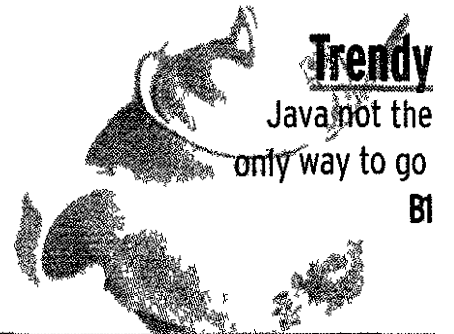


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Pipeline

Santa pet photos

Want your pet to get his photo taken with Santa? Here's your chance. The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is inviting residents to bring their pets - dogs and cats only - to get their pictures taken with Santa Claus. The event takes place 5-8 p.m. Monday Dec 23 at Santa's house on Main Street next to Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Price is \$5. For details call (734) 453-1540.

East team spirit

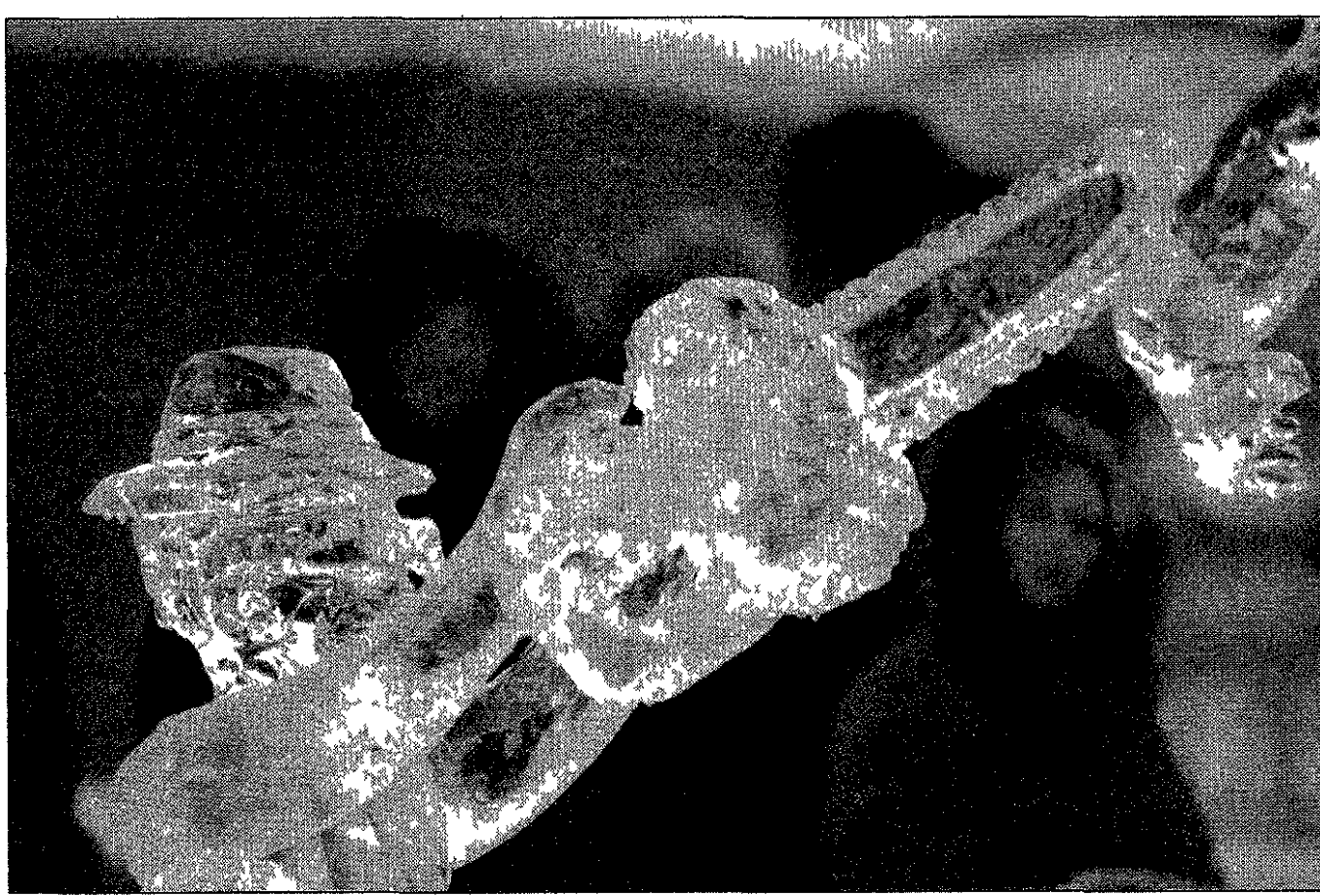
The East Middle School boys and girls volleyball team members and their families were recent guests of the University of Michigan women's volleyball team for the Wolverines game against Minnesota. The team spirit field trip kicked off the 2002 volleyball season for East students. Birthday wishes were announced for girls coach Kayline Shureb. Boys coach Jodi Buikema also helped arrange the trip. The team families and friends held a fund raiser prior to the game at the Big Boy restaurant in Canton.

Holiday concert

St. Peter's Lutheran Church will host a candlelight concert at 7 p.m. tonight (Sunday) with music of the Christmas season. The concert will feature St. Peter's senior children's and handbell choir along with the brass ensemble. Anyone may enjoy an evening of traditional Christmas music and hymns. The church is at 1343 Penniman. Call (734) 453-3393 for details.



All boys and girls naughty or nice know Santa Claus will soon be checking his Christmas List - and checking it twice. That means Plymouth youngsters need to get their letters to the Jolly Old Elf written and on their way to the North Pole. Once again the Plymouth Observer is asking youngsters to send us their letter to Santa along with a school picture to appear in the Observer before Christmas Day. To make sure we have time to forward the letters to the North Pole get the letters to us by no later than Thursday Dec 19. Individually post marked letters should be sent to Santa care of the Plymouth Observer 794 S Main St Plymouth MI 48170.



BRYAN MITCHELL | OBSERVER

Thousands of spectators and hundreds of competitors are expected to line the streets of downtown Plymouth again next month for the annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

Ice festival on better financial footing

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The 21st-annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, scheduled for Jan. 15-20, is in a much better financial position than it was at this time last year. "We're looking way better than we were a year ago," said an upbeat Ron Loiselle, president of Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Inc. If the merchants get behind us and buy ice sculptures for the front of their

businesses, we should be OK."

Loiselle said they have commitments for nearly \$130,000 of the approximately \$155,000 it takes to put on the ice spectacular. Another \$10,000-\$20,000 from merchant support can get them to the top.

While last year's event came dangerously close to being canceled because of the lack of donations resulting from the Sept. 11 attacks, the annual ice show was even closer to extinction

about 10 years ago.

"It was nearly canceled because no one had money to support it, but several community members got involved and pulled it all together," said Loiselle. That someone was Don Massey, who Loiselle remembers giving \$50,000 to save the day. "We've done a lot of refining in putting the event together to make sure we can be successful," he said.

Farmer Jack Supermarkets, which sponsors Fantasyland in The

Gathering, is the biggest contributor at \$30,000. Among the other supporters are Standard Federal and Don Massey, each donating \$5,000.

The quality of the carvings are incredible, compared to the past, Loiselle recalled. "I remember when someone carved a line in the middle of a block of ice, rounded the corners and that was supposed to be a refrigerator. Now with

PLEASE SEE FESTIVAL, A6

Charities struggle to meet annual fund-raising goals

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As the holiday season draws to a close, at least two local charities are hoping a last-minute push will help them meet their fund-raising goals.

The Plymouth Community United Way wraps up most of its campaign by the end of the year, and President Marie Morrow said she's hopeful the Plymouth and Canton communities will dig a little deeper for the organization to meet its \$1.2 million goal. "We still have a number of companies that haven't completed their campaigns," said Morrow. "We're confident the community will come together and help us reach our goal."

Thus far, the Plymouth Community United Way, which supports 14 local agencies, has collected just over \$968,000.

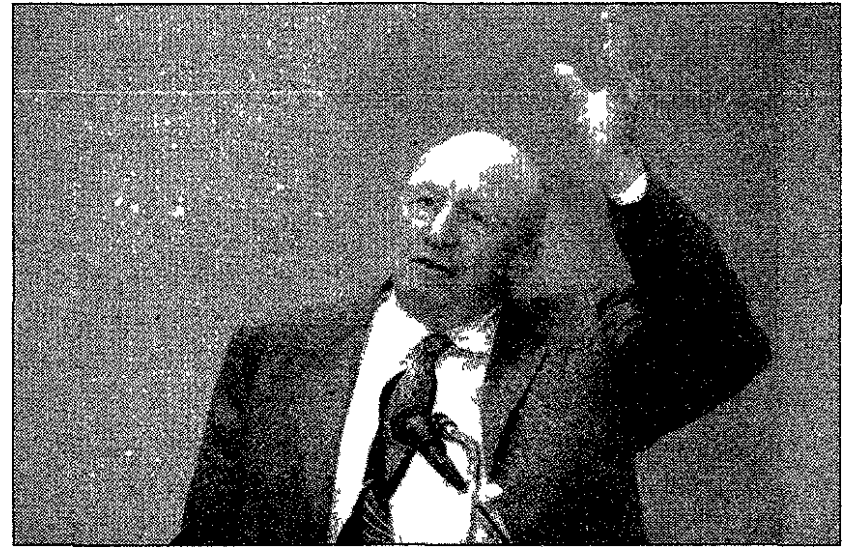
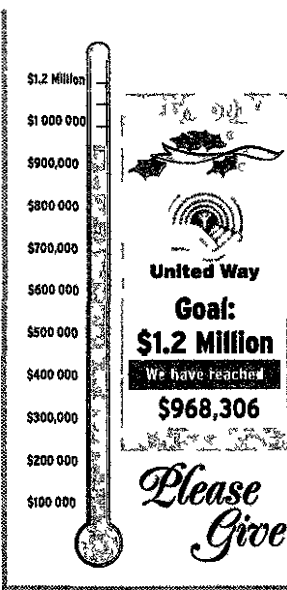
"It will be challenging,"

said Morrow, who noted that both the Detroit and Washtenaw County United Way campaigns are also having difficulties meeting their goals. "Some of the smaller companies are having difficult times because of economic conditions, and there have been layoffs, both of which affect the campaign."

Last year, which was affected by the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, the Plymouth Community United Way raised \$1.2 million, which was \$100,000 more than the goal. Morrow, who has been at the local United Way for 21 years, said, "The community has always supported us, and I believe they will come through and do it again."

The largest contributor this year, as always, is Johnson Controls Employees and corporate donations totaled more than \$592,000, Visteon Sheldon Plant

PLEASE SEE CHARITIES, A9



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Outgoing Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara was the guest speaker at Friday's meeting of the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club.

McNamara tells Rotary: 'We are not crooks'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara admitted to members of the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club Friday it's "been very trying times the past two weeks. If the FBI is as wrong, as I think they are, I'll have a nice life in the future."

McNamara spoke briefly of the federal investigation into his

administration, contracts for Metro Airport, as well as campaign contributions. "We're besieged right now. It's like living in a nightmare," he said. "I think we've tried very, very hard to run a good county."

McNamara, a Plymouth Township resident, noted that, despite claims by government, "we

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AROUND TOWN

POSTCARD BOOK

The Plymouth Historical Museum announced Acadia Press will publish a new book for the museum on "Vintage Postcards of Plymouth." With the success of the museum's current book, "Plymouth's First Century," the publishing house was eager to work on a new publication.

Elizabeth Kerstens, author of "Plymouth's First Century," will also author the postcard book. Kerstens is the head archivist of the Plymouth Historical Museum and "brings a wealth of knowledge on vintage postcards, their usage and publication, to this new project," museum officials said.

The museum is also interested in hearing from people in the community about any vintage postcards of Plymouth they may have to scan for the new book. Please contact the museum via e-mail at ply-

mouthhistoricalmuseum@net-zero.net, or call (734) 455-8940

BOOK SIGNING

Plymouth resident Cindy Gray will make a pair of appearances in Plymouth to sign her new book, "The Spirit of Health: Mind-to-Toe Self-Care for Women."

Gray will be at the Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 S Main St., from noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, and at Ageless Wisdom, 470 Forest, from noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. The book is a collection of everyday practical wisdom on how a woman's life can be peaceful, beautiful, safe and sacred every day.

Call the Little Book Shoppe, (734) 455-5220, or Ageless Wisdom, (734) 207-5310, for more information.

PCAC TICKETS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering special Christmas prices on its annual dinner-dance-auction, set for Friday, March 14 at St. John's Golf and Conference Center.

PCAC members can save \$10 per person (\$15 per person for a table of 10) by purchasing tickets before Jan. 1. Non-members save \$10 per person for a table of 10.

After Jan. 1, all tickets are \$75 each. Another advantage to buying early, according to PCAC officials, is the ability - new this year - to select table location.

"Passions of the Past: A 70's Bash" is the theme of the 2003 benefit which supports PCAC educational and community arts programming. The group promises a psychedelic evening of fun with dancing to classics by the Rolling Stones, Elton John, Jimmy Buffet, Pink Floyd and others.

To purchase tickets, donate an auction item or help the planning committee, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278.

SWEARING-IN

Local residents wishing to see the swearing-in of the state legislature in Lansing now have their chance.

Four buses will leave the Plymouth Historical Museum at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8 for the trip to Lansing for the

swearing-in of the state House of Representatives, including John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, who won re-election in the November general election.

Lunch will be provided, along with tours of the state Capitol and the Michigan Historical Museum. Buses will return to the museum by 5:30 p.m.

For reservations, call Beth Stewart, (734) 455-8940.

JOB GRANT

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation has issued a job training grant to help a local company improve job skills of its workers.

Ricardo Inc. of Plymouth will benefit from a \$50,000 grant to help improve the skills of 86 employees as well as create 19 positions at the company. Under the requirements of the program, the company must provide a 25-percent match for the training.

"The MEDC has done a great job of providing funding for the training of area workers," said state Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township.

"This training is important not only for the companies but for increasing the job skills of the individual workers."

Schoolcraft College will provide the training.

GOLF CERTIFICATION

Eric Niemur of Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center has earned credentials as a certified golf course superintendent.

According to Fox Hills officials, only 10 percent of superintendents in the nation have been honored with this distinction.

Fox Hills is located on North Territorial in Plymouth Township.

HONORING WOMEN

Jennifer Granholm has made recent history as the first woman governor of Michigan. Michiganians can learn more about her and other historical women in the November/December 2002 special issue of "Michigan History" magazine.

This issue, which focuses on amazing women in Michigan's past, tells the stories of political activist Mildred Jeffrey, women's rights activist Martha Griffiths, George Custer's devoted wife Libbie and Michigan's last Titanic survivor. The issue also features readers' submissions about the mothers, aunts, grandmothers and friends who made a difference in their lives.

"The role of women in our history demands greater attention," said editor Roger Rosentreter. "We set out in this

issue to chronicle as much about Michigan women as we could pack into ninety-six pages."

Readers can find out more about selected Michigan History topics on the magazine's Web site. On-line features from this issue include stories about activist Sojourner Truth, members of late-19th century women's clubs and the establishment of women's sports programs in Michigan high schools. Visit Michigan History's Web site at www.michiganhistory-magazine.com for these and other topics.

MUSEUM SPEAKER

The Colonial Kriwanis Club of Plymouth is inviting the public to a meeting with Richard Blouse, Jr., president of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, to be held at the Plymouth Historical Museum from noon-1:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19. Blouse's topic will be "Fueling the Engine of Business in Southeast Michigan," and all members of the business community and the Plymouth, Northville and Wayne chambers of commerce are invited. Cost is \$10 per person, to be paid at the door.

For more information, call Dave Siegrist, (734) 453-7106, or State Rep. John Stewart, (517) 373-3816.

Plymouth Observer seeks readers' top 10 stories for 2002

In its final issue each year, the Plymouth Observer publishes an account of the year's top stories. This year, we'd like to know what our readers think those stories are. We've culled the year's newspapers and put together a list of 15 stories. What we'd like readers to do is choose their Top 10, sort of a Letterman-esque list of the top stories in the Plymouth community. E-mail your responses to community editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net by Dec. 19. If you think of a story that isn't in this list, by all means add it to your e-mail.

In no particular order, here's the list:
1. Plymouth Canton Schools Superintendent Kathleen Booher leaves for a job with the

state, Jim Ryan is hired as interim superintendent.

2. Gov. John Engler signs the bill adding a third judgeship in the 35th District Court. Plymouth attorney Mike Gerou beats former Northville Township Supervisor Karen Woodside for the seat.

3. Long-time auto kingpin Don Massey sells off nearly all of his automotive holdings.

4. WSDP, the student-run radio station at P-C schools, celebrates 30 years of broadcasting.

5. Plymouth Township forms its own Downtown Development Authority.

6. Panera Bread and Starbucks become the first tenants in the newly completed Mayflower Centre.

7. The Plymouth Kmart avoids cuts that close nearly 300 under-

achieving locations.

8. A budget crunch forces the Plymouth-Canton School District to lay off 19 teachers, all 19 are eventually hired back. The district had to make \$1.2 million in cuts to balance the budget.

9. State reconstructs Ann Arbor Road from General Drive to Eckles, an \$11 million project that affected traffic in front of township businesses significantly.

10. Residents in the city (14.8 percent) and township (20 percent) see significant hikes in water rates.

11. Township opens ethics inquiry of trustee Abe Munfakh over allegedly helping Salem Township get added to the Detroit water system. Township hires attorney Michael Schwartz, whose report claims

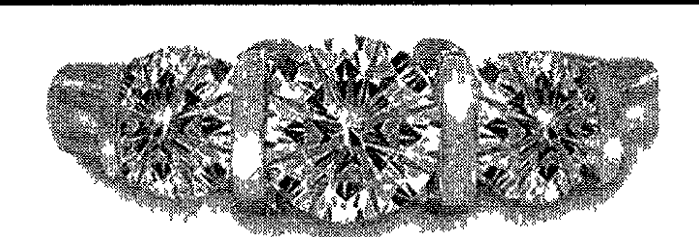
Munfakh violated ethics policy.

12. Gov. Engler cuts state revenue sharing, lopping \$450,000 from the city, \$700,000 from the township. The legislature over-rides the cuts.

13. Right to Life activists picket Our Lady of Good Counsel in protest of the pro-choice stance of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jennifer Granholm.

14. As Plymouth Township balances its budget, cuts include \$300,000 in recreation funds that would have allowed the township and city to do a joint recreation plan.

15. Plymouth Township board settles lawsuits brought by former employees Rosemary Harvey and Karen Akans moves that cost the township approximately \$250,000.



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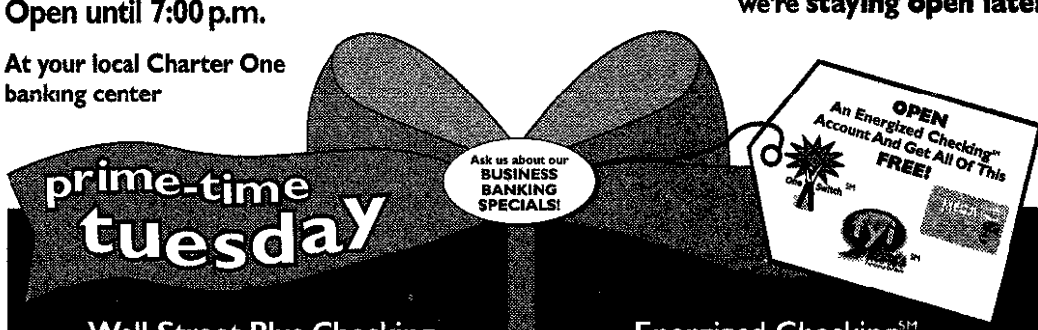
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Plymouth Community Fire Department replaces rescue rigs

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Community Fire Department just got bigger and newer

The department has replaced three aging rescue units with newer, more user-friendly models, according to fire Chief Larry Groth

The new, medium-duty rescue units replace a pair of 1994

models and a 1992 unit. Each fire station — Station 1 on Ann Arbor Road, Station 2 at Wilcox and Schoolcraft and Station 3 on Beck — will have one of the new units on hand

"The older ones are just worn out," Groth said

"We're putting a lot of money into repairs and services. When we bought them, they were overweight with equipment and

staff. When you have a rig like that, you're putting brakes on them all the time. That's what we found ourselves doing"

The other benefit of the newer medium-duty rigs is storage space, something made necessary because Plymouth firefighters are now also paramedics

"We need that room," Groth said

"The bigger units are designed to last longer. I told (board members) we're probably looking at 12 years before we have to replace these"

The money for the new rigs was approved in the 2002 budget by the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees. The total replacement cost was some \$405,000, according to Groth

Residents who would like to see what the fire department got for its money get the chance Tuesday

Groth said the department will have one on display at Station 1 from 6:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, before the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting

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Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth, from left, Assistant Chief Mark Wendell, Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill, Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, and firefighters Don Hahn, Chris Mack, Jeff Randall and Terence Harned show off one of the new rescue vehicles



Plymouth Community firefighters Don Hahn, right, and Chris Mack inside one of the new medium-duty rescue vehicles put into service recently

Township police offer 2nd Citizen's Academy

Plymouth Township residents are getting another chance to see what it's like to be part of their police department

The Plymouth Township Police Department will host its second Citizen's Academy Feb. 13 through April 17 at Township Hall from 7-10 p.m.

"The objective is to give the public a working knowledge of the Plymouth Township Police Department policies and procedures, through a series of classes involving instruction by Plymouth Township Police Department personnel and other members of the criminal justice system," Police Chief Tom Tiderington said

All applicants must be 18 or older, live, work or own a business in Plymouth Township and pass a background check

The topics include accident investigation, training requirements, patrol operations, K-9, firearms simulation, detective bureau and alcohol enforcement

The academy is an opportunity for people who may not understand the role of a police officer or someone who may have complaints about police procedures to see things from the police perspective, according to Officer Jame Senkbeil

It is also an avenue for the Plymouth Township Police Department to learn about the concerns of the community members

"This academy will encourage police interaction with the public which can augment police job satisfaction and provide a measure of accountability to the community," Senkbeil said

Applications can be picked up at the police department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road and must be turned in by Jan. 15

For further information call Senkbeil at (734) 354-3243

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Old Village homeowners mull next move in Broe dispute

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Residents of the newly formed Old Village Homeowners Association plan to meet today to discuss their options after learning the City of Plymouth is working on a deal to rescind tickets issued against three supported-living facilities on Farmer Street owned by Broe Rehabilitation of Farmington Hills

The city ticketed the three so-called Broe homes for violating a city ordinance that forbids the operation of a business in a residential neighborhood

Broe countered with a federal lawsuit, alleging discrimination against closed-head-injury patients who live in the homes

Matt Cardwell, a spokesman for the homeowners association, said the group recently met and came away with several scenarios of what could happen in the case

"We're disappointed, but not totally surprised," said Cardwell. "They (attorneys for Broe) knew early on they could bully the city commission with a federal lawsuit. And, if the city backs down, then the strat-

egy worked and the citizens won't get their day in court"

Broe's attorney, Gregory Bator, confirmed this week there have been discussions between city lawyers and his firm to end the confrontation, which is expected to be heard Wednesday in front of U.S. District Court Judge Robert Cleland

Discussion centers on how much the city will pay Bator's firm for representing Broe Rehabilitation. Bator wouldn't disclose the figure, but said it would be in the tens of thousands of dollars. City officials have said that would be cheaper

than going to federal court, especially if the U.S. Justice Department gets into the fray, which it reportedly has indicated it would. Cardwell said his group will discuss other options at today's meeting. He noted the homeowners group has already asked for help from state Rep. John Stewart, (R-Plymouth Township), who sent them a copy of a letter he sent to Attorney General Jennifer Granholm Nov. 21

"The purpose of my letter is to request an investigation at the aforementioned addresses in the City of Plymouth, wherein, a

business is being conducted on the part of Broe Rehabilitation Services. Please advise my office at your earliest convenience as to the necessity of licensing at these locations"

Cardwell admitted that suing the city for not enforcing the ordinance is an option for the homeowners association

"I don't know how the city can enforce any ordinance that regulates business if they back out of this," he said. "It could end up costing more in the future than the lawsuit"

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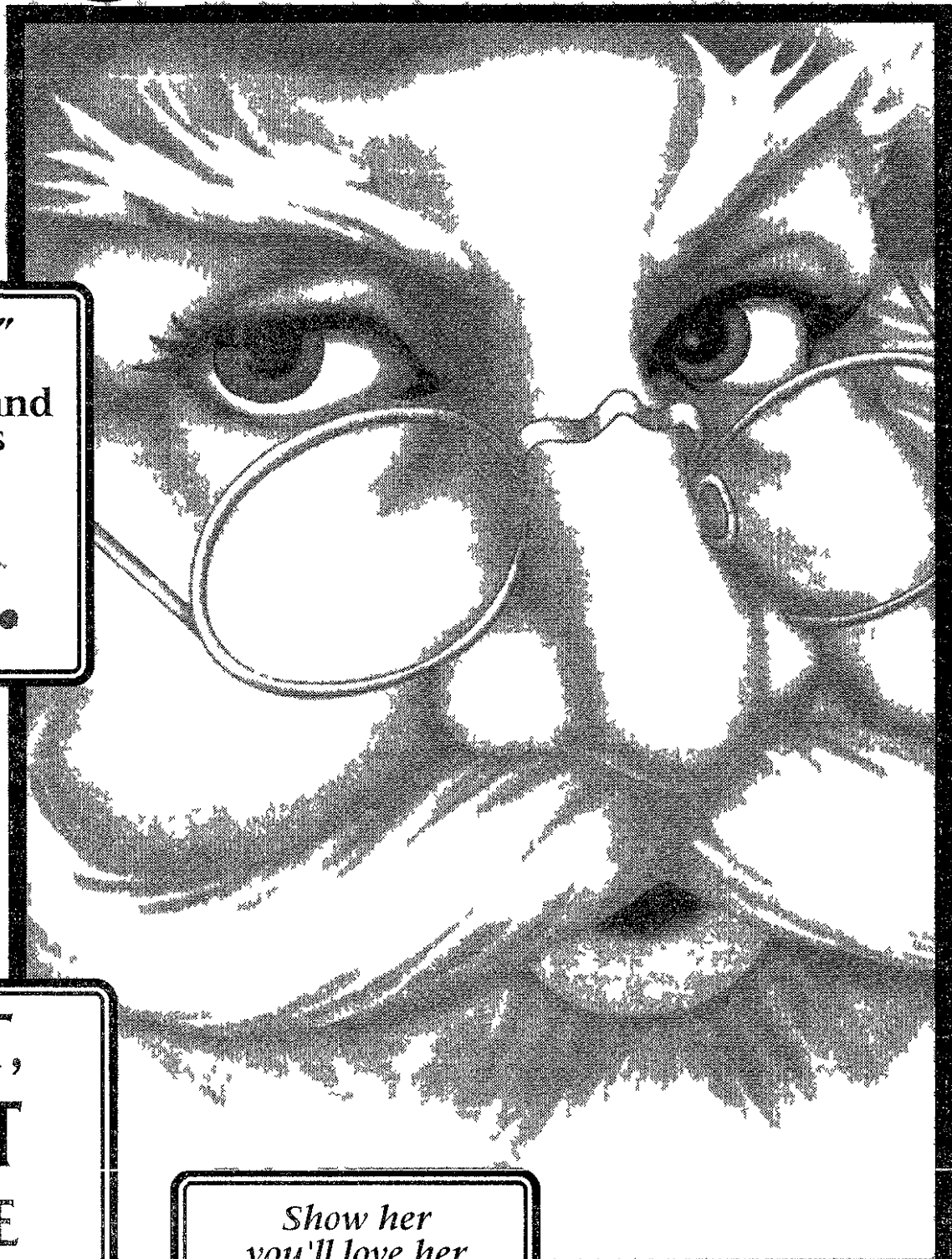
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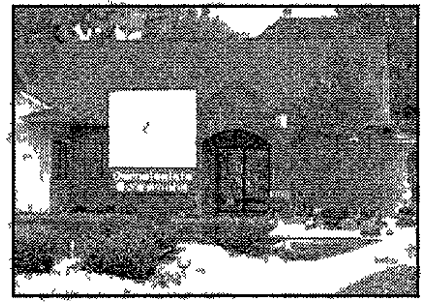
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MCNAMARA

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have no campaign reform" and hinted that's partly the reason behind the federal investigation

"Our sin is that we raised a lot of money," he told the group of 75 Rotarians meeting at the Plymouth Cultural Center "We've been very, very fair while raising it, in accordance with all the rules

"When the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's office get through, there will be a small story in the obituary page that says 'No cause for action. That will offset all the headlines at the beginning that have been so disastrous'"

After addressing the noon-time club, McNamara said the investigation's sole purpose is to tame his administration and the party it runs

"They want to put an end to the Democratic Party we are the Democratic Party," said McNamara "Everybody named (in the subpoenas) was a Democrat Everybody on our butt is a Republican, including U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Collins

"We aren't crooks. We may be a little stupid sometimes, but we aren't crooks," said McNamara "I feel very confident that it will work out"

McNamara said the Republicans have been for the Democrats for years because of the damage in national political races "When Clinton came, he asked to help

him out, and we ran his campaign, and he carried the next time (Republican Gov) John Engler says in his book the worst moment in his life was when (President George) Bush lost Michigan"

McNamara also noted that recent attacks against Plymouth city commissioner Colleen Pobur, who was once director of concessions for Metro Airport, are unwarranted

"The criticism of Colleen is very unfair. You can't believe what a process they had to keep honest. They not only had a very professional committee to select contracts, they then submitted them to an ethics committee for their comment to make sure there was nothing wrong with the bids"

Pobur has worked for Wayne County for nearly seven years and currently serves as deputy director of revenue operations for Wayne County parks

McNamara told Rotarians about some of his accomplishments during his 16 years as county executive "When I began, we had a \$135 million deficit, we had bills in shoe boxes, we had no computers, we had to tell employees you can't get paid on Friday, and we were actually contacting large taxpayers to ask them to send in their checks a couple of days early so we could meet payroll"

Along with accomplishments in building a Hamtramck jail, a morgue, a youth home, a golf course in Inkster, and a county-wide health plan for low-income workers, McNamara discussed the improve-



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Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara shakes hands with Rotary member Tom Kennedy after his address to the Plymouth Rotary Friday

ments at Metro Airport

"Of course there are the renovations of the airport, and we built a new airport terminal, but by far much more important is we put in two new runways," he said of the \$120 million project "It's been almost 10 years since a major runway has been opened in the United States

"We also have Willow Run as well as Metro Airport and have 25,000 undeveloped acres that run between them. Conceivably, in the next 10-20 years, you're going to see unbelievable development taking place down there, the kind that provides tax base and jobs"

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■ **Contemporary book discussion, Wednesday, Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m.** — "Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America" by Barbara Ehrenreich

The author describes her experience of living on low-wage jobs, such as waitress, health care aide and maid and her struggle to put a roof over her head, buy food and keep gas in her car

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PROJECT

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acquire some property on the north side of the railroad tracks, and drainage easements are still necessary, according to city manager Paul Sincock

One problem that has apparently been solved is the water main issue. The project has already been delayed while officials figured out how to shift water connections to continue water service to the city

Water main connections have been designed, and both the city and township engineers have made comments to the county's engineering consultant, Sincock said "It seems to be figured out, although we still have to field-test it. The design has to be finished and approved, and there are other steps to go through yet"

The project is being funded through a fairly convoluted formula. Federal law requires CSX

to pay 5 percent of the project cost. Thus far, CSX hasn't committed to doing that, that's what the discussion between lawyers is about

Plymouth's city commissioners passed a resolution in 1999 obligating the city to pay more than \$503,000. Plymouth Township has agreed to pay about \$1 million

However, one looming dark cloud could be potential cuts in state revenue sharing. Outgoing Gov. John Engler just cut those funds on his way out the door, incoming Gov. Jennifer Granholm faces a huge budget deficit, and most observers agree local municipalities are going to see further cuts in state-shared money

If that happens, it could affect the underpass project. "There hasn't been any talk about pulling out, but clearly it's a consideration," Sincock said. The county is still optimistic in terms of getting this

project off the ground, (but) in light of recent budget cuts, it's a political issue that will need some discussion in the near future'

Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann was out of the office and unavailable for comment

Roach doesn't believe anyone will pull out, and that the project will go on as planned

"From Wayne County's perspective, I would say no," Roach said of the possibility of the project being cut "I would imagine everyone wants to get this project underway, because it is such a necessary project and everyone already has so much invested in it"

While noting that the timetable has changed frequently, Roach said the county hopes to go out for bids in late March, with construction to start some two months after that

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FESTIVAL

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better tools, the carvings are very detailed."

Ice Spectacular organizer Mike Watts, of Watts-Up, Inc., is attempting to start another tradition and fundraiser for the Ice Spectacular.

"We had a dinner-dance two years ago, but it didn't seem appropriate to put on last year because of Sept. 11 and the fund-raising that

was going on for the victims of the terrorist attacks, which, of course, was more urgent," Watts said. "We'll try it again this year at Northville Hills Country Club. We hope it will become an annual event for the Ice Spectacular."

Watts said the event will be co-chaired by Loiselle and Ron Edwards of Plymouth Township, will cost \$100 per person, and include a silent auction with about a dozen items, including golf at four Plymouth-area courses

Dancing will be to the tune of Saoco, a Latin-jazz band of which Loiselles son is a member.

As for the ice sculptures, Watts promises that "even though it's the same time and the same place, every thing is new, there won't be any of the same carvings as a year ago. Fantasyland's theme will be 'Frozen Cinema,' a tribute to the American film industry. While Watts won't reveal the exact carvings, he said "don't be surprised to see Harry Potter or King Kong, as well

as a few other surprises.

Five carvers from Japan, one more than in the past will make their annual pilgrimage to Plymouth to show off their expertise and vie in carving competitions. There also will be high school and community college students, who are learning the art of carving, challenging for prizes in competition sanctioned by the American Culinary Association.

Carvers will be using their technique and tools on blocks of ice that weigh

350 pounds each. That's why you don't see a lot of young ice carvers," said Watts with a chuckle.

The Ice Spectacular has already ordered nearly 1,000 blocks of ice at a cost of nearly \$21,000 for this year's event.

Watts said he's already ordered the perfect weather. "We're looking for the mid-30s during the day and the teens in the evening. If not, we'll certainly deal with it."

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PAUL FURSCHMANN/OBSERVER

The largest carving in Plymouth's International Ice Spectacular, created by Team Japan, takes shape along Main Street Saturday.

House race spending neared \$2 million

BY MATT JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

The battle for the U.S. Congress in Michigan's new 11th District approached the \$2 million mark, with the major-party candidates together spending more than \$1.9 million, according to Federal Election Commission records.

Republican state Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, who won the House race, outspent his Democratic opponent, Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley, by a margin of nearly 2-to-1.

McCotter's campaign raised more than \$1.26 million and spent more than \$1.15 million of that, while Kelley's organization raised about \$644,000 and spent \$618,000, according to post-election reports filed with the FEC this month.

Both men also benefited from party spending on their behalf.

"I know it wasn't a hindrance," McCotter, taking a break from a year-end Senate session, said Friday of his fund-raising.

"It's a constant battle, but it runs in cycles," peaking around campaign events, he added of fund-raising.

McCotter was among local Republicans who benefited from fund-raising appearances by President George Bush and Vice President Richard Cheney.

"We did the best we can with the resources that we had," Kelley said. "I don't know that a million dollars would have made a difference in my race."

Bush's political clout and the inability of Democrats nationally to get their message out helped Republicans across the country, Kelley said.

McCotter said his campaign's original target was for a campaign fund of \$1 million to \$1.3 million. "We came close to the top end of it," he said.

McCotter pointed out that the spending in his race was not as high as in other local Congressional races.

FEC records show that in the 9th District, Democrat David Fink's campaign spent nearly \$2.3 million, while his opponent, Republican incumbent Joe Knollenberg, spent more than \$2.4 million. Knollenberg won re-election.

In the 10th District, Democrat Carl Marlinga, the Macomb County prosecutor, spent \$935,000. His opponent, Michigan Secretary of State Candace Miller, spent more than \$1.3 million, the records show. Miller, term-limited in her current job, won the election.

Both the McCotter and Kelley campaigns received money down the stretch from political action committees, or PACs.

Kelley got \$8,000 during the campaign from a committee affiliated with the Communications Workers of America, \$7,000 from the Laborers' Political League and \$5,000 from the Planned Parenthood Action Fund.

McCotter got \$5,000 from the American Hospital Association PAC, \$5,000 from the Fund for American Opportunity and \$4,900 from the Gun Owners of America.

The new 11th District includes large portions of Wayne and Oakland counties, Livonia, Garden City, Westland, Plymouth and Redford, and Canton townships are all part of the district.

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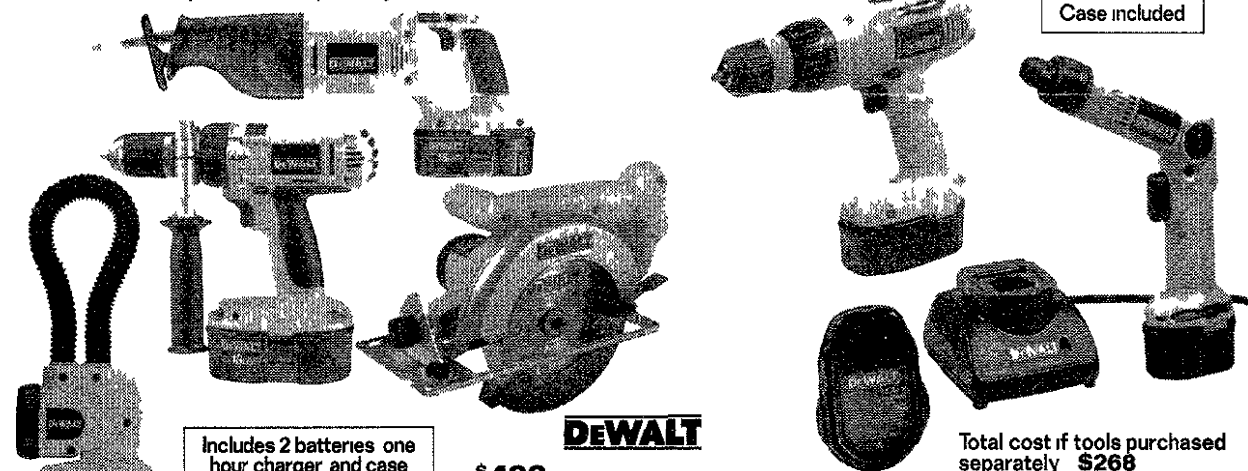
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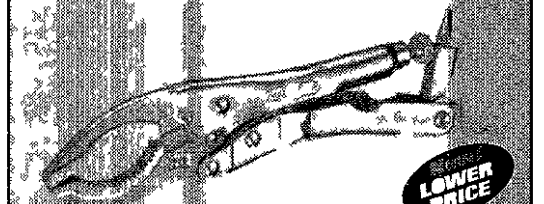


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Girl Scouts Jessica Brown, Taylor Brown and Samantha Kull are ready for the annual Girl Scout cookie drive

Girl Scouts get ready for annual cookie sale

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Tough cookies don't crumble, especially when it comes to promoting the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale. Area troop members from the Metro Detroit Council and Huron Valley Council already are practicing their communication skills for the big sale, which runs Dec. 19 to Jan. 19 for order-taking and Feb. 8 to March 2 for booth sales.

Though the sales goals vary, the girls in the Allen Elementary School cluster (in Plymouth) are aiming at an aggressive 50 boxes each. "That's a good number to start with, especially if it's the first year," said Julie Goodwin, Troop Services Director for the Allen cluster. "Some of the older girls strive for even more." Since the first commercially baked Girl Scout cookies (shortbread) were distributed in Philadelphia in 1934, the

cookies have sold themselves. Last year, 1,078,080 boxes of cookies were sold nationwide. During January through March, Girl Scout cookie sales are greater than Nabisco or Keebler. Buying Girl Scout cookies is an investment in the future of many girls. "By girls selling cookies, the girls set goals and establish procedures to achieve them," said Pegg Roberts, assistant executive director, Detroit

Metro Council. "All of our programs are really subsidized. No girl pays full cost for any program she participates in. So by buying cookies, you are subsidizing a girl who wouldn't be able to participate."

COST

Depending on your neighborhood troop, a box of cookies costs \$3-\$3.50, a price that has remained constant since 1995. In the Huron Valley Council, the cookies sell for \$3 per box. The Allen Elementary cluster will sell outside Kroger, Farmer Jack, Hiller's, Busch's and Holiday Market, and they'll go door-to-door.

One-third of the selling price goes to the actual cost of the cookies. Of the remaining proceeds, approximately 60 cents per package is returned directly to the troops, where the members decide how to spend the money. Local troops have gone on trips to England, backpacking in Colorado, and U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. "Our council's cookie sale makes girls mini-business owners, and that fosters business and entrepreneurial development," said Gail Scott, executive director, Huron Valley Council.

TASTE

It's possible that the Girl Scout Cookie Sale might not be such a perennial success if the cookies didn't taste so good. But they do, according to the experts - the girls who sell and eat them.

"I like the Aloha Chips," said Tiffany Browne, 8, of South Redford, a member of Troop 780. "I like the chips in them. They're absolutely my favorite part. I eat a lot of cookies. I have my own box. When I'm done, I eat off my mother's box, my grandma's and my aunt's." Laura Marshall, 13, of Livonia, a member of Troop 258, loves the Trefoils, a shortbread cookie. "I like soaking them in my mouth and tasting the butter," she said. Last year, Marshall sold more than 500 boxes of cookies, of which she personally consumed two boxes.

Is there such a thing as a dream Girl Scout cookie, one that the girls would create if asked to be a cookie consultant? Yes, said these Scouts.

"It would be made with peanut butter and chocolate chips on top, and over the chips would be vanilla icing," said Browne.

Taylor and Samantha would start with a basic sugar cookie then add vanilla frosting, sprinkles and cherries.

So what's the public's favorite Girl Scout cookie? According to the 2003 cookie sale fact sheet, the nationwide favorites (in order of popularity) are Thin Mint, Animal Treasures, Caramel DeLite, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Peanut Butter Pattie, Shortbread, Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Creme, and Friendship Circles.

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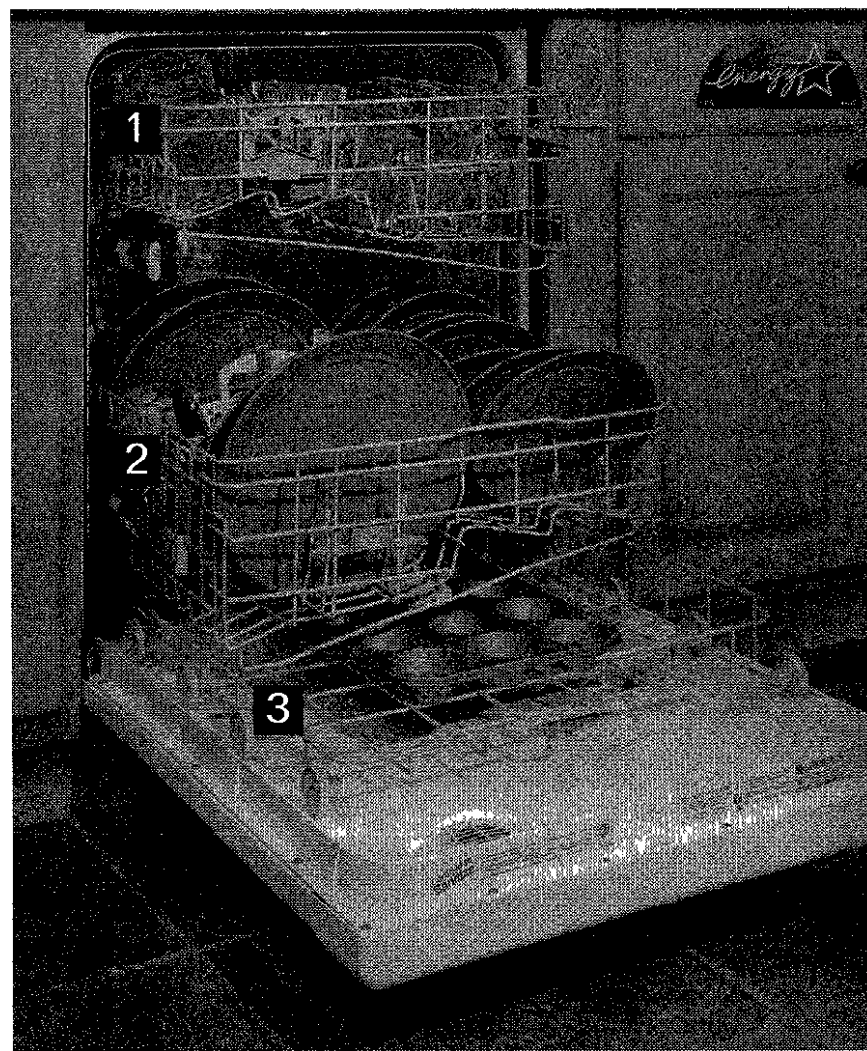
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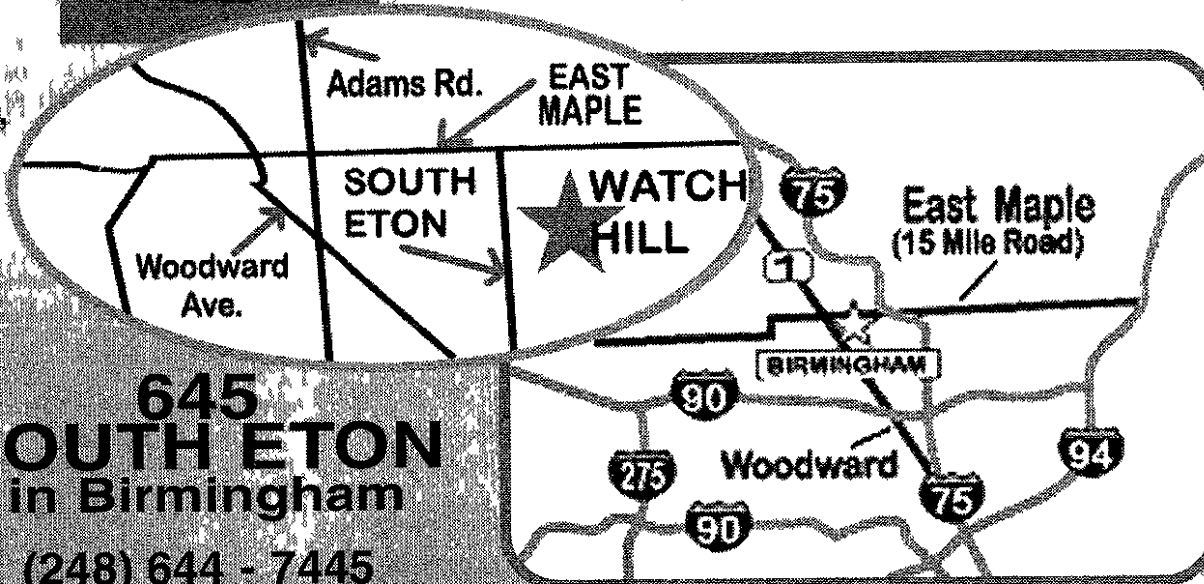


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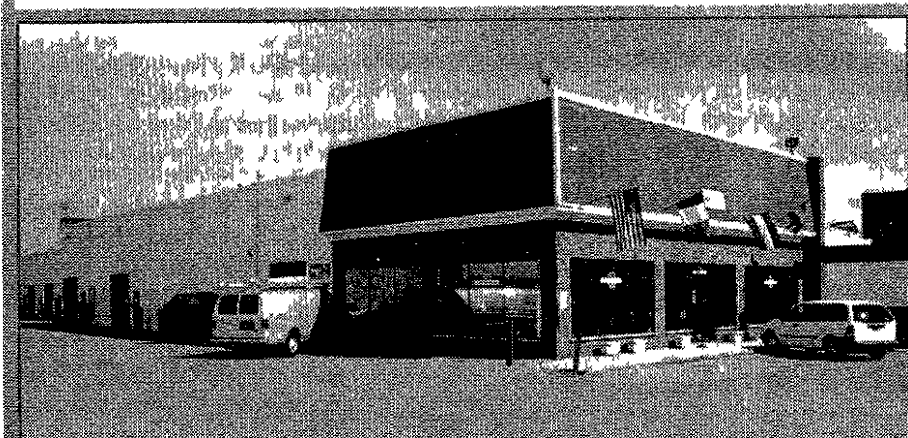


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Ervin John Rabideau
Services for Ervin Rabideau, 47, of Canton were held Dec. 13 at Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton with the Rev. Richard A. Perfetto officiating. Burial was at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne.

Mr. Rabideau was born May 18, 1955, in Detroit and died Dec. 10 in Canton. He was an assembly line worker for Ford Motor Co.

Survivors include wife, Mary Rabideau, daughters, Stacy (Pat) Fischer and Julie (Rob) Veal, his mother, three sisters, step-mother, Marjorie Rabideau, mother-in-law, Myrtle O'Brien, and five grandchildren.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

Eloise Audrey Matsko

Services for Eloise Matsko, 89, of Canton were held Dec. 12 at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton with the Rev. Drex Morton and the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Flint.

Mrs. Matsko was born Nov. 1, 1913, in Flint and died Dec. 8 in Farmington Hills. She was a homemaker. She came to the Canton community in 1997 from Flushing, she was previously of Plymouth. She belonged to the Order of Eastern Star of Flint. She loved to crochet and knit as well as cook. She was a loving mother,

grandmother and great-grandmother.

Mrs. Matsko was preceded in death by husbands, Andrew Matsko and Loren Herfurth, and son, Mark Herfurth.

Survivors include daughter, Sharon (Wayne) Gardner of Farmington Hills, grandchildren, Cheri (Pete) Dwyer of Clinton Township, Lisa (Dan) Whitehead of Plymouth, Judy (Bart) Dolley of Flower Mound, Texas, Julie (Charles) Stark of Novi, Mark Herfurth of Waterford, Melissa (Dan) Meyers of Arizona, Stephanie Herfurth of Royal Oak, Laura (Jeremy) Moos of Colorado, David (Mamy) Hurfurth of Texas, and Aaron Herfurth of Bloomfield Hills, 12 great-grandchildren, and daughter-in-law, Christine Hurfurth of Bloomfield.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

William J. Resch

Services for William Resch, 91, of Plymouth were held Dec. 11 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Joseph Malina officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Resch was born Aug. 10, 1911, in Cleveland, Ohio and died Dec. 8 in Livonia. He was a retired plant manager for Pilgum Steel Wyckoff. He came to the Plymouth community in

1948 from Cleveland, Ohio. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth. He loved to spend his winters in Venice, Fla. He loved to play golf, collect stamps, and he was an avid gardener. He was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and brother.

Survivors include sons, Robert E. (Janet) Resch of Ypsilanti, and William J. (Mary) Resch of Madison Heights, grandchildren, Jeff (Linda) Resch of Royal Oak and Eric (Marlene) Resch of Madison Heights, great-grandchildren, Max Jeffrey, Chloe, and Owen, and brother-in-law, Edward Resch of Naples, Fla.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Thelma Koski

Services for Thelma Koski, 81, of Detroit were held Dec. 11 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Koski was born April 19, 1921, in Burgettstown, Pa. and died Dec. 7 in Garden City. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Koski was preceded in death by three brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include son, Edward (Mary) Koski of Wayne, daughter, Julia (Bobby) Wood of Canton, sister, Anna of Arizona, seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren,

and one great-great-grandchild, and companion, Roy Shaw of Detroit.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Gino Rimanelli

Services for Gino Rimanelli, 71, of Plymouth were held Dec. 14 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton of St. Michaels Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Mausoleum.

Mr. Rimanelli was born Dec. 22, 1930, in Casacalencia, Italy and died Dec. 10 in Ann Arbor. He was owner of Gino deRoma's Barber Shop in Farmington from 1961 through 1970. He was an active member and original founding member of the Italian American Club of Livonia, served on the Board of the I.A.C. and received Italian of the Year in 1994. He loved to play cards, was an avid golfer, loved to travel to his homeland and other parts of Europe and to his second home in Florida. He was a very devout family man.

Survivors include wife of 42 years, Ghislane G. Rimanelli of Plymouth, daughters, Theresa (Phillip) Vella of Montreal, Linda (Terry) Worful of South Lyon, and Cynthia Rimanelli of Highland, sons, James (Lisa) Rimanelli of Brighton and Gino (Ann) Rimanelli of South Lyon, brothers, Antonio (Eda) Rimanelli of Grosse Pointe

Woods and Giose (Sheryl) Rimanelli of Massachusetts, and 11 grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home.

Vincent Thomas Corrado

Services for Vincent Corrado, 64, of Livonia were held Dec. 14 at St. Michael Catholic Church with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating.

Mr. Corrado was born Feb. 19, 1938, in Cleveland, Ohio and died Dec. 11 in Livonia. For 32 years Mr. Corrado worked in the electrical industry, mostly as a manufacturer's representative. He came to the Livonia community in 1972 from Lyndhurst, Ohio.

He was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church for 30 years. He was also a member of the Electrical Manufacturers Association, the Electrical Industrial Club, the Livonia Elks, the Sweet 16 Seniors, and the Old Timers Club. He loved to golf and travel. He enjoyed working with his sons doing electrical work and he loved being with his grandchildren.

Survivors include wife, Helen Corrado of Livonia, children, Michael Corrado of Livonia, James (Mary) Corrado of Canton and Cathleen Corrado of South Lyon, grandchildren, Alexandra, Nickolas and

Joseph, and sisters, Dolly Mascia of Lynhurst, Ohio and Tom Paradise of South Euclid, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201, Malachi House, 2810 Clinton Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44413, or M.D. Anderson Hospital, 1515 Holcome Blvd., Houston, TX 77030.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Kyle Gerald Monson

Services for Kyle Monson, 37, of Oceola Township (formerly of Plymouth) were held Dec. 14 at the MacDonald Funeral Home in Howell with the Rev. Robin Gilshire officiating.

Kyle was born June 12, 1985, in Rochester, N.Y., and died Dec. 11 in Howell. He was a senior at Howell High School.

Survivors include mother, Kristina Monson of Howell, sister, Jackie Monson of Howell, grandparents, Paul and Sharon Monson of Rochester, N.Y. and step-father, Matthew Bluntzer of Howell.

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employees contributed \$130,000. DTE Energy employee and corporate donations came in at \$45,000.

Meanwhile, Major Stephen Hull of the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps is hopeful the annual Red Kettle Campaign will reach its \$121,000 goal.

"As of mid-week, we collected \$51,300 throughout our dis-

trict, which includes Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville," said Hull. "Our two biggest weekends are coming up. This weekend the Rotary and next weekend the Kiwanis clubs ring the bells. Every year, they do a great job for us, and I'm confident they will once again do the same."

The Plymouth Salvation Army is also conducting a \$229,000 mail-in campaign. Hull didn't have up-to-date figures on how that fund-raising

drive is developing.

The Salvation Army is also asking for help to ring the bells and staff the kettles on Christmas Eve. Hull is looking to fill 15 spots from 8 a.m. to noon that day.

Donations for the Plymouth Community United Way can be mailed to P.O. Box 6356, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Donations can also be dropped off at the PCUW offices at 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

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Feds: Kelley not a focus of probe

BY MATT JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley, who reportedly is listed among the people whose records are being looked at in an investigation of Wayne County government, is not a focus of the probe, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Kelley, supervisor for six years and a Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress last month, meanwhile said he has not been subpoenaed regarding the investigation. He said he will cooperate fully if he is subpoenaed.

Kelley, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Melvin Butch Hollowell, who lost the race for Secretary of State, "are not the focus of the investigation," Collins, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, said in a written statement issued Friday.

The statement revealed little else about the investigation of the government of County Executive Edward McNamara.

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statement

It did say that information regarding subpoenas in the case has not been disclosed by the U.S. Attorney's Office.

"It is legally improper and fundamentally unfair to draw any inference of wrong doing from the mere fact that information is sought from a person or about a political campaign," the statement said.

Kelley is a McNamara ally, and McNamara, who is returning at the end of the year, was the honorary chairman of his Congressional campaign committee.

"I think McNamara did a lot of good for Wayne County, and I feel it's unfortunate that this

is the way his career is ending," Kelley said.

Kelley, a former county commissioner and losing candidate for county sheriff in 1992, said he has "complied with all existing campaign finance laws."

"I have been very cautious not to mix political time with campaign time."

Kelley said there is a lot of speculation and a "media frenzy" about the investigation. "It's part of the process and I'll have to deal with it."

But the U.S. Attorney's office, Kelley said even before Collins' statement was made public, has acted responsibly.

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Local Chrysler Jeep dealer celebrates 20th anniversary

Jim Schebil knows that, in addition to people, the one major factor in business success is location, location, location. "Plymouth is a great town in which to do business," said Schebil, owner of Fox Hills Chrysler Jeep. "People here let you know very quickly if your customer service is not up to speed."

Fox Hills celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, and Schebil credits the success entirely to his employees and their emphasis on customer service.

"We have 62 employees here, and many of them have been with us for 15 or 20 years," Schebil said. "We have one of the highest customer satisfaction indexes of all the Chrysler Jeep Superstores in metropolitan Detroit, and it's the employees who make that happen."

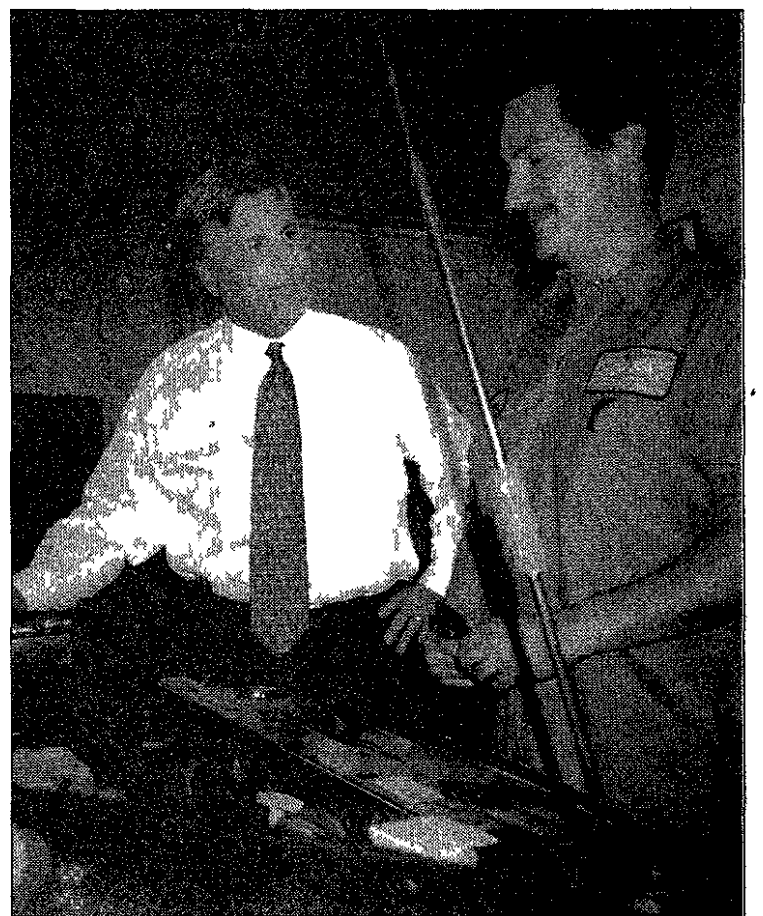
The 20th anniversary for Fox Hills represents quite a comeback for the Chrysler Jeep Superstore. The previous tenant left the site, which was closed for five months before he and his father, Al Schebil, reopened it under its current name, Fox Hills Chrysler Jeep.

Dad was the brains behind the business when we opened the store," Schebil said. He was my mentor and a real genius in the automotive retailing business.

The key to Fox Hills' success, Schebil said, is business from repeat customers. Sixty-five percent of Fox Hills sales are to repeat customers, one of the highest repeat business figures in the U.S.

During the past 20 years, Schebil has become an integral member of the Plymouth community. During the Plymouth Fall Festival, he played his usual role with the Plymouth Rotary Club grilling chickens.

I've been cooking chicken dinners with the Rotarians for years," he said. They told me everyone starts out in the pit cooking those chickens then get to move elsewhere. Well, the years have come and gone and I'm still in that pit cooking those chickens. I've got to talk



Jim Schebil, left, president of Fox Hills Chrysler Jeep, credits long-time employees like service technician Dale Barrett with high customer satisfaction and 20 years of success in Plymouth. Barrett, a native of Canton, has been with Fox Hills for 19 years.

with someone about that.

The Fox Hills Superstore has benefited from some of Schebil's cooking, too. He has changed signage several times, put one new facade on the building and is preparing for another new facade in the near future.

An ardent boater and boat-racing fan, Schebil sponsored one of the hydroplane racing boats at this year's Chrysler Jeep Superstores Detroit Gold Cup race. Miss Fox Hills Chrysler Jeep driven by Terry Troxell finished a strong second to Miss Budweiser.

"We've increased the size of our operation," he said. "We bought a building down the street and moved our body shop operation there, which enables us to have more service space here. We purchased two adjacent homes that came up

for sale, and that permitted us to increase our vehicle storage space."

"We've remodeled the new car showroom and offices several times and now have ceramic tile flooring. We're working toward a new parts department addition on the side of the building for improved customer service," Schebil said.

Apart from the bricks-and-mortar improvements, his goals for the future include maintaining that No. 1 status in the customer satisfaction index and to operate more efficiently.

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Free blood pressure screenings will be taken at the Plymouth District Library 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. No appointment is necessary. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.

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.

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DAR
Christmas Tea being held at Greenmead Hill House in Livonia at 1 p.m. Dec. 16. All DAR members and potential members are welcome. Program is Michigan One Room Schools with speaker Sue Daniel. Contact Sue Petres at (248) 344-4635 for further information.

Plymouth VFW
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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 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft Rd., Plymouth. Call for info (734) 420-0515.

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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 chairman (734) 414-0400.

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Westland MOPS meets at Westland Free Methodist Church Sept. through May on the second and fourth Fridays of

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Breastfeeding information and support group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. For more information and meeting locations, please 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 us for lunch for more information on our community and international service projects. For more information, call Laura at (734) 207-8517 or e-mail to ExecSec@rotary6400.org.

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Astronomy Discussion
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MOMS Club
A local chapter of the MOMS Club welcomes interested stay-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 a lot more! For more information, please contact Wendy at (734) 398-6957.

West Suburban Stamp Club
Annual Christmas Party being held at Genetti's Hole In The Wall Sunday, Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. Seven-course dinner followed by the show, Holiday News Flash. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes dinner, tax and gratuity. Contact Martin Bookman or Sylvia Haskett at (810) 227-4247.

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 (734) 398-5845.

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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 (810) 406-8489.

BNI
The Canton II Chapter of Business Network International (BNI) meets 7



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Remembering children

Tim and Ben Blackwood of South Lyon attended the Candle Lighting ceremony in Plymouth's Kellogg Park Sunday to remember their lost cousin, Amy. The local remembrance, in association with International Children's Memorial Day, was organized by Barb Kigore of Canton, whose son, Mike, a 16-year-old student at Salem High School, died in March 1998 after suffering a massive heart attack. The ceremony is done in partnership with the Livonia chapter of The Compassionate Friends.

8:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Atlantis Restaurant, 39500 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. The Laurel Park Chapter meets 7:30 a.m. at Archie's Family Restaurant on Plymouth Road, east of Merriman, Livonia. The Plymouth 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.

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Karmanos center takes its message on the road

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

"You have cancer" It is one of the most devastating statements a person will ever hear from a doctor

And for good reason, considering the deadly disease's knack for destroying lives and uprooting families. In America, hundreds of thousands of people die from the various forms of cancer each year, while many more undergo painful treatments

It is from such pain and suffering that the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute was born in 1995, when Computuware guru Peter Karmanos donated \$15 million to found it in honor of his wife, who died of breast cancer at the age of 45 in 1989

Ever since, the cancer treatment hospital and research facility has been on a mission to reduce the likelihood others would have to endure the misery cancer can inflict, by seeking a cure to the disease and offering support programs for its victims and their families

Such lofty goals come with a price tag, however. The burden of raising the money to pay for all the research and community outreach programs falls upon the non-profit Karmanos Cancer Foundation in Lathrup Village

The foundation's 25 employees have the difficult task of raising the \$10 million annually it takes to operate the Karmanos Institute. They must convince both philanthropists and corporations that donating money to the organization is a worthy idea

Sometimes, however, it isn't difficult to get the message across because so many people have been touched by the horrors of cancer

Take, for example,

Bloomfield Hills resident Leshe Devereaux. Last year, she donated \$500,000 to the foundation to help the institute develop a lung cancer screening program

Devereaux didn't just randomly choose the Karmanos Institute for her philanthropy. Her father, Richard C. Devereaux, died of lung cancer in the early 1970s. Had his disease been detected earlier, Devereaux believes her father might have survived

The institute has used her gift for a unique mobile lung cancer screening lab that travels throughout metro Detroit to test people for the disease. Named after Devereaux's father, the program's goal is to catch the disease at the earliest, most treatable stage, which is important because lung cancer is the deadliest of all the cancers. Each year, more than 160,000 Americans die from it

"I thought this would be a great tribute to my father," Devereaux said

"This program is a wonderful way to reach people, especially those who don't want to go to a hospital for testing. It's a perfect way to eliminate this horrendous disease"

The mobile program, which the institute's Dr. Harvey Pass helped develop, is just one of the community outreach programs that makes the Karmanos Institute unique. Karmanos also has 15 outreach centers throughout metro Detroit. It also offers a number of educational programs, such as on the hazards of tobacco use, to schools and other organizations

We are supposed to be a community-based cancer center. So we need to reach out to the communities, rather than have the communities come to us," said Pass, who is head of thoracic oncology

at the institute. Unfortunately for the Karmanos Foundation, and every other non-profit group, these aren't the best of times for charities. Fund-raising efforts this year have been hurt by the weakened, post-Sept 11 economy, said Karmanos Foundation spokeswoman Amy Pughesi

"The state of the economy has affected all non-profits," she said

"At this point, we're only at about 60 percent of our target amount for the year. The holiday season is where we raise most of our money, but it appears we're going to fall short"

Less money means the institute is limited in what it can accomplish, especially when it comes to research. But the

foundation will keep plugging away to make sure the public knows there are so many people struggling with cancer, Pughesi said

"You just have to keep telling people that cancer is always out there, and there are cancer patients who need help, and many who are dying as a result of cancer"

"You have to put the names and faces of the patients out there to the community and make sure they know there is a reason we are doing what we're doing"

Individuals interested in donating to the Karmanos Cancer Institute can call the foundation at (248) 443-5800. Donations also can be made online at www.karmanos.org

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Nonprofits crippled by weak economy

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

The Karmanos Cancer Foundation, the Lathrup Village-based fund-raising arm of the Karmanos Cancer Institute, has experienced a shortage in fund-raising this year because of the weakened economy. It is not alone

Non-profit organizations throughout the state are running into tighter wallets when approaching past donors

"There's no question we're not seeing the level of philanthropy we're used to seeing," said Susan Urban, past president of the Metro Detroit chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, which has 350 members in the area

It is difficult to tell just how much funding is down from previous years, because most

non-profits won't know the whole picture until the end of the fiscal year. But in the case of the Karmanos Foundation, it has only raised about 60 percent of its goal of \$10 million, with a little more than a month left in its fiscal year. Others are in the same boat

Goodell said the main reason fund-raising is down is because there has been a reduction in corporate philanthropy

This is cyclical. In an economic recession, the corporate dollars get somewhat more scarce," he said. "The stock market has taken such a dive in the last couple years, corporations just don't have the capital to give as much as they would like"

To offset the economy, Goodell said non-profits need to stay focused and strive to continue providing the services that attract donors in the first place

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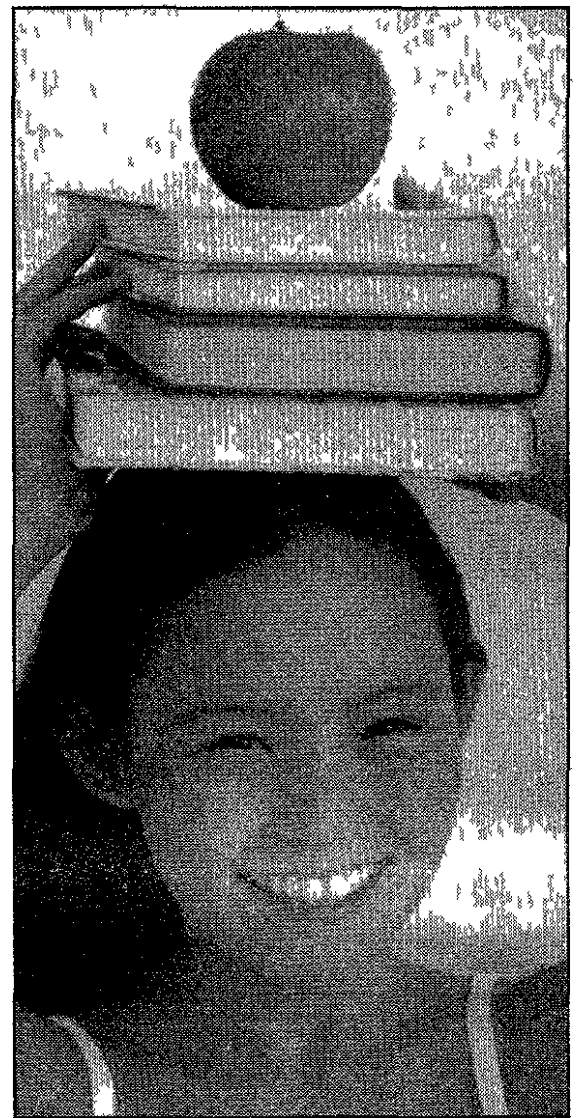
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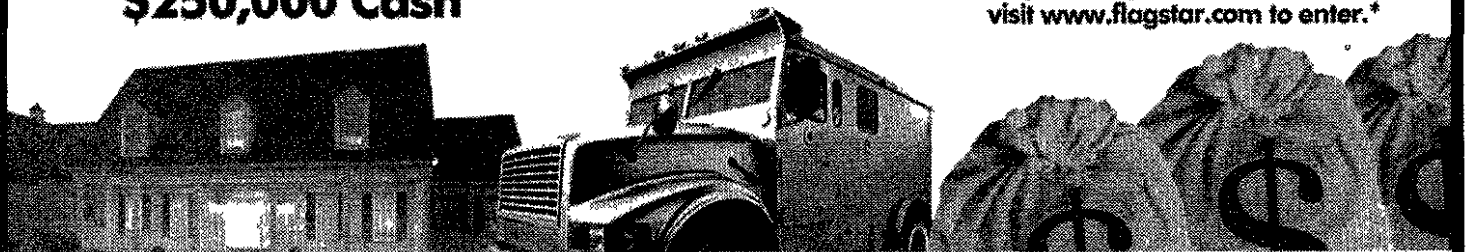
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On the hot front

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Trendy Teas

There's a more refined way to get our caffeine fix

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Away from Wayne County's many corporate-owned coffee chains, where the atmosphere feels as hurried as its caffeine-craved customers, are its opposites.

There's a handful of independently owned, low-key tea houses where the customers slowly drink tea served in fine china. Fresh shepherd's pies and Devonshire cream scones are placed on tablecloths made of lace.

"It's just great to see these wonderful little houses thriving and serving good quality tea," said Pat Sagert, a certified tea etiquette consultant who occasionally hosts lectures at tea houses.

The teas are most often brewed fresh, rather than in typical tea bags that contain "tea dust" - which is just leftovers from whole tea.

The flavors vary from the popular strong English Breakfast to Chinese green tea touted for antioxidant properties to Oolong which is called the "champagne" of teas for its mild yet rich flavor.

Tea might be served with milk, sugar, cinnamon, berry infusions or as basic black.

Reservations at tea houses are often required, but walk-ins are welcomed. Scones are handmade and homemade.

On special occasions there may be a harpist or other musician.

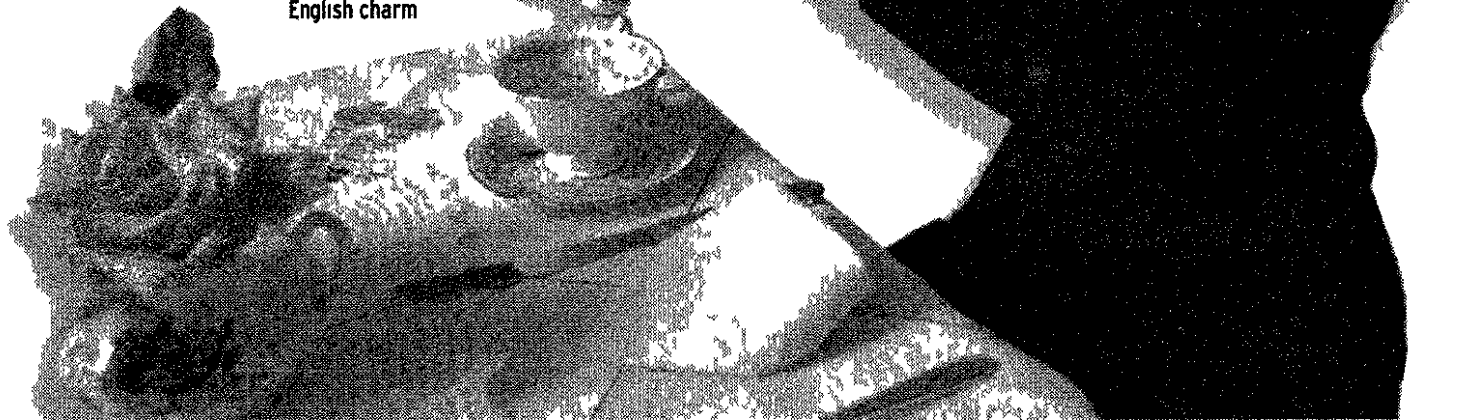
Marsha Cameron who owns Sweet Afton Tea Room in Plymouth with her sister, Nancy Burton, said the tea house manages to thrive despite the influx of coffeehouses in the area.

Traditional tea houses are destination locations for those looking to slow-down and sip tea with friends.

"We try to work with the coffeehouses when we can," said Cameron whose attitude isn't competitive with the java.

"And of course we do

Sheila Tinnion, owner of Sheila Tea's on Fourth Street in Rochester, pours tea in her tea house that's decorated in true English charm.



Keep your eye on the cup and mind your manners

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Do you know the proper way to enjoy tea? If not, there are tea experts to show the way.

Pat Sagert, founder of TeaThyme, a small metro-area herbal tea and sugar company, is also a certified tea etiquette consultant. She travels the area to discuss the subjects of tea history, etiquette and tea varieties.

Sagert recently visited Sheila Tea's in Rochester. While the attitude at Sheila Tea's is to relax and enjoy good compa-

ny, manners, of course, are never a bad thing.

"People come here to meet their friends and have a jolly good time," owner Sheila Tinnion said. "You won't be judged here and shouldn't feel uncomfortable."

Sagert sat at a single round table with a group of guests and discussed etiquette while actively enjoying their company during a tea.

About napkins, she said:

■ At lunch, smaller napkins should be opened under the table, on the side, and placed open on the lap.

■ Larger napkins are unfolded under the table also on the side. Then they are folded in half and placed on the lap.

■ When leaving the table with plans to return, place the napkin in the middle of the chair.

■ When leaving the table permanently, place the napkin on the table on the left side of the place setting.

ON SIPPING:

■ Fill cup three-quarter full.
■ When stirring sugar into glass do not clink cup with the spoon. Place the spoon in the middle of the cup to the bottom and gently move it in a straight back and forth motion - not in a circle.

When placing the spoon on the saucer, the handle should be pointed toward the drinker.

■ When sipping tea with the presence of company, look downward into the cup while it is held to your lips. Looking over your tea cup toward a guest seated across from you is uncouth.

THE CUP

■ When sipping and returning the cup to the table, the handle should be placed at 2 p.m.

EXTRAS

■ Don't dunk the tea bag up and down. Let it simmer. When your tea is strong enough, place the bag on the tiny saucer plate next to you.

■ There's controversy in any topic. Tea is no exception. Some say to pour black tea in the cup before the tea, others say pour milk last. If unsure, follow Queen Elizabeth's example who pours in the milk after the tea.

■ Lastly, tea time is supposed to be relaxing. Keep it stress-free.

Tea facts

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Family adds own ingredients to Polish Christmas Eve feast

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
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Christmas Eve has been a special night for more than 20 years for the Czerniewski family of Troy. "And it's all because of my husband, Don," says Barbara Czerniewski.

Although of Polish heritage on both sides of her family, the wife and mother of a grown daughter (Julie lives in Virginia) says she was used to a big family celebration on Christmas Day.

"But my husband's family, most of which live in Pittsburgh, has always followed the Polish custom of a special observance of the birth of Jesus on the night before Christmas. So we started

a new tradition a few years after we got married. Now Christmas Eve is a time for celebration at our house for our family, my cousins and their families, my aunt and my mother," she says.

Her mother, Bernice Engler, 83, who lives with the Czerniewskis, helps with the festive meal, which, she says, is different from the one her Polish mother prepared when she was a child.

"It was a custom to serve a meatless meal to commemorate the final day of fasting in preparation for Christmas," says Engler. "My mother made the dishes my father, also Polish, liked, which included boiled potatoes, three kinds of soup -

mushroom, pea and herring (which none of us kids liked!) and rye bread."

She adds that the mushrooms used in the soup were hand-picked by her older brothers earlier in the year and then preserved for use in this traditional Christmas Eve offering.

According to Engler, some Christmas Eve meals had only one main menu offering. "When I was 10 years old the Depression hit and my father lost his job. For many years potato soup was all we had," she said.

According to Polish custom, the Christmas Eve or *Wigilia*

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POLISH RECIPES

TRADITIONAL MUSHROOM SOUP (ZUPA GRZBOWA)

- 6 large dried mushrooms
- 1 cup fresh mushrooms, chopped
- 2 quarts vegetable stock
- Dill or parsley to taste

Soak dried mushrooms overnight in water. Drain. In large pan, simmer dried and fresh mushrooms in vegetable stock for 1 hour. Remove mushrooms and cut into strips. Return to stock. Add dill or parsley. Serves 8.

MUSHROOM SUPREME

- 1 pound whole mushrooms
- 1 stick of butter, divided
- 2 beef bouillon cubes

- 1/2 cup hot water
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 cup cream
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- dash of pepper
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs
- 1/2 to 1 cup Parmesan cheese

Sauté mushrooms in 1/2 stick of butter. Transfer to a buttered casserole dish. Dissolve beef cubes in water. In small pan, melt remaining butter and blend in flour. Add cream, salt, pepper and beef broth.

Pour liquid mixture over mushrooms. Mix bread crumbs and cheese together and sprinkle over top of mushrooms. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Serves 6-8.

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Stollen: World-famous Christmas bread

Did you ever wonder why a Christmas stollen looks the way it does, with a fold down the middle and a snowy white covering of powdered sugar?

Well, since its origination in Dresden, Germany, at the beginning of the 15th century, the stollen is a representation of the Christ Child in swaddling clothes.

Today, six centuries later, there are stollens galore to be found — many are amazingly low in cost, but the ingredient labeling reveals that they are laden with preservatives and artificial ingredients.

To find a superlatively made stollen is more difficult. And when you do, it's not inexpensive.

Understandably, because the yeasted shortbread dough contains a treasure of festive ingredients.

Correctly made, the candied orange and lemon peel is left to soak in dark, full-flavored rum for three weeks or more before the baker sets about making dense, fragrant loaves



Give Thanks

Gerald Matthes

Then a complex array of flavorings, fruit and nuts join smooth, creamy European-style butter.

By the way, it's interesting to note that up to the year 1647, in Germany, butter was not allowed to be used for baking during the weeks of Advent, leading up to Christmas.

This period of preparation for Christmas was a time of fasting.

So, with the prohibition of butter, oil was used.

Not with very good results. Eventually, the pope was petitioned and he canceled the prohibition. We can be grateful he did. The butter version we enjoy today is a wonderful treat.

When you come to The Give

To find a superlatively made stollen is more difficult. And when you do, it's not inexpensive.

Thanks Bakery in Rochester, you will find stollens made (with or without a ribbon of marzipan down the center) by Master Pastry Chef, Rick Michels.

His stollen weighs about 1-3/4 pounds. If you want something bigger you need to be in Dresden on the first Saturday of December.

Using a specially built horse-drawn cart, a giant stollen made by members of the Bakers' Guild is driven through the cobbled streets past the famous Opera House to the old market square. It weighs more than two tons. People flock to buy a slice or two or three.

All the proceeds go to local charities and that's a tradition we plan to preserve at Give Thanks Bakery.

Ten percent of stollen sales will be given to the Surtz

Dreams Project in Rochester (a wonderful enterprise that designs and decorates fantasy rooms for critically ill children).

Come early for your classic stollen. It actually improves with age and will keep beautifully, when it is well wrapped, in your refrigerator. Or, until Easter in your freezer.

For all its longevity as one of the most delicious of dessert breads, I'm occasionally asked, "Is this stollen?" I try and keep a straight face and reply, "Of course not. We baked it ourselves!"

Happy Christmas to you.

Gerald Matthes is the owner of Give Thanks Bakery in downtown Rochester and a Bloomfield Hills resident. Look for his column on the third Sunday of the month in Taste.

Basil enhances chicken

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICKEN BREASTS STUFFED WITH BASIL WALNUT BUTTER

- (Preparation 15 minutes baking time 12 minutes)
- 3/4 cup toasted walnuts
- 2 cups basil leaves gently packed
- 1 clove garlic peeled and finely chopped
- Grated zest of 1 lemon
- 6 tablespoons (3/4 stick) unsalted butter softened
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 large boneless skinless chicken breasts about 1 1/2 to 2 pounds
- Additional salt and freshly ground black pepper

To make basil walnut butter: Finely chop walnuts and basil leaves. Place walnuts, basil, garlic, lemon zest, 5 tablespoons of butter and salt in bowl of an electric mixer. Using paddle attachment, mix on medium-high until butter is smooth.

Using a sharp thin-bladed knife, cut a large pocket in each chicken breast by inserting it horizontally into thickest end

and carefully slicing from side to side without piercing the edges of breast.

Divide butter in 4 parts and use your fingers to stuff each pocket with a portion. Don't worry if it spills out slightly, they will seem quite full. Season both sides of the chicken with salt and pepper.

Melt remaining 1 tablespoon of butter in a large skillet over medium heat. When it sizzles, lower chicken breast into pan, cover tightly, and reduce heat to low. Cook for 5 minutes or until nicely browned, then turn chicken over and continue to cook, covered, for 5 to 7 minutes longer or until there is no sign of translucency when you peek inside one of the pockets. Some of the basil butter will have spilled out of the chicken to create a sauce in the pan. Transfer the chicken to a warm platter or individual serving plates and spoon the sauce over the top. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings. Nutrition information per serving: 500 cal, 32 g total fat (12 g saturated fat), 160 mg chol, 570 mg sodium, 4 g carbo, 2 g dietary fiber, 49 g pro.

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Invite your holiday guests to take a dip

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Homemade dips can be just as tasty as bought ones, and better healthwise, for holiday entertaining or family nibbling any time.

Party dips are popular offerings during the holidays, but commercial varieties may be high in fat, calories and sodium, and comparatively low in health-protective ingredients, the American Institute for Cancer Research says.

To help make holiday snacks and appetizers healthier but still tasty, the institute has created some low-fat, vegetable-based dips that can be freshly made at short notice from ingredients easily kept on hand.

"Vegetable-based dips full of the flavor of herbs, spices and other seasonings offer many health-protective features," says Melanie Polk, AICR's director of nutrition education. "The cancer-fighting antioxidant power of herbs and spices can be as great as that of fruits and vegetables."

Polk recommends pairing the dips with cut-up vegetables and whole-grain crackers.

Ingredients in these colorful, festive and healthful appetizers include chickpeas, spinach, tomatoes and garlic, which are all high in nutrition and cancer-fighting qualities.

The following recipes are especially suitable for the holidays and entertaining, and they're different from the usual store-bought type.

Each reflects a different regional ethnicity - Southwest American, Indian and Mexican - with a rich and slightly exotic flavor. But despite their distinctive taste, they are spiced lightly enough for everyone to enjoy.

SANTA FE SUNSET DIP

- Two 7 ounce jars roasted red peppers drained
- 3 ounces (1 package or about 30) sun dried tomatoes (not packed in oil)
- 2 garlic cloves chopped fine
- 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin or to taste
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice or to taste
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/4 cup chopped scallion
- 4 ounces reduced fat Neufchatel cream cheese softened
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- Tabasco or hot chili pepper sauce if desired to taste

Soak dried tomatoes in hot water for 5 minutes. Drain well, reserving 3 tablespoons of the soaking liquid.

In a food processor, puree red peppers, tomatoes, garlic,

cumin, lemon juice, cilantro and scallion until smooth and well-blended. Add cream cheese, puree mixture, adding enough of the reserved tomato-soaking liquid to thin the dip to the desired consistency, and scraping down the side of the bowl occasionally. Blend until smooth.

Add salt, pepper and hot sauce to taste. Adjust seasoning, adding more garlic, cumin or lemon juice if needed. Transfer to a container with a cover. Cover and refrigerate for 24 hours before using.

Bring dip to room temperature before serving.

When ready to serve, transfer dip to an attractive bowl and place in center of a large serving platter.

Surround with assorted cut-up vegetables and, if desired, baked tortilla chips, and serve. Makes 2 1/3 cups.

Nutrition information per 2 tablespoons: 42 cal, 2 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 5 g carbo, 2 g pro, less than 1 g dietary fiber, 117 mg sodium.

MEXICALI DIP

- 1 cup canned chickpeas (garbanzo beans) rinsed and drained
- 1/4 cup low fat sour cream
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 small garlic clove chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice or to taste
- 1 tablespoon low fat mayonnaise
- Salt and white pepper if desired to taste
- Tabasco sauce if desired

In a food processor, puree chickpeas with sour cream, cilantro, garlic, lemon juice and mayonnaise until smooth. If dip is too thick, gradually add additional teaspoons each of sour cream and mayonnaise, just until right consistency is reached. Transfer to a container with a tight lid. Season to taste with salt, pepper and Tabasco sauce, if desired.

If time is not a constraint, cover and refrigerate 24 hours before serving.

Bring dip to room temperature before serving.

When ready to serve, transfer dip to an attractive bowl and place in center of a large serving platter.

Surround with assorted cut-up vegetables (carrots, different colored bell peppers, sugar snap peas, cucumbers, broccoli, cauliflower, zucchini spears, sliced jicama) and, if desired, baked tortilla chips or whole-grain crackers. Makes 1 cup dip.

Nutrition information per 2 tablespoons: 50 cal, 1 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 8 g carbo, 2 g pro, 1 g dietary fiber, 110 mg sodium.

Don't be caught without a dish in the freezer

'Tis the season for drop-in guests. Friends and relatives are in from out of town, children and grandchildren are home from school and you rarely know how many will be home for dinner.

The solution is to be prepared. Have something in the freezer you can pull out, defrost and heat. Then you can be spontaneous rather than anxious. We think of lasagna as a high-fat, high-calorie dish. But, like many classic dishes, lasagna can be lightened up without sacrificing taste.

A lot of flavor but very few calories can be generated with herbs, spices, onion, garlic and even spinach.

Using part-skim cheeses also cuts the fat without skimping on the flavor, as does a low-fat marinara sauce. In this recipe, oven-ready noodles save time in the initial cooking.

If using traditional lasagna noodles, add one-half cup of water to the prepared marinara sauce and increase baking time by 15 minutes, for a total of one hour.

EASY SPINACH LASAGNA

- 2 teaspoon canola oil
- 1 small onion chopped
- 3 4 cloves garlic minced
- 2 10 oz packages frozen chopped spinach thawed and drained well
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg or to taste
- 1 1/2 cups part skim ricotta cheese
- 1 cup shredded or grated part skim mozzarella cheese
- 1 egg
- 3/4 teaspoon dried oregano or to taste
- 3/4 teaspoon dried basil
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 4 5 cups low fat prepared marinara sauce divided
- 12 pieces dry oven ready lasagna noodles
- 1/4 1/2 cup grated Parmesan or Romano cheese
- Fresh chopped flat leaf parsley or basil for garnish (optional)
- Additional marinara sauce to serve with lasagna (optional)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat.

Add onion and garlic and cook until onion turns opaque, three to four minutes. Stir in spinach and nutmeg. Cook, stirring, until liquid is absorbed, about 3 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Remove and spread into a shallow dish. Let cool about 15 minutes. Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, combine ricotta, mozzarella, egg, oregano, basil, salt and pepper.

Measure and set aside one cup

of marinara sauce. From the remaining sauce, pour enough into a 7 1/2 x 12 x 1 3/4-inch baking pan to cover bottom. Cover with three uncooked lasagna noodles. Sprinkle noodles with salt and pepper, if desired.

Top with one-third of the spinach, followed by one-third of the cheese mixture. Repeat layering to use all the noodles. Pour reserved marinara sauce over top to cover. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Cover dish with foil and bake 40 minutes.

Remove foil and continue baking until noodles are cooked through, about 5 minutes.

Let cool slightly. Cut into 12 sections and serve. If desired, garnish with parsley or basil, and serve with additional sauce on the side. Lasagna can be frozen up to four weeks.

Tightly wrap cooled pan of lasagna in foil, then seal tightly in a plastic bag. Defrost in an oven preheated to 350 degrees, or in a microwave, until completely hot throughout.

Makes 12 servings

The American Institute of Cancer Research offers a Nutrition Hotline (1 800 843 8114). Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday-Friday. This free service allows you to ask a registered dietitian questions about diet, nutrition and cancer.

POLISH

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meal contains foods that represent the four corners of the earth. Mushrooms from the forest, grain from the fields, fruit from the orchards, fish from the lakes and seas.

A typical Wigilia menu includes mushroom soup, a variety of breads, nuts, tangerines, whitefish and herring.

"And, of course, there are the cheese-filled pierogi, which are the Polish stuffed dumplings," says Engler.

While Czerwinski's menu for Christmas Eve deviates from the traditional meatless meal (she serves beef tenderloin and sausage homemade by one of her cousins), she does include foods that represent the earth's offerings. Her dishes, however, are prepared using updated recipes.

For instance, she includes mushrooms in her Wigilia meal, but they are used in a casserole - Mushroom Supreme - which gets rave reviews from the guests each year. And instead of pierogi, her mother prepares a baked pasta dish.

"Our meal may not perfectly follow Polish tradition, which includes putting straw on the table (to represent the manger where Jesus was born), but the most special part of the evening

goes back generations," says Czerwinski.

"We partake in the *oplatek* (or *oplatki*), which is the sharing of communion."

She gets the *oplatek*, which is wafer about the size of a small envelope, from her pastor, Ed Belczak of St. Thomas More Church in Troy.

"He makes this blessed wafer available to the congregation as a way of sharing his Polish heritage."

Prior to sitting down to the meal, the Czerwinskis and their guests stand around the table. Special prayers are read by the children and the youngest members of the family.

Then the *oplatek* is passed from one to another, each breaking off a small piece. Before it is eaten, family members extend good wishes to each other and ask forgiveness for any transgressions of the past year.

"This is such a sacred, beautiful and emotional time for all of us. It is the best sharing experience of the evening," says Czerwinski.

The evening ends with desserts brought by the guests and then midnight mass.

"I can't imagine celebrating Christmas Eve any other way. When we depart from each other we feel full, refreshed and blessed," she adds.

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Make an English Christmas Tea with these recipes

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

If you'd like to host a proper English afternoon or high tea for Christmas it's important to understand the highs and lows

Afternoon tea, or low tea, is often confused with high tea

High tea is actually 'meat tea' or dinner tea and is served on, well, high tables like the dining room table. The food served with it is heavier dinner supper food.

Low, or afternoon tea, is served on lower tables like a coffee table and the meal is lighter.

High tea's history During part of the Victorian Period known as the Industrial Revolution, working class families dined on hardy British foods like steak and ale pie and also, of course, drank tea.

Afternoon or low tea is more like a late afternoon snack meant to stave off hunger. Think finger foods like tea sandwiches or scones. Dainty foods are easy enough to bite into and still enjoy a nice conversation — because it's also a social event.

When serving a low tea in your home, serve the courses simultaneously on a tiered plate.

Here are some item suggestions for high and low teas

STEAK AND ALE PIE FOR HIGH TEA

- 5 6 bacon strips cut in one inch strips
- 1 1/2 pounds sirloin steak cubed
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 onion chopped
- 1/2 pound fresh mushrooms sliced
- 12 cubed potatoes
- 2 cups beef broth
- 1 1/2 cups dark ale
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Heat a large skillet, cook bacon. Drain. Add beef to pan and saute long enough to brown meat on all sides. Remove. Add oil if needed and sauté onion, and mushrooms just until browned. Sprinkle in the flour and cook 4-5 more minutes. Slowly add ale, Worcestershire sauce and beef broth, making a thickened gravy. Add beef and bacon back in. Add potatoes, bay leaves and thyme. Mix well. Cover and simmer on low for 1-2 hours until meat is tender and mixture has thickened. Add salt and pepper to taste. Pour into a deep round baking pan. Make pastry and cover the meat mixture. Crimp and seal edges to the baking pan. Cut a vent in the top. Brush with and egg white if desired. Bake in preheated oven for 30-35 minutes, until pastry is deep golden brown.

PASTRY DOUGH FOR THE PIE

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 10 tbs unsalted butter
- 4 5 tbs ice cold water

Cut butter into the flour, salt and baking powder until coarse crumbs. Add water 1 tbs at a time until dough begins to hold together. Shape into a ball, cover in plastic wrap and refrigerate. When ready, roll into a circle on a well floured surface. Lay over mat pie, trim edges, crimp and bake.

Source: www.seeds of knowledge.com

SMOKED SALMON AND ENDIVE TEA SANDWICHES FOR LOW TEA

- 6 ounces cream cheese
- 1 scallion white and light green parts finely chopped
- 4 slices dark rye bread
- 6 ounces smoked salmon preferably Scotch thinly sliced
- 1 head endive leaves separated and washed

In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese with a wooden spoon until soft. Stir in scallions. Spread mixture thinly on bread. Place salmon on two slices, top with endive. Cover with remaining slices and press down.

Chill until firm, trim edges of bread to form rectangles, and cut lengthwise into quarters. From MarthaStewart.com

CURRENT SCONES FOR LOW TEA OR HIGH TEA DESSERT

- 2 cups flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup currants
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 tablespoons cold water

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly coat a baking sheet with cooking spray. Sift together the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt.

Cut the butter into the dry ingredients until the mixture is crumbly. Beat together the milk and egg.

Pour into the dry ingredients, stirring until blended. Add the currants. Mix well. Prepare a flat surface by flouring it well. The slightly wet dough will absorb it quickly.

Place the dough on the flat surface.

Knead briefly and pat the dough to approximately 3/4-inch thickness. Cut out the scones with a 2-1/2 inch biscuit cutter and place on baking sheet. Beat the egg yolk with the cold water. Using a pastry brush, brush the glaze on each scone.

Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until golden.

Source: www.teatime.com

CHAI FOR HIGH TEA

- About 4 servings chilled or 6 servings hot
- 3 cups rice milk plain or vanilla flavored
- 3 cups water
- 1/3 cup Sucanat® or alternative sweetener of your choice
- 1 egg
- 2 Tablespoons black tea leaves (try Assam or a breakfast blend)
- 1 two inch or longer cinnamon stick
- 8 whole black peppercorns
- 2 whole cloves
- 4 cardamom seeds
- 1/4 teaspoon whole cumin seeds
- 2 whole allspice
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Mix the milk, water, sweetener, and tea leaves in a saucepan and bring to a boil. As soon as the mixture boils, turn off the heat and stir in all the spices. Cover the pan and allow the tea and spices to steep for fifteen minutes.

Remove the cover, stir, and heat again to a boil. Again as soon as it reaches the boil, remove from the heat.

Pour the mixture through a fine strainer or sieve into a teapot or directly into individual teacups or mugs to serve.

Can be stored in an airtight container for up to two days, and served chilled or reheated. Source: www.Cattea.com

The perfect pot roast

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMERICANA POT ROAST

- Cooking spray
- One 4 pound boned rump roast
- 6 cups (1/4 inch thick) sliced onion (about 3 medium)
- 2 tablespoons Hungarian sweet paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 3 garlic cloves crushed
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup dry red wine or 2 table spoons red wine vinegar
- 14 1/2 ounce can low salt beef broth
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 6 carrots cut into 1/2 inch thick pieces (about 1 pound)
- 6 small red potatoes (about 1 pound)

Preheat oven to 300 F. Heat a Dutch oven coated with cooking spray over medium-high heat. Add roast, browning on all sides. Remove from pan. Reduce heat to medium. Add onion to pan, cook 10 minutes. Add paprika, basil, oregano, thyme and garlic, cook 1 minute. Add water, wine and broth, bring to a boil. Stir in salt, pepper, carrots and potatoes. Return roast to pan. Cover and bake at 300 F for 2 hours. Turn roast, cover and bake an additional 1 hour or until tender. Makes 10 servings.

TEA

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serve coffee for the die-hards

"It used to be that mainly women visited tea houses, but now we see a lot of men of all ages, too," Cameron said.

Men tend to prefer English Breakfast and women lean toward the spiced.

Cameron recommends reservations for high tea luncheons. There's just a few seats left for the holiday tea scheduled for today (Dec. 15) that will include a guitarist and foods like minitarts, scones with Devonshire cream quiche, delicate sandwiches and, of course, tea (\$24).

The flavors of tea will be many at the high-tea.

Any kind is appropriate for low or high tea," Cameron said.

"But the most popular are French vanilla, Earl Grey and Cinnamon Orange."

Cameron has a recommended tea to suit every occasion and for the holidays the best-seller by far is Cinnamon Orange Spice by Ashbys of London. It's spicy and fruity and doesn't need sweetener. Sold in quarter-pound bags, spiced tea might be a perfect holiday gift or accent to a meal — fresh tea is best when enjoyed slowly and with company.

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fermentation starts. This lack of processing preserves the leaf's flavonoids and antioxidants which may explain many of the health benefits credited to green tea.

OOLONG - A semi-fermented tea with a dark olive-like color. Called the champagne of teas because of its distinctive flavor and aroma. The taste is mild yet rich. Oolong tea has many of the same health benefits as green tea.

Source: www.coffeeclassics.com

STORING

Tea forms are powder, loose leaf, tea bag and instant. Regardless of what form tea should be stored in a sealed package to keep air and moisture out. A vacuum-sealed package or a tea caddy made of tin or ceramic is best. Keep away from strong spices to prevent flavor contamination. Black tea lasts about two years, green teas only six months. Brewing the perfect pot of tea involves a few simple steps.

■ Fill a kettle with cold water (not warm) and bring to a boil.

Cold water has more oxygen and helps produce a better brew.

■ While kettle is beginning to boil, warm a teapot with hot water. Discard the hot water that's in the teapot when the teapot feels warm to the touch.

■ Add tea to the teapot. If using loose tea or tea bags, add according to the number of cups being served, plus one more for the pot.

■ Add water from the kettle to the teapot and let the tea steep (soak) for three to five minutes or

according to preferred taste. Do not use color to determine readiness as tea may be processed to infuse faster.

STEEPING TIMES:

- Green - one to three minutes
- Black - up to five minutes (except Darjeeling which should be steeped for three to four minutes)
- Oolong - five to seven minutes
- For strong tea brew more instead of brewing longer. Extra brewing time can make tea bitter. Instead, use twice the quantity of tea as usual and brew for the maximum amount of time.

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Actress loves physical comedy

BY KURT ANTHONY KRUG
CORRESPONDENT

At first, Anna Farris – the female lead in *The Hot Chick* who grew up doing theater – didn't want to be an actress



"I wasn't sure that I wanted to devote my education – my life – to a career that was so unstable. I wanted something I could be a little more secure with. My parents, on the other hand, were like, 'You should major in acting.' That was great on their part, they were very supportive," said Farris, 26, who ended up graduating with an undergraduate degree in English from the University of Washington in Seattle.

Farris, along with comedian Rob Schneider and director Tom Brady, last month was at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn, promoting *The Hot Chick*. The movie is about Jessica Spencer (Rachel McAdams, *Perfect Pie*) who ends up switching bodies with Clive Maxtone (Schneider, *Deuce Bigalow Male Gigolo*). Farris plays April, Jessica's best friend, who helps her in her quest to get her original body back.

"I love doing physical comedy. I love doing stunts. I love abuse, y'know? I love fighting, too. I love any sort of action sequence."

Farris first met Schneider at the MTV Movie Awards in 2000 shortly after her breakthrough role in that year's *Scary Movie*. It was there Schneider expressed an interest in working with her. Nearly two years later Farris auditioned for the role of April.

"I liked the scenes I had alone with (Schneider) and getting to know him as a woman," Farris said, laughing

'I love doing physical comedy. I love doing stunts. I love abuse, y'know? I love fighting, too. I love any sort of action sequence.'

Anna Farris
actress

"It was great working with him."

Farris also said she enjoyed playing April.

"It was really fun playing the cheerleader and being popular. It was like the high school I never had," she said.

Best known for her role as Cindy Campbell in *Scary Movie*, which was a sleeper hit and Dimension's highest grossing film of all time, Farris confessed the instantaneous fame the movie brought on was intimidating.

"Nobody expected it to make (more than) \$300 million worldwide. That was fantastic. But I was also scared out of my mind. I had never done anything like this before. I was so out of my element. I mean, I did training videos."

According to Farris, any plans for a third *Scary Movie* installment are currently up in the air, despite the Internet rumors. However, Farris is keeping busy, her upcoming projects include *Lost in Translation* with another SNL alumnus, Bill Murray, (*Ghostbusters*) and the independent film, *May*, where she plays a lesbian named Polly.

"I tend to get cast in comedic roles. Even when I get cast in dramas (such as *May*), I still get cast in a funny role. There's not much more of a rewarding feeling than making people laugh."

The Hot Chick ultimately runs cold

BY KURT ANTHONY KRUG
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The Hot Chick is one of those low-brow comedies, chock full of gross-out gags and toilet humor, where you have to check your brain at the door or be in a goofy mood in order to enjoy it.

The movie is written by first-time director Tom Brady and *Saturday Night Live* alumnus Rob Schneider, the same guys who co-wrote 2001's *The Animal* and conceived 1999's *Deuce Bigalow Male Gigolo*. While *The Animal* was an outright flop and *Deuce Bigalow* was funny in a crude sort of way (and made enough money to warrant a sequel – currently in the planning stages), *The Hot Chick* falls somewhere in between, leaning more toward *The Animal*.

The story opens in 50 B.C. in a very *Mummy*-esque setting where a servant girl and a princess switch bodies via magical earrings.

Flash forward to present-day California where Jessica Spencer (Rachel McAdams),



Comedian Rob Schneider says he learned a lot about women by portraying one, in his new comedy, *The Hot Chick*

the most popular and prettiest girl in her high school – and she knows it – leads her clique of bubble-brained cheerleader friends with an iron fist, grinding those whom she finds beneath her under her heel.

While on a shopping spree with her friends, Jessica comes across the magical earrings from the prologue. Determined to have the earrings even when she's told they're not for sale,

she switches them with another girl in her high school – and she stops at a gas station where she encounters Clive Maxtone (Schneider), an unkempt, unshaven petty thief who just robbed the gas station, unbeknownst to them.

Jessica manages to lose one of her magical earrings, which ends up in Clive's possession. That night, she puts a magical

earring on just when he does, and the next morning Jessica wakes up only to find herself in 30-something Clive's body and vice versa. Horrified at what she's become, she manages to convince her best friend April (Anna Farris) it's really her.

Now Jessica has to adapt to her new body, win back Billy (the man of her dreams, played by Matthew Lawrence), find a way to prevent her parents from splitting up, and win the cheerleading competition in a scene very similar to the 2000 sleeper hit, *Bring It On* – all as a guy. Then she has to find a way to get her original body back from Clive, who's using it to his advantage, earning more money than he could ever imagine as a stripper in some nudie bar.

Jessica enlists the help of an overweight girl and a Goth chick to find out how it happened. She then realizes how mean she is to others. This epiphany is touched on only briefly, as is Jessica's choice to remain a virgin, because the

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Schneider gets in touch with feminine side

BY KURT ANTHONY KRUG
CORRESPONDENT

Rob Schneider, who was promoting his latest movie, *The Hot Chick*, at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn last month, says he didn't want to have a 9-5 job.

The real reason I decided on show business was to avoid a day job, says Schneider, dressed in a red 1970s shirt with a butterfly collar you could cut your hand on. That, along with his unruly shock of curly black hair, is his trademark. The actor/comedian 39, who hardly clears 5 foot 4, is best known for his work on television's *Saturday Night Live* in the early 1990s and 1999's *Deuce Bigalow Male Gigolo*.

The California resident got his start opening for Jay Leno and Jerry Seinfeld when they were doing the comedy club cir-

cut in the late 1980s. His first big break was appearing on *Late Night with David Letterman* in 1987. It was in 1990 his next big break came, when producer Lorne Michaels spotted him on HBO's *13th Annual Young Comedians Special* and gave him a job as a writer – and eventually as a performer – on SNL.

The Hot Chick, which opened Dec. 13, is about petty thief Clive Maxtone (Schneider) who

switches bodies with beautiful high school cheerleader Jessica Spencer (Rachel McAdams). Now Jessica, alongside her best friend April (Anna Farris), must find a way to get her original body back.

"It's a chick flick described as a guy's movie," he says simply.

Schneider co-wrote *The Hot Chick* with first-time director Tom Brady, his frequent collaborator (they co-wrote 2001's *The Animal* and are working on a *Deuce Bigalow* sequel tentatively called *Deuce Dos*). The two met in 1996 on the set of the short-lived series *Men Behaving Badly* where Schneider says everyone was

fired except the two of them. *Deuce* is a really memorable movie. *The Animal* had some really funny things in it, but, ultimately, I feel it really didn't work completely," Schneider said. "This film really works as a film. It's really funny and has good characters. If you take all the jokes out, you still have a story."

PLAYING A WOMAN

Schneider said that the two biggest challenges filming this movie were his authenticity of playing a woman and not disre-

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Southern Arizona offers everything from caverns to cacti

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Travelers to Arizona often visit the popular destinations of the Grand Canyon, Sedona, Scottsdale, Phoenix or Tucson to take in the warmth of the region. They enjoy the landscape and scenery from the red rocks of Oak River Valley to the saguaro cacti that almost resemble a welcoming committee waving to you along the highway.

For the traveler who wants to hit the dusty trails of the old West, perhaps the slogan should be "go south." Southern Arizona offers history, geology and nature.

My wife, Cheryl, and I visited Arizona in May, just after the winter crowds. The temperatures hovered in the high 90s and low 100s, right about the time we had several days of cold rains in Detroit. The hotel rates are a little cheaper in May than during the winter months, so visitors looking to save money can catch a little break there.

About one hour from Scottsdale and 45 minutes from Mesa, the Boyce Thompson Arboretum in Superior features a dazzling botanical garden. Col. Boyce Thompson founded the arboretum so visitors could develop an appreciation for plant life in the desert and arid regions of the world. Its 323 acres features over 3,000 water-efficient species.

The cactus garden features saguaros, a trademark of the Sonoran Desert, the flat prickly pear (which, by the way, makes a tremendous margarita), the barrel cactus, the hedgehog and the snowman cactus, which sports a white coat.

The Arboretum is expectedly arid and includes a rocky landscape. Visitors walk among

majestic canyon walls along a jagged and craggy walkway, then a quick turn, and the scenery and terrain completely changes. The riparian area of Queen Creek contains cottonwood, olive and eucalyptus trees to provide shade and cover, a striking contrast to the surrounding desert scrublands.

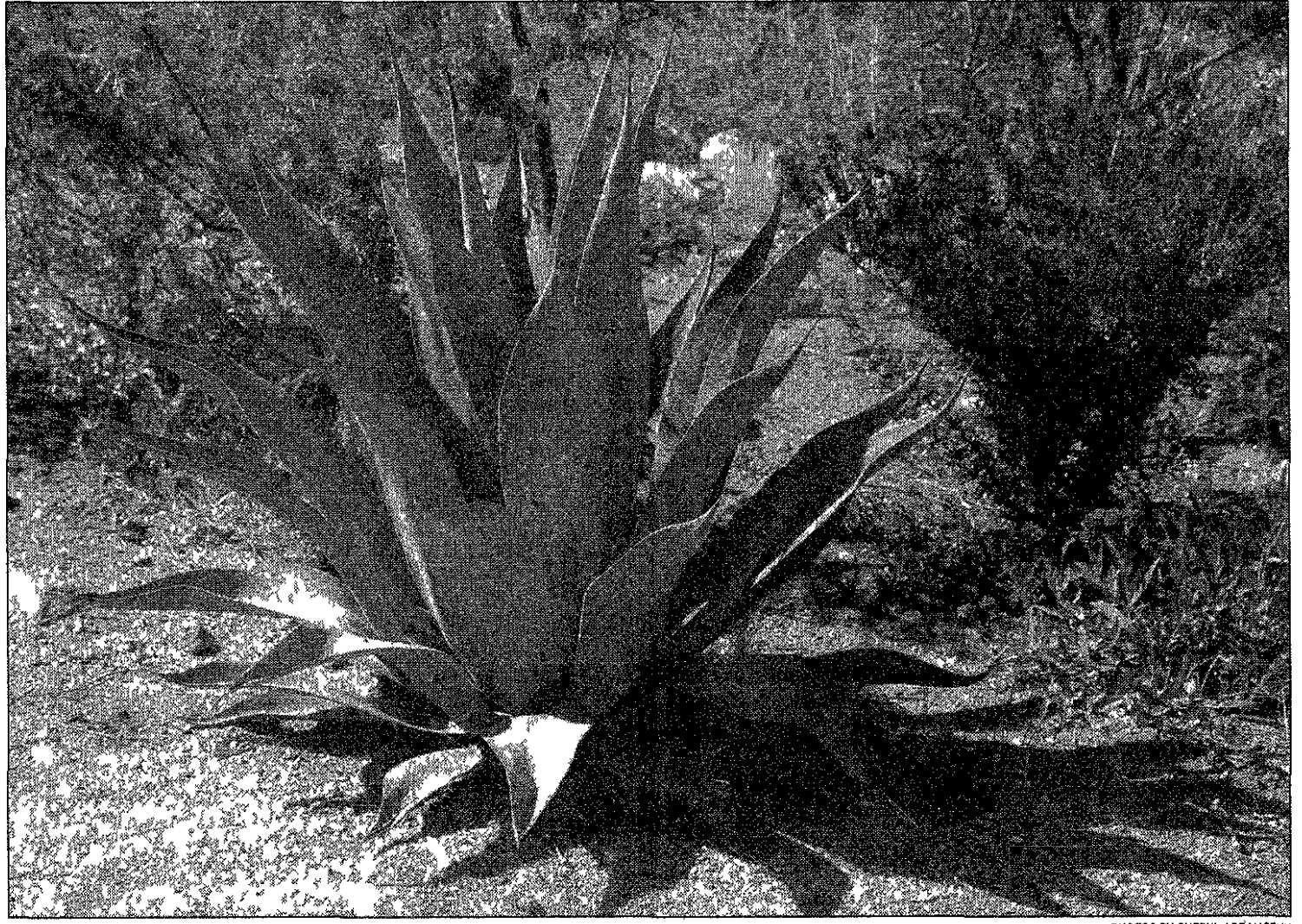
It's probably a good idea to wear hiking boots and be sure to bring bottled water. Give yourself a couple of hours.

Take a drive to Sierra Vista, which is a good central location if you want to stay in southeastern Arizona for a couple of days. Rooms were reasonable - about \$80 - at a Best Western hotel there. From that location, you can drive east to Tombstone or Bisbee, an old mining town, or north to Kartchner Caverns, just south of Benson.

Yes, everybody's heard of Tombstone, and Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday and the Shootout at the OK Corral. The "town too tough to die" keeps much of the feel of 1882.

I'm not a big gun nut, but this town features the G.F. Spangenberg shop, a gun shop with a fascinating collection of guns and pistols owned by many of the lawmen of Tombstone, including Earp, Holliday and others. Of course, Western gear from cowboy hats to leather boots and saddlery are available, as are colorful Mexican made clothing. Performers re-enact the famous shootout at the actual OK Corral, while Boot Hill Cemetery reminds visitors of the town's violent past and rugged life that existed in the late 1800s. Stagecoach tours also inform visitors about the town's history.

If you're not into the Old West and cowboy persona, southern Arizona is a bird



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The Boyce Thompson Arboretum features 323 acres and over 3,000 water-efficient species of plants.

watcher's mecca. The Ramsey Canyon Preserve, just south of Sierra Vista in the Upper San Pedro River basin, gives visitors a break from the rugged terrain of the desert.

Anyone who enjoys hummingbirds - there are 14 different varieties that can be viewed here at different times of year - will enjoy the Preserve.

History and mining buffs will enjoy Bisbee. We visited the Bisbee Mining and Historical

Museum and learned about the struggles between the workers of Phelps Dodge Corp. and management there, and the brutal, dangerous work in the mines, which is explained in great detail through photos and text displayed throughout the museum. The mining industry helped turn Bisbee, at one time, into the largest city between St. Louis and San Francisco. The town is becoming geared toward tourists with a variety of shops selling everything from contemporary art and pottery to minerals and jewelry.

Then there's Kartchner Caverns, located about six miles south of Benson, which is about 45 minutes southeast of Tucson.

Kartchner is awesome, featuring geological formations with names that could be confused with a greasy spoon diner. We admired the stalactites, stalagmites, halactites, columns, shields, soda straws and 'bacon and eggs' (That's really what they look like, too).

For the past 200,000 years these formations were created and formed after an underground pool of water receded. Acidic rainwater flowed through fissures in the earth and through the ceiling of the cave. When the rainwater reached the air-filled cave, it

IF YOU GO

Travel in May at the end of the travel season and you might catch deals on items and cheaper rooms. Check out new hotels - sometimes they offer special rates when they open.

Travel at a moderate pace with enough time allocated to visit a small town or two. You will not see everything, so just relax and enjoy.

For information visit the following Web sites:

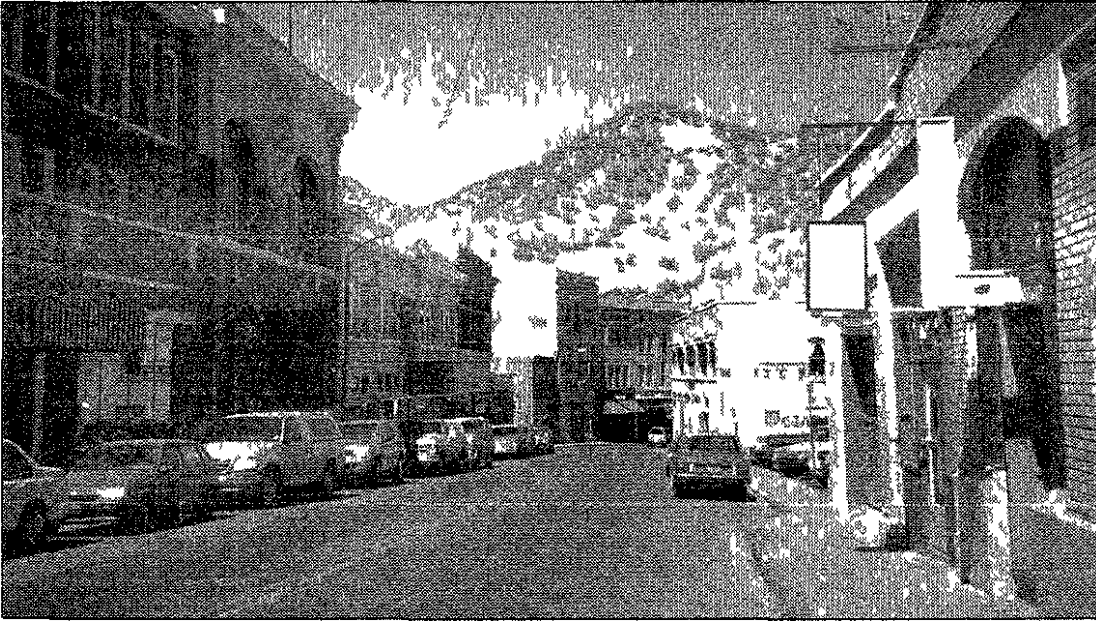
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mites and other formations over thousands of years.

Two rooms in the cavern are 100 yards long, and another room features Kubla Khan, a 58-foot tall column. The colors in these marvelous formations - ranging from red created from the iron and minerals to brown from decaying plant and animals - create a fascinating picture of underground life.

Only a few hundred visitors are permitted in the caverns each day. They must enter the caverns through a progression of sealed rooms to ensure the humidity remains at 99 percent inside the caverns. No cameras are allowed. Special lights are used inside the cave to ensure even the algae there remains undisturbed. Kartchner visitors need to purchase tickets in advance. We arrived at 11 a.m., bought tickets for a 4 p.m. tour, then drove to Sonora, Arizona's wine country. That area of Arizona has a climate similar to southern Italy, so grapes can grow there.

Ken Abramczyk is the sports editor and Clarkston Life editor of the Clarkston Eccentric and enjoys traveling out West.



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Sealed proposals for the Huron Monofill Cell 4 Construction Project are invited and will be received until 10:00 a.m. local time January 6, 2002 at the offices of EMCON/OWT Inc., 14155 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

Project Description: The Cell 4 Construction project will involve the construction of a 5.5 acre double composite lined landfill cell and enclosing a portion of the Wagner and Pink Drain. The cell construction work will include supply and compaction of clay subgrade and primary liner materials, supply and installation of a primary and secondary flexible membrane liners, geocomposite drainage materials and geosynthetic clay liners, supply and installation of the leachate collection system including granular materials, primary and secondary piping, pumps and electrical systems. The Drain enclosure project will involve providing and installing a culvert backfilling the area around the Drain and constructing a perimeter road.

Pre-bid Meeting: A pre bid meeting will be held at the Huron Monofill located at 28200 South Huron Road, Flat Rock, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 17, 2002. This meeting is for Bidders to fully familiarize themselves with the existing Site conditions.

Questions and Clarifications: To maintain clear and impartial communication throughout the bidding process, the Owner will respond only to written questions or requests for clarification following the pre bid meeting. Such questions and responses will be issued as addenda to all Bidders.

Plans and Specifications: The plans and specifications for the project will be available beginning Monday, December 9, 2002 at the office of EMCON/OWT Inc., 14155 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154, phone (734) 524-9610. A non-refundable fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be assessed for each set of contract documents. Persons desiring that the plans be mailed shall also submit a valid express mail carrier (UPS® FedEx®, or Airborne Express®) account number or the documents will be sent via US mail.

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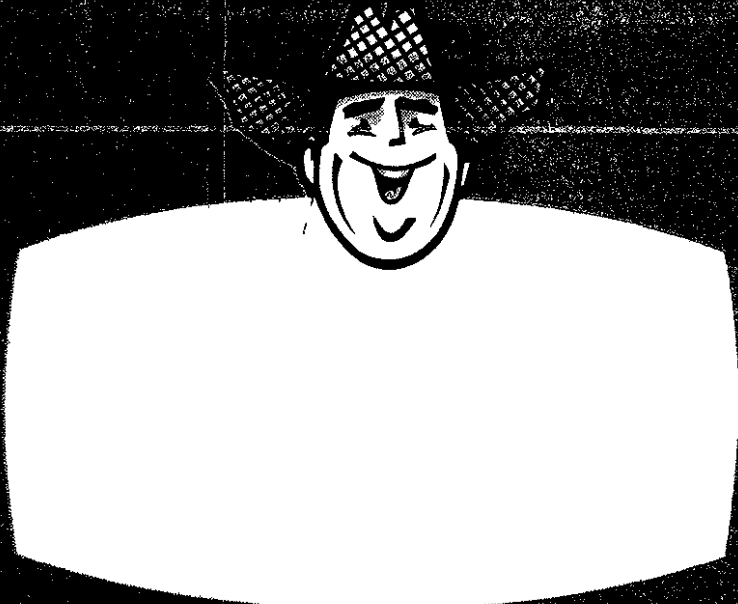
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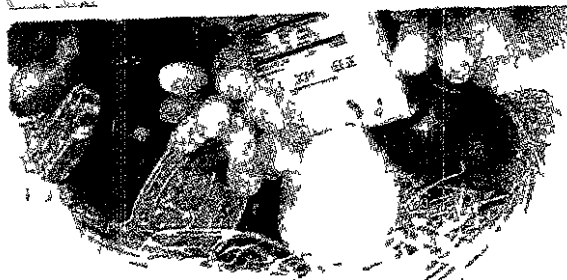
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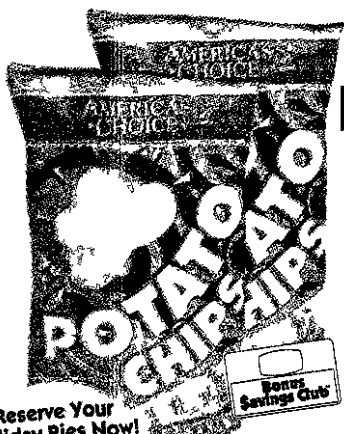
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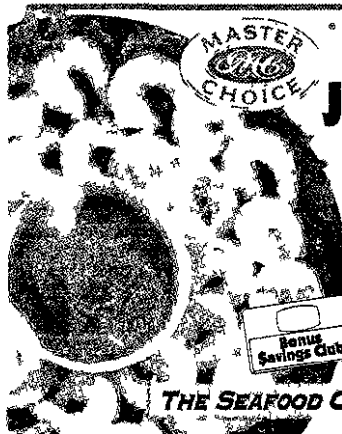
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Monarchs rule

The Plymouth Monarchs under-12 girls soccer team finished the fall season in first place in the Western Suburban Soccer League Red Division with a 7-0-1 record. Team members all from Plymouth are Sarah Balgooyen, Janelle Burdiss, Jennifer Erley, Alyssa Harding, Ashley Heitman, Kathryn Hurley, Amanda Krause, Julie Leshkevich, Tiffany Lumley, Leah Malm, Maria Sasnowski, Samantha Schlampp, Meghan Schneider, Alyssa Smith, Emily Theodore, Lauren Wafer and Jordyn Ward. The team is coached by Paul Lumley, Carol Strayer and Gordie Erley.

Nominations sought

The Detroit Athletic Club is seeking nominations for Michigan High School Athlete of the Year honors. One male and one female will be chosen from 12 nominees at the Dodge National Athletic Awards March of Dimes benefit March 11 at the Fox Theater.

Deadline for nominations is Dec 20.

We are looking for students who excel in athletics and academics and are outstanding citizens both at school and in their community, said J.G. Ted Gillary, executive manager of the DAC. We encourage principals and athletic directors to nominate deserving student athletes.

A committee at the DAC reviews applications and makes the actual selection. Past recipients of the DAC Michigan High School Athlete of the Year award include Shane Battier, former Duke standout and current NBA star, and ex-University of Michigan quarterback Drew Henson.

For further information call (313) 442-1014.

Soccer referees

Classes for new soccer referee training will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on consecutive Saturdays Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 8 and Feb. 15 at Plymouth HS located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton.

Those interested must attend all four sessions to earn certification and must be at least 12 years old. Cost is \$50. Send your name, address, date of birth and social security number with the check made payable to Michigan Referee Committee to the Canton Soccer Club, PO Box 87244, Canton, MI 48187.

For more information call (734) 454-7335.

Basketball tryouts

The Michigan Dearborn Comets will have tryouts for girls 10 and under, 11 and under, and 12 and under AAU basketball teams at 1 p.m. (10 and under), 2 p.m. (11 and under) and 3 p.m. (12 and under) on Saturday Jan. 4 and at 5 p.m. (10 and under), 6 p.m. (11 and under) and 7 p.m. (12 and under) on Saturday Jan. 11.

Tryouts will be at the Salvation Army, 26700 W. Warren in Dearborn Heights (between Beech Daly and Inkster).

For more information call (313) 563-4457 Ext. 107.

Chiefs' comeback falls short against Franklin

Adam Bierley scored a hat trick Friday as Livonia Franklin opened Western Division play in the Western Lakes Activities Association hockey season with a 4-3 victory against host Canton at the Arctic Edge.

The win boosted Franklin's record to 3-2-2 overall, 1-0 in the division. Canton, which lost its fifth straight, is 3-5 overall, 0-2 in the division.

Franklin led 4-1 after two periods before Canton mounted a comeback. Kyle Tollison's second goal on assists from Greg Kubert and Brian Wioncek made it 4-2 with 9:34 left. Dave Commiskey's goal with 5:57 to go from Kubert and Kasey Skrzypek cut the

deficit to one, but the Chiefs couldn't score the equalizer against Franklin netminder Jeremy Peer (23 saves).

Franklin led 1-0 after one period on Ross Robert's goal from Corey Clearman.

Bierley made it 2-0 for the Patriots from Dave McCall with 12:29 to go in the second period, but Tollison answered for Canton with a power-play goal 2:44 later on assists from Kubert and Wioncek.

Bierley then scored a short-handed goal from McCall and Perano and added a power-play goal from McCall during the same period with 7:15 and 4:10 left, respectively.

"We came out and played a fairly decent

PREP HOCKEY

first and second period, but Canton came out like a ball of fire and we let down a bit," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "When we were playing sloppy in the third period he (Peer) really stepped up."

"Canton played an excellent game and Kubert was great defensively (three assists)."

W.L. Central 5, Canton 2: It's down right now and that's bound to change.

That's the best way Canton can look at it after losing its fourth straight game Wednesday at Arctic Edge Arena to Walled Lake Central.

It's been an up and down season so far, said Canton coach Dan Abraham. "We were 3-0 now we're 3-4. We went up then down real quick."

The frustration was evident in the loss to Central. "We outskated them for three periods and we outshot them," said Abraham. "We just couldn't outscore them. We had defensive breakdowns."

The Chiefs tied the game at 1-1 early in the second period when Matt Gabriel scored (assisted by David Commiskey and Matt Oliver). But the Vikings answered with goals by Sean McMahon and Adam Griffin to take a 3-1 lead into the third period.

Greg Kubert's goal at 8:16 of the third period allowed Canton to narrow the deficit to 3-2 (from Casey Skrzypek and Gabriel) but goals by Ryan Lukkarin and Dale Wrobel clinched it for Central.

Although the losses are somewhat mystifying, Abraham

PLEASE SEE HOCKEY, C5

Rocks beat Trojans at their game

Monroe wanted to push the ball. Salem was only too happy to oblige.

But it wasn't a matter of being a gracious host. The Rocks knew the Trojans were going to pressure, their success would depend on how they handled it.

As it turned out, they did well.

Although Salem never could pull away, it did stay in control most of Friday's game, managing to hold off Monroe for a 67-60 victory.

The outcome left both teams with 1-1 records.

"We played a lot better defensively," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We blocked out better, and we handled Monroe's pressure well."

"You look at a game like that, against a team that likes to go up-tempo, and you hold them to 60 points — then you're playing pretty good defense."

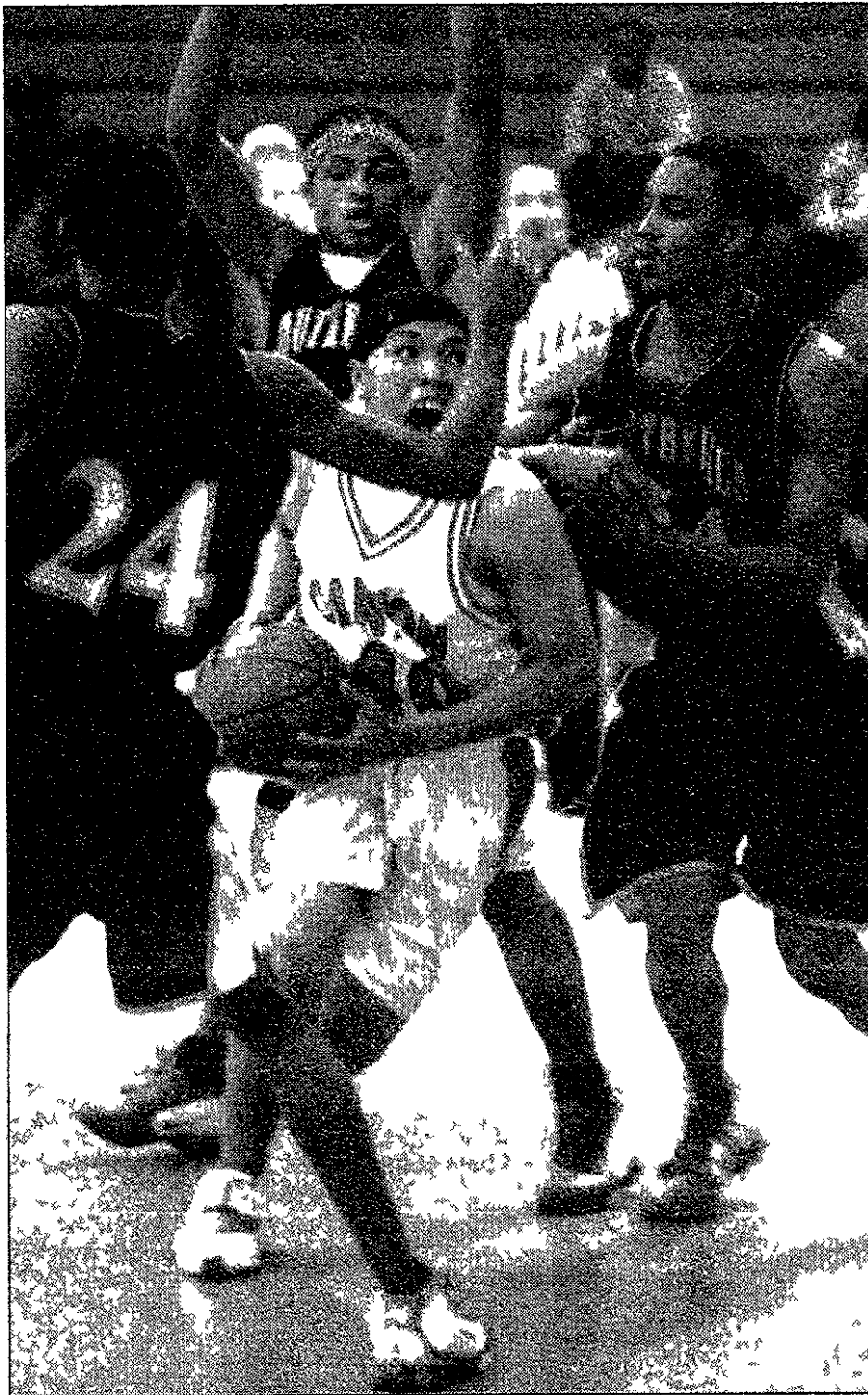
There was a motivating factor involved in this. In their opening 84-58 loss at Belleville Tuesday, there wasn't anything that pleased Brodie — especially the defense. So he simply gave the Rocks an ultimatum.

"We said if they weren't guarding their player, they would be playing," Brodie explained.

It seemed to work well enough. Salem led 18-13 after one quarter, but Monroe trimmed that to 34-33 by halftime. It was still a one-point game entering the fourth quarter, although the Rocks had led by as many as 10 in the third.

But the Trojans put together a spurt in the fourth, going up by three before Salem answered. Behind the strong one-two punch of Brad Clark and Dave Hoskins, the Rocks outpointed Monroe 21-15 in the final eight minutes.

PLEASE SEE ROCKS, C5



Canton's D.J. Bridges threads his way through a trio of Southfield defenders en route to the basket. Bridges finished with seven points.

A solid defense

Canton holds off Southfield, 35-34

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Here's a lesson all coaches want their players to memorize: Don't travel the same wrong road twice.

In other words, don't repeat mistakes. Learn and move on. That's what Canton's basketball team concentrated on doing during a crowded first week of the season.

In the Chiefs' opener last Monday, they got creamed by Monroe, committing 42 turnovers along the way. On Wednesday they hosted Ann Arbor Pioneer, losing their offense in the second half of a 16-point loss.

Still, Canton coach Jeremy Rheault by his team's overall improvement from Game One to Game Two. "We were winning," he said after his team built a 31-26 halftime lead against Pioneer. "They had to come at us."

"We stopped playing the way we had been. And they made great adjustments (at halftime)."

So what would Game Three — at Canton last Friday against a Southfield team that was among the state's best last year — bring?

The answer: More improvement, resulting in a 35-34 victory for the Chiefs.

The win gave Canton a 1-2 record.

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WRESTLING PREVIEW

Salem has questions to answer

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Lose five kids who were all consistent scorers — or as Salem wrestling coach Greg Woochuk described them, "five point-getters" — and there's just one word that can describe what lies ahead: Uncertainty.

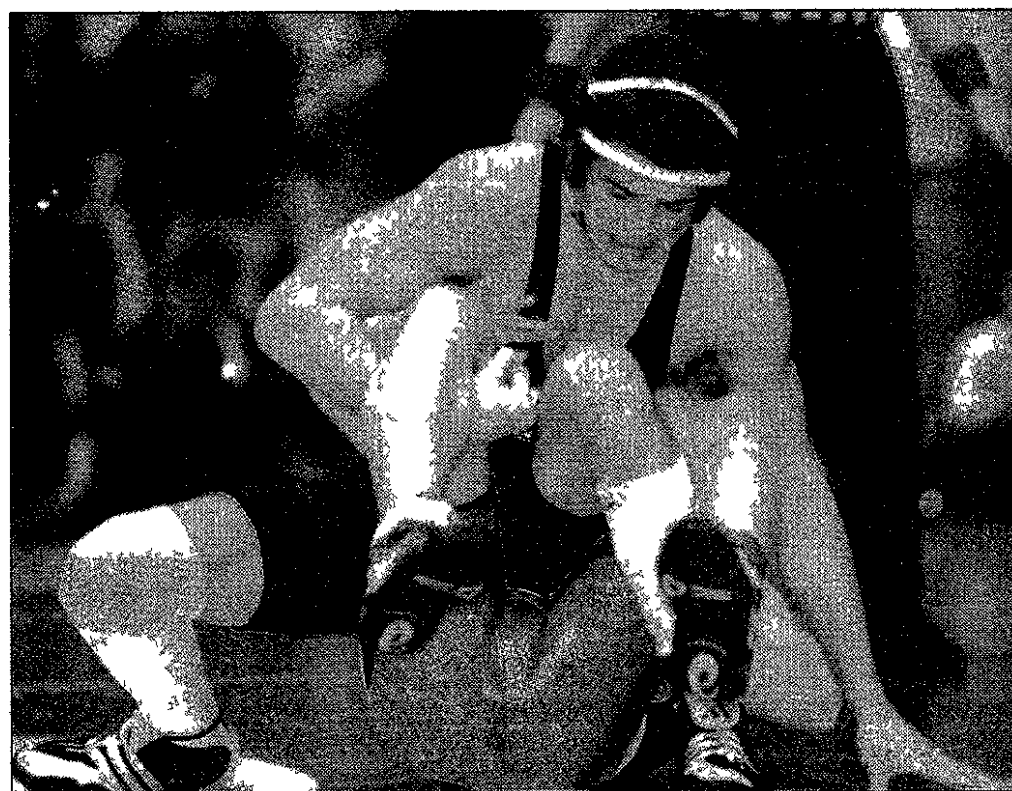
Gone from the Rocks' lineup of last season are Brandon Sammut (130 pounds), Tony Kennard (145), Adam Schafer (152), Craig Blair (160) and Zach Jensen (215). That leaves five rather large holes in the lineup which must be filled if the Rocks are to experience any success. And that is just what Woochuk is waiting for.

"We have a very unproven team," he said. "The upper weights are really unproven, but really we're that way through the whole lineup."

"We're not going to know where we're at until they decide to step up and prove it."

The Rocks may have considerable losses, but they are hardly without tal-

PLEASE SEE SALEM, C5



Mike Goethe was one of Salem's top wrestlers last season, advancing to the state finals, where he finished fourth at 125 pounds.

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Everything is new at Canton

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

It's starting-over time for Canton's wrestling team.

About two-thirds of the starting lineup from a year ago has graduated. Also gone is coach John Demisick, who resigned.

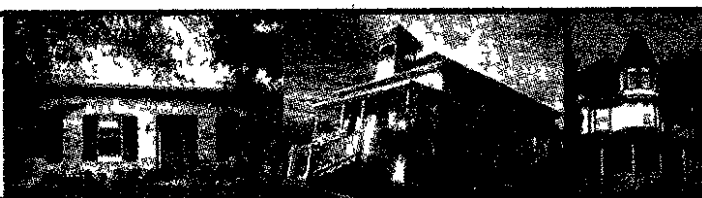
The transition hasn't been easy for first-year coach Casey Randolph. The Chiefs are, for the most part, young and inexperienced. There are only four seniors on the squad, and only three or four wrestlers who had much varsity experience last season.

"But they're learning."

"We have some decent kids," said Randolph after Canton lost both ends of its double-dual meet at Dearborn.

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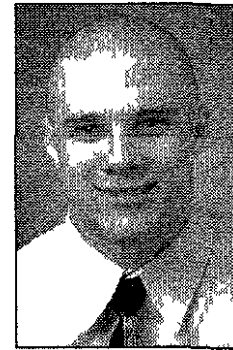
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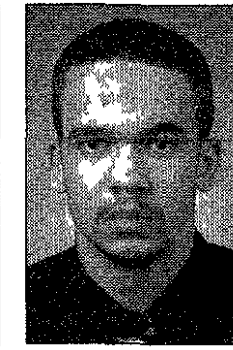
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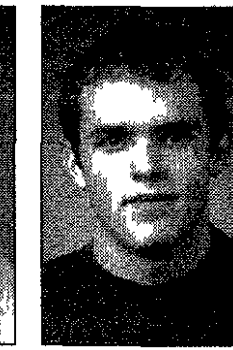
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Livonia Churchill

All-Observerland team is best of the best

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't a real tough decision, actually.

While six of the 14 area teams made the playoffs and several others showed solid improvement, when it came time for our staff to choose an Observerland football coach of the year, the decision was immediate and unanimous.



Tom Mach
Coach -
Redford CC

He would be the first to tell you that his statistics don't matter. Actually, they do matter - to just about everyone who's played for him.

Mach's career credentials rank him among the state's best. A 244-50 record since 1979, eight state titles - tying him for second in state history - and a finalist for the National Football League's High School coach of the year in 1998.

But since Mach was last chosen as our coach of the year in 1995, CC has won four Division I titles - including the last two.

With a 3-3 mark at one point last year and facing the prospect of missing the playoffs, the Shamrocks - the 39th-ranked team in the nation according to Student Sports Fab 50 - have been nearly unstoppable, winning 22 of their last 23 games.

While Mach is joined on the All Area first team by six of his players, several of the area's best schools are also well represented, with Canton placing five players on the squad, while Livonia Stevenson and Westland John Glenn have four players each.

As the only senior back from last year's first team, Clarenceville's Andrew Shaw is the only repeat pick this year. More could be in store next year as six underclassmen grace our first team.

Here's the 2002 All-Observerland football team.

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Brian Ceckiewicz, QB, Westland Glenn A starter since his freshman year, Ceckiewicz had his season cut short the final three games with a lacinated kidney.

The 6 foot 3 185 pound senior completed 39 of 68 passes for 639 yards and nine touchdowns with just three interceptions. The All Western Lakes choice also rushed for 209 yards in 38 carries and four TDs.

As a junior, Ceckiewicz was 75 of 176 for 1180 yards and 12 TDs.

Brian was one of the keys to our success this year. Glenn coach Chuck Gordon said, "He has a very strong arm. He's very coachable. He had a hunger to improve right until the end."

Derek Brooks, RB, Redford CC Statistically, Brooks had one of the best seasons in school history, rushing for 1,629 yards (a 67 yards per

carry average) and had 17 touchdowns. He was also an All Catholic selection. What's worse for opponents is the junior is what Mach thinks is the best back that he's ever coached.

"I think he's going to be the best back CC has ever seen by the time he's finished," said Mach. "At this time, he's the best around. He has a great ability to see the holes, make cuts and set up blocks. He does the little things that speed and developing strength. The more you give him the ball, the better he gets."

Matt McCowan, RB, Liv Stevenson Despite missing three games to injury (high ankle sprain), the 5 ft 180 pound senior rushed for a team high 983 yards in 170 carries (57 average) with 13 TDs.

The All WLA pick also had six catches for 99 yards.

In the first three games of the year, McCowan rushed for 550 yards, including 230 vs Northville.

Matt is as good as any running back we've had at Stevenson, coach Tim Gabel said. He has speed, strength, acceleration and balance. And he did it against good defenses.

Reggie Joyner, RB, Canton He was not big at 5'9 and 160 pounds, but this senior was certainly elusive. In fact, Joyner proved himself to be the best of an impressive group of backs at Canton, gaining 975 yards rushing and scoring 16 touchdowns.

Perhaps the most impressive statistic regarding Joyner was his number of carries - he did all that on about 120 carries, averaging eight yards per. He also missed one game (against Wayne Memorial) - which means he did nearly all his damage while playing about half a game.

Joyner was an all Metro selection for the 9-2 Chiefs.

Jeff Fioretti, RB, Clarenceville The 5'9 193 pound junior carried the Trojans' offensive load, rushing 245 times for 1,324 yards and 16 TDs. The All Metro selection fumbled just three times.

Fioretti also saw spot duty at free safety.

Jeff was our workhorse; he got 75 percent of the carries. Clarenceville coach Greg Hudkins said, "He runs hard and is tough to bring down."

Jerret Smith, WR, Westland Glenn The 6'1 170 pound sophomore proved to be a playmaker for the Rockets, catching 27 passes for 432 yards and six TDs.

Smith also started at defensive back, coming up with four picks.

His best days are ahead of him. He's a pure athlete. Gordon said of the All WLA pick, "He had a very good season. He runs good routes, has good hands and is a good cover guy on defense."

De'Anthony Granberry, WR, Westland Glenn The 6 foot 170 pound junior averaged an eye-popping 31 yards per catch (17 receptions for 532 yards and seven TDs).

The All WLA pick also rushed for 333 yards in 46 carries and three TDs. He started at defensive back too, where he intercepted three passes.

De'Anthony is an explosive player, an excellent receiver who runs good routes and has good hands. Gordon said, "He was also a good cover man. A heckuva two-way player."

John Rehberg, TE, Liv Stevenson The 6'4 216 pound senior was a two-

ALL-AREA FOOTBALL

2002 ALL OBSERVER FOOTBALL TEAMS

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Quarterback
Sr Brian Ceckiewicz (6'3 185) John Glenn

Running Backs
Jr Derek Brooks (6'0 180) Redford CC
Sr Matt McCowan (5'11 185) Stevenson
Sr Reggie Joyner (5'9 180) Canton
Jr Jeff Fioretti (5'10 193) Clarenceville

Wide Receivers
So Jerret Smith (6'1 170) John Glenn
Jr De'Anthony Granberry (6'0 170) Glenn

Tight End
Sr John Rehberg (6'4 216) Stevenson

Offensive Lineman
Sr Alex Murray (6'1 215) Churchill
Sr Greg Arrowsmith (6'3 260) Redford CC

Kicker
Sr Anthony Phelps (6'0 212) Stevenson
Sr Jason LeDuc (6'5 240) Redford Union
Sr Zach Caswell (6'3 200) Canton

Defensive Lineman
Sr Greg Arrowsmith (6'3 260) Redford CC

Linebackers
Sr Dan Farkas (6'2 250) Canton
Sr David Hull (6'2 270) Salem
Sr Pat Clark (6'4 250) Redford CC
Jr Frank Pointer (6'0 265) Clarenceville
Sr Hady Rahman (6'3 238) Stevenson

Cornerbacks
Sr Matt Bennett (6'2 220) Canton
Sr Andrew Shaw (6'0 207) Clarenceville
Sr Dan Moore (6'1 220) Redford CC
Sr Quenton McKenzie (6'0 205) Thurston

Defensive Backs
Sr Tony Davis (5'11 185) John Glenn
Sr Randall Means (5'9 190) Redford CC
Sr Brandon Wilcox (6'0 190) Canton

Specialist
Sr Henry Love (6'3 214) Wayne

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Quarterback
Jr David Thomas (6'0 180) Redford CC

Running Backs
Sr Kenny Smith (6'2 210) Agatha Borgess
Sr Joel Wolfram (5'11 180) Luth Westland
Dev n Thomas (6'3 195) Canton

Wide Receivers
Sr Derek Dodd (6'1 188) Church I
Sr Glenn Garratt (6'6 175) Clarenceville
Sr Jeff McMichael (6'0 180) Redford CC

Offensive Lineman
Sr Garrett Brink (6'2 255) Salem

Kicker
Sr Tom Cosgrove (5'9 217) John Glenn
Sr Matt Billingsley (6'3 310) John Glenn
Sr Brian Gallagher (6'1 303) Redford CC
Sr Don Preiss (6'0 240) Franklin

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Linebackers
Sr Jason Sanders (6'1 265) Thurston
Sr David Thayer (6'1 200) Churchill
Sr Derek Johnson (6'1 315) Canton
Sr Brian Hanley (6'1 216) Redford CC

Linebackers
Jr Darran Matthews (6'1 205) Thurston
Jr Darnell Tyson (5'9 205) Redford CC
Sr Mike Callegari (6'3 200) Salem
Jr Jeff Hollandsworth (6'0 196) Stevenson

Defensive Backs
Sr Adam Vaughn (5'10 165) Franklin
Sr Kevin McKee (6'0 190) Redford CC
Sr Ramon Kinloch (5'9 145) Wayne

Specialist
Sr Marco DiMichele (6'1 178) Garden City

COACH OF THE YEAR

Tom Mach, Redford Catholic Central

HONORABLE MENTION

Canton: Corey Rutledge, Pat Kennedy, Shawn Zulo, Dave Nicoloff, Mike Lafata, Matt Perino, Clarenceville: Justin Lohman, Marc Simpson, Josh Silvernail, Justin Robbins, Bruno Shkreli, Churchill: Mark O'Hara, Shaun Pepple, Joe Stewart, Ron Gaffney, James Gale, Franklin: Derek Ward, Quan Bailey, Matt Parker, Salem: Chris Drabicki, Mike Kerul, Matt Trublowksi, Brian Bradley, Stevenson: Paul Bargerstock, Ian Jameson, Dan Dinardi, Bill Williams, Griffin Schager, John Spiker, Dave King, John Glenn: Bob Varley, Nick Seymour, Alex Jachym, Wayne: T.J. Dillard, Mike Porta, Justin Veneogon, Chris Grissom, Eric Lang, Lutheran Westland: Dan Haller, Simon Reinke, Neal Kemp, Ian McLaughlin, Garden City: Chr S Bonnici, Vnce Whateley, Brian Burton, J.M. May, Kr's Brownlee, Redford CC: Drew Ambler, Sean Shahrestan, Kyle Smith, John Muloy, Ryan Ash, Mike Mach, Joe Mach, Alex Wojcik, Thurston: Corey Reid, Chase Waterstradt, Marcus Gowdy, Tommie Rush, Redford Union: John King, Chr S Rley, St. Agatha: Bishop Borgess, Jeff Smith, Justin Bailey, Ed Burney.

Greg Arrowsmith, OG, Redford CC Arrowsmith a two year starter was the key to the Shamrocks' offensive line and earned All League honors in the process.

He is a great one on one blocker and had good speed for a guy 265 pounds, said Mach. "We pull a lot in our offense and he leads most of the plays. He was our most consistent blocker."

Arrowsmith is considering playing for the Naval Academy next year.

Anthony Phelps, OG, Liv Stevenson Another three year starter, the 6 foot 212 pound senior offensive guard and defensive tackle helped Stevenson earn a playoff spot.

Anthony is very intelligent, he has a high GPA, Gabel said. "He was solid all year for us. He was good at both trapping and drive blocking."

Phelps also made All Western Lakes.

Jason LeDuc, OT, Redford Union LeDuc was the best player for an improving Panthers' squad. The senior was a two year All Mega selection and a three year starter. On defense, he led RU with nine tackles for loss. He's also being looked at by GLIAC and MAC schools to play next year.

He has been our best offensive

lineman over the last three years, said RU coach Miles Tomasatis. "We ran behind him the majority of the time over the last three years and he's the strongest kid on our team by far. We looked to get him going early and tucked the football behind him."

Zach Caswell, OT, Canton An all WLA pick, Caswell had everything a coach would want in an offensive tackle. He was a dominant physical player, said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "And he was quick off the ball."

A 6'2 215 pound senior, Caswell could run as well, timed at 4.8 in the 40 yard dash. He was a very athletic physical player, Baechler added.

But perhaps the statistic that best defines how well he did his job was that Canton boasted the top offense in the conference.

Jason Gingell, K, Redford CC Since being brought up from the junior varsity in the middle of the 2001 season, Gingell has blossomed into one of the area's best kickers. He hit 53 of 55 extra points on the season, hit six of seven field goals and scored 71 points on the year. His strong leg allowed him to put kickoffs into the end zone with consistency this year, something he couldn't do last year.

He's developed into an excellent kicker and handled himself with poise, said Mach. "Last year, he couldn't put the ball in the end zone, so we squib kicked a lot. This year, he was putting it in the end zone quite a bit and he's gained distance from year to year. If he keeps up with his leg strength, I think he's going to be a Division I kicker."

Dan Farkas, DL, Canton A senior Farkas was a three year starter on the defensive line for the Chiefs and he was a dominant force. The 6'2 247 pound defensive tackle was a team captain. He was an all conference selection and was named to the all state squad.

He led the team in sacks with 11, said Baechler. Farkas finished the season with 21 solo tackles and 36 assists, thus on a defense that often substituted in a lopsided victory over Livonia Franklin. Canton's first string defense played just 14 snaps.

David Hull, DL, Salem A two year starter, this senior played offensive guard and defensive tackle for the Rocks and was extremely effective at both. At 6'2 and 270, he could run the 40 yard dash in under 5.0, coach Bob Cummings said.

He was a great defensive tackle for us and a good offensive guard, too, said Cummings. "He was a tremendous asset. I could say a thousand things about him and it wouldn't be enough."

All Division as a junior, Hull was an all WLA pick this year.

Pat Clark, DL, Redford CC The two way tackle was an All Catholic selection for good reason. Clark, who has verbally committed to Toledo, had 61 tackles, five sacks, 15 first hits and a fumble recovery this year.

He has great strength, speed and quickness, and that helps him as a defensive tackle, said Mach. "He's got a great work ethic and is relentless in pursuit of the ball. People tried to run away from him. He hits well and with his size, he's hard to get away from."

Frank Pointer, DL, Clarenceville The 6 foot 265 pound junior made All Metro Conference after making 55

tackles, including 26 solo stops. He had nine quarterback sacks, eight for loss, along with one fumble recovery.

When he wasn't playing on the offensive line, Pointer lined up in the backfield on goal line situations.

Frank was a force. He was tough to run against, Hudkins said. "He got triple teamed in our playoff game against Highland Park."

Hady Rahman, DL, Liv Stevenson The 6'3 238 pound senior made All Western Lakes after finishing third on the team in tackles (54) with two sacks and one fumble recovery.

He started the season with a broken foot.

He's a Division II type of player, Gabel said. "The games he was healthy, he was dominant. He's big and rangy, good at going side to side. Hady is a student of the game. He always knew the opponent's game plan."

Matt Bennett, LB, Canton Bennett was everything a team captain should be, particularly one playing middle linebacker. A 6'2 210 pound senior, he led the Chiefs in tackles with 18 solos and 43 assists, including three quarterback sacks. Bennett was an all WLA pick.

He was our toughest, hardest hitter, said Baechler, and a real tone setter for our defense. He was last year's too.

Matt brought an attitude to our defense. He was the guy that stirred us up. He just wanted to win, and he got after kids.

Andrew Shaw, LB, Clarenceville The 6 foot 207 pound senior made first team All Observer as a junior as an offensive guard.

During his junior year, the Trojans reached the Division 6 state finals.

As a linebacker, Shaw was voted Defensive MVP of the Metro Conference.

He finished with 139 tackles, including 51 solo stops (12 for loss) and along with 5.5 quarterback sacks, Shaw also led the Trojans in pass breakups and finished with two fumble recoveries, one interception and two caused fumbles.

Andrew was our team leader by far, Hudkins said. "He was our best offensive lineman. We lost some key guys to injury, but he was the one we couldn't afford to lose."

Dan Moore, LB, Redford CC Moore not only led the team in tackles, but was the heart and soul of the defense.

He was our captain. He made all the calls, was an intelligent player and hit with great authority, said Mach.

He had good mobility and a great nose for the ball. I believe he can be a Division I player.

Moore had 135 tackles this year and was an All Catholic selection. He had 49 first hits, two fumble recoveries, two interceptions and one sack.

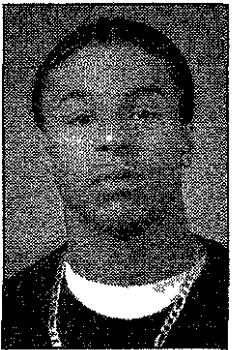
Quenton McKenzie, LB, Red. Thurston McKenzie was a standout on both sides of the ball for the Eagles as they made the playoffs for the second time in school history. On offense, he gained 585 yards rushing and handled most of the kicking. But on defense, he had 118 tackles, 26 solo tackles, 13 tackles for loss, caused four fumbles, recovered two fumbles and blocked a kick.

He basically never came off the field, said Thurston coach Bob Snell of

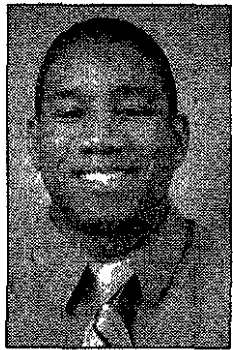
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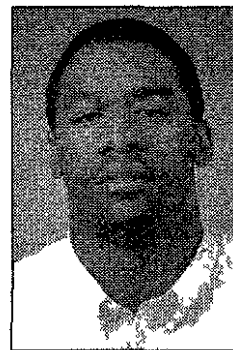
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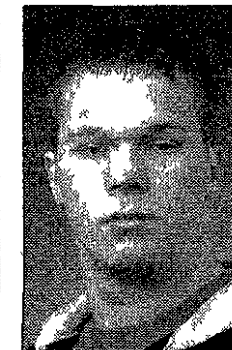
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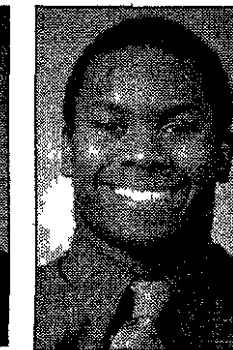
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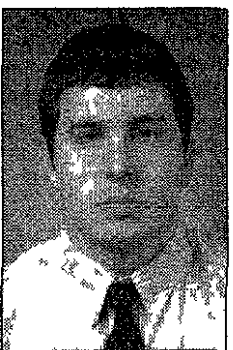
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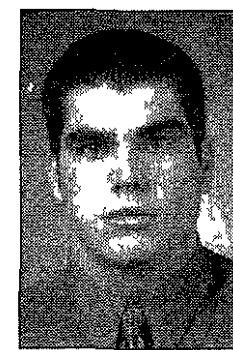
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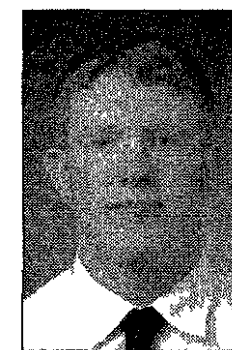
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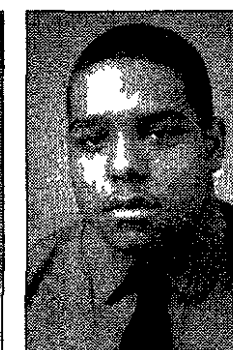
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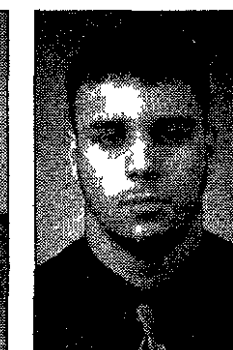
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Madonna men cruise to easy win

Perhaps this was the breakout Madonna University men's basketball team needed

The Fighting Crusaders connected on 24-of-38 first-half floor shots (63.2 percent) against Andrews University Friday in its opening game of the Bethel College Tournament in Mishawaka, Ind. That gave them a 57-36 halftime lead, and from there they coasted past Andrews, 100-72.

The victory gave Madonna a 5-4 record. The Crusaders opened their season at 4-0, then lost four straight.

There was little doubt about this game. Dan Kurtinat, a senior guard who was held scoreless in a loss to Albion College Wednesday, came through with 21 points and four assists in this game, connecting on 9-of-15 floor shots (60 percent). Aaron Cox added 17 points, Chris Behrens got 13 points and nine rebounds, and John Bennett (from Livonia Churchill) had 11 points.

Chad Nadoln and Noel Emenhiser each scored eight, with Nadoln collecting 11 rebounds, four assists and four steals and Emenhiser finishing with eight rebounds and three assists. Joe Kofahl scored nine points.

Andrews got 22 points from Sheldon James and 15 from Alex Rosario.

Albion 85, Madonna 76. So what happened? Two-and-a-half minutes into the second half of Madonna's game

against visiting Albion College Wednesday, it was a one-point game, Albion leading 44-43.

In just over 10 minutes, the Britons outscored the Fighting Crusaders by 22 points. Which meant the game was essentially over, Madonna suffered its fourth-straight loss after opening the season with four-consecutive wins.

Pat Moultrie, who played just over half the game, sparked Albion's surge with a near-perfect offensive performance. Moultrie hit 10-of-11 floor shots in the game and 2-of-3 free throws for a game-high 22 points.

He had 14 of those in a seven-minute stretch, the main ingredient in the Brits' 34-12 run that took it from 44-43 to 78-55 with 7:20 left. Madonna never got closer than eight points after that.

The Crusaders played well in the first half, trailing 40-38 at the intermission after converting 15-of-28 shots (53.6 percent) from the floor. Albion was 14-of-30 (46.7 percent) in the first half. But while the Britons shooting improved in the second half (16-of-29, 55.2 percent), Madonna's fell off (11-of-28, 39.3 percent). Madonna was also badly outrebounded in the game, 39-22.

Chad Nadoln paced Madonna with 20 points, six rebounds, five steals and three assists, all team highs. Noel Emenhiser added 17 points and Joe Kofahl had 16

points. Joining Moultrie in double figures in scoring for Albion were Michael Thomas with 14 points and Brett Quayle and Chris Hawkins with 11 apiece. Travis DePree had eight points and 11 rebounds.

Wayne State 102, Madonna 73 (women): The Madonna women's team kept it close at Wayne State Thursday — at least for a half. But an abundance of turnovers and a poor performance at the free-throw line doomed the Lady Crusaders, whose record fell to 2-10.

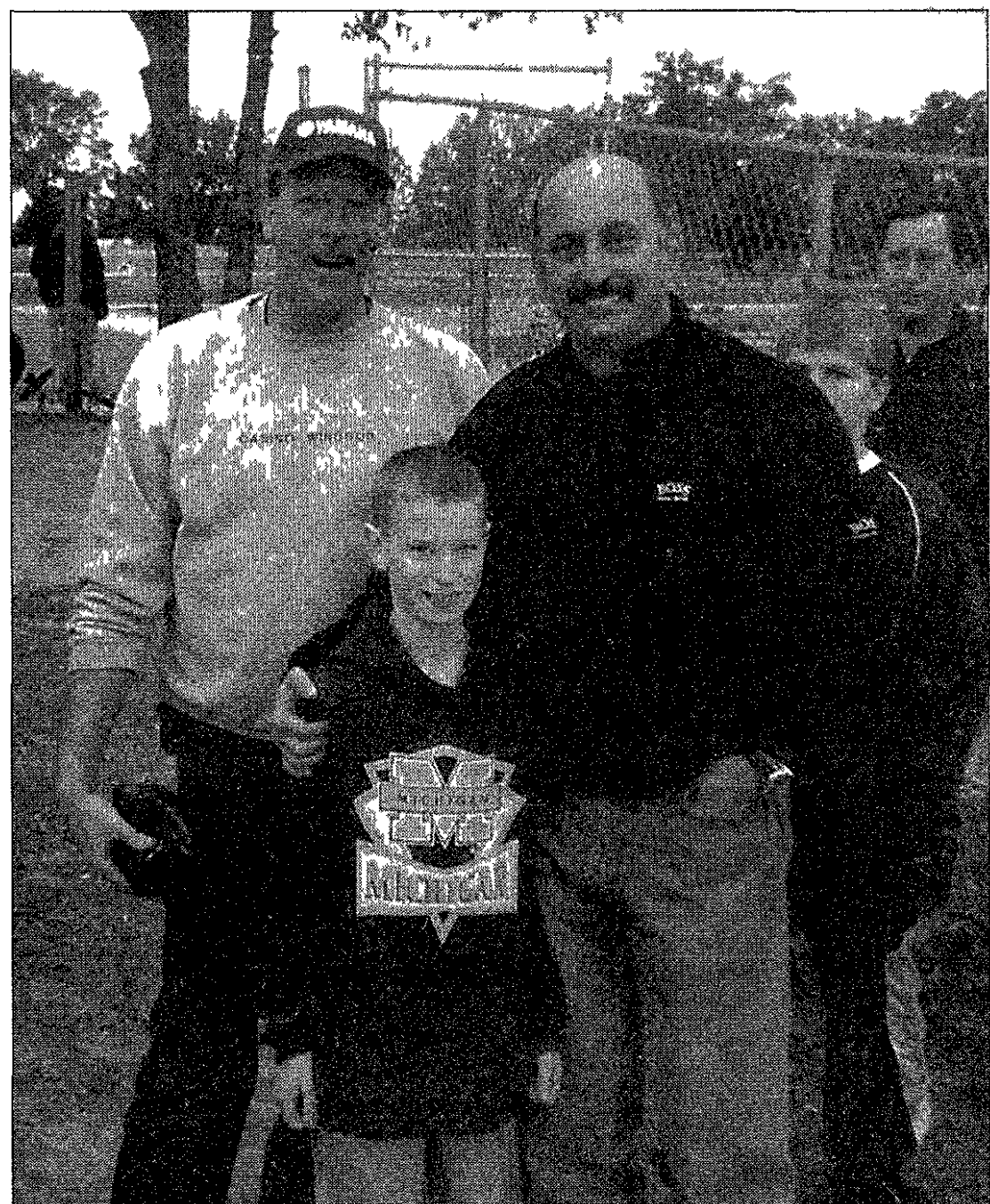
Wayne State is 4-4. Point guard Ebony Vincent ignited WSU, tying the school record with 14 assists. She also had 14 points and three steals.

Madonna trailed 40-38 at the half, but the Crusaders committed 30 turnovers in the game (WSU had 14) and converted just 3-of-12 free throws (25 percent) while the Warriors made 21-of-25 (84 percent).

Still, Lindsay Simmon had a strong game for the Crusaders with 24 points (11-of-18 floor shooting), 12 rebounds and three assists.

Sarah Thompson had 15 points, seven boards and three assists, and Jackie Pingston chipped in with 12 points and three steals.

WSU, which outscored Madonna 62-35 in the second half, got 25 points from Jodi Young, 21 points, 13 rebounds and four steals from Keneisha Moss, and 15 points and nine boards from Jessica King.



Crew chief Tom Sampeer (left) and Derek Hurst (center) meet 1986 Indianapolis 500 winner Bobby Rahal during a World Karting Association event.

Westland youth go-kart racer is in the driver's seat

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Go-kart racer Aaron Hurst's goal some day is to become a Winston Cup driver and race in the Daytona 500.

The eighth grader from Stevenson Middle School in Westland recently completed his World Karting Association campaign, which started last December in Ocala, Fla. and included stops in Charlotte, N.C., Dousman, Wis., South Bend, Ind. and Batavia, N.Y.

Hurst, 13, finished 14th in the Yamaha class and 15th in the Horstman PV class.

In the Great Lakes Sprint Series, which ended this fall at the Jackson Speedway, Hurst was runner-up in the Yamaha class and third in the HVP standings.

Hurst, who got up to speeds of 62 MPH in his Top Kart, will return to the circuit again this month when the WKA Series kicks off again at Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway.

"Our season was supposed to be one of learning, but what I learned as a father was my son is a better driver than I

am a chassis or engine tuner," Kevin Hurst said. "The kid can flat out drive. We still have a long way to go, but the light is shining at the end of the tunnel."

During a WKA event last July in South Bend, Aaron Hurst found himself fighting among 40 drivers for 2 1/2 qualifying spots in both the Yamaha and HPV classes.

"I was worried we wouldn't make it," said Kevin Hurst, who is employed at Daimler Chrysler. "Two weeks prior, we raced there and didn't run as fast as the other kids running in practices. I told Aaron, 'Son, we might be going home if we don't make the field.'"

"He put his helmet on and lifted his visor, and said, 'Dad, the only kids going home are the ones behind me.'"

Aaron Hurst came through, qualifying third and starting second for the final race.

before being taken out by the leader with six laps to go.

Our team has come a long way from that dusty cool week in Ocala. Kevin Hurst said. "A lot of fine friends have helped us out with sponsorship and more is needed to help this kid seek his need to become a Winston Cup driver and win the Daytona 500 one day."

The Hurst crew chief this season was Tom Sampeer of Westland.

Among the Hurst sponsors this season included Stoney Creek Motorsports, Westland Beehive, Captain Nemo's of Inkster and Feister's RV Center of Westland.

Those interested in getting into karting, should call Bill Wolters of Stoney Creek Motorsports at (734) 697-6971.

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OUTDOORS CALENDAR

FISH BUDDIES FISHING CLUB

The Fish Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester. Meetings are open to all anglers, boaters and non-boaters. Call Harold Linder at (248) 656-0556 for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association is a non-

tournament bass club meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to [riverrattf22@home.com](mailto:rivrattf22@home.com).

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic L. Paroto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile

roads. Visit www.mffc.org on the Internet for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Visitors are welcome. For more information please call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 or send him an e-mail at jkudej@aol.com.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

ALL-AREA

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his All Mega Blue selection. He was a solid two way player with great presence for us.

Tony Davis, DB, Westland Glenn: The 5'11" 185-pound senior tailback led the Rockets in rushing with 1,190 yards in 171 carries. He rushed for 17 touchdowns and caught one TD pass.

Defensively, Davis was a stalwart with 61 first hits and 37 assists.

Anthony was our top defensive player just an excellent defensive back and a tremendous run support player, Gordon said. He proved to be a very hard runner. He was excellent because he was always going for ward.

Randall Means, DB, Redford CC: Means proved to be a defensive stand out for the Shamrocks, earning All-

Catholic honors with 41 tackles, 18 unassisted with a team leading eight interceptions.

He's got great speed and is one of the strongest guys on the team for his size, said Mach. He did a great job at safety, covering a lot of space that allowed the other backs to cover tighter. He hits with great authority. He is a great athlete.

Brandon Wilcox, DB, Canton: Wilcox was a team captain for the Chiefs who could hurt an opponent in several ways. As a free safety, the 5'11" 190-pound senior wouldn't allow the opposition room to run.

He was our clean up guy, said Baechler. Brandon was a great tackler, a strong kid. He made up for any mistakes we made.

Wilcox, a three-year starter and an all-WLAA selection who had one interception, was also a dangerous return man. He averaged 12 yards a punt

return, taking two back for touchdowns and he also returned a kickoff for a touchdown, made possible by his 4.6 speed in the 40-yard dash.

Henry Love, Specialist, Wayne: Committed to the University of Toledo the 6'3" 214-pound Love wore many hats for the Zebras.

As a linebacker, the All-WLAA choice was second on the team with 68 tackles. He also played tight end, kicked (field goals, PATS) and punted for a 38-yard average. Five of his punts traveled over 50 yards.

Henry is one of the best in terms of leg strength, Wayne coach Floyd Carter said. He runs about a 4.5 or 4.6 (in the 40-yard dash). He's a good athlete. I hope he'll be one of our guys on the All-Star team.

Staff writers C.J. Risak and Brad Emons contributed to this story.

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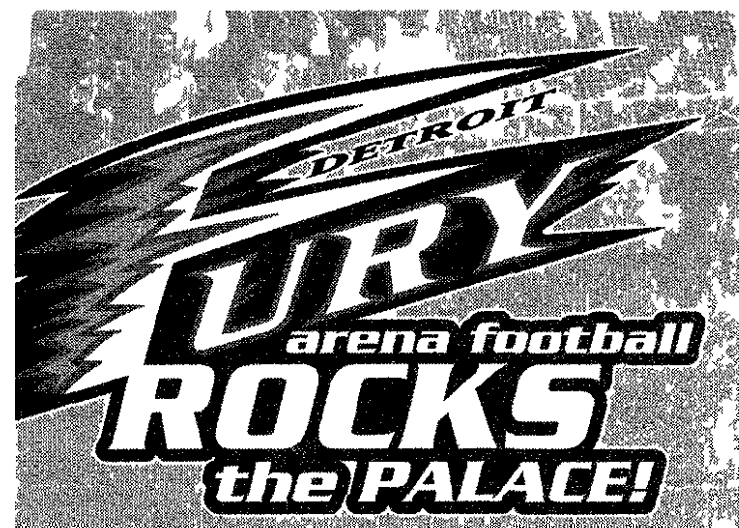


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MADONNA CAMPS

Any softball players interested in sharpening their hitting skills, take note. Madonna University will be hosting a pair of hitting camps from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 21 and Sunday, Dec. 22 in the school's gymnasium.

Cost is \$25 per session. Included are two hitting cages and one live pitching station, with work off tees and soft toss, slap, bunting and more.

Sessions are limited to 20 girls. Checks should be made payable to Madonna University Softball and mailed to Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150-1173. For more information, call coach Al White at (734) 432-5783.

Madonna University will be conducting three Girls Fastpitch Softball Clinics in January and February at Madonna. Each clinic lasts four weeks.

Session One is on consecutive Sundays, from 2-4:30 p.m. on Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26. Session Two is on consecutive Saturdays, from 9-11:30 a.m. on Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 8 and Feb. 15, and Session Three is on Sundays, from 3-6 p.m. on Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23.

Each camp consists of all phases of fastpitch softball: hitting, bunting, infield/outfield play, baserunning, pitching/catching and defense.

Cost for each four-week clinic is \$100. Pre-registration is required, each clinic allows a maximum of 30 girls.

Checks should be made payable to Madonna University Softball and mailed to Coach Al White, Softball Office, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150-1173.

For more information, contact Coach White at (734) 432-5783 or (734) 495-3719, or assistant coach Curt White at (810) 844-0109.

CCJBSA NOMINATIONS

Nominations for board positions on the Canton Community Junior Baseball Softball Association have been postponed until the Jan. 15, 2003 meeting.

Any members of the CCJBSA wishing to nominate someone for VP Softball, VP Lower Baseball (for teeball to age 12),

Treasurer or Registrar should submit his/her name to the Election Committee for review and approval.

Nominations must be made in writing at least 30 days prior to the Jan. 15, 2003 meeting to be considered. All nominations are to be e-mailed to delcol@comcast.net.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the WaCo Wolves Baseball Club — 8-and-under and 14-and-under — will be held through the month of December.

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

TOY DRIVE

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls between the ages of five years and under and 14 years and over now through December 20th. All toys will be donated to Children's Hospital of Michigan this holiday season.

I can't imagine how tough it must be for a child to spend the holiday season in the hospital, said Bryan "Goose" Finnerty, managing co-owner of High Velocity Sports and director of coaching for the Canton Soccer Club. If there is any way for us to alleviate even some of the discomfort for even one child, then I think the toy drive is worth it.

"Canton has always been a giving community and we expect an outstanding response."

As a token of appreciation for each donor's generosity, HVS management will give a coupon for a free box of popcorn and small pop at the HVS concession stand.

High Velocity Sports is located at 46245 Michigan Avenue (on the south side, just west of Canton Center Road) in Canton. A drop off bin is located at the front office.

For more information on the toy drive, please call (734) HV SPORT or visit www.hvsports.com.

SKATE WITH SANTA

The city of Plymouth's Recreation Division will host a Skate with Santa from 4-5:50 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22 at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice

Arena, located at 525 Farmer St. in Plymouth.

The event includes pizza, pop and an open skate with Santa. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Skate rental is not included. For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

RECREATION CLASSES

The city of Plymouth is now accepting registration for its winter recreation classes. Youth programs include a jump-arama play program, gymnastics, dance, tae kwon do and ceramics.

Adult and senior programs include gardening, creative writing, hammer dulcimer, fitness and more.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

YOUTH SOCCER SIGN-UP

The city of Plymouth's Recreation Division will be accepting spring youth soccer registrations from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, throughout the month of January at the recreation office, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer St. in Plymouth.

All registrations require a birth certificate. The fee for under-six through under-eight years divisions is \$50 for city of Plymouth residents and \$70 for non-residents, for under-nine and older divisions, the cost is \$55 for city of Plymouth residents and \$85 for non-residents.

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SOFTBALL OPENINGS

The Thunderbirds Softball Incorporated (TSI) Girls Fast Pitch Softball has player openings for the 2003 season.

Parents with girls between the ages of 7 and 16 years are invited to contact either Mike Roberts (734) 397-1355, Tom Ciotti (734) 748-6081, Brian Starling (734) 718-3360 or Ray Barnes, (734) 981-7281, or visit the Web

site at Thunderbirdssoftball-tropod.com.

HIGH VELOCITY CAMPS

A series of soccer camps for players of all ages are offered at the High Velocity Indoor Soccer facility, under the instruction of former pro player and college coach Andrew Crawford, a Livonia resident.

Small Stars is for 3-4 year-olds, just starting out. The class encourages parent participation and works on the basics: dribbling, passing and receiving, and shooting.

Kicks with Kids, for 4-5 and 6-7 year-olds, will teach the basics plus the proper techniques for turning with the ball and volleys.

Skull Acceleration Camp is for 8-9, 10-11, and 12-15 year-olds. This clinic focuses on one-on-one moves to beat an opponent, combination passing and volleys.

Striker Camp participants will work on shooting drills, including volleys, side-volleys and creating space with and without the ball. Striker camp is available for 9-12 year olds.

Goalkeeper Camp teaches advanced goalkeeping techniques to 9-12 year olds and includes shot-stopping and ball distribution, and is intended to increase skills and develop technical awareness.

The Women's Clinic concentrates on the basic skills of soccer: building a strong foundation of dribbling, passing and receiving, and shooting. This program is designed for the beginning to intermediate player.

All the above clinics begin with instruction and end with a scrimmage. Individual and team training is also available.

To learn more about High Velocity Sports Instructional Soccer Clinics, visit www.hvsports.com or call (734) 487-7678.

SKATING STUFF

A five-week learn-to-skate roller skating class, for children and adults, will be from 11-15 a.m. on Saturdays at Skatin' Station II in Canton. For more information, call (734) 459-6401 or visit the web site at www.skatinstation2.com.

Inline roller hockey leagues for all ages are now forming at Skatin' Station II in Canton. There's one game a week which includes shirts for champion teams, a game jersey, referee fees and hockey statistics, rosters, schedules, with champion pictures posted on the web. For more information,

call (734) 459-6401 or visit the web site at www.skatinstation2.com.

Registrations are being accepted for winter 2000-03 youth and adult leagues at the Skatin' Station II, 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton Township.

Several age brackets are available for 16-and-under. Youth cost is \$120 for 10 games (includes jersey, championship shirts and officials). Youth evaluations will be Friday through Tuesday, Dec. 6-10 and Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 4-5.

Sign up early to assure a spot on a team. Adult leagues, 17- and 30-and-over, will start Tuesday, Dec. 17.

For adult information, call Tonia (Tuesdays and Thursdays) at (734) 459-6401. For other information, visit www.skatinstation2.com or call (734) 459-6401.

TOTAL BASEBALL CAMPS

Private lessons for baseball and softball players (ages 6-18) will also be offered by Total Baseball's staff, which includes former professional players, college and high school coaches. Lessons are by appointment only. The cost is \$35 per half-hour or five lessons for \$160.

For more information, call (248) 668-0166, or e-mail totalbaseball@aol.com. You can also visit www.eteamz.com/totalbaseball.

CARBO BASEBALL SCHOOL

The Bernie Carbo Baseball School will be offering fall and winter individual and small group skill sessions in power pitching, hitting and fielding.

The sessions will be conducted by minor league pitcher Mark Rutherford, former standout at Livonia Churchill High and Eastern Michigan University.

For more information, call Gordie Rutherford at (734) 421-4928 or (734) 525-3730.

BANTAM PLAYERS WANTED

A AA bantam hockey travel team based in Monroe is seeking players born in 1998-89.

For more information, call Mike Mondav at (734) 379-5737 or Jody Hayden at (734) 242-6262.

COACHES WANTED

St. Agatha is looking for a varsity softball coach for the spring. For more information, please call athletic director Trish Rich at (313) 532-2285 or

send a resume to her at 25707 Pembroke, Redford, MI, 48240 or by fax at (313) 532-2277.

Farmington Harrison High School is searching for a boys tennis coach.

If interested in the position, call FPS athletic director Ron Holland at (248) 489-3352 or fax a letter of interest and/or resume to (248) 474-3802.

Redford Union is looking for a varsity baseball coach. To send your resume, please contact athletic director Brett Steele, 17711 Kinloch, Redford, MI, 48240, or fax it at (313) 592-4068. For more information, please call (313) 592-3408.

Livonia Churchill needs a varsity boys tennis coach for the spring season.

Those interested should call athletic director Marc Hage at (734) 523-9217 or fax resume and letter of interest to (734) 523-9255.

St. Edith Catholic Youth Organization program is seeking qualified candidates for its head coaching position for its varsity football team.

Along with the duties commensurate to the head coaching position, the candidate will assume overall responsibility for the entire football program. Candidates will need to have the ability to work closely with others and be detail minded.

For more information, call John Michmak, St. Edith CYO Athletic Director at (734) 591-6118 or email stedithcyoad@yahoo.com.

Candidates should make their intentions known in writing not later than Saturday, Dec. 21.

FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Total Soccer, 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom, is running a seven-on-seven youth high school football league Jan. 6 through Feb. 27, 2003.

Age groups are 8-14 and high school. Teams can have a maximum of 15 players. The cost for the league is \$720 per team or \$90 a person.

For more information, call (248) 669-9817.

MOTOR CITY VOLLEYBALL CLUB

The Motor City Volleyball Club is seeking players to fill teams at 12-, 13- and 14-and-under levels for the upcoming spring season.

All teams are pay to play. For more information, call Larry or Amber Wyatt at (734) 522-1680 or e-mail MCVBC@aol.com.

WINTER BASEBALL LEAGUES

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom, will be running its first winter indoor baseball leagues, beginning Jan. 5 and ending Feb. 23, 2003. Games will be played with umpires on full-length fields.

The season will last eight games, and the league champion will receive a trophy. There are a limited amount of spots.

Age divisions are 10-and-under and 12-and-under. All games in these age groups will be 4-7 p.m. Sundays. The cost is \$145 a person or \$1,200 per team with a maximum of eight teams.

High school game times will be Saturdays 8-11 p.m. The cost is \$170 a person and \$1,920 per team with a maximum of six teams.

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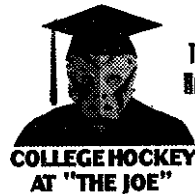


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■ Health Care

Nearly a million people in Michigan were without health care coverage for the entire year 2000 according to Citizens Research Council of Michigan To help uninsured Michigan residents find non cost or low cost health services the Access to Health Care Coalition supported a collaborative effort with Blue Cross Blue Shield/ Blue Care Network of Michigan and the Greater Detroit Area Health Council to produce Help with Health Care brochures

There are four brochures one each for southeast Michigan southwest Michigan mid Michigan and the northern Michigan/ Upper Peninsula area

Free copies are available at public libraries shelters and food banks across Michigan You can call (313) 983 2568 for a free copy by mail or go to www.bcbsm.com/blues/sm/access_more_shtm1 to print out a copy

■ Resolutions

Whether pledging to lose weight exercise more or eat a healthier diet the American Heart Association's Simple Solutions tips can help you find an easier way to keep those resolutions This free educational program sponsored by the California Walnut Commission helps women learn how to make simple lifestyle changes to reduce their risk of heart disease and stroke - the No 1 and No 3 killers of women respectively

The American Heart Association's new primary guidelines suggest that a healthy diet physical activity on most days of the week not smoking maintaining appropriate blood pressure and cholesterol levels and controlling diabetes can help reduce the risk for cardiovascular disease

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■ Life saver

Recently 22 Detroit area Meijer stores participated in the American Cancer Society's Tell A Friend program saving the lives of more than 1100 women Tell A Friend is a life saving program in which participants call women 40 and older and encourage them to receive their annual mammogram The team effort took place this October during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Meijer Pharmacy technicians and pharmacists recruited customers to participate in the program by asking them to call at least five women and encourage them to receive their annual mammogram Customers who made their calls and returned their completed forms to Meijer were eligible for a chance to win a \$1000 shopping spree at any Detroit area Meijer store

To learn more about Tell A Friend contact the American Cancer Society at (800) ACS 2345 or log on to www.cancer.org



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Dr Lylas Mogk gives a patient an eye exam at the Visual Rehabilitation & Research Center

Technology Therapy

Helping macular degeneration patients

BY PAM FLEMING
CORRESPONDENT

Joseph Sacca, 85, of Warren, was diagnosed with macular degeneration, a disease of the retina, a couple of years ago

"I started noticing blurring in my central vision, he recalled

His doctor suggested that he go to the Visual Rehabilitation & Research Center of Michigan, a special facility that helps the visually impaired with day-to-day activities The facility is part of Eye Care Services at Henry Ford Hospital

Located at 15401 E Jefferson in Grosse Pointe, the center was established in January 1997 and plans are under way to open another center early next year in Livonia at I-96 and Middlebelt

"We expect to open it in February or March," said Dr Lylas Mogk, a general ophthalmologist who started the center

The center began as a satellite office of Grosse Pointe Ophthalmology and has a staff of occupational therapists also trained as low-vision therapists

"If we have a place in Livonia, it will be easier for patients in that area to come to the center, Mogk said Patients only come once to the center, which is equipped with a full occupational therapy room, then a therapist is sent to the home for two or three one-hour visits

'WONDERFUL TECHNOLOGY'

"We do some training at the center and then at home, Mogk said We have closed circuit TVs and reading machines that allow people with low vision to read because the letters are enlarged Some patients use their own

'Our big thing is training people how to use these machines.

We effectively teach people how to maximize the vision they have and use it most effectively, so that they can keep up their activities and their independence despite their loss of vision.'

Dr Lylas Mogk
Visual Rehabilitation & Research Center of Michigan

TV and turn it into a reading machine," she explained It's wonderful technology that has revolutionized what people with visual impairments can do

Our big thing is training people how to use these machines, Mogk said We effectively teach people how to maximize the vision they have and use it most effectively, so that they can keep up their activities and their independence despite their loss of vision

"We're able to help patients go to Plan B They're not going to get their vision back, so they have to learn to deal with it Our patients are able to do some remarkable things with our help The center also has orientation and mobility specialists who teach blind people how to adapt to daily activities

DIFFERENT PERCEPTION

Mogk said more people are suffering from macular degeneration, a disease that affects 13 million people, and they are learning new ways to cope with their vision loss

"This generation has really changed the expectations of aging," she noted "There's a different perception of the role of vision as we age now We don't

think people should have to change the way they live It's not OK to not be able to do the things you enjoy

Mogk noted that this is really the first generation that has lived with pollution, and the theory is that this leads to macular degeneration

That's the leading theory on what causes it Smoking is a definite cause, as is second-hand smoke," Mogk said

People who are fair-skinned are also more susceptible to acquiring macular degeneration

If you don't have much melanin in your skin, you probably don't have much melanin under the retina, Mogk said Sunlight and smoke both increase free radicals in the body, which can cause macular degeneration

So, how can you combat the occurrence of this eye disease? Eat green, leafy vegetables, which are high in antioxidants that neutralize free radicals, according to Mogk

"These include kale, mustard greens and collard greens, she said

She even has recipes using kale in her book, "Macular Degeneration The Complete Guide to Saving and Maximizing Your Sight," published in 1999, with a second edition due out in January

The center's staff also gives every patient a resource packet that mentions transportation programs, support groups and programs like the Library of Congress Talking Books Program

MINOR ADAPTATIONS

"Our philosophy is to learn to do as much as you can with the vision you have to keep the quality of your life," Mogk said

Occupational and low-vision therapist Anne Riddering has worked at the center for six years and started the program with Mogk She is also a certified orientation and mobility specialist

"Most of the patients need minor adaptations in their life, and for showing them this, you become their heroes It's the simple things around the house that they want to do - sign their name, prepare meals, adjust their thermostat, and read everything from mail to food boxes to prescription labels One lady asked me to label her hemorrhoid cream for her because she was afraid she was going to mix it up with her toothpaste," Riddering said

But it's all worth it "I can say that I have truly found a job that I love I can't imagine doing anything else To see a patient be able to do something they couldn't do before is so rewarding," Riddering said

Therapist Colleen O'Donnell has worked at the center for 2½ years

"I'm always learning something from our patients It's a true partnership with them They're excited to know that there's something that can help them

PLEASE SEE THERAPY, C7

Hormone replacement therapy: panacea or poison?

BY DR JERRY NOSANCHUCK
CORRESPONDENT

Appropriate hormone replacement therapy, known as HRT, remains a viable and important health care option for postmenopausal women

The most significant effects of HRT are increased longevity and a better quality of life This remains true despite a media conflagration generated by the publication of the findings of two studies The Heart and Estrogen/Progestin



Replacement Study Follow Up (HERS II) and The Women's Health Initiative Both studies were published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in July The articles seem to question the wisdom of hormone replacement

The media response was explosive While some of the coverage was accurate and representative, much of it pandered to fears of women and health providers alike Although there was no difference in all-cause mortality in either study between hormone-users and non users, many postmenopausal women felt the underlying message was that hormone replacement represented a health risk and discontinued their therapy This impression was reinforced as

scores of physicians informed their menopausal patients - based on the results of the studies, which many had not read - that it was time to discontinue hormone replacement therapy

LEGITIMACY

Are these legitimate responses that reflect the findings of the published studies? It doesn't seem so

Five key points follow 1 It was not clear to many women that both studies did not

address hormone replacement in general, but was limited to users of Prempro, which is a sub-optimal hormone replacement preparation distributed by Wyeth-Ayerst Prempro is a combination of conjugated equine estrogen (CEE) and medroxyprogesterone acetate (MPA) and is taken daily as continuous combined therapy It is indicated for use in women who have not had a hysterectomy and require protection of the

PLEASE SEE HRT, C7

Weight loss

The HMR Weight Management program at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers weekly classes and support. Participants must attend an orientation class before enrolling. The next orientation class is 4:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18. Call (734) 655-1793.

Blood drive

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive 2-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 453-7630.

Arthritis

Redford-based Physician Outreach will present a seminar on Arthritis: How to Increase Your Flexibility and Mobility for seniors 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the Berwyn Senior Center in Dearborn Heights. Limited to the first 25 guests. Call Eileen at (313) 277-7054.

ONGOING**Self-Help groups**

Anyone seeking information on a variety of self-help groups may call the Michigan Self-Help Clearing House at (877) 777-5556.

Grief support

Angela Hospice offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the center 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia. The next meetings are 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Dec. 10. Call (734) 464-7810.

Bipolar

The MDDA Bipolar Support Group meets 3-5 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday at Beaumont Hospital Administration Bldg., 3601 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Call Kathie at (248) 544-1097.

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at

Schoolcraft College will offer a Divorce Support Group 7-9 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Bereavement

Together to Share, a grief support group meets 10 a.m. the first Monday of each month at American House on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. The group meets 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Dorvin Nursing Center on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Both groups are facilitated by a bereavement coordinator from Heartland Hospice in Southfield. Call (800) 770-9859.

Overeaters Anonymous

Support group for overeaters meets 7 p.m. every Friday at Providence Park, Novi. 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi. HelpLine: (313) 438-HELP or (248) 474-9456.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Everyone is welcome to the AA meetings held at noon every Tuesday and Thursday at Providence Medical Office Center, Novi. 39500 W. 10 Mile Road (at Haggerty), Novi. Call (248) 348-9362. AA meetings also held noon every Wednesday at Mission Health Medical Center, Livonia. 37595 Seven Mile Road,

Livonia. Call (734) 953-1188.

Thyroid cancer

Thyroid Cancer Survivors Association Inc. support group meets 7-8:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Public Library, 223 S. Main Street, downtown Plymouth, in the Gold Room. For more information about the ThyCa SE Michigan Support Group, call Mary Rose at (734) 397-2801 or e-mail SE-MI@thyca.org. For more information on thyroid cancer and our other free support services, visit www.thyca.org or call toll free (877) 588-7904.

HRT

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uterine lining with a form of progesterone, in this case MPA.

2. Hormone replacement with Prempro appears to have a less favorable risk/benefit profile than other replacement preparations, particularly those that are non-oral and those in which a progestin component is not used continuously.

Studies completed following the commencement of the HERS II and WHI trials suggest that the specific combination in Prempro demonstrated both a less favorable effect on coronary arteries than other regimens and a small but significant excess of a relatively uncommon form of breast cancer, which has not been associated with use of other forms of hormone replacement.

Had this information been available, it is unlikely that HERS II or WHI studies would have been initiated.

3. The weight of previous research utilizing other regimens of hormone replacement has suggested a more positive outcome. The commentary in the HERS II and WHI studies stated that it was "possible" the unexpected negative findings were due to the combination in Prempro. Surprisingly, the researchers included all forms of hormone replacement in their conclusions and recommendations. Dr. Wulf H. Utian, executive director and honorary founding president of The North American Menopause Society and a pioneer in menopause research, stated that the financial relationship existing between authors of both studies and Wyeth-Ayerst (the manufacturer of Prempro) raised issues of ethics and potential bias.

4. Physicians are encouraging women to stop using HRT, without a legitimate rationale. This is an irresponsible and potentially life-altering recommendation. The director of the WHI study, Dr. Jacques E. Rossouw, of the National Institutes of Health, said it was his impression that few physicians had actually read the studies or had an in-depth

knowledge of the details or conclusions. Rossouw went on to say that appropriate hormone replacement does not cause breast cancer or coronary artery disease and that he is "comfortable" with this type of hormone use "for as long as it is necessary."

5. The big losers are menopausal women who have been deterred from using hormone replacement as a valuable health care and quality-of-life-enhancing strategy.

Dr. Trudy L. Bush, who was one of the nation's preeminent researchers and teachers of issues related to women's health - particularly the effects of hormones and replacement therapy on the cardiovascular and reproductive systems - published a landmark study in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in February 1983. The study examined all-cause mortality in estrogen users compared with non-users. During the 5-6 years of the study, the risk of death among non-users was twice as high as users of estrogen if they had no gynecological surgery. It was three times higher if they had a hysterectomy and eight times higher if both ovaries had been removed. Since that time, Bush and a number of other respected authors have published numerous articles confirming the association of estrogen use with lower all-cause mortality.

Accordingly, it is reasonable to postulate that the difference in the HERS II and WHI studies was likely due to the specific hormone preparation. Therefore, it is not possible to extrapolate any conclusions or recommendations to other forms and types of hormone replacement. This was confirmed recently by both the North American Menopause Society Advisory Panel on Postmenopausal Hormone Therapy and the Executive Committee of the International Menopause Society.

This is the first article in a three-part series on HRT and menopause by Dr. Jerry Nosanchuck, a physician who specializes in the care and treatment of menopausal women. His practice is located in Bingham Farms. Contact him at (248) 644-7200.

THERAPY

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and that they can have some control over their situation. One of the patients told me that I was a blessing and that I had a star in heaven," O'Donnell said.

Sacca said he was very impressed with the program.

"I only went there once, then Colleen started coming to my home. She helped me very much," Sacca said. "She's helped me be able to do a little reading, recommended tapes from the Macomb Public Library

and got me a special hand-held magnifying glass with a light on it. I also have a special light and magnifying glass mounted on a table, like an easel," he said.

"They have a good system. I couldn't get along without Colleen, and I really appreciate everything they did for me. It gave me a different perspective on my life. She had a lot of patience with me and really worked wonders with me. I'm sorry I didn't go to them sooner."

For more information about the Visual Rehabilitation & Research Center, call (313) 824-2401.

Antacids may be more important than calcium to protect bone health

The calcium in calcium supplements may not be the primary ingredient responsible for prevention of osteoporosis, according to a study reported by Wayne State University School of Medicine researchers in the February issue of *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise*, the official journal of the American College of Sports Medicine. Antacids - taken to neutralize excess digestive acid - may be an overlooked factor in protecting bone health.

Wayne State researchers observed that most calcium supplements on the market are composed mainly of antacids - and the calcium benefit may be secondary to the antacid.

"If you think about it, your bone is like a stick of chalk. If you put it in acid, it's going to dissolve. If you neutralize the acid, the bone stays strong. We began to think about the link between dietary acid intake and osteoporosis, or thinning of the bones," said Dr. Warren Lockette, lead author on the study and professor of neurosurgery at the WSU School of Medicine.

While it's clear that calcium supplements make bones stronger, it isn't clear why. Furthermore, it isn't clear whether calcium is the primary preventative force against osteoporosis. Based on this study, WSU doctors now believe acid metabolism is just as important as calcium consumption in maintaining strong bones.

"We think there's no question that calcium supplementation is beneficial in making bone strong. We're just not so sure it's the calcium in the supplements that is really important. We think it may

be the ability of those calcium supplements to buffer against acid that's found in the body," Lockette said.

ETHNIC DIFFERENCES

The WSU study, "Ethnic Difference in Titratable Acid Excretion and Bone Mineralization," initially sought to explain why black Americans have such a low incidence of osteoporosis, even though they generally consume and absorb less calcium than whites. On the other hand, older white women of European descent have the highest rate of osteoporosis, even though they are the largest consumers of dietary and supplemental calcium.

The study ultimately found that the ethnic differences in bone density had more to do with acid metabolism than calcium. If the body can't neutralize acid efficiently, calcium benefits may be lost.

To test his hypothesis - that the way an individual handles dietary acid affects bone health - Lockette and his colleagues tested a group of 33 United States Navy SEAL trainees. This cohort of highly trained athletes showed a strong relationship between the prevalence of stress fractures and acid excretion. Those trainees who had the highest acid output were most likely to have stress fractures during their physical training.

Co-author Dr. Stephen Farrow, a WSU assistant professor of internal medicine, is a geriatrician who was intrigued by the differences in the incidence of osteoporosis between his African American and European American patients. He collaborated on this study to try and

understand the ethnic variables associated with bone density and bone mineralization.

"We found that generally, people of European-American descent had higher excretions of calcium and higher excretions of hydrogen ion - or acid - in their urine than did African-Americans. We don't know whether this is the reason for the difference in frequency of osteoporosis between these two groups, but we feel it deserves further investigation," he said.

DIET

Wayne State researchers believe that calcium could be a surrogate marker for something else in the diet. That is, diets high in calcium may also be high in acid. This link changes the way we view bone health and could help doctors design new prevention plans for people who are at risk for bone deterioration, fractures, or osteoporosis.

"This is a whole new area of investigation that has implications for the aging population in the United States. It explains or may help explain the differences among ethnic groups in bone mineralization. It may have some predictive value at who gets osteoporosis. Also, if endogenous acid production or dietary acid intake really does contribute to how well one's bones mineralize, then we really need to look at our nutritional guidelines, not just in terms of calories, fat content, or sodium intake, but also in terms of acid intake," Lockette said.

The full text of the journal article is available at www.acsm.msse.org (February 2000, page 295).

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St. Mary Mercy Hospital opens first phase of cancer center

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia opened a new cancer center within the hospital to meet the growing need for convenient cancer treatment for patients in our community. The new center, opened Dec. 6, is the first phase in a long-range plan to build a full-service, comprehensive cancer center on site.

The new St. Mary Mercy Cancer Center will provide easy access for outpatient cancer

services, education and resources, as well as outpatient infusion, which includes chemotherapy and blood products. Three exam rooms for multidisciplinary clinics will allow patients to experience one-stop service, and a complete resource center will include educational materials and internet access for patients, families and caregivers.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is the only community hospital in

Wayne County accredited by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons (ACOS).

"The cancer program at St. Mary Mercy provides our community with a multitude of cancer services, including diagnosis and treatment options, such as chemotherapy, brachytherapy, stereotactic breast biopsy, mammography and radiation oncology," said Dr. Harmesh Naik, medical oncologist.

Cancer statistics are alarming. Approximately one out of every two American men and one out of every three

American women will develop cancer at some point during their lifetime. Cancer affects families, not just individuals, and brings with it a host of challenges, issues and concerns. "Our goal is to meet the challenges that cancer brings to families, providing appropriate care and treatment in a conven-

ient setting for patients," said David Spivey, president and CEO.

Plans for a full-service, comprehensive cancer center include an extensive fund-raising effort to help meet the costs of building such a facility. The future cancer center will bring together the latest technology, expertise, and resources available into one convenient area for patients. In addition, compassionate, alternative support-

ive care integral to cancer patients and their families will be provided.

For more information on the St. Mary Mercy Cancer Center, call (734) 655-8800. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 34675 Five Mile Road in Livonia. For a physician on staff, call 1-888-464-WELL, and for additional information on cancer services, visit our Web site at www.stmarymercy.org.

Residents advised to get flu shots

The Wayne County Department of Public Health is reminding residents that have not gotten a flu shot to get one. "Our Wayne County health centers have plenty of vaccine to provide to residents that have not received their annual flu shot," says Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, Medical Director for the Wayne County Department of Public Health. "Those who have not sought influenza protection are at increased risk of developing serious flu-related complications."

According to the National Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, influenza results in over 100,000 hospitalizations and 20,000 deaths annually. The typical flu season begins in November and runs through April.

"Persons aged 50 and over, and those with chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, heart or lung diseases should get their influenza shot as soon as possible," recommends Dr. Lawrenchuk.

"Also, health care workers and individuals that work with the public should get vaccinated."

Pneumonia vaccine is still available for those individuals 65 years and older. A \$10 donation for the flu shot and \$16 for pneumonia vaccine are being requested, however, no one will be turned away due to inability to pay. These shots are also covered services under Medicare County health workers will ask clients to present their Medicare cards so that these services can be billed to Medicare.

This year's influenza vaccine protects against the A/New Caledonia/20/99 (H1N1)-like, A/Moscow/10/99 (H3N2)-like, and the B/Hong Kong/330/2001-like strains. For the A/Moscow/10/99 (H3N2)-like antigen, manufacturers will use the antigenically equivalent A/Panama/2007/99 (H3N2) virus.

Individuals that are interested in getting flu and pneumococcal shots can get them

at four Wayne County health centers:

Wayne Health Center
33030 Van Born Road
Wayne, MI 48184
(734) 727-7100

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19130 Sumpter Road
Belleville, MI 48111
(734) 697-9455

Taylor Health Center
26650 Eureka Road
Taylor, MI 48180
(734) 955-3900

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3120 Carpenter, Ste. 209
Hamtramck, MI 48212
(313) 368-9400

Call the above health centers for an appointment or for walk-in days. However, for general information, call the Wayne County Department of Public Health at (734) 727-7000 during regular business hours.

When it comes to medication, patients can get too much

The inappropriate use of drugs is a national trend that is causing serious health problems, disabilities, and sometimes even death in patients.

Thirty-eight percent of adverse events that occur are preventable, according to one national study. Senior citizens, patients with multiple medical disorders or more than one physician, and people who have been recently hospitalized are the highest risk of experiencing an adverse event because of drug misuses.

In addition to the health risks involved, the financial costs are enormous. For every dollar spent on a drug, \$1.30 is spent managing the complications of drug therapy.

So a team at Henry Ford Health System, led by Barbara Zarowitz, vice president of Pharmacy Care Management, has been working to reduce the number of patients who are taking more medicine than they really need.

And the work of the team is paying off. During a recent six-month period, the number of patients using multiple medications was reduced by 50 percent. Results include:

- Five or more continuing

medications dropped from 8.5 to 4.6 per 1,000 patients.

- Two or more benzodiazepines (e.g. Valium) decreased from 5 to 1.3 per 1,000.

- Two or more narcotics (e.g. morphine, codeine) dropped from 18.3 to 3.1 per 1,000 patients.

- Three or more oral drugs for diabetes decreased from 2.3 to 0.6 per 1,000.

- A potentially dangerous combination of Viagra and a Nitrate (e.g. nitroglycerin) dropped from 0.4 to 0.01 per 1,000 patients.

It's been the right message at the right time, Zarowitz said. Everyone understands the importance of patient safety.

Zarowitz cites the aging of America, a greater selection of drugs from which to choose, more rapid approvals of medications by the US Food & Drug Administration, and direct-to-consumer advertising as reasons patients are taking too many medications or taking them in potentially harmful combinations.

EDUCATION

At Henry Ford, physician and patient education have

been key to the project's success, said Zarowitz.

These efforts include using specialized computer software to identify high-risk Henry Ford patients. The information is then shared with physicians through letters, staff meetings or one-on-one meetings. Pharmacists review the records with physicians and offer suggestions on how to reduce the number of medications a patient is taking.

Team members also are working with nurses and medical assistants, providing tips on how to get the best information from patients regarding their medication use.

Patient education materials have included brochures, wallet-size cards for patients to list their medications and posters in exam rooms. Appointment reminder notices are now asking patients to bring all their medications including vitamins and herbal supplements to their doctor's appointments.

In recognition of its work, Henry Ford recently received a \$50,000 quality improvement grant sponsored by the Pharmacia/AMGA and the National Committee on Quality Assurance.

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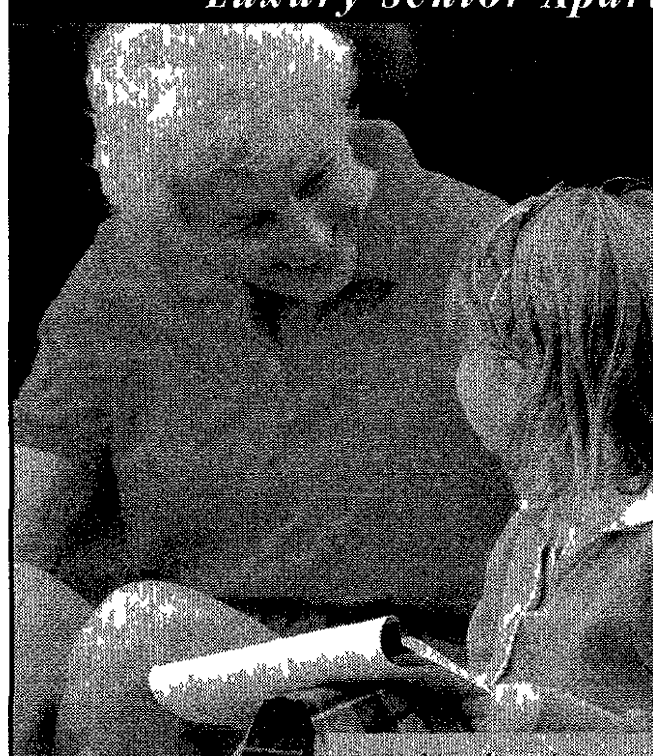
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Quitting smoking hard, but it is not impossible

The New Year is a time when many of us make resolutions to change our lives for the better.

Unfortunately, the decision to end a tobacco habit is a resolution that some smokers re-use year after year. However, with the right coaching, there's hope even for smokers who repeatedly try and fail to quit, says Edwin B. Fisher, professor of psychology in Arts & Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis and director of the Division for Health Behavior Research at the university's School of Medicine. Fisher, a psychologist who coun-

sels patients on smoking cessation, weight control and chronic disease care, has spent more than 20 years researching self-management and self-control. He offers tips on quitting and keeping a smoke-free New Year's resolution.

"There tends to be a lot of chaos in our lives during the holiday season and this chaos can undermine our best efforts to change our lifestyles," said Fisher, who is also a professor of medicine and of pediatrics at the School of Medicine and associate director for cancer prevention and control at the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center at the medical

school and Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. "So maybe that's a good reason to think of quitting during January rather than quitting on Dec. 31."

By thinking of the month of January as the time for change, smokers who want to quit can use the momentum of the New Year without forcing themselves to try to quit during the craziness of the holiday season itself. Quitting smoking is hard, Fisher says, because nicotine is so addictive and because most smokers have woven the activity of smoking cigarettes into so many aspects of their lives.

"It's a hard thing to do, but it's also very doable," adds Fisher, who is the author of the American Lung Association's 7 Steps to a Smoke-Free Life. About 50 percent of all adults who have smoked in this country, have quit smoking. As a matter of fact, the average individual who has quit smoking successfully has tried two or three times and failed before.

While there is no single formula for quitting, Fisher offers the following suggestions:

■ Set a clear "quit date" that makes sense for you personally, such as a birthday or some other personal

milestone. Choose a Monday morning if you smoke most on the week-ends, or a Friday afternoon if you're tempted most at the office.

■ Anticipate the situations in which you're going to be tempted to relapse and have a concrete plan—not a wish and a prayer—but a concrete plan for how you're going to cope with those temptations.

■ Recruit the help of other people. No one else can do it for you, but the cooperation and encouragement of those around you can really help you get a hard job done much better.

How to ease holiday hangover headaches

The onset of the holiday season brings the usual invitations to parties and open houses. They offer a chance to visit with valued friends and share in the holiday spirit. They also provide the opportunity to eat and drink more than usual.

Probably one of the most dreaded aspects of the holiday season is the hangover headache, caused simply by excessive alcohol consumption. The discomfort of hangover headache is experienced the morning after because alcohol causes the blood vessels to swell or dilate, which, in turn, triggers headache pain and may cause slight sweating. The alcohol also acts as a diuretic, which leads to dehydration.

To help avoid or lessen the suffering associated with the hangover headache that often accompanies these annual festivities, the National Headache Foundation offers some common sense advice and a headache-free drink recipe.

If you choose to drink alcohol, do so in moderation. Try to sip your drink slowly. Mixed

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The National Headache Foundation suggests the "Champagne Fooler," a headache-free recipe, for this festive time of the year.

CHAMPAGNE FOOLER

1 1/3 cups apple juice
1 teaspoon lemon juice
12 ounces club soda

Chill four glasses. Mix together apple juice and lemon juice. Add club soda and stir gently to blend. Pour into glasses and serve immediately.

drinks containing fruit or vegetable juices will probably have less effect than straight alcohol. Avoid red wine, which contains naturally occurring chemicals called congeners. Congeners impart the specific characteristic tastes to different types of wine and other alcoholic beverages. Unfortunately, they also may play a role in causing headaches. Congeners are more common in red wine than white

Eat some honey. Honey supplies fructose, a sugar that helps the body metabolize the alcohol ingested, is rich in vitamin B6 and can reduce any hangover symptoms. At least one ounce of honey on a cracker or piece of toast, before or after drinking, may prevent a hangover. Tomato juice, another good source of fructose, also allows the body to burn alcohol faster. The sugar in fruit and fruit juices may also reduce some symptoms of hangover, so

consumption of these products can be beneficial.

Drink fluids containing minerals and salts. Liquids rich in minerals and salts offer relief from the dehydration caused by alcohol consumption. A cup of broth or bouillon, for example, will replace fluid and will not cause nausea. In general, replacement of fluids with low-acidity beverages, such as sports drinks or water, is helpful.

Drink a cup of coffee. Caffeine may provide some relief in alleviating the headache symptoms and decreasing the duration of pain. The caffeine acts as a vasoconstrictor and eases the dilated blood vessels.

Take ibuprofen. While aspirin is okay, ibuprofen is typically less irritating to the stomach. It also can ease the pain of hangover headache. Alternate non-alcoholic beverages with alcoholic beverages. Drinking one non-alcoholic beverage between each alcoholic beverage reduces overall

alcohol consumption and helps replenish fluids.

Eat greasy food before consuming alcohol. While it is wise to be health conscious and avoid too much of these foods in general, this is a situation where eating fatty foods may be helpful. If consumed prior to drinking alcohol, these foods help line the intestines, which causes alcohol absorption to take longer.

While a headache caused by drinking too much may be more common at this time of

year, chronic headaches can be a problem at any time. Headaches are a legitimate biological disease that is treatable. If you are experiencing headache pain on a routine basis, make a specific appointment with your healthcare provider to discuss your headache problem and seek accurate diagnosis and treatment.

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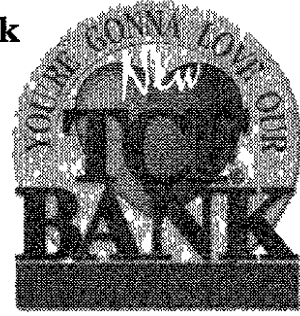
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Study finds porn-firewall software doesn't have to block health info

ANN ARBOR, MI - A comprehensive new study of Internet filtering software finds that libraries, schools and parents can bar access to pornographic Internet sites without necessarily blocking important access to health information.

But, the study also finds, setting Internet filters to their most restrictive levels will indeed keep computer users from seeing many health sites - and will only give marginally better protection against porn than the least restrictive setting tested.

The findings, published in the Dec. 11 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association, come from a scientifically-designed study of six filtering packages that was performed for the Kaiser Family Foundation by a University of Michigan team.

The researchers tested which health and pornography sites the different filters blocked - or allowed - depending on how software controls were set. It compared the filters' performance in Internet searches based on 24 health search terms, and in allowing access to 586 pre-selected 'recommended' health sites for teens.

Believed to be the most rigorous comparative study of its kind, the project holds important implications for libraries, schools and families in the ongoing debate over how to strike a balance between access to the Internet's wealth of information, and the desire to protect children and teens from exposure to electronic pornography.

The topic was made even hotter by the U.S. Supreme Court's Nov. 12 decision to hear a case challenging a federal law requiring libraries to install computer filters. "In general, we found that filters were remarkably good at distinguishing between health information and pornography, when set at the least restrictive setting. But at highly restrictive settings, almost a quarter of health sites were blocked, though there was little improvement in porn blocking over the least restrictive settings," says lead author Caroline R. Richardson, M.D., a lecturer in the Department of

Family Medicine at the U-M Health System and a research scientist at the Veterans Administration Health Services Research and Development Service in Ann Arbor.

Adds co-author Paul J. Resnick, Ph.D., an associate professor at the U-M School of Information.

"Much of the policy debate until now has been about whether filters should be installed at all. Our study suggests that careful thought and debate should also precede decisions about what settings to choose."

Richardson, Resnick and others from the U-M Health Media Research Laboratory and the Kaiser Family Foundation conducted the study with an eye toward teens, who are likely to turn to the Internet for health and sexuality information.

Filters can strike a good balance between protecting kids from pornography while still giving them access to online health information, but only if they're configured carefully," said KFF vice president and senior author Vicky Radeout, M.A.

Previous Kaiser Foundation studies have shown that many teens have used the Internet to look for information on health and sexuality, including topics they may not feel comfortable talking about with parents, teachers or health care providers - from depression to sexual orientation.

Three quarters of schools and nearly half of libraries have installed filtering software on Internet-connected computers, to prevent access to certain kinds of information. In the mid-1990s, there were some reports that such software had blocked access to information on health topics like breast cancer. Since then, filter manufacturers have worked to improve their products' ability to distinguish between pornography and legitimate health information. But until now, no publicly available study had so thoroughly assessed the performance of the most common filters with respect to over-blocking of health information.

In 2000, Congress passed the Child Internet Protection Act, which required filters on computers at libraries and schools that receive federal funds. The portion of the law applying to libraries was struck down in court, but an appeal will be heard in the current Supreme Court session.

The U-M and Kaiser researchers performed their study with the help of a specially designed JAVA computer program that conducted Internet searches and stored the results in a database.

The team started with unfiltered searches for 24 health and sexuality terms, and six pornographic terms, using six search engines popular with teens - Yahoo!, Google, America Online (AOL), Microsoft Network (MSN), Ask Jeeves, and Alta Vista.

Some of the health terms were unrelated to sex (for example, diabetes), others involved sexual body parts (such as breast cancer), some were related to sex (for example, birth control), and some controversial health topics (such as abortion).

They then tested whether access to the sites was permitted by seven software packages: N2H2, CyberPatrol, Symantec Web Security, SmartFilter, Se6, and Websense. At the least restrictive setting, designed to filter out only pornographic pages, the filter software blocked an average of 14 percent of health information sites and about 87 percent of porn sites. At moderate settings, designed to filter pornography, and a few other categories such as nudity and information on drugs and weapons, the filters blocked an average of 5 percent of health sites and 90 percent of porn sites. At the most restrictive settings, which barred a broad range of categories, the blocking of health sites reached an average of 24 percent, but porn blocking only increased to about 91 percent.

An executive summary of the study and a link to the complete searching and blocking results will be available at www.kff.org. The summary will also be available by calling (800) 656-4533.

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The investigational medication is classified as an anti-muscarinic drug, a class of drugs that is commonly prescribed for overactive bladder because they reduce the frequency and intensity of con-

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Drunk is drunk, whether from bingeing or holiday parties

ANN ARBOR - For many, the holidays are a time to celebrate with friends and family. And typically those celebrations aren't complete without gifts, a big meal with all of the fixings, mountains of desserts, and, often, an over-indulgence in alcoholic beverages.

Before you toast the holiday season with a few glasses of champagne or some eggnog, it's important to know that the consequences of drinking too much may be more serious than the symptoms of a hangover the next morning. In fact, emergency physicians at the University of Michigan Health System say that even moderate drinking may impair judgment and lead to a number of serious safety and health problems - and in some more extreme cases, alcohol dependence.

It is estimated that one in every four patients treated in some emergency departments are treated for reasons related to alcohol intoxication or the consequences of heavy drinking.

Since alcohol affects the brain and central nervous system, it often impairs people's ability to function while giving them a feeling of self-confidence or denial that they are being harmed by alcohol. Alcohol kills brain cells and causes memory loss, emotional disturbances, loss of coordination and brain damage. Long-term alcohol abuse may result in liver cirrhosis and cancers of the throat, mouth, esophagus, stomach and liver.

Although alcohol is the United States' No. 1 drug problem, recognizing that a person has become dependent on alcohol may be difficult. Even those people who just drink on the weekends may be at risk for becoming dependent on alcohol, says Dr. Brian Zink, an

emergency physician in the U-M Health System Emergency Department.

"Alcohol dependence is a fairly complex process where the brain adapts to the effect of alcohol so that more and more alcohol is required to produce the same effects," he said. "Even binge drinking (the consumption of more than four or five drinks on one occasion) can lead to alcoholism the same way it would for a person who drinks on a daily basis."

A binge drinker can be at risk for alcohol dependence after only three days of heavy alcohol consumption, he said. For a woman, the threshold for problem drinking with an increased risk for alcohol dependence is three drinks per occasion or seven drinks per week. For a man, the threshold is four drinks per occasion or 14 drinks per week.

Consuming large amounts of alcohol depresses the brain, which reduces brain cell activity over time. Then, when the brain is deprived of alcohol, it becomes overactive and irritable. Alcohol withdrawal symptoms are the hallmark of dependence on alcohol. Common withdrawal symptoms include headaches, restlessness, vomiting, shaking and nausea.

"When that happens, the natural inclination for people is to get rid of those side effects by putting more alcohol in their system."

"In some cases, a hangover may be the result of alcohol withdrawal, which would indicate that people may have some dependence on alcohol when they wake up in the morning without any alcohol in their system."

A red flag should go up for anyone who drinks alcohol to cure a hangover, he said. "If a

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■ Although alcohol is the United States' No. 1 drug problem, recognizing that a person has become dependent on alcohol may be difficult.

■ A woman may be at risk for alcohol problems if she exceeds more than one drink per day, three drinks per occasion or seven drinks per week and a man may be at risk if he consumes more than two drinks per day, four drinks per occasion or 14 drinks per week.

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person is at that point, then he or she needs to seek professional help."

With both social drinkers and alcoholics, there is always the risk of getting behind the wheel after too many drinks. Research has shown that the impairment of driving abilities

actually occurs at a lower level than the legal limit for intoxication.

Even having a designated driver may not be enough to protect a person from the effects of drinking and driving. "Research from the University of Michigan and

other places has shown that anyone who is injured in a car accident will have a worse outcome if they have alcohol in their systems compared to someone who is sober. In any case, it's clear that if you have alcohol in your system, the chance of having a serious injury or death is increased." These findings are directly opposite what most people believe - that being drunk protects a person from serious injury.

The best way to prevent serious safety or health risks associated with alcohol is to drink in moderation, even if that's not easy. To avoid these risks, adults should not drink more than one drink per hour, avoid daily drinking and drinking during leisure activities.

For more information, visit the following Web sites:

U-M Health Topics A-Z Who is an alcoholic? www.med.umich.edu/libr/subabuse/alcohol11.htm

U-M Health Topic A-Z Symptoms of alcohol dependence www.med.umich.edu/libr/subabuse/alcohol08.htm

U-M Health Topic A-Z Drinking in moderation www.med.umich.edu/libr/subabuse/alcohol05.htm

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Robotic surgery gives women facing hysterectomy options

ANN ARBOR, MI – Imagine being a woman and being told you had several tumors on your uterus and the primary surgery to remove them would cause you to lose your fertility.

You might think if that's my only option I don't have much choice. In fact, nearly 180,000 women each year in the United States who have fibroid tumors on their uterus make the decision to have a hysterectomy, a procedure that removes the entire uterus.

Now, a new procedure at the University of Michigan Health System is changing that. It's called a robotic myomectomy and it allows women to maintain their fertility while surgically removing their fibroid tumors. By performing the surgery robotically, the procedure is done minimally invasively with quicker recovery times for the patient.

"At UMHS, we've been fortunate to have the ability to utilize robotic technology in the treatment of some of gynecology's most complex problems, one of which is the treatment of uterine fibroids," says Dr. Arnold Advincula, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at UMHS. "We now can give women a choice, actually a much better choice in how to treat their tumors."

Lisa Rudgers knows first hand the choices women are presented with when they have fibroid tumors. She found out she had the tumors on her uterus after noticing a mass in her abdomen.

"I sat down with Dr. Advincula and he was able to really clearly show me the surgical options I faced," says Rudgers. "I am not yet 40 years old and if I didn't have to face the idea of having a hysterectomy, I really didn't want to do that. So, I choose the minimally invasive robotic myomectomy."

What are uterine fibroids?

Uterine fibroids are the most frequent pelvic tumors seen by gynecologists. They are benign tumors of fibrous tissue and smooth muscle. The fibroids can be found in 1 in 2 African American women and 1 in 4 Caucasian women. The highest prevalence occurs in the fourth decade of life.

"Fibroid tumors can cause of variety of symptoms," says Advincula. For some women, they experience pelvic pain and pressure on their bladder because of the size of the tumor. In other women they may experience bleeding that becomes a significant disruption in their life because their cycles are no longer once a month and for a few days, but can go on for several weeks."

How are uterine fibroid tumors treated?

Uterine fibroids can be treated in a variety of ways including surgically and non-surgically. The first approach is through medications or hormonal therapies. The second is with interventional radiology that injects a chemical into the fibroid which blocks the blood supply to the tumor thereby causing it to shrink. The third is surgically either by a hysterectomy or a myomectomy.

"Myomectomy is the removal of a fibroid tumor from the uterus while leaving the uterus intact," notes Advincula. "Traditionally, it's been done through an open incision on a patient's abdomen, or more recently through laparoscopy which allows a surgeon to operate through small incisions. The latter technique is effective with smaller tumors, but for larger tumors that's where using the robot is highly effective."

What is a robotic myomectomy?

Currently, UMHS is the only institution in the world performing robotic myomectomies on a regular basis. Instead of performing the surgery by the patient's side, Advincula operates from a console a few feet away, viewing a three-dimen-

'I can take out a larger tumor of the uterus and repair it with very little damage to the tissue surrounding the tumor.

This is very important to women who are choosing this surgery and want to retain their fertility.'

Dr. Arnold Advincula
University of Michigan Health System

sional image captured by cameras inside the patient and controlling the surgical instruments. Although a second surgeon, nurses, and medical assistants are next to the patient, Advincula performs the entire surgery by operating the arms of the seven-foot robot remotely. A procedure Advincula thinks benefits both the surgeon and the patient.

"The robot acts as an extension of the surgeon's hands," Advincula says. "The biggest advantage is that I don't have to compromise my approach that I would otherwise do in an open case. I can take out a larger tumor of the uterus and

repair it with very little damage to the tissue surrounding the tumor. This is very important to women who are choosing this surgery and want to retain their fertility and potentially have children in the future."

Since the surgery is performed minimally invasively, patients who undergo a robotic myomectomy have a quicker recovery time than they would with traditional open and laparoscopic surgeries.

"I was back up and in the gym and at my desk within a few days, running within a couple of weeks," says Rudgers. "The recovery time was very minimal because there was no

incision and because there was no hysterectomy.

Advincula says although some women with uterine fibroid tumors have to have a hysterectomy, a robotic myomectomy is providing other women an opportunity to retain their uterus and subsequently, retain their fertility.

"The success that we have been seeing with the robotic myomectomy here at UMHS has been phenomenal," says Advincula. "It very satisfying to be able to give women a choice in their treatment."

The UMHS Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology is exploring the application of robotic surgery in the use of hysterectomy, as well as complex gynecologic surgery involving cancer staging.

The robot joined UMHS's operating team late in 2001, and has successfully assisted in nearly 100 surgeries – including various thoracic procedures, removal of kidneys from living organ donors, gynecological and prostate procedures, and several pediatric surgeries.

FACTS ABOUT FIBROID TUMORS:

- Fibroids can be found in the cavity of the uterus in the wall of the uterus or on the outside of the uterus
- Fibroids may be as small as a tiny pea or as large as a small watermelon
- Fibroids may grow as a single tumor or in clusters. A cluster of fibroids can vary in size
- Not all fibroids are symptomatic

For more information on uterine fibroid tumors and robotic myomectomies, visit the following web sites:

UMHS - Minimally Invasive Surgery Program
www.med.umich.edu/obgyn/mis/davinci.htm

UMHS - Minimally Invasive Surgery Program Clinic
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National Institutes of Health - Uterine Fibroids
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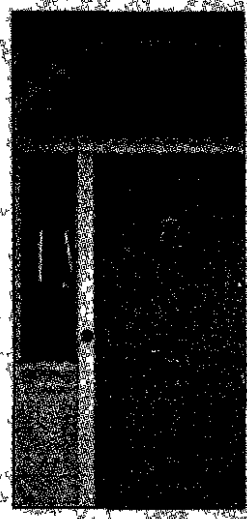
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Condos at Trillium Park showcase many amenities

Both younger people looking for that first home and empty-nesters looking to downsize might find what they're searching for at Trillium Park Condominiums. Three-hundred twenty homes will be constructed, four-to-12 per building, at the southeast corner of Maple and Decker roads.

Interestingly, the great majority of buildings are in Commerce Township, but three are in Walled Lake. The entire Trillium Park community, however, is within the Walled Lake school boundaries.

Prices start at \$179,900 for a first-level home of 1,594 square feet, which includes two bedrooms, two bathrooms and a finished basement.

Second-level homes of 1,933 square feet with two beds, two baths and a finished basement start at \$189,900, 2,117 square feet with three beds, two baths and finished basement, \$197,900.

But just about everything is included.

All homes contain at base price two-car garage, air conditioning, gas fireplace, main-floor laundry with washer and dryer, plus a range, microwave, refrigerator and range in the kitchen.

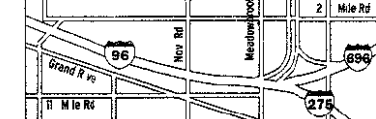
Ceramic flooring is in the foyer and baths, vinyl in the kitchen and laundry, and carpeting throughout the rest of the home. The lighting package includes recessed fixtures.

Upper-levels have decks, lower-levels, patios. Landscaping is included.

"We like to think of this as turn-key," said James M. Galbraith, partner in the project built by MJC Homes. "That was our objective."

"Three different floor plans appeal to a broad variety of people," said Tina Malloy, sales director. "People are impressed with the floor plans - very spacious, no wasted space."

"One of the wow factors is the exterior - they're thrilled with how they look. We get a lot of drive-by traffic come in and see what we have, she said. The other thing that surprises them is every thing we include."



The condominiums at Trillium Park present an attractive exterior appearance.

"We enjoy an exceptional location with the opening of the M-5 Haggerty Connector," Galbraith said. "It's just marvelous."

"And Decker Road south of 14 (Mile) becomes Novi Road and it's just three miles to Twelve Oaks and the interchange there. There's great accessibility."

"We've had great market acceptance. We were open for about two months and had nearly 50 sold. We believe we've placed a lot of value into the units. It's really the value and location," Galbraith said.

All of the plans have been built as models.

The master in all three has a shower, two vanities and a pair of closets. The kitchens in all three have a breakfast bar and orient the sinks toward the dining and living areas. All three include volume ceilings.

An outdoor swimming pool and cabana will be started next spring, Galbraith said.

Trillium Park is served by city water and sewers. The property tax rate is \$26.99 per \$1,000 of state taxable value in Commerce, \$40.88 per \$1,000 in Walled Lake.

That means the owners of a \$180,000 home in the Commerce portion of Trillium Park would pay \$2,450 the first year, in Walled Lake, \$3,700 the first year.

The monthly association fee of \$169.50 includes water and pool operation.

Pets are allowed.

The sales models/office at Trillium Park Condominiums (248) 366 8887 is open noon to 6 p.m. daily.

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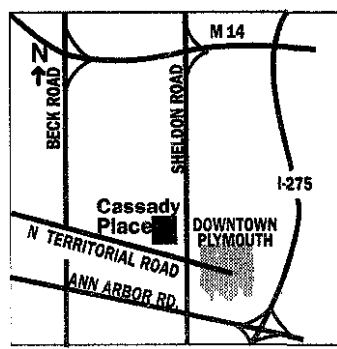


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Cozy story-and-a-half has unique upstairs

The Vickie is a quaint glimpse into story-and-a-half homes of the past

It has a porch across the front where one can sit on warm evenings and enjoy the stars. The attached garage is in back, out of direct sight but easy to enter.

The front door opens into a great room.

The living room has a fireplace on the right side and a window seat in front.

Just picture it - the wind is blowing outside, the fireplace is burning brightly and you're curled up with the newspaper or a good book on the window seat.

The right rear corner is the kitchen. It has an angled eating bar, a corner pantry, a Lazy Susan and a large window overlooking the back yard and covered patio. A door also opens to the patio from the kitchen.

The dining area is between the kitchen and living room.



The utility is in the two-car garage. Doors open from the garage into the home and onto the patio.

The master suite is on the left side of the main floor. It also has a window seat facing the front. The toilet, tub, sink and linen are behind a pocket door in the suite.

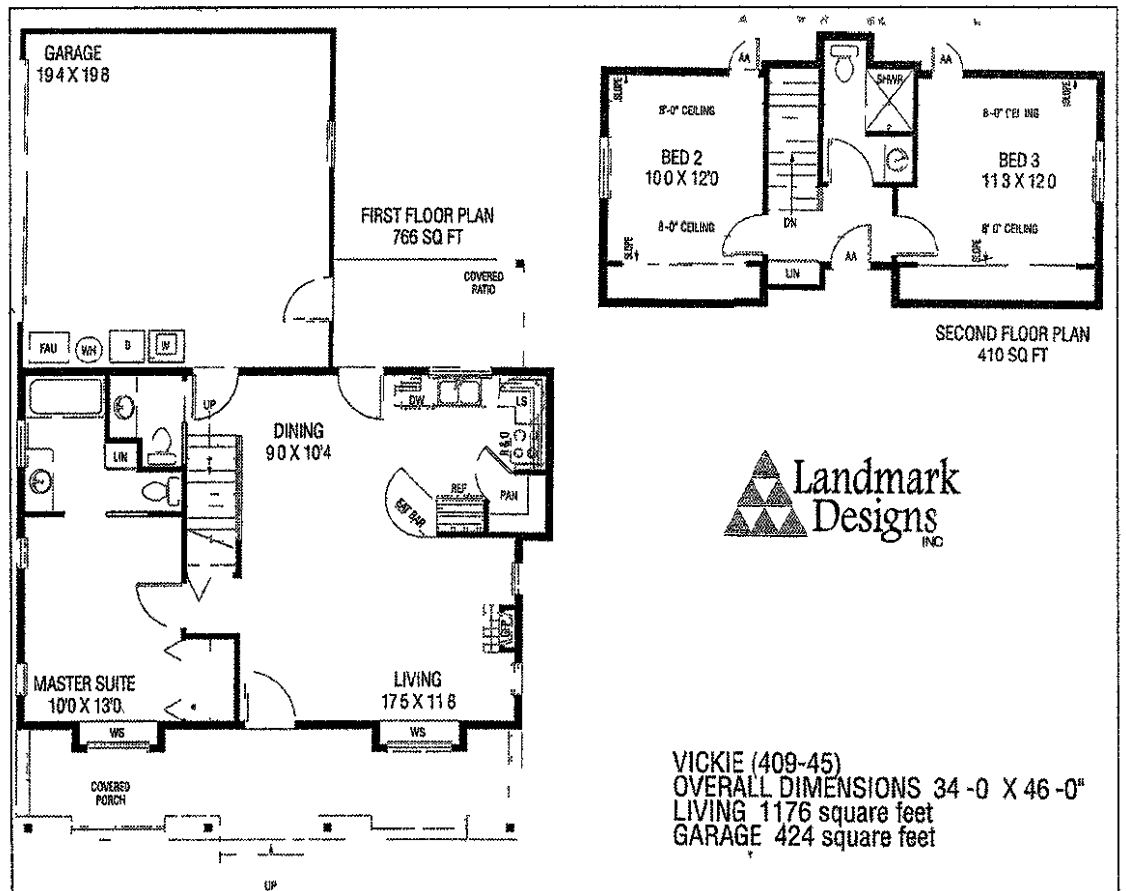
A half-bath has easy access to

the main floor living area.

Two bedrooms are upstairs. The center ceilings in each of the rooms are eight feet, which then slope to lower heights on the sides.

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October home sales show increase here, around U.S.

(AP) - Sales of previously owned homes nationally shot up in October by 6.1 percent to the third highest monthly level on record.

House hunters scrambled to take advantage of low mortgage rates amid an uncertain economic climate.

The big jump pushed sales of existing homes to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$7.7 billion, according to the National Association of Realtors.

That tied with April as the third highest monthly level on record.

The performance exceeded analysts' expectations. They were forecasting a small dip in sales of existing homes.

Here, sales of houses and condominiums for October - existing and new - increased 9.2 percent compared to October 2001, rising to 3,563 from 3,262.

The figures were reported by Realcomp II, a multi-listing service, which tracks data for several professional groups including Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, Metropolitan Consolidated

Association of Realtors and the North Oakland County Board of Realtors. Realcomp II also services real estate boards in Livingston County, Detroit and Dearborn.

Through the first 10 months of this year, 33,747 homes have sold within its jurisdiction compared with 32,342 January through October of 2001, Realcomp II reported.

That's an increase of 4.3 percent. Sales of existing homes around the country are on track to post a record this year, the National Association of

Realtors says. Housing is one of the struggling economy's few bright spots. Home sales have held up well this year and during last year's recession because mortgage rates are so low.

The average rate on a fixed-rate 30-year mortgage was 6.11 percent in October, up slightly from a record monthly low rate of 6.09 percent in September, and well below the 6.62 percent average rate seen in October 2001.

The small creep up in mortgage

rates in October probably prompted some people, concerned that mortgage rates might continue to edge up, to jump off the fence and lock in a deal, said David Lereah, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors.

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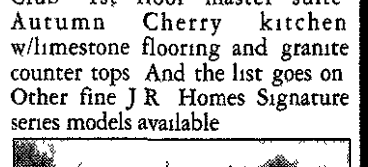
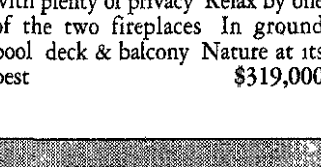
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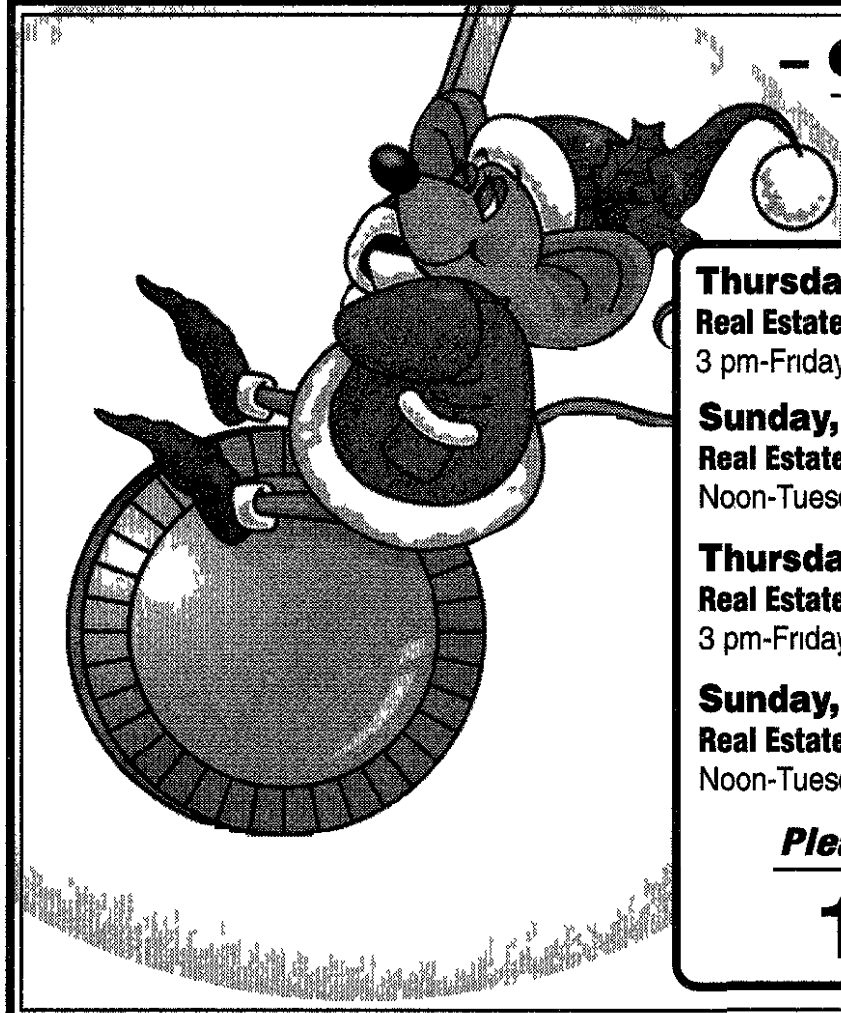
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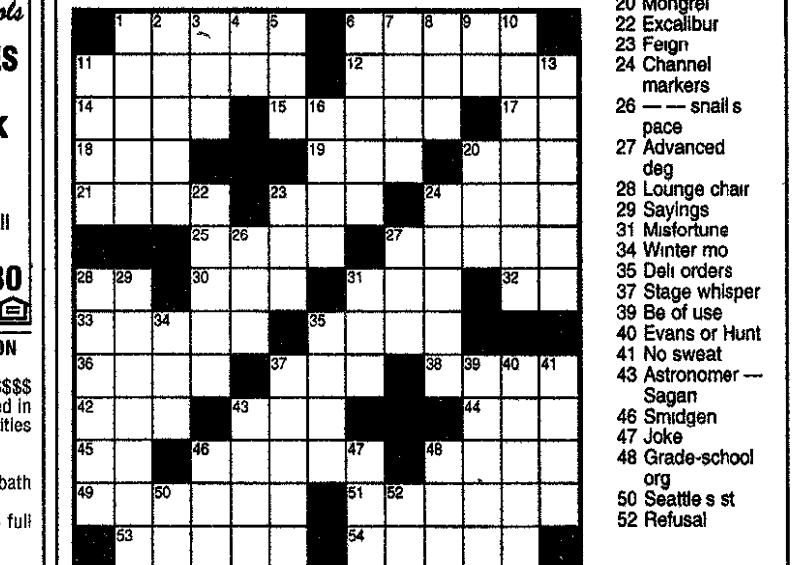
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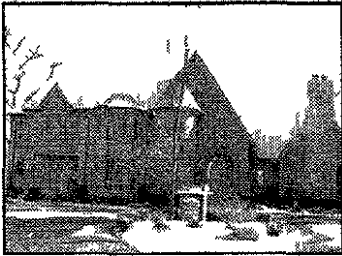
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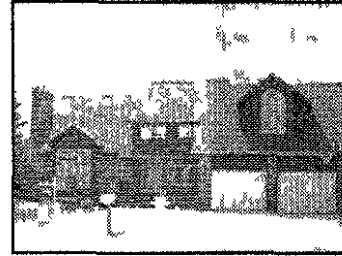
TROY - Emerald lakefront ranch with walk out lower level Approximately 90 of lake frontage Three bedrooms 2.5 baths hardwood floors first floor laundry rec room and beautiful updated kitchen Sun room and deck overlooking the lake \$374 900 (71THR) 248 524 1600



OAKLAND - Attention Builders Premium lot overlooking two streams woods and 2+ acres Three bedroom ranch w/detached garage newer furnace alarm dining room and deck overlooking streams Value is in the property \$457 000 (10ORI) 248 652 8000



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ROCHESTER HILLS - Backs to Natural Property Open floor plan with first floor master bedroom 3 bedrooms 2.5 baths finished walk out basement massive deck spanning back of home with access from three rooms Cul de sac location Minutes from x ways \$369 900 (27MUN) 248 652 8000



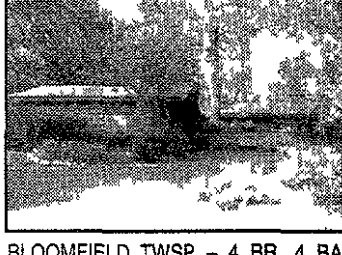
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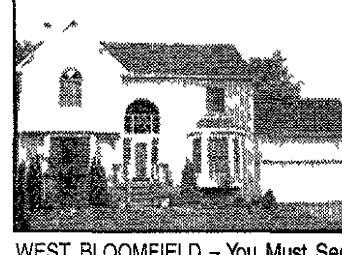


TROY - Country living in the heart of Troy in this 1997 built ranch on approx 2.45 acre lot Master bath with two person whirlpool tub plus shower Dream kitchen Four decks Fireplace Five car heated garage Great Room Troy schools \$484 900 (85ECK) 248 524 1600



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ROCHESTER HILLS - Brand new construction homes with 3 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths Walkout basements fire places daylight windows 2 or 3 car garages Many lots to pick from Split ranches and colonials available Extras for early buyers \$324 900 (37GRA) 248 524 1600



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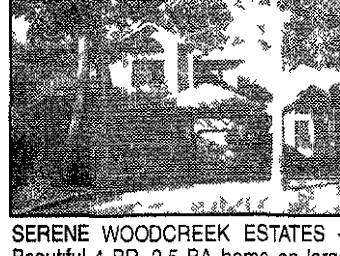
BLOOMFIELD TWSP - Lovely and large describes this handsome 4 BR 2.5 BA brick colonial on gorgeous tree site w/beautiful amenities Birmingham Schools Walnut Lake privileges Fin rec room attached garage and multi level deck \$449 000 (83TAN) 248-642 8100



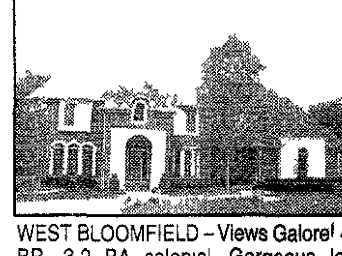
TROY - Looking for the best? Completely updated elegant four bed room 2.5 bath West Troy colonial with Troy schools Hardwood and ceramic floors Custom woodwork T/O Solarium with spa vaulted ceilings and skylights Andersen windows \$449 900 (01RID) 248 524 1600



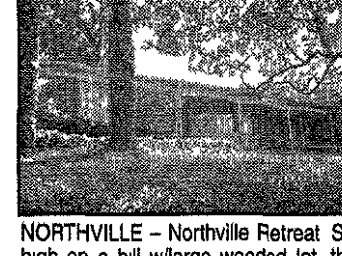
AUBURN HILLS - Regal Huge 4 bed room 2.1 bath colonial with quality upgrades throughout 3 car side entry garage dual staircase tile floors bay windows tall ceilings master suite w/Jacuzzi bath separate shower \$354 900 (74PAR) 248 652-8000



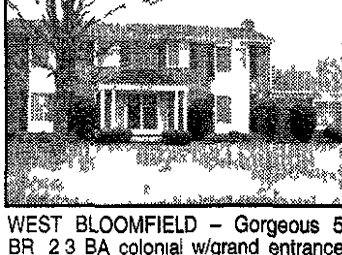
SERENE WOODCREEK ESTATES - Beautiful 4 BR 2.5 BA home on large estate sized lot Master suite w/private deck 2 story entry & LR W/O LL 3+ car garage Newer carpet neutral decor deeded docking on all sports Commerce Lake Hurry and see \$429 900 (21WOO) 248 363 1200



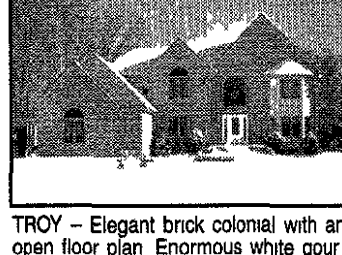
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Views Galore! 4 BR 3.2 BA colonial Gorgeous lot w/spacious w/o 2 tier professional deck dual staircases w/bridge overlooking great room & nature preserve Formal dining room master w/fireplace \$975 000 (46BRI) 734 455-5600



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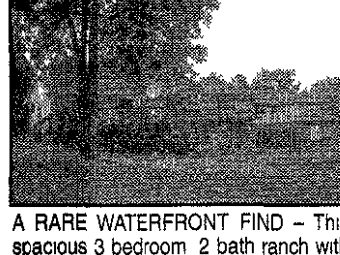
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Gorgeous 5 BR 2.3 BA colonial w/grand entrance into foyer w/circular staircase Neutral decor newer carpet window treatments furn/CA roof and some w/dows Fin basement large lot a great home! \$385 000 (08COT) 248 642 8100



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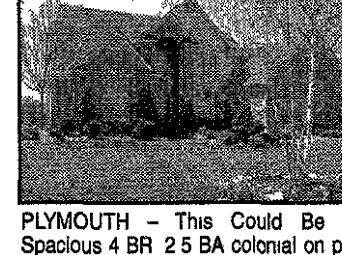
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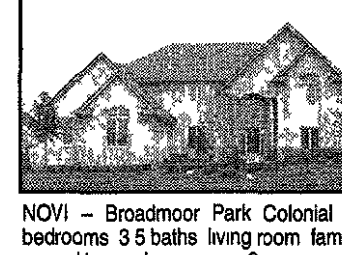
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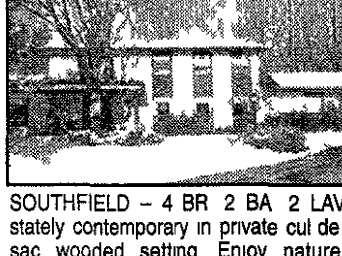
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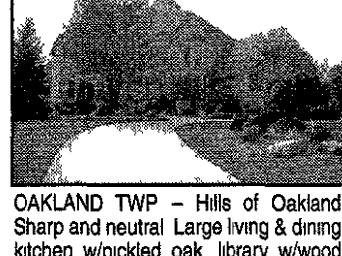
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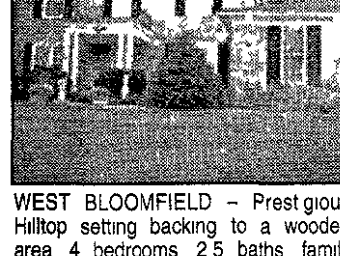
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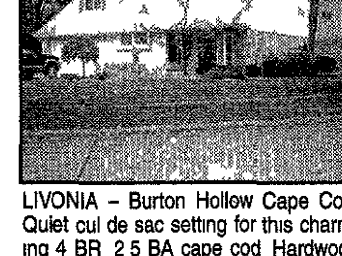
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LOVELY BUT LONELY Tall slender attractive romantic fun lady seeks honest loyal romantic f e x i b l e gentleman that is 58 to 68 friendly and fun to be with. Lets start as friends first Oakland County BOX 27034

ACTIVE SENIORS ONLY Well traveled educated loving white professional female Seeks a sophisticated Christian man 62 to 72 who can also be down to earth interests are classical music art appreciation world events and travel Comfortable one on one and n social situation one Oakland County BOX 35911

FIRST TIME AD Educated well traveled loving professional single female 52 med um build d n o n s m o k e r Enjoys conversation music travel quiet times and theater Seeking tall gentlem an 60 70 for friendship first Oakland county BOX 35999

SEEKING ITALIAN Petite white female 63 51 128 lbs brown hair and eyes non smoker attractive talkative good sense of humor Seeks gentleman 60 to 66 non smoker sharing the things in life we both enjoy especially traveling BOX 36003

LADY WITH PIZZAZ Eclect c attractive slender fun romantic lady enjoys golf tennis boating dancing and more Seeks special fun gentleman 59 plus over 510 non smoker honest and loyal BOX 36009

SMART FUNNY HUGGABLE 40 yr old divorced white female 57 w 2 children likes moves walks zoos intelligent conversation Seeking an educated down to earth non smoking white male 40 49 who s family or oriented enjoys laughing hugging and open communication Western Wayne county BOX 36128

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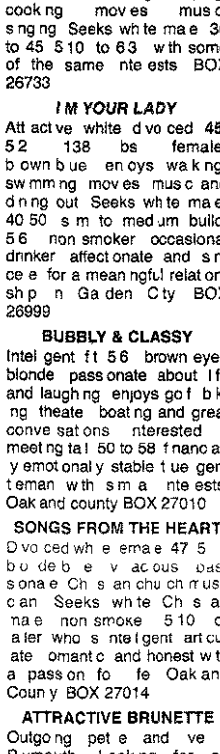
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ARE YOU LONELY? Who you like to meet someone with a great personality non smoker non-drinker a person of good character integrity reputation? Who still believes n friendship companion and true love seeking tall male 55 to 65 Oakland County BOX 36080

TALL & HANDSOME 511 male with mustache 180 lbs seeks female 40 to 55 slender to average build who is interested n travel dinners moves quiet times at home casual boating and more Call interested BOX 12370

ARE YOU COMPATIBLE? White professional male 58 ft brown hair blue eyes well educated no dependents Enjoys music movies reading family and friends b k i n g jogging long walks Seeks emotionally available white professional female no dependents For happy and healthy relationship BOX 14561

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MISS HOSPITALITY wanted! A good looking friendly lady would do just fine for this good looking friendly guy Single white male 40s has a lot to offer and would like to meet you! BOX 14537

POLISH ITALIAN GUY 50 attractive and healthy youthful and light hearted Enjoys doing fun things and going to interesting places Seeks lady to spend time with and get to know BOX 20745

TO KNOW EACH OTHER 57 male 165 lbs looking for a female to get together and have some fun BOX 26829

LOOKING FOR YOU Single white male 50 54 135 lbs brown hair/eyes mus tache living in Wayne County good sense of humor honest sincere Enjoys golf bbq s quiet time at home cart shows in search of a lady w th same interests BOX 30887

HONEST Tall divorced white male 64 good physical condition 56 non smoker self employed honest sincere sense of humor I would like to meet a slender lady 45 to 53 who s easygoing with good values for companion onsh p and possible long term relationship BOX 35994

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN Hspanc male med um build likes to have fun Seeks female for dat n g BOX 20872

TIRED OF BEING ALONE Widowed and lonesome male 59 168 lbs social drinker smoker healthy gentle and giving Enjoys playing dancing concerts boating travel getaway weekends Seeks family oriented people person with good sense of humor BOX 14102

QUALITY GUY Divorced white male 55 510 med um build successful business man Enjoys gentle guitar playing playing dancing concerts boating travel getaway weekends Seeks family oriented people person with good sense of humor BOX 14102

QUALITY GUY Let us share a glass of wine o cup of coffee Divorced white male 510 55 business man n Met opo tan Det o Seeks honest caring woman good sense of humor people person good communication skills to share his enjoyment of playing dancing boating get away weekends BOX 14118

A JOINT VENTURE This gentle optimistic single white male 44 s well groomed with good social skills s seeks descent looking o m a n t c a f e m a l e 35 to 45 BOX 14770

LUCKY IN LOVE 41 yr old, 6'2, 210 lbs male, divorced, non drinker, likes movies, dining out, travel Seeks slim female over 5'5" BOX 21163

MUST BE SVELTE 35 yrs old fit male w th blonde hair and blue eyes Likes travel sports concerts Seeks open minded slim fashion able single white female who kes animals BOX 14834

JUST LOVABLE Single white male 44 loves hugging cuddling kissing and lots of affection Seeking female with the same interest age race size open BOX 14939

BEING UP FRONT Really hot stuff single white male 40s enjoys fun times laughter romantic evenings Seeks a reasonably attractive and energetic lipstick wearing romantic sweetheart BOX 15863

PLEASE CALL TODAY Fine personable single white male 40s s helpful and enter taining kind hearted female for someone serious settled and sincere single white female 36 to 52 BOX 20424

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READY TO SETTLE DOWN! 30 yr old male, 5'10, 145 lbs, red hair, non-smoker Enjoys movies, laughing, long walks in the park Seeks white Christian female, 20 to 35, slender build, for long term relationship and possible marriage BOX 25685

LOVE ALWAYS Caring affectionate loving hard working divorced white male 54 57 silver fox hair 176 lbs Loves ocean beaches spending quality time together Seeking fr iendsh p for monogamous relationship 40 to 50 BOX 35913

END MY SEARCH Live near I 94 in Telegraph 63 yrs old 5'9" 170 lbs youthful light hearted gentle Enjoys camping walking flea markets moves quiet nights at home Looking for permanent relationship w th a slim to sem slim lady BOX 10478

R U UNDER 69 Single male 58 175 lbs Auburn hair and blue eyes non smoker financially stable enjoys camping long walks games quiet times at home and more Looking for a female with similar interests for possible relationship BOX 10700

ARE YOU OUT THERE? Single black male west side of Detroit own my home Seeks down to earth lady attractive 30 to 45 for friendship relationship I enjoy music sports romance sharing and communicating BOX 10924

DRIVE BY Mobile meeting if you don't like what you see keep on going! Handsome single white male 40s looking for love Seeks similar minded female 40s to 50s BOX 12015

WHY HESITATE? African American male 61 weight proportionate brown eyes s a t n pepper hair mustache beautiful smile dark complexion handsome Enjoys antiques gardening fishing walking Seeks sweet kind honest female who's smile can light up a room height weight proportionate BOX 21123

FUN TIMES AWAIT Retired male 54 58 150 lbs brown hair green eyes youth full looking very active easy to get along with Likes movies driving out B n g o outdoors flea markets board and card games Looking for a companion to dating and possible relationship p BOX 21130

PICK UP THE PHONE 40 y o d m a l e p h y s i c a l l y f t 510 150 lbs professional home owner I d like to meet someone just like you so give me a call BOX 21131

ADVENTUROUS Handsome passionate intelligent funny tall well built single white male 34 looking for very passionate adventurous multi-gent kind hearted female for friendship and romance Oak and County BOX 23337

PLEASANTLY PLUMP? Go ahead and call open mind e n g l e w h t e m a l e 39 easy to talk too romantic and adventurous Seeks single white female 24 42 for meaningful relationship p Wayne county BOX 25010

DO YOU QUALIFY? White male 48 muscular attractive financially and self secure Seeking select or classy attractive white or As an female under 45 for long term relationship p Wayne county BOX 25970

LET STAY ZGETHER For a Single white female 45 honest & faithful trustworthy caring loving up front smoker social drinker 6'10 165 lbs looking for a white female 35 50 on the slim side 100 140 lbs who has the same quality as I do Looking for a very serious relationship no head games Oakland County BOX 26014

IS THIS YOUR NAME? Divorced white male early 50s dark hair blue eyes 6 looking for Carol Charlotte Chr s Debbie Diane Denise Donna Joy Karen Kathy Linda Nancy Pat Sally Sandy and Susy I d like to meet you Ages 38 to 54 Possible long term relationship West S der BOX 26039

BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN 45 yr old single white male 64 hazel eyes brown hair Loves going to church reading talking walks Looking for a virtuous woman must be Born Again Christian and spirit filled BOX 26653

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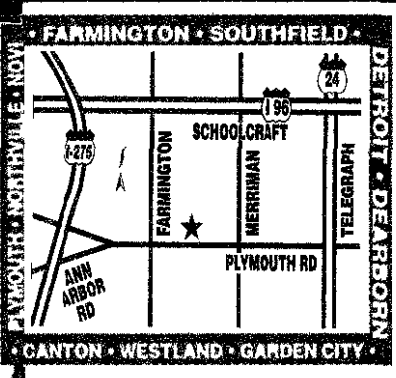
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2003 Hummer H2: \$53K and worth every penny

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Very, very impressed That's my summation of a week with the Hummer H2

It's got the creature comforts of a luxury passenger car, the ride and handling of a nimble (and I'm not kidding) sports car and the attributes of a sport utility vehicle

I love this Hummer H2 I didn't want to give it back I wanted to keep it forever

And, by the way, don't call it the "baby Hummer" It isn't It's taller and longer than the H1 The H2 is also taller, wider and shorter in length than the Chevrolet Tahoe But the H2 is just so much more comfortable and better built than anything GM has in production right now You can feel the quality, see the quality and hear the quality The engine is quiet, too

I can't say enough about the comforts of the H2 The seats envelope you like a mother cradles her child The seats have standard eight-way power adjustments and a standard memory feature for the driver's seat that lets two drivers have individual settings

Cloth is standard and leather is optional Opt for it - it's really comfy With the leather seats, you'll also get heated seat backs and cushions with three temperature settings Second-row passengers also have heated cushions The first thing I noticed about the H2 is just how fast you get heat out of the venting system Less than a minute, and I'm not kidding And that's in 11 degree weather, no less Cooling, GM says, is just as fast That's better than a remote-start aftermarket system, that's for sure

The heart of the Hummer H2 is the Vortec 6.0 liter V8 engine that produces 316 horsepower and 360 lb-ft of torque The standard power train is made by Borg-Warner and is a two-speed electronically controlled full-time four-wheel-drive system

There's nothing real extreme in my area of Michigan, but the H2 is capable of climbing extreme obstacles, much like the H1 There's a 40/60 percent front-to-rear power split when the transfer case differential is locked There are five different selections to the transfer case, including rear axle differential lock

The H2 is capable of going through 20 inches of water and climbing over rocks that are 16 inches in diameter



2003 Hummer H2 is a blast to drive. Vehicle type Large sport utility vehicle. Power Vortec 6000 V8 engine. Where built: Mishawaka, Ind. Price as tested: \$52,870

The ground clearance of the H2 is 10.5 inches And although there are a lot of people who have told me over the last week that the H2 is downright ugly, I think they're way off base It has a strong, aggressive presence Yet it's not intimidating

I took the H2 to the central part of Michigan and the drive was enjoyable The whole week in this Hummer was enjoyable I consider the three-and-a-half hour drive a chore most times, but because of the comfort of the H2, it was an easy trip

The H2 has a full welded three-piece ladder-type frame that promotes strength, stiffness and accuracy You can tell it is built to last It also has independent front suspension with torsion bars and a coil spring rear suspension The traction control system has two different modes

The Hummer H2 sits on 35-inch tires mounted on 17-inch cast aluminum wheels that are really attractive And there's a full-size spare in the rear cargo hold There are three rows of seats and the rear-most seat folds down for more cargo room

Actually, that was my major complaint - the lack of cargo room With that full-sized spare back there, along with the rear seat, it's virtually non-existent But it was my ONLY complaint

Safety and security is all taken care of There are dual front air bags, remote key fobs with panic button, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock braking system, those annoying daytime running lamps, auto headlamp control, passlock theft deterrent system, battery rundown

protections, rear door child lockout and OnStar One system I really enjoyed the dual-zone front heating and cooling controls My better half loves cold, while I love it hot We were able to alternate the setting to our liking, without annoying each other

And, to my children's delight, the rear seat passengers had their own audio controls

The H2 is also really quiet It's got triple sealed doors, which makes it quiet on the road When idling, you can barely hear the engine This furthers its reputation as an awesome truck and even at \$53K, the H2 is one of the hottest-selling trucks in American right now

There are six power outlets strategically placed throughout the cabin The Bose premium AM/FM/CD/cassette audio system has nine speakers and can be heard in Canada from my home in suburban Detroit, I truly believe With a CD in the changer, I cranked it to the second level and it was plenty loud enough

The outside rear-view mirrors are heated and fold in, allowing access into your garage There are inches to spare, but it does fit There's underbody and rocker panel protection to keep the H2 in good shape

The Hummer H2 is a blast to drive I hadn't had that much fun since my first time in the Mazda Miata in 1989 And, while at first I thought it was a bit pricey, I've changed my mind It's worth every penny The quality of this vehicle makes it worth it Now go have yourself a blast and drive one

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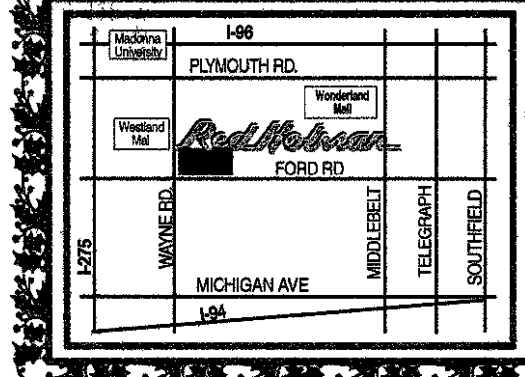
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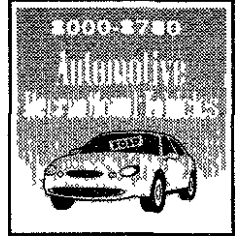
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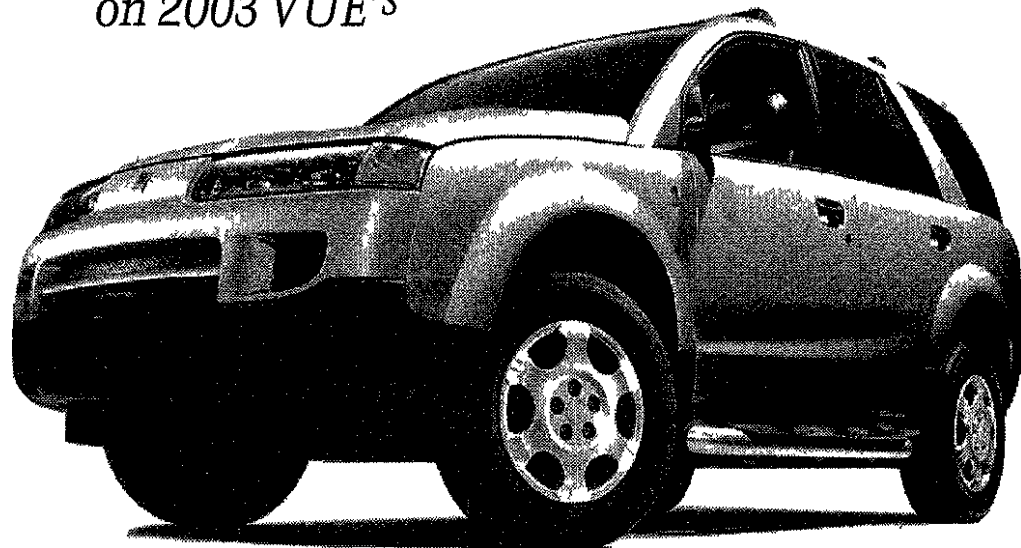
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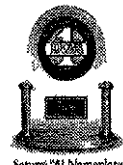


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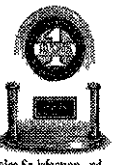


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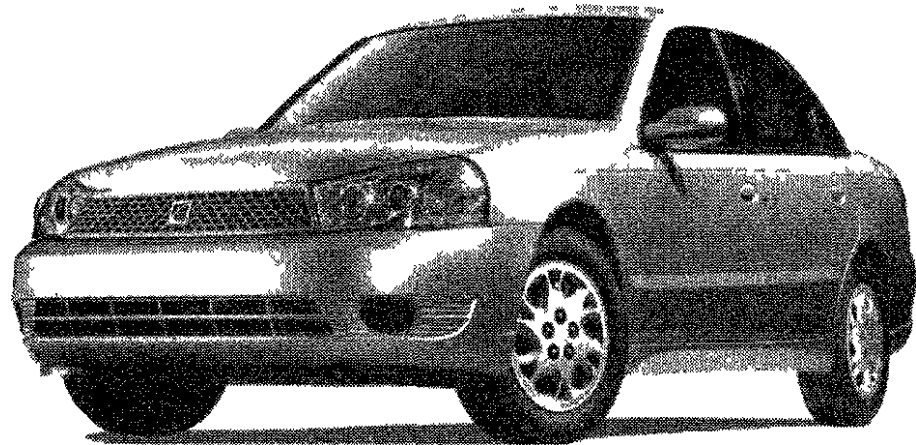
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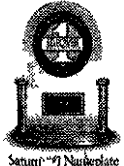
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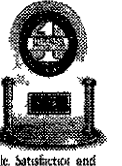


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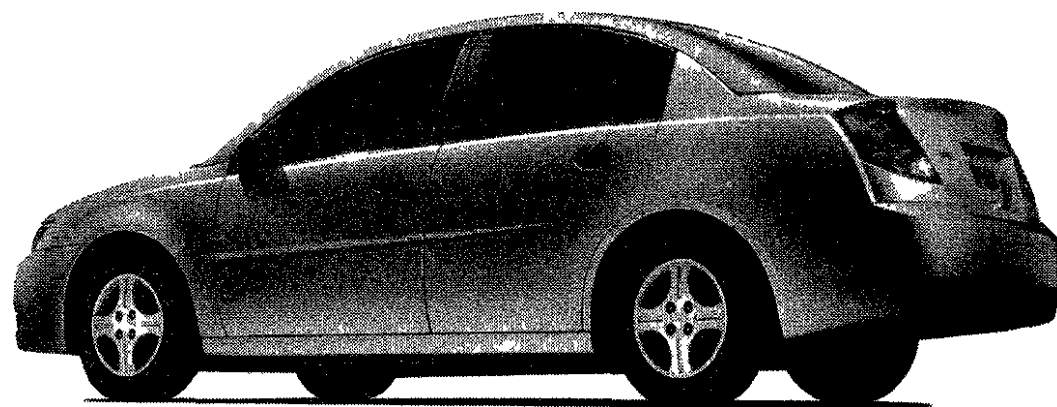
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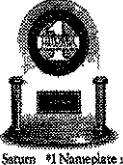
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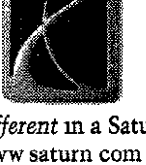
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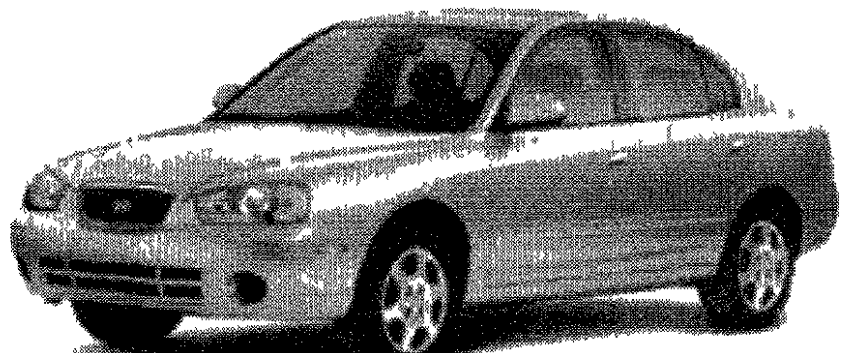
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<p>2003 FOCUS SE 4-DOOR</p> <p>Liquid Grey clear coat metallic medium graphite cloth power side windows tilt speed control split rear seat dual power mirrors air conditioning 1 disc with MP3/clock 2.0 L SPI engine auto trans axle P195/60R15 BSW tires Stk #30678 WAS \$16,335</p> <p>\$11,752^{56*} OFF LEASE BUY FORD EMPLOYEE OR ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>A-PLAN</th> <th>ZERO DOWN</th> <th>\$1000 DOWN</th> <th>181 Focus' Available</th> </tr> <tr> <td>36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL</td> <td>\$187^{11**} MO.</td> <td>\$156^{71**} MO.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1000 DOWN	181 Focus' Available	36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL	\$187 ^{11**} MO.	\$156 ^{71**} MO.		<p>2003 TAURUS SE 4-DOOR SEDAN</p> <p>Vibrant White cc med graphite cloth AM/FM stereo cass 5 speed painted alum wheels speed control remote keyless entry dual pwr mrr 3.0L 2V 6-cyl engine auto OD trans P215/60RX16 all season tires 5 pass w/door console floor shift SE value pkg pwr trvr seat w/lumbar CD changer (6 disc) 4 whl (ABS) Stk #30341 WAS \$20,935</p> <p>\$13,725^{90*} OFF LEASE BUY FORD EMPLOYEE OR ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>A-PLAN</th> <th>ZERO DOWN</th> <th>\$1000 DOWN</th> <th>290 Taurus' Available</th> </tr> <tr> <td>36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL</td> <td>\$216^{12**} MO.</td> <td>\$186^{59**} MO.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1000 DOWN	290 Taurus' Available	36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL	\$216 ^{12**} MO.	\$186 ^{59**} MO.		<p>2003 ESCAPE POPULAR 4X4</p> <p>Aspen green clear coat met med pebble cloth/vinyl buck Power group remote keyless entry roof rack w/2 cross bars air 3.0L Duratec V6 engine 4 speed auto OD trans P225/70R15 A/S OWL tires trailer towing 15" cast alum wheels floor mats speed control retractable cargo cover perimeter alarm 4-wheel ABS Stk #31278 WAS \$24,175</p> <p>\$19,038^{84*} OFF LEASE BUY FORD EMPLOYEE OR ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>A-PLAN</th> <th>ZERO DOWN</th> <th>\$1500 DOWN</th> <th>30 Escapes Available</th> </tr> <tr> <td>36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL</td> <td>\$291^{51**} MO.</td> <td>\$245^{62**} MO.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	30 Escapes Available	36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL	\$291 ^{51**} MO.	\$245 ^{62**} MO.		<p>2003 F150 SUPER CAB 4X2</p> <p>Oxford white clear coat dark graphite optns chrs preferred equip pkg 507A XLT series overhead console 4.2 L EFI V6 electronic 4-speed auto OD P255/70R16 OWL All season 3.55 ratio rim slip axle 6050# GVWR sliding rear window trailer towing power black mirrors AM/FM stereo/6 CD in-cash cast alum wheels (4) Stk #30616 WAS \$27,410</p> <p>\$16,685^{08*} OFF LEASE BUY FORD EMPLOYEE OR ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>A-PLAN</th> <th>ZERO DOWN</th> <th>\$1500 DOWN</th> <th>251 F-Series' Available</th> </tr> <tr> <td>36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL</td> <td>\$257^{34**} MO.</td> <td>\$209^{50**} MO.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	251 F-Series' Available	36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL	\$257 ^{34**} MO.	\$209 ^{50**} MO.	
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<p>2003 WINDSTAR SE WAGON</p> <p>True Blue clear coat medium graphite cloth lower heated signal mirrors luggage rack aux climate control sys 6.5 X 16" aluminum painted wheel rear radio controls 3.8L OHV EFI engine 4 speed auto OD trans P225/60R16 BSW all season elec AM/FM stro/6 disc/clock Stk #30141 WAS \$29,675</p> <p>\$19,800^{68*} OFF LEASE BUY FORD EMPLOYEE OR ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>A-PLAN</th> <th>ZERO DOWN</th> <th>\$1500 DOWN</th> <th>158 Windstars Available</th> </tr> <tr> <td>36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL</td> <td>\$306^{78**} MO.</td> <td>\$262^{95**} MO.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	158 Windstars Available	36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL	\$306 ^{78**} MO.	\$262 ^{95**} MO.		<p>2003 RANGER 4X2 XLT SUPERCAB</p> <p>Sonic blue cc dark graph te cloth 4 wheel ABS sliding rear window speed control/tilt leather wrap steering wheel XLT appear 3.0L EFI flex fuel V6 5 spd auto OD trans P225 OWL all season tires 3.73 ratio reg axle 4740 GVWR power equip group power window/lock remote keyless entry MP3 aud o player Stk #30314 WAS \$20,785</p> <p>\$12,159^{32*} OFF LEASE BUY FORD EMPLOYEE OR ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>A-PLAN</th> <th>ZERO DOWN</th> <th>91 Rangers Available</th> </tr> <tr> <td>36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL</td> <td>\$183^{70**} MO.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	91 Rangers Available	36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL	\$183 ^{70**} MO.		<p>2003 EXPLORER XLT 4X4</p> <p>Red Fire clear coat graphite cloth sport bks floor mats C/K carpet XLT sport package LH/RH mirrors w/approach air auto lamp headlights glass privacy prem cstler CD radio wheels 17" sport alum 4.0 L SOHC V6 flex fuel eng 5 speed auto OD trans P245/65R17 A/T OWL tires 3.73 Lx axle trailer tow pkg Stk #30392 WAS \$33,510</p> <p>\$24,514^{57*} OFF LEASE BUY FORD EMPLOYEE OR ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>A-PLAN</th> <th>ZERO DOWN</th> <th>\$1500 DOWN</th> <th>228 Explorers Available</th> </tr> <tr> <td>36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL</td> <td>\$358^{18**} MO.</td> <td>\$314^{35**} MO.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	228 Explorers Available	36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL	\$358 ^{18**} MO.	\$314 ^{35**} MO.		<p>2003 EXPEDITION XLT 4X4</p> <p>Aspen Green clear coat metallic medium parchment cloth P265/70R17 OWL All terrain running boards aux heater/air premium stereo CD/cass with clock fog lamps third row seat 5.4 L EFI V8 engine 4 speed auto trans cloth captains chairs/console WAS \$37,950</p> <p>\$27,314^{36*} OFF LEASE BUY FORD EMPLOYEE OR ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>A-PLAN</th> <th>ZERO DOWN</th> <th>\$1500 DOWN</th> <th>44 Expeditions Available</th> </tr> <tr> <td>36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL</td> <td>\$411^{64**} MO.</td> <td>\$365^{43**} MO.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	A-PLAN	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN	44 Expeditions Available	36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL	\$411 ^{64**} MO.	\$365 ^{43**} MO.			
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