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Dear readers,

Please don't blame your carrier for late papers in recent weeks. Late papers are the result of technical problems we're experiencing as we grow. Over the last few months, the O&E has opened a new print and distribution center and expanded press operations. Although the end result of these changes will be a better newspaper for readers and advertisers, there are some technical problems that persist. We're working hard to smooth out the rough spots. In the meantime, we appreciate your patience and understanding.

As always, we welcome your comments. Please contact me at (734) 953-2100 or via e-mail at srosiek@oe.homecomm.net or O&E Circulation Director LeeAnn Mitchell at (734) 953-2199 or via e-mail at lmitchell@oe.homecomm.net. Sincerely,

Susan Rosiek

Susan Rosiek
executive editor

Circulation closes

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the *Observer & Eccentric* Circulation Department will close at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, and reopen at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28.

You may e-mail customer service at custserv@oe.homecomm.net or call (866) 887-2737 for assistance.

Thank you and have a happy Thanksgiving!

Kumon moves

The Plymouth Kumon Math and Reading Center, formerly located inside the Plymouth Community Arts Council building at 774 N. Sheldon, has relocated.

The new location at 265 N. Main is larger and allows students to work more comfortably in an environment conducive to learning, according to Plymouth Kumon instructor Raman Buttar.



Students visit the Plymouth Kumon Center 4-7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. When they are not working in the center, they complete daily homework assignments.

An open house will be held 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25. Parents can schedule their children for free placement testing during the event. For more information, call Raman Buttar at (734) 485-8971.



Collections kickoff

Salvation Army Ensemble members Angus MacKenzie of Livonia (from right), Carol McDonald of Warren and Russell Dobney of Farmington Hills play Christmas music to kick off the Red Kettle Campaign at the Salvation Army in Plymouth Friday. For more on the Army's biggest fund-raiser, please see the story on page A3.

Ice fest weathers economy

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

A faltering economy has melted away some support for the 2004 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

The popular festival has scaled back by a day and won't include some of the features that have been popular in the past when it hits the streets of downtown Plymouth Jan. 15-19.

Despite a drop in sponsorship, however, spectators can still expect to be dazzled when all is said and done, according to festival organizer Mike Watts.

"People are still going to see a great festival, one of the best in the world," said Watts, of Watts-Up, Inc. "The event is going to go on. It'll be as good an event as we can do with the budget we have."

Watts is running into the same problem he's encountered early in the process the last few years: Lagging sponsorships. While main sponsor

PLEASE SEE ICE FEST, A4

Survey lauds schools, Schoolcraft

Plymouth-Canton Schools could raise additional revenues for a cash-starved budget by charging students for enhanced educational opportunities.

And, Schoolcraft College in Livonia gives as good an education as many four-year universities.

Those are some of the results from a survey conducted by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools (PCCS) and Schoolcraft College. The 380 registered voters who completed the telephone survey live within the boundaries of both educational institutions.

When questioned about alternative approaches to raising new revenue

sources for Plymouth-Canton Schools, 78 percent suggested charging for after-school tutoring in special subjects, with 77 percent suggesting initiation of a fee for talented students to attend summer school.

Among other choices, 62 percent suggested charging a fee for on-line courses, 58 percent favored creating magnet schools, such as an arts academy, that might draw out-of-district and private school students, with 45 percent in favor of increasing fees for all sports and extra-curricular activities.

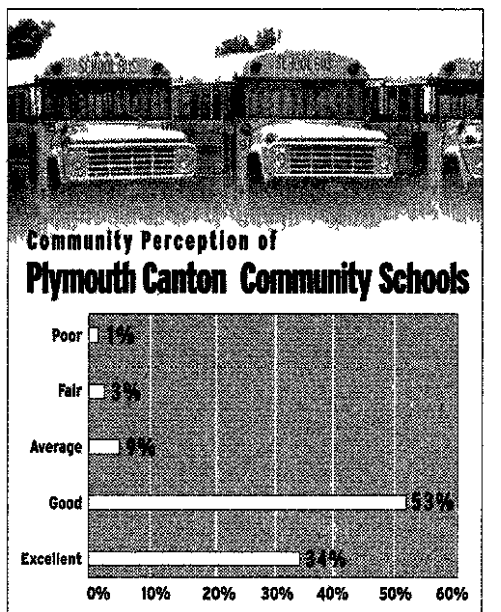
Suggestions as to where Plymouth-Canton could make budget cuts,

respondents proposed extra-curricular activities, administration positions and salaries.

According to the survey, the community perception of Plymouth-Canton Schools is very favorable. Results indicate 34 percent of respondents perceive PCCS as an excellent district, while another 53 percent give the district a good rating. High marks were given to all the programs, including pre-school, K-12 and community education.

Most perceptions of the Park -

PLEASE SEE SURVEY, A3



Rotarians dish out awards

High-profile cases helped local police officers earn high-profile honors as the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club handed out its annual awards Friday.

Rotarians continued their tradition of honoring those who put their lives on the line on a daily basis with their fourth annual Community Service Awards ceremony. "We recognize police officers, firefighters and paramedics who assist citizens in the Plymouth community, and protect life and property, while often exposing themselves to risk and potential harm," said Rotarian John Folino. "You are very important in our lives, and we thank you."

■ Plymouth Township Police Officer Scott Linton was honored for leading the high-

speed freeway chase that resulted in the capture of the suspects wanted in the robbery of Neil's Party Store in Westland, in which six people were shot execution-style, four fatally.

"Upon hearing the dispatch of this horrific crime, Officer Linton responded by prepositioning himself near a possible route of escape," said Chief Tom Tidderington, who introduced the Plymouth Township Police Officer of the Year. "Through exceptional driving skills, and at incredible risk to his personal safety, Officer Linton was able to maintain a closing distance with the much-faster Corvette, while calmly providing rele-

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Hunter fights to survive fall from deer blind

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

All Chris Elder could do was lay there and hope.

Hope his wife and family would be taken care of. Hope he'd be able to work — and walk.

Hope he wouldn't die.

Elder, a Plymouth real estate agent, had just fallen from his deer blind behind his Manchester home. He knew it was bad. He tried to call out, to his children who were play-

ing just yards away, to anyone who might hear him.

But no one did. For four hours he laid there, cursing his luck, wondering about his life.

"I almost died," Elder said simply. "I was close. It was absolutely incredible. I could hear my kids playing. I was thinking about staying alive. I called out, but no one could hear me."

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Repairs force delays

Freight trains are a fact of life in Plymouth, and so is waiting for what seems like mordinate amounts of time for the trains to pass through a crossing. Well, for the next two weeks be prepared to be delayed by CSX Railroad for days at a time. The company will be making repairs to the rail track beds at both the Main Street and Farmer Street crossings over the next several weeks, which will result in the closing of those junctures to all vehicle traffic. Beginning Monday, CSX is expected to close the Farmer Street crossing for at least three days — through Wednesday. CSX has also indicated it will make repairs to the Main Street crossing beginning Monday, Dec 1. Repairs to that crossing are anticipated to take approximately five days. City Manager Paul Sincock said Theodore and Amelia streets will be the major detour routes around each of the road closures.

City hikes cost for paying tax bills

It's not a tax increase, but it will cost more to pay your Plymouth city tax bill — the price of a couple of envelopes and a stamp, to be exact. Treasurer Teresa Cischke said when residents begin receiving winter tax bills after Thanksgiving, no longer will the packet contain a return envelope. And, in order to obtain a receipt for payment of taxes, taxpayers will be required to send her office a self-addressed stamped envelope. "We've been looking at ways to save money because of our budget situation," said Cischke. "By not mailing out envelopes with the bills, and with the savings of envelopes and postage for receipts, we should be able to save about \$1,200." Since tax bills are sent out twice a year, that comes to a total of \$2,400.

"It's not a lot of money, but every little bit helps," said Cischke. Taxpayers who pay winter or summer tax bills at City Hall will continue to receive a receipt on the spot, according to Cischke. Tax bills were printed last Thursday, and are expected to be mailed Wednesday — meaning they should be in mailboxes in time for the holiday shopping season. The tax bill not only collects for the City of Plymouth, but includes levies for Wayne County, the Wayne County Jail, Huron-Clinton Metropark, Wayne County parks and the Plymouth District Library. Taxes are payable at City Hall through Feb 28 without penalty. After that date, taxes can be paid at the Wayne County Treasurer's office in Detroit.

STEWART CONDUCTS

State Rep John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) will be the guest conductor for a pair of traditional Thanksgiving hymns at Wayne State University's Holiday Concert at noon Tuesday at Old St. Mary's Church in Detroit. More than 2,000 people will be in attendance for the annual program, which features 300 members of the combined WSU orchestra and chorus. Stewart will conduct the hymns *We Gather Together* and *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*. "This is the best way to start the holiday season," said Stewart, a WSU alum. "All of Detroit seems to briefly stop and come together at Old St. Mary's for a one-hour concert of sacred choral music." The concert is free, and the public is invited.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

First Church of Christ, Scientist sponsors a Thanksgiving Day Service at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov 27. Families and friends are invited to attend the service, which will include readings from the Bible, and from the book *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* written by church founder Mary Baker Eddy. It will be an open sharing of gratitude. No collection will be taken. First Church of Christ, Scientist is located at 1100 W Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

WHO'S WHO

Charlotte Moore-Viculin, who lives in Dearborn Heights and has art and music studios in Plymouth, has been selected to be included in the biographical directory *Who's Who in America*, published by Marquis Moore-Viculin is profile in the 2004 edition, now available. Moore-Viculin is a self-employed portrait artist, mural painter, pianist, vocalist, music arranger, teacher and professional music judge. A graduate of both the Detroit Conservatory of Music and Wayne State University, she

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Charlotte Moore-Viculin

has had studios in Detroit and Livonia, plus studios in Plymouth since 1980. She belongs to many professional organizations and has been on the boards of several of them. She has been married to Richard J. Viculin since 1977.

BROADCAST SYMPOSIUM

WSDP 88.1-FM hosts a broadcast symposium with Rob Milford, CBS radio news reporter, at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec 2. Milford was embedded with the Second Marine Tank Battalion, covering the war in Iraq. He's been with CBS since 1998. He was one of the students who started WSDP, the student-run radio station serving Plymouth-Canton Schools, in 1972. The symposium, created to give students an opportunity to meet and learn from the top broadcasters in the state, takes place at the Career Center at Salem High School. For more information, call (734) 416-7732.

JEWELRY FESTIVAL

Native West of Plymouth presents its 14th annual Jewelry Festival Dec 4-7, a weekend show that will feature turquoise. The show will feature an assortment of sterling silver using turquoise, opals, coral and gold. It will also have inlay pieces with hand-cut stones, finished in one-of-a-kind designs and inlaid with silver and gold. The show will also include Native American jewelry. The show is open from 3-9

p.m. Thursday, Dec 4, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec 5, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec 6, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec 7. Native West is at 863 W Ann Arbor Trail. For information, call (734) 455-8838.

INTERFAITH SERVICE

The Plymouth Ministerial Association again sponsors their annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov 23, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Several church choirs will perform, accompanied by the pipe organ and piano. Members of the Ministerial Association will lead scripture and responsive readings appropriate for the occasion. Participating churches include First Baptist Church, First Church of Christ-Scientist, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Holy Ascension Eastern, OLG, St. John's Episcopal, St. Kenneth, St. Michael Lutheran and the Salvation Army. Participants are invited to bring a nonperishable food item to be donated to the Plymouth Salvation Army for its community food bank.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends-Western Wayne County (Livonia) Chapter sponsor the local connection with the International Children's Memorial Day Sunday, Dec 14, in Kellogg Park. In conjunction with a worldwide candle lighting at 7 p.m., there will be a ceremony in Plymouth's Kellogg Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. As candles burn down in one time zone they are lit in another, creating a 24-hour memorial. This will produce Lights of Love that will encircle the world. Recognized in communities around the world, International Children's Memorial Day is already officially sanctioned by the U.S. Congress, but it will appear in Kellogg Park in its most visible form. Hundreds of families will gather near a tree specially decorated with the names of children who have died too soon. The holidays are especially difficult for parents who have lost children. This candle lighting ceremony honoring them helps their memory live.

The ceremony will include the dedication of a tree decorated with ornaments with children's names, a candlelight vigil, a reading of the children's names, poetry and songs. For questions or to register a child, call or e-mail a Candle Lighting committee member Gail Lafferty, (734) 981-4528 or angel4gail@aol.com, Janet Johnson, (734) 207-3370 or mackermom@aol.com, or Virginia Herrick, (734) 427-0915 or vherrick@twmrr.com. The Compassionate Friends is an international, nonprofit, nondenominational, self-help organization offering friendship, understanding and hope to bereaved families with the loss of their children.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Christmas Celebration for People Who Care About People With AIDS is returning to St. John's Episcopal Church in Royal Oak. The annual holiday healing Eucharist will be celebrated at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec 14. For 19 years, the People Who Care program has been one of the church's most visible and beautiful outreach programs to those in greatest need. The preacher is The Rev. DaVita McAllister of Atlanta. Chief celebrant is the Rt. Rev. H. Coleman McGehee. Call the Rev. Harry Cook at (248) 588-3230, or the Rev. Rod Reinhart at (734) 459-7319, to volunteer. Attendees should feel free to bring gifts for children or adults who have AIDS. All gifts should be tagged with the gender and age of the intended recipient. For more information, please visit the group's Web site at <http://www.peoplewhocareaboutpeoplewithaids.com>.

PRIDE MEETING

The Plymouth/Canton Pride Board of Directors will have an open board meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov 24, in the Dunning Room of the Plymouth District Library. The board will be accepting names of individuals who would be interested in filling the two new and one vacant board positions at this meeting. Anyone interested in supporting the PRIDE Fastpitch Organization is welcome at the meeting.

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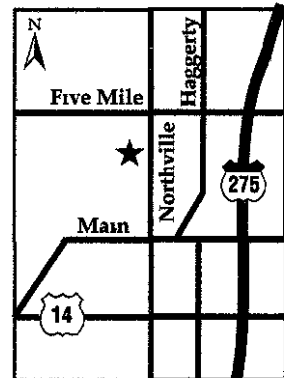
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SURVEY

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Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools - were high. The areas rated the highest were music and art programs, sports, clubs, overall academic reputation, and the opportunity for parent/community involvement.

Among the lowest scores for P-CEP were for overall size of the high schools and individual class sizes.

"I think the information on the Park validated the community's idea that good things are happening out there," said Superintendent Jim Ryan. "They value athletics, the marching band, the fine arts and extra-curricular activities."

"We want what the community wants. A good quality of life with a really good school district to support and protect their tax investments," said Ryan.

Meanwhile, survey respondents rated the quality of education at Schoolcraft College very high.

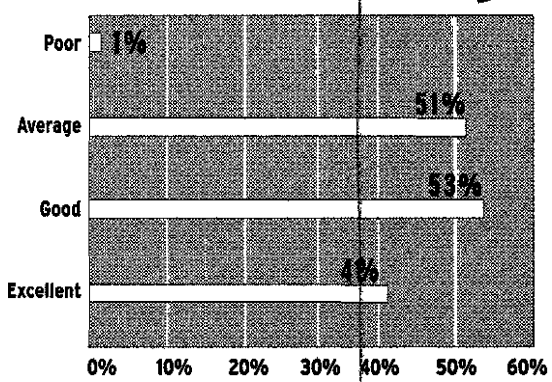
Nearly 81 percent said the quality of education at Schoolcraft is the same or better than at a four-year university. And, compared to other community colleges, Schoolcraft was seen as better (40 percent) or the same (42 percent) in quality education.

Concerning community perception, 41 percent rated Schoolcraft as excellent in providing educational services, with another 53 percent noting the college does a good job.

The study did show that residents have only a general idea about the cost of a college education. Denise Sigworth, dean of instruction at Schoolcraft, said that's one area the two-year college needs to address.

"We need to do a better job of helping the community understand the support they give - through the local tax base, state monies and tuition and fees - to make community college costs affordable," said Sigworth. "And, that in these economic times, a community college is a viable option to sending a child to a four-year college for \$60,000.

Community Perception of Schoolcraft College



Volunteer Colleen Brown calls local Plymouth-Canton residents to answer questions about Schoolcraft College and Plymouth-Canton Schools.

"Students can attend full time at Schoolcraft for about \$2,000 a year, with classes taught by master level teachers, or the equivalent, with the average class size at 22," she said. "It's small classes with qualified faculty at affordable costs."

Among the most notable conclusions in the study, a mix in confidence that high school graduates are prepared to take college level courses. Survey respondents said high school graduates were well prepared (24 percent) or prepared (44 percent) for college level courses.

However, another 20 percent viewed high school graduates as not being ready for secondary education.

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Denise Sigworth
dean of instruction



Plymouth Salvation Army Commander Stephen Hull praises volunteers during the kickoff ceremony for the 2003 Red Kettle Campaign, the Army's largest fund-raiser.

Kettle campaign kicks off

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Salvation Army's year-round mission to help needy families kicked into high gear Friday with the annual Red Kettle Kickoff.

The ceremony, which featured the choir from West Middle School and a brass band ensemble, begins the annual campaign, which features bell-ringers stationed outside various locations collecting money.

It is the Army's biggest fund-raiser of the year. "We're providing services in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville," said campaign coordinator Kelly Zmudczynski. "The kettle campaign is how we fund the majority of that."

Last year's campaign drew some \$129,000 and Zmudczynski hopes to top that this year. With 24 kettle locations, including half-a-

dozen in Belleville, she hopes the campaign can bring in some \$140,000.

In addition to the kettle stands, located outside places like grocery stores and hardware retailers and other businesses, the Salvation Army also uses "counter" kettles, placed on counters near cash registers in businesses.

For \$100, a business can also sponsor a kettle location, a donation that buys them a sign bearing the business name for an entire day of bell-ringing.

It all continues a tradition that started back in 1891, according to the Salvation Army's Web site, when a Salvation Army officer, Capt. Joseph McFee, promised to share free Christmas dinners and provide other assistance to families of shipwrecked sailors who were poverty-stricken.

Recalling his days as a sailor, when something called "Simpson's Pot" was

placed on the wharf for passersby to toss in charitable contributions, McFee transformed the idea, and the Red Kettle Campaign was born.

By 1895 some 30 Salvation Army corps were using the kettle, and three years later it had spread across the country. Today, passersby continue the tradition, tossing coins and dollar bills into the red kettle, to the tune of millions of dollars each year.

"The generosity of the people is amazing," said Maj. Stephen Hull, commander of the Plymouth Salvation Army. "Every year, people give of their time to help us man the kettles, and people open their hearts to the needy in our community."

Anyone interested in volunteering to man the kettles, or businesses interested in sponsoring a kettle location or hosting a counter kettle, can call Zmudczynski at (734) 453-5464.

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vant information to responding backup units

"Officer Linton's selfless courage and professionalism throughout this incident ended the reign of terror," added Tiderington. "Throughout this incident, Officer Linton exhibited the highest level of professionalism and valor."

■ In July 2002, Plymouth Police Sgt. Al Cox found himself in the middle of an FBI investigation, convincing an enraged ex-husband in Tennessee — who hired a hitman to break the legs of his ex-wife, who lives in Plymouth — that he was investigating an assault on the woman. In reality, the hitman was an FBI informant who notified police, who then faked the assault.

It took several telephone calls from the suspect before he was convinced by Cox the assault had been carried out. When it was time to pay the \$10,000 to the hitman — but not before he ordered another

hit on singer Travis Tritt for stealing his girlfriend — the FBI nabbed him.

"He got really cocky on me and had his alibi all lined up," said Cox, the Plymouth Police Officer of the Year. "But, the next day he called me to find out if I was a real police officer. When he was convinced, he wanted to know details of her injuries."

"He bought it, and went to make the final payment. That's when the FBI nabbed him," he said. "It was definitely one of my most interesting cases."

■ In April of this year, firefighter and paramedic Bill Conroy responded to a report of a personal injury accident involving a sport utility vehicle and a backhoe. On arrival, the crews found the SUV with massive damage and the roof torn off.

"During treatment for the injuries, two attempts to maintain an airway were unsuccessful," said Interim Fire Chief Mark Wendel. "Conroy then proceeded to perform a procedure where two small incisions are made on the throat. A small tube was inserted and the patient was manually ventilated while being transported to the hospital."

"While the patient outcome of this particular incident was not successful, it is this type of consistent dedication to duty and job performance from



The awardees are William Conroy (from left), Larry Groth, Sgt. Al Cox, Scott Linton and Laura Prusaitis.

Firefighter Conroy that exemplifies Firefighter of the Year' Conroy said he was just doing what he was trained to do while responding to an emergency scene.

"It's kind of like total recall, you don't really have time to think, you just respond," said Conroy. "That's why it's important for us to stay on top of training, so it becomes second nature."

Even though it didn't turn out the way we wanted, we did everything we could," he said. "It was really a team effort."

■ While being employed by Huron Valley Ambulance for just over four years, Laura Prusaitis has shown excellent leadership qualities, according to her boss.

Laura puts in a lot of extra time and effort wherever she's needed, whether it be recruiting new employees at job fairs or working an ambulance because of sick calls," said Paul

Hood, vice president of eastern operations for Huron Valley, in announcing the Paramedic of the Year award. Laura is a pleasure to work with, and a credit to public safety everywhere."

Prusaitis was lauded for being a senior paramedic and trainer of new employees, a hazmat trained paramedic, the bike team coordinator for special events in the Plymouth community, and a coordinator for the paramedic program at Schoolcraft College.

"I very much enjoy my job, and the more help I can be the happier I am," said Prusaitis. "I like being out there helping people in my small way."

Recently retired fire Chief Larry Groth was given a Lifetime Achievement Award for his 43 years of service to the Plymouth community.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Survey thanks

On behalf of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education, I write to thank those members of our school district community who participated in our recent telephone survey. We know how busy people are and how most people do not like to have their time at home interrupted by a telephone call.

However, many of you were more than generous with the time you took to give responses to our survey questions about the Plymouth-Canton Community School District and Schoolcraft College. We appreciated your direct answers and, again, the time you invested.

A big debt of gratitude is owed to the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, which supported the survey in many ways. The *O&E* has been a great partner over the years in our effort to publicize our school district, highlight the

accomplishments of students and staff and support this survey effort with fair and honest reporting. They are not afraid to tell it like it is.

We also thank Schoolcraft College for its support. The college has a wonderful research department that provided technical support and expertise to help us design survey questions and summarize the findings.

We plan to use the information collected as a baseline for which to measure our improvement over the years. We have much to be proud of in our school district and are excited about the future. You are a big part of our success and we thank you again for your help in completing this survey.

I am proud to be the superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Jim Ryan
superintendent of schools

ICE FEST

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Farmer Jack is still committed to its \$30,000 contribution, Visteon has dropped its \$5,000 sponsorship.

The festival committee is also hurt by city of Plymouth budget cuts that sliced more than \$16,000 from the festival budget. With budget troubles looming, city officials decided earlier this year to cut support for festivals. Those festivals must now pay the entire cost of city services.

While last year's festival operated on a budget slightly more than \$146,000, Watts to this point has secured just \$76,600 in pledges for the 2004 festival. While the initial numbers are down, Watts isn't worried yet.

"I'm pleased with the response so far," he said. "It seems like the economy is turning around. It was more difficult last year with the economy and the war coming. I'm more encouraged this year."

While Watts is optimistic the budget numbers will pick up, some changes to the festival have been made to fit it into the current budget structure. The changes include:

■ Elimination of professional carving competitions

Professionals will still carve, but only in exhibitions, meaning the board won't have to pay the expense of bringing in professional judges.

■ Elimination of the dinner-dance. "It was a nice event, but it really didn't work well as a fund-raiser," Watts said.

■ Cancellation of the celebrity carving competition. "Again, it was a nice event, but it wasn't really cost-effective," he said.

The other change came in the sculpture program, which allows business owners to purchase a sculpture to be displayed outside their businesses. Those prices went up by \$100, and sculptures now cost \$400, \$500 or \$600.

Individuals can also purchase them, but they will be displayed in Kellogg Park, not in front of homes because of liability reasons, Watts said.

Other features return, such as the presence of the Japanese carvers. "We want to make sure the festival maintains its international status," Watts said — and the student and amateur carving competitions.

"That's part of our vision, part of our purpose," Watts said. "We're making hard decisions while trying to keep the flavor."

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The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs:

■ Tuesday, Nov. 18 - Industrial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks, vehicle accident rescue runs on Plymouth Road at Haggerty with special wash down, northbound I-275 south of M-14, northbound I-275 and Joy, northbound I-275 north of Ann Arbor Road and Massey and Ann Arbor Road, smoke investigation on Plymouth Road, hazardous materials-mutual aid given on Main, and rescue run at a public building on Ann Arbor Road.

■ Monday, Nov. 17 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, Coolidge, F Drive and Northville Road, commercial rescue run on Beck, rescue run at a public building on Main and Pennuman, and vehicle accident rescue runs on Main north of Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Road east of Canton Center.

■ Sunday, Nov. 16 - Residential rescue run on Benjamin, and rescue run at a

public building on Beck.

■ Saturday, Nov. 15 - Residential rescue runs on Lilley, Margurite, and Russell, five commercial rescue runs on Haggerty and one on Five Mile, mutual aid on Haggerty.

■ Friday, Nov. 14 - Residential rescue runs on Northville and on Marlowe, commercial rescue run on Lilley, grass/brush fire run on Mill, rescue run at a public building on Ann Arbor Road, and vehicle accident rescue run on Ann Arbor Road and Massey.

■ Thursday, Nov. 13 - Residential rescue runs on Ivanhoe, Covington, Brooks Lane, South Tyler and Margurite, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road and on Haggerty, vehicle accident rescue run on Haggerty at Joy, rescue run at a public building on Ann Arbor Road, and Helm Court, and downed wires run on Harvey.

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noon of Nov 5 Elder stood up in his blind, then suddenly found himself on the ground, flat on his back. He'd fused five vertebrae, broken a couple of ribs, punctured a lung. He couldn't move. Mental pictures of his wife, Suzanne, and his three children danced through his mind.

Finally, it got dark, and people came looking. And now the ordeal has really begun. Elder, who works for Century 21 Town & Country in Plymouth, is in the hospital at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, going through physical and occupational therapy. He doesn't hold out much hope for walking again — "They say miracles happen, so I'm trying to remain optimistic" — and, with a house payment to make and three children to raise, he's worried what will happen if he can't go back to work.

As a real estate agent, the Livonia native — he graduated from Franklin High School — pays his own health insurance costs. If he can't work, that well will soon dry up.

His focus now: survival. "As long as I keep paying (for insurance), they'll cover it, but I have no clue how I'm going to be able to sell homes without the use of my legs," a discouraged Elder said. "It's very frightening. I have so much to think about. I have three kids at home, and I'm the provider."

It's the second time in two years the Elders have faced life-altering circumstances that have shaken their future to the

core. Two years ago, Suzanne Elder, then just 35, suffered a stroke that forced her husband to stop working for a year to take care of the family.

Daughter Natalie was just 6 months old at the time. Madeline wasn't yet 2 and son Benjamin was just 7. They had needs, and Dad took care of them.

"I probably didn't work for a year," Chris Elder remembered. "I was home, packing lunches and changing diapers."

The Elders were just digging out of the financial and emotional hole Suzanne's stroke dug for them when Chris' accident happened. Friends and family worry that this second tragedy might be too much to bear.

"It's unreal," brother Jim Elder said. "It's so much in one family, it's tough on the kids, too. Everyone chipped in — friends, neighbors — to get them going, and now here we are two years later. It's horrible."

Horrible enough that family and friends are trying to do something to help. Sandy Perez, a nurse at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, is a long-time family friend. She and others were among those who chipped in to help when Suzanne had the stroke, and now they're trying to help again.

Perez and the Elder family are working together on a donation fund of some sort, although details aren't available yet.

"(Elder) has been through so much trauma that we really think they're going to need some help to get through these next months or years," Perez



Friends and family are trying to help Chris Elder, a Plymouth real estate agent paralyzed after a fall from his hunting blind earlier this month. The tragedy comes just two years after his wife, Suzanne, suffered a stroke.

said. "We're hoping to get some financial support from people. We haven't gotten it quite set up yet, but we're working on it."

Perez was among the group of family and friends who helped two years ago with baby-sitting, errands, chores, etc. Now, they'll be doing more of the same.

"We've tried to help where we could," Perez said. "We've tried to take some of that load off them. We've been worried about them, and this last episode is more than anyone can cope with, I think."

While Chris Elder appreciates all the support, thinking

about all of that is quite simply too much for him as he tries to recover.

He's clinging to a cliché to get through things. One day at a time.

"To try to think beyond that is so overwhelming it paralyzes me completely," Elder said. "To think beyond that isn't good for me. I have to focus on getting out of this bed and getting out and getting to work. That's really all I can handle, otherwise, it's too overwhelming."

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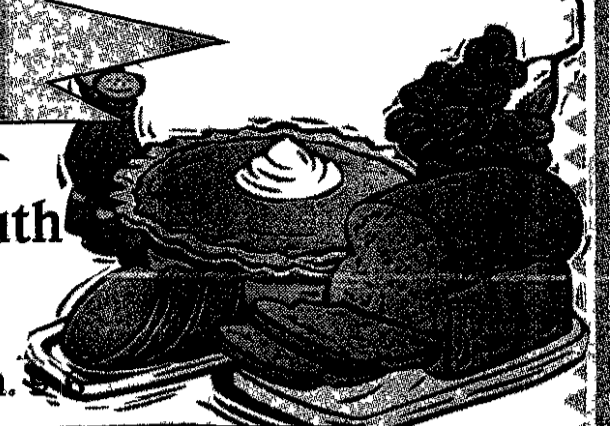
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A lot of our dreams died that day in Dallas

Years ago, I was doing some research at the John F Kennedy Library in Boston, and I asked to see Dave Powers, the president's friend, a working-class Irishman who had been sort of the court jester of the New Frontier



Jack Lessenberry

"You're from Detroit?" he said, eyes twinkling merrily "I love Detroit. A great thing happened to me there. We were campaigning in Cadillac Square on Labor Day and I broke my watch." Puzzled, I asked why in the world breaking his watch during the madness of a campaign rally was a great thing

That's exactly what Powers, then sort of a ceremonial curator of the magnificent library, was waiting for "Because Jack Kennedy took his off and gave it to me!" he said triumphantly. That was a legendary day state Democrats still talk about. John Kelly, for many years a state senator, perched on his father's shoulder that day, his 11th birthday, and briefly grasped the senator's hand. Thousands saw him, at rallies across the state.

Mary Ann Watson, a professor of telecommunications at Eastern Michigan University, was a little girl of 4 when the candidate's car whizzed by and she saw him, as she imagined, looking straight at her. She grew up to become the nation's leading academic expert on television in the Kennedy era.

Last week, as television flooded the airwaves with specials, and younger Americans struggled to figure out what the fuss was all about, those who knew remembered Michigan played a small, but significant, part in sealing Kennedy's victory.

On Election Day, it was those same Detroiters who gave John F Kennedy the margin he needed to carry the state by a whisker in one of the nation's closest elections. Some say it was Millicent Jeffrey who did it, the tiny dynamo of a labor organizer who ran JFK's campaign in the state.

"I met him at a dinner in Grand Rapids in 1958, and was instantly taken with his charm, his ideas, his freshness," Jeffrey, now 91, remembers.

But labor and civil rights groups were suspicious. Jeffrey, the highest-ranking woman in the United Auto Workers union, chaired his campaign, made him acceptable to the Democratic Party's base, rallied and fired up the troops.

When Michigan, after seesawing all night, finally went to JFK at 6 a.m. the next morning, the Secret Service took that as its cue to move in and protect the president-elect. (In those long-ago and supposedly gentler times, mere candidates didn't get Secret Service protection

Nor would they, until after the public saw an unguarded Bobby Kennedy dying in a pool of blood on the floor of a hotel kitchen.)

Michigan's narrow, but solid, margin for Kennedy in 1960 also was a large part of the real reason why Richard Nixon didn't contest the highly suspicious result in Illinois that year. What is often forgotten is that even if the Republicans could have proven vote fraud there, Nixon still needed another large state to win Michigan was his last hope.

"They loved him. We all did," said Frank Kelley, the nation's longest-serving state attorney general. He was a recent appointee to the job when the president came to Michigan to campaign for Democratic candidates for a day in 1962.

"You know, that grace, those perfect moves, those tailored suits, that face, made quite an impression on a middle-class Irish kid like me," Kelley said.

Asked about his own race, Kelley made some comment about his opponent's ego. "And I'll never forget — Kennedy looked at me and said, 'We are all egoists, Frank. The one who hides it the best wins.'" Kelley would go on to serve 37 years as attorney general, leaving office at last the year JFK's son died.

When he retired, I asked him what his best day on the job was. He couldn't say. He knew what the worst one was, though. He was swimming laps in the YMCA pool in Lansing on Friday afternoon when he looked up to see a grim-faced aide come in.

"All I could think of was that something had happened to one of my kids," he said. It was Nov. 22, 1963, and when the aide told him what had happened, Kelley felt no sense of relief. "That was the hardest thing to take as a public person. A lot of hopes and dreams died that day in Dallas," he told me as he was leaving office.

Dave Powers had died the year before. If he were still around, I doubt that he would have been very visible this week. He didn't like talking about the president in November, when he did, all people wanted to know about was the assassination. He knew all about it. It was he who ran to the limousine at Parkland Hospital, wrenched the door open, looked down on what he should never have had to see.

"Who wants to talk about that?" he said. My goal is to keep the memory alive, you know? I knew. Last summer I was at the Kennedy Library again, and saw people, old and young, with stars in their eyes, watching the Inaugural Address. In some crazy way, that part of our past isn't, in fact, over. It isn't, as they say, even really past.

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She stands tall, proud despite bearing a life of arthritis

When Melissa Hafeh set off for the University of Michigan 13 years ago, she faced the same challenges and fears every freshman encounters — learning to live independently, adapting to university life, meeting expectations, making new friends, finding her way around the massive campus. Stressful, admits Melissa, but nothing like the anxiety of overcoming the one thing she feared most — putting on her socks.



Wendy Rose Bice

"I hadn't been able to put my socks on by myself because I couldn't reach my feet," said Melissa, who now lives in Tennessee. "We looked around for an apparatus, a sock-putter-thing — that's the scientific name for it — and finally found one that worked. I think I'm on my fourth now, I'm pretty rough on them," she casually jokes.

It's painful imagining what this young woman has gone through in her 31 years. Before she could even walk, Melissa was diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, a shock to her parents who perceived arthritis as an old person's disease. They quickly discovered how wrong they were. Arthritis is anybody's disease. In fact, doctors now believe that osteoarthritis, the most common form of arthritis, begins as early as in one's 30s.

"I don't know life without arthritis," Melissa matter-of-factly says, her round cherub-like cheeks revealing a pair of sweet dimples. "At 10 months old, my parents began to notice that I was not necessarily meeting the milestones I should be at that stage of my life. I began to have fevers and swelling and after eight months, and a battery of tests, I was diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis."

At age 3, Melissa began taking prednisone and hasn't been off since. She remembers heading to kindergarten, her new school dress nicely complemented by a pair of cumbersome arm braces. Her morning ritual took hours, beginning long before sunrise with a warm bath to ease her stiffened joints. Years later, the surgeries began. Her first hip replacement was immediately followed by a broken foot. Both of her knees were replaced, then her other hip. Within the past two years, two separate falls resulted in two broken femurs and subsequent surgeries. While recovering from the first surgery, she lost her job. "That was the hardest thing I ever went through," reflects Melissa. Now, doctors have told her she has both osteoporosis and osteoarthritis.

Melissa — as a child and now as an adult — is one of the faces of arthritis, giving us a glimpse into some of the worst that this chronic illness offers. Amazingly she speaks easily of her past and her struggles, even laughing at her escapades. Yet, her story of perseverance provides inspiration to the more than 7,000 Michigan children who have arthritis while her sentiments about the disease echo those of the

3 million others in the state with any one of the other 105 forms of arthritis.

"Arthritis is not an individual disease," Melissa recently told some 150 people gathered at the Oakland Hills Country Club for an Arthritis Foundation luncheon. Barely able to see over the podium, her fragile 5-foot-2 frame dwarfed because of the disease process and years of medications, this dynamo was anything but stunted in front of a crowd.

"My family lives with this disease, too. But, I'm one of the lucky ones as my parents have always been there for me, encouraging my independence. Not everyone is so fortunate. The reality of this disease is that independence has its fragile moments."

Melissa's fragility is something more and more Americans will soon experience firsthand. As baby boomers pour through the doorway leading to the second half of their lives, arthritis will be walking in with them. According to the Arthritis Foundation, 70 million Americans now have some form of arthritis. Within the next 20 years, that number could double.

The good news is living with arthritis will be easier than it was for Melissa, thanks to the incredible advances in the treatment of this disease. Still, as our knees, hips, toes and wrists begin to swell and ache more often, we are reminded that there is little we can do to prevent its onset, but we can manage it better.

Joint moving exercises such as walking and swimming, Melissa will tell us, are good steps toward healthy management of the disease. And even though the cold weather does absolutely nothing to make her or anyone with arthritis feel better, the annual Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis will.

This 5K event, being held Dec. 6 in Birmingham and Dec. 7 in Northville, is a chance for those with arthritis and those who care about arthritis to get out and support the Arthritis Foundation's mission to prevent, control and cure arthritis and related diseases.

Melissa will be there. And so will her family, who, even with those sock-putter-thingies, still loves to help Melissa put on her socks.

For information about the Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis, call the Arthritis Foundation at (248) 424-9001 or go to arthritist.org.

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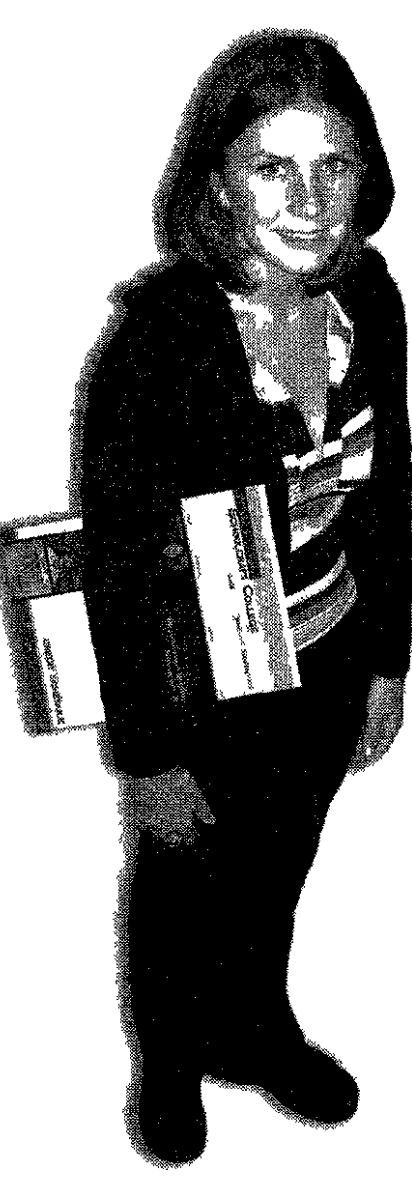


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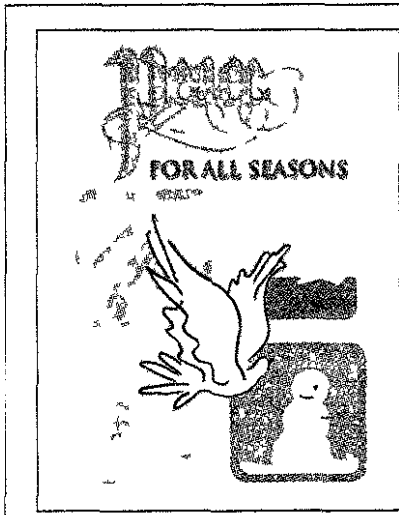
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Self-esteem key for girls

BY JONI HUBRED GOLDEN
STAFF WRITER

Inside the circle, they were flowers, blossoming with innocent smiles and gentle rhythms.

Facilitator Shari Shepherd urged her group of young girls to imagine themselves first as seeds, then as tender shoots emerging from the earth. Even worms became allies in the process, loosening the earth to make room for their roots to grow.

Shepherd's workshop, which focused on movement and body image, was part of Saturday's Fourth Annual Original Girls Matter Conference, held at Orchard Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. More than 270 attendees spent the morning focused on equipping young girls with the tools they need to become healthy, happy women.

The conference is organized every year by representatives from OCC, Farmington, Birmingham and Southfield public schools and West Bloomfield Community Education. OCC's Womencenter Coordinator Arlene Frank said the group started working on the idea five years ago for one reason.

Some of us who work with girls or in the field of women's issues realized for our girls not to come back with the same issues that women do, we needed intervention, she explained.

According to both research and anecdotal information, Frank said, girls' self confidence is fairly high until 11 or 12 years of age. At adolescence, many girls begin to more thoroughly accept the stereotyped notions of how they should behave and create themselves.

In one of the workshops for parents, psychologist Elana Goell-Varkovitzky pointed out that young women who can't identify their own emotions won't be able to make good decisions.

The lack of "emotional intelligence" can interfere with everything from dating to career decisions.

If kids don't know how to figure out how they feel, they can get moody and depressed, she said.

Goell-Varkovitzky described the process of brain development as one of blooming and pruning - children develop more "shoots" than needed, and in adolescence, the brain goes into a massive reorganization and specialization in the area of identity.

She urged parents to teach their daughters to respect intuition, asking them about their "gut feeling" in the decision-making process.

While parents learned more about topics like setting boundaries, communication and nutrition, girls talked about what girls talk about - relationships, school, careers, peer pressure and making a difference in the world.

Sarah Van Dagens and Hayley Ward, both of whom are in eighth grade at East Hills Middle School in Bloomfield Hills, attended Career Discovery and Talking about Sex workshops.

"I learned to really think about what you like," Ward said of the career-oriented workshop.

"What catches your attention has a lot to do with choosing a career," Van Dagens added.

Conference "girl friends" and sponsors are Botsford Health Care Continuum, Dr. Nelson Hersh, Zonta Club Farmington/Novi Branch, Birmingham Maple Clinic, and the Farmington and Northville-Novato Branches of the American Association of University Women.

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To the wire

Talk about stretching an already dramatic finish to its limit. That's just what the Canton Conquest U-17 girls soccer team did in the very competitive Premier Fall League. Trailing 3-2 in their last match, the Conquest scored twice in the final two minutes to gain a 4-3 victory and a first place finish.

The Conquest were 7-1-2 in the league and 14-2-2 overall, winning one tournament and reaching the semifinals in another.

Team members are Colette Gilman, Molly Priebe, Amy Gizicki, Megan McCarthy, Brittany Cervi, Christie Daniels, Diana Fedrigo, Taylor Foley, Ali Lindow, Stephanie Price, Erica Arndt, Maureen Bielski, Bailey Fagan, Bethany Lane, Kristen Boylan and Lisa Ealy. The team is coached by Drew Crawford and Dan Fagan, Rich Priebe is the team manager.

Bucks honored

The Michigan Bucks minor league soccer franchise was well represented when the collegiate All-Conference teams were announced this week. A total of 18 players were honored, 14 as first-team selections.

In the Big Ten, Knox Cameron, Kevin Taylor, Peter Dzubay and Mike White from the University of Michigan and John Minagawa-Webster and Nick DeGraw from Michigan State University were selected. Cameron was also voted the Big Ten Athlete of the Year. U-M's Mychal Turpin was selected to the second team, so was Penn State's Simon Omekanda. In the Mid-Continent Conference, five Bucks attending Oakland University were honored, led by Conference Defensive Player of the Year Jason Perry. Joining Perry on the first team were Doug Rice, Jeff Wiese and Ryan Rzepka, with Chris Edwards selected for the second team.

Other Bucks gaining first team honors in their respective leagues were George Kithas (University of Detroit Mercy) in the Horizon League, Boyz Khumalo (Coastal Carolina University) in the Big South Conference, Stephan David and Brian Ombigi representing Lindsey Wilson College in the NAIA's Mid-South Conference. Abe Geiger (Stanford) was named to the Pac 10's All-Academic First Team.



Canton's Katie Cezat looks to pass while pressured by Salem's Kathy Hammerschmidt (left) and Kathryn Wheatley. Cezat still managed to score 20 points.

Chiefs make quick work of the Rocks

Canton wins district, 43-23

The second half was a couple of minutes old and Canton basketball coach Bob Blohm was busy dispensing some of those unforgettable lessons only a guy who's been in the business more than 25 years can dole out.

"Just go out and play ball," he instructed Molly Conlon. "Have fun. And make baskets."

Apparently the Chiefs had no trouble following those instructions. They got scoring from a number of sources, clamped down on Salem defensively and stayed in control from start to finish in capturing their Class A district title, 43-23 Friday at South Lyon.

Canton, now 19-3, advances to the Class A regional against West Bloomfield Monday at Auburn Hills. Avondale Salem finishes its season at 15-7.

"That was profound, wasn't it?" Blohm responded when told of his earlier remarks. "I'm happy for this group. They worked hard, they deserved it."

"If you had told me before the game that we'd hold (Salem's) Ellen Canale and (Alyssa) Guerin to a total of 10 points, I'd have said you're crazy."

But that's exactly what the Chiefs did. The game was tied just once — at 3-3, two-and-a-half minutes in. After that, Canton rolled off 11 consecutive points and the Rocks never again posed much of a threat.

"We missed a couple of shots early, we got tentative and never recovered," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "When you're playing in this kind of game, you've got to make shots."

That's something the Rocks couldn't manage to do. They had just three field goals in the first half, going 3-for-15 from the field (20 percent), in the third quarter they were 2-for-9. For the game, Salem was 9-for-35 (26 percent).

Canton converted 17-of-36 shots (47.2 percent).

The difference for the Chiefs was finding ways to get the ball to Katie Cezat. In the two teams' first meeting this season, she lit up Salem for 25 points and 15 rebounds and Canton won, in their second meeting, Cezat was held to eight points and seven boards and Canton lost.

On Friday, Cezat came off the baseline more often, with Lisa Ealy cutting behind her, and there were more openings in the Salem zone defense. It also helped that Cezat got three putback baskets in the first quarter.

"That was the whole key to the game," said Blohm. "We got off to a good start. The other kids looked to make shots, and Katie wasn't just going to sit down there and get doubled."

The Chiefs led 16-5 after the first quarter, but got off to a rough start in the second. A Kathryn Wheatley basket in the first minute of the period trimmed Canton's lead to single digits, and three-

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Dixie State ruins SC's title hopes

Not quite good enough. After what their coach, Bill Tolstedt, described as a lackluster opening-round performance, the second-ranked Schoolcraft College women's soccer team came into Friday's NJCAA Division I Tournament semifinal against third-ranked Dixie State (Utah) knowing the team that won would likely capture the national championship.

Dixie State proved to be that team. The Rebels advanced to today's NJCAA title game with a 3-1 victory over SC in Phoenix.

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They will meet defending NJCAA champion Rhode Island for the title. SC falls to 17-1 and will play CC-Catonsville (Md.) for third place today.

Dixie State played Rhode Island earlier this season and won, 5-0. In their opening-round match against Hinds (Miss.) CC Thursday in Phoenix, the Ocelots dominated play but, according to Tolstedt, their play tailed off after the first 25 minutes and they settled for a 3-1 victory.

For the first 25 minutes it was absolute domination by us," said Tolstedt. "After that, we lost our focus and I did not think we played a good game."

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Agape collects another district crown

For Canton Agape Christian, it all came together Friday in its Class D girls basketball district final against Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Offensively, the passing was crisp. The defense was tenacious. Nothing was taken for granted.

All of which spelled trouble for the Hawks, who found themselves trailing 12-2 after one quarter and 23-7 by halftime.

It didn't improve much for them in the second half, as Agape rolled to its third-straight district championship, 46-17 at Detroit Urban Lutheran.

The Wolverines, who improved to 13-

CLASS D HOOP

10, advance to the Whitmore Lake regional against Adrian Lenawee Christian on Monday. Huron Valley ends its season at 10-11.

"I knew it was important for us to play well," said Agape coach Clark Sexton. "If we can get ready and play well against this team, it will prepare us for Monday's game."

"You can't afford to have any lulls at this time of year."

Against the Hawks, either a good offensive effort or a good defensive

showing would probably have been enough to capture the district title. But the Wolves left nothing to chance, looking sharp at both ends of the floor.

While defensively limiting Huron Valley to just 17 points, the offense kept putting points on the board — for example, Tarah Armbruster, who led Agape with 18 points. Armbruster was 4-of-6 on three-point shots, making three of them in the third quarter, "all on ball reversals."

A J Creps was also active, collecting 10 points and 11 rebounds, and Emily

PLEASE SEE AGAPE, B3

Shamrocks' late surge freezes Chargers

Trailing 2-1 early in the final period, Redford Catholic Central found itself on the ropes against Livonia Churchill in Wednesday's season opener at Edgar Arena.

But the five-time defending state hockey champions finished with a flurry, scoring four times in the final 11 minutes to put the upstart Chargers on the canvas, 5-2.

CC, which hasn't lost to a Michigan opponent in over two seasons, tied it up with 10:52 remaining on Travis Hamway's power-play goal, which he ripped top-shelf from the right-side circle. Drew Kahle and Pete Pfeffer assisted to make it 2-2.

Hamway, a senior forward, then tallied the game-winner with 7:02 to go when he put on a dippy-do move and backhanded a shot past Churchill netminder Justin Bolla. The assist went to Mike Monterey.



Churchill's Xander Younce can't find the handle on the puck as CC goalie John Garza tries to control the puck and Mike Monterey tries to stop him from behind.

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straight turnovers by Canton set the stage for a Salem comeback

But it never materialized Wheatley's basket would be the Rocks' only points of the quarter, while the Chiefs put eight on the board to take a 24-7 lead into halftime

Everything that could possibly have gone wrong for us tonight did go wrong, said Thomann But they absolutely deserved to win the game"

The Rocks were never able to get on track offensively, getting outscored 13-6 in the third quarter

In the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game, Guern riddled Canton for 20 points and Canale had 14, in Friday's district final, the Chiefs limited Guern to one basket and Canale to eight points

"We just tried to guard Guern and Canale better, Blohm said, pleased with the effort supplied by Ealy on Guern and Rachele Guastella on Canale "And I think we were a bit more organized against their zone

Cezat in particular She once again wreaked havoc on the Rocks, scoring 20 points and grabbing 13 rebounds Guastella added 10 points and Becci Houdek knocked down eight points Ealy finished with



Canton's Sarah Samulski (right) wrestles for the ball with Salem's Theresa Coppelie as Canton's Becci Houdek (left) gets ready to pounce Houdek scored eight points for the Chiefs before hurting her knee

three points, five boards and three steals
Canale's eight points led Salem, six of those came in the fourth quarter

Now comes West Bloomfield, a team that hasn't lost since early in the season (the Lakers

are 18-4) and boasts one of the state's top players in Samantha Mahoney

It will be another difficult challenge for the Chiefs, but if they listen and follow their coach's instructions, who can predict how far they'll go?

AGAPE

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Tong totaled five points, five assists, four steals and four rebounds

The Hawks got 11 points from Rebecca Schultz

"Agape was good on defense," said Huron Valley coach Kris Ruth "They mixed it up, from man to zone, and we couldn't handle it

"We were in a panic mode and didn't set up the offense" The Wolverines, on the other hand, did all that Sexton asked of them "Our ball movement today was fantastic, he said "We shot the ball well the last couple of games because we're not settling for three-pointers"

They'll try to keep it going Monday A win would match Agape's furthest trek in the state tournament, the Wolverines reached the region-

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On Thursday in its Class D district semifinal, Agape Christian made it three-in-a-row over crosstown rival Plymouth Christian Academy, rolling over the Eagles 51-31 at Detroit Urban Lutheran

PCA's season ends at 7-14 The difference in the game was in the third quarter Agape was already holding a 19-10 lead, gained in the first half, a 22-6 run in the third period put the game away

Tong scored seven points in the Wolverines' third-period run, with Creps adding all six of her points

Tong, a senior point guard, finished with 15 points, four rebounds, three assists and three steals Creps had a team-high nine boards to go with five assists and five steals Stephanie Johannes added eight points in the game

PCA was led by Kelsie Tietjen with 14 points Tong "played a very solid game She was very poised," said Agape coach Clark Sexton, adding her defensive efforts against Amanda Saagman kept the PCA point guard, the Eagles' leading scorer, scoreless for the game

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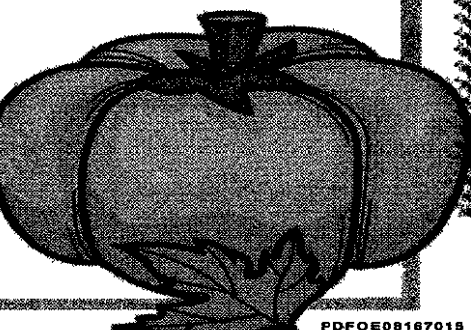
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Opening day is history. All the anticipation and excitement culminated yesterday as the firearms deer season of 2003 began.

Now comes the "second season." The tough season. Wildlife biologists predict that as many as 75 percent of the bucks taken during the firearms season are tagged on opening day. After that, the pickings get a little slim.

Whitetails, particularly bucks, are different creature after the first couple days of gun season. When the lead starts to fly whitetails head for cover and a different strategy is required than what was employed on opening weekend.

Many hunters get frustrated after the first couple days because they aren't seeing deer from their stand anymore. Instead of packing up and heading home with your tail tucked between your legs, try a different strategy. If the deer

Find an area where hunters don't tread and you've likely found an area holding deer.

aren't moving, you should be. To find deer after opening weekend locate the thickest cover in your area. This may be a cedar swamp, cattail marsh or just an old, overgrown, dried-out floodplain. Find an area where hunters don't tread and you've likely found an area holding deer.

Stillhunting can be a productive technique during this second season. The secret is to move at a snail's pace or slower, and to be as quiet as a mouse.

Casually strolling through the woods usually won't produce results, but a calculated still hunt will.

When you find some likely cover be sure to take a compass reading before entering. It's easy to get turned around in heavy cover, and even though you might not get lost, you could get turned around and a compass will save you valuable time when it's time to drag out

your trophy. Work around the outside of the cover to the downwind side so you'll be walking into the wind.

Work your way through the area and plot a course that takes you from tree to tree. Don't walk right down a deer trail and leave yourself standing out in the open. Try to blend in as much as possible.

Slowly, very slowly, walk five or 10 feet, then stop, preferably next to a tree or bush that will break up your silhouette. Stay put for a few minutes and study your surroundings.

Don't expect to see a deer. Rather, you'll likely see a deer leg as it moves through the brush, or the twitch of a deer ear as it rotates listening for any approaching predators - hunters. Watch for parts of deer.

Before moving again, look ahead and plot a course. Don't walk over fallen branches or a pile of crunchy leaves. Look for a path to a tree up ahead that will make the least amount of noise, then move along it very slowly. If you cover more than a couple yards in an hour, you're probably moving too fast.

Don't be afraid to stop and take a break for 20 to 30 minutes, either. You don't have to

be constantly on the move. If you see a deer, or movement that could be a deer, stay put and study the area. Look for a way to approach the area from the downwind side and, again, move slowly. Remember a bedded deer is on the lookout and watching for your approach. To fool him, you must blend in with the surroundings.

A grunt call can be a big advantage for a still hunter. If you can move to within earshot, a subtle doe bleat will often bring a curious deer into range. A rutting grunt can also be productive if a rutting buck is in the area.

However, if you're sneaking up on a doe and let out a rutting grunt she may just head for greener pastures.

Stillhunting can be fun and productive, and at the same time, you're scouting for another stand location. Don't give up after opening weekend. There is still a lot of great hunting to enjoy.

(Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to Bill Parker c/o Outdoors 805 E. Maple Birmingham MI 48009.)

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ACTIVITIES

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METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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Z 03 25	462 N Harvey	Non Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback - 2nd Floor Addition Zoned R 1 Single Family Residential Applicant Andrew & Kristen Posa

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Coaching change, new home won't hurt Catholic Central

Things are going to be a little different for Redford Catholic Central's hockey team this season.

The Shamrocks have moved out of their longtime home at Redford Ice Arena and into Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. Longtime co-coach Todd Johnson has had the co- removed from his title as he takes the reins full-time from the retired Gordie St. John.

And the biggest difference comes from the players on the ice, as the Shamrocks look to replace 10 players at the varsity level.

But one thing will stay the same — after winning five consecutive state titles, CC is still the team to beat in Division 1.

"Now that the season is about to start, we're really excited about this group," said Johnson, whose team was 26-3 last year. "The guys on the current team can't rest on what the teams in front of them have done. We have to find a way to be good enough to win. And we know that there's a lot of people looking to end our streak."

Goalie Jimmy Blanchard opted to play junior hockey in

HOCKEY PREVIEW

Leamington, Ontario, for his senior year, so the Shamrocks will have two senior goalies, John Garza and Andrew Godoshian, split time in net. "Both of them are solid high school goalies," Johnson said. "Both have been in the program and paid their dues. They're very similar in style. We're only going to carry two goalies, so we'll see what happens."

The defense will be led by the two senior captains, Mike Monterey and Bill Makela. Senior T.J. Quattlander returns, as does sophomore Tim Buttery, while junior Kevin Horal will join the team after football season. Sophomore newcomers Mike Maviglia, Adam McGee and Nick Kroll will also see time.

"What's unique about Monterey and Makela is that while they have signed to play college sports outside of hockey, they are motivated to keep our string going," Johnson said. "In the off-season, they prepared on and off the ice as well as any player we have."

Up front, there's a mix of some veterans, but a lot of newcomers as well.

"We're not as much flash and dash as we have been in the past," Johnson said. "It will just take these guys a bit of adjustment time in their new roles. These guys were playing behind some good players, so they never really got the opportunity to show what they can do. Maybe it's their time to shine."

Seniors Travis Hamway, David McGrorty and Jimmy Burns, along with juniors Jason Lewarne, Harrison Niemann, Mike Oakleaf, Mychael Evans, Chris New and Brett Storm and sophomore Drew Kahle are back. Juniors John Horal and Brian Giosa, senior Pete Pfeffer and sophomores Dan Barchuk, Jeff Bachor and Wade LaFever will be among the newcomers.

"It's going to be tough to tell what our strength is because we've got so many new faces playing important roles," Johnson said. "Our concern is how we handle the pressure of playing in this program, knowing there's a lot of teams gunning for us."

SHAMROCKS

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The Shamrocks then tacked on two more goals for good measure in the final 3:57 as David McGrorty scored from Hamway and Kahle, followed by Harrison Niemann from Jason Lewarne and Jimmy Burns.

Although CC came on late, it was the goaltending of John Garza which proved to be pivotal throughout the three periods.

The senior, who backed up Jimmy Blanchard last season, arose to the occasion, stopped 25 of 27 shots.

"We got away with a horrible second period, it could have been 5-1," CC coach Todd Johnson said. "Garza was awesome. I'm happy for him because he's paid his dues for two years. We're fortunate because we have two guys (including Andrew Godoshian), who can play like that."

Churchill buzzed around Garza during the second period like a pack of vultures, but could only put one shot past the CC netminder.

That came with 7:36 left in the period on Xander Younce's rink-long rush culminating in a short backhand from Chris Barczuk and Derrick Lasecki to make it 1-1.

(CC had led 1-0 after one period on Tim Buttery's goal from McGrorty and Kahle just after a Churchill player had left the penalty box.)

"We were lazy, making big rink turns and we were not alert," Johnson said of the second period. "We were a step behind. Maybe the wakeup goal was the second goal they scored against us."

Churchill, seemingly in control, carried its second period momentum early into the third when Steve Yarber, taking a perfect pass in front of the net from Justin Stadler, scored at 4:44 seconds. The other assist went to Mike Dzewit.

But the Chargers, who took only three penalties all night, got caught for hooking, leading to a CC power-play goal.

"The power-play goal was huge for us," Johnson said. "What I learned about our guys

tonight is that we were not ready to cash it in. We were down a goal in the third period and I wanted to see how they'd react."

The third-period collapse was certainly disappointing for the Chargers, who outshot CC, 27-24.

"I really don't know what happened," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said afterwards. "I'm still trying to figure it out. We felt good even when it was 2-2, but the third goal was a backbreaker."

They (CC) were able to capitalize on some odd-man rushes and our mistakes, and we didn't.

It's just the way it happened. It was a great lesson for us. What I hope our players learned is what counts is after 45 minutes, not 38."

If there was one player who tipped the scales in CC's favor, it was Garza.

"He played well," the Churchill coach said. "We had about four point-blank chances in that second period (including a shot by Wes Carpenter that rang off the post). He (Garza) stepped up big."

Meanwhile, Johnson was not doing cartwheels following the 5-2 triumph.

"That's a really good Churchill team, as good a team as Pete's had," the CC coach said. "The score is not indicative of the game. And I hope our guys are mature enough to realize that."

"We've got to get a lot better before the playoffs or these guys will blow us out. If this team doesn't get better, there's no chance for success. I feel like we stole the game tonight."

Salem stopped

Three third-period goals enabled Walled Lake Central to pull away from Salem for a 3-0 victory Friday in the two teams' season-opener at Lakeland Arena.

Shawn Skelly scored the Vikings' first goal and assisted on the second, netted by Chad Barry. Ryan Bean got the third Central score.

Mike Sidor was in goal for the Vikings. Brandon DeMars was in the net for the Rocks.

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS BASKETBALL REGIONAL PAIRINGS CLASS A
at AUBURN HILLS AVONDALE
Monday Nov 24 Southfield Lathrup vs Pontiac Northern 5 p.m. Canton vs West Bloomfield 7 p.m.
Wednesday Nov 26 Championship final 7 p.m. Dec 2 at University of Detroit Mercy against Grosse Pointe South regional winner) at EASTPOINTE EAST DETROIT
Monday Nov 24 Redford Union vs Detroit Cass Tech 6 p.m. Detroit King vs Detroit Murray Wright 6 p.m.
Wednesday Nov 26 Championship final 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday Dec 2 at Dearborn High vs Temperance Bedford regional champion.)
CLASS B
at PONTIAC NOTRE DAME PREP
Monday Nov 24 St. Clair Shores Lakeshore vs Livonia Ladywood 6 p.m. Detroit Crockett vs Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Nov 26 Championship final 7

p.m. (winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday Dec 2 at the University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall vs Riverview regional champion.)
CLASS D AT WHITMORE LAKE
Monday Nov 24 Jackson Christian district champion vs Morrice district champ 5 p.m. Adrian Lenawee Christian district champ vs Canton Agape Christian 7 p.m.
Wednesday Nov 26 Championship final 7 p.m. (winner advances to the state quarterfinals against Hartford regional champ 7 p.m. Tuesday Dec 2 at Parma Western)
PREP HOCKEY
Monday Nov 24 Franklin vs Hartland (KVH) 4 p.m.
Wednesday Nov 26 Ladywood vs Bloomfield at Arctic Pond 6 p.m. Churchill vs Salem at Edgar Arena 6 p.m.
Friday Nov 28 Redford CC vs O.L. St. Mary's Prep at Compuware (NHL Arena) 7 p.m. Churchill at W.L. Western

at Lakeland Ice Arena 8:20 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Tuesday Nov 25 Saginaw Valley at Madonna 7 p.m.
Wednesday Nov 26 Kellogg at Schoolcraft 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Tuesday Nov 25 Madonna at Kalamazoo College 6 p.m.
Friday Nov 28 Schoolcraft vs Columbus State at Owens CC (Ohio) Turkey Shootout 4 p.m.
Saturday Nov 29 Schoolcraft vs Edison CC (Ohio) at Owens CC (Ohio) Turkey Shootout 2 p.m.
Sunday Nov 30 Schoolcraft at Owens CC (Ohio) 4 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Wednesday Nov 26 Whalers vs Windsor (Compuware) 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Nov 27 Whalers at Sarnia 7:30 p.m.
Saturday Nov 29 Whalers vs Peterborough at Compuware Arena 7:30 p.m.

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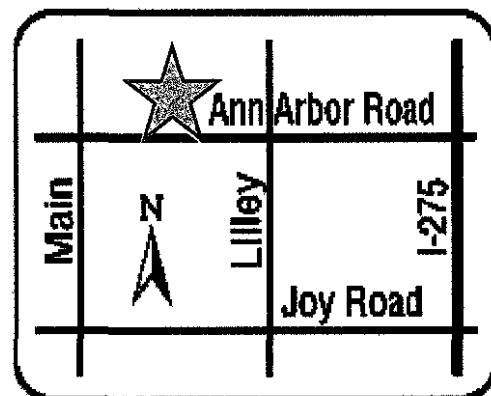
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Nadolni's late triple gets win for Madonna

Chad Nadolni connected on game-winning three-pointer with only 12 seconds left to lift the Madonna University men's basketball team to a dramatic 64-62 win Friday over Chohan (N.C.) University in the opening round of the Mount Union (Ohio) Raider Tip-Off Classic. MU improves to 3-1 with the victory and earned a spot in Saturday's championship final against the host Raiders, an 88-61 victor over Case Western Reserve (Ohio) in the other semifinal.

Chowan (0-1) led 34-28 at halftime, but the Crusaders came back with a 36-28 second-half surge. Joe Kofahl led MU with 21 points, hitting 9-of-11 shots from the floor. Dan Kurtmatis had 11 points and 10 assists, while Noel Emenhiser

grabbed 11 rebounds and had eight points. Trayvon Latham led Chohan with a game-high 32 points to go along with nine rebounds.

Schoolcraft (men) 87, Rochester JV 38: On Friday, coach Carlos Briggs shortened his first-half rotation to nine and host Ocelots (3-0) were in sync, rolling to a lopsided men's basketball victory over the Rochester College JV squad. Guard Ryan Baumgartner, a transfer from Miami of Ohio via Muncie South (Ind.) High School, led all scorers with 26 points.

Marcus Johnson (Dearborn Heights Robichaud) added 16 points, while Rucky Morgan (Pontiac Northern) and Anton Palmer (Chicago, Ill. Juhan)

added 10 each. "We played better defense and ran some good offensive sets," said Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs, whose 3-0 team led 40-18 at halftime. "Our guys are starting to understand their roles and they're playing better together."

Schoolcraft (women) 62, Owens CC (OHIO) 58: A balanced attack, with better second-half shooting (particularly from long range), enabled Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team to gain a key win Wednesday over visiting Owens CC (Ohio). The Ocelots evened their record at 2-2 with the triumph. Owens falls to 2-1. Trailing 29-28 at halftime, SC used its superior three-point

shooting to make a difference in the second half. The Ocelots were 2-of-4 from beyond the arc in the first half (50 percent), they hit 5-of-9 in the second half (55.5 percent) for a combined 7-of-13 (53.8 percent). Owens was 0-for-9 on three-point tries. Tara Charles (Redford Bishop Borgess) led the SC attack with 16 points, including 4-of-5 on threes. Ashley Gibson contributed 13 points (3-of-5 on triples) and had six assists. India Monteiro collected 10 points, 15 rebounds and four assists. Sara Tyree (Westland John Glenn) totaled nine points and eight boards, and Jaz Forster had three points, six assists and four steals. Stacey Wieland's 23 points was best for Owens. Laura Wilson added 12

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Dixie CC) we'll be in real trouble"

Sarah Plymale (from Canton HS) got the Ocelots' first goal Erica Ahrens (Canton) and Andrea Wright also got first-half goals as SC outshot Hinds, 27-5.

Nicole Dahcandro was in

goal for SC in the first half, she was replaced by Andrea Dunn (Garden City) in the second half. Hinds' only goal was an own-goal.

The Cyclones dropped to 17-2-1 with the loss.

Dixie (St. George, Utah) advanced with a 5-0 victory over Young Harris (Ga.), while Catonsville (Md.) supplied the biggest first-round surprise Thursday, upsetting top-ranked Lewis and Clark (Ill.) 1-0.

City of Plymouth NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

This is to give notice that the Plymouth City Commission will hold a hearing on a request for issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate at its regular meeting on Monday, December 1 2003. The public is invited to provide comments or other information on this request either in writing or in person, at this hearing.

The request is from E & E Manufacturing 300/400 Industrial Drive, Plymouth, Michigan regarding the following property located at 101, 201 and 301 Industrial Drive.

TAX ID #49-007-99-0010-000: THAT PART OF THE SW ¼ OF SEC 25, T1S, R8E, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT DISTANT S 88D 21M E 80 00 FT AND S 01D 39M W 120 62 FT FROM THE W ¼ COR OF SEC 25 FOR A POB, TH CONT S 01D 39M W 326 70 FT TH S 88D 21M E 370 00 FT TH N 01D 39M E 326 70 FT, TH N 88D 21M W 370 00 FT TO THE POB 2.78 ACRES and

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The Certificate would allow tax abatement on new manufacturing equipment and modifications to existing facilities. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$7,035,000. The Certificate would result in abatement of one half (1/2) of the property taxes which would otherwise be levied on the estimated additional State Equalized Valuation of \$3,517,500, for a maximum period of twelve (12) years.

This notice is given pursuant to the Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Districts Act (PA 1974, No 198 as amended MCLA 207 551 et seq), which provides that the legislative body of each taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of Plymouth shall be notified of a request for issuance of a IFE Certificate and shall be given an opportunity for a hearing before the City takes action on the request.

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Bowlers cash in at GDBA mixed tourney raffle

Nov 9 was the date for the last squad in the Greater Detroit Bowling Association's mixed tournament at Hazel Park Bowl



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

At exactly 3 p.m., the prize drawing was held to determine the winners of the GDBA's raffle for 13 cash prizes ranging from \$1,000 first prize to \$500 second, along with 11 payouts of \$100 each

All stubs were placed in a large box and shuffled for ten minutes, then placed in a large hopper for the random drawing

Prize winners included Gwendolyn Ferguson, who took first place, and Al Desantis, who finished second, along with Jeff Teichman (Westland), DB & T Awards & Promotions, Lunda DeReuter, Ken Everett, Beverly Williams, Kevin Wojcik, Craig Matthews (Livonia), Mike Ahrens, Enrico Odoroco and Ron Byrd

The checks are in the mail ■ Some people have discovered bowling as a viable means for fund-raising. Charities have been doing it for years with great success, especially if its cause has human interest appeal

The Cancer Foundation, Heart Fund and several children's causes have had very successful bowl-a-thons over the years

Even the animal lovers have raised a lot of money with their Tail-Waggers Bowl

It seems that almost any worth-while organization can do a bowling fundraiser and it's easy to do because most bowling centers will help organize it and do much of the background and back-room work

Country Lanes in Farmington Hills hosted a fund-raiser for the Farmington Hills Unified girls golf team

Three of the local Farmington area high schools — Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington — combine forces for a unified squad coached by Anne Marie Sopha, who also helped set up the bowling fundraiser

She has two capable helpers, Natalie Rappalardo and Emily Laird both of whom also participated in the event

Everyone paid \$25 to enjoy the event including three games of bowling. Every entrant automatically qualified for door prizes and a dinner buffet

One of the top prizes was two rounds of golf with carts at the Otsego Club in Gaylord on either the Tribute or Classic course

Another prize was a pair of Detroit Red Wings tickets, courtesy of Ron Laird at National Auto Glass

They held a silent auction and sold raffle tickets as well. In addition other door prizes were donated by Pick-A-Bone,

Champps, Max & Erma's, Brass Pointe, Dimitri's, Civic Theatre, Oakland County Coupon Books, Bellacino's, Oasis Golf Center, Corsi's, Chihls, Applebees, Whispering Willows, Borders, Target, Dunham's, Carl's Golf Center, Blockbuster, Best Buy, The Great Wall, Copper Creek, San Marino, and more

There were several \$100 lane sponsors as well including Automotive Techniques, Chicken King, Art of the Party, Fairlane Investment Advisors, Laird's Auto Glass, Nu-Way Vending, Ratzloff Modernization, National Auto Glass, SBC, Greenville Glass and Action Insurance

Thirty of Country Lanes' 32 lanes were taken up, and with this great turnout, it must have been a huge success, which helped fund this activity

If you have an organization that needs funding, talk to your local bowling proprietor, which will go all-out for you in helping build a bowling fundraiser

■ The Michigan Women's Bowling Association Senior Queens Tournament has just ended at 300 Bowl in Waterford and drew a huge field of the best senior women in the state

It ran on Nov 1-2 with another great turnout. It is open to senior women

scratch bowlers age 50 or higher with an average of at least 170 in sanctioned league competition with 21 games or more to be eligible

Carol Roberts of Ferndale was the winner, by beating Marilyn Kreg of Kalamazoo by two pins 169-167

The fifth finalist was Leona Obuchowski, also from Ferndale, who was bumped out by Carol Davis of Lake Orion, 182-179. Jan Combs of Flint was in third place for the finals, but lost to Davis, 188-181

Roberts is this year's champion and has a check for \$1,000, and those two more pins that fell her way

■ Some of the good bowlers around town are getting back to reporting their high scores

On Nov 8, Greg Sarkoza of the Saturday Nite Specials at Cloverlanes in Livonia rolled a 245 game with a 700 series

At Vision Lanes in Westland, Larry Franz of the Thursday Ford Men's League hit 299 on Nov 6 (What pin did he leave?)

Report your high scores to the counter-person, I will then be able to run it in Ten Pin Alley

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

SPORTS ROUNDUP

SOCCER REFEREES

Training for new soccer referees will be conducted at the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association office, located at 9401 General Drive in Plymouth

Classes will be from 8 a.m. - noon on four consecutive Saturdays: Jan 24, Jan 31, Feb 7 and Feb 14. All four sessions must be attended

Those interested must be at least 12 years-old. Cost is \$50. Class size is limited. Register on-line at www.msysareferee.net, or call (734) 454-7335 for more information

JINGLE BELL ROCK

EuroStars Gym in Plymouth will host the "Jingle Bell Rock" Gymnastics competition Dec 6-7 at the St. Edith's Church Fieldhouse, located at 15089 Newburgh in Livonia

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Sealed proposals for Streetscape Improvements along Ford Road within the City of Westland will be received by the City of Westland, Westland Downtown Development Authority until 3:00 p.m., December 08 2003 at Westland City Hall Offices of the Clerk 36601 Ford Road, Westland Michigan 48185. Sealed bids shall be taken to the City Council Chambers where they will be opened and read aloud at 3:15 p.m. No FAXed or unsealed bids will be accepted.

The project involves Site Development work for the Ford Road Streetscape project. Work shall include but not limited to the following: demolition of existing pavement and curbs; earthwork; bituminous pavement; concrete pavement; concrete curb and gutters; brick pavers; masonry walls; electrical work; footings; underground irrigation system and landscaping.

Copies of the contract documents may be obtained beginning November 10 2003 after 12:00 p.m. from the office of the Project Engineer Beckett and Raeder Inc./BRI Inc. 535 W William St. Suite 101, Ann Arbor Michigan 48103 (734) 663 2622 upon making a payment to the City of Westland Downtown Development Authority of \$55.00. No plan deposits will be refunded.

Anticipated Construction Start Date: December 15 2003
Substantial Completion Date: August 23 2004
Final Completion Date: August 2006

Each bidder shall file a statement signed by, or on behalf of the person, firm, association or corporation submitting the bid certifying that such person, firm, association or corporation has not either directly or indirectly entered into any agreement participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid.

A certified check or bid bond in the amount of five (5%) percent of the base bid must accompany each bid.

The Owner reserves the right to accept any proposal, reject any proposal and waive irregularities in proposals in conformance with the MDOT 2003 Interim Standard Specifications for Construction.

A pre construction conference between the Contractor and Beckett & Raeder Inc. must be completed prior to the start of project construction to insure that the Contractor meets all federal regulations.

Construction shall be in accordance with MDOT 2003 Interim Standard Specifications for Construction and amended by supplemental specifications and provisions contained herein.

Funds from the Federal Highway Transportation program will partially fund this project. As a result, contractors and subcontractors are required to comply with Federal Labor Standard Provisions, Equal Opportunity Requirements and Davis Bacon Wage Requirements.

The prime contractor shall meet the requirements of MDOT prequalification combination joint 1.135 HU. A letter from MDOT must accompany each bid confirming that the Bidder is prequalified by MDOT as of the bid opening date.

Work by subcontractors shall not exceed 60% of the total contract.

No proposal may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after receipt of bids.

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Cathy Standish

One family's celebration touches all

It is on Thanksgiving that our family, like every other family, comes together for the holiday. We travel from far and wide, my brother from Missouri, my sister from northern Michigan and my other brother lives just a few miles from my Mom, all converging on each other to share a day of cards, football and food.

As everyone arrives, the once-quiet house fills with commotion.

Standing sentry at the front door, my Mom offers food, drink to the weary travelers and points me to the bathroom.

The house is warm and smells of bubbling turkey. Stuffed in the oven, a bird big enough to ensure there would be leftovers for weeks and months to come. On the stove, a pan of potatoes boil and a green bean casserole with crunchy little onion things waits to be warmed, and the gravy pan is on alert.

My brother stacks his head in the refrigerator and spots it. The orange Jell-O sitting in a plastic mold purchased at a party in 1967, the orange concoction has been his life-long favorite.

I can almost see my tiny little Grandmother sitting in the corner, demanding the carcass of the bird for her soup. A shadow of my father passes by, I swear I hear the buzz of his electric knife, one he used to decimate many turkeys of feasts long passed.

My 20-year-old nephew avoids the hubbub and steals to the empty bathroom. My sisters-in-law chatter happily, and my husband sneaks downstairs to the sanctuary of peace and football.

The table is set for 13, having abolished the kids' table years back. For the babies, two high chairs are strategically placed near the seats of each parent. Fresh flowers in the center of the table glow with orange candles on either end of the arrangement. The microwave, filled with dinner rolls, beeps, and the helpers in the kitchen spring into action.

My nephew tries to sneak out of the bathroom unnoticed, but I grab him in a bear hug. He blushes, embarrassed.

"Hewwo, Aunph Caphy"

I stop to look at him, surprised. He speaks as if his tongue is swollen. His father, my other brother, is beside him in a flash.

"Open up"

Opening his mouth reveals my nephew's brand new tongue piercing. My brother rolls his eyes and walks away in disgust. I stifle a giggle as I have to ask, "Didn't that hurt?"

"No," my nephew tells me thickly, "I wove it."

Five weeks later the tongue ring was gone.

Yet it is these times for which we must be thankful. Moments with family, times to remember. After the meal, after the cleanup, both of my brothers station themselves at each end of the table, shuffling a deck of cards. I take my place and wait for the games to begin.

In the middle of it all, I caught my father's shadow once again. As he put away his electric knife, he turned to me and smiled.

And for just a split second, I would swear I saw him wink.

Cathy Standish is a Plymouth resident and regular contributor to the *Observer*. She can be reached via e-mail at Cate1956@aol.com

Hugs of hope

Livonia nun encourages children to seek better life

Sister Nancyann Turner reaches out to hug one of the children at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen on Conner. The Livonia nun can't seem to pass anyone in the hall without stopping to offer a few words of encouragement.

Sister Turner likes to say she's "taking all of the pieces and making a whole" here in the Rosa Parks Art Studio and Children's Library in Detroit.

After school a steady stream of children flock to her for comfort from a trying day that can include anything from being evicted from their home to having it firebombed.

Like a jigsaw puzzle, she's assembled art, tutoring and a variety of programs to create a beautiful picture of what the future could hold for them. On this day the children are making Thanksgiving Day cards to send to the most important people in their lives.

"Children draw not by perspective, but by their own feelings," said Sister Turner. "About five years ago I started thinking about working with children. I asked myself what do I most want to do. Where could I use my gifts and skills best? I wanted to get children off to their best. If we want a more peaceful, more earth conscious world it has to start with children."

TEACHING HER START

Sister Turner began her work as a Dominican nun by teaching children in Alpena, Saginaw, Dearborn, and Southgate after earning degrees in art education and fine arts from Siena Heights College in Adrian and Syracuse University in New York. Later, she learned the value of using art as therapy while working with people in an Appalachian ministry.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to use my arts in north Georgia," said Sister Turner. "I wanted to retrieve arts such as quilting and basketry. It was wonderful to see them come together to have them do their arts. It was my first time working with low-income people. I saw the great gifts they had."

After six years, the social service agency program ran out of money and Sister Turner was sent to Washington, D.C. Insight gained in the Appalachian Mountains wasn't wasted. It led her to seek training as an art therapist. She did field work on the psych wards at Walter Reed Hospital. Now she's come full circle, instituting art and other programs for impoverished children at the soup kitchen.

"I worked with the mentally ill,

those struggling with alcohol and learned about the role the arts play," said Sister Turner. "It's a safe way to express inner confusion, inner angst, inner struggles. It's a way to come to grips with their own soul, a way to envision what could be. You can really tell what a person is struggling with when they do their art. They can screen their words, not their art. It gives therapist clues."

REACHING OUT

Here in the art studio, Sister Turner can tell by looking at a child's drawing the struggles they're facing. Five years ago this was an empty room.

"I serve by empowering people so they have tools and support," said

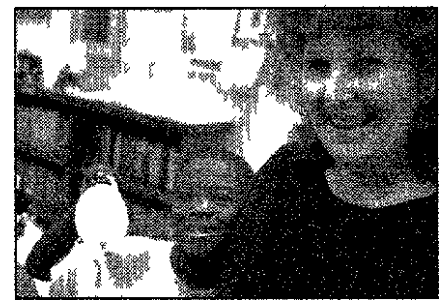
Sister Turner. "Dominicans have made strong commitments to work with women and children, the poor, to fight racism and build community wherever we can, not to just serve but help empower them to take their life and do something worthwhile with it."

Helping others to help themselves is not always easy. If a child has an especially bad day, Sister Turner leaves a little animal on the table where they sit to cheer them up. Those are the days Sister Turner goes home drained. Other times she's just plain physically weary from coordinating programs like the summer Peace Garden and a three-week camp featuring the arts and sessions for resolving conflicts.

"Sometimes I can hardly talk about it," said Sister Turner. "Right now especially you see all the ads for the perfect Christmas. This is a hard time for low income because you can never match what the ads say, and you can't explain that to children."



Sister Nancyann Turner meets with Melvina Anderson in the tutoring/homework room. Five years ago, the Livonia nun began art and tutoring programs for children at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.



Dejuan Bankson and Sister Nancyann Turner are both proud of Dejuan's finished project.

"This area is a lot of families with not a lot of housing available, or not kept up, even if available, not livable. Somehow I have the energy and call to go back every day to see people taking control of their life, see moms making progress, moms grateful to have a place for their children to come."

Sister Turner is thankful for volunteers like Delphine Sievert and husband Jerry, and Tina Adams and husband Pat for making the children's programs possible at the soup kitchen. Delphine and Tina wanted to pass on the love of books they acquired during years of teaching at St. Michael's School. The two retired from the Livonia school five years ago.

At the soup kitchen, they help organize the library and set up art projects for the children once a week for three hours.

"I think Sister Nancyann is doing a marvelous job. Those children need whatever she's giving them. Her thrust is art therapy helping with the problems, and the tutoring. It would be so sad if anything happened to that program," said Delphine Sievert. "If you just helped a few of the children it can make a difference."

GRATEFUL

"Volunteering awakened in my husband and I a feeling of how grateful we are for everything we have," added Tina Adams. "We're helping those that don't have. If we can make a difference in these children's lives, with good reading, if only every house could have a little library, and parents and people to take time to make them realize the importance of reading in life."

Sievert says anyone can help make that dream come true. Especially needed are donations of gently used or new African American books, educational and story books, and books for sixth-eighth-grade children.

School supplies like loose leaf paper and spiral notebooks are greatly appreciated, said Sister Turner who plans to begin a noon storytime for preschoolers at the soup kitchen in January. Books on math or spelling would help children in the tutoring program as would educational games.

"We need blankets for families that are burned out," said Sister Turner who prepares gift bags consisting of books, clothes, and a toy or treat for the children at Christmas. "The garden club needs funding. We're hoping to find a garden group to give us a grant for our peace garden. Last year people gave us money to pay kids a

PLEASE SEE NUN, C2

Lots of love: Garden City family says there's no place like their home

Catherine Stoner has a special fondness for Garden City. This is where her late husband, Leo, landed "his first real job" delivering milk from house to house in the mid-1930s. If it wasn't for his route, they might never have met, married and raised seven children — Ann, Mary, Barbara, Nancy, Judy, Pat and Dan.

Today, Stoner lives alone in a home in Garden City surrounded by the memories Leo left behind when he died from a stroke in 1992.

"I lived in Detroit around the old Olympia, 'the red barn' in 1936. He came down the street with a horse and wagon. I was 18. He was 23," said Stoner now 85. "My older sister suggested taking milk from him. Not long after he brought milk, rapped on the door. We started talking and he asked me out to the Creamery Dance at the Book Cadillac Hotel downtown. We were married on Devil's Night in 1936. The rest is history."

While many of the early photographs were lost during a flood when the family moved to Detroit for a brief time, several of the children remember those days vividly.

Leo was a jack of all trades who bought houses, fixed them up and then rented them to families in Garden City. Over the years, the Stoners lived in four of the homes on Marquette, Dillon, Belton and Barton. Many times, Leo had to park his milk truck on Merriman because the streets weren't paved. Leo worked hard to make a life for his family. After driving milk routes for Bodker Creamery, Wilds Creamery, and Twin Pines he went to work as a janitor for Garden City schools. Leo always seemed to

have his hand in something. A 1946 newspaper advertisement boasts of the famous chicken dinners served at Nelli's Lunch on Middlebelt at Ford. Back then city hall was on the second floor of the building now occupied by Orin Jewelers. Later, he owned Cassie's Sweet Shop in Detroit.

At age 50, Leo went back to school to become a senior tax accountant for the city of Detroit, then Inkster.

"Taylor's Ranch was across the street and had horseback riding for \$1," said Mary Martzloff, the second oldest daughter. "There were 40 acres across the street, an all wooded area that ran all the way to Eloise (a former mental hospital and poor house in Westland). We'd go out in the woods and pick raspberries and strawberries. One day I found a park with swings and slides that must have been a prospective park at Cherry Hill and Merriman. I felt like Hansel and Gretel. Now I live out in the woods again on 10 acres in Pinckney. Garden City at one time was that — many, many farms and Victory Gardens."

"We'd take a walk uptown to Ford and Middlebelt. Half the kids went to school on their horses. It was called Garden City because there were gardens everywhere."

"It was so peaceful, no drugs," added daughter No. 6, Patricia Benefiel of Farmington Hills. Benefiel worked as a paraprofessional with special needs students in Farmington Public Schools for the last 20 years. "We went to football games. I walked to school less than a mile away. I got a job at the first Kmart while a senior in high school."



Catherine Stoner shows off the newest member of her family. To her right is oldest daughter Ann, to the left nephew Charles and niece Maureen. The family has lived in Garden City for decades.

Judy Sommariva remembers the houses on Marquette and Dillon as almost being on the edge of town. Born in 1944 in Providence Hospital in Detroit, she went to St. Raphael School in Garden City. Today she lives in Plymouth.

"The street was nothing but fields. My sisters brought horses back to the house," said Sommariva. "I have a very warm feeling about it being a small town, a neighborly community."

Dan Stoner says Garden City's friendly atmosphere is what still appeals to families. When Leo had a stroke in 1992, Dan and a neighbor pushed him in his wheelchair to Garden City Hospital's emergency entrance at the end of Belton street.

"Garden City was the first wave of the suburbs where mom stayed home," said Dan Stoner, a 50-year old history buff who lives on Barton. He is a member of the Garden City Historical Society and Detroit Historical Museum. "I enjoy the homey lifestyle. I remember you sat on the porch and knew your neighbor. It's still that way today."

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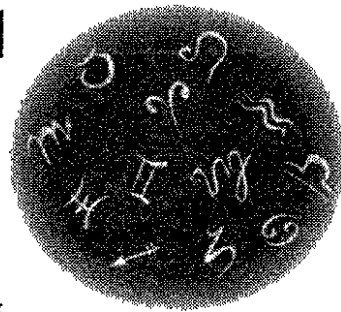


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Star Struck

(Nov 23-Nov 26)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You're regarded by many as calm, unimpaired and dynamic and you never doubt your own judgment or ability. But a nagging sixth sense seems to be telling you to dig deeper into the whys and wherefores of a proposed biz agreement. Are you reading the small print?

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Holidays are often horrid for Bulls because their daily routine changes. No doubt you've been provoked beyond endurance and feel the need to distance yourself from those who drive you crazy. So do it - true loved ones will understand. Elucidate and eliminate now.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You need to feel 100 percent as Thanksgiving arrives - which may mean having to cut down on your stress monitoring your fitness or change your diet. Celestial influences want you to focus on physical well-being now. Do healthy instead of habits.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

The only danger now is that you'll be too smart for your own good and try to outwit someone who's out of your league when it comes to cunning. Honesty is always the best policy so be fair, be truthful and be yourself. Moon Child.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Cooperation and compassion is the key to success for this week when colleagues will go out of their way to help you - if you're prepared to do something for them. The more you give, the more you'll be justified in taking for yourself. Lion.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

You're certain to find favor at work this week but in your personal life there are numerous nagging questions and concerns. Profit and popularity are important, but peace of mind is priceless. Confront your doubts and change them into certainties. Get happy again!

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Your desire to see the good in others is admirable, but it could cause you problems at this time. Somebody is bound to take advantage of your trusting nature. If you suspect that you're being taken for a ride, take evasive action. It's time to wise up, kiddo!

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Fears and frustrations that you had long since forgotten even existed come bubbling to the surface again and you mustn't ignore them. The time has come to slay a few emotional dragons. Polish your sword, Scorpio, and strike while the iron is hot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

The gulf between what you'd like to do and what your resources will permit appears to be getting wider. Therefore, stand back and try to work out how to reduce your overhead. Could it also be the case that you've become too financially dependent on another?

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Yours is a cautious sign, but the influence of the outer planets now seems to be making you more assertive than usual. Although you may feel like nothing can stop you, there are still immovable objects blocking your path. Learn to compromise or learn first aid.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Typical Water Bearers are as open and honest as the day is long. But common sense should tell you that this is one of those occasions when it would be wise to play your cards close to the vest. You owe it to yourself to maintain your present advantage. Shush!

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Upheavals are a fact of life and can't be avoided. It's how you react to them that matters most. What happens now while unexpected is neither good or bad. It's just the latest in a long line of events that are designed to test you to see if you have what it takes.

Dennis Fairchild is the Birmingham astrologer author of several books on divination. For personal astrological intuitive consult info call (248) 644 3555 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com

LIBRARY PICKS

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

Fiction

- 1 The Da Vinci Code Dan Brown
- 2 The Five People You Meet In Heaven Mitch Albom
- 3 Blow Fly Patricia Cornwell
- 4 Shepards Abiding Jon Karon
- 5 Blood Canticle Anne Rice

Nonfiction

- 1 A Royal Duty Paul Burrell
- 2 Dude Where's My Country? Michael Moore
- 3 Lies (and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them) Al Franken
- 4 Who's Looking Out For You Bill O'Reilly
- 5 Bushwacked! Molly Ivins

Parent's Choice New Children's Picture Books

- 1 Bad Dog Max Marina Windsor
- 2 Ollie the Stomper Oliver Dunrea
- 3 Panda Bear Panda Bear What Do You See? Bill Martin
- 4 Lucille Camps In Kathryn Lasky
- 5 Mrs Armitage Queen of the Road Quentin Blake

ANNOUNCEMENT

Lori and Jim Petersen of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, **Allison Sue**, born Aug 23, 2003, in St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Proud grandparents are Dan and Paula Petersen of Livonia, and Ken Porarch of Commerce. Great-grandparents are Hartley and Marie Trygg of Inkster, Bob and Sue Hamilton of Novi, and Mary Porarch of Commerce.

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Hospices emphasize need for family awareness

November marks a special anniversary for hospice in America – the 25th anniversary of National Hospice Month

Angela Hospice in Livonia is celebrating an anniversary of their own as well – 10 years in their inpatient Care Center

"I am so proud of all we have accomplished as an organization over the past 18 years, and during our 10 years in this facility," said Sister Mary Giovanni, Angela Hospice president and CEO "We are truly privileged to be able to care for individuals and their families at a very important time in their lives"

Angela Hospice has served thousands of families, and like the hospice movement itself, continues to grow Since President Jimmy Carter signed the first National Hospice Month Proclamation 25 years ago, hospice has helped millions of Americans spend their last days in peace and comfort, surrounded by family and friends

Hospice is considered the gold standard for end-of-life care in this country, using an interdisciplinary team of health care professionals to deliver compassionate, individualized care that addresses a patient's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs, while providing supportive services to the family and other loved ones Hospice care is most often provided in the familiar surroundings of a patient's own home

Research has consistently shown that almost 80 percent of all Americans would prefer to die at home in this way – free of pain, and surrounded by loved ones – yet only 25 percent of Americans actually have this experience For every one person who receives hospice care, the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization estimates that there is another person who would greatly benefit from comprehensive services that hospice provides but does not receive this care

"It is extremely important

that we are educating our community about the services available to them at the end-of-life," said Sister Giovanni "Families so often tell us they wish they had found out about Angela Hospice sooner Education is crucial to ensuring that those in need of hospice care will be able to benefit from its services"

Programs like Angela Hospice are making community education a priority, in order to make sure that individuals know the options available to them should they or a loved one be diagnosed with a terminal illness

"Far too many people wait until they are facing a health crisis in their family to learn about care options," said J Donald Schumacher, NHPCO president and CEO "It becomes very difficult to make informed decisions at times like these The best time to learn about end-of-life care is before it becomes a serious issue"

Angela Hospice offers educational presentations to community groups through its Speaker's Bureau, a group of volunteers trained to speak about the hospice philosophy, advance directives, grief and loss, and other end-of-life issues These presentations can be tailored to meet the needs of the requesting group, and are provided free of charge

"We want our community members to take advantage of this resource," said Donna Kolodtsick, Angela Hospice's volunteer services manager "It is a way for churches, businesses, and other organizations to encourage awareness on end-of-life issues, and we appreciate the opportunity to share with others the wonderful work that hospice is doing"

To learn more about the services that hospice provides, or to request a presentation from the Angela Hospice Speaker's Bureau, call (734) HOSPICE, or visit www.angelahospice.org



And we're off

Michelle Garrison (left) of Northville Joe Snider (Canton), Kate Weiss (Plymouth), and Ken Haering (Lansing) perform in the 'Wonderful Wizard of Oz' running through Jan 17, in the newly renovated Marquis Theatre, 135 E Main, Northville Tickets are \$8 Call (248) 349-8110 Not recommended for children under age 3

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Neikirk-Simms

Mr and Mrs Gerald Neikirk of Farmington Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Neikirk, to Bernard Simms, son of Mary Simms of Middletown, Ohio

The bride is a graduate of Harrison High School in Farmington Hills and of Central Michigan University with her bachelor of science degree in elementary education, special education. She also received her master's in early childhood special education from Wayne State University. She is currently employed in the Plymouth-Canton school district as an early childhood special education teacher.

The groom is a graduate of Madison High School in Middletown, Ohio, and of Bowling Green State University with his bachelor of science degree in education. He also received his master's of arts in education from Eastern Michigan University. He is currently employed in the Birmingham Public Schools as a high school robotics and computer drafting instructor.



The wedding is planned for July 10, 2004, at Antioch Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills with a reception at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi. They plan on residing in Berkley.

Bargowski

Richard and Donna Bargowski of Canton wish to announce the marriage of their son, Craig Douglas Bargowski, to Julie Norma Oberhonsly, daughter of Warren Oberhonsly of Wasilla, Alaska, and Charlene and Bill Stamp of Anchorage, Alaska.

The bride was attended by the matron of honor Brooke Gibbs, with attendants, Laura Spallo and Jennifer Van Horn and Kelli Bargowski as junior bridesmaid. Alexandra Wood was the flower girl.

The groom was attended by Christopher Bargowski as best man and groomsmen Buck Oberhansly and Britt Gallagher, and ushers, Rick Bargowski, Dennis Bargowski, Jeffrey Bargowski, Matthew Van Horn, Richard Bargowski and Nicholas Bargowski. The ring bearers were Joshua Van Horn and Joey Devornick.

The wedding took place Aug 23, 2003, at St. Alphonsus



Bias-Mosquera

Sharon and Martin Buzenberg of Canton and Gregory and Susan Bias of Dearborn announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Suzanne Bias, to Jason Milton Mosquera of Canton.

Melissa is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is currently employed by the Redford Union school district as an elementary school teacher. She is pursuing a master's degree in public administration from the University of Michigan.

Her fiancé, Jason, is the son of Cheryl and David Miller of Garden City and Raymond and Marie Mosquera of Westland. He is pursuing a degree in automotive restoration at Washtenaw Community College. He is currently employed at



Knudson Brothers Collision in Westland as an automotive painter.

The couple is planning to wed in July 2004 in a gazebo ceremony and ballroom reception at Fox Hills Country Club near Plymouth.

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REUNIONS

Bentley High School
Class of 1983
A 20 year reunion is being held on Friday Nov 28, 2003 at the Novi Sheraton Hotel. Log on to llniabentley83.com for all the information.

Cabrini High School
Class of 1973
A 30 year reunion is being held on Saturday Nov 29 with a dinner/dance at Arnaldo's in Riverview, Michigan from 6 p.m. until midnight. The reunion committee is looking for Class of 1973 classmates. Please call Cathy Sceca Cargo at (313) 388-0163 or e-mail her at cabrini73@aol.com.

Cherry Hill High School
Classes of 1983 & 1984
A combined 20 year reunion is being held from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday Nov 28 at Diamonds of Canton. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information contact for the class of 1983 Mary Ann at (734) 729-7833 and for 1984 contact Renee at (734) 425-7826.

Dearborn Lowrey
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Farmington High School
Class of 1993
A 10 year reunion is being planned for 6:30 p.m. Nov 29 at

Laurel Manor in Livonia. Organizers are looking for missing classmates. Please send an e-mail to fns1993@aol.com or call (630) 932-1175.

Farmington Harrison High School
Class of 1993
A 10 year reunion is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday Nov 29 at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills. Call Wendy (Leland) Green at (203) 238-3830 or e-mail harrison93reunion@hotmail.com or khenn@hotmail.com.

Franklin High School
Class of 1983
A 20 year reunion is being held Saturday Nov 29 at Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia. Graduates should send in their mailing address and contact information to class83franklin@hotmail.com.

Garden City High School
Class of 1984
A 20 year reunion is tentatively scheduled for June 2004 at the Livonia Holiday Inn West. More information on classmates.com or e-mail Michelle (Pietryka) Taylor at msidrew@comcast.net.

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

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

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AROUND TOWN

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Thanksgiving Dinner

Enjoy home cooking without the fuss at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center. Seating is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday Nov. 27. The cost is \$23.95 for adults and \$10.95 for children 3-12 years.

Fish Fry

The Plymouth VFW is again featuring Friday Night Fish Fry for only \$7 from 5:30 p.m. Also Sunday brunch is available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the third Sunday of the month. The post is at 1426 S. Mill St.

Marquis Theatre

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz will be performed at the newly renovated Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville through Jan. 17. For ticket information or group rates call (248) 349 8110.

Holiday Home Tour

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

Holiday Greenery

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

Basic Skating

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department offers classes through Dec. 20 every level. Each class is 25 minutes with additional 25 minutes of practice time at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena. Call (734) 455 6620 Ext. 304 for further information.

Crafters Wanted

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

Learn to Skate

Roller skating or Rollerblading classes for November now forming for ages 4

12 at Skateland West. Registration for winter Inline Hockey is Dec. 7.

Teens Using Drugs

A free two night series on identifying and helping teens harmfully involved with alcohol and other drugs. Part 1 What to Know is presented 7:30-9 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month from October through June at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Part 2 What to Do is presented the second Tuesday of each month October through June at same time and place. Call (734) 973 7892 for information.

Foster Care

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

Learn to Skate

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

Senior Golf Special

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

Entertainment books

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

Inline Roller Hockey Leagues

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

Preschool Registration

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

Fish Fry

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

Storytime

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



All that 'jazz'

Plymouth jazzercisers raised \$3,000 for the Catherine Prince Foundation and Karmanos Cancer Institute by staging a benefit dance-fitness class earlier this month that featured Jazzercise creator Judi Sheppard Missett. Jazzercise instructor and benefit organizer Frances Farrell said the charities will use the donations for research and provide transportation to and from chemotherapy treatments. The event, held at the Jazzercise Fitness Center in Plymouth, drew some 200 participants. "We hope to have many more fund-raisers and help the people of this community," said Farrell, an instructor in the area for 11 years. "Our students are very receptive to charity events." For more information about Jazzercise visit www.jazzercise.com on the Web or call Farrell at (734) 416-5527.

Plymouth Symphony

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

Recreation Registration

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

CLUBS

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road.

American Legion

Beasley Zalesny Post 112 meets at the 100 F Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars

are eligible. Contact (734) 459 7324 for further information.

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

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

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

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

LBN

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

Plymouth Optimists

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

Kiwanis Evening Club

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

Mothers & More

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

Exchange Club of Canton

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

P/C Vietnam Vets of America

Chapter No. 528 meets every second Monday of the month at the Plymouth VFW Post No. 6695 on Mill Street just north of Ann Arbor Road at 7:30 p.m. If you were a U.S. serviceman or woman and served between 1964 and 1975 you can join the Vietnam Vets

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BNI Plymouth II

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

West Suburban Stamp Club

Meetings are 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays at the Plymouth Historical Museum 155 S. Main in Plymouth.

BPW

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

SEPAC

Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators. SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) meets 7-9 p.m. every second Monday of the month at Discovery Middle School in Canton. For additional information contact Rich Ham Kucharski (734) 844 1714.

MOPS-Plymouth

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

Colonial Kiwanis of Plymouth

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

MOPS-Westland

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

La Leche League

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

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Itching of the nose, ears or mouth is a sign of allergies as well as spasmodic or "machine gun" sneezing, clear, watery nasal secretions (if you have a cold, the mucus is thick and opaque), and a normal temperature.

"Colds are often accompanied by a fever, sore throat or cough, and they are usually gone within 14 days," says Dr Reza Haque, M.D., a spokesman for Novartis Ophthalmics North America

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The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America estimates 50-60 million Americans suffer from allergies - about one of every five adults and children. Allergies are the sixth leading cause of chronic disease in the U.S.

If your doctor suspects you have allergies, he or she may order tests to determine what substance triggers your allergies

"If your allergist knows what triggers your reactions, then he or she can determine the best method of treatment," said Haque

Conquering postpartum depression

New book reveals revolutionary treatment plan

After 15 years as an OB/GYN, it became impossible for Dr. Ronald Rosenberg not to hear the subtle cries of patients with postpartum depression. The Birmingham resident felt he had no choice but to leave his position as chief of OB/GYN at Beaumont Hospital, Troy, to study psychiatry so he could help the women for whom "just being alive is difficult."

A decade later, Rosenberg, one of only six doctors in the country trained as a psychiatrist and OB/GYN, has gathered a team of experts to produce a revolutionary treatment for the disorder. The plan is outlined in a new book from Perseus Publishing - *Conquering Postpartum Depression - a proven plan for recovery* by Rosenberg, M.D., Deborah Greening, a clinical psychologist, and James Windell, family therapist.

Along with eliminating the helpless feelings brought about by PPD, Rosenberg is trying to remove the stigma of seeking treatment. He wants to assure women that only one two per thousand of new mothers are as disturbed as Andrea Yates, the Texas woman who was found guilty of drowning her five children in a bathtub.

For physicians, he wanted to fill in the gap between OB/GYN and psychiatry. Unlike the "baby blues" which affect four of five mothers, PPD affects 10 to 20 percent of all live births in the U.S. For more information, Rosenberg suggests visiting www.depressionafterdelivery.com

TOUGH TO DIAGNOSE

"Most doctors don't catch it," said Rosenberg, who specializes in PPD at his office in Farmington Hills. "With baby blues," women are grasping for help, trying to mobilize their support system. The blues should be gone by three weeks. With PPD, women are withdrawn, detached. The majority of times the OB will start a woman on a low dose of anti-depressants and she's told to call in a few weeks. While that does work for mildly depressed patients, women with PPD feel even more isolated and alone. The women who don't ask for help are the women I worry about. Patients like Lisa Daenzer knew immediately that something was wrong after the birth of her daughter. Instead of taking the baby home, the two went to her mother's. A few days after the birth, she called her OB who said she had the baby blues. It was a chemical imbalance that would pass. A few weeks later, her parents were going to the casino. She couldn't stop crying. She didn't want her mother to leave. She called her OB's office again. He gave her a prescription for Zoloft



Dr. Deborah Greening, Dr. Ronald Rosenberg (center) and James Windell have joined forces to come up with a revolutionary treatment plan for postpartum depression.

and the phone numbers of Rosenberg and Greening.

CHECK OTHER FACTORS

Rosenberg's first step in diagnosing PPD is to make sure diabetes or thyroid disease aren't at the root of the problems a woman is experiencing. If it is PPD, treatment goes beyond altering brain chemistry with drugs. He recommends a team approach involving the OB/GYN, psychotherapist and parenting expert or family therapist. Confidence in parenting skills is especially important. If a woman feels incompetent as a mother, it starts a negative cycle. You pretend everything's great," said Daenzer. As soon as the door closes at night you shatter into a thousand pieces. When I became pregnant we were ecstatic. I hadn't been able to get pregnant and took fertility drugs. I had a very hard pregnancy and a horrible delivery, three days of labor. The sad thing is we planned this for so long. I used to think how could you be sad after having a baby? It has nothing to do with being sad.

According to Rosenberg, a genetic predisposition to depression, hormonal imbalances brought on by pregnancy, sleep deprivation, and stress can trigger PPD, leaving women like Daenzer feeling inadequate. Before the birth, she managed 600 apartments. After she

couldn't even feed her baby.

When the baby came out, she wouldn't breast feed," said Daenzer. "We ended up substituting bottles. I didn't have what I expected - that overwhelming love for the baby. Today (in the hospital) the baby sleeps with you. I sent my baby to the nurses station. I didn't want to be responsible for this baby. It was very scary. I was afraid of the baby. Every time I looked at her I saw her blue and choking. I didn't feed her for weeks."

Two years later, Daenzer is still struggling with the disorder but is making progress with the support of husband Ed who did all of the night feedings. She sees Greening once a week.

Daenzer was fortunate that she recognized the need for professional help but not all women seek treatment willingly. Rosenberg suggests husbands encourage women to go to their OB/GYN as well as pull up the Web site to learn about the disorder.

Greening suggests calling the woman's OB if they think she's dangerous to the baby or herself.

HELP AVAILABLE

"Let her know there's help," said Greening. "PPD is going to change pathways in her brain like any untreated anxiety or depression. Treating can restore it to balance so it won't affect the develop-

ment of the baby.

A pediatrician can be an excellent ally when encouraging a woman to seek treatment. Most women won't hesitate going for help if they feel they're harming the child.

James Windell's seen how a mother's untreated PPD affects the children he comes into contact with as a psychologist at Oakland County Juvenile Court in Pontiac.

"A recent research article ('Pathways to Violence in the Children of Mothers Who Were Depressed Postpartum,' published in *Developmental Psychology*, Vol 39, 2003) suggests adolescence with behavioral problems may have a mother who was depressed," said Windell, an adjunct instructor in the criminal justice department at Wayne State University and a Troy resident. "What happens to a child if PPD goes untreated is children can be depressed, have higher stress levels, be withdrawn, irritable with lowered activity levels. Attachment problems with the mother can eventually lead to not relating to other people. In general, if a mother is depressed and untreated for the first six months, the baby will show emotional difficulties, social problems within the first year."

As part of the book's treatment plan, women are encouraged to see a family

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March of Dimes message: More needs to be done to find answers for premature births

The statistics rattled off during Monday's "National Prematurity Awareness Day" luncheon at Carrabba's Italian Grill in Novi were astounding. "Someone is born premature every minute," said pediatric nurse Sharon Wallace to the gathering of March of Dimes volunteers, health care professionals and families with premature babies. "How many minutes have we been here today? Think about it. Half an hour? Thirty (preemie) babies have been born during this time."

Wallace, and Detroit Henry Ford neonatal intensive care unit doctor Richard E. Smith discussed why more information needs to get out to the public to fight premature birth

- a common, serious and costly problem for many American families.

To that end, the March of Dimes is at the forefront. Earlier this year, it launched a five-year, \$75 million prematurity awareness campaign. Monday's luncheon underscored efforts in southeastern Michigan.

Pink wrist bands were distributed to luncheon guests, with the inscription "Premature Birth: The Answers Can't Come Soon Enough."

Guests were asked to wear the bands all day Monday, as a conversation starter.

"Do you have your bands on?" Wallace said. "If you go put them on, someone is going

to ask you about them and give you a chance to talk about preemie babies. So wear them. Think of them."

If asked about the bands, they might answer that more than 475,000 premature babies (before 37 weeks of gestation) are born every year in the United States, about one per eight newborns. They might answer that a problem pregnancy resulting in premature birth can happen to anyone, for sometimes unknown reasons.

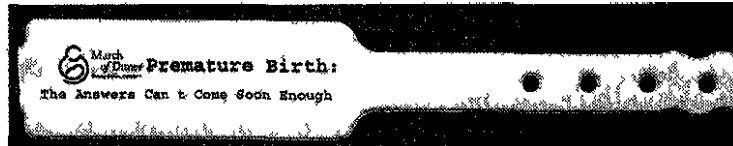
To raise money for research, the March of Dimes Web site (www.marchofdimes.com) features a photo of a "save the babies" wrist band. Every time the picture is clicked on during November, sponsors will

donate \$1 to research, up to \$150,000.

Luncheon guests contributed in another way. Their tips to VIP waitstaff, including WJR vice president and general manager Mike Fezzey and Steve Garagiola, of WDIV-Channel 4, were donated to the March of Dimes.

Dr. Smith told the guests that prenatal care has improved, thanks to the March of Dimes, but much more needs to be done. "Prematurity prevention is what we're trying to do with the March of Dimes, so that every baby born in the United States has a healthy start."

Still, although chronic health problems do impact



Luncheon guests were asked to wear these wrist bands to encourage conversation about premature births. The March of Dimes is at the forefront of addressing the health concerns.

premature babies, more preemies are having those "healthy beginnings" than ever before because of ongoing medical research.

Research is one part of the equation. Raising awareness is another, and that's where books and other materials are essential.

One guest at the luncheon, Observer & Eccentric sports editor Tim Smith, wrote a hope-filled book of family stories, titled *Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!* (Greenwood Publishing, www.littlethumbsup.com).

The book was written after the premature birth of his daughter at 25 weeks gestation in November 1994.

Copies of Smith's book were available after the luncheon, along with other books and gift items, with proceeds going to March of Dimes.

Miracle Birth Stories, which in part highlights families of the "Preemie Stars" WalkAmerica team, provides hope that premature birth doesn't always mean automatic health problems. The majority of surviving preemies do go on to lead normal lives.

But Smith, whose daughter remains healthy, and everyone else at Carrabba's fully understands that the job is far from over.

For more information about the campaign, call (888) MODIMES.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

NOVEMBER

Conditioning for skiing

Learn how to get in shape for skiing at a community education program 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at Oakland Physical Therapy, 47601 Grand River at Beck, Suite B124 in the Providence.

Park Medical Center, Novi. Participants should use the northeast entrance. No charge. Space is limited. RSVP to (248) 380-3550. Frank Kava, M.S., P.T., will identify common musculoskeletal weaknesses in skiers, demonstrate proper stretching techniques for muscles important in skiing and proper exercises to strengthen key muscles used for skiing.

Healthy cooking classes

Classes include candy making, the healthy way, desserts and breads and loaves. Call (734) 261-2856 or visit www.macroval.com.

Sharing & Caring

All are welcome at a series of lectures presented by Sharing & Caring in the first floor conference room at Beaumont Cancer Center, 3577 W. 13 Mile at Woodward, Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers educational programs for breast cancer sur-

vivors, their family and friends. Upcoming topics include Tamoxifen. Dec. 4. The series runs weekly through Dec. 18. To have a schedule mailed to your home, call (248) 551-8585. Prior to meeting, call (248) 551-8588 for schedule change information.

Women's fitness class

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

Volunteers wanted

SandCastles, a grief support program for children, teens and their families offered through the Hospices of Henry Ford Health System, seeks volunteers for its sites in Southfield, Rochester, Clinton Township, Detroit, St. Clair Shores and Downriver. SandCastles provides a supportive environment for children and teens ages 3-18 and their families who have

experienced the death of a loved one. The free meetings are held bi-weekly and families are encouraged to participate for as long as they need support for their grief.

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

Fitness classes

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

Red Cross safety courses

Continue with CPR/Standard first aid with AED (automated external defibrillation) and Infant/Child CPR at the Livonia Service Center, 36650 Five

Mile. Among the offerings are CPR review, CPR for the professional rescuer (and review), First Aid/CPR/AED instructor and nurse assistant training. Costs vary. For more information, call (734) 542-0442 or visit www.sem-redcross.org.

Therapeutic group

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

Flu shots

FluMist nasal vaccine is being offered by appointment at Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's Oak Park office for \$60. VNA accepts cash check or Medicare Part B. Homebound service available (service fee applies). For more information, call (800) 882-5720. VNA's flu hot line at (800) 296-8660 or visit the Web site at www.vna.org.

ONGOING

Alliance for the Mentally Ill

The Wayne/Westland chapter, a self-help and advocacy group for relatives and friends of the mentally ill, meets 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at the Red Apple Restaurant, 32711 Michigan Avenue at Venoy Westland. For more information, call (313) 562-8498. All are welcome.

CFS/Fibromyalgia Support Group

Meets 7 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile east of Farmington Road. For information about the group, call (248) 346-3164 or visit the Web site at www.geocities.com/LivoniaCFSFMS.

Self-help groups

Anyone seeking information on a variety of self-help groups may visit the Michigan Self-Help Clearing House at the Michigan Protection Advocacy Service Web site, www.mpas.org. If you have a disability rights issue, contact the MPAS at (800) 288-5923.

Medicare counseling

Senior citizens with Medicare questions and concerns can get assistance through Beaumont Hospital's Department of Older Adult Services. The department's staff of trained volunteers can provide counseling on Medicare long-term care insurance and insurance plans that supplement Medicare. Call Senior Resource Line at (800) 328-2241 Monday through Friday to make an appointment.

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therapist like Windell, a parenting expert who's published several books including *8 Weeks to a Well-Behaved Child* and *Children Who Say No When You Want Them to Say Yes*.

"Many times women go home to one or more children," said Windell. "They may not feel they know how to handle problems they're facing. I show them how to interact with babies, teach them how to play. Verbalization and playing are so important."

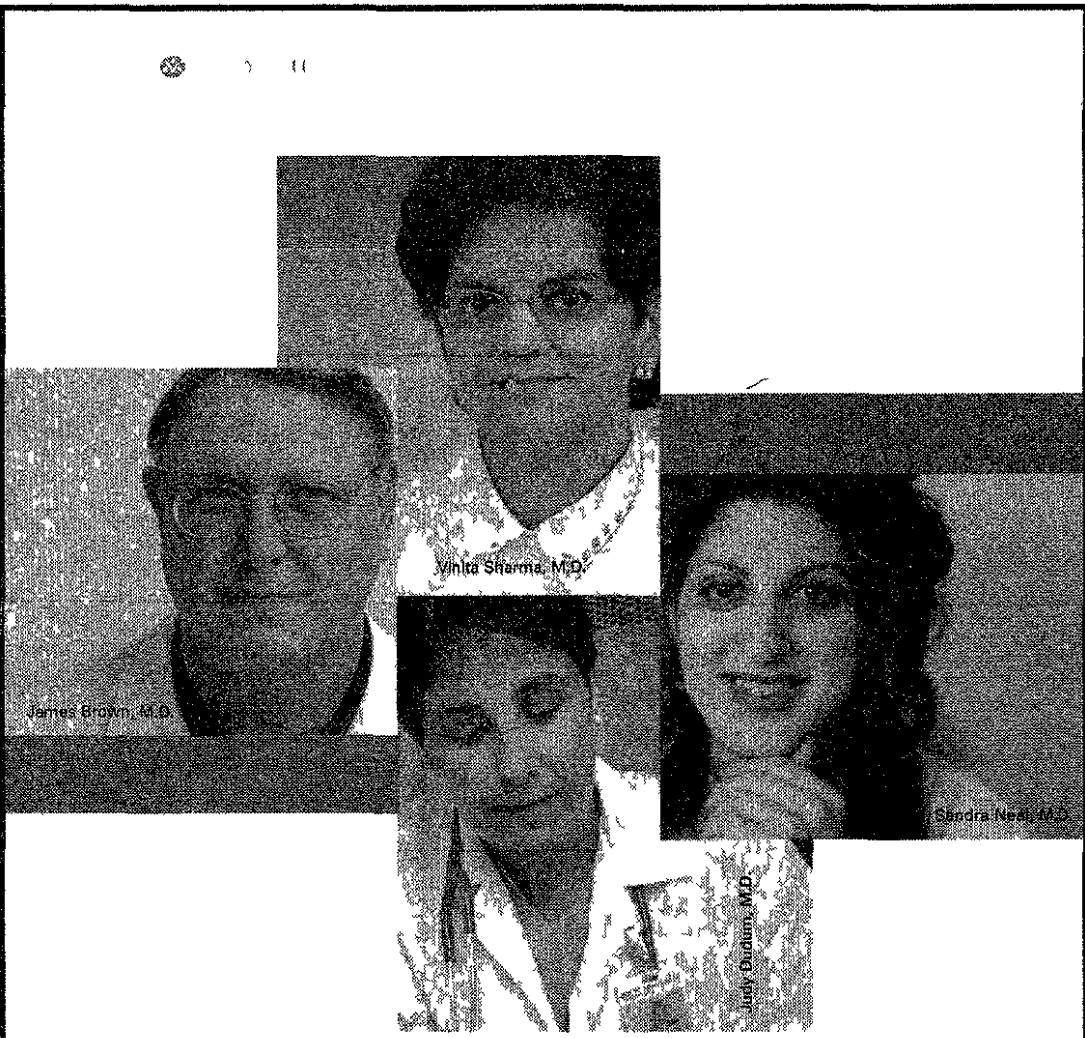
"I'm big on narrating to children, walking along talking about what's going on, what's out there. There's a building, a park so there's constant stimulation for language development. Make a game of changing a diaper. Make it fun or interesting by laughing, singing, talking. When you're doing this the baby will look at you and that connection is so important - and the better they'll be at listening."

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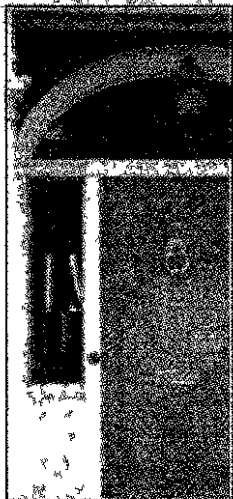
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The master suite and one of two secondary bedrooms are on the second floor, a full flight up from the garage, but only half a flight up from the main floor. An eye-catching curved walkway sweeps up from the driveway to a small porch.

Vaulted ceilings throughout combine with a wealth of windows to create a sense of spaciousness.

Except for bathrooms, all of the rooms on the main and second floor are vaulted. Additional light streams into the kitchen, dining room, stairwell and master suite through skylights. Indoor greenery and tropical plants will flourish in this rich light.

KITCHEN

An abundance of counter space in the kitchen lets two or three cooks work together without getting in each other's way. This room is suffused with so much natural light that artificial sources will rarely be needed during daylight hours. Most of the street-facing wall is filled with windows.

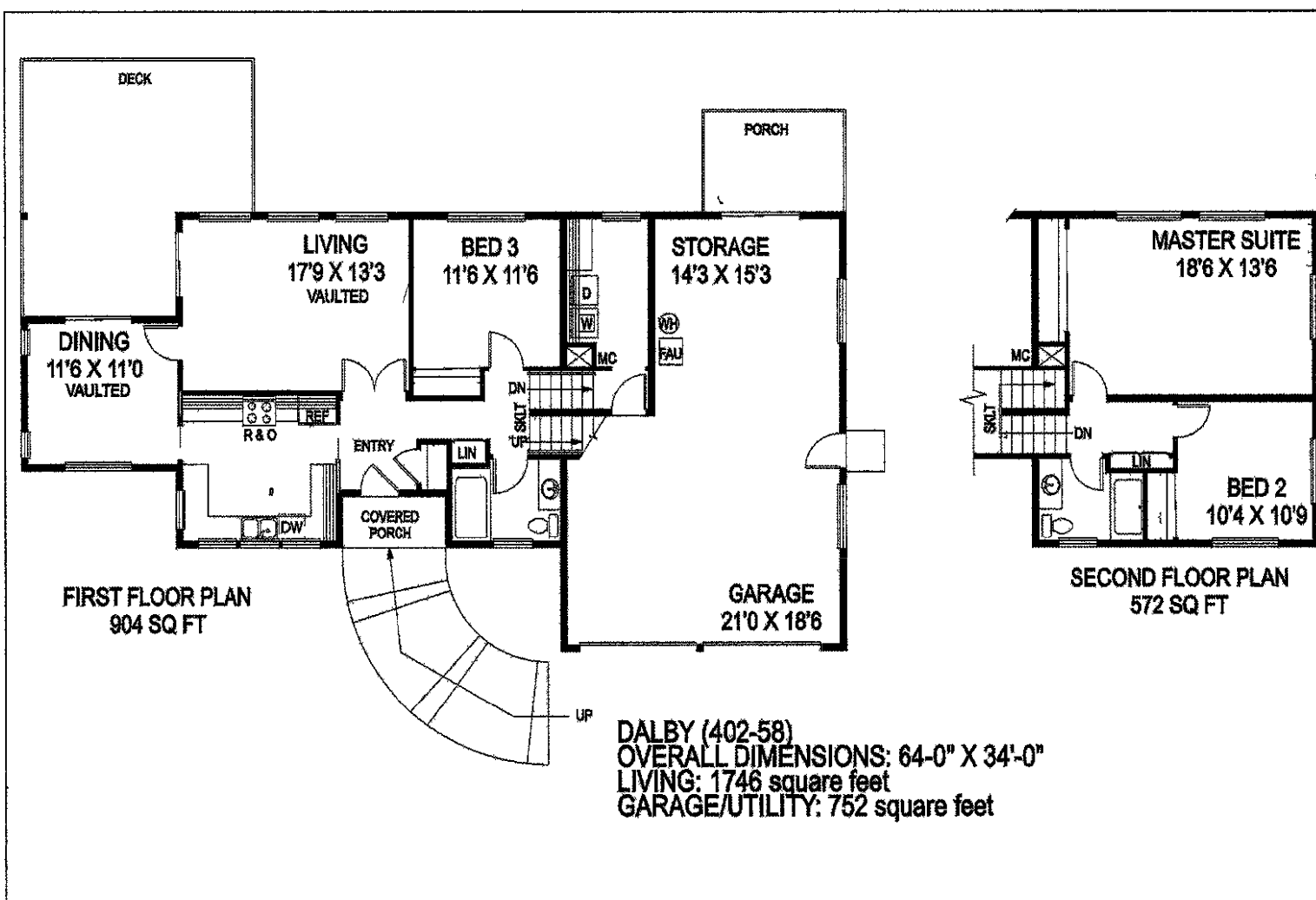
The ceiling above the windows slopes up to a high back wall, creating a row of multipaned windows that lends a look of graciousness to the room. These windows allow for shared light between the kitchen and living room and can be opened for cross-ventilation as well.

In addition to the skylight, the dining room has windows on three sides. Sliding French doors open on a large deck to the rear, offering easy access for

outdoor dining. The deck wraps around the side, ending parallel with the front facade.

On the upper level, the master suite shares a bathroom with the other secondary bedroom. Both the bathroom and bedroom two have window seats tucked in front-facing dormers.

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Illinois executive Peter Redding bought a 360-acre former dairy farm in Vermont's scenic Mettawee Valley in 2000 for \$550,000, about twice its value as farmland.

He's renovating the farmhouse, running 13 Morgan horses and renting some of the cropland to a nearby farmer. He lives at the Rupert farm about 70 percent of the time, he said.

"I wanted a place that was kind of private where I could raise horses. It was Vermont or Sonoma in California," Redding, 70, said recently.

The sale has some farmers, state agriculture officials and conservationists worried. They fear Redding is the first of a crowd of well-to-do, out-of-state buyers with the money to buy conserved dairy farms and turn them into private estates. Redding's farm was forever conserved from development in 1989.

Vermont has spent \$37 million in public money since 1987 to pay farmers for the development rights on more than 100,000 acres.

The deals protect the farms from development and require that the land be kept from going back to brush. There's nothing that requires the farmers to keep farming or to sell their land to other working farmers when they retire.

"It sure is scary when you see the land changing," said Fred Stone, 62, who milks 130 cows down the road from Redding. "That farm will never, never, never go back to being a dairy farm."

In his valley, he said, there are as many or more cows than there were 30 years ago. Farmers have to compete for land to support their herds.

"If more of this land turns into estates, what will the farmers do?" he asked.

At the state's Housing and Conservation Board and the non-profit Vermont Land Trust, leaders say Redding's purchase is one of

only two estate sales they can identify.

Such sales have become a big problem in Massachusetts. For Vermont, it's only a matter of time, they say.

"Down here in the south, we are kind of in the first wave of these sales - we are really very, very affected by the city flight thing," said Donald Campbell, who runs the land trust's office in Bennington and Rutland counties.

PRICED OUT

Farmers are being priced out of farmland that hasn't been protected, he said.

"In Pawlet, I'm working with a farmer who wants to buy a piece of ag land that sold six years ago for \$92,000 and now they want over \$250,000 for it," he said.

Many farm-protection deals in Vermont are collaborations by the Vermont Land Trust, local land trusts and the state board, which provides some of the money.

The deals say that if a farmer later wants to sell his land, the groups holding conservation easements on the farm must be given the chance to match the buyer's offer.

Recently the land trust exercised that option, when a nonfarm buyer offered \$350,000 for a dairy farm on Lake Champlain in Orwell.

To keep a working farm, the land trust bought the land and resold most of it to a local dairy farmer. The group could afford to do so only because the price was close to the land's agricultural value. If the non-farm buyer had offered an "estate" price, the land trust could not have stepped in.

State officials say big issues are at stake.

"We have a strong tradition of owner-operated farms in Vermont. Do we want to see that change?" asks Nancy Everhart of the Housing and Conservation Board.

Would Vermonters be willing to continue spending tax dollars to protect farms that will end up as private estates?

Steve Kerr, secretary of the state Agriculture Agency, said at least the choice needs to be clear

to policymakers and the public.

"We've said for 25 years that we were conserving land to have affordable farms for the future," he said.

"If we are conserving land to have open space, regardless of its use, we need to say so," he added.

STRATEGY

Conservation groups are considering a new strategy. This month's meetings will seek comments from farmers and community members on it.

Future conservation deals might include a clause that says that when a farmer sells a protected farm, the land trust has the right to buy the land at its agricultural value even if that is less than an "estate buyer" offers.

Farmers would be paid more, upfront, by the conservation groups, but might be forfeiting future profits from land sales.

Massachusetts has a similar provision, Everhart said. "They've never had to use it, but it acts as a deterrent," she said. "That would be the hope and intent in Vermont."

Kerr said he supports this kind of approach that would ensure the goal of affordable farmland.

"We want Vermont to be an agricultural state, not just a pretty state," he said.

Some farmers are skeptical. Clark Hinsdale III, president of the Vermont Farm Bureau, said a better solution might be for the land trusts to concentrate on protecting farms that are unlikely ever to have estate value.

"Estate buyers don't want to be big, open, flat fields. They are looking for the cute little farms on rolling hills with hedgerows and pretty places to ride your horse," he said. "They typically aren't as good for dairy farms anyway."

In many parts of Vermont, he said, it's competition among farmers for the best farmland that has put prices at \$1,000 an acre or more.

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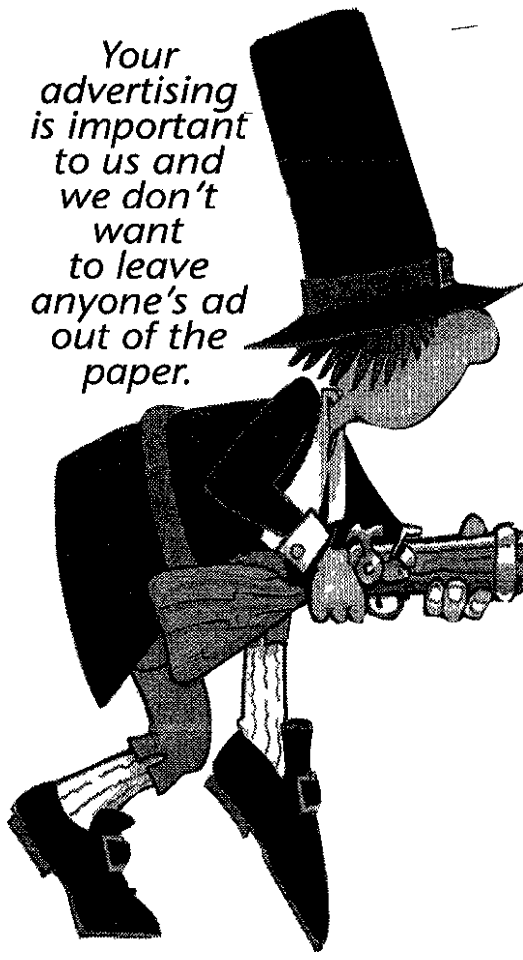
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First, find a professional remodeling contractor you've checked out thoroughly and feel comfortable working with, said Adam Helfman, president of Fairway Construction Company of Southfield. "They are a wealth of information just waiting to be tapped."

To determine the budget, think the project through and select everything to be included. Allow 10 to 20 percent for changes that may come later. Product choices are the best way to save money. Shop around and compare products and prices to see if you can get the same look with a lower-priced alternative. Keep an open mind and be creative, suggested Helfman.

Considering the amount of labor that goes into some projects,

there may be a less time-consuming option. Some homeowners choose to start small with plans to add on later, to help spread the cost out. However, staging a remodel in this way can sometimes cost more in the long run. Ask your remodeler.

CREATE ILLUSION OF SPACE

Adding square footage to a home can be costly. Other ways

to add space include space reconfiguration - stealing space from a neighboring room - such as using a linen closet to expand a bathroom. A bay window, skylight or vaulted ceilings are other ways to give the illusion of added space in a small room.

If you are going to add square footage, a 2- to 4-foot addition may eliminate the need for excavation and foundation changes.

In the kitchen, reuse appliances if possible and build new

cabinets around them. This can save thousands of dollars. Keep major fixtures in place to avoid moving plumbing, wiring and jacks.

Chrome faucets are the least expensive. Neutral appliances and laminates are less expensive and won't be out of date when color schemes change. Vinyl or laminate is less expensive than wood, tile or slate flooring. Use the existing floor if it's in good shape.

A hardwood floor may be underneath your old vinyl ready to be sanded and refinished. A synthetic floor leveler can be installed over existing vinyl flooring with a new floor on top, eliminating the need to rip up old flooring.

CABINETS

Cabinets are the bulk of the cost in a kitchen. Refacing cabinets is a major savings. If you go with new, choose standard over custom cabinets or a combination if possible.

For countertops, laminate is the most economical. Add wood or tile trim for some pizzazz.

Connect new light fixtures to an existing box instead of adding new lighting, which may require a new ceiling.

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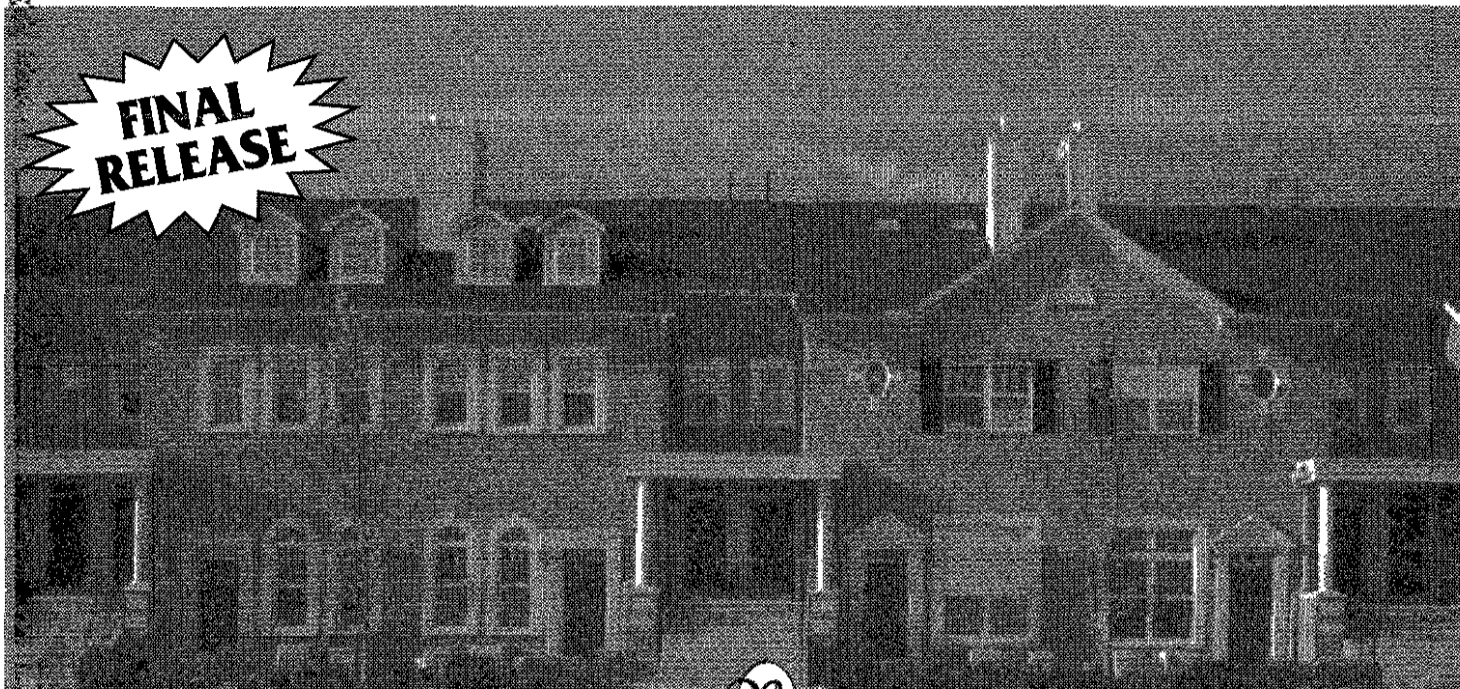
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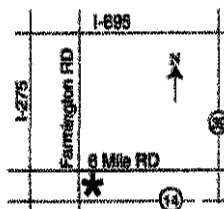
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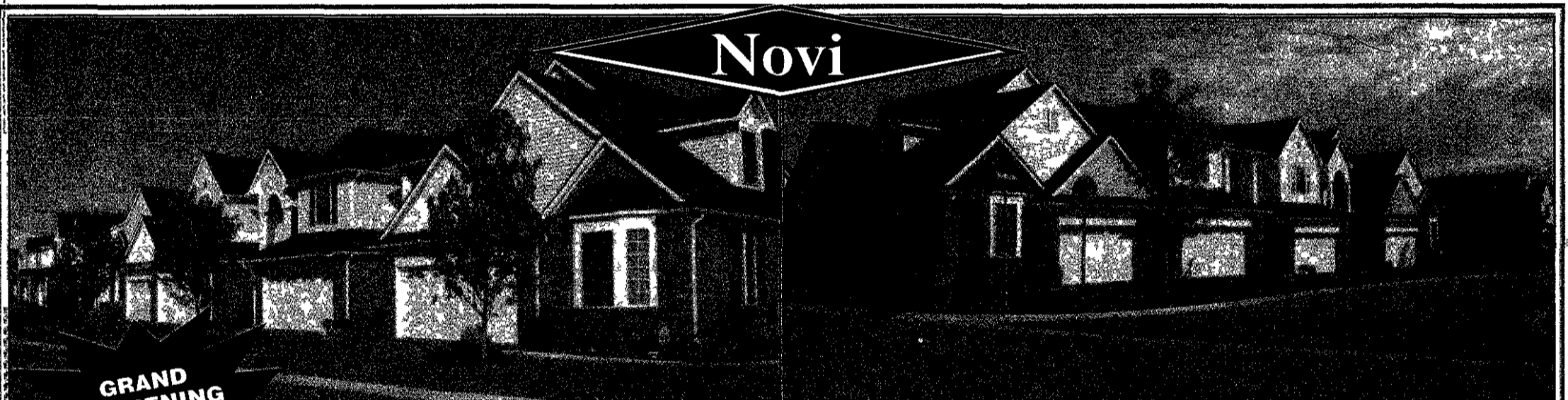
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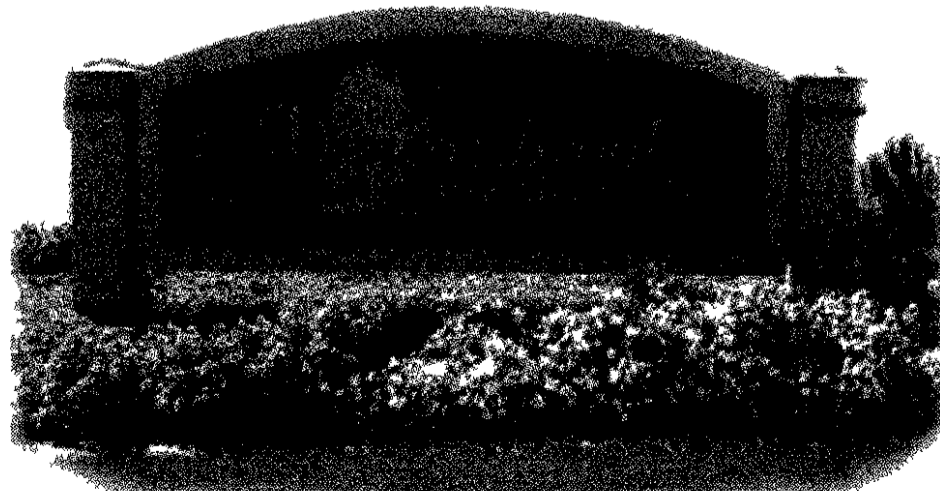
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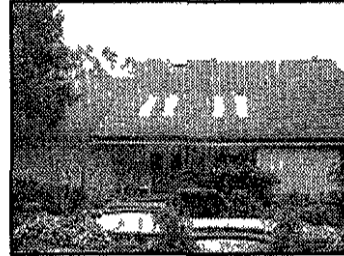
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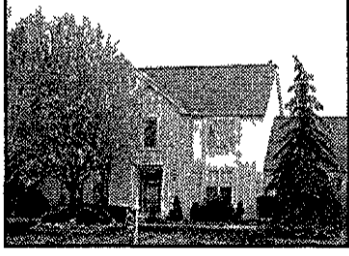
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Care for aging parents has Boomers looking in mirror

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

To paraphrase Pogo, "We have seen our aging parents, and they is us."
It's a fact of life for Baby Boomers, especially those who assume caretaker roles for homes of aging parents. The same problems they see in the home they may have grown up in - poor lighting, slick floors and a host of other safety issues they need to help their parents resolve - are concerns they will face sooner rather than later.
For Melissa Birdsong, design director for Lowe's, it's a take-care-of-two-birds-with-one-stone phenomenon. "When Boomers step away from their fast lifestyle and see their parents age, it dawns on them perhaps these fixes would work in their home, too," says Birdsong. "They realize their golden years are just down the road."

ASSESSMENT

Birdsong suggests an assessment of parental homes in four distinct areas: lighting, space, accessibility and comfort. Safety is a common thread through the categories.
Diminished eyesight welcomes brighter lights for general illumination and close-up tasks such as cooking and reading. Lights should be installed where once there were none. "It's OK to walk down a dark hallway or stairs when you're 50, but not when you're 75," says Birdsong. Motion detectors bring instant light to a room without elderly hands groping for wall switches.
Cushy carpets and high thresholds once suited to a lively gait are no longer kind to legs and feet that aren't as spry or can't be lifted as high. Firm pads and tighter weaves with harder finishes are best, and are better, too, for walkers, canes and wheelchair assistance.
Room-to-room transitions should have low or zero thresholds.

Mobility is paramount for many seniors insistent on living at home. Many find it trying to navigate narrow spaces between furniture. Create wider paths around and between objects. Remove trip hazards such as cords and loose carpets or throw rugs. "It doesn't mean you strip a room down, you're just mindful of opening the space a bit," says Birdsong.
Grab bars are de rigueur in bathrooms but need broader use in hallways or next to beds where a steady grip is reassuring. Another suggestion: it's less of a strain for aging arms to push a lever than twist a door knob.

Look into restyled appliances and fixtures to reduce the need to stoop or bend. Taller commodes work well in bathrooms, and both washers and dryers come in versions atop pedestals. Pedestal sinks with lower lips, even in the kitchen, are easier to reach, as are side-mounted lever faucets.

But products considered as concessions to age don't need to be bland.

Birdsong says stores such as Lowe's see more products once slotted for users in need now attractively designed for general market. For instance, taller toilets are marketed as "comfort height" devices for all age groups.

"What consumers will see much more frequently is mainstream aesthetics with maximum functionality," says Birdsong.

Still, adult children should tread lightly when talking to their parents about necessary changes. "I would silently scout the house, then couch your suggestions in the name of safety and convenience," says Birdsong. "It's important not to patronize them, because your parents want to maintain their dignity without being lectured to."

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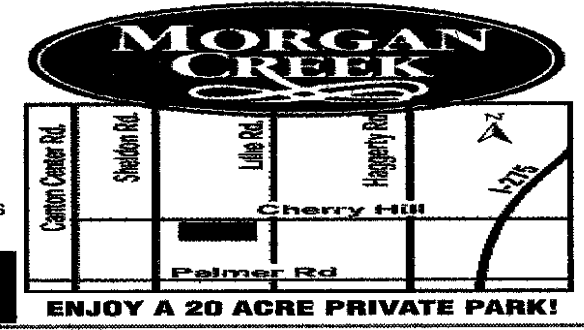
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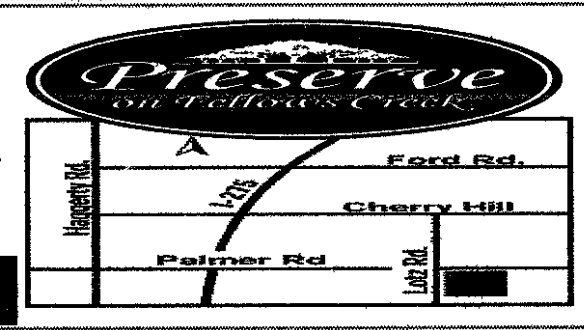


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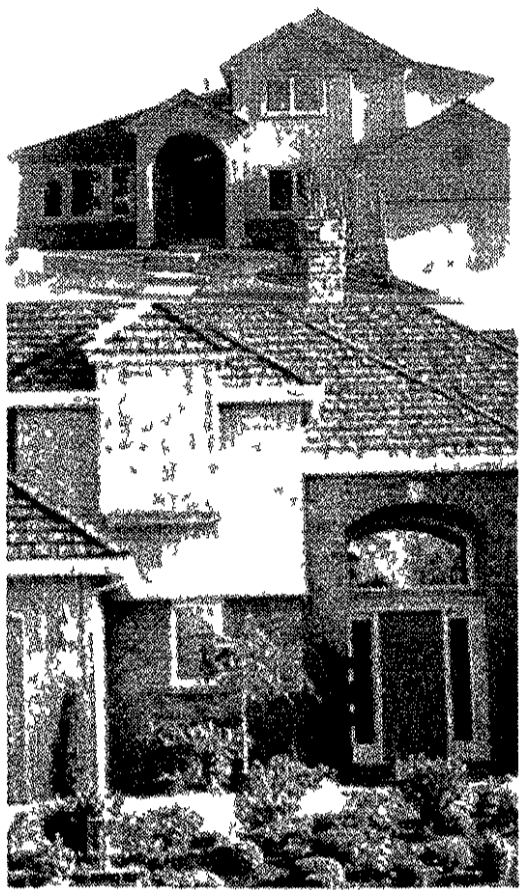
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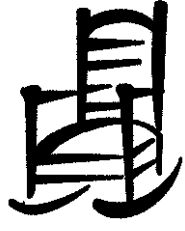
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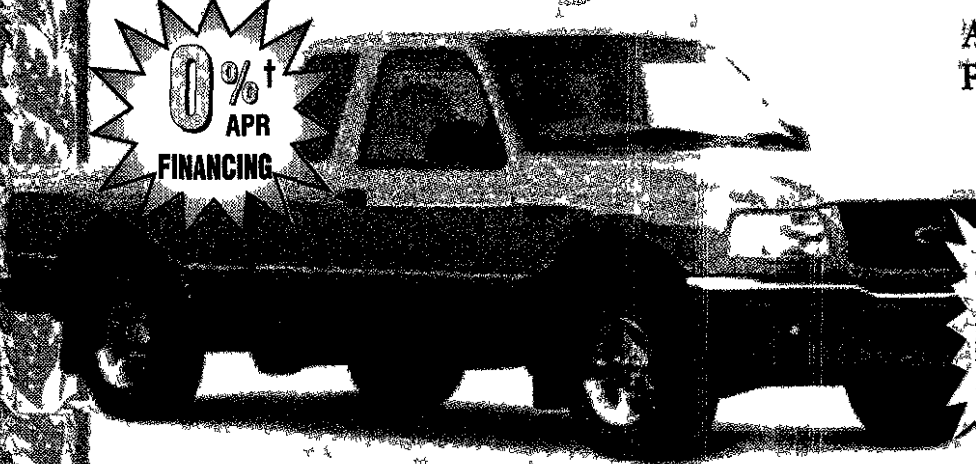
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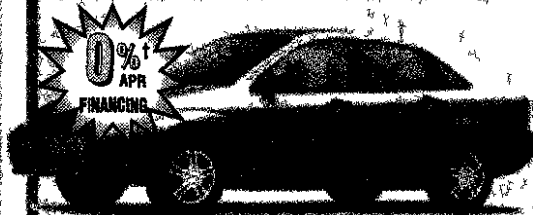
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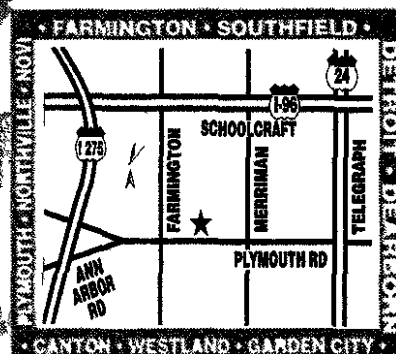
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Mazda Tribute is a very nice vehicle for families

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Slipping behind the wheel of the new Mazda Tribute you tend to think this small sport utility vehicle would come up short on functionality and maybe even on performance.

Turn that ignition key and you'll find that performance and function are the key to the success of the Tribute. Introduced in 2001, the Tribute is sister to the Ford Escape and is built on the same line as Escape in Flat Rock.

There are three trim levels of the Tribute: DX, LX and ES, with the ES being the top of the line level. In the DX is a 130-horsepower dual overhead cam 16 valve 2.0 liter in line four cylinder mated to a five speed manual transmission.

Both the LX and ES are powered by a 3.0 liter dual overhead cam 24 valve V6 capable of 200 horsepower. With it comes a four speed automatic transmission. You can choose your Tribute with front wheel drive or opt for the on demand four-wheel-drive system that Mazda calls Rotary blade coupling so you can take your Tribute wherever and whenever you want to go.

Acceleration and merging on the freeway was a snap with this V6 engine and whenever it needed a little prodding, it took very little to get it going around a slow moving tractor trailer.

As with most Mazdas, the handling and ride characteristics are masterfully done because of its tuned suspension and solid rigidity. Not only does the Tribute have unibody construction, but also there are body reinforcements in the roof, side sills and floor, making this vehicle as solid as solid can get.

I must mention that there's standard power assisted rack and pinion steering, as well as standard front disc brakes and a four wheel anti lock brake system.

I enjoyed the nimble feel of the Tribute, which also



Mazda Tribute Vehicle class: Small sport utility vehicle. Power: 3.0-liter DOHC 24-valve V6. Mileage: 18 city / 24 highway. Where built: Flat Rock, Mich. Price: About \$23K.

tends to have you perceive it as smaller than it really is. Most SUVs, even the small ones, aren't as nimble as the Tribute.

What's new about this year's Tribute, the major interior upgrades it receives. On the ES, leather seating surfaces are much more comfortable and you can opt to have them heated to keep you warm during winter. There's also a two-tone dashboard and the center stack is covered in brushed aluminum. The sun visors now have small lights and the rear view mirrors can be heated.

There's seating for five, but I think that's a stretch. My kids were comfortable back there, but confided in me that a long trip would've made them uncomfortable and more room was needed.

But put down the rear seat and you've got nearly 64 cubic feet of cargo space, which is enough to allow plywood sheeting, but the rear liftgate window has to be open. And when you choose the option of a trailer towing package, you'll be able to tow up to 3,500 pounds.

The Tribute has a minimum ground clearance of almost eight inches. You don't need running boards on this one.

either. It's easy to pop into and out of without a lot of effort.

There are a couple of nice amenities you'll find on the Tribute that you won't find in other smaller sport utility vehicles. Stuff like an in-dash six-disc CD changer and a six-way power driver's seat.

The audio system that's standard on the LX and ES models is a 190-watt AM/FM/cassette/six-disc CD changer that features seven speakers strategically located throughout the cabin. All six of the CDs can be loaded at once through just one slot. There's no magazine to play with.

And a pleasant change to make your life easier is the addition of a remote key fob to access the rear gate, rather than having to manually open it on your own.

The week was a pleasant one in the Mazda Tribute. Between the nice ride, ample power and performance and the fact that it was nice to drive a smaller sport utility that was big on everything, it was a really nice week.

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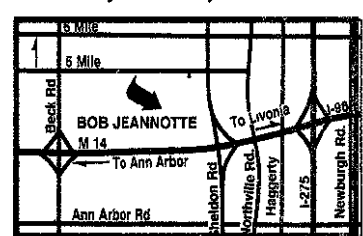
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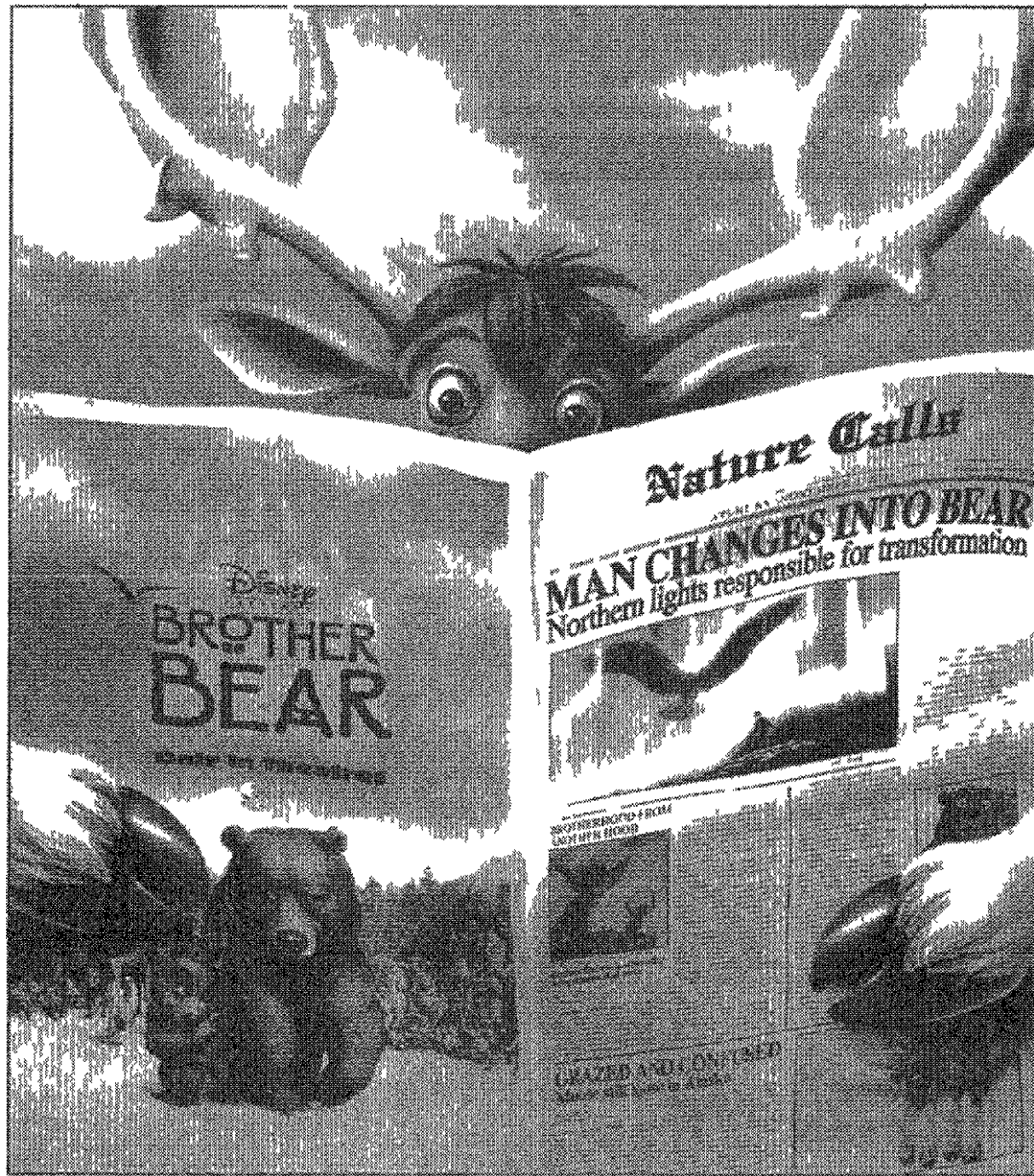
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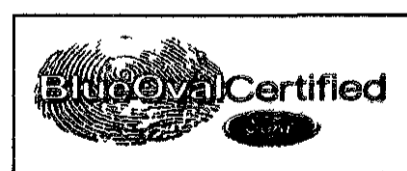
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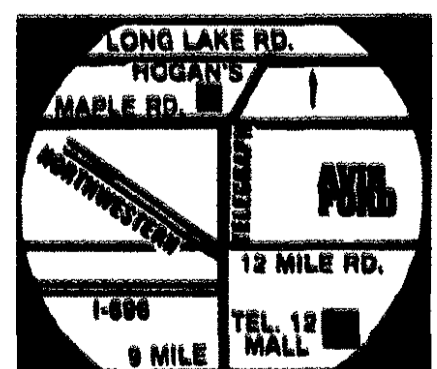
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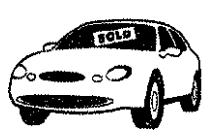
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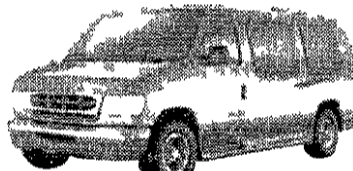
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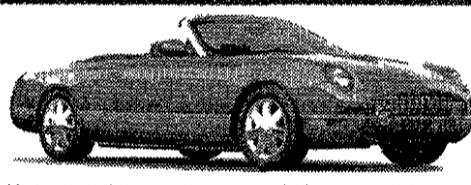


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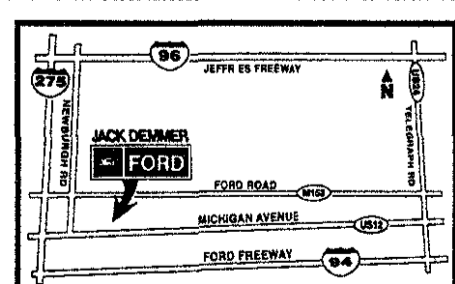
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