talks about her mom, a field hockey player in her own right. Sure, her mom wasn't crazy that it was hockey instead of church. But her mom "was euphoric that I found a sport with lots of activity."

"This sport has given me confidence, self-discipline, self-respect and respect for others."

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Sue McDowell works with the high school team's two goalies. McDowell, a longtime player, is a goalie on the Iron Maidens team.

Canton mother's competence tested

A preliminary exam for a 20-year-old Canton woman accused of drowning her 11-month-old son was delayed Friday when her court-appointed attorney asked for a competency exam.

Thirty-fifth District Judge Ron Lowe ordered the matter turned over to the Ypsilanti Forensics Center so the woman, Jennifer Ann Avery, can be evaluated as to whether she is competent to stand trial. A tentative hearing date was scheduled for Dec. 19.

Avery, who's been charged with murder in the first degree, felony murder and first-degree child abuse, was remanded to the Wayne County jail where she is being held without bond.

Lowe asked Avery's attorney, Donald W. Teichman, if he wanted his client evaluated for just competency or competency and capacity.

"Just competency," Teichman replied.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Bob Moran said he had no objection to the request.

Moran said after the brief court session that the question of competency will address the issue of whether the defendant is competent to stand trial. If she is found incompetent, she'll be referred to the Ypsilanti facility for further evaluation and treatment.

Moran said the question of capacity - whether the defendant knew what she was doing at the time the incident occurred - would be a finding of fact for a jury.

Avery was arrested on Oct. 22 after calling police and



Assistant prosecutor Bob Moran (left), defense attorney Donald Teichman and Jennifer Avery listen to Judge Ron Lowe.

telling them her son, Bryan, had slipped in the bathtub and was not breathing. The operator talked her through performing CPR until police and paramedics arrived.

Her husband, Christopher, was not home at the time Bryan was taken to Ann Arbor Hospital in Wayne where he was pronounced dead.

At Avery's arraignment on Oct. 24, Canton Detective Chad Baugh testified that she confessed to drowning her son in the bathtub. "During an interview the defendant confessed that there was a good person and a bad person inside her," Baugh testified. "She said the bad person told her to hold her son under water until he stopped breathing."

Avery's father, Frank St. John of Berkley, was present in the courtroom Friday and also during the video arraignment. After the arraignment he said his daughter had a history of mental health problems.

Favorites emerge in city mayoral push

Three Plymouth city commissioners appear to be emerging as the odds-on favorites to become Plymouth's next mayor.

Stella Greene, Ron Loisel and Phil Pursell have admitted to coveting the city's top elected position held by Bill Graham the past two years.

"Of course I do," said Greene, when asked if she'd like to become mayor. "There are too many issues the city needs to deal with. I have the relationships and connections in Lansing we need to give us some influence."

Loiselle, who has served as mayor once before, said he'd like another shot at the top spot.

"Yes, my hat is in the ring," said Loiselle. "The city is facing difficult times, and it needs a strong mayor and mayor pro tem to get out into the community and explain to residents the budget cuts and other things that will need to be instituted."

Pursell, who is being pushed by some on the commission, said he'd be "happy to serve" if elected.

Regardless of who is mayor, they

will have large shoes to fill with Bill leaving, he said. "I don't think the experience of all seven commissioners could have the same level of experience in municipal government as he does."

The one commissioner who most likely would get a consensus vote to become mayor is Dan Dwyer. However, Dwyer announced after being re-elected Tuesday he wasn't interested in the position.

"It's a family decision," he said. "It's wonderful that so many people asked me. But, to do it right, I'm not ready to sacrifice my family time right now. Maybe some day, but not now."

In Tuesday's election, incumbents Dwyer, Michele Potter and newcomer Dave Workman were elected to four-year terms.

Anthony Guillion finished fourth, and will serve a two-year stint. At Monday's meeting, Graham and Colleen Pobur - mayor and mayor pro tem, respectively - will step down. The new commission will then elect a mayor and mayor pro-tem for the next two years.

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Show offers music

WSDP 88.1FM, will air Musical Kaleidoscope at 5:45 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 11 and Nov. 25.

The show is produced in partnership with the Plymouth Community Arts Council and Pioneer Middle School Musical. Kaleidoscope is a 20-minute show that uses recordings from classical to contemporary to broaden students' musical appreciation.

The theme of the show is the Wild West and Pioneer Middle School students Matt Daubemeyer, Staci Kurhak and Ashley Soares will host it. The show will feature music from Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, the Hot Club of Cowtown, Bonanza, Aaron Copeland

and the musical *Oklahoma!*

Three student announcers, from Pioneer Middle School, are selected for a two-month commitment. They work with the production team from 88.1FM to write and record the show.

During the first month they produce a show from a predetermined script. During the second month students are asked to develop a script from scratch. They select the theme and music to be played.

The show is based on a program produced in Georgia called *Music In The Morning*. Jo Hulce, from the Arts Council, found the program and approached WSDP to help develop a local version.

Jobless to use phones and Internet in search

News that the Canton unemployment office on Ronda Drive will be closing on Nov. 14 wasn't a major concern for a 34-year-old Livonia resident who gets his benefits there.

The man, who didn't want his name used, said he's been laid off for three weeks from his job in pharmaceutical sales.

He was offered a transfer to Ohio, he said Monday as he was leaving the office, but he couldn't make the move so he's been looking for other work.

"I just want this to be over with," he said. "I've never had to do this before."

The Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services announced last week that it is closing the office at 8775 Ronda Drive, along with six other offices in southeast Michigan.

The closures are part of a consolidation of the Bureau of Workers' & Unemployment

Compensation, according to David Plawecki, deputy director of MDCIS.

Jobless workers in the area will now have to file their claims by telephone or via the Internet.

"The telephone-filed claims and Internet-filed claims processes are major conveniences to our customers," Plawecki said. "They save jobless workers the time and expense of traveling to an office and applying for unemployment benefits in person."

The only question raised by the Livonia resident, who said he has Internet access at home, was, "How do you do appeals?"

The answer to that, said Norm Isotalo, a spokesman for BW&UC, is that six "problem resolution offices" will remain open.

In the Canton/Detroit area three offices will be open to handle problems. They are located at 2901 Gully Road in Dearborn, 4321 Oakman in west Detroit and 401 E. 13 Mile Road in Madison

Heights. Other offices are in Grand Rapids, Lansing and Saginaw.

"The Canton office is among the last group of offices to be closed," Isotalo said.

Other offices that are being closed are in Eastside Detroit, Flint, Lapeer, Monroe, Port Huron and Sterling Heights.

He said the three workers in the Canton office will be reassigned to the problem resolution offices in Dearborn and Madison Heights.

But all claims must now be initiated by Internet or telephone.

Internet claims can be filed at www.michigan.gov/bwuc. The site accepts applications from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays.

Telephone claims can be filed by calling toll-free 1 (866) 500-0017 on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

A general assistance toll-free customer service line is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. That number is 1 (800) 638-3995.

'Michigan is not alone in making this transition to telephone and Internet claims.'

Norm Isotalo
official

Isotalo said people without Internet access should check with their local public libraries, most of which have computers with Internet access available to the public. The Canton Public Library has numerous Internet-accessible computers for patron use.

"We are facing reduced budgets, as are many government offices," Isotalo said. "Michigan is not alone in making this transition to telephone and Internet claims. It's a cost-effective way to serve our customers."

GOVERNOR

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to \$6,829. Foundation grants of neighboring school districts include Livonia, \$8,105, Northville, \$8,050, Farmington, \$10,068, and Ann Arbor, \$9,235.

"We have a hole in the budget," said state Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township). "There's only so much money in the School Aid Fund. We don't have enough revenue coming in to pay out what we've budgeted."

The same situation occurred last year, when the district faced a \$900,000 cut late in the school year. In order to come up with enough money, Superintendent Jim Ryan ordered a spending freeze.

"In all reality, it could be January before they determine what the final number is," said Patricia Brand, the district's executive director of business services. "At that point in time, it's not realistic that we could manage the cutback by staff or program reductions. We will

probably have to absorb the majority of the cut."

Stewart expects the action in Lansing to be fast and furious, considering there are only four legislative sessions scheduled before the executive order goes into effect.

"I want to see business as usual in our schools, but unfortunately we need to dip into those fund balances," Stewart said. "I don't want to see class sizes increase or teacher layoffs."

Despite tough economic times, the Plymouth-Canton school district added \$1.9 million to its fund balance, giving it a general fund savings account of nearly \$15.2 million.

The ending balance doesn't include another \$5.7 million in Durant funds, a one-time award from the state for not properly funding special education programs.

It's the third year in a row — despite opening three new schools and facing budget shortfalls — that the district has increased its fund balance.

Stewart said there are two ideas floating in Lansing that would bring in \$515 million, freeing up general fund money.

Racinos — allowing slot machines at race tracks — would bring in \$400 million up front, according to Stewart, if the bill is signed by Granholm.

"I voted 'no,' but the votes are there to put the racino package through," said Stewart, whose district includes Northville Downs race track. "I don't want that to be a motivator for further problems, such as crime."

Stewart said a pause in the rollback of the state income tax by one-tenth of 1 percent could generate another \$115 million.

"I don't think the governor is posturing," Stewart said. "I think she's trying to gather consensus to the politically unpopular things to do."

"Right now there's a huge gap in credibility and trustworthiness between the Republican leadership and the governor," he added.

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Credit union changes name to 'emphasize community'

Community Federal Credit Union, headquartered in Plymouth, Michigan, changed its name to Community Financial, a move officials of the federally-chartered credit union said more strongly emphasizes its commitment to the communities it serves and to better communicate the full range of financial services it offers.

The credit union's CEO, Roger Ballard, said, "Our decision to become 'Community Financial' came after months of research and talking with our members, employees, non-members and others in the community."

"For us, 'Community' is very important, because we work hard to be a good corporate citizen in the communities where our members live and work, and 'Financial' best describes our full range of services which includes loans, savings and investment programs for personal and commercial accounts," Ballard added.

Community Financial's new tagline, "Thinking Forward Banking Right" also reflects the expansion of services that have been added during the credit union's 52-year history. More recently, comfortable Internet stations with coffee service have been added to some of the branches to give members more convenience in looking up their accounts and other financial information.

"Simply put, we want to make banking easier for our members and ensure that these services are delivered in a friendly, professional manner," Ballard said.

Among its community outreach programs, Community Financial participates in area chamber of commerce activities, operates 17 student credit unions in local schools, provides annual scholarships to graduating seniors, sponsors

member education seminars and volunteers for special community-based programs.

Community Financial's members have already been advised of the name change which has no effect on their accounts or the benefits of credit union membership. Promotional activities to communicate the name change to others will be ongoing over the next several months.

Headquartered in

Plymouth, membership in Community Financial is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school in the Michigan cities, townships or counties of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency.

For more information, visit the credit union Web site at www.cfcu.org or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free.

OBITUARIES

Richard Gordon Alwood Sr.

Services for Richard Alwood, 89, of Plymouth, were held Nov 5 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. John Paton officiating. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Alwood was born April 25, 1914 in Detroit and died Nov 2 in Pittsfield Township. He retired from the Burroughs Corporation where he was an accountant. He came to the Plymouth community in 1977 from Detroit. He loved playing the piano and was an excellent artist of oil paintings, at one time he taught art. He was a loving husband, father and friend.

Mr. Alwood was preceded in death by wife, Mary Louise Alwood.

Survivors include children, Lynn Mary Alwood of Northville and Richard G. Alwood, Jr. of Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Lions Club. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Virginia S. Stachura

Services for Virginia Stachura, 48 of Canton Township, were held Nov 8 at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home with burial following at Knollwood Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Stachura was born Sept. 12, 1955, in Detroit and died November 6 in Canton. She was a secretary.

Survivors include husband, Stephen Stachura, Jr. of Canton, daughters, Gloria (Chris) Dupus and Kristina Grady, son, Joseph Stachura, mother, Audrey Green, and two grandchildren. Arrangements made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home.

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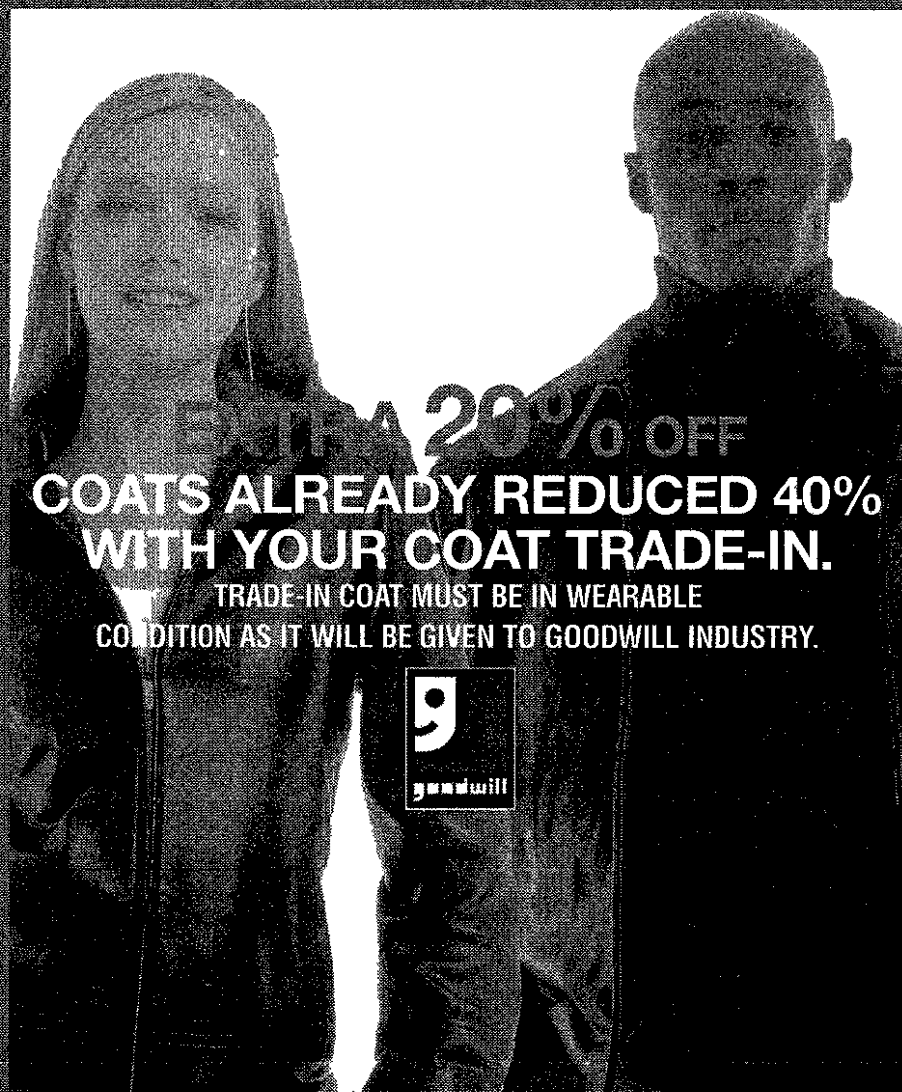
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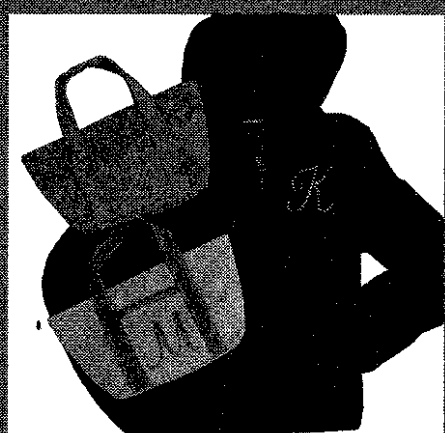
The American Business Women's Association presents "Being A Change Agent It Comes From Within," an educational, interactive evening featuring Donna of DonnaMarie Consulting and Training.

The seminar takes place at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Nov 17, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Novi. Reservations are required by Nov 12. Admission is \$16, which includes dinner. The ABWA's Charter Oaks chapter serves Novi, Farmington, Farmington Hills, South Lyon, Wixom, Canton and Plymouth.

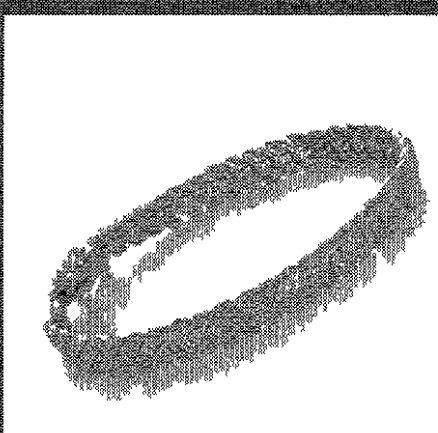
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Rituals link Muslims to heritage, culture

While Muslims around the world gather in mosques to celebrate Ramadan – a month of blessing marked by prayer, fasting and charity – so do metro Detroit area Muslims gather at the Canton mosque on Palmer and Lotz roads.

But for many of those attending prayers in Canton, the ritual of Ramadan represents a link to a heritage and culture that they might be too young to otherwise appreciate.

Our generation is the first who went to work in this country and who married in this country, said Hasan Shahid,

25, who's lived in Canton since he was in the fifth grade.

One phenomenon about our mosque is that it is not just a prayer area, but it serves community functions such as community dinners and marriages.

The mosque also shares quarters with Crescent Academy, a Muslim school serving Western Wayne County.

While those attending services at the Canton mosque share the Islamic faith, they come from many different countries – India, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Syria and others. Many are also black or white American converts.

"They're mostly south Asian," Shahid said. "But getting together like this encourages us to stay with the faith."

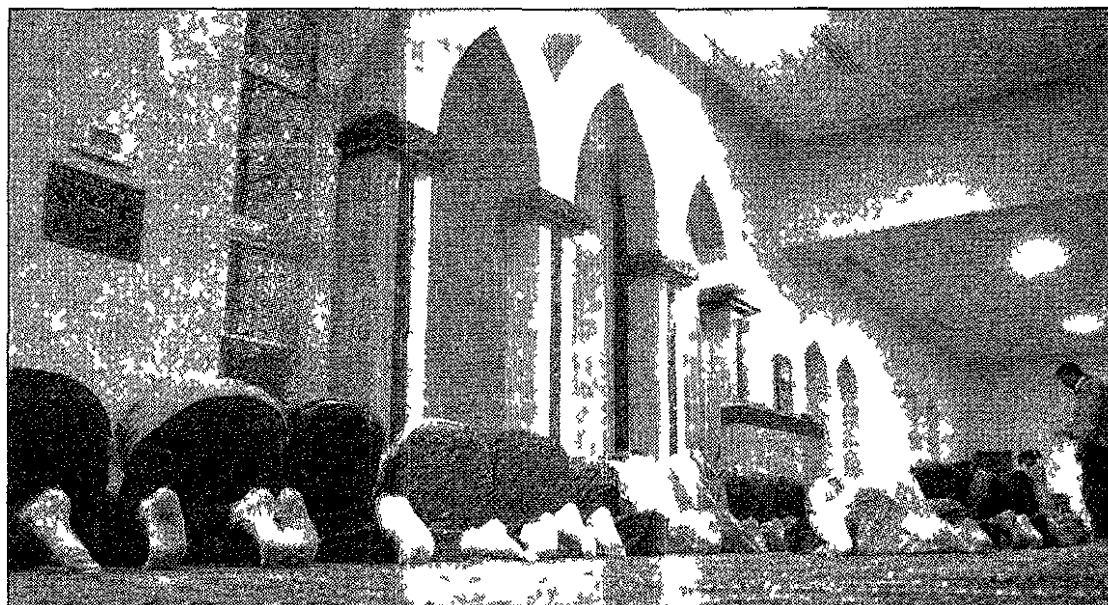
And Ramadan is the month that definitely brings the faithful together.

"Every Ramadan our weekends are booked," Shahid said. And prayer services are held every night.

The spiritual leader of the

'Our generation is the first who went to work in this country and who married in this country.'

Hasan Shahid
Canton Muslim



The Muslim faithful pray shortly after sunset in the Canton mosque, facing east toward Mecca.

gion. Fasting represents sincerity to God. If we're sincere with God we can be sincere with other people."

He said about 200-300 people show up for prayers every night during Ramadan, which began Oct. 27 and runs for a month.

"In an ordinary day we spend 15-20 minutes in prayer," he said. "During Ramadan it's about an hour and 45 minutes."

There are several hundred Muslim families in the Canton area, and more than 300,000 Muslims in the greater Detroit area.

Canton mosque – the Imam – is Sheikh Ali, who is also director of Muslim Family Services and the American Learning Institute for Muslims. A native of Ghana, Ali moved from Detroit to Canton about a year and a half ago where he lives with his wife and six children.

Fasting during Ramadan, from sunrise to sunset, is symbolic of the significance of the month.

"One of the most important things to teach is sincerity," Ali said. "And one of the most important things is our reli-



Malik Shaw breaks his fast at sundown. Children like Shaw's 3-year-old daughter Sabriyya do not fast during the holy month of Ramadan.

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newsletter contained an informational article on the front page and a commentary by Mann that described the need

While Mann, a supporter of the township hall project, says the content is strictly informational and does not advocate a vote one way or the other, at least two trustees disagree, and question the release of the newsletter just days before the election

"I simply feel the timing of that newsletter with (Mann's) comments and the information provided was very one-sided," said trustee Ron Griffith, who opposed building the new hall at Haggerty and Ann Arbor Road "It wasn't as much an information piece as it was parading the Massey property before the people before the vote"

With Tuesday's approval by voters of the sale of bonds, the township hall project will be built on nine-plus acres the township bought from auto magnate Don Massey That property was approved by a 4-3 vote earlier this year

Griffith and trustees Abe Munfakh and Chuck Curmi voted against the project Griffith has been outspoken about the lack of formal stud-

ies done comparing the Massey property to other locations, including the Chrysler property on Ann Arbor Road and the land on which the township hall is currently located

"There was never an analysis done on the other properties comparable to the Massey property," Griffith said "That's what we wanted to see, how they stacked up against each other There were some inspections, (Mann) walking through them, but never any comparative analysis"

The newsletter mentions none of those options, and Griffith told Mann in an e-mail earlier this week he thinks the newsletter may have constituted an illegal use of taxpayer funds

Michigan campaign finance law says public funds cannot be used to assist a ballot initiative or to influence an election

"In my judgment, using taxpayer funds to publish in this way (which stands to influence an election to your position) is inappropriate, unethical and possibly in violation of State election law," Griffith said "While you did not ask specifically for a 'YES' vote on the issue your narrative clearly points implicitly to that conclusion"

Michigan Department of State officials contacted this week by the Observer wouldn't

comment on the legality of the newsletter

"We can't comment unless a formal complaint is filed," said spokesperson Kelly Chesney "Issuing an opinion until then would be inappropriate"

Mann said he ran the articles for the newsletter through township attorney Tim Cronin before publishing them He characterized the issue as simple political sniping by opponents of the project

"I think (Griffith and Munfakh) are grasping at anything," Mann said The truth of the matter is, it would have been wrong for the township not to put out a piece of literature (before the election) This was a scheduled newsletter, so absolutely we have a ballot question out for voters, the township has to get the information out to the voters, and that is to be fact-driven, and that's what that newsletter was"

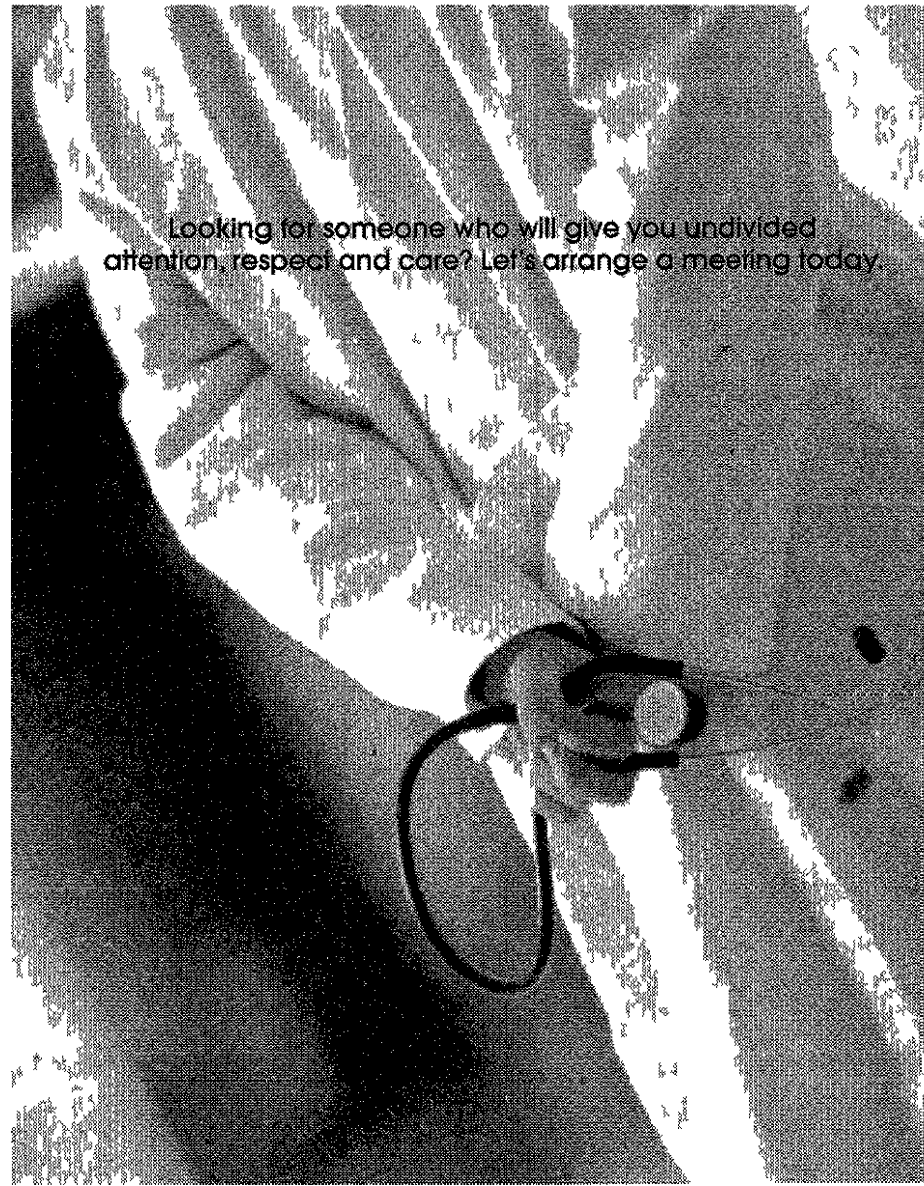
Munfakh asked for a special meeting to be held Tuesday, because he won't be in attendance at the next regularly scheduled township board meeting, set for Dec 18 At press time, Mann said it was unlikely a special meeting would be called The issue is likely, however, to come up at the Dec 18 meeting

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Farm and Garden Association will meet

The November meeting of the Plymouth branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association takes place at 12 30 p m Monday, Nov 10, in the Waldorf Room of the Plymouth District Library

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Campaign takes aim at seat belts

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The Plymouth Township Police Department is joining more than 500 Michigan law enforcement agencies in a crackdown on unbuckled motorists as part of the national "Click It or Ticket" mobilization Local police officers will be out on the streets looking for unbuckled motorists and sending the message "Click It or Ticket"

The two-week safety belt enforcement wave will be sup-

ported by state and national advertising targeted at young drivers in addition to highly visible enforcement The message to teens and young adults will be seen and heard in television and radio ads watched and listened to by young drivers, over public high school address systems and through enforcement on major roads throughout Plymouth Township

"The only proven way to get significant increases in safety belt use among young people and ultimately save lives, is through high visibility enforcement, including targeted advertising to alert people to the enforcement," said Sgt Steve Rapson of the Plymouth Township Police Department "Teens and young adults are

killed at far higher rates in crashes because they are caught in a legal intersection of inexperience, risk taking and low safety belt use"

According to the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning, 346 Michigan teens and young adults, ages 11-24, died and 33,746 were injured in traffic crashes in 2002

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"I feel comfortable the people got to vote on it," Schmettler said. "It wasn't that big a split. I think it should warn them there are a lot of people who will be watching."

The next step, according to township treasurer Ron Edwards, is to decide the timing of the bond sale. Township officials will consult with their bond counsel to determine the best time to sell.

"We have to take a look at what we think the financial market is going to do," Edwards said. "Hopefully, we'll be selling bonds by Jan. 1."

The township will also have to complete the purchase of the land (the purchase agreement was contingent on the outcome of the election) and find an architect. Schmettler said he wonders if citizens will be included in the process.

"I think they should but I don't think they will," he said. "They haven't (involved residents) to this point."

Mann disputed that. "Absolutely, I think we've involved citizens from the beginning," Mann said. "I see maybe two committees (architect and facilities oversight), and citizens will certainly be a part of those."

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Turnout low for off-day election

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At West Middle School, election workers Thursday made strong pots of coffee to get themselves through the lonely hours.

Over at Bird Elementary, they were putting together a chart, guessing how many actual voters would come through the doors. Want a hint how it turned out? The low numbers won. That's because voter turnout for the Plymouth Township election, in which voters were deciding whether to give township officials permission to sell \$6 million in municipal bonds to help finance a new township hall, was very low.

Only slightly more than 23 percent (4,791) of the townships 20,432 registered voters cast a ballot in Thursday's election. Of those, 2,603 were cast by absentee ballot, meaning only 2,188 people actually went to the polls in the township's 17 precincts.

By the way, the measure passed by a 55-45 percent margin. It was an off-day election — most elections happen on Tuesday — with just one item on the ballot, but the turnout still was a matter of concern.

"Twenty-three percent of the voters made the decision for all of them," said township Clerk Marilyn Massengill. "Any time you have that kind of low turnout, you're disappointed."

As they are for every election, polls were open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. During that 13-hour window, the township's busiest precinct, and the only one to break 200 voters, was at Massengill's office. Five precincts finished with fewer than 100 voters, the lowest coming at United Assembly of God Church on North Territorial, which saw just 33 voters in 13 hours, barely two per hour.

"I think the Thursday election had something to do with it," Massengill said. "Every precinct I went to, a lot of precinct workers said (voters) had expected it to be Tuesday."

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District administrators note the scores look pretty good. But, then again, are they correct?

"The state was supposed to post the scores, then let the district look at them for about 10 days to make appeals or changes before the information was released to anyone else," Anible said. "I'm not sure how long the scores were available to us first, but it was only hours. That's not enough time to review the data. So, I'm not confident it's accurate."

Anible said the district won't review the scores if the state won't allow for corrections.

"Not unless they tell us they will redo the computations," she said, "with any input we give them."

Martin Ackley, public information officer for the Department of Education, couldn't address the reason for the scores at the PCCS Warehouse. However, he did note every school district received a chance to voice concerns about the scores.

"We gave them an opportunity about a month ago to make adjustments," said Ackley. "We want to make sure the information is fair and accurate."

Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations, said the three administrators who normally receive such instructions were not contacted by the state.

'We gave them an opportunity about a month ago to make adjustments. We want to make sure the information is fair and accurate.'

Martin Ackley
Department of Education

The high school snafu comes in the wake of elementary and middle school MEAP tests released last month that were also riddled with errors. The scores were released five months behind schedule, making them virtually useless in making immediate improvements in the district's curriculum.

As for the high school results, Anible said students will be able to determine how well they did.

"Students will get individual results back, and they will have the information to discuss with their parents," she said. "But as far as the district making any decisions based on those scores, I'm not confident."

"Plymouth-Canton plans and moves forward for continuous improvement, and we don't do that just because of the MEAP," she added. "We believe in reviewing our procedures, curriculum and instructional strategies, and then evaluate what we do."

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Love of baseball, religion provides a lesson in life

Irwin Cohen is a man with two old-fashioned passions in his life: his Orthodox Jewish faith and the Detroit Tigers baseball team.

For years, his life was simple. Stadium and synagogue. Work, where he helped with group ticket sales, and at one point visited every seat in old Tiger Stadium, finding seven seats "the club didn't even know were there," and then home, where he serves as president of a small but ancient Southfield congregation, Mogen Abraham.

What he was never expected to be was an author. But in the last decade, he has produced six books, two of which have just been published: *Tiger Stadium* (Arcadia, \$19.99), perhaps the best picture book on the legendary ballpark at Michigan and Trumbull, while *Echoes of Detroit's Jewish Communities* (City Vision, \$29.95) is the first definitive, chronological history of three centuries of Jewish settlement in Michigan.

"I was surprised to find that no one had done a book like this," said Cohen, a short and pleasantly warm man who usually wears a vintage baseball cap and who sports a Trumbull street sign on his suburban front porch.

No one had done a book like that, so he did, burrowing in historical libraries for two years to hunch himself over the microfilm readers. Incidentally, nobody expected Irwin Cohen to become an author. His higher education consisted of one year at Highland Park Community College. He doesn't own a computer, by the way. He doesn't have a fax machine and doesn't do the Internet. He writes his books in longhand.

Never had a journalism or creative writing course. But if anyone

ever told him he couldn't be a writer, he didn't listen. Ironically, his literary career was probably made possible by Mike Ilitch, in an indirect way.

That's because the Tigers new owner fired him. "They got rid of all of us," Cohen said. Later, he said Tigers' president John McHale twice asked him to come back, but he politely declined. Instead, he decided to write books. To do so, he took out a second mortgage on his small house in an older, mainly Jewish, Detroit suburb, something he openly admits his wife, Davida, didn't (and doesn't) think was such a great idea.

Three years ago he got modestly favorable reviews for his *Echoes of Detroit*, a book published to commemorate the city's 300th anniversary. Unfortunately for him, a number of other anniversary books were also published, many by institutions that could afford to spend money to advertise and promote them.

So he went back to the microfilm for two years to research Detroit's Jewish history. The book, which like his other works takes a strictly chronological approach, is his best work yet. Lavishly illustrated, and full of tidbits and anecdotes about some of Detroit's most prominent people, *Echoes* is a fascinating tour of Detroit's past that ought to be interesting even for non-Jews.

There are a few omissions, notably Rabbi Sherwin Wine and his significant and growing humanistic Judaism movement, a movement not recognized by more conservative Jews as part of their tradition. But otherwise, the book is fascinating, starting with Ezekiel Solomon, a fur trapper from Montreal who ended up in the Upper Peninsula around 1761, and continuing through the present-day leaders of the community, which numbers about 96,000.

Though most of Detroit's Jews have long since moved from the crowded, close-knit Dexter-

Davison community into which Cohen was born, nobody questions that the community is thriving. That's not the case with his other love, the Tigers.

Last year, they set the American League record for losses. Asked how he thinks they will do next year, Cohen, who used to send anonymous tips to Detroit sportswriters under the nom de plume "Mr. Baseball," gamely predicts they will zoom up to 70 wins.

"In your dreams," says his good friend, Dr. David Ungar, a podiatrist.

These days, he says he doesn't really root that much for the Tigers anymore. But he was never one of the stuck-in-the-muds who still refuse to accept Comerica Park.

"It was time for a new stadium," he said.

Cohen has other loves and other passions. He'd like to take old Tiger Stadium and turn it into a new Detroit Historical museum, saving the infield perhaps. He runs a club which meets monthly and is devoted to the memory of Eddie Lake (1916-1995), a 231-hitting shortstop who most baseball historians would rank as deservedly obscure.

Irwin is mad for the Lone Ranger, and can tell you that the original radio actor was not Bruce Beemer, but a poor drama student named Earle Grasser, who met his end when he fell asleep driving home from the radio station one night in 1941. To honor him, Cohen tracked down his grave and reverently read part of a Lone Ranger episode over it. Perhaps Cohen will never write a best seller. Perhaps someday he'll have to get another boring job. Perhaps he doesn't fit today's cyber world. But he has done it his way in a big way, and never let anyone tell him what he couldn't do. There's a lesson in there somewhere.

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Legislators square off over proposal on development

Nothing seems to say suburbs quite as much as a sprawling two-story brick house set on a half acre or more of lush, richly fertilized lawn.

This is the American dream for many. This is what "open spaces" means to them, a home in a park-like setting far from the noise, crowds and hurry of the city - yet not so far from the city that they can't speed (or crawl) to their office along the freeway.

Some see a proposal making its way through the state legislature as an assault on their American dream and on local control over land use issues. Others see the proposal as a way to extend the suburban home ownership dream to more people while creating more open space.

State Rep. Ruth Johnson (R-Holly), chair of the House Land Use Committee, is passionately opposed to House Bill 4919, sponsored by Rep. Jacob Hoogendyk

(R-Kalamazoo).

Basically the proposal would mandate that townships (in counties with 750,000 or more residents) allow a maximum density of eight dwelling units per acre on at least 50 percent of undeveloped land if the area has public water and sewer available. It allows a land owner to develop a cluster development. A township that doesn't comply can be sued by the land owners.

Hoogendyk said in a phone interview that he would like to see the bill, at least, come before Johnson's committee for discussion.

"I think at times, as a state, you need to step in to help the townships do the right thing," Hoogendyk said.

Johnson counters that that's one of the problems.

"It takes away local control and there is no planning of any sort," Johnson said in a phone interview.

She said there is no requirement in the proposal for roads, schools and police protection. She said the density is too high and could add 250,000 people to a township's population.

"It has a serious effect on quality of life, especially in river watershed areas," she said.

She also argued that it will only help depopulate older communities, which already have an infrastructure but are losing population to newer suburbs.



Hugh Gallagher

Hoogendyk said home buyers are being driven out of Detroit and the older suburbs because of taxes and the quality of schools. He said his proposal gives them an opportunity to find the housing they want.

"We need more affordable housing, young families are being forced out of the market," he said. "Builders are willing to build affordable homes, but the lot sizes are so big it's not feasible for them to do so."

He said the proposal says that townships have to allow cluster developments but it doesn't mandate builders to build them.

He said township restrictions now make housing so expensive that no one can afford it. Still, Johnson sees the proposal as a threat to a particular lifestyle preference.

"Thirty percent of the population want a dense urban environment, 30 percent, like me, want open space and 40 percent don't care," she said.

This proposal, she said, strips away the rights of those who want open space.

Johnson said there are already laws that protect open space, including a bill that she introduced in 2001 that provides for conservation easements. This new proposal, she said, gives all the decision to developers and none to the residents of the community. She said the bill would only apply to Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties because the backers know it wouldn't be acceptable anywhere else.

All of these are strong arguments from a smart legislator who, I believe, accurately represents the views of her north Oakland County constituency, which rests in that fuzzy area between urban metro Detroit and urban Flint. But Hoogendyk argues strongly that the problem is primarily a metro Detroit problem, though it might later become a state problem. He said his proposal fits well with the recent recommendations of the governor's land use commission.

The three county area is where the most people live, where young home buyers need new housing and where communities need more public open space. It is unlikely that the proposal will suddenly create a glut of tenement housing in exurbia. But, Hoogendyk is definitely right about one thing, this is a proposal worth debating and should not be stalled in the House committee process.

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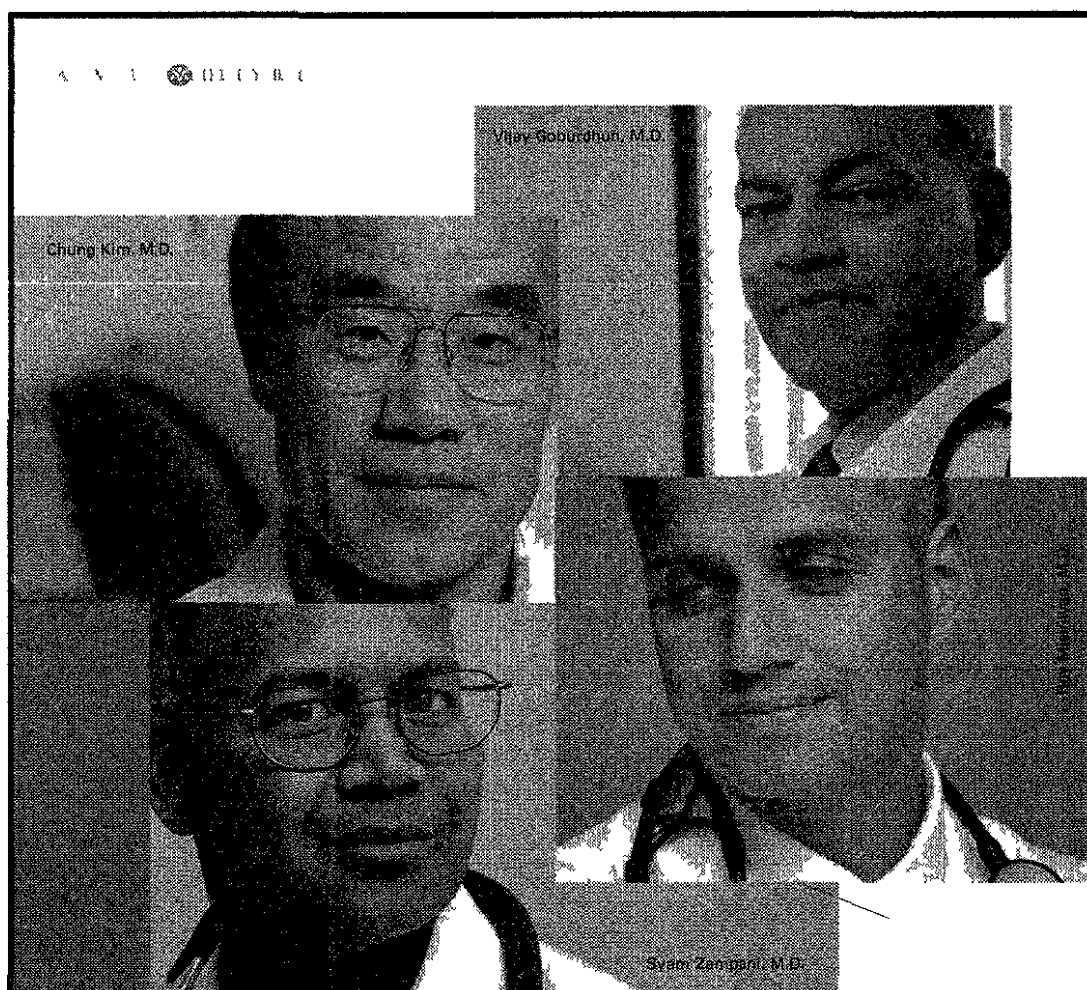
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Report on blackout calls on Congress

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) Wednesday called on Congress to broaden the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to develop and maintain reliability standards and require mandatory compliance by power companies.

The recommendation was made in report on the Aug. 14 blackout. The MPSC blamed the incident, which left nearly 50 million people without power in North America, on FirstEnergy and American Electric Power of Ohio. The report faults the companies and the Midwest Independent System Operator, the regional reliability coordinator for FirstEnergy, for not warning Michigan utilities about their power problems and the potential for wider blackouts.

The MPSC launched its investigation into the blackout on Aug. 18. It is the first comprehensive, state-specific report to be released.

"On Aug. 14, when the blackout struck, six million Michigamans found themselves without electricity — some for hours, some for days. Across North America, millions of people were reminded of how vital electricity is in our everyday lives and how vulnerable this country's electric grid has become," said MPSC Chair J. Peter Lark.

The MPSC's investigation focused on what caused the blackout and how Michigan's utilities and transmission operators reacted both to the outage and to the events preceding it. It also focused on the utilities' efforts to restore power following the blackout as well as recommendations designed to prevent future disruptions. The joint U.S.-Canada task force is charged with finding the so-called "root cause" of the blackout.

Lark noted the following conclusions of the report:

■ First, there is no evidence to suggest that events in Michigan or actions taken by Michigan utilities or transmission operators were factors contributing to the cause of the blackout. Generally, all of the transmission line and power plant outages that occurred in the 2-1/2 hours preceding the power surges that precipitated the blackout involved the facilities of FirstEnergy and American Electric Power (AEP) in Ohio. At the time the power surges began, the electric system in Michigan was in balance.

■ Second, Michigan utilities and transmission companies were not notified of the problems being experienced by FirstEnergy and AEP and received no advance warning of the potential blackout.

■ Third, the Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO) should have informed affected transmission operators of the disturbances that were occurring on FirstEnergy's sys-

tem. The report concludes that MISO's reliability coordination structure, consisting of 23 independent transmission companies, is flawed.

■ Fourth, there was no effective support from regional coordinators responsible for reliability within the Ohio area. Four organizations were involved in discussions regarding the electrical disturbances, yet no one entity was able to see the whole picture.

■ Fifth, restoration efforts after the blackout by Detroit Edison, Consumers Energy and the Lansing Board of Water and Light were appropriate.

"All of this tells us that electric reliability has been seriously compromised by the fragmented and ineffective regulation of the electric transmission system," Lark added. "As a result of this investigation, my fellow commissioners and I have reached a number of conclusions and have a number of recommendations. Adoption of these recommendations will go a long way toward preventing future outages and will inject a needed dose of accountability into the system."


■ The current voluntary reliability standards are inadequate to protect Michigan, or the nation's citizens. Therefore, the MPSC is recommending that Congress pass legislation that reposes authority and responsibility over the nation's electric transmission in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). FERC must be empowered to, where necessary, order membership into a Regional Transmission Organization (RTO). In the Upper Midwest, a single RTO is necessary.

■ Congress must provide the FERC with the authority to develop and enforce mandatory reliability standards. In addition, there should be penalties for noncompliance. Mandatory reliability standards should be the centerpiece of a comprehensive strategy to improve grid reliability. "The blackout that some six million Michigamans experienced was more than just an inconvenience. It disrupted vital services and seriously affected our lives. I am confident that Michigan's recommendations will lead to better safeguards in the near future. The recommendations we are making are important. It is imperative that real remedies are put into place. Anything less leaves Michigan and the nation vulnerable," Lark concluded.

The entire 107-page report, including an executive summary and additional recommendations, is available on the following Web site: michigan.gov/blackout.

The MPSC is an agency within the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

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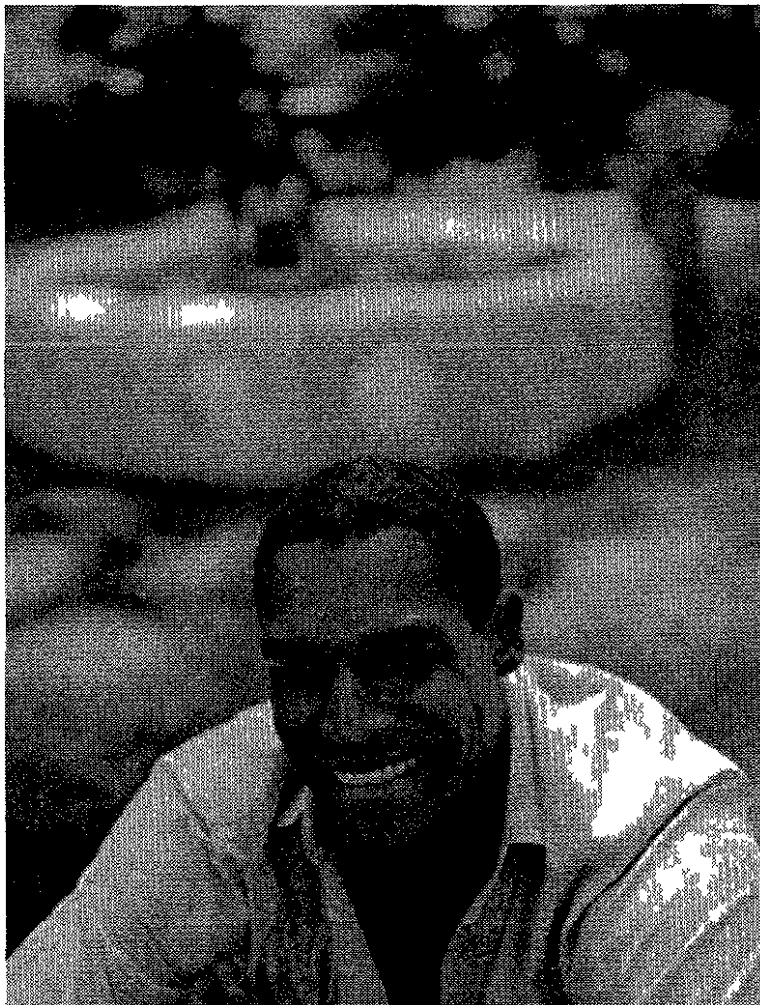
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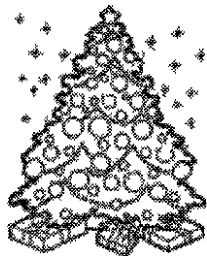
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Laura Lesko added 15 kills with a team-high .636 kill percentage and nine digs, and Sharyse Bush had 14 kills and two blocks.

Other standouts included Caryn Inman with nine kills (467) and three blocks; Tera Morrill (from Westland/Livonia Franklin) with five kills (312), two aces and a team-best 23 digs; Amanda Suder (Salem HS) with 10 kills, and Ashley Frost with 43 set assists and 10 digs.

The Crusaders open defense of their Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title, hosting the Final Four beginning Friday.

Morrell all-MAC

For the second time in three seasons, Abi Morrell has been named to the all-Mid-American Conference women's soccer team.

Morrell, now a senior at Eastern Michigan University and a Canton HS graduate, was first named to the all-MAC team in 2001 following her sophomore season at Western Michigan. She's played the last two years at EMU, helping the Eagles capture a MAC regular-season co-championship this season.

Morrell, a defender/midfielder, finished with two goals and three assists this season. She got the game-winner against Central Michigan Oct 5 and got another goal against Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne in EMU's regular-season finale Oct 31.

For her collegiate career, Morrell totaled nine goals and 11 assists in 81 matches. The Eagles were 9-10-3 overall this season, tying Kent State for the MAC regular-season title with an 8-2-2 record. They were eliminated by Bowling Green State, 2-1, in the MAC Tournament quarterfinals Nov 4.

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Canton's Chris Snider (74, left), Andy Rossow (31, below) and Jeff Hudson (24, in back) limited Glenn running back Matt Smitherman to just 46 rushing yards

Chief defense crushes Glenn

Thomas scores 3 TDs in 24-6 rout

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
CORRESPONDENT

People might look back on Friday night in a couple of years and mark it as the evening the Western Lakes Activities Association torch passed from Westland John Glenn to Plymouth Canton.

Devn Thomas scored three times to lead Canton past John Glenn, 24-6, for the second time this season, giving the Chiefs the championship of District 2, Region 3 of Division 1 in the state high school football playoffs.

Canton advances to host the winner of the South Lyon-Redford Catholic Central game Friday night on the Chiefs' artificial surface.

"We're 11-0. Unbelievable," coach Tim Baechler of Canton said. "We've been so businesslike all year."

"We practice hard. And it all

started back in the summer. Our players are excited to be together and excited when we run. It's a special group of kids."

"And when you win a game like that, that's why you do it." It's a little early to say the Chiefs (11-0) have passed the Rockets, whose only two defeats this season came on Canton's field. After all, Glenn's Chuck Gordon has coached good Rocket teams for close to three decades, while Baechler still hasn't completed his first decade with Canton.

But Friday night the torch might have been passed. And if it wasn't, it should have been burned — to ward off the cold.

It was cold enough to freeze the tails off two brass monkeys, with the temperature

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, B6

A new cast, but Ocelots still look tough

Street & Smith's, the bible of basketball magazines, has the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team ranked No. 9 among all junior college teams.

The National Junior College Athletic Association preseason poll ranks the Ocelots No. 20.

Expectations remain high this year for coach Carlos Briggs' 2003-04 team — despite the fact that no starters return from a year ago, when Schoolcraft qualified for its third straight NJCAA tournament in Hutchinson, Kan., and finished 31-4 overall.

Seven players went on to the NCAA Division I basketball ranks. So whose turn will it be to carry on the tradition?

A year ago, the Ocelots averaged 95 points per game. This year's team may bring something different to the table.

"We've struggled with our scoring so far in our scrimmages," said Briggs, who is 172-28 in six seasons. "But if we understand team defense, we have a chance to be good."

"This is one of the toughest and one of the biggest teams I've had. We'll play eight or nine guys. There are a lot of guys who are going to have to fight for minutes."

The key to the season may rest in the

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play of pivotman Lamont Arrington, a 7-foot, 220-pound second-year player from Detroit Osborn who sat out last season to develop his game.

Arrington turned some heads with his play over the summer and has committed to play at the University of Houston.

"He's our most improved returning player from last year," Briggs said. "He's developed his offensive skills and we hope he can average a double-double (points-rebounds). He can change a game defensively if he can bring his shot-blocking abilities. He gives us a presence we haven't had in the past."

His backup, Darien Bynum, a 6-7, 260-pound second-year player from Redford Bishop Borgess, also missed last season because of knee surgery. He should also provide valuable minutes at center.

Both Bynum and Arrington are the team's captains.

"Darien's had two knee surgeries and is getting back into shape," Briggs said. "He works as hard as anybody. He's a big body with good hands. We hope he can help."

The point guard situation is another question mark.

True freshman Ray Metcalf (Detroit Finney), Iowa State transfer Ricky Morgan (Pontiac Northern) and Tyrone Scott (Highland Park) are all capable leaders.

The 6-foot Morgan, who sat out last semester and transferred in from Paris JC (Texas), has been suspended for team disciplinary reasons and may sit out the first couple of games, leaving the job open to either the 6-foot Metcalf or the 6-2 Scott.

"We have three point guards who are all pretty good," Briggs said. "Ricky has the experience, knowledge and the toughness, while Ray is probably our best athlete in terms of his speed and quickness."

"Tyrone has been a nice surprise and should help us this year. He's our best outside shooter at the point, but he's the most inexperienced."

Ying for the shooting guard position are Miami of Ohio transfer Ryan Baumgartner (Muncie, Ind., South), Des Moines CC (Iowa) transfer Derrick Ponder (Pontiac Northern) and second-year player Darryl Vinson (Ann Arbor Huron).

As a junior, the 6-foot Baumgartner led his high school team to the Class 3A

PLEASE SEE OCELOTS, B4

Late free throws lift Crusaders

The Madonna University Crusaders captured their fifth straight opening-game victory Wednesday, edging the visiting Rochester Warriors 72-70.

Crusaders guard Noel Emenhiser scored a career-high 28 points, 18 of them in the first half, shooting 9-of-18 from the field and 6-of-8 from the foul line to lead all scorers. He also grabbed five rebounds and had two steals.

"We played hard and maintained the lead. We also made some mistakes, but held on in the end," Emenhiser said. "I was getting the

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open shot, and I've always been one to take it. We went to line a lot and were able to convert as well."

Madonna fell behind and was down by six midway through the first half with Rochester gaining momentum. However, a 19-11 run to favor the Crusaders put the Warriors in the back seat, an Emenhiser 3-pointer giving Madonna a 40-35 lead at the half.

Madonna managed to hold its lead throughout the second half, but the Warriors did fight back to tie the game at 70-70 on a free throw with 25 seconds remaining.

The second foul shot attempt missed, Madonna forward Chad Nadoln grabbing the last of his 10 rebounds and being instantly fouled.

Nadoln, who scored 10 points on the night, came through in the clutch, hitting both free throws to put Madonna ahead for good, 72-70. A missed shot in the final seconds ruined both Rochester's bid for overtime and its unbeaten record. The Warriors fell to 3-1, Madonna is 1-0.

With the first-game jitters out of the way, Crusaders head coach Bernie Holowick believes that his team is pointed in the right direction.

"Rochester was a tough team to beat and well-coached, it was a nail-biter that went down to the wire," he said. "Our post defense was excellent, and we ran the offense well. Joe Kofahl made some nice athletic cuts to the basket that were key."

Kofahl scored 10 points, while Chris Behrens added nine for the Crusaders. Madonna shot 11-of-18 from the line, while Rochester went 14-of-16.

The Warriors had four players score in double figures led by former Schoolcraft College forward Julius Austin with 15 points.

Janero Dawood added 13, while former Ocelot Mike Tobin had 12 points and five rebounds. Christian Adolffson added 11 and former Schoolcraft guard Cohn Wilkerson scored eight in 21 minutes to action.

Madonna women falter

Indiana Wesleyan scored the first nine points of the game Friday in the

PLEASE SEE MADONNA, B2

Rocks, Chiefs win easily in WLAA

The way the Western Lakes Activities Association girls basketball season has gone, Thursday's Salem-at-Westland John Glenn contest was, by league standards, tight.

The Rocks took a 16-8 lead after one quarter but had to work to keep it — at least until the fourth, when they pulled away for a 44-26 triumph.

Salem finishes 10-2 in the WLAA, 8-0 in the Lakes Division. The Rocks are 13-6 overall. Glenn is 6-13 overall, 2-6 in the Lakes.

"We just played a little harder, a little smarter," said Salem coach Fred Thomann after his team pulled away to the win in the second half. "We did a good job (defensively)."

Which has become a standard element for Salem's team. The Rocks did not allow the Rockets to reach double figures in points in any single quarter.

"We played well, except in the fourth quarter," said Glenn coach Mike Schuette, referring to Salem's 14-5 final-period scoring burst.

What the Rockets couldn't match was the Rocks' balance. Teresa Coppellie led Salem with 14 points, Alyssa Guern had 11 points — including three 3-pointers — and 10 rebounds, and Ellen Canale contributed 10 points, with two triples. Kathy Hammerschmidt totaled nine

boards and five assists.

Amy Bailey scored 12 points to lead Glenn, including three 3-pointers.

Now it gets interesting for Salem, which will host Canton for the WLAA championship at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Canton 52, Franklin 21:

This was never even a game.

Canton, unbeaten in the WLAA, went up against a Livonia Franklin team that was winless in the conference. The result was predictable. After a slow start (the Chiefs led 7-5 after one quarter), Canton pulled away by shutting out the Patriots 12-0 in the second quarter and outscoring them 23-8 in the third.

The 35-8 scoring onslaught gave the Chiefs a 17-2 overall record, 13-0 in the WLAA. Franklin is 2-16 overall, 0-13 in the conference.

Katie Cezat led Canton with 21 points and 16 rebounds. Rachele Guastella added 10 points.

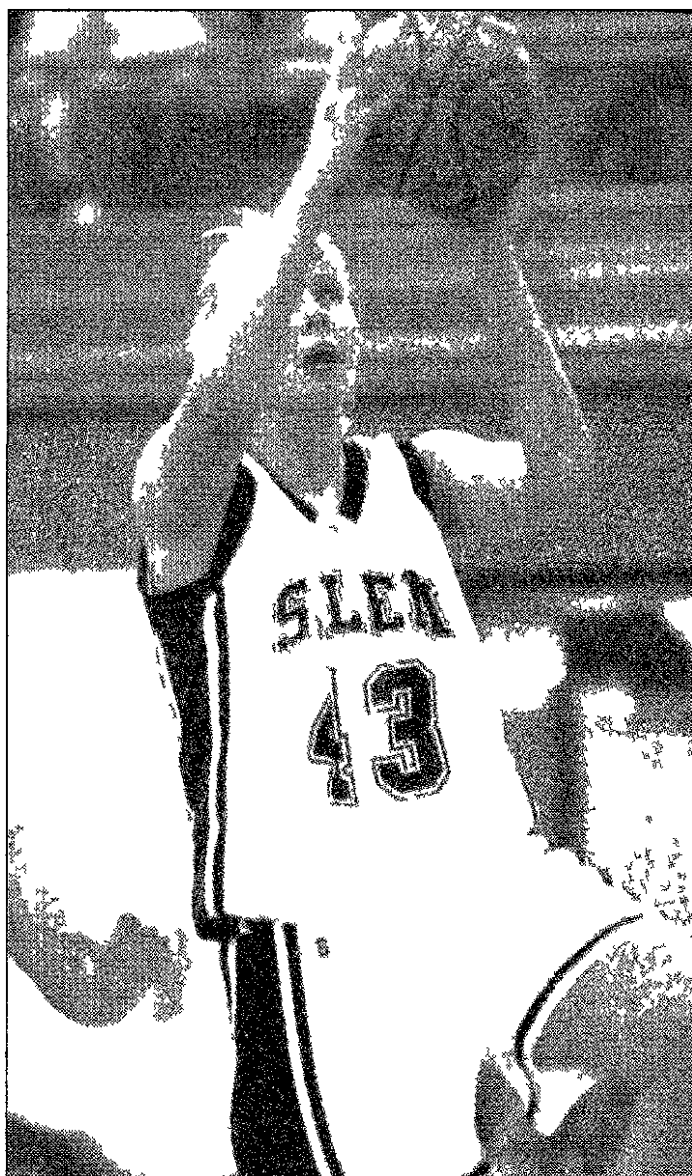
Ashley Bonsall was the Patriots' leading scorer with six points.

This game may have been a breeze for Canton, but there won't be any others like it the rest of the season.

"That's exactly right," said Chiefs' coach Bob Blohm. "It's going to be intensified from now on."

Which means Blohm must

PLEASE SEE BASKETBALL, B3



Kathy Hammerschmidt helped Salem win its regular-season finale against Westland John Glenn in several ways, dishing out five assists and grabbing nine rebounds.

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Tuesday Nov 11
 Rudolf Steiner at Ply Christian 7 p m
 Macomb Christian vs Canton Agape 7 p m at Discovery Middle School
 Huron Valley at Lutheran South TBA
Wednesday Nov 12
 Canton at Salem 7 p m
 (WLA Championship game)
Thursday Nov 14
 Northville at Stevenson 7 p m
 Churchilli at John Glenn 7 p m
 Franklin at Wayne 7 p m
 Canton Agape at Detroit Urban 7 p m
Friday Nov 15
 New Haven at Clarenceville 6:30 p m
 Baptist Park at Ply Christian 7 p m
GIRLS SWIMMING
Saturday Nov 15
 CHSL Meet at Royal Oak Dondoro TBA
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday Nov 12
 Siena Hts JV at Schoolcraft 7:30 p m

Saturday Nov 15
 Lorain CC (Ohio) at Schoolcraft 3 p m
 Calumet (Ind) at Madonna 7 p m
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday Nov 14
 (Chipola CC Fla Tourney)
 Schoolcraft vs Vincennes (Ind) 5:30 p m
 (Huntington College Ind Tourney)
 Huntington vs Trinity Christian (Ill) 6 p m
 Madonna vs Cedarville (Ohio) 8 p m
Saturday Nov 15
 Huntington College (Ind) Tourney 1 & 3 p m
 (Chipola CC Fla Tourney)
 Schoolcraft vs Gulf Coast (Fla) CC 5:30 p m
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Sunday Nov 9
 Whalers vs Saginaw 2 p m
Friday Nov 14
 Whalers vs Brampton (Compuware) 7:30 p m
Saturday Nov 15
 Whalers vs Sarnia (Compuware) 7:30 p m
 TBA - time to be announced

Old Timers tourney highlight of fall season

November is the month for Indian Summer, raking leaves, putting the clubs away 'til spring, Thanksgiving Day and the 73rd annual Old Timers Bowling Tournament. This is the time of the year that John Chmelko emerges as a leader in our area bowling community.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

part to make sure it all runs smoothly and that a good time is to be had by all. John and John Jr even print all of the entry blanks themselves (facilitated by the fact that they are in the printing business, EastTown Printing Co on Van Dyke in Center Lane). The forms have been distributed to area bowling centers. The event is always held on the Saturday of the Thanksgiving weekend. The Nov 29 Old Timers

event is as much a social event as a tournament. It is chance to get together with old friends and dine together afterward at the wonderful buffet, which is an option for only \$9 on the entry form.

There are two squads, one at 9:30 a.m. and another at 1 p.m., which is followed by the dinner and party at 3:30 p.m. Each entrant receives a free commemorative gift.

The Old Timers is for men who have been associated with bowling for at least 25 years, must be at least 40.

There is also a scholarship fund for deserving senior class student-athletes who have been selected by their coaches, teachers or counselors and chosen by the special committee based on merit, need and community volunteer service, combined with their bowling skills.

The scholarships will be presented during opening ceremonies.

It's expected that the "Old Timer" of all old timers, Lewis Saad, will be present. He turned 100 on Oct 26, and his story was even featured on the Fox TV 2 newscast.

The cost for bowling is only \$9, or \$18 if combined with the dinner and that rhymes with winner, because all the winners will be announced at that time.

Bowlers will roll scratch against men in his same age bracket: under-50, 50-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80 and over.

Bowlers must be over 50 to be eligible for the overall championship.

Prizes in each division will consist of a wrist watch for the first place winner, and a plaque for the second and third place winners.

The championship trophy award, plus wrist watch, will go for the highest three-game total by any bowler 50 and up.

The late, great Joe Norris started a new tradition a few years ago.

He had always come back home to Detroit to bowl in what he regarded as "The best bowling tournament around."

He started bringing along a few of his San Diego bowling buddies, and over the last several years it has grown to become a regular feature, with about 15 or so "Bowling Ambassadors" from California come here for the event, truly one of the year's highlights for all of us.

Entry forms and fee must be forwarded to John Chmelko, Secretary, 25530 Van Dyke, Center Lane, MI 48015.

For more information, call (586) 756-3240 or (586) 755-3838 in the evening.

In case you are spending your Sunday afternoons watching the Detroit Lions playing out another season, move the channel selector up a few notches to the Pro Bowlers tour, which usually runs 1-2:30 p.m. Sundays on ESPN.

Today's event will be televised live from Grand Rapids followed by the Toledo Open, 2-3:30 p.m., Nov 9, Philadelphia, Nov 16, and the Empire State Open, Nov 23.

The final event on the winter tour will be the PBA World Championship, March 15-21, at Taylor Lanes. ESPN will telecast the finals live from Eastern Michigan University's Convocation center in Ypsilanti.

All finals are televised live with the exception of Feb 1 from the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev.

You will most likely be watching such top performers as Brian Voss, Walter Ray Williams, Parker Bohn III, Pete Weber, Norm Duke, Robert Smith, David Husted, and other bowling greats.

So for now, "Go Lions, beat them all the rest of the way!"

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

MADONNA

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opening round of the Cedarville (OH) Invitational and Madonna University never caught up as the Crusaders lost their season-opener, 58-46, in a women's basketball game played at Callan Athletic Center in Cedarville.

Indiana Wesleyan improved to 3-0 with the win.

Despite shooting well in the first half — Madonna made 10-of-19 (52.6 percent) compared to Wesleyan's 13-of-30 (43.3 percent) — the Crusaders trailed 32-25 at the half. A 7-2 start for Wesleyan in the second half put Madonna further

in a hole, the closest the Crusaders got after that was six.

Poor shooting plagued Madonna in the second half 8-of-28 from the floor (28.6 percent). The Crusaders had a sizeable advantage in rebounding (38-28), but Wesleyan hit 6-of-14 three-pointers (42.9 percent) compared to Madonna's 2-of-11 (18.2 percent). Madonna also committed 23 turnovers compared to Wesleyan's 16.

Lydia Prusinowski led the Crusaders with 14 points on 6-of-10 floor shooting. Marwa Ayoub contributed 10 points and eight rebounds.

Wesleyan got 19 points from Stephame Gill, hitting 5-of-10 threes, and 11 from Mandy Topp.

Whalers' comeback comes up a bit short

A bad start was followed by a worse finish for the Plymouth Whalers Friday, who gave up three first-period goals to the Windsor Spitfires, battled back to tie them, then surrendered a penalty-shot goal in the final minutes to fall, 4-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

For the Whalers it was their second-straight defeat, dropping them to third place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division with an 8-6-4-0 (20 points) record. Windsor is fourth in the West with an 8-12-0-2 mark (18 points). "We continue to have slow

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starts and tonight it hurt us," said Whalers' coach/general manager Mike Vellucci. "The guys battled back and showed a lot of character, but the penalty shot was too much to overcome."

Two goals by David Lomas in the first 6:35 of the game, the second on the power play, gave Windsor its early lead. Ryan Nie replaced Weber in goal after Lomas' second goal, but the Spitfires added to their lead with a short-handed score by John Scott Dickson, with an assist by

Rob Hennigar, his second of the game.

Plymouth began its comeback in the second period, Ryan Ramsay — who had two goals and an assist in the game — scoring on the power play at 15:03. James Wisniewski (from Canton) and John Mitchell assisted.

The Whalers made it a 3-2 game at 9:22 of the third period when Gino Piselli knocked a rebound out of the air and into the net. Jordan Grant and Ramsay assisted. Plymouth tied it at the 15:20 mark on Ramsay's second goal of the game, Wisniewski and John Vigilante assisting. But the penalty shot, con-

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verted by Hennigar with 2:50 left to play, doomed the Whalers.

Plymouth finishes a three-games-in-three-days stretch with a trip to Saginaw for a 2 p.m. game today.

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BASKETBALL

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get his team to push its play to a higher level, because that's where the competition from here on out will be. Canton meets Salem for the WLAA title Wednesday, then advances to the state district semifinals in South Lyon the following Wednesday (Nov. 19).

"I guarantee you it will be an interesting day at practice (Friday)," Blohm promised. "It won't be a long practice, but it'll be hard."

"The fact that we're going to be playing for the conference championship and we'll be playing Salem, that should get everyone's attention."

It's also possible Canton and Salem could meet for the district title on Nov. 21. But they both have to get there first.

Ply. Christian 72, Zoe Christian 34: Plymouth Christian Academy built a 15-point lead by halftime and nearly doubled it with a 20-8 third-quarter run in disposing of Warren Zoe Christian Friday at PCA.

The Eagles improved to 5-13 with the win. Zoe is 12-6.

"Our defense caused a lot of turnovers and we scored some points in transition," said PCA coach Kevin Nast. "We kept putting pressure on the ball and we never let up. We played four full quarters."

Amanda Saagman's strong all-around performance — 13 points, eight rebounds and five assists — paced the Eagles. Kelsie Tietjen added 12 points and 20 boards and Lauren Soblesky had 11 points.

Zoe Christian got 14 points from Deanna Krucker.

Ladywood puts up fight, but Marian reaches finals

After getting beat by 28 and 23 points in two previous meetings against Birmingham Marian, Livonia Ladywood girls basketball coach Andrea Gorski went to Plan C in Wednesday night's Catholic League Central-AA semifinal at Schoolcraft College.

The Blazers' game plan worked and they kept it close, but the Mustangs prevailed in the third meeting between the two schools this season, 46-34, to advance to Sunday's championship game at the University of Detroit Mercy's Cahhan Hall.

Senior guard Therese Demres, who made Marian's only free throw of the night, led the Mustangs with 17 points. Claire Aubrey, a 5-10 junior, added 12.

Megan Szczypka, a 5-10 junior, led Ladywood with 11 points.

Marian, 16-2 overall, hit four consecutive shots to start the second half to build a 29-18 advantage after leading 21-16 at halftime.

"Our game plan was to be patient on offense and keep the ball out of their hands," Gorski said. "We wanted to take time off the clock and get a good shot, but we got away from it a little bit in the third quarter."

Taking advantage of a trapping zone press, Marian took

a 31-18 lead with 4:22 left in the third period on a basket by Aubrey, but Ladywood clawed back with an eight-point run of its own to trail by only five after 24 minutes, 31-26.

That was as close as the Blazers would get as Marian went on a 12-6 run during the final five minutes to put the game away. Marian coach Mary Ciccerone also had her team spread the floor and run a delay offense with seven minutes remaining to pull the Blazers away from the basket.

"We struggled shooting the ball, but Ladywood had a good game plan," said Ciccerone, who is gunning for her third straight Catholic League title on Sunday and third in a row. "We had to run a different offense. We had to adjust. Our defense got us the lead and they had to come out and get us because the clock was on our side."

"We win with our defense. We've done it all year and we had to do it again today."

But it was a far cry from the 63-40 and 66-38 margins the Mustangs enjoyed against Ladywood during Central Division season.

"The first time we played them we tried a zone (defense) and they shot the lights out," Gorski said. "The second time we played a sag-

ging man-to-man and they took advantage of their quickness and caused some matchup problems."

This time around, Ladywood switched its defenses to keep the Mustangs guessing. They also planted 6-foot-3 center Bethany Jury, who finished with 10 points, five blocks and 11 rebounds, in the lane to prevent Marian from getting easy drives to the basket.

The Blazers, who led 16-15 midway through the second quarter on Szczypka's three-pointer, were hurt by the loss of senior point-guard Amber Willoughby, who picked up her third foul and was forced to the bench.

Marian then went on a six-point run to end the half to go up by five.

"That hurt us when she picked up her fourth, too, in the second half," Gorski said. "She's playing with a torn ACL (anterior cruciate ligament), and she's still one of our quicker players. We're not as calm on the floor without her."

The Blazers shot 14-of-37 from the floor (37.8 percent) compared with Marian's 22-of-48 (45.8 percent). The Mustangs made only 1-of-8 foul shots, while Ladywood was 2-of-4.

The key statistic was turnovers. Ladywood had 21



Ladywood's Lauren Hess tries to put one up over Marian's Therese Demres in Wednesday's Catholic League girls basketball semifinal.

miscues to Marian's seven. "Defense was not the problem," said Gorski, whose team slipped to 8-10 overall. "We executed it very well. We had 20 turnovers, but the turnovers were made in bunches and that hurts, too."

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Contact Glen Potter at (734) 844-8981 for information.

VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES

Registration is currently being taken for a co-ed volleyball league that will play in Canton beginning Friday, Nov 14 at the Summit. Cost is \$160 per team, which guarantees 14 games. The league runs from mid-November to mid-March. Officials fees of \$10 per match are paid at the court weekly. Recreational and competitive divisions are offered, with teams composed of six people on the court (three males, three females).

For more information, please contact Dan or Glenda with Canton Leisure Services at (734) 483-5600.

COACHES NEEDED

The Plymouth High School athletic department is in need of coaches for the following

sports. For the winter sports season, assistant coaches in wrestling and gymnastics are needed, for the spring sports season, a freshmen girls soccer coach is wanted.

Those interested in applying for these positions should contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700/02, e-mail him at Sawchuk@pccs.k12.mi.us, FAX him at (734) 582-5650, or send resume to him at 8400 N Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187.

CCJBSA ELECTIONS

Elections for several board members of the Canton Community Junior Baseball Softball Association are scheduled for the Dec 17 meeting. The offices open for election are president, secretary, vice president-upper baseball, vice president-fields, and vice president-equipment.

Nominations must be received 30 days prior to the elections meeting (by Nov 17). Send resumes to CCJBSA Registrar, 6206 Runnymede, Canton, MI, 48187. The elections committee consists of the registrar, VP-lower baseball and VP-softball.

SKATING LESSONS

A winter basic skills class will be offered by the Plymouth Recreation Department, offering those who are interested the opportunity to learn to skate at every level, from beginners to advanced freestyle.

Each class is 25 minutes in length, with an additional 25 minutes of practice time, either before or after the lesson, depending on that day's schedule. All classes will be at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

General registration will be from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov 1, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Registrations will also be accepted at the Recreation office during business hours.

Cost is \$50 for city of Plymouth residents and \$70 for non-residents. There will be a \$5 deduction for each sibling also enrolled.

For more information, call the Recreation office at (734) 455-6620, ext 304.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the 2004 season for a nine-and-under baseball team are underway. The team will have winter workouts in

preparation for its nearly 50-game season, including the CABA World Series.

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

COACHES WANTED

Thurston High School is in need of a 9th grade girls volleyball coach for the upcoming season. Anyone interested should contact athletic director Al Chambo at (313) 535-4000 ext 1166.

Garden City High School is looking for a 9th grade girls volleyball coach. For more information, please call athletic director Bob Dropp at (734) 762-8363.

FOOTBALL FINALS TICKETS

Football Tickets for the 2003 Michigan High School Athletic Association Football State Finals are now on sale at the Pontiac Silverdome Box Office.

All tickets are general admission, and will admit an individual to two games for each session. Tickets are \$9, and include parking at the Silverdome's main parking lot.

Session One of the finals will have the Division 8 and 2 games on Nov 28, kicking off at 10

a.m. and 1 p.m. respectively. The Division 6 and Division 4 games will take place during Session Two that day, with the Division 6 game at 5 p.m. and the Division 4 contest at 8 p.m.

On Nov 29, Session Three will have the Division 7 and Division 1 title games, and the Session Four championships will be in Divisions 5 and Division 3, following the previous day's time schedule.

More information may be obtained by contacting the Pontiac Silverdome Box Office at (248) 456-1600 daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door on the days of the event.

FOUR SEASONS FISHING CLUB

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. (Boats not needed).

For more information, call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail fourseasonsfishing-club@yahoo.com.

PITCHING CAMP

Total Baseball will conduct a

Major League Pitching Camp, under the direction of Tampa Bay Devil Rays scout James Bonnici and other former pro pitchers. This specialized camp, with computer videos and radar guns to analyze pitchers, is to teach how to throw harder and more accurately. Space is limited. The camp will be Nov 16, the cost is \$75 per player. Those 7-12 years will meet from 9 a.m.-noon, those 13-18 years will meet from 1-4 p.m. Call (248) 668-0166 for more information. Total Baseball is located at 30990 Wixom Road in Wixom. Register on-line at www.total-baseball.com.

ARENA BASEBALL

A league featuring seven-vs-seven indoor baseball, with live pitching and colored balls, with games at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Saturdays in three age divisions (under-10, under-12 and under-14 years), is being formed at Total Baseball, located at 30990 Wixom Road in Wixom. Cost is \$850 per team or \$90 per individual, which includes umpires' fees, balls, championship game and trophies. Call Total Baseball at (248) 668-0166 for information, or register on-line at www.total-baseball.com.



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Indiana state title. The 6-3 Ponder, meanwhile, teamed up with Morgan for Class A state championships at Pontiac Northern in 2001 and 2002.

"Ryan is a tremendous shooter, he's a combo guard who can spot up," Briggs said. "Ponder is more of a scorer, a slasher. He's got size and he's a post-up guy."

"Darryl, at 6-4, may be our best athlete. He can run up and down the floor."

The swingman will be 6-7 Anton Palmer, via Chicago Julian High and Butler County (Kan.) CC (where he averaged 16 points and seven rebounds per game).

"Anton's a left-hander, a slasher who can hit the 15-footer," Briggs said. "He's probably our most talented player."

Palmer will be backed up by 6-5 John Burris (Ann Arbor), who sat out last year, and two all-Observer prep players from a year ago, 6-7 first-teamer Glenn Garratt (Livonia Clarenceville) and 6-6 Brandon Chitwood (Livonia Stevenson).

"John Burris is probably our second most athletic player, and he's a spot-up shooter," Briggs said. "Glenn is getting better every day in our program. He's playing tougher and harder, the man thing with him is strength."

Brandon's a guy who can shoot the basketball. He's one of

our better shooters, he just needs to get better defensively and become a better ball-handler at his position."

Marcus Johnson, a 6-foot-8, 225-pound second-year forward from Dearborn Heights Robichaud, has the most experience of any player from a year ago.

He earned significant playing time last year as the Ocelots won the Eastern Conference, state title and Region 12 tourney (against Vincennes, Ind.).

He is an attractive Division I recruit who has visited Texas A&M and Dayton.

But Johnson is being pressed for playing time at the power forward spot by 6-9, 218-pound Wes Wilkun, an all-stater from tiny Waldron, a Class D school.

"Marcus is a solid rebounder, athletic and tough, he runs the floor well and has become a better defender," Briggs said. "His footwork has come a long way and now he can score inside."

"Wes, however, is probably the most improved player we've had since he set foot on campus. He can face, hit the 15-footer, and post-up. He's been our biggest surprise. He plays hard, but he needs to push himself even more. I'd like to see him rebound the ball better and become better defensively."

Another player who should contribute up front is 6-7, 215-pound Dusan Vukojevic, a native of Belgrade, Serbia.

"He's been hampered by injury," Briggs said. "And during

the preseason that's put him behind. But he's a guy who can step out on the perimeter and stroke the ball. And he has a lot of toughness."

This year's Ocelot team, if it meshes, could make a fourth consecutive trip to the NJCAAs. But the slope is more slippery this year because the Region 12 tourney will be hosted by Vincennes, a national power itself. Schoolcraft has knocked out the Trailblazers three consecutive years.

"It may take us some time to come together," Briggs said. "But we'll get better the more we play."

Briggs believes he has a solid coaching staff in place to help get the Ocelots back to Hutchinson. His assistants this season are Gary Mazza, who coached the Detroit Spirit of the CBA, former NBA player and Eastern Michigan University standout Fred Cofield, and ex-Ocelots player Jose Bru.


"Gary has a lot of experience in the CBA, and Fred played 12 years of professional basketball, his knowledge and energy will help this team tremendously," Briggs said. "And José has been through it with me before as a player. He understands the system."

So maybe those preseason rankings are not overinflated after all.

"We've been to the Final Four, we've been to the tournament, our goal is to get the NJCAA championship," Briggs said.

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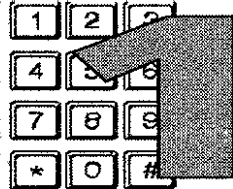


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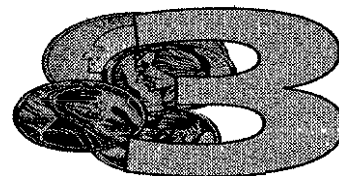
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ing and always bring sunshine to
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ests who can make her smile
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CHIEFS

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near the freezing mark and the wind in excess of 20 mph from the west. If fans couldn't see the flag, it was only because their eyes were watering from the wind and cold.

It could not have been said to affect the game, however.

Junior quarterback Vinnie DeLuca of John Glenn threw 23 passes and completed 12 passes for 153 yards and Glenn's only score, a 29-yard pass to Nathan Beard that came with just 1:48 to play.

"No," Gordon said, "the wind and cold were not a factor. That's a good football team we lost to. A very good football team. They're very quick on defense — and they're peaking at the right time."

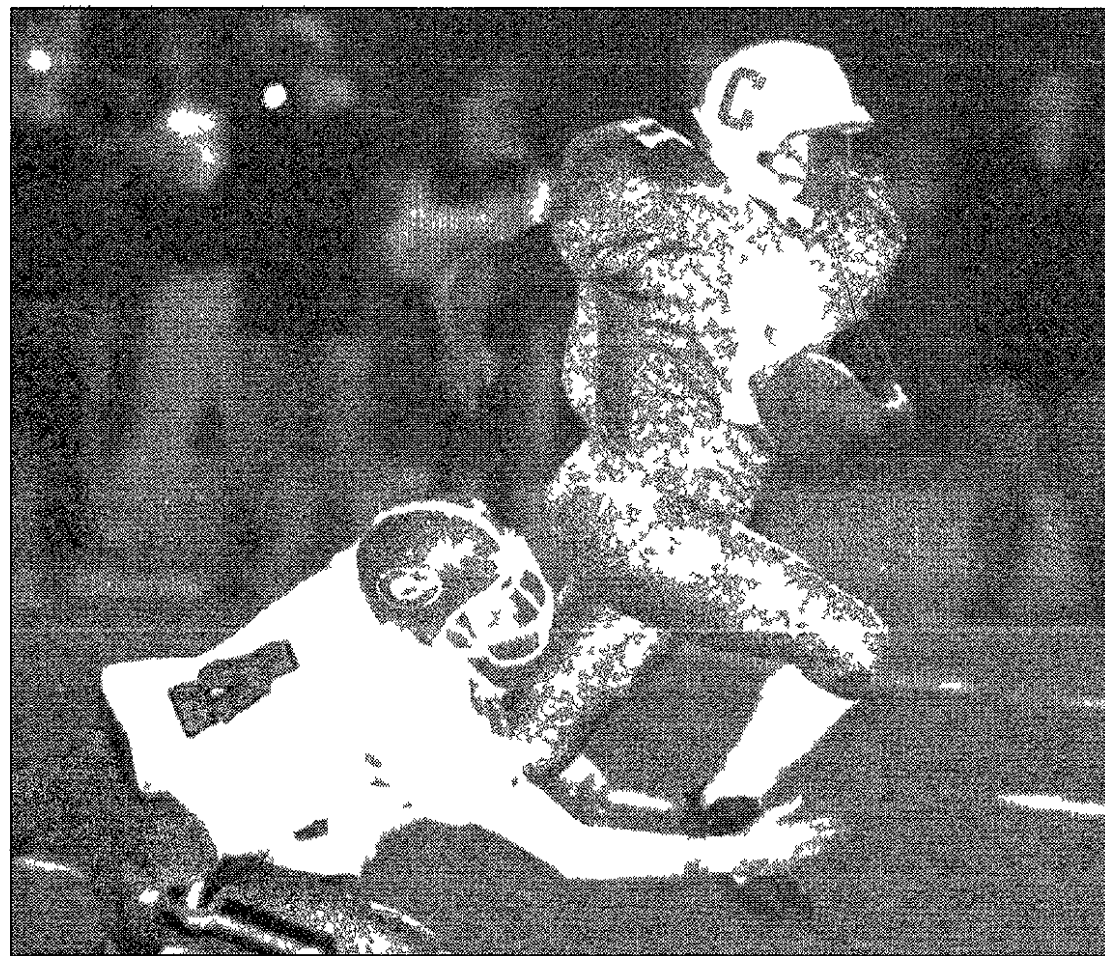
The Rockets thought they might have a better chance than in the first meeting of the teams, which came in the second game of the season with DeLuca on the sidelines with a broken foot. Canton won that meeting, 20-7, but Glenn's Matt Smitherman ran for 171 yards. The Chiefs limited him to just 46 yards this time, on 19 carries.

"Our focus was on stopping Smitherman," Baechler said. "We wanted to keep the clock moving and keep Smitherman off the field."

Canton stuffed John Glenn's running game, limiting the Rockets to 22 yards in the first half and 27 overall. That included 23 yards in rushing losses as DeLuca was sacked four times among his seven carries.

The Rockets did a much better job of containing the Chiefs in the second meeting. Canton gained only 207 yards on the ground and in total offense as quarterback Shawn Little missed the only two passes he threw. The Chiefs ran for 91 yards in the first half, which ended with them holding a 7-0 lead.

Canton ground out 67 yards on its first possession of the game, with Thomas powering over a couple of players on his



Canton's Travis McKinney had a big night, gaining 70 yards, but Glenn's Nathan Beard made a touchdown-saving tackle on this third-quarter play.

way to a 21-yard touchdown with 8:06 left in the first quarter.

The Chiefs missed a great opportunity when they recovered a Rocket fumble on John Glenn's second play from scrimmage.

Canton's Jake Powers fell on the ball on Glenn's 33 but a holding call two plays later negated a 26-yard Chuck Schumacher run into the end zone. The Chiefs eventually advanced the ball to the 13 but turned it over on downs.

John Glenn bunched his line a little more and did a better job of denying Schumacher — who ran wild in the first meeting — anything long up the middle. He ran 13 times for 44 yards while Travis McKinney gained 70 on 13 rushes.

Westland turned the ball over on its own 11 on its first possession of the second half, which ended in a botched punt due to a dribbled snap. However the

Rockets' defense held the Chiefs to a 21-yard field goal by Dutch Morrell.

Thomas, who led Canton with seven carries for 76 yards, ran in from the 7 on Canton's second possession of the second half to make it 17-0 and the next time the Chiefs got the ball, after Glenn turned it over on downs at its own 44, Thomas broke a couple tackles on his way to a 44-yard scoring run. That gave the Chiefs a 24-0 lead with 1:16 left in the third quarter.

"We used the same two defensive fronts we've used all year," Baechler said. "We decided we were not going to stunt and gamble. We were just going to line up and play, get off our blocks and pressure them."

"I'd like to give a lot of credit to my defensive coaches: Scott Dickey, Casey Randolph, Jeff Powers, Dave Smilo and Mike Tomasatis. They're doing a great job."

So Canton moves on while John Glenn moves over.

"When I look back on everything they went through this year," Gordon said of his team, "it was quite a year for us. I'm proud of them."

"They came to work every day and the best thing a coach can say about his team is that they were easy to coach. And the 2003 Rockets were easy to coach."

BEST GIRLS SWIM PERFORMANCES

BEST GIRLS SWIM TIMES			
200 YARD MEDLEY RELAY			
Stevenson	1:53.96	Meredith Bajor (Stevenson)	1:07.42
Plymouth Salem	1:56.95	Heather Michalsen (Salem)	1:07.59
Canton	2:01.40	Katle Kress (Stevenson)	1:07.65
John Glenn	2:01.85	Kelsey Lincoln (Salem)	1:08.09
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Anna Polkowski (Stevenson)	2:03.44	Rachel Rowe (Redford Union)	58.70
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem)	2:04.11	Danielle Powers (Salem)	58.97
Amy Mertens (Salem)	2:04.28	Amanda Newman (Salem)	59.14
Becky Hurn (Stevenson)	2:07.46	Monica Pauza (Salem)	59.21
Magda Stawikowska (Churchill)	2:07.55	Katy Truesdell (Salem)	59.48
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Allison Goldsmith (Canton)	26.08	Monica Pauza (Stevenson)	1:04.75
Rachel Rowe (Redford Union)	26.65	Mary Shereda (Churchill)	1:04.86
Danielle Powers (Salem)	26.81	Alyssa Johnson (Canton)	1:05.37
Mary Shereda (Churchill)	26.84	Kristyn Peterson (John Glenn)	1:05.41
Lisa Gullikson (Salem)	26.93	Sarah Timson (Churchill)	1:06.73
Megan Gray (Stevenson)	27.03	Elaine Lafayette (Plymouth)	1:06.84
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Friend was our fair lady

Her name was Barb, and she was the closest thing to celebrity the inhabitants of my little town had ever seen

Cheerleader, thespian, scholar, Homecoming queen. She could sing and dance and throw a great back hand-spring. She was first-chair flutist in the school band and her grades were all A's

She was Eliza Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*, Emily in *Our Town* and the inimitable Mother in *Cheaper by the Dozen*. With that resume it seemed no wonder that in October 1973, Barb was crowned "Red Flannel Queen"

Were her friends a little jealous of her? Maybe, but we weren't that jealous since Barb was a nice person. Barb had been my friend since grade school.

It seemed like fun to watch her be the "Red Flannel Queen." After that, people in our little town tried even more than before to know her. Rumors flew she was destined to be the next queen of the Cherry Festival and, if she won, a shot at Miss Michigan.

She got her picture in the paper all the time. After the evening of her crowning, she was interviewed by a reporter from the large-city press nearby.

It was hard getting together as friends. As seniors in high school, we were all so busy. When Halloween came later that October, we had a haunted house at her Grandpa's farm. We decorated the barn with everything that is spooky and most everyone from our small, tight-knit class attended the shindig.

We danced, we laughed, we had fun just being kids, and for a moment, Barb stopped being queen, being the star and just enjoyed being 17.

Then 1973 flew into 1974. As our class prepared to graduate, we discussed our plans for the future. Mine seemed uncertain at the time. My father had accepted a position in southeastern Michigan, and my family was packing for a move.

We were moving out of the home I had grown up in, moving from the friends and people I had known since the age of 5.

After graduation, I went to the parties. It was hard, for I was truly saying goodbye. Barb didn't have time for a party, she was preparing for the pageant to come in Traverse City, preparing to become Cherry Queen.

I heard that a hometown girl ended up winning that pageant.

College and life took hold. I didn't see Barb again for many years. She ended up marrying a local boy, I ended up married to the boy from New York City. She ended up living in a two-story house with her husband and a couple of kids, which in the end is kind of like me. She ended up with a minivan, driving kids from this activity to that. Like me.

As kids, I wish we could have seen it then. If we had we probably wouldn't have wasted all of those twinges of jealousy. Time, it seems, is the great equalizer and as it ticks on, as the years slip away, we all seem to end up looking the same.

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Michelle Karako of Canton (in the sunglasses) and her Youth With A Mission teammates spent three months training in Budapest, then two months performing mission work in Romania and Bosnia

Back from a mission with a mission

Trip to homeland helps Canton woman purpose

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Michelle Karako of Canton had heard about Hungary all her life. She grew up in a second-generation Hungarian home in Allen Park, with a father who had escaped during the 1956 Hungarian revolution and a mother whose parents were from that country.

So it was no surprise that Karako's parents would want her to know about her homeland, even as she graduated from Allen Park High School and got her music degree at William Tyndale College.

They stressed to her as she grew "Discover your roots."

It was something she longed to do, and she got a taste of it during a weeklong musical mission with Canton Community Church in 2001.

"That really awakened something in me," said Karako, 28, recently back from her second trip. "I've always been an even-keel person, but that awakened stirrings in me about international people, specifically about Hungary."

"I thought, 'I have got to come back.' I knew it was something I had to do."

And so off she went, on an adventure marked by obstacles, delays and learning experiences she'll treasure forever.



The most rewarding, and emotionally draining, work for Michelle Karako of Canton was the interaction with street kids

After the 2001 trip, friends hooked her up with a missionary group called Youth On A Mission (YWAM), one of the largest missionary groups in the world. Karako did a little research, and discovered YWAM's mission was something that touched her heart.

She signed on for the group's Discipleship Training School in March 2002, but it got cancelled.

Then, in April 2002, her father, Bela, had a stroke. Karako believes God was talking to her. "Had I been in Hungary, I wouldn't have been able to deal with that," she said. "That squashed my dream of going, (because) my place was here

to take care of my family."

Then, in February 2003, a phone call came, a call that would urge her to put her faith — and her future — in God's hands. It was the leader of YWAM's training school, calling to let Karako know a class was starting the following month, and urging her to attend. Karako balked, and the leader told her to pray.

"One day the light bulb went on," she recalled. "God spoke to me and said, 'I want you to do this now.'"

Karako, who admits she has a hard time making decisions, made this one. But there were many things to be done. Find the money to go, find someone to take over her job with the church, take care of her car, make arrangements for her house.

Then, as it turned out, her roommate needed a job, agreed to drive and maintain her car and make the house payment while she was gone.

Karako was amazed. "We call it a 'God thing,'" she laughed. "Everything just fell into place."

Once it did, she was off to Budapest for Phase I, a three-month training program where Karako and her teammates learned what they'd need to do the mission work in the field.

The mission? Learn to teach about God, about prayer and the different ways to pray, about evangelism.

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Quilt store in Plymouth born of recuperative effects

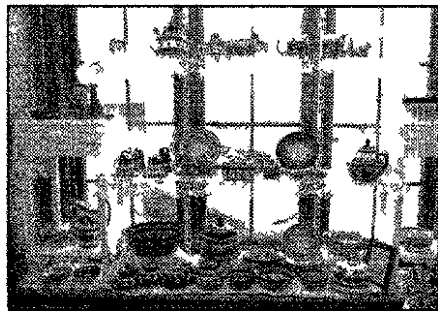
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It's funny the things one will do when one has little else to do, and where such lessons will take you.

Lynn Krawczyk got bored stiff during an eight-month recuperation period after back surgery several years ago. Lying on her back, she watched a lot of Home and Garden Television. Eventually, she took up the hobby of crazy quilting.

Years later, Krawczyk, by day an engineer at General Motors, is the proud owner of Lost Arts Stitchery, a craft store in downtown Plymouth dedicated largely to the art of crazy quilting.

"It's something I've been thinking



Polish pottery is on display and for sale at Lost Arts Stitchery, the crazy quilting store recently opened in downtown Plymouth

about for a few years," said Krawczyk, whose store is in a retail space formerly leased by a quilt store. "The quilt store was here, so I knew there were people interested in needle art."

Lost Arts specializes in crazy quilting, silk-ribbon embroidery and tatting. Once Krawczyk got interested in it, she discovered supplies were tough to come by. Much of it comes by way of overseas — Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom.

"She taught herself how to do it lying down," laughed her mother, Barb, who helps out at the store.

Tiring of only being able to find most of the stuff on the Internet, the idea of opening her own store crept slowly into Krawczyk's mind.

Then, she saw the "For Lease" sign in the window of the store on Forest. "It seemed like a good idea, and the opportunity was perfect," said Krawczyk, who admitted she hemmed and hawed about the idea for awhile. "Finally, I made an appointment with the landlord, and when I saw the space, I knew this was it. It was perfect."

Plymouth seemed like the right location for her store. Krawczyk's father, who worked for Detroit's lighting department, recently retired, and the family moved to Plymouth. Krawczyk is a graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia and got her degree from



Lynn Krawczyk, owner of Lost Arts Stitchery in downtown Plymouth, offers hand-died colored embroidery thread at her store

Eastern Michigan University in 1998.

An engineering whiz, Krawczyk was recruited right out of college, and wound up at GM, a job she still holds.

Still, the desire to open the store pulled at Krawczyk. Needle art was her hobby, and she was weary of having to hunt all over for the various aspects of

the trade.

"I wanted to bring together all the things you can't find anywhere else," she said.

Thus, Lost Arts Stitchery was born. "It seems there are a lot of creative

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Alternative Christmas fair offers gifts with a heart for shoppers

Susan Bresler was tired of buying sweaters and shirts for Christmas and decided it was time to make the holiday more meaningful.

Last year, the Livonia woman opted for a fishing net in husband Bill's name so a family halfway across the world could feed themselves. She also bought warm caps for African children in the names of all her nieces and nephews.

It was easy for Bresler to find the one-of-a-kind gifts at the Alternative Christmas Fair she was participating in with Seedlings Braille Books for Children, one of 23 nonprofit organizations. The third annual event takes place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile, east of Haggerty, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$1.

This is Seedlings' third year in the fair. Founded 20 years ago in the Livonia basement of Debra Bonde, the nonprofit makes an affordable collection of more than 560 books for visually impaired children ages 1-14. For more information, visit the Web site at www.seedlings.org or call (734) 427-8552.

"The fair gives people an opportunity to give from heart for the holiday season," said Bresler, assistant to director Bonde. "It's good to give to folks but to others as well."

"We at Seedlings sell the books for less than it takes to make them. That's why we rely on the generosity of donors."

Seedlings will offer everything from Braille and print placemats to Braille jewelry, key chains, T-shirts, sweat

shirts, totebags, and Book Pins specifically designed to support literacy organizations. Shoppers can also purchase Holiday Gift Cards. For a \$10 donation a book will be inscribed with the purchaser's name. Each donation subsidizes the production of another Braille book for a visually impaired child.

"You don't have to have a blind child to purchase them," said Susan Bresler. "It will help raise funds to do our work."

Jessica Beamer originally started the Alternative Christmas Fair to provide a way for people to support local, national and international nonprofits helping others. The variety of gift choices range from hand made items from Guatemala to coffee that will provide a fair price to independent coffee growers. Silver and beaded jewelry from Zambia goes to buy first aid kits, hats and livestock for those assisted by Orphans Medical Network International.

Purchase livestock (chicken, goats, etc.) through The Heifer Project for food and income for a family in need, or purses and totebags made by widows in El Salvador. St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills is selling gift items, Christmas cards and stationery, Lutheran Adoption Services "Little People" pins. Money from the sale of small decorative chairs goes to the Furniture Bank of Oakland County.

"It's pleasing to see God work in these ways and to see the seed grow, to see people realize they get to buy some-



Debra Bonde, director of Seedlings Braille Books For Children, models Braille jewelry. The bracelet features the Braille alphabet, the necklace/pendant spells 'Love' in Braille.

thing they like and benefit someone else in the world," said Beamer, who purchased a number of gifts last year for herself and family including a wood nativity scene from Tanzania to help build a school there, a solar cooker that heated food for a whole village, and children's toys to support cot-

tage industries through Serrv International.

"I like to do my shopping there," said Beamer. "Last year we raised over \$12,000. In the future we hope to expand. We expect it to be a long term commitment to the community and the world."

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But mostly, to teach about hope.

A tough task, considering the areas of Romania and Bosnia in which they'd be traveling. Abject poverty, homelessness, street urchins many of whom had lost all hope.

It was YWAM's job to show them how to regain it.

"The basic mission was to offer people hope," Karako said. "To show them someone does care for them, and show them they can make a difference with their lives."

Karako was most effected by the street children, kids without parents, or with parents who had kicked them out. These were children struggling to survive on what can be pretty mean streets, fighting to live in the most difficult conditions.

Many of them had left home because of abusive conditions, only to find out it wasn't any better on the streets. Watching them try to survive, putting on a tough exterior to cover the part of them that still needed love, was the hardest part.

"It was a big drain emotionally," Karako said. "You almost adapt their way of thinking. You see society couldn't care less about them, and they're just trying to survive."

Without groups like YWAM, Karako knows the plain truth: They won't.

"You wonder how they're going to break the cycle," she said. "Unless missions and groups go over there and help them with their emotional and psychological needs, they're not going to."

"You have to believe in them. They have this rough exterior, but they're still kids. They still need love, still need someone to believe in them."

Karako and her teammates spent a month in Bosnia, and another month in Romania. But it was the time spent in Hungary that left a lasting impression on Karako.

She met family members, of course, but also interacted with other Hungarians who treated her like she was family. A prideful people, the Hungarians awakened familial pride — and a deeper understanding of her upbringing — in Karako.

"For me, it felt like I was home because of the way I was treated," she said. "I found myself saying, 'That's why we did those things, that's why my parents said those things.' My upbringing didn't make sense to me, but then it came to life."

Home now, Karako wants to continue the missionary work, but she wants to do it within the structure of her own life. She wants to share her life in Christ, but not necessarily by preaching it so much as letting other people watch her live it.

And she wants to come out from the safe environment offered by desk jobs to do it.

"I learned that by devoting my life to other people, I can make a difference," she said. "I realize office work is something I'm good at, but it's safe. It's been convenient to hide behind a desk."

That's not good enough any more. I want to use the things God has put in me to make a difference."



Bombed out buildings, like this one in Romania, were a fairly common sight for Michelle Karako during her five-month missionary trip to Hungary, Bosnia and Romania.

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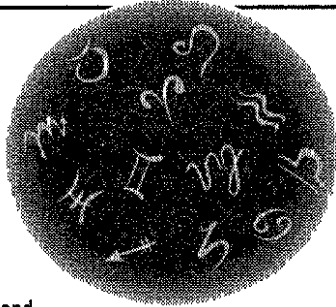
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Horoscope

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By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You know only too well that great works are achieved by perseverance and brilliance rather than happenstance. However, no amount of effort will be enough unless you open up now and allow others to share the load. You've paid your dues and done your time!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

There are two points which should be remembered when dealing with personal matters right now. First, it is much easier to be critical than to be correct. Second, the only criticism that hurts is the kind that one deserves. Still, for best results, be kind, not bull-headed.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You'd be wise to stay out of a power struggle between people who would like to enlist your support at this time. Twins. While a current Sun-Pluto prob. are encouraging those close to cross swords, you will retain your credibility by remaining firmly on the sidelines.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

The worst thing you can possibly do now is fret about what you believe you ought to have done. Certain individuals have chosen to ignore your advice or have taken the law into their own hands. It's time to set about realizing your financial and professional goals.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Keep your wits to ensure that new financial arrangements are not designed to give others more control or authority. Experience has taught you that the dividing line between dreams and reality is determined by self-belief. Get your plans in order, sweetheart!

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Home and domestic matters are highlighted now, and it'll be a wise Virgo who pays attention and stays well within the perimeters that loved ones try to impose. It is difficult being detached when you feel hurt or disillusioned, but you can and must pull through.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Before you throw good money after bad, consider what you are trying to achieve. The time is long past when you could spend your way out of trouble. What is needed now is not a fresh injection of cash, but a fresh injection of ideas.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Mars is making current birthday kid Scorps more assertive and opinionated than usual at this time. Chill out! Although you may feel like nothing can stop you, there are still immovable objects blocking your path. Therefore, either cool it or learn first aid.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Batten down the hatches this weekend! Pay less attention to others' opinions and more to your own insights and intuition. The answers you seek are within reach, but you have been looking in all the wrong places. Let go of tunnel vision and don't lower your sights.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

You're surrounded by back-seat drivers who cannot understand the emotional or professional conflicts you are experiencing. You simply have to clear the air and make a complete break. You will be better off letting go rather than letting off steam.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

There are few who have not experienced some kind of disappointment or financial loss recently, or paid dearly for counting too many chickens before hatch time. Exercise your right to terminate any unsatisfactory arrangement — be it business or personal.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Should you allow your principles to interfere with your ambitions, or should you ignore them? There is no easy answer to Fish's predicament, but your instincts are liable to be correct. Never forget that by staying true to your ideals, you remain true to yourself.

Dennis Fairchild is the Birmingham astrologer author of several books on divination. For information on Fairchild's personal services, phone (248) 646-3555.



Hand-dyed silk ribbon is available at Lost Arts Stitchery.

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people out here," Krawczyk said. "It didn't seem there was any outlet for needle arts close by."

Or far away, for that matter. When Lost Arts Stitchery opened several weeks ago, one woman made the trek from Durand to take advantage of the store.

To make it a destination stop, Krawczyk designed the interior of the store to be

user-friendly. There are comfortable seats, with coffee tables and areas where visitors can — and do — bring their projects in to work on them.

"Husbands like to rest (while wives shop), and the women like to bring out their projects to match things," said Barb Krawczyk.

In addition to all the quilting and beading materials, Lost Arts displays and sells hand-crafted Polish pottery, a sidelight inspired by Barb Krawczyk's penchant for col-

lecting it. The pottery is crafted and painted by hand, and imported directly from Poland.

It has all combined to give Krawczyk a pretty good start.

"Response has been pretty good," she said. "We're still trying to get the word out. A lot of people don't even know we're here yet."

Lost Arts Stitchery is located at 580 Forest in Plymouth. The store is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For information, call (734) 453-1340.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert-Pace Hudak

Hadley and Anne Marie Graham-Hudak of Canton are proud to announce the birth of their son, Robert-Pace Hudak, born June 23, 2003.

Robert-Pace (Pace is acronym for grandmother's names, Patricia, Augusta, Charlotte and Emily), joins brothers, Martin Rodriguez and Jonathan Hudak at home.

Proud grandparents are Charlotte Hudak of Dearborn, Richard and Patricia Pondell of New Boston, Kenneth Graham of Warren, and Emily Lukask of Ferndale.



LIBRARY PICKS

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the *Observer* with their list of "Best Sellers" based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library, (734) 453-0750.

- Fiction**
- 1 Blow Fly Patricia Cornwell
 - 2 The Five People You Meet In Heaven Mitch

- Album**
- 3 The Da Vinci Code Dan Brown
 - 4 Split Second David Baldacci
 - 5 Bleachers John Grisham

- Nonfiction**
- 1 Dude: Where's My Country? Michael Moore
 - 2 Lies (and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them) Al Franken
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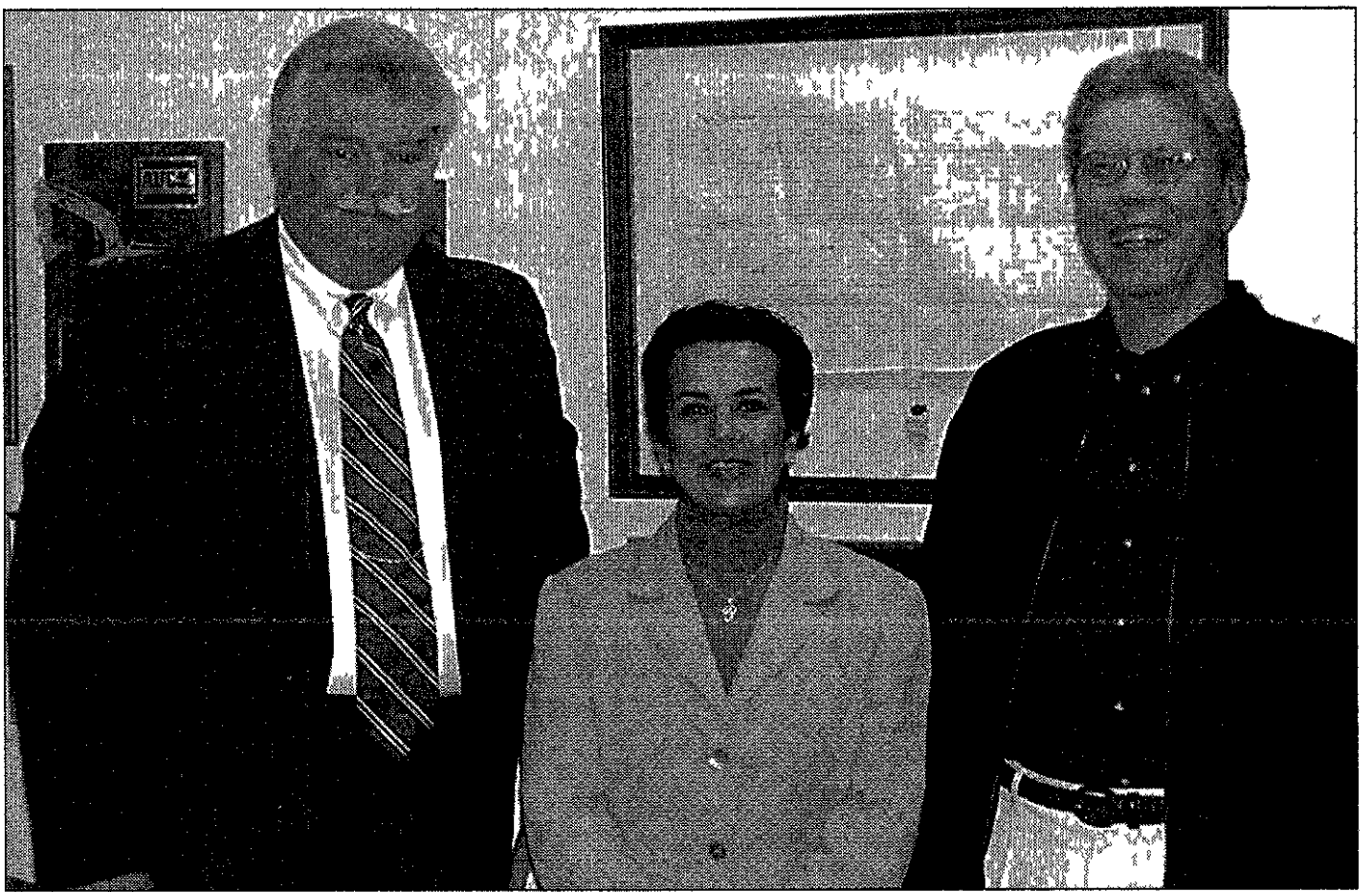
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Call (734) 416-0315 for more information.



Capitol view

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, (R-Canton Township), poses with Pat and Craig Walker, who won a 'Day at the Capitol' through a fund-raising event conducted for WSDP 88.1-FM, the student-run radio station serving Plymouth-Canton schools. Patterson introduced the Walkers during session, and the couple also got a tour of the capitol, visited the Vietnam memorial and toured the Hall of Justice.

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The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of KaraLee Assoc. PC 1308 S Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170 on December 16 & 17, 2003.

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Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
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The Joint Commission's Office of Quality Monitoring will acknowledge in writing or by telephone requests received 10 days before the survey begins. An Account Representative will contact the individual requesting the public information interview prior to survey, indicating the location, date, and time of the interview and the name of the surveyor who will conduct the interview.

This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements and may not be removed before the survey is complete.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WAYNE File No. 03 689736 DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate
Estate of David Wilford Goward
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The decedent, David Wilford Goward
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Dated October 28 2003
Personal Representative Mary L. Goward 43346 Candlewood Court Canton Michigan 48187 Telephone No. (734) 459 0912

Attorney Edward J. Bardelli P 53949 900 Fifth Third Center 111 Lyon Street NW Grand Rapids MI 49503 2487 Telephone No. (616) 752 2000

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Kids get help with grief issues

How do kids deal with grief after a loved one has died? Northern Xpress Ways is a grief support group provided by Pathfinders of Arbor Hospice & Home Care for elementary and middle-school age kids who have experienced death of a loved one. Call (734) 662-3742 for further information.



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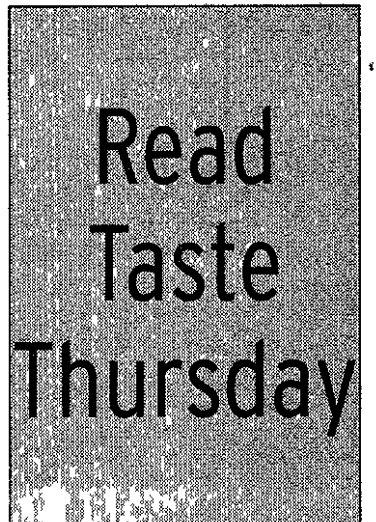
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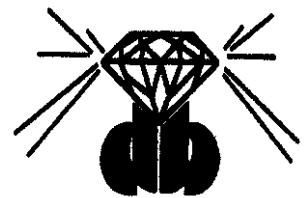
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AROUND TOWN

Marquis Theatre
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz will be performed at the newly renovated Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville Nov 8 Jan 18. For ticket information or group rates call (248) 349-8110.

Painting Murals
Three Cities Art Club presents Painting Murals by Shadia Sassak from 7 p.m. Monday Nov 10 at the Plymouth Township Municipal Building. Contact Marilyn Meredith at (248) 262-9711 for info.

Holiday Home Tour
Plymouth Symphony Holiday Home Tour 2003 being held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday Nov 23. Tickets \$18/pre sale \$20/day of tour.

Art & Crafts Fair
The Ladies Guild of St. Anthony's Catholic Church is sponsoring their 17th annual fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov 22 at the Father Folta Building located behind the church. Call (734) 697-8822 after 5 p.m. for further info.

Senior Makeover for the Holidays
Featuring Pat Filios with beauty tips for seniors. Three lucky seniors will receive a free makeover. Presented by Plymouth Community Council On Aging at 1:30 p.m. Monday Nov 10 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

Ann Arbor Art Center
Ann Arbor Art Center offers workshops during November Sundays at 1 p.m. in which staff is on hand to provide instruction and projects that spark creativity for adults, children and families.

Holiday Greenery
The Plymouth High School Pompon Squad is having a fund raiser of fresh cut holiday greenery for your homes, businesses, gravesites, gifts etc. To place an order please call (734) 455-4318.

Basic Skating
The City of Plymouth Recreation Department offers classes Nov 3 to Dec 20 every level. Each class is 25 minutes with additional 25 minutes of practice time at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena. Call (734) 455-6620 x304 for further information.

Holiday Home Tour
Northville Community Foundation's Holiday Home Tour being held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov 14-15. Tickets are \$18. Five outstanding homes have been selected ranging in years from 2 years to 30 years old. For ticket information call (248) 374-0200.

Crafters Wanted
Annual craft show at Hawthorne Valley in Westland is looking for crafters for the Holiday show being held Sunday Nov 30. For information call Suzanne at (734) 844-3128.

Learn to Skate
Roller skating or rollerblading classes for November now forming for ages 4-12 at Skateland West. Registration for winter inline hockey is Dec 7.

Teens Using Drugs
A free two night series on identifying and helping teens harmfully involved with alcohol and other drugs. Part 1: What To Know is presented 7:30-9 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month through June at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center. Part 2: What To Do is presented the second Tuesday of each

month Oct through June at same time and place. Call (734) 973-7893 for information.

Foster Care
Lutheran Social Services of Michigan is a foster care agency in the community that places children in loving foster homes. The agency is in need of loving and stable homes committed to parenting children ages 10 to 17 years old. Call (734) 971-5776 to find out how you can help.

Crafters Wanted
Sts Peter and Paul Church in Dearborn Heights is looking for crafters for the 15th annual Arts and Crafts Show. The show is being held Saturday Nov 22. For information call (734) 522-9653 or (248) 474-2297.

Learn to Skate
Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton is offering a fall Learn to Skate program for various levels of instruction. Call (734) 487-7777 for more information.

Senior Golf Special
Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center is offering a Senior Special of 18 holes of golf any weekday Monday through Friday before noon. The cost is \$25 with cart. Offer good through Nov 30.

Entertainment books
Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 2004 Entertainment Books to help fund their musical scholarships and charitable activities. They can be ordered by calling (734) 459-6829.

Preschool Programs
Head Start programs are available for 3 and 4 year olds offered by Starfish Family Services, a learning environment preparing children for kindergarten. Michigan School Readiness Program for 4 year olds is also available. For either call (313) 541-4340 or (734) 326-6271.

School Registration
Music matters at the School for the Performing Arts in Ann Arbor and registration for classes and lessons has officially begun. For further information call (734) 995-4625 or log on to the school's Web site at www.spa-aa.org for a complete listing of classes and camps.

Preschool Registration
Willow Creek Co-op Preschool is accepting registrations for the 2003-04 classes for 3 and 4 year olds. Morning and afternoon sessions available. Call Mary Anne Bourgeois at (734) 844-7515 for more information.

Inline Roller Hockey Leagues
Skatin Station II in Canton is accepting registration. One game a week. Call (734) 459-6401 for more information.

Preschool Registration
The Plymouth Salvation Army is opening registration for its preschool programs for fall 2003. The 3 year old program is on Tuesday and Thursday and the 4 year old program runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information call Peggy at (734) 459-1358 or (734) 453-5464 Ext 25.

Fish Fry
Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center is again hosting an All You Can Eat Friday night fish fry or pasta dinner at the Fox Classic Clubhouse from 5-9 p.m. The cost is \$8.75 per person.

Nursery Co-op Registration
Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op registration has begun for the 2003-04 school year. Openings for 3-4 year olds, various class times and days. Call Nola Wellman at (734) 453-0595 for information.

Storytime
Peggy Price Heiney presents a special story time for children ages 5-7. Stories, creative dramatics and book selection round out this monthly session at the Plymouth Library. Registration is required. Call (734) 453-0750

for further information.

Plymouth Symphony
Plymouth Symphony League is launching the 2004 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale. The cost is \$30. Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016.

Recreation Registration
The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its classes for all ages. Classes include gymnastics, dance, core body exercise, tots jump a rama, taekwon do, personal development, aerobics, clogging, senior trips and programs and much more. Call (734) 455-6620 for more information.

CLUBS

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth
Meets every second Monday of each month from September to June, excluding January. Persons interested in joining, contact club president Judy Krieman at (734) 459-1027.

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

LBN
Local Business Network is a business networking organization dedicated to helping you grow your business. The Plymouth chapter meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Old Village Law located at 771 N. Mill in Plymouth. Please call Eric Morris at (313) 278-5070 or Scott Montgomery at (734) 462-2277 for further information.

Exchange Club of Canton
Meetings are held at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Roman Forum, 41601 Ford Road in Canton.

Plymouth Optimists
Entertainment 2004 Books on sale with all proceeds to help children throughout southeast Michigan. Price is \$30 and is home delivered. Call Bill at (734) 453-8253.

Kiwanis Evening Club
Meetings are held at Atlantis Restaurant, 39500 E. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Visitors are always welcome. For more information contact Charline Miller at (734) 455-4782.

Mothers & More
The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140 Ext 4329 or visit Web site mother.sandmore63@onebox.com.

Exchange Club of Canton
Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday at Palermo's Restaurant in Canton.

P/C Vietnam Vets of America
Chapter No. 528 meets every second Monday of the month at the Plymouth VFW Post No. 6695 on Mill Street, just north of Ann Arbor Road at 7:30 p.m. If you were a U.S. service man or woman and served between 1964 and 1975, you can join the Vietnam Vets. Visit Web site www.geocities.com/edenright/PlymouthCantonVA528.html.

BNI Plymouth II
The Plymouth Chapter II BNI Group meets Wednesdays at 7 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant located at 1275 and Ann Arbor Road. The group is looking for new members. Call (734) 459-5696 for further information.

West Suburban Stamp Club
Meetings are 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth.

BPW
The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Atlantis Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road. Guests are welcome. For more information and dinner reservations contact Mary Brooks at (734) 420-0320.

SEPAC
Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators. SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) meets 7:30 p.m. every second Monday of the month at Discovery Middle School in Canton. For additional information contact Rich Ham Kucharski (734) 844-1714.

MOPS-Plymouth
The MOPS group is now enrolling for fall. Relaxing fun time for moms while the kids ages 0-5 enjoy program of games, stories, singing and play. Meets first and third Fridays of the month from 9:11 a.m. at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft, Plymouth, Call (734) 420-0515.

Colonial Kiwanis of Plymouth
The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meets at noon Thursdays at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. For information call Ernie Hughes, membership chair, man (734) 414-0400.

MOPS-Westland
The group is looking for moms who are interested in meeting with other mothers for encouragement, teaching, support and friendship. Meetings are the first and third Fridays of each month from September through May. Child care provided for ages birth to 5 years. Call (734) 728-2600 for more information.

La Leche League
Breastfeeding information and support group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. For more information and meeting locations, contact Michelle at (734) 397-0197.

Canton Rotary Club
The Rotary meets at noon on Mondays at the Roman Forum in Canton on Ford Road. All guests are invited to join in for lunch for more information on the community and international service projects. For more information e-mail Mary Beardsley at ExecSec@rotary6400.org.

Astronomy Discussion
Plymouth Library offers a free monthly Family Astronomy Discussion Group from 7-8 p.m. for both individuals and families with children 6 years and older. Door prizes, slides, video and handouts. Call Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

MOMS Club
A local chapter of the MOMS Club welcomes interested at home mothers in the Canton/Westland area to meet the third Tuesday of each month. MOMS Club offers weekly activities, playgroups, community service opportunities and more. For more information, contact Wendi at (734) 394-2542.

Plymouth Canton Jaycees
Looking for people 21-39 interested in making friends, helping with good causes and having a good time. The Jaycees meet at 7:30 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Plymouth Township Clerk's office. Call (734) 453-8407 or show up at the group's monthly meeting.

Community Democrats
The Community Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at

UAW Local 845 Hall. Business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. The club serves Canton, Northville, Plymouth and the Livonia 13th District. For further information, call Becky Tavarozzi at (734) 398-5845.

Toastmasters
Develop your public speaking, communications and leadership skills. Guests welcome. No pressure to speak. Being held at St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth. This group meets at 7 p.m. every first and third Monday of the month. Please call (734) 459-0715 for more information.

Kiwanis Breakfast Club
The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Plymouth Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (888) 209-6424.

BNI
The Canton II Chapter of Business Network International (BNI) meets 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Denny's, 7725 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The Laurel Park Chapter meets 7:30 a.m. at Archie's Family Restaurant on Plymouth Road, east of Merriman. Livonia. The Plymouth I Chapter meets every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Plymouth. The Livonia Chapter meets 7:30 a.m. at Senate Coney Island on Plymouth at Stark, Livonia. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

Mothers of Multiples
The Plymouth Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month. Call Ann Davis at (248) 449-9337 or e-mail to pcmoms@hotmail.com.

Human Rights Group
The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

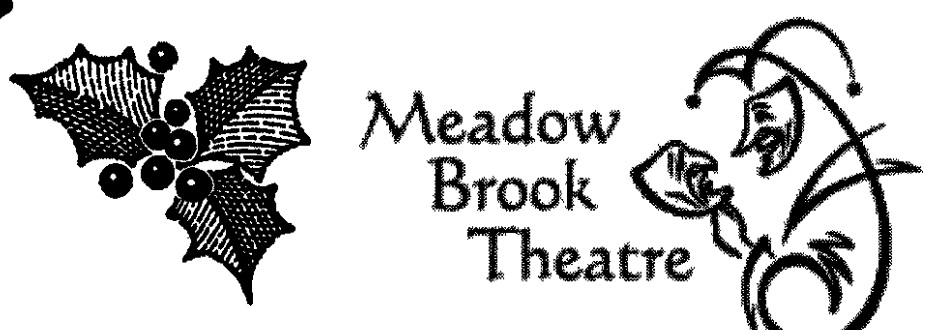
Plymouth Newcomers
Plymouth Newcomers is a social organization dedicated to helping people meet others in the community through its monthly meetings and variety of interest groups such as book discussions, children's playgroups, adult social outings, euchre and a baby sitting co-op. Call Colleen Abb at (734) 455-1647.

VOLUNTEERS

Hospice Volunteers Needed
Heartland Hospice of Southfield is looking for caring, compassionate and dedicated individuals that would like to be trained as hospice volunteers. Call Mary at (800) 770-9859 for further information.

Home Care & Hospice of Michigan
Anyone willing to help assist the needs of the dying and their families with a few hours of conversation, reading, hold a hand or just being there with a person while the family is out is needed. Call Sherry Wagenknecht (734) 769-4212 for information.

Volunteers Needed
First Step Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteers in the following areas: emergency shelter services, 24-hour help line, court advocacy, crisis response team, general office tasks and special projects. Training is provided and opportunities are available throughout western Wayne County. Volunteers must be 18 or older. Call (734) 416-1111 Ext. 216.



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Rx briefs

Doctors marvel at LASIK surgery

Julie Murphy is a little nervous but feeling no pain as she sits down in front of the LADARWave at Michigan Eyecare Institute in Southfield. Even though under sedation, she's firm in her resolve to throw away her eyeglasses forever.

Murphy's confidence has grown in the latest advances to increase safety and accuracy in LASIK eye surgery since taking a job at the institute three months ago. The Walled Lake woman has had the opportunity to learn firsthand about wave-front and all laser, no blade technology.

"I wanted to do this ever since I had glasses in sixth grade. I had contacts in my teens and didn't like the way they felt," said Murphy. "I went back to glasses and they were hot in summer and slipped down my nose, and fogged in winter. Since I started working here I've seen all of the patients come out doing so well."

LADARWave technician Susie Letter had the surgery 4½ months ago.

"My vision is incredible," said Letter of Farmington Hills. "LADARWave corrects abnormalities, astigmatism, night halos, and glare."



Julie Murphy undergoes corrective eye surgery using the latest technology at Michigan Eyecare Institute.

TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES

Dr. William Myers has been waiting 14 years for the advancements in LASIK surgery that he's seen in the last 11 months. LADARWave from Alcon Laboratories sends low-energy laser light into the eye that reflects off the retina. Wavefront technology (brand name LADARWave) then measures the aberrations, creating a detailed map of the cornea. A floppy disk with the information is then used to guide the laser to reshape the stroma or middle section of the cornea after the corneal flap is lifted. "Before vision was measured

with a patient sitting in front of lenses the doctor's flipping back and forth saying is 1 or 2 better," said Myers, M.D., a founding member of the institute with additional locations in Livonia and Dearborn. "Glasses just take care of lower order aberrations and vision is not totally corrected. By treating the entire eye it's a more refined treatment. You're treating 100 percent of abnormalities instead of a quarter. The floppy disk with glass prescription and higher order aberrations ensures people see better than 20/20 as the FDA study showed."

"The IntraLASIK technology to create the flap has to do with

safety. We no longer use a microkeratome, a steel blade to cut the corneal flap. While flap complications are rare when they happen they can be serious. With the old device, you could cut too thin or too thick. The worst complications are history. IntraLASIK is the greatest thing to happen to refractive surgery."

Within a few minutes Letter has completed the LADARWave and walks the floppy disk down to the environmentally controlled surgical suite. Myers soon begins talking to Murphy, telling her she'll feel pressure on her eye. Myers is observing through the micro-



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Dr. William Myers prepares to use IntraLASIK all laser technology to reshape Julie Murphy's cornea. A computer screen to his right provides a detailed map of her cornea.

scope, monitoring the pattern to create the corneal flap. After completing this part of the surgery, Murphy is moved to another table and the floppy disk is inserted with the wave-front data. He lifts the laser and prepares to use the laser. He tells Murphy she might smell smoke. Myers continues talking to Murphy through the procedure.

"You're going to feel cold air on your eye."

All totaled, the laser took about 70 seconds to reshape each eye.

PLEASED WITH RESULTS

Minutes later in a darkened room, Myers is happy with the procedure. So is Murphy. It seems like a simple procedure.

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Open house

United Home Health Services, Garden City Hospital's nonprofit Medicare certified home health care agency, celebrates its 20th anniversary in conjunction with National Home Care and Hospice Month with an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, in the Main Lobby of the hospital.

Refreshments, information, and prizes will be part of the celebration.

More than 4 million Americans receive in-home health care daily from nearly 1 million caregivers.

Founded in 1983 by five women including three nurses, a social worker and a psychiatrist, United Home Health Services provides skilled nursing and therapy services. Services may be requested by a patient, family member, physician, friend, insurance company, hospital, or nursing home. For more information, call (734) 981-8820.



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Healthy cooking classes

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Michigan Nurses For Life

Meet 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 11 at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Telegraph and Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. The topic is Amniocentesis: Search and Cure or Search and Destroy presented by OB/GYN Lorna Cvetokovich, M.D. Cost is \$5 for members, public free. For more information call (248) 816-8489.

Anorexia session

Recovery Symptoms of Anorexia Nervosa: a special session of Beaumont Hospital's eating disorders support group for patients, families and friends 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 12 at Beaumont Hospital 10th floor classrooms A-C 3601 W. 13 Mile west of Woodward, Royal Oak. Presenter is noted eating disorders specialist Alexander Sackeyfio, M.D. No charge. No charge. Call (248) 551-7970.

Free screening

For individuals who may suffer from overactive bladders 1-3 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 12 at Henry Ford Medical Center, West Bloomfield 6777 W. Maple Road. The screening includes a preliminary symptom questionnaire and a consultation with Henry Ford board-certified urologist Kandis Rivers, M.D. who specializes in female urology and incontinence. Overactive bladder is a treatable condition that affects more than 17 million Americans of all ages. Symptoms include urinary frequency, urgency and accidental loss of urine. The free screening is open to men and women ages 40 and up. To make an appointment call (248) 661-6560.

Sharing & Caring

All are welcome at a series of lectures presented by Sharing & Caring in the first floor conference room at Beaumont Cancer Center 3577 W. 13 Mile at Woodward, Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers educational programs for breast cancer survivors, their family and friends. Upcoming topics include Pros & Cons of Minimally Invasive Surgical Techniques Nov. 13 and Tamoxifen Dec. 4. The series runs weekly through Dec. 18. To have a schedule mailed to your home call (248) 551-8585. Prior to meeting call (248) 551-8588 for schedule change information.

Nutrition workshop

Dr. Trupp hosts a free informational workshop on nutrition and health care for the person who is interested in having a healthier future without the burden of pain, symptoms and the need for so much medications 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday Nov. 13 at Trupp

Family Care Chiropractic Clinic 15614 Farmington Road, Livonia. For reservations call (734) 261-5677.

New parents seminar

Return to Work: Decisions and Transitions program prepares new parents to deal with workplace and child care issues after baby's birth 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday Nov. 13 at Beaumont Rehabilitation and Health Center, second floor mezzanine classroom E 746 Purdy at Frank Birmingham. Cost is \$10. Call (800) 633-7377 for more information or to register.

Circle of Hope Gala

A benefit for St. Mary Mercy Hospital's cancer services 6 p.m. to midnight Friday Nov. 14 at Laurel Manor Special Event Center, Livonia. Evening includes dinner, dancing and a variety of music by InTrigue. WXYZ Channel 7 health reporter JoAnne Puritan serves as honorary chairperson. Tickets are \$75. \$150 VIP. Call (734) 655-2907 or visit the Web site at www.stmarymercy.org.

Parenting with Love & Logic Classes

A common sense approach to skills that cultivate confidence and good decision making in children by offering choices while adults avoid anger threats, warnings or lectures. Parenting children with Special Needs 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday Nov. 15 at Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. For more information call Mary Jane Peck at (734) 655-1100. Other times and dates available by calling Peck.

New fathers class

Teaches basic care and safety techniques for baby's first year of life 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 19 at Beaumont Rehabilitation and Health Center, second floor mezzanine classrooms C and D 746 Purdy at Frank Birmingham. Cost is \$25. Call (800) 633-7377 to register or for information.

Michigan Dyslexia support group

Meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 19 at Michigan Dyslexia Institute 30230 Orchard Lake Road, suite 130 Farmington Hills. Presenter is Ann L. Beatty, Fellow/Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners and Educators and director of the Detroit Metro Center of Michigan Dyslexia Institute. If you have a child who understands the concept of multiplication but has great difficulty memorizing many of the multiplication facts, this presentation may help. Instead of relying on rote memorization, this approach uses stories to help students recall the 3s, 4s, 6s, 7s, and 8s fact families (the most difficult fact families for dyslexic students to master). Please bring 25 index cards and some fine-tipped colored markers. Presentation is for teachers, parents, professionals and those who wish to learn more. For information and reservations call (248) 737-0044.

Free foot screening

Canton Foot Specialists conduct a free foot screening for individuals age 50 and older 10 a.m. to noon Thursday Nov. 20 at 43050 Ford Road, Suite 150 Canton. The screening includes a preliminary assessment of foot problems, education about proper care and health-related brochures. For more information call (734) 981-7800 or visit www.cantonfoot.com.

Women's fitness class

Women Be Fit and Fabulous offers a variety of exercises: aerobics for cardiovascular health, strength training for muscle tone, easy yoga for flexibility and relaxation. Four-week series begins Nov. 25. All sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement 39750 Grand River between Haggerty and Meadowbrook, Novi. For information call (248) 477-6100.

Volunteers wanted

SandCastles, a grief support program for children, teens and their families offered through the Hospices of Henry Ford Health System, seeks volunteers for its sites in Southfield, Rochester, Clinton Township, Detroit, St. Clair Shores and Downriver. SandCastles provides a supportive environment for children and teens ages 3-18 and their families who have experienced the death of a loved one. The free meetings are held bi-weekly and families are encouraged to participate for as long as they need support for their grief.

To register for training or for more information call (313) 874-6881.

Fitness classes

Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi is offering exercise programs to people with chronic diseases and disorders such as osteoporosis, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis or other chronic illness. Ongoing classes include Bones in Motion, a program of monitored exercise and nutrition counseling to promote bone health for people with osteoporosis and Kinetics, a low-intensity program to increase flexibility and strength for those with musculoskeletal or endurance limitations. Exercises are performed while in standing, sitting or lying positions. For more information call (248) 473-5600.

Red Cross safety courses

Continue with CPR/Standard first aid with AED (automated external defibrillation) and Infant/child CPR at the Livonia Service Center 36650 Five Mile. Among the offerings are CPR review, CPR for the professional rescuer (and review), First aid/CPR/AED instructor and nurse assistant training. Costs vary. For more information call (734) 542-0442 or visit www.sem-redcross.org.

Discount mammograms

The \$69 exam is offered by appointment at North Oakland Medical Center main campus (248) 857-7263, Waterford Ambulatory Care Center (248) 666-5528 and Clarkston Diagnostic Radiology (248) 922-0439 for women who don't have insurance or whose insurance doesn't cover the exam.

Therapeutic group

Feeling sad, lonely, empty? You are not alone. Here is an opportunity to share in a therapeutic setting with other women who feel the same way. The Madonna University Psychological Services Clinic is offering this unique experience 7-8:30 p.m. Sundays through Jan. 11. Cost is \$15 per session. Call (734) 432-5771.

Flu shots

FluMist nasal vaccine is being offered by appointment at Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's Oak Park office for \$60. VNA accepts cash, check or Medicare Part B. Homebound service available (service fee applies). For more information call (800) 882-5720.

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UPDATE ON FIBROMYALGIA

In the past, physicians could not give a clear answer when patients with fibromyalgia asked, "What is the cause?" Recent studies using PET scanning (positron emission tomography) gives an answer. This imaging indicates that responses to pain, pinch and pressure in patients with fibromyalgia originates in the central nervous system. The specific brain areas involved are the hypothalamus and nearby structures. Patients with fibromyalgia have more rapid uptake of serotonin than other people setting up an accelerated response to many stimuli.

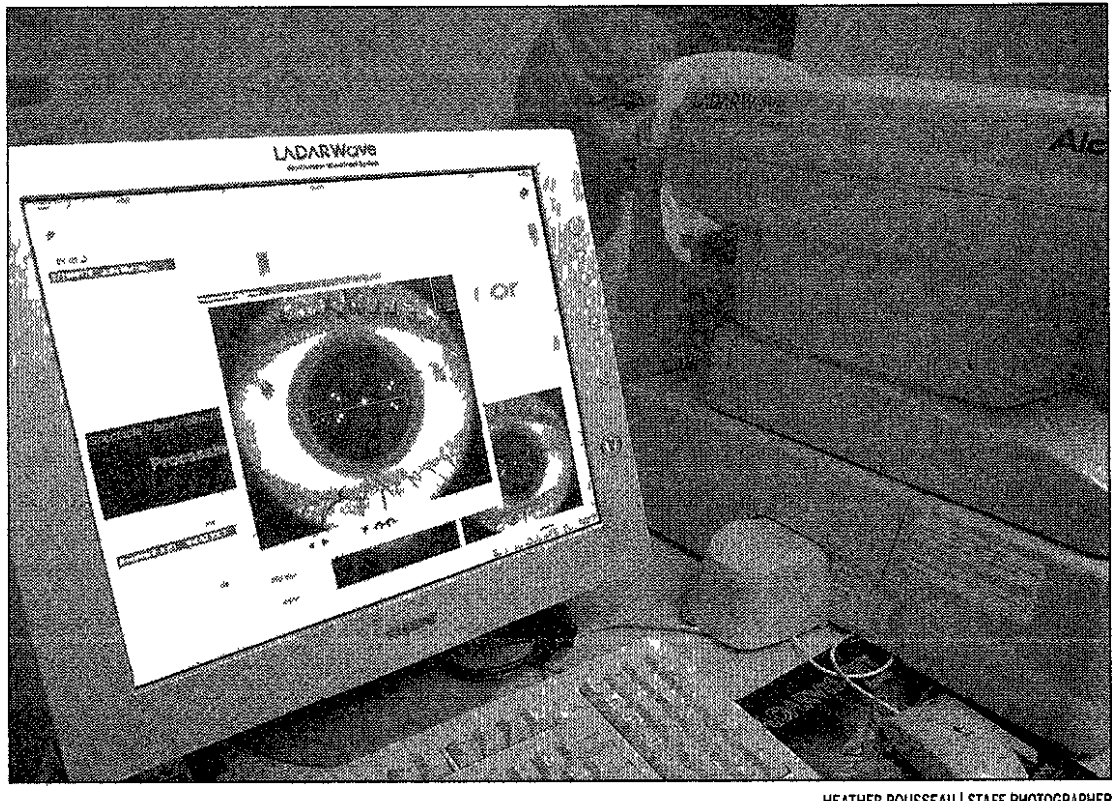
This finding explains why individuals with fibromyalgia are sensitive not only to pain but to sounds, smells, light and heat. The hyperactive central nervous response helps doctors understand why people with fibromyalgia have fleeting numbness, tingling in their limbs or headaches over their scalp.

The PET scan findings give a rationale to therapy. Medications that cut down or impede the activity of serotonin have a role in treatment. Useful drugs include Flexeril, Elavil, Effexor and Serzone.

Doctors know how to use these medications at doses lower than usually prescribed as the sensitivity of patients with fibromyalgia extends to drugs. In fibromyalgia, an evening dose of Elavil would be 10 mg; otherwise it would be 50 or 100 mg.

The point is that research in fibromyalgia is showing results. Exercise and careful scheduling of work and rest remain the basis of care, but drug therapy is beginning to take its logical place in total therapy.

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Julie Murphy sits in front of the LADARWave at the Michigan Eyecare Institute. The technology provides surgeons with a detailed map of the cornea by bouncing a low-energy laser light off the retina.

SURGERY

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sure but Dr. Robert Beitzman says don't be fooled. Technology merely enhances the surgeon's skills. At the Laser Eye Institute in West Bloomfield, he's been using the VISX WaveScan System for CustomVue (wavefront technology) since shortly after it was approved by the FDA in May. Beitzman originally participated in the FDA trials for initial approval of LASIK eye surgery in 1995. "CustomVue uses Hubbell spacecraft-derived wavefront technology. This has been

going on for 10 years, how to translate NASA information into correcting vision. The computer program tells the laser what to leave, what to take away. "In the past there's been a huge concern about night glare and halos. When we did a radial keratotomy (a refractive procedure for nearsightedness that's been supplanted in recent years by LASIK), patients never complained of glare and halo. The laser brought glare and halo. Now there's little or no problem with night glare or halo." Of course the technology didn't come cheap. Beitzman said it took tremendous financial commitments by

surgeons and companies. That's why it's so limited and more expensive than traditional LASIK surgery. Wavefront, all laser procedures cost around \$4,200. Beitzman doesn't think that will stop patients from seeking the highest standards for safety and accuracy that wavefront and all laser technology offers. "They're so impressive and so good - the advancements - that refractive surgery has a foothold forever," said Beitzman. "Before anybody doing it was on the fringe now we're the center of ophthalmology. The genie's out of the bottle. It's not going away. It's here to stay."

Pop a concern in children's health

Now that Halloween is over, parents can stop fretting about the sugary effects of candy on children's teeth and start worrying about a greater, ongoing threat to oral health - the daily consumption of soda pop. "Sticky candies and those containing citric acid are the worst candy culprits because they adhere to the teeth and can quickly lead to decay," said Rochester dentist Kurt Doolin. "A single serving fruit chew-type candy pack contains an unacceptably high 34 grams of sugar, but children don't tend

to eat this candy every day. It is the alarming increase in daily consumption of soda pop, and the resulting resurgence in cavities that pose a much greater threat to children's teeth." A 6.75 ounce juice drink contains 23 grams of sugar. While that's high, a 12 ounce soda may contain 43 grams or more of sugar. At school, students tend to opt for the 20 ounce super size soda pops increasing their sugar intake to 57 grams.

soda as a treat rather than a staple. Use milk, bottled water and pure juices for soda substitutes. At school, purchase milk tickets when available so soda is not a lunch-time option. When children do drink soda pop, encourage them to rinse their mouths with water immediately after. Continue to encourage twice a day, two-minute brushing sessions and regular dental cleanings. Finally, lobby school principals and administrators to minimize access to soda at school.

So what's a parent to do? Doolin recommends serving

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EVENTS

Single Adult Ministries

Single Adult Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church invites singles to join more than 500 single adults 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. The Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help equip you to maximize your singleness and relationship with God. Coffee, doughnuts and conversation. SPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation. For more information or to have a newsletter sent, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

Classic Senior Singles

Bible Study at 10 a.m. Thursdays in Room C307

Single Parents
Wednesday evening program 7:15 p.m. in the Single Point Office

Walking Club
Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church offers a walking club. It meets in the hospitality area in the Grand Mall 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and walks are outside rain or shine. Open to all fitness levels.

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

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

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From 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Monday now through April at the newly remodeled Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave. just east of Drake in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$5 for members, \$6 for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome.

REUNIONS

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

REUNIONS

Plymouth-Canton-Salem
Class of 1973
A 30 year reunion at 7 p.m. Saturday Nov 29 at the Atlantis Restaurant in Plymouth. Please contact Roxanne Gill at gillr@comcast.net. Class of 1993
A 10 year high school reunion is being held Friday Nov 28 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Please e-mail canton-salem1993@hotmail.com

Avondale High School
Class of 1978
A 25 year reunion is planned for Nov 28 at Petruzzello's. Contact Al Miller at (248) 299-8992 for reservations or email AvondaleClassof1978@comcast.net

Bentley High School
Class of 1983
A 20 year reunion is being held on Friday Nov 28 at the Novi Sheraton Hotel. Log on to livonia@bentley83.com for all the information.

Cabrini High School
Class of 1973
A 30 year reunion is being held on Saturday Nov 29 with a dinner/dance at Arnaldo's in Riverview from 6 p.m. until midnight. The reunion committee is looking for Class of 1973 classmates. Please call Cathy Scimeca Cargo at (313) 388-0163 or e-mail her at cabri_ni73@aol.com. Class of 1984
If you're interested in working on the 20 year reunion, please contact Debbie (Scott) Paulus at (734) 737-9743 or Laurie (Marra) Makavewicz at (734) 981-7263.

Cherry Hill High School
Classes of 1983 & 1984
A combined 20 year reunion is being held from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday Nov 28 at Diamonds of Canton. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information, contact for the class of 1983, Mary Ann at (734) 729-6783 and for 1984, contact Renee at (734) 425-7826.

Cooley High School
Class of 1954
A 50 year reunion is planned for Saturday July 17, 2004 at Livonia Marriott (not Courtyard) located at Six Mile Road and I-275. A reception will be at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. An informal gathering will be held on Friday July 16 in a hospitality suite at the Marriott. A bus tour of Cooley High School is also in the planning stages. Call Daneen (Stark) Gallo (734) 462-2786.

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Eastern High School
Class of 1953
The 50th Eastern High School Reunion Committee would appreciate your help in locating classmates for this event. Being held Saturday Nov 15 at Zucarro Hall in Chesterfield Township. Classes of 1952 and 1954 are also invited. For information, contact Lena Brigolin Mairona at (586) 777-9248.

Farmington High School
Class of 1993
A 10 year reunion is being planned for 6:30 p.m. Nov 29 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Organizers are looking for missing classmates. Please send an e-mail to fhs1993@aol.com or call (630) 932-1175.

Farmington Harrison High School
Class of 1993

Fordson High School
Class of 1988
A 15 year reunion is being planned. Classmates are being sought. Respond to either www.classmates.com, class_reunion1988@yahoo.com or mail your name, address and telephone number to Class of 1988 Reunion, 11349 Fenton Redford, MI 48239.

Garden City High School
Class of 1984
A 25 year reunion is tentatively scheduled for June 2004 at the Livonia Holiday Inn West. More information on classmates.com or e-mail Michelle (Pietryka) Taylor at msidrew@comcast.net.

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

Lamphere
Class of 1978
A 25 year reunion is planned from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday Nov 22 at The Venetian Club on John R just north of 12 Mile in Madison Heights. Tickets are \$45/person or \$80/couple which includes a full dinner, open bar, music and more. Join us for a pre-party at Marinelli's in Madison Heights from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday Nov 21. Call Rhonda Moran at (248) 722-4100.

Lincoln Park High School
Class of 1974
A 30 year class reunion is being held with a five night Western Caribbean Cruise from Feb 21-26, 2004. For more information, call Cindy (Conaway) Shaffer at Scottie Travel (313) 277-3800 or scottietravel@vacation.com.

Livonia Stevenson High School
Class of 1973
A 30 year reunion is planned for from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday Nov 29 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi (formerly The Novi Hilton). Looking for classmates. Contact JudyMau@yahoo.com or call (248) 449-1515.

Mercy High School
Class of 1973
A reunion is planned for Nov 22 at Mercy High School. Call (248) 476-3270 or e-mail mpstirling@mhm.org. Class of 1993
A reunion is planned for Nov 29 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Call (248) 476-3270 or e-mail mpstirling@mhm.org.

Redford Thurston High School
Class of 1993
Looking for classmates to assist in planning reunion. Contact Daune Koester at either (517) 432-3949 or e-mail dkoester@msu.edu.

Shrine High School
Class of 1978
A reunion is planned for Friday Nov 28 from 6 p.m. to midnight at Petruzzello's in Troy. Contact Rich Sommerfield at shsclassof78@comcast.net or call (248) 650-3753.

St. Agatha High School
Class of 1993
A 10 year reunion is being held Saturday Nov 29 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Vladimir's Banquet Hall in Farmington. Contact Michelle Therry at (248) 615-1620.

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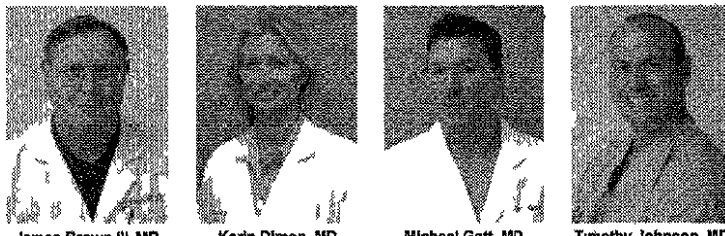
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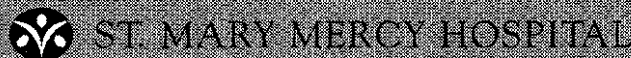


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Customers are then invited to purchase and deliver new, unwrapped gifts to their local Starbucks store. The gifts donated in metro Detroit will benefit seriously ill children staying in Mott Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital of Michigan, St. John's Medical Center, Wilham Beaumont Hospital, Henry Ford Hospital and Karmanos Cancer Institute of Detroit.

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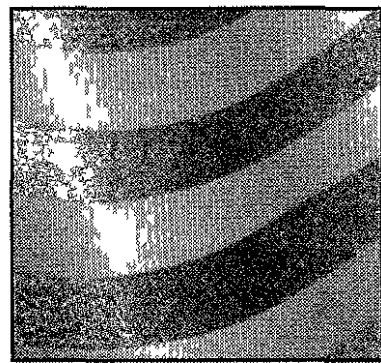
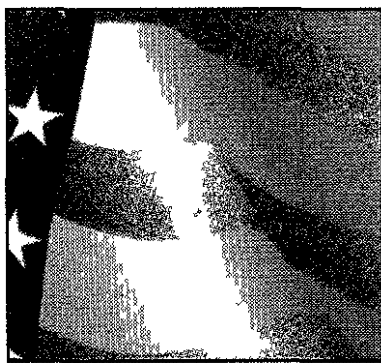
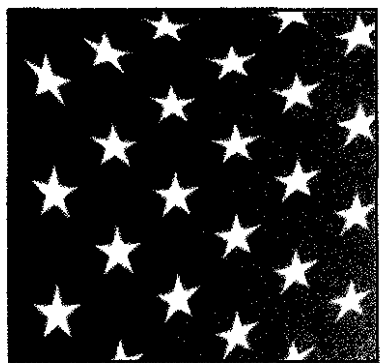
with a monetary donation to Starlight. Prepaid envelopes will be available for customers to mail donations of any dollar amount. The money collected during the toy drive will also benefit seriously ill children in the Starlight network.

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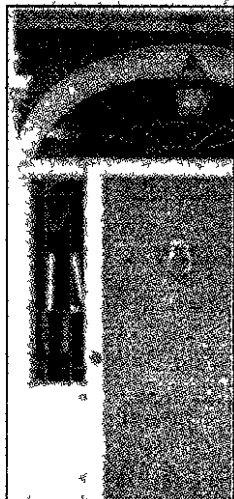
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Light up your home and yard this season

(MS) - Forget spring winter is the best time of year for home improvement projects. More Americans host guests at their homes during the holidays than any other time of the year, making winter the perfect time to dress up a home to impress guests.

Mark Roush, a lighting designer with Philips Lighting Company, points out that the key to making guests feel at home this winter is by making a house warm, secure and dynamic - elements that can be easily created with light.

"Whether it's the quality of your light source or the strategic placement of light points in a room, the small details make your guests feel at home," said Roush. "A well-lighted house lets your friends and family know that you care about their comfort."

Roush suggests that homeowners consider both the exterior and interior of their home when decorating with light. He offers a number of easy-to-perform, inexpensive lighting tips.

OUTDOOR

Daylight-saving time is gone so make sure your lights stay on. Nothing screams "disrepair" like a home with burnt-out light bulbs. Use compact fluorescent light bulbs - they last five to seven years - throughout the year to ensure that your lamp, garage or front door stay lighted during those dark winter months.



The right indoor and outdoor lighting can make your home - and your holiday guests - feel warm and secure.

Help your guests navigate with a bright walkway. When lighting walkways and driveways, focus the light toward the path.

Illuminating the actual surface increases safety and aesthetics.

Lantern-style fixtures may be popular, but they put little to no light on the sidewalk itself.

Highlight your landscaping with a floodlight. With the right light, landscaping can look just as stunning in the evening as it does during the day. For a

typical tree, place lights to illuminate the canopy from underneath. This creates highlights and texture by lighting through the patches of foliage. Or, create a "moonlight" effect by placing lights high in the tree aimed at the ground.

INDOOR

Add luster to Thanksgiving dinner by replacing your chandelier's dull incandescent bulbs with sparkling halogen flame bulbs.

Philips Halogen flame bulbs are cased in faceted glass, which causes the light to refract and reflect off the chandelier. This creates a dazzling sparkle above your dinner table.

Make your kitchen look bigger and brighter. The right light may not make your guests stop crowding one another for a second helping of stuffing, but it will make your kitchen feel larger than it actually is. Install fluorescent bulbs above your kitchen cabinets to bounce warm-colored light off your ceiling, creating an artificial sky that opens the room.

Make your New Year's Eve party shine. In social situations, people tend to gather in areas that have one of two elements, food and light. Create pockets of light throughout the party area to ensure that your guests keep moving and mingling.

Showcase your prized pieces of art. The crisp white light of a halogen bulb brings out the color and texture of your favorite artwork. Create a visual focus by aiming an adjustable downlight or track light equipped with a halogen spot.

Whether it's through strategically placed lighting or something as simple as a bulb upgrade, small lighting details can make all the difference when putting your home on display this winter. A trip to your local Home Depot can help you put these tips into action for the holiday season.

Watch that construction checkbook like it's your own

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

You wouldn't dream of forking over your checkbook to a stranger to purchase \$10 worth of groceries.

So why allow someone to control your checkbook for multi-thousand dollar home improvements, repairs or new construction?

Yet that's what thousands of homeowners do when they cede their checking account to contractors for the purchase of tens of thousands of dollars of materials and labor.

A truism of construction and repair is this: When you know where, when and how your money is spent, you help to

contain your costs.

According to The Associated Press House of the Week Homeowner Guide on Building and Remodeling Costs (available at aphouseoftheweek.com), homeowners should adhere to several principles of project finance:

- Set a budget for the project
- Don't advance large sums of money
- Sign off or approve all significant purchases
- Avoid change orders
- Don't give contractors carte blanche on purchases

Without a practical budget, your project is never a "closed-end" job. You won't know what you want to spend or can afford. The existence of a budget applies

constraints to the spending. This is important for contractors and subcontractors to acknowledge and agree to before the first nail is ever driven into a board.

Sound fiscal management dictates you rarely - if ever - advance money for materials and labor. Contractors who demand cash advances should raise a red flag, and your hackles. Pay for materials only as needed.

Homeowners should approve significant purchases at the time the purchase is made. This assures you of the quantity and quality of materials.

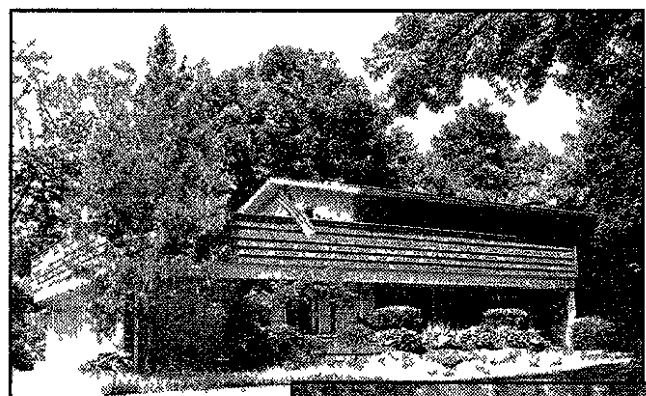
But the real damage - the big dollar damage - occurs with change orders. Change orders are midstream amend-

ments to budgets or material lists that drain project budgets in a hurry. Homeowner whim or contractor oversights contribute to eye-poppingly expensive change orders.

Examples of change orders include brass instead of contractor grade faucets, stone rather than laminate countertops, or upper-end windows because the contractor "forgot" to include this cost in the original bid. Avoid change orders at all costs.

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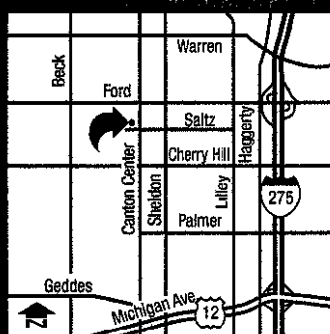
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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

With a harsh winter predicted and energy prices on the rise, it is more important than ever for homeowners to take control of their energy costs. To help, Owens Corning, manufacturer of pink fiber glass insulation, has developed the Home Report Card quiz (www.energysavers.gov - click on Home Report Card quiz icon), an online interactive tool that allows homeowners to evaluate the energy efficiency level of their homes.

According to David Garman, Assistant Secretary of Energy Efficiency for the U.S. Department of Energy, most homeowners don't understand how inefficient their homes really are.

"We actually find that most homes are not energy efficient at all," Garman said.

This winter may well be the time to take action. If gas prices this winter are as high as some predict, the average residential winter heating bill for a typical Midwest consumer is expected to be \$915 - a 19 percent increase over last year's bill, according to the Department of Energy.

To help homeowners manage increased heating bills, the Home Report Card online interactive tool is designed to help homeowners identify where they may be losing energy and money. Taking just three minutes to complete, the quiz covers subjects such as insulation levels,

types of lighting and appliances, windows and fireplaces. Based on the homeowner's answers, a customized "grade" is computed, and recommendations are given on how to improve the energy efficiency level of the home.

Making a few energy efficiency improvements to the home can save up to 30 percent on heating bills. And reducing the amount of energy used to heat homes will be an even bigger issue this winter, as the Energy Information Administration predicts average natural gas bills across the country will rise five percent this winter as compared to last year. This will affect approximately 44 percent of homeowners nationwide, as natural gas is the predominant heating source.

"As energy experts, we believe in taking a whole-house approach to energy efficiency," said John Pagano, Owens Corning's vice president and general manager of residential insulation. "The Home Report Card tool provides a fun, interactive way for consumers to help save energy and money on their bills this winter and beyond."

The www.energysavers.gov Web site is an educational resource developed by the Department of Energy and Owens Corning. Those who visit the Owens Corning site directly will find the Home Report Card interactive tool at www.owenscorning.com/homereportcard.

Housing program gives older women more options

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Are you a self-sufficient, physically independent and lifestyle-challenged 55+ woman who lives alone and prefers not to?

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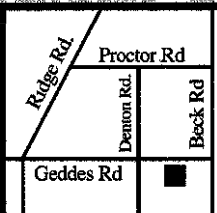
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Featuring floor plans up to 1,655 square feet, the Manors' quaint design includes a host of wonderful amenities such as attached 1-car garages, kitchens complete with all appliances, first-floor laundries with washer/dryer, balconies or covered porches, spacious master suites and more. Fireplaces and cathedral ceilings are standard features in many homes.



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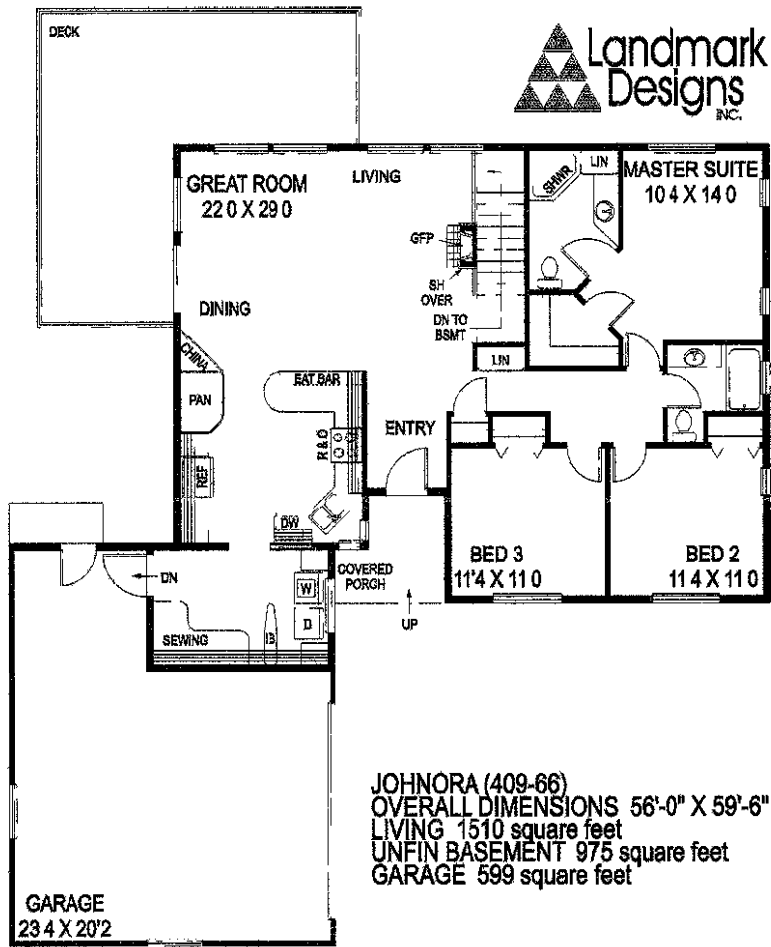
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The kitchen is in the left front of this great home and has split counters. The pantry and refrigerator with counter space, is on the left and the dishwasher, sink, range/oven and the eating bar is on the right. Through a pocket door in the center of the kitchen is the utility/sewing room. It also has a built-in ironing board that's ideal for the built-in sewing center. Access to the garage is through a door beyond the sewing area.

The right side of the Johnora is all bedrooms. The two auxiliary bedrooms are in the front, each with a large window and a wall closet. There is a full bath with a tub between bedroom two and the master suite. The master suite has been provided good light from the three windows that are located around the room. The corner walk-in closet is adjacent to the master bath.



It has a corner shower and a single sink as well as a linen closet.

Stairs to the optional basement are between the family room and the master suite. There is also another linen closet and an extra storage area across from each other.

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Survey shows homeowners prefer haven with luxuries

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

From the increasing popularity of luxury size cars to the sprawling mansions popping up across the country, Americans traditionally think big. Yet a new national survey asking consumers to define their American dream house reveals more interest in comfort and style than size.

Despite conventional wisdom on the popularity of larger houses, the survey found that the average dream-sized home was a spacious - but not excessive - 2,500 square feet. And almost half of the respondents characterized their dream house as a safe, comfortable haven instead of a designer show house.

But that cozy abode is no log cabin - when it comes to building materials, consumers don't want to scrim. Fine materials, including marble, granite and real hardwoods like maple and cherry, ranked high on the list of luxury elements fit for a dream house. In

fact, only 25 percent of the respondents said that they would be willing to substitute less expensive look-alikes if they couldn't afford the real thing. They'd rather postpone or redesign their projects or trade off on home size to afford the best.

FINER THINGS

The American Dream House Survey, a national sampling of 1,029 Americans conducted by an independent market research firm for The Hardwood Information Center, found that just one out of three people - 35 percent - felt their current home measured up to the one in their dreams. The high-end home improvements that consumers felt would bring their current digs closer to the ideal or impress friends and family centered on the kitchen and bathroom, which most housing experts say offer the best payback on investment. Fifty percent of the respon-

Other luxury designer elements, like a professional stove and appliances, granite kitchen countertops, genuine hardwood floors and paneling and a state-of-the-art home entertainment center scored high marks with more than 40 percent of consumers contemplating their ideal living quarters.

dents wanted a custom kitchen with real hardwood cabinets and marble bathrooms with a whirlpool tub. Other luxury designer elements, like a professional stove and appliances, granite kitchen countertops, genuine hardwood floors and paneling and a state-of-the-art home entertainment center scored high marks with more than 40 percent of consumers contemplating their ideal living quarters.

Predictably, 50 percent of the respondents would prefer a brand new house, built to their specifica-

tions, but 20 percent dreamed of a charming old restored period house. Where is the best place to live out the dream? Half of all those asked opted for a house in the country, with the beach running a distant second at 19 percent. When asked how their lifestyle would change with a move into their dream house, respondents were split, with half planning to do more home entertaining, cooking and gardening, or pursue hobbies like woodworking or photography. Half of the respondents believed it would

make little or no difference. A third, those asked to envision their dream house - 32.5 percent - yearned for a low-maintenance home they could enjoy in retirement.

FINANCES

The survey found that while the consumer wish list grows longer, so does the wait. Not surprisingly, money and time stand between the majority of the respondents and the perfect dream homes. Sixty-four percent cite finances as an issue, and 61 percent feel it will take 10 years or more to save enough to buy or build.

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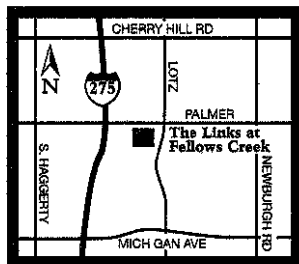
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Important tips for hiring handyman you can trust

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The explosion of the popular do-it-yourself TV shows and how-to books have prompted many homeowners to fearlessly tackle the ultimate home makeover on their own - only to realize a few days (or weeks and months) too late that, sometimes, creating a masterpiece is better left to the experts. In fact, statistics show that more and more homeowners are taking up do-it-yourself projects around the home - and doing so successfully. But homeowners who try to complete larger projects that involve tasks such as using special power tools and removing walls, are finding that the work can be overwhelming and more costly over time than anticipated.

"We will have homeowners call who have started a project, but realize that they've bitten off more than they can chew," said Mark Hatley, regional manager for Owens Corning HOMEExperts Home Repair and Improvements Service. "We come in and safely and efficiently finish the job they've started."

Whether it's a matter of getting away from the comfort zone in their abilities or a general lack of time to devote to remodeling or repairs, homeowners who begin a project can quickly learn it's not always as simple as they see on TV or read in the books.

Personal safety is a factor that homeowners should consider upfront before trying their hand at remodeling projects. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's latest annual data, 157,129 people were injured in accidents related to ladders in their homes. More than 98,000 people were treated for saw-related injuries, while hammers caused 42,426 injuries. Even screwdrivers proved dangerous for some, causing 10,031 injuries.

"Hiring the right professional to complete a home improvement project is one of the safest and most effective ways to make sure that the project gets done right," said Hatley. "Many home repair and remodeling jobs are best left to the professionals."

Finding a home improvement professional can be a rewarding experience for homeowners simply by asking the right questions before they hire a professional.

"The first step in finding a home improvement professional is not to just find one - but to find the right one," said Hatley. "A good way to start is to check for referrals from neighbors, friends and family members. The local Chamber of Commerce should also have a list of companies in the area."

When reviewing the qualifications of a home improvement professional, Hatley suggests that homeowners check to see if the individual or company:

- Has a good reputation. Check for references and call a few of them.
- Has a business license number and credit references. The Better Business Bureau is a good source.
- Has adequate insurance. Be sure to ask about the type and the amount of coverage.



Be sure to ask the right questions before hiring a professional to complete a home improvement project in your home.

- Understands, explains and complies with local building codes
- Commits to supervising the job during all phases of work and inspecting it completely when finished
- Plans to thoroughly clean up around the house when finished
- Explains both the workmanship and manufacturer's warranty
- Uses quality materials and products

These tips should help narrow down the choices, but before signing any contract with a company or individual, homeowners should always make sure that the details of the contract and terms are fully explained. A contract should never be signed if all questions are not answered or if the contract has blank spaces.

"Knowing the proper steps to take and if you ask the right questions, it can go a long way in helping you choose the right professional to work on your house," said Hatley. "A home is one of the biggest investments people can make, so it's important to treat it that way."

Castle sale brings nearly \$1.8 million

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Miami lawyer and real-estate investor has bought an unfinished castle in Woodford County and said he plans to save the whimsical property.

Thomas Post, who remembers watching during his youth as the castle was built between Versailles and Lexington, wants to turn it into "the pride not only of

Woodford County but the state."

"I wanted to save the castle. That is the most important thing," said Post, who graduated from Lafayette High School and received undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Kentucky.

The castle's beginnings go back to a trip to Europe taken by Rex Martin Sr. and his first wife, Caroline. They fell in love with homes with big walls around them.

After they returned to Lexington, the couple bought land in 1968. The Martins divorced in 1975, while the castle was still under construction, and never moved in. Inside the walls is an unfinished house and a swimming pool.

The castle was put up for sale after Rex Martin Sr. died in August at age 72.

Post said he bought the castle on Monday for nearly \$1.8 million. He was spending Monday night in the castle's guest house as

he contemplated renovating the structure into a "showplace."

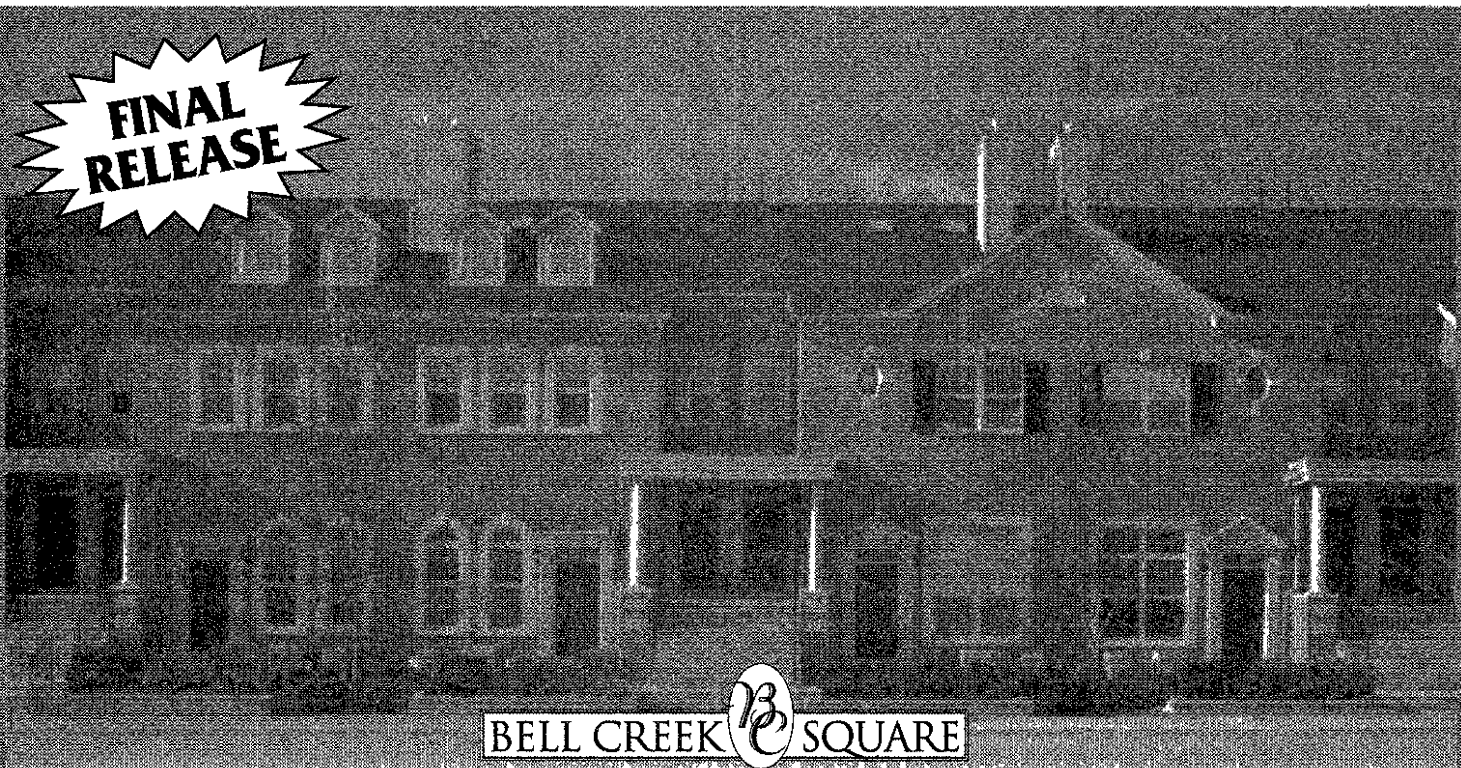
Post said he has big plans for the castle, which was built by a central Kentucky contractor but was never lived in. Initially, Post plans to renovate the interior, shore up the roof and upgrade the property around it.

After that, it will be a residence, "at least for a year to get the feel of it and enjoy it."

He said he envisions using the place for charitable events and that he has already contacted some local groups that might be interested.

Post, who said he owns property in downtown Miami and is president of Miami Film Studios, said he also plans to invite prominent guests in entertainment and legislative circles to spend weekends at the castle.

Long-term, Post said, he's open to ideas about uses for the property, which some have suggested could be a bed-and-breakfast or a vineyard.



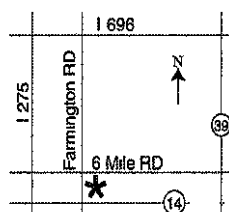
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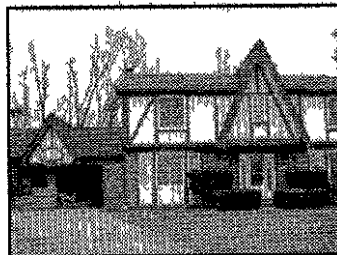
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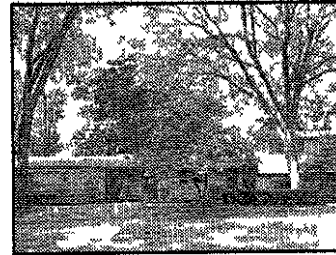
FINE HOMES & ESTATES



EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES - Brand new Forest Bay home displaying wood flooring marble huge great room kitchen with island and appliances master bedroom with closet large enough to live in unfinished walkout with carpet 3 car garage & deeded dock \$489 900 (62WOO) 248 363 1200



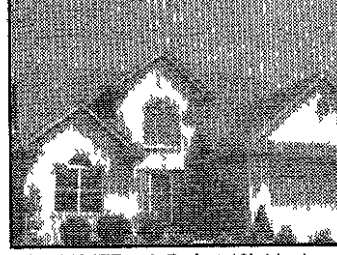
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Lovely 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home blends contemporary w/marble fireplace & door leading to back yard Library first floor laundry master suite w/walk in closet & full bath Ceramic & marble floor throughout Two car attached garage & more \$392 900 (42LON) 248 626 8800



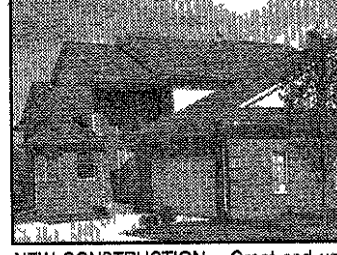
FRANKLIN - A pleasure in every way this 4 bedroom 3.5 bath home blends contemporary w/traditional Cathedral ceilings hardwood w/updated baths and Pella door wall to lg deck in beautiful yard bordered by woods Newer roof furnace C/A & possible in law suite library & finished basement \$469 900 (11CHE) 248 642 8100



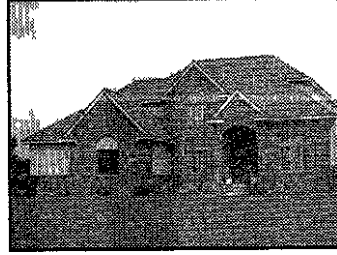
NORTHVILLE - Downtown classic arts and crafts bungalow Vintage built ins & woodwork Hardwood floors inviting screened porch private library/study Potential to grow gracefully \$305 000 (21BAS) 248 349 5600



SOUTHGATE - A Perfect 10! 4 bedroom cape cod w/2.5 baths 2 car attached garage basement w/glass blocks master bedroom w/full bath & Jacuzzi tub great room w/fireplace dining room cedar deck brick paver walkway C/A sprinklers Gorgeous gorgeous throughout \$259 900 (25MOR) 734 455 5600



NEW CONSTRUCTION - Great end unit condo in Troy with 3 bedrooms 2.5 baths custom white kitchen cabinets First floor master with bath Two car attached garage full basement wood deck security alarm fireplace appliances \$329 900 (51MAY) 248 524 1600



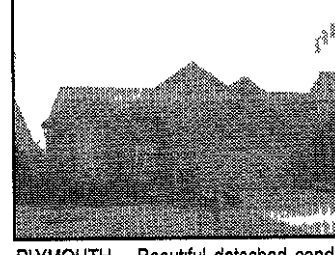
A HOME ELOQUENTLY DESCRIBING WHO YOU ARE - 4 bedrooms reward yourself w/this architect designed spot less brick traditional 2 story Vaulted ceilings 3.5 ceramic tile baths 3 car garage Custom kitchen w/island and granite countertops C/A sprinklers \$399 500 (92CAR) 248 363 1200



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Park like setting 74 wooded acre lot Custom built contemporary open floor plan/soaring ceilings 4 BRs 3.3 BAs gourmet kitchen/hardwood floors Fin LL WO/full kit Cust built ins n lib Mstr suite Jacuzzi tub & his & her walk in closets Upper Straits Lake priv Whispering Pines Sub \$580 000 (96ROL) 248 626 8800



BIRMINGHAM - 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial in the middle of a great street N of Maple Eat in kit w/hardwood floors vaulted ceilings and fireplace in family room Formal dining room and living room master w/bath rec room in basement and 2.5 car garage Great house! \$424 900 (32MEL) 248 642 8100



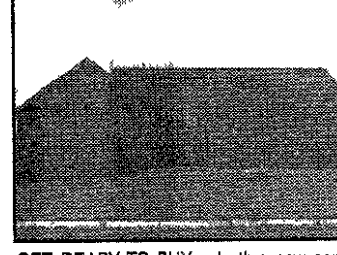
PLYMOUTH - Beautiful detached condo Decorator perfect mint move in condition 2 bedroom 2 bath detached ranch condo has it all Elaborate crown moldings Corian counters hardwood flooring & soaring high ceilings A picture setting backing to woods for privacy \$369 900 (71PLY) 248 349 5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Timbers Edge Subdivision 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial w/2003 updates including kitchen w/Corian counters C/A roof lin bsmt & upstairs carpet Master suite w/2 WIC oversize FR library w/built ins Formal DR 2 car attached garage Home Warranty included \$374 900 (36SIL) 734 455 5600



STERLING HEIGHTS - 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial with a huge lot and three car garage New construction with Spring 2004 completion Dimensional shingles ceramic tile flooring throughout Master bedroom suite with cathedral ceiling and jetted tub \$309 900 (51RYA) 248 524 1600



GET READY TO BUY - In this new construction rare ranch gem 3 bedrooms 2 baths huge state of art kitchen w/walk in pantry & breakfast nook master has private bath w/pool tub 9 foot ceiling in basement roomy 3 car garage sub s encom passed by designer homes Hurry \$359 000 (70JOE) 248 363 1200



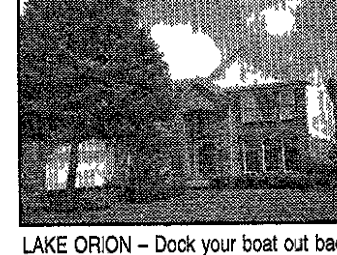
TROY - High Fashion is how the interior of this home feels 2 story foyer huge family room 18 ft ceiling + skylights 5 ft island in the kitchen study formal living room & dining room all w/a quiet location close to everything you will need \$420 000 (30REN) 248 626 8800

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CANTON - Sunflower Village Home Located in Canton's most sought after sub 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths partially finished basement 2 car attached vinyl colonial w/welcoming 2 story foyer natural fireplace deck in back ceramic tile w/o Prestigious landscaping Home Warranty \$324 900 (14CAR) 734 455 5600



LAKE ORION - Dock your boat out back Lovely 4 bedroom home located on canal with access to all sports lake Relax on the deck and enjoy the water view Walk out basement convenient second floor laundry double Jacuzzi in master bedroom \$519 000 (26MAR) 248 652 8000



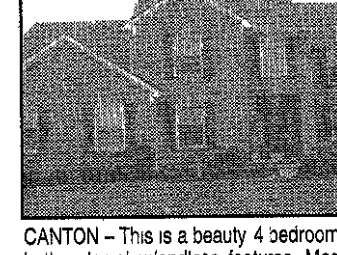
LIFESTYLE ADJUSTMENT CALLED FOR - Pine Knob Golf Course in view 3 bedroom condo Walkout over level 2 fireplaces updated kitchen wet bar upper laundry room Patio balcony and court yard for private moments 2 car garage Impressive \$355 500 (35BRI) 248 363 1200



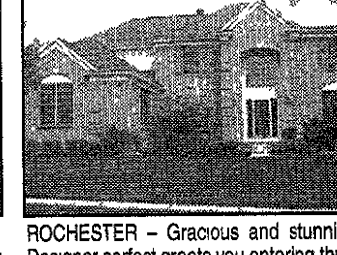
MILFORD - Welcome to royalty home Home sits on a wooded 3.63 acre lot Two story foyer & GR w/2 beautiful spiral staircases first floor master 4 addl bedrooms on second floor w/Jack & Jill baths two study rooms finished walk out basement w/kit Library toy rm no expense spared \$2 200 000 (56TAL) 248 626 8800

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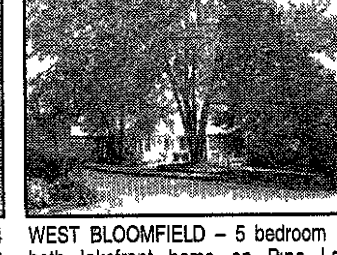
CANTON - This is a beauty 4 bedroom 2 bath colonial w/endless features Master suite w/fashion bath & 2 WICs huge kitchen w/granite counters 1st floor library w/French doors hwd floors in kitchen foyer hallway & powder room + professionally fin LL & 3 car attached garage \$409 900 (37CYP) 734 455 5600



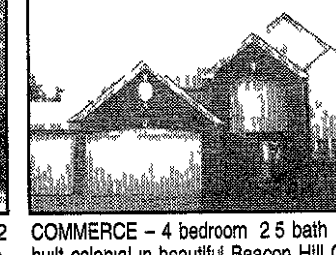
ROCHESTER - Gracious and stunning Designer perfect greets you entering this 2 story foyer Hardwood floors gourmet kitchen island hearth room 2 way fireplace large open great room with wet bar cherry cabinets throughout Dual staircases private guest quarters \$480 000 (90WAT) 248 652 8000



CARLA HILLS COLONIAL - Spacious 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home on over 1 acre 2 story entry formal living room family room w/fireplace formal dining room Custom oak cabinets in kitchen ceramic baths Oak trim w/o Gorgeous staircase to 2nd floor part fin w/o LL large 3 car garage Hurry! \$344 900 (40CAR) 248 363 1200



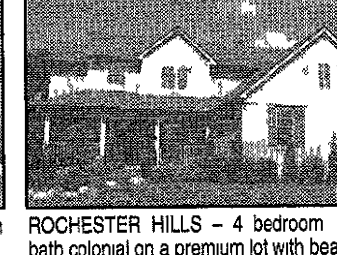
WEST BLOOMFIELD - 5 bedroom 5.2 bath lakefront home on Pine Lake Southern exposure and stunning views of private all sports Pine Lake Brazilian hardwood floors 2 fireplaces and 1st floor master Swimming pool on private setting w/3 car garage Close to everything \$1 999 000 (35INT) 248 642 8100



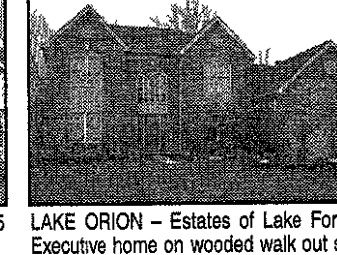
COMMERCE - 4 bedroom 2.5 bath 99 built colonial in beautiful Beacon Hill Golf Course Community Large kitchen w/island pantry tile backsplash hardwood floors & 2 story great room w/fireplace Formal dining room w/bay window w/o basement deck & professional landscaping \$329 900 (72IVY) 248 642 8100



LAKE ORION - Still brand new Premium site backing to woods Very private 4 bedroom 2.5 baths open kitchen to family room w/soaring ceilings Double staircases whirlpool tub in master suite Sprinklers professionally landscaped & first floor laundry \$307 900 (21YOS) 248 349 5600



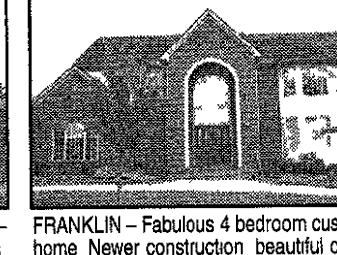
ROCHESTER HILLS - 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial on a premium lot with beautiful backyard and huge deck Two story foyer gas fireplace oak kitchen with huge island and master suite with his & hers closets Side entrance garage \$324 900 (18FCR) 248 524 1600



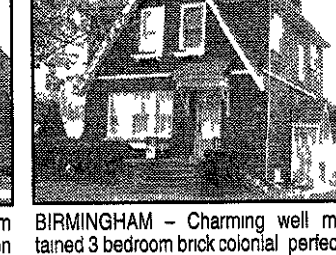
LAKE ORION - Estates of Lake Forest Executive home on wooded walk out site Home features island kitchen with Corian hardwood extended family room with stone fireplace library paver patio deck sidewalks and oversized garage \$439 900 (25RIV) 248 652 8000



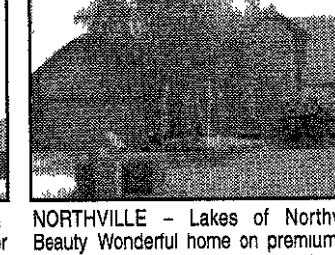
STUNNING NEW CONSTRUCTION - Gorgeous country lot over 2 acres craftsman style cape cod FF master bedroom & bath FF lav part fin w/o basement plumbed for bath covered wrap around porch elevated ceilings hwd floors tiled baths 5 miles from 175 and Clarkston \$340 000 (57HAD) 248 363 1200



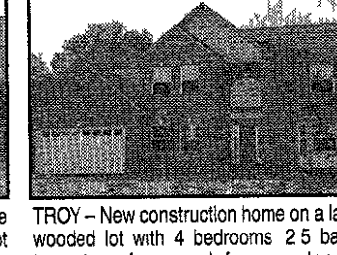
FRANKLIN - Fabulous 4 bedroom custom home Newer construction beautiful open floor plan w/cathedral ceilings and extensive hardwood Gorgeous family room w/fireplace Luxury master bedroom and expansive deck overlooking landscaped yard LL walkout w/patio 3 car garage \$810 000 (00BRI) 248 642 8100



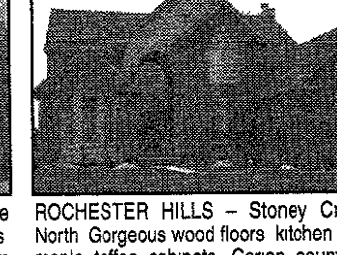
BIRMINGHAM - Charming well maintained 3 bedroom brick colonial perfect for expansion located on large lot Updated roof copper plumbing glass block windows exterior paint & carpet Hardwood under carpet Basement & 2 car garage Close to town parks & schools Home warr \$299 900 (32CAT) 248 642 8100



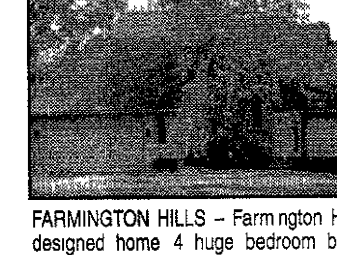
NORTHVILLE - Lakes of Northville Beauty Wonderful home on premium lot deep in sub First floor master + 2 additional large bedrooms 2.5 baths Large kitchen w/ceramic counters and extra cabinets Professional landscaping and decking sprinklers lighting & home warranty \$369 900 (21WHE) 248 349 5600



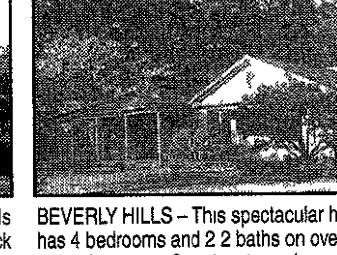
TROY - New construction home on a large wooded lot with 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths two story foyer and four car tandem garage Kitchen with oak cabinets island and granite counters Luxury master suite with jetted tub Troy schools \$429 900 (45EVA) 248 524 1600



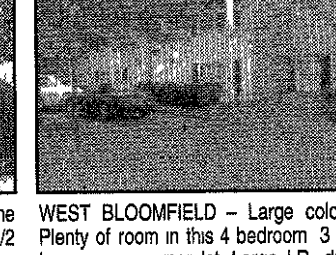
ROCHESTER HILLS - Stoney Creek North Gorgeous wood floors kitchen with maple toffee cabinets Corian counters built in appliances island butlers pantry and separate desk area high ceilings throughout with crown moldings library with French doors \$409 900 (94TER) 248 652 8000



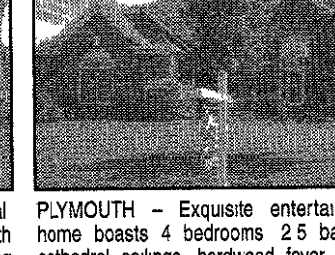
FARMINGTON HILLS - Farmington Hills designed home 4 huge bedroom brick colonial shows like a model Open floor plan spacious granite gourmet kitchen huge great room formal dining room living room w/vaulted ceilings luxury master suite beautiful w/o Like new cond on \$339 900 (80CLU) 248 626 8800



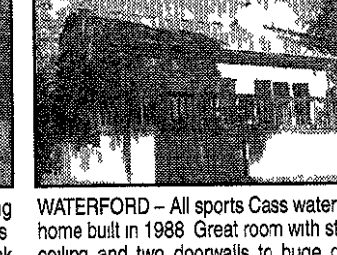
BEVERLY HILLS - This spectacular home has 4 bedrooms and 2.2 baths on over 1/2 acre of serenity Guest suite and spacious master w/renovated bath opening to courtyard and private fenced park like setting Full finished basement breathtaking \$559 000 (81EVE) 248 642 8100



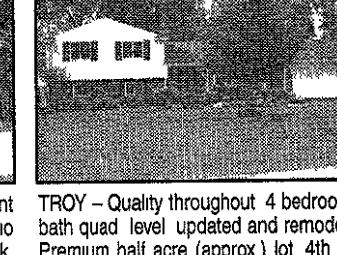
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Large colonial Plenty of room in this 4 bedroom 3 bath home on a corner lot Large LR dining room family room and great room w/fireplace 2 car garage newer roof carpet & hardwood floor Master bedroom has WIC & full bath Very nice curb appeal \$285 000 (90TAD) 248 349 5600



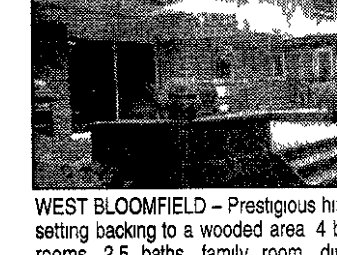
PLYMOUTH - Exquisite entertaining home boasts 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths cathedral ceilings hardwood foyer oak island 2 way fireplace basement & 3 car attached garage A wonderful find You must see! \$499 900 (84DEE) 734-455 5600



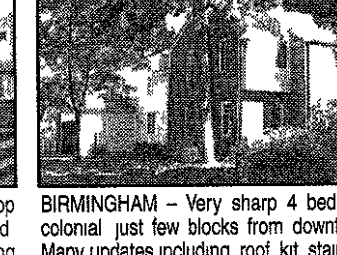
WATERFORD - All sports Cass waterfront home built in 1988 Great room with studio ceiling and two doorwalls to huge deck Attached garage seawall professionally and beautifully landscaped All appliances included Home Warranty \$349 900 (15CHI) 248 524 1600



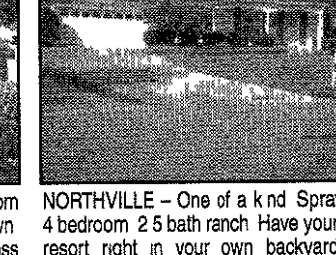
TROY - Quality throughout 4 bedroom 2 bath quad level updated and remodeled Premium half acre (approx) lot 4th bedroom used as office Pella windows and doorwalls oak kitchen with appliances and lower level walk out \$369 000 (85STA) 248 652 8000



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Prestigious hilltop setting backing to a wooded area 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths family room dining room living room Eat in kitchen Large 2 car garage basement In immediate move in condition \$319 900 (76GLE) 248 626 8800



BIRMINGHAM - Very sharp 4 bedroom colonial just few blocks from downtown Many updates including roof kit stainless steel appls HWH mechanicals windows & hwd flrs Fin bsmt 2 car att garage all on large private lot w/immediate possession \$479 000 (05WAS) 248 642 8100



NORTHVILLE - One of a kind Sprawling 4 bedroom 2.5 bath ranch Have your own resort right in your own backyard In ground pool and Jacuzzi Too many updates to mention Bring your fuzziest buyers Home warranty included \$399 900 (64BEA) 248 349 5600



CANTON - Beautifully maintained Cape cod backing to woods & golf course offers 3 bedrooms 2.5 baths 3+ car attached garage private patio 1st floor master suite w/his & her walk in closets great room w/gas fireplace & cathedral ceiling \$399 000 (36GLE) 734 455 5600



TROY - Spacious 4 bedroom 2.5 bath brick colonial in NW Troy on a large lot with mature trees Open floor plan with large rooms and foyer Newer Island kitchen with rear windows Newer front windows and tear off roof A must see home \$415 000 (04WIN) 248 524 1600



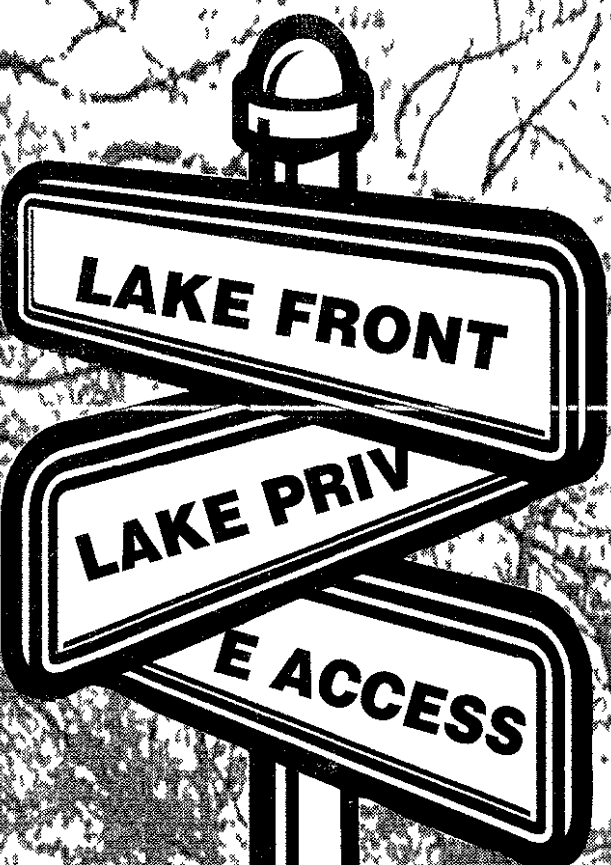
LAKE ANGELA - Custom throughout this 3 bedroom 3.5 bath home Finished basement imported tiles cherry cabinetry high ceilings stainless steel appliances Custom lighting alarm sprinklers crown moldings 3.5 car garage \$355 000 (52BRA) 248 652 8000

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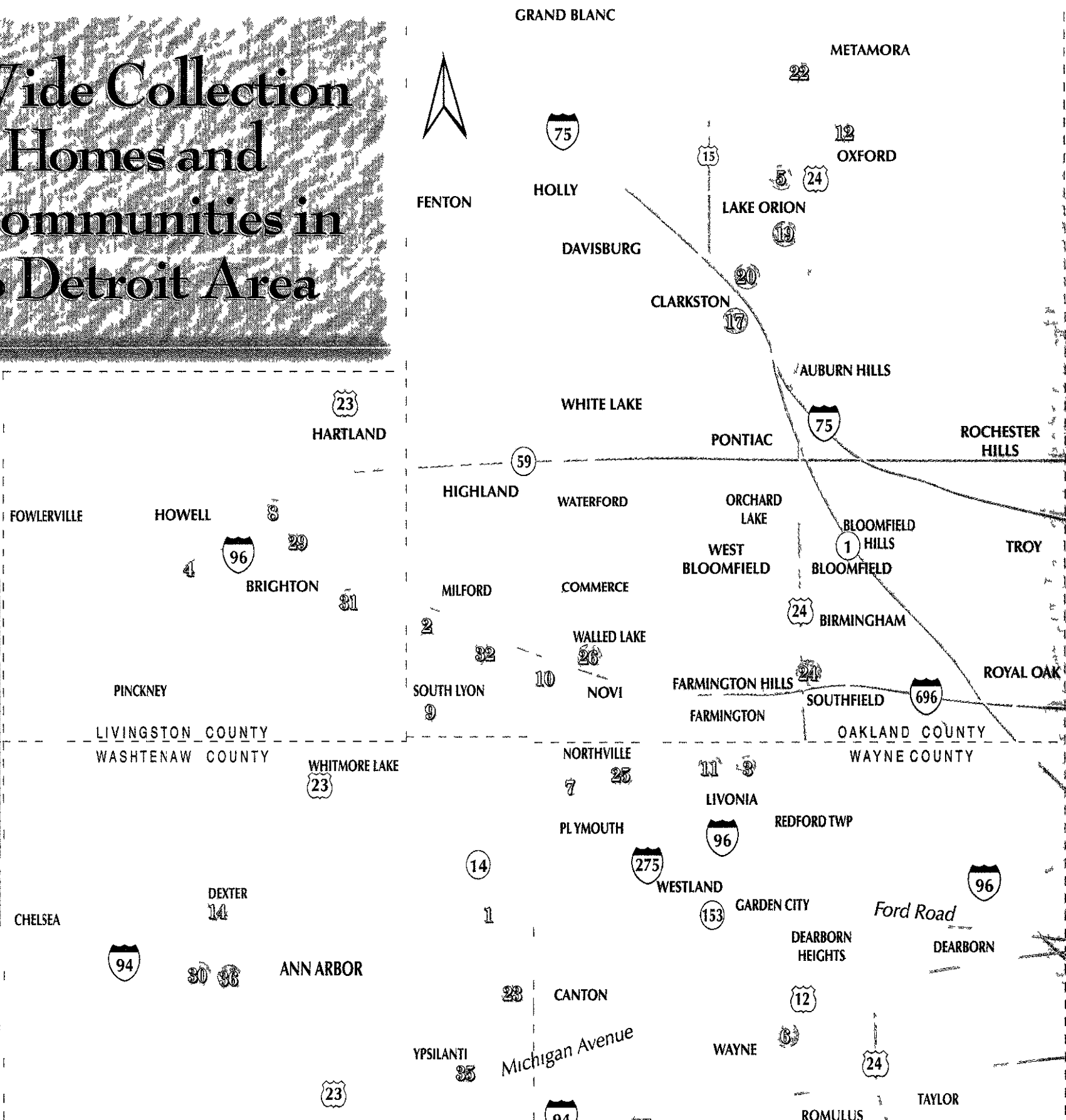
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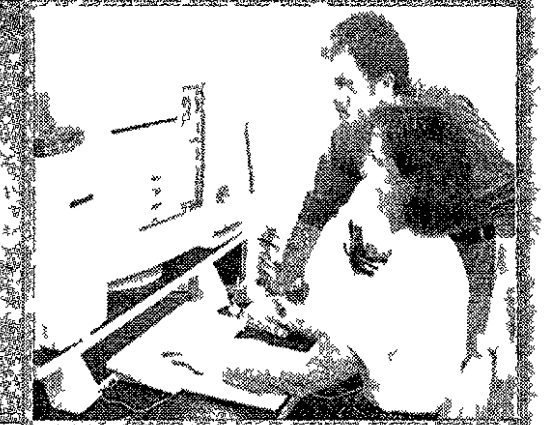
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2004 Subaru Forester is cute and worth a close look

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Here's a small sport utility vehicle that's heavy on performance, handling and comfort

The 2004 Subaru Forester 2.5 XT has a really sweet engine under the hood that makes it quite the fun-to-drive vehicle

Powered by a 2.5-liter boxer engine that's turbocharged, the Forester outputs 210 horsepower

This Forester is the first vehicle in the small sport utility segment to have power and performance like this

It easily outperforms most small utes that promise you power and leave you eating someone else's dust on the freeway

Merging onto the highway was a breeze and actually surprised many an unsuspecting driver who thought this little Forester would never get ahead of a larger sport utility vehicle

I saw one fellow actually scratch his head when I scooted ahead of him

The Forester is outfitted with full-time all-wheel-drive Standard

Like all Subaru models, it's also got four-channel, four-sensor anti-lock brakes

The Forester we drove this week also had -- standard, again -- an all-weather package

That put dual-mode heated front seats, heated exterior mirrors and a windshield wiper de-icer on board when you need the comfort on a very cold morning

There is another model of the Forester -- the XS, by the way. It's also equipped nicely, but my recommendation would go on the XT because of the engine factor

The outside of the Forester is sporty and functional

There's a cool hood scoop that's not just for show. It actually works to bring air in to cool the engine. Body-color side cladding allows you to park in a parking spot close to the door and not worry about



2004 Subaru Forester, Vehicle type: Special purpose vehicle. Power 2.5 liter turbocharged boxer engine Mileage 19 city/23 highway. Assembled in Vancouver, Wash. Price: \$28,070

door dings and nicks

The roof rails are standard equipment and are accessible without a ladder

Further adding to its sporty appearance are six-spoke, 16-inch alloy wheels, body-color door handles and a shiny single chrome tailpipe

Slipping inside, you'll find the Forester roomy for front passengers and more than adequate for the rear passengers as well

My children accumulated an awful lot of stuff in that back seat for a week in the Forester, then promptly complained about the lack of room

They're also spoiled by the roominess and largeness of the super sport utility vehicles, so that's not the gauge you should look at

I thought there was plenty of room to move around

Even the cargo area was able to handle a heavy duty trip to Costco. Two carts worth of pretty bulky stuff fit nicely in the rear

There's a total of 32 cubic feet back there in the cargo area. And if you happen to fold the rear seat-backs down, you'll nearly double that to 62.7 cubic feet

There's also a retractable cargo area cover that's high enough to hide some of the tallest packages

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Both crashworthiness and 40-mph front offset crash tests earned the Forester high ratings with the Insurance Institute, an independent testing agency

The Forester also meets all federal passenger car safety standards

Not only does the Forester have dual-stage deployment front airbags and front seat head and chest side impact airbags, there's also front seat belt pretensioners

All five seating positions have three-point seat belts that are height-adjustable on the outboard seats

The rear seats have headrests, too. And of course, the LATCH system for little kids is also on board

The Subaru Forester is a healthy addition to Subaru's lineup and should be a good seller

It's reasonably priced for a sport utility that acts like a bigger SUV, yet looks like a passenger car.

It's a good idea to put this one on your list when shopping for a new car

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<p>2004 F150 SC STX</p> <p>Preferred Equipment Package 503A manual black mirrors 4.6L EFI V8 engine electronic four speed automatic overdrive 3.55 ratio limited slip axle 6700# GVWR Package carpeted floor mats sliding rear window AM/FM stereo/6 CD in dash fog lamps privacy glass [Stock #40448] WAS \$26,300*</p> <p>\$19,821^{23*} FORD EMPLOYEE OR ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER</p> <p>A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$214^{00**} MO \$391.04 DUE AT SIGNING \$1500 DOWN \$150^{14**} MO \$164.15 DUE AT SIGNING</p>	<p>www.aplanheadquarters.com</p>				
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GM Employees Get up to \$1000* advertisement with 'Switch to LaRiche' slogan and 'MATCHING DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE'.

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2004 CAVALIER 2 DR. advertisement with MSRP \$15,810 and GM pay only \$13,345, plus rebate and matching DP.

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2004 TRAILBLAZER advertisement showing GM Employee (\$219/mo) and Non-GM Employee (\$261/mo) lease rates.

2004 VENTURE VAN advertisement showing GM Employee (\$194/mo) and Non-GM Employee (\$227/mo) lease rates.

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0%[†] APR FINANCING

A-PLAN \$21,559!
 Rebates - 4,000
 Your Down Payment - 2,000
 Matching - 1,000

\$14,559!

72 MONTH BUY

\$239* PER MO.

2003 Taurus SES 4 Door!



TAKE A LOOK AT THE FEATURES ON 2003 TAURUS SES! FREE MOONROOF Spoiler Console Power Windows Power Locks Power Seat Speed Control, Tilt Wheel Six Disc CD, Adjustable Pedals Keyless Entry MSRP \$22,135

A-PLAN \$19,600!
 Rebates - 4,000
 Your Down Payment - 2,000
 Matching - 1,000

\$12,600!

72 MONTH BUY

\$207* PER MO.

2003 Focus SE 4 Door!



TAKE A LOOK AT THE FEATURES ON 2003 FOCUS SE 4 DOOR! 310 Package, Power Windows, Tilt Wheel, Speed Control Air Conditioning Automatic Trans, CD/MP3 Keyless Entry MSRP \$16,410

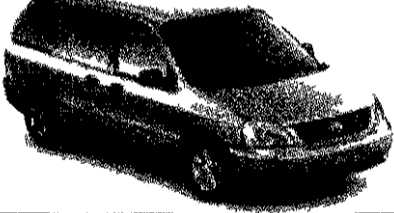
A-PLAN \$14,835!
 Rebates - 2,500
 Your Down Payment - 2,000

\$10,335!

72 MONTH BUY

\$170* PER MO.

2004 Freestar Limited



Electronic w/trt zone aux Air pwr doors windows heated pr dr ver & pass seat heated mirrors leather quad captain chairs 3rd row fold in floor 3 pass bench seat active safety pkg (incl panic brake assist) tract on control advance trac & revers sens ng, elect grp memory pkg (incl exterior mirrors adjustable pedals driver seat) safety canopy spd cntrl tilt & more MSRP \$35,455

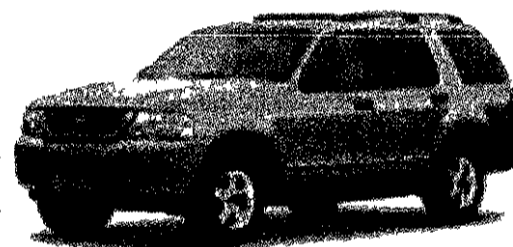
A-PLAN \$30,929!
 Rebates/renewal - 3,500
 Your Down Payment - 2,000
 Matching - 1,000

\$24,429!

39 MONTH LEASE WITH RENEWAL

\$236** PER MO.
 \$2000 DUE AT SIGNING

2004 Explorer XLT 4 Door



Air, power windows seat, speed cntrl, tilt CD, auto head lamps, keyless entry MSRP \$29,425

A-PLAN \$25,844!
 Rebates - 4,000
 Your Down Payment - 2,000
 Matching - 1,000

\$18,844!

39 MONTH LEASE NO RENEWAL NEEDED

\$229** PER MO.
 \$2000 DUE AT SIGNING

2004 F150 4X4 Lariat Super Cab



Air, power windows seat, speed control, tilt 18 brt alum wheels keyless entry, leather captain's chairs w/console & floor shift adj pedals limited slip, trailer tow elec shift on the fly, dual media & more MSRP \$35,320

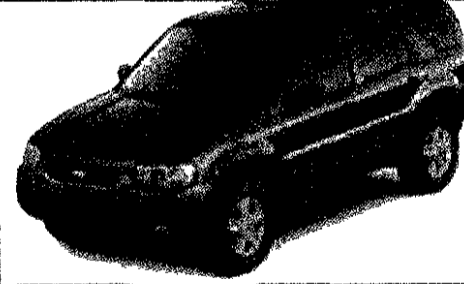
A-PLAN \$29,641!
 Owner Loyalty, Renewal or Conquest - 1,000
 Your Down payment - 2,000

\$26,641!

39 MONTH LEASE WITH RENEWAL, LOYALTY OR CONQUEST

\$285** PER MO.
 ONLY \$2000 DUE AT SIGNING

2004 Escape XLT



Air, disc in dash CD, power windows, seat, locks, mirrors keyless entry, privacy glass, speed control MSRP \$23,340

A-PLAN \$20,945!
 Rebate w/renewal - 2,000
 Your Down Payment - 2,000
 Matching - 1,000

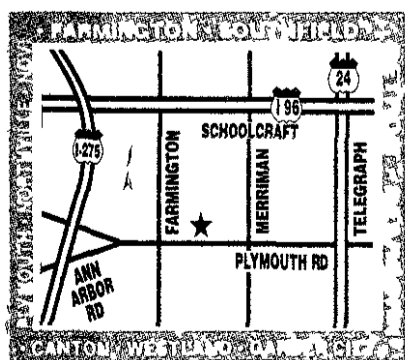
\$15,945!

39 MONTH LEASE WITH RENEWAL

\$235** PER MO.
 ONLY \$2000 DUE AT SIGNING

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