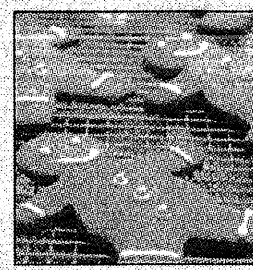




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Utility work puts underpass back on hold

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Wayne County officials announced last week the two-year closure of Sheldon Road at the CSX railroad tracks would begin Tuesday for the long-awaited underpass, some were skeptical it would actually start "on time" as promised.

Those skeptics appear to be correct, as Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp said this week the eight-year project will be delayed — again — for an as-yet-undetermined amount of time.

"There's an issue with Detroit Edison and the moving of some utilities," Helmkamp said Thursday. "So we're not going to close Sheldon Road on Tuesday."

"It could be a couple-week issue, so it may work out for the benefit of business owners," he added. "It's safe to say store owners will get an early Christmas present from Wayne County."

For Bob Jeannotte Sr., owner of Bob Jeannotte Buick and Pontiac on Sheldon in Plymouth Township, just north of the underpass project, the delay just means the project will end later than planned.

"I was geared for it, but now this is about the seventh delay," Jeannotte said. "I really think they should just scrap the project. When they started this, there were 25 trains a day going by, now there's five. It's no big deal."

Jeannotte isn't sure how much his business will be affected, but said he attributes the 17-percent sales decline in November partially to the closing of the Sheldon Road ramps to and from M-14.

Jeannotte said he, at one time, attempted to rally business owners into filing a lawsuit to stop the project.

"We needed about \$40,000 to hire an engineer to see about the feasibility of leaving one north lane and one south lane open, or to build a temporary road around it," Jeannotte said. "I

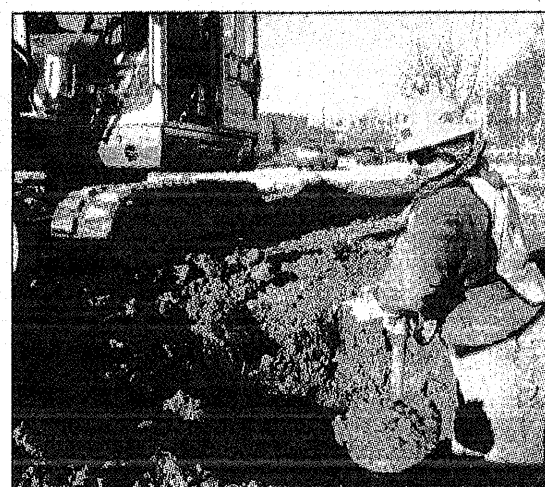
committed \$5,000 and we had about \$15,000 total, but unfortunately we didn't have enough business owners on board.

"There was an indication we would have had a good shot at it," he added. "Now we'll just have to suffer through it."

DTE Energy spokesman Scott Simons said the utility company has about 20 different jobs associated with the project, but one in particular became a new priority within the last week.

"It was determined an overhead line on the east side of Sheldon and north of the railroad tracks had to be removed," Simons said. "This particular line feeds a commercial customer, and involves moving a pole and transformer. It goes to an underground line, and we have to determine how to re-connect the commercial account."

Simons said DTE will work as quickly as possible.



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Guy Carpenter, a Team Fishel employee from Summerfield, Ohio, works on relocating AT&T lines for the Sheldon Road railroad underpass.

PLEASE SEE UNDERPASS, A6

Senior bus fate rests on grant call

City wants
to use
federal
money

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The future of the senior transportation program, which serves hundreds of elderly residents in Plymouth Township and the city of Plymouth, could be in jeopardy unless the Plymouth city commission can get approval to re-direct federal block grant funds to help subsidize the program.

Commissioners are working with representatives of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, to permit modifications that will



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mary Meacham exits the senior van on her way to do her banking at Chase Bank. The van is driven by Jerry Shankin, who shares driving duties with Ron Discher.

PLEASE SEE SENIOR BUS, A7

Foster mom, day care worker face hearings

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The two women charged in the death of Canton toddler Allison Newman will be in 35th District Court on Monday, facing preliminary examinations to determine whether they should be bound over for trial.



Poole



Hadwin

Jacqueline Hadwin of Westland, 36, director of Childtime Learning Center in Plymouth Township, is scheduled to go before Judge Ron Lowe charged with failing to report signs of abuse on the toddler. She faces 93 days in jail or a fine of not more than \$500, or both, if convicted of misdemeanor failure to report suspected child abuse.

According to police, Poole called 9-1-1 at 2:11 a.m. Sept. 22, stating Allison had hit her head earlier in the day, and was unresponsive and not breathing. She was rushed to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, then was flown to University of Michigan Mott Children's

Carol Poole, Allison Newman's foster mother, is scheduled to appear before Judge John MacDonald charged with felony murder, first-degree child abuse and involuntary manslaughter in the case of Allison, who died in September.

Hospital, where she died later that day. The Wayne County Medical Examiner's office said the cause of death was head trauma.

Allison had been in Poole's care since January. Poole, 40, was working with Lutheran Family Services in fostering the girl, and prosecutors said Poole and her husband were hoping to adopt Allison, as well as a 3-month-old baby boy for whom they had cared since June. The day Allison was rushed to the hospital, Lutheran Family Services removed the baby boy from the Poole home, pending completion of the investigation into Allison's death.

Charges were brought against Hadwin after the state investigated claims by a former teacher at Childtime that she reported signs of abuse on Allison to Hadwin, but nothing was ever done.

Officials for Childtime said they conducted an internal investigation and found no basis for the claim. The state closed the child care center in October.

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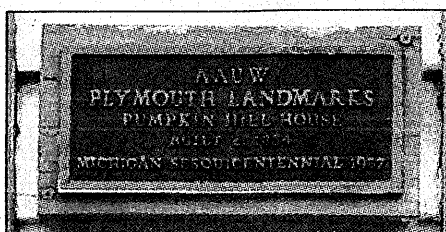
Preservation group hopes to get plaque back

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Plymouth Preservation Network are hoping a historic plaque missing from one of Plymouth's oldest homes can be found.

The plaque, which had been displayed for nearly 20 years on what is known as the Pumpkin Hill home at 187 Adams, has been missing for about a week.

"Maybe a well-intentioned neighbor has it for safe-keeping until the fate of the house is decided," said Wendy Harless of Plymouth Township, a member of the Plymouth Preservation Network. "It was presented to Sandra Richards, the owner of the property at the time, by the Plymouth-Canton American Association of American



Members of the Plymouth Preservation Network want to get this historic plaque back.

Women Landmarks Committee in 1987, designating it a Michigan Sesquicentennial House.

"Mrs. Richards loved her home and very proudly displayed the plaque next to the front door," Harless added.

Harless said the home, now 172 years

old, was named Pumpkin Hill by Richards because her birthday was on Halloween. She noted the house is currently in foreclosure and in need of repair, and the preservation group is hopeful someone will purchase and restore one of the community's oldest residences.

"A very special person would have to buy it and restore it," Harless said. "It still has wood windows and a wood burning stove for heat."

Harless said the plaque can be dropped off — no questions asked — at the home of Sally Fedus, president of the Plymouth-Canton AAUW, located at 39520 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth Township.

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Chorale scholarships

In May of 1984, the Plymouth Community Chorus initiated its Vocal Music Scholarship Program. The BeckRidge Chorale continues to honor this commitment to vocal music by offering six \$500 scholarships to college and high school students, age 16 and over, interested in vocal performance.

The scholarship winners must agree to participate as a member in good standing of the BeckRidge Chorale for the 2007 spring season, beginning in January.

The scholarship winners will be chosen based on vocal audition. After fulfilling the requirements of the Chorale, the scholarship money will be sent to the educational institution attended by the scholarship winners to be applied toward their tuition. In the case of a high school student, the money will be held in escrow to be applied to the tuition of the student's accredited college or educational institution of choice.

Scholarship auditions will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at First United Methodist Church, located at 45201 N. Territorial in Plymouth Township.

For more information concerning the scholarships, or to schedule an audition, contact Sherrie Northway, BeckRidge Chorale Scholarship Chairperson, (313) 533-4796.

Sounds of the Season

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Choirs will present their annual holiday

concert "Sounds of the Season" 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, in the Salem High School Auditorium located at 46181 Joy in Canton.

Tickets (\$4 presale and \$5 at the door) are currently on sale and may be purchased in the PCEP Choir Office (Room 1603 at Salem High School) during school hours. For more information visit the choir Web site at www.pcepchoirs.org or call (734) 416-7800.

"Sounds of the Season" will feature over 200 students who are members of the award-winning PCEP Choirs under the direction of Jennifer L. Kopp. Students are in grades 9-12 and attend either Plymouth, Canton or Salem High Schools. The PCEP Choirs will be performing a wide variety of Christmas and Hanukkah favorites including music from the film *The Polar Express*.

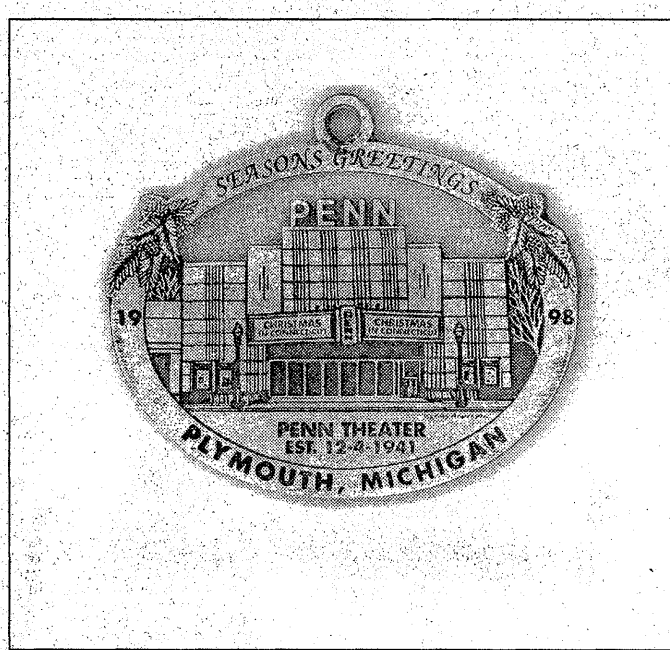
Head Start openings

Plymouth Canton Head Start, which is a free preschool program, is now enrolling children that are 3 and 4 year olds. There are openings at all three locations, including on Sheldon Road at Michigan Avenue, the Full Gospel location on Palmer in Canton and one site in Plymouth. Children will be placed at the location that is closest to their home.

To enroll a child or for more information, call (734) 326-6271.

Book signings

■ Mark Davio, local author, resident and business owner of



Northville, will sign his book, *Seasons of the Heart*, at the Book Cellar & Café in downtown Plymouth 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Having been diagnosed bipolar in early 1997, Davio began to write. In 2001, a friend of Davio's convinced him to organize his poems. While he was doing that, he started Artisan Spirit Publishing in Northville.

Seasons of the Heart, the second edition featuring more than 100 original poems and 35 black-and-white photos, will be available at Tuesday's book signing. The first 15 people get a free bookmark.

For more information, call Davio at (248) 679-8872.

■ Author Carol McCloud will sign copies of her book, *Have You Filled a Bucket*

Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids, noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Book Cellar & Café on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

McCloud began teaching the concept of bucket filling when she teamed up with Merrill Lundgren, "The Bucket Man" in 2005. He had been giving presentations since 1979 to 9,000 children and 15,000 adults throughout Michigan. McCloud is the co-founder and Vice President of Bucketfillers.com, Inc. She lives in Brighton, Michigan.

Her book has been the top seller in the store, outselling even books on the New York Times best-seller list and Oprah's picks, according to her publisher, Nelson Publishing of Northville, which printed

Lighting way

The Plymouth Symphony League has Luminaria Kits on sale at \$4 per set of 10 candles and 10 bags. These will be on sale through Dec. 24 at the Book Cellar & Café, Gabriel's, Plymouth Symphony office, Saxton's Garden Center and sideways, all in downtown Plymouth. Also, with the historic Penn Theatre's reopening, the League has a limited amount of the 1998 Penn Theatre Pewter Christmas Ornament. These ornaments are available only at the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society Office, (734) 451-2112, at a cost of \$10 each. For more information, visit the Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org

10,000 copies for the June delivery date and will reprint in January.

Toy drive

Mel Bobcean, owner of Mel's Golden Razor in downtown Plymouth, starts his 28th year collecting toys for children and families he helps during the Christmas holidays.

Bobcean's effort also includes collecting money for food boxes for needy families. The collection runs Nov. 24-Dec. 19.

Mel's Golden Razor is located at 595 Forest. For more information, call (734) 455-9057.

Toys for Tots

Morse Moving & Storage, an agent for Allied Van Lines based in Belleville, is again a

drop-off site for Toys for Tots, a non-profit organization that collects new, unwrapped toys and distributes as holiday gifts to needy children in the community.

Anyone interested in donating a new, unwrapped toy this holiday season, please take your gift to Morse Moving & Storage, 10885 Textile, in Belleville through Dec. 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Northville Nite

Northville celebrates the 10th anniversary of Northville Nite 4:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, at Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W. Baseline in Northville.

The event is open to people of all ages. Fee is \$2 for children 1-2 years old, \$10 for children 3-12 years old and \$5 for anyone 13 and older.

This year's event will include favorites like the Carnival Games, Coffee House and Band from Oak Pointe Church, Wood Crafts from Home Depot, Slot Car Racing, face-painting, Magician Dave Castle and huge inflatable games. There will also be new activities and performers such as a clown, palm readers and caricaturists.

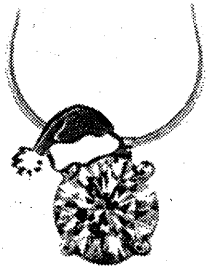
Northville Rotary Club will be selling pizza, hot dogs, ice cream and beverages for an additional fee.

Tickets can be purchased at the parks and recreation office, 700 W. Baseline in Northville. For more information, call Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203.

CORRECTION

The Redford Civic Symphony joins the Friends of the Opera of Michigan and the St. Priscilla Catholic Church Chorus in concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at the church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia. A Nov. 26 article incorrectly stated that the orchestra would perform on Dec. 16. There is no charge. Donations are welcome. For information, call (313) 582-0997.

The concert is one of a series and features Karin White, soprano; Quinto Milito, baritone; Steve Tompkins, tenor; and the Redford Civic Symphony under the director of Douglas MacQueen. Jeanne



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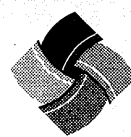
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Amy Weaver of Canton remembered son Ian at last year's Compassionate Friends vigil.



Marcia and Craig Rodeheffer, with daughters Rachel, Mallory and Morgan, braved frigid temperatures to join last year's Compassionate Friends candlelight vigil. The Commerce Township family came to honor their son, Grant.

Father arrested after infant son injured

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Canton police officers arrested a 27-year-old Canton man Thursday in what they say is just the latest incident in rash of cases of adults physically injuring infants in the township.

According to Canton Detective Sgt. Rick Pomorski, police arrested the man, who lives in a mobile home in the 51000 block of Mott Road, after suspecting him of abusing his 5-week-old son. Pomorski said the department received a tip from an anonymous female caller who told detectives she heard a rumor that the man was abusing the child.

Two Canton officers were dispatched to the home. Pomorski said the officers arrested the man on some minor outstanding warrants. When they checked the baby, they noticed minor injuries, according to Pomorski. As a matter of procedure, they called for a rescue unit to transport the newborn to the University of Michigan's Mott Children's Hospital, where he was examined by doctors.

"A doctor called us from the hospital and told us he had suffered nine individual broken bones," Pomorski said. "He has a broken tibia, a fibula, and several toes."

As of Friday, the baby was still at the hospital and additional testing was being done

to determine if there were any other injuries.

Pomorski said the case has been turned over to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. He was hoping the suspect would be arraigned on Saturday.

As of Friday, police hadn't released the man's name, pending his arraignment. Pomorski said the man could be facing first-degree child abuse charges, a felony which is punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

Police investigators believe the suspect, who is unemployed, was home alone with the child when the injuries occurred. The baby's mother also lives in the home, but police don't believe she was involved in the injuries. However, Pomorski said he is unsure whether Child Protective Services will allow the woman to take the baby home after he is released from the hospital.

Pomorski said the department has dealt with too many of these kinds of cases in recent years.

"We've had five of these cases in the last two years, and unfortunately most have ended in death for the infants," he said.

Pomorski credited both the woman who called police and the dispatcher who took the call and followed up with it. He said the case should be a reminder to people who might suspect someone of abusing a child.

Honoring their children

Friends gather for candlelight vigil

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Compassionate Friends know the holidays are tough times for people who've lost loved ones, especially children.

In an effort to help with the grief, The Compassionate Friends, Western Wayne County (Livonia) Chapter, sponsor a candle-lighting ceremony in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth tonight (Sunday) in conjunction with Children's Memorial Day.

"The holidays are especially difficult for parents who have lost children," said committee member Gail Lafferty. "This candle-lighting ceremony honoring them helps their memory live on."

The ceremony will include

For more information or to register a child, call or e-mail candle-lighting committee members Gail Lafferty, tcfcandlelite06@tds.net or (734) 981-4528 or Virginia Herrick, herrick@millercanfield.com or (248) 449-7598.

the dedication of a tree decorated with ornaments with the children's names, a candle-light vigil, a reading of the children's names, poetry and songs.

The local ceremony includes the candle-lighting at 7 p.m. in conjunction with the world-wide candle-lighting. The idea is that, as candles burn down in one time zone, they're lit in another, creating a 24-hour memorial.

Recognized in communities around the world, International Children's

Memorial Day is already officially sanctioned by the U.S. Congress.

"Hundreds of families will gather near a tree specially decorated with the names of children who have died too soon," Lafferty said.

For more information or to

register a child, call or e-mail candle-lighting committee members Gail Lafferty, tcfcandlelite06@tds.net or (734) 981-4528 or Virginia Herrick, herrick@millercanfield.com or (248) 449-7598.

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.

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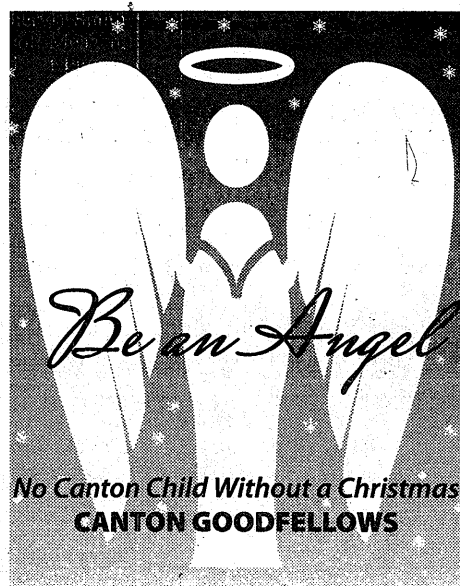
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The community book store is planning to donate 500 books to the Oakland Literacy Council, an organization chosen for its local involvement and focus on at-risk children and their families in the metro area.

"It is our goal to double last year's donation of 250 books," said Bashar Salame, one of the store's owners.

Donating a book is as simple as stopping by the store, 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth, purchasing a book and informing the sales person that you wish to be a "Book Angel."

Books will be collected at the store and donated

to the literacy council on Christmas day. Organizers of the event are also encouraging large companies to participate and even match the donation total.

"Some people prefer to donate money and in turn allow us to select books on their behalf," Salame said. "This works well because it allows us to diversify the titles that will be donated."

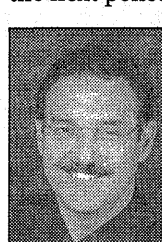
All donations are appreciated and many books cost as little as \$2 or \$3, Salame said.

"This is a minuscule number when you think about what that child receives, a love for reading and a potential for life long learning," Salame said. "Without education, our youth have a poor prospect for a prosperous future."

For more information, stop in at the Book Cellar & Café or call (734) 455-BOOK.

Former Plymouth chief gets a new job

Former Plymouth Police Chief Richard W. Myers has accepted an offer to become the next police chief for



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(Wis.) Police Department to begin his duties.

Myers, a native of Rochester, Mich., and a graduate of

Colorado Springs, Colo.

Myers, who served in Plymouth 1985-91, will retire in mid-January after 12 years as chief for the Appleton

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Rochester High School, served previously as chief in Lisle, Ill., and in Plymouth. Prior to that, he also was an officer in Auburn Hills, Oak Park and Oakland County sheriff's deputy. Myers will assume leadership of an agency with almost 700 sworn officers and total employment of almost 1,000. Colorado Springs has a population of more than 380,000.

Colorado Springs City Manager Lorne Kramer said Myers was chosen after a

nationwide search, and he believes "Chief Myers' leadership and dedication to creative community collaboration and partnerships, and his vision for the future of the police department, parallels our community challenges."

"It has been a true honor for me to serve the City of Appleton, and a privilege to work with the outstanding men and women of the Appleton Police Department," Myers said. "It is certainly bittersweet for me to take on this wonderful new challenge, but leave so many friends and colleagues behind."

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following calls during the period Nov. 29 to Dec. 5:

■ Tuesday, Dec. 5 — Residential rescue runs on Newport, on Sheridan, on Haggerty, on Beacon Hill and on Lilley; rescue run on Ann Arbor Road; open burning violation on westbound M-14 at I-275; mutual-aid rescue run on Chase; investigation on Ann Arbor Road.

■ Monday, Dec. 4 — Residential rescue runs on Denise and on Union; commercial rescue run on Main.

■ Sunday, Dec. 3 — Residential rescue runs on

Woodland Place, on Northville Road, on Lilley and on Beech; rescue run to a public building/school on Haggerty; commercial rescue run on Haggerty.

■ Saturday, Dec. 2 — Residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, on Brougham, on Brookline and on Sheldon; special run on Wilcox; rescue run to a public building/school on Haggerty.

■ Friday, Dec. 1 — Residential rescue runs on Newport, on Wildwood, on Newport and on Auburn; rescue runs on M-14 east of Sheldon and on Hartough; vehicle accident on south-

bound I-275 and M-14.

■ Thursday, Nov. 30 — Vehicle accidents on westbound M-14 at I-275, on southbound I-275 north of Ann Arbor Road and at Ann Arbor Road and Hillcrest; residential rescue run on Ann Arbor Road; industrial rescue run on Sheldon; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road.

■ Wednesday, Nov. 29 — Residential rescue runs on Covington, on Mill, on Robinwood, on Red Maple, on Main, on Fox Ridge, on Newport and on Beacon Hill Drive; rescue run to a public building/school on Haggerty.

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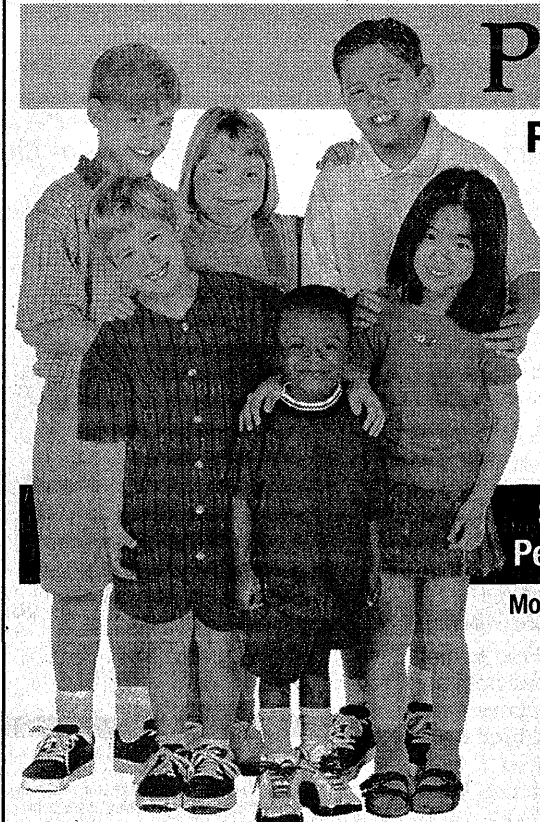
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Unions picket Wal-Mart over plumbers

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Bell ringers aren't the only people greeting shoppers outside of Wal-Mart this holiday season.

Union members of Plumbers Local 98 are braving blistering winds to pass out literature against the retail giant at its Ford Road store in Canton.

"We're pushing local jobs for local people," said union member Carlo Castiglioni. "The way this is happening isn't a win for the (township)."

The union is frustrated they weren't hired to help build the new Wal-Mart in Livonia at Plymouth and Middlebelt.

"Instead of hiring us, they're paying those people low wages," said Joe Hofmann of Westland. "It's not fair."

Hofmann, who donned a Santa hat outside the store on Monday, is one of several plumbers that began protesting at the Wal-Mart before Thanksgiving.

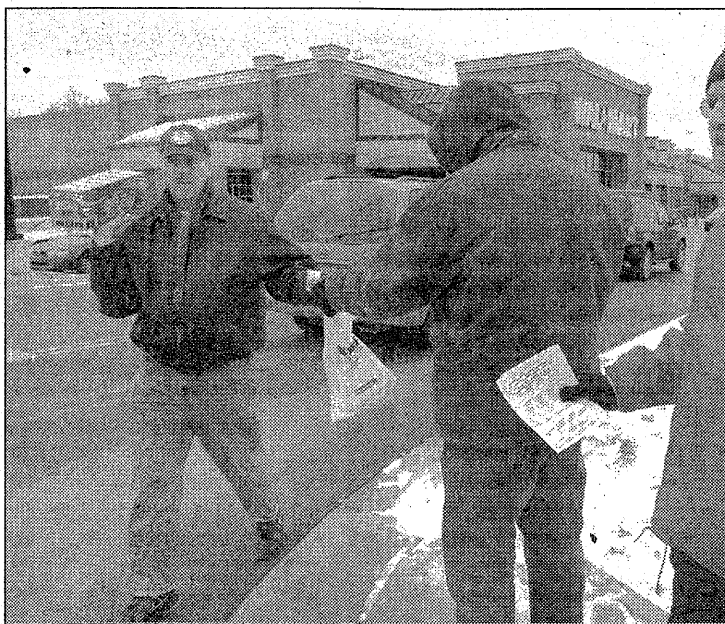
The union's flyer, which has a stop sign on the back, says that the Livonia Wal-Mart "is being constructed by plumbers who are paid sub-standard wages and fringe benefits." It also asks shoppers not to buy from the store.

Wal-Mart spokesman Nick Infante said it's unfortunate the union is trying to sway customers away.

"I want people to know there was an open-bid process," he said. "We don't discriminate against unions — they just weren't chosen for this job."

With more new stores on the horizon for the discount chain, Infante said it's possible those protesting could get hired for future jobs.

"There's a lot of quality work being done by union, as well as non-union, workers," he said.



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John Coffey and Bernie Johnson, both members of Local 98 of the Plumbers Union, pass out fliers to people shopping at Wal-Mart early Tuesday afternoon. The pedestrian taking a flier is unidentified.

As groups of union members huddled together at both of the Canton Wal-Mart's entrances, some drivers ignored the plumbers while others honked their horns in support or stopped to talk.

"We've been getting a lot of support and that's good to see," said Redford Township resident Duane Wagner, adding that some customers have made a U-turn out of the parking lot after speaking with them.

The men arrive at the store in the morning and don't leave until the afternoon.

"This is the only way to let people know what's going on," Castiglioni said. "And we're asking the people to help get our point across by not shopping at Wal-Mart."

Union member Mark Bowden of Whitmore Lake said union

workers aren't the only ones affected by Wal-Mart's business practices.

"They're running all the wages down in this part of the country," he said.

While the plumbers manned the Canton location, members of the Iron Workers Local 25 picketed at the site of the Livonia store.

Castiglioni said more unions are expected to pop up at area Wal-Marts before the end of the shopping season.

"They say we're too expensive (to hire) and, no, we're not the cheapest but we are the best," he said, adding that the union is open to "straightening" things out with the retail chain. "This is a large UAW area so until they play fair, we'll be out here."

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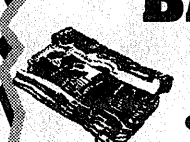


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Police, DTE probe phony bill collector

BY REBECCA JONES
STAFF WRITER

Police and DTE Energy officials are investigating reports of a fraudulent bill collector in a DTE uniform.

Two businesses in Livonia and three in Detroit turned over cash payments to a man posing as a DTE bill collector, officials said. The suspect appears to have insider information, but DTE investigators say they don't think the man is an employee of the utility.

According to reports, on Nov. 29, a man in a DTE uniform and photo ID badge told the owner of L. George's Coney Island on Grand River that he was delinquent on his electric bill.

The imposter said he would accept only cash as a payment. The restaurant owner gave the suspect \$2,000 and received a collections receipt. The man left in a DTE Energy truck, according to reports. Later, DTE called the owner to say that the payment was never

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received.

A man with a similar description told the same story the next day at Mid-Joy Mart on Joy Road.

The imposter showed an employee a past-due notice for \$10,634.64 and demanded a cash payment of \$2,500, threatening to turn off the store's electricity.

The employee turned over cash, and the suspect left in a red Ford pickup truck.

However, when the store owner, who had just paid his electric bill, called DTE, a representative said the utility doesn't collect payments in person, nor do they accept cash.

The practice of making on-site collections by check or money order was discontinued in July, DTE said.

DTE investigators took photos of all the collections workers to the businesses and said none of the victims recognized the suspect as a DTE employee, said Michael Lynch, chief security officer for DTE.

He said he doesn't know how the suspect found out about which businesses were in arrears, or the amounts they owe.

"We don't know where those receipts came from," Lynch added.

Lynch also said he has doubts that it was the thief who drove off in a DTE bucket truck from L. George's.

"We're really concerned about this. We're vigorously following up," Lynch said. "I feel optimistic that we're going to be able to resolve this in short order."

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sible to resolve the issue, but gave no timetable as to when the work will be completed.

Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer said he's not surprised by the delay.

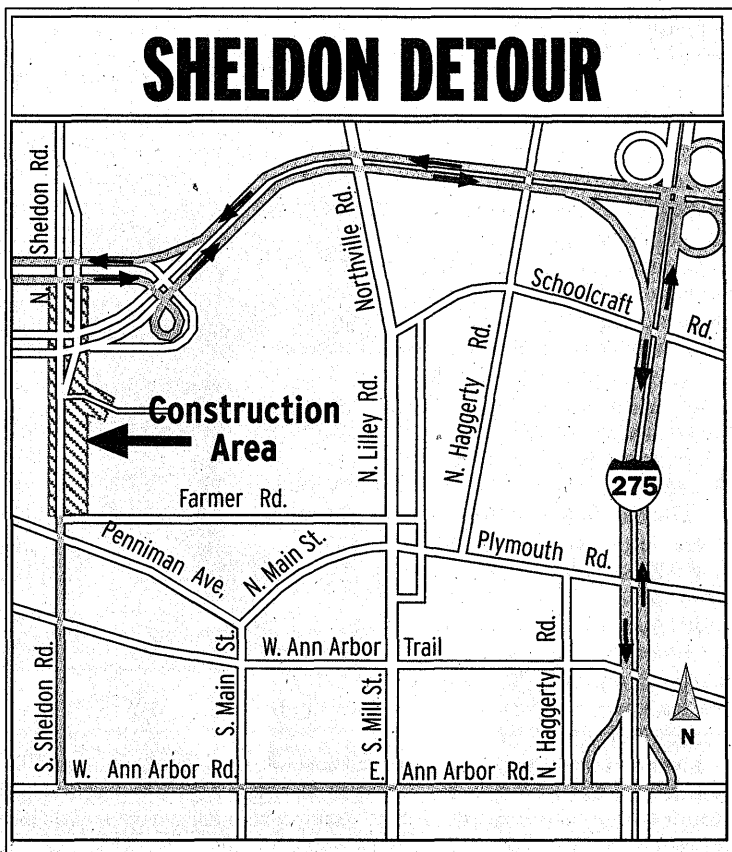
"I have suspected from the beginning this will be a long and difficult two years, and this just affirms it," Dwyer said. "I'm still cautiously optimistic the county and contractor will pull it off."

Dwyer said his biggest concern is the delay in the testing of a temporary water main soon after the project begins. If it is held up, that could push back work on the principal water main, which is scheduled for three weeks in April — before peak water usage begins in the spring.

"If we come to spring and we have a water problem, I will raise hell to the county for the people I represent," Dwyer said.

The delay is good news to Teri Allen, manager at Dearborn Jewelers on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

"The M-14 project made Beck and Sheldon roads difficult for people from spring to fall, and that just reopened," Allen said. "Now



they're going to close Sheldon, so if they do postpone it, that's just fine with me."

Sharon Pugh, owner of sideways on Forest Avenue in Plymouth, said she believes customers will find Plymouth, even when Sheldon Road closes.

"It's been hard getting into Plymouth with the M-14 construction, so I think people are used to not coming that way," Pugh said. "If you have what people want, they'll find a way to get to you."

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SENIOR BUS

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let the city use the bulk of \$65,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the senior van program, which provided 14,700 rides last year.

Under the federal block grant guidelines, the bulk of the money is required to be spent on brick-and-mortar projects. That would mean \$46,150 would have to be spent on buildings, with only \$12,350 allowed for senior transportation, which is historically where the city spends its entire block grant funding. The remaining \$6,500 is earmarked for administration.

"The \$12,350 will not fund the senior van program under the current format," City Manager Paul Sincock said. "The smart and most efficient use of the federal money is with the senior van program."

City officials ran into the same problem last year, and with the help of McCotter were allowed to use the federal funding for the senior bus program.

The CDBG funding accounts for the majority of the money needed to pay for senior transportation, which last year cost \$144,320 to operate, according to Steve Anderson, assistant recreation director for the city of Plymouth.

Anderson said 67 percent of the senior transportation program's cost — based on ridership — is paid for by the city, with the remaining 33 percent by Plymouth Township. Some of the bottom line is offset by other grants.

Bobbie Pummill, program coordinator for the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, said many seniors would lose their independence without the two vans on the road.

"It serves as a social outlet for them, as well as getting them to medical appointments and for grocery shopping," Pummill said. "Many don't have family close by, or their children work and can't get them to where they need to go on a daily basis."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

James M. Kelly rides the senior van on his way home after a busy day, with stops at Busch's Market, Farmer Jack and Tonquish Creek Manor.

Jane Bickel, 73, who lives at Tonquish Creek Manor in Plymouth, a senior community of more than 100 residents, uses the senior van to shop at Kroger, see her doctor in Canton Township and "go out with the girls for lunch" once in a while.

"Without the van, I can't go anywhere," Bickel said. "There are a lot of us seniors

that need the van."

Rhue Datcher, another Tonquish Creek resident who recently celebrated her 100th birthday, still gets around town, with the help of the senior van.

"I've always been independent and try not to rely on my grandkids or daughter," Datcher said. "The bus service is good, and the drivers always go out of their way to help us load and unload our groceries."

According to Anderson, the two senior vans are each turning over 100,000 miles, with one down for maintenance 25 percent of the time, which is taxing the senior transportation budget. The Plymouth Community United Way last month gave a \$15,000 grant to keep the budget from going into the red. Another \$20,000 has been requested for next year's budget.

"We're behind the program 100 percent," said Marie Morrow, PCUW president. "It's a needed service to keep seniors active and moving to their various appointments and activities."

The Council on Aging has a put together a number of recommendations to stretch the grant money and minimize the amount of general fund dollars required to supplement the program. Among those submitted by the PCCA board:

- Reduce the early morning and late afternoon hours of buses.

- Reduce the full-time van driver position to part time, trimming payroll and benefit costs.

- Institute a minimum of \$1 fee each way for local transportation, thereby increasing revenue.

City officials and the PCCA are also looking for grants to replace the two vans. Pummill said a \$75,000 request has been made to the Wilcox Foundation, which will decide soon if it will grant the request.

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DEATHS

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William "Bill" Cochrane
Cochrane, 50, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Dec. 3.

G
Edward J. Gulick
Gulick, 85, died Dec. 6.

H
Marguerite M. "Peggy" Harris
Harris, 89, of Farmington, died Dec. 7.

Kathryn M. "Tass" Hartrick
Hartrick, 80, of Royal Oak, died Dec. 8.

M

Patricia K. McGlone
McGlone, 85, of Plymouth, died Dec. 3.

S
Margaret L. Smith
Smith, of Bloomfield Hills, died Dec. 5.

Theodore J. (Ted) Sura
Sura, 90, formerly of Birmingham, died.

V
Thomas M. Vich
Vich, 54, died Dec. 4.

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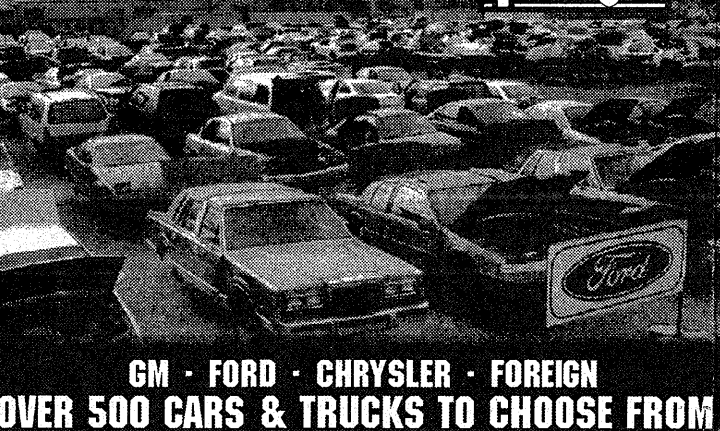
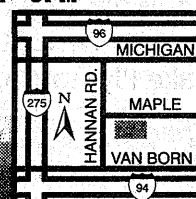
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Local man fights to keep the love of jazz alive

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Edwin Bugai remembers a time when Sarah Vaughan, Duke Ellington and Coleman Hawkins ruled the airways instead of Beyoncé, Justin Timberlake and Mary J. Blige. "The era of jazz is dying but we can't let it," he said. "This is our music. This is America's music."

Bugai of Canton has formed the Michigan Jazz Society in efforts to preserve the rhythmic music within the state. The society, slated to have its first meeting in January or February, will have monthly gatherings for members to share music, stories and attend concerts.

"Jazz has always been my love," Bugai said. "And I just want to get together with people who have the same interests." Easily rolling the names of dozens of jazz musicians off his tongue, Bugai grew up on Detroit's west side and began playing the saxophone as a teenager. After creating the band, Buddy Bruce, he played gigs all over Detroit before becoming a record distributor for an independent music label.

"There's so much history in Detroit," he said, holding a \$2 ticket from one of his 1946 performances. "I enjoy looking back at where we've been and so do other people." More than 50 people have expressed an interest in joining the group. "I wasn't expecting this many (so early) but I'm not that surprised because people love this music," he said. "Detroit is a hub of musical talent and a lot of people (from jazz's heyday) are still here."

With a poster of Frank Sinatra in his living room and a painting by Tony Bennett hanging in his kitchen, Bugai has stacks of jazz books in his home and refers to himself as a "student of jazz history." "Lawyers have their books on the law and I have mine on jazz," he chuckled.



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Edwin Bugai plays saxophone, including this antique Buescher alto sax that he recently had rebuilt.

Bugai said he wants the society, which is open to all ages, to embrace young adults. "Nobody hears about the great music of today," he said. "So I want to go to intimate concert settings and work with

youngsters." For more information on the society, contact Bugai at (734) 394-0148 or ebugai@com-cast.net.

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At 200, Woodward remains a remarkably vibrant byway

Plans are being drawn now to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Woodward Avenue.

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The Woodward Avenue Action Association, a broad coalition of leaders, businesses, churches and county organizations in the towns along and near Woodward, is planning a series of events to mark the anniversary. There will be more on that in the coming weeks.

They will have a lot to work with. Woodward is one of the most historically rich byways in

America. It was named after Augustus Woodward, probably the most colorful character in Detroit's history. Woodward was chief justice of the Michigan Territory and was one of the people charged with rebuilding Detroit after the great fire of 1805.

He laid out downtown Detroit's confusing street system including the main thoroughfare, which he dubbed

Woodward.

Of course, that had nothing to do with his name. He just meant that Woodward referred to the fact that the road went toward the woods.

No one believed him then. No one believes him now.

Woodward (the man) drifted into obscurity even in his own time as he eventually was appointed to a position in Florida. Woodward (the road) is still with us although it has undergone many changes through the years. The original Woodward was a dirt road that once was lined by long greenspaces called the park lots. It was a great concept: preserve land alongside the road to maintain a park-like atmosphere. But that idea didn't last long. In fact, by the 1820s it was realized that the roadside property was far too valuable for just growing grass, and the park lots were filled with buildings.

One of Detroit's first markets stood at the foot of Woodward. It was in use from 1817 to about 1835. Over the years, Woodward went from being a dirt road to a paved thoroughfare. Although you can't easily notice it, Woodward was widened on its east side in the 1930s. That caused some building owners to literally shear off the fronts of their structures and retreat from the streetside. You can still see a few of the

buildings that suffered that indignity. Woodward also passes one of the most historically significant – and most forlorn – buildings in Michigan. Look closely and you can still see the state historical marker standing miraculously in front of Henry Ford's old factory in Highland Park. The once-sprawling factory has been greatly reduced in size, but is still pretty substantial.

If you want to get a real sense of history, go down the side street east of Woodward alongside the old plant. You can touch the weathered old bricks that have been there nearly half as long as Woodward has passed in front of the factory.

Dear old Henry abandoned the plant in favor of the River Rouge site, just as the Chrysler Corp. deserted Highland Park for Auburn Hills decades later. But neither company could take the past with them.

Just north of the Ford factory, where Woodward widens considerably, is Palmer Park. In 1897 Thomas Palmer – another great Detroit figure – donated 187 acres of land to Detroit to create the park, which bears his name. That section of town is loaded with history. And if you look closely you can still see the remnants of the once-famous Merrill Fountain, which was paid for by Palmer and adorned Campus Martius downtown until it was moved to the park in 1926.

You could do a building-by-building, lot-by-lot history of Woodward along its 28 mile length from the Detroit River to Pontiac, and every page would be fascinating.

Think about that the next time you are stuck in traffic.

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Greg Kowalski

Despite Times' assessment, Livonia is doing just fine

Almost every morning, I stop at my favorite coffee spot and settle down to read the best daily newspaper in the United States and probably the world.

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And when they get it wrong, as all newspapers do, they are generally good about making corrections. On page 2 every day, they correct errors of fact, errors of emphasis, even errors in grammar. Every Sunday, they run a column by an Ombudsman, who is free to openly criticize the paper's judgments and often does so with comments that would make any reporter's heart curdle.



Hugh Gallagher

The newspaper stood behind their reporter Judith Miller when she refused to reveal a confidential source. But after she was freed from jail, the newspaper was the first to begin airing doubts about her rather too upbeat assessment of the Bush administration's assertions about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

The discovery that a young reporter, Jayson Blair, was inventing stories led to the dismissal of Blair and the forced resignation of his superiors.

But it's all well and good for *The New York Times* to run stories about troubles in some distant foreign land, it's another thing when they come to Livonia and describe it in terms they usually reserve for Third World nations.

On Monday, the *Times* business section led with a story by Micheline Maynard and Nick Bunkley (who did the Livonia reporting) that contrasted and compared the decline of "stumbling" Livonia with the "booming" Georgetown, Ky. (the birthplace of bourbon).

It's no secret that the decline in the auto industry has had a devastating effect on southeast Michigan. A day doesn't pass without bad news from the Big Three and their local suppliers. Layoffs seem to come in rushes and they create a domino effect in other businesses in the area.

Perhaps Livonia seemed like a particularly good target. It has long been a model community – an attractive middle-class residential settlement supported by a healthy industrial corridor and serviced by dynamic commercial areas. Livonia had it all and in most ways it still does.

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industrial cities are in decline and southern cities, where successful companies like Toyota have taken root, are on the upswing. That's the story, now choose any two cities to prove it.

The only problem is, Livonia doesn't quite fit. Yes, western Wayne County is hurting from the slump in the American auto industry. Yes, Livonia has been hard hit by layoffs and announced layoffs at Ford.

But as Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson pointed out in an *Observer* story on Thursday, automakers are not the only businesses in town. Ninety percent of the city's industrial space is occupied. Many successful businesses operate in Livonia.

This isn't a town of boarded up buildings, derelicts begging on the streets, muggers on every corner, children abandoned at doorsteps.

Livonia's unemployment rate is 3.3 percent, compared to 6.9 percent statewide.

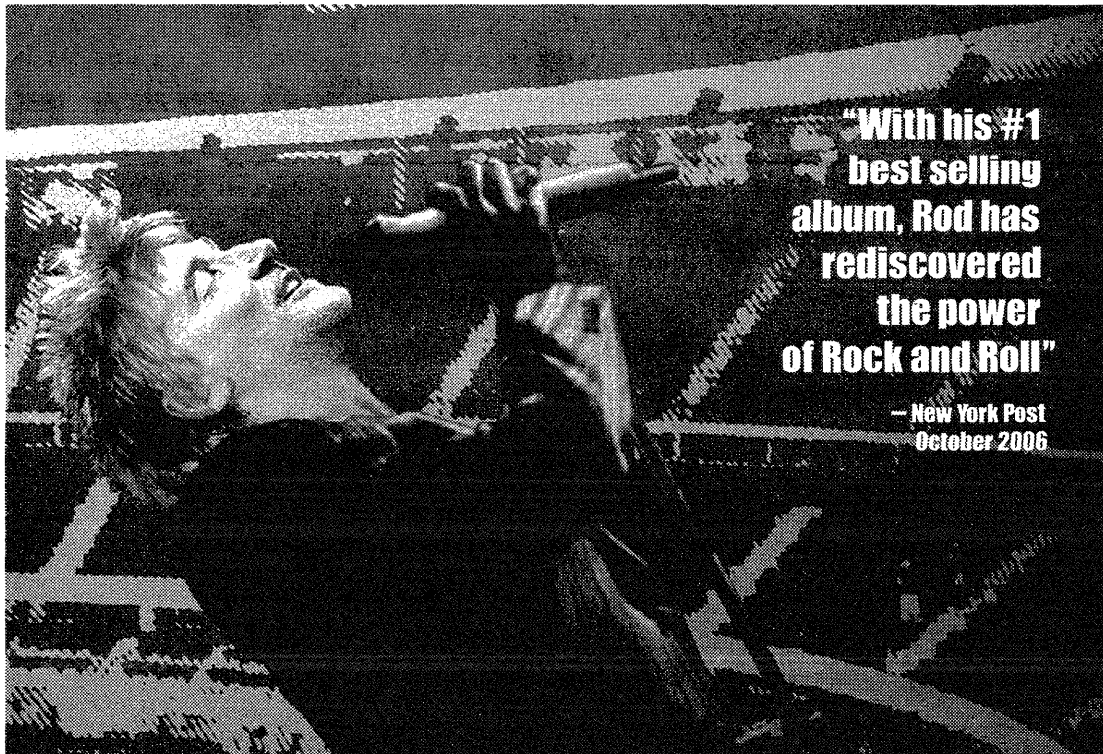
The article makes some stunning errors of omission. The writers note that Wonderland was torn down, but they don't say it was torn down to make way for a new and more contemporary shopping environment. They make a point to share the woes of Livonia Mall but don't mention the full parking lot at Laurel Park. Other developments are in the works because the community is still so attractive.

They write about how hard it is for residents of Rosedale Gardens to sell their homes, but don't say that home sales are down everywhere in the country.

Rather than provide any statistical support, the reporters quote an 80-year-old resident about the increase in crime. I've never met a person older than 70 who didn't think that crime was accelerating out of control and that their city was going to hell in a handbasket. From their perspective, maybe it is, but it's not valid reporting.

These are hard times but false contrasts and skewed perspectives aren't going to help get us through them or correctly put them into perspective for people who aren't lucky enough to live or work in Livonia.

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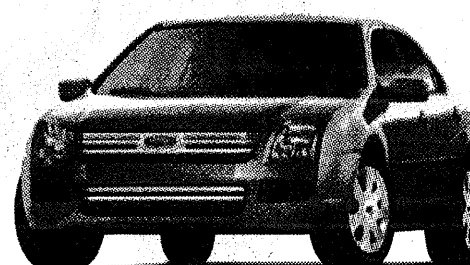
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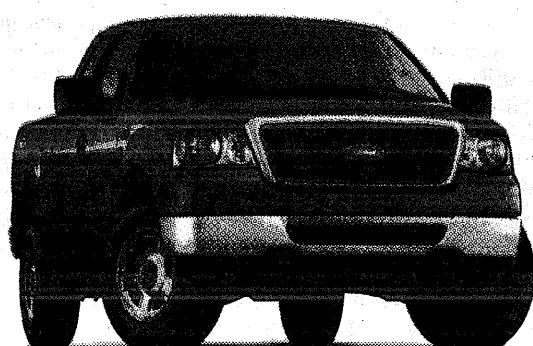
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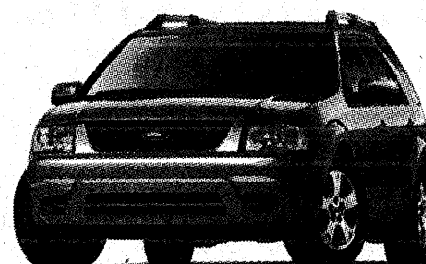
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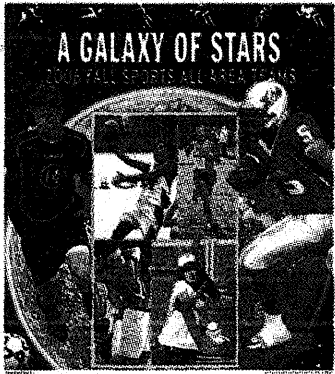
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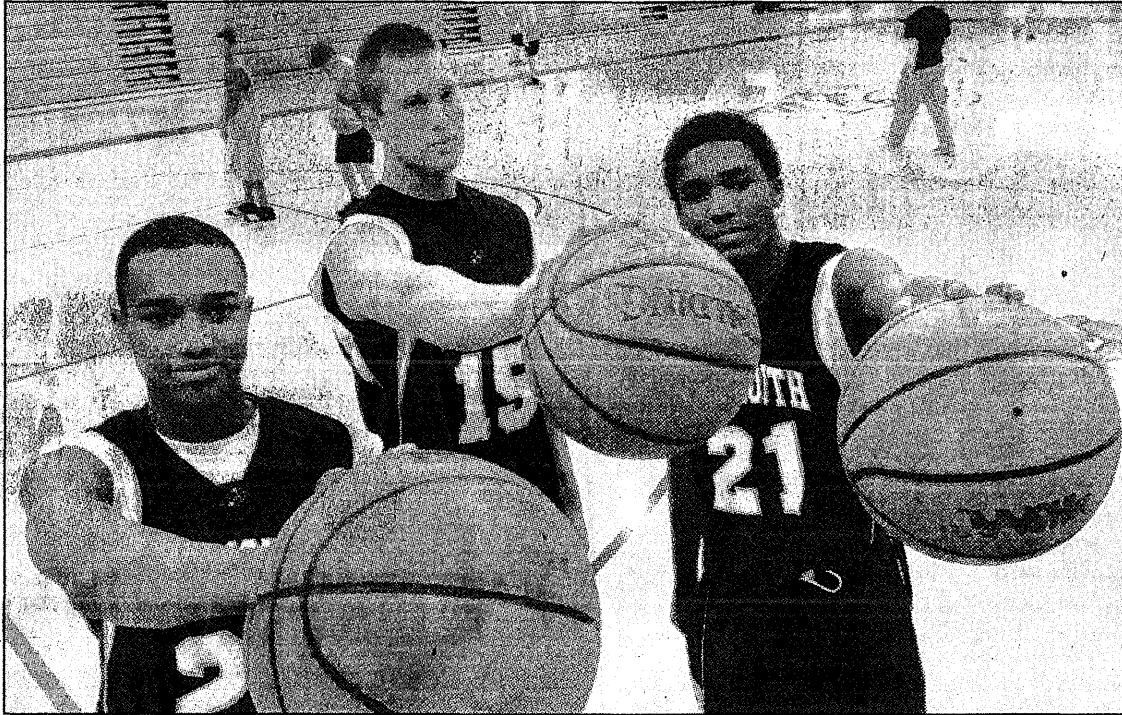
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2006-07 Prep Hoop Preview

ALL ABOUT THE 'CATS

■ **Head coach** — Tom Van Wagoner (third year);
■ **2005-06 record** — 8-13;
■ **Key players lost to graduation** — Brent Jones, Josh Le Duc, Alex Harvey, D.J. Coleman and Jim Wilbur;
■ **Key returners** — Kulraj Sandhu (6-3 Sr. F), Austin Barnett (6-0 Sr. F), Brandon Roberts (6-0 Jr. G), Jake Hager (6-7 Jr. C);
■ **Coach Van Wagoner's outlook** — "We're deep, but I'm looking for some kids to separate themselves and become leaders. I thought we played surprisingly well when we scrimmaged a very athletic Taylor Kennedy team last weekend. We definitely held our own."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Three key components for the Plymouth basketball team this season are (from left) junior guard Brandon Roberts, junior center Jake Hager and senior forward Austin Barnett. All three are entering their third year of varsity competition.

Triple threat

Talented trio set to lead deep, talented 'Cats

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Before Plymouth's boys basketball team hosts its Holiday Tournament Dec. 28-29, it will face an early season schedule that will be anything but a holiday.

Three straight road games against always-tough Adrian, Walled Lake Central and Novi should tell third-year head coach Tom Van

Wagoner a lot about his deep, athletic team that lost four full-time starters off last year's squad to graduation.

"We're deep, but I'm looking for some kids to separate themselves and become leaders," said Van Wagoner, whose squad finished 8-13 last season after going 11-10 the year before. "I thought we played surprisingly well when we

PLEASE SEE 'CATS, B3

New-look PCA routs FRC by 30

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Franklin Road Christian boys basketball team took a two-hour trip to "Turnover City" Friday night.

The Warriors' primary tour guide was Plymouth Christian Academy senior Matt Saagman, who had a hand in eight of Franklin Road's 31 turnovers in PCA's 75-45 victory in the Eagles' gymnasium.

PREP HOOP

The win — new head coach Dave Yost's first — evened the hosts' record at 1-1. The mistake-filled setback was the season opener for the Warriors.

"Our intensity was a lot better than it was in our first game," said Yost, referring to Tuesday night's 50-39 home loss to Lutheran Westland. "We got into our press better tonight and we did a better job of getting into our offensive sets."

"It was nice to get a win, but we still have a long way to go. We need to get into our press like — boom! — like a well-oiled machine. And there's still work to do with our man-to-man defense. Our help-side defense wasn't always there tonight like it should be, but the kids are working hard and getting better at learning the new system." Five of Saagman's eight steals came

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Sidelines

Coaches: Please report results

Local high school coaches are encouraged to call in the results of their team's games to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright.

Wright can be reached at (734) 953-2108 on weeknights after 5:30 p.m. Coaches can also e-mail results to Wright at ewright@hometownlife.com; or fax them to (734) 591-7279.

The deadline for Thursday editions of the Observer is 11 p.m. on Tuesday; the deadline for Sunday is Friday at 11 p.m.

Ignition vs. Wave

The Detroit Ignition Major Indoor Soccer League team will host the Milwaukee Wave this afternoon at 4:35 p.m. at the Computware Sports Arena. The Ignition were 3-3 heading into Saturday's game at Milwaukee.

Ramsey signs

Former Madonna University baseball player Ben Ramsey became the latest Crusader to ink a professional contract after signing with the Washington Wild Things (Pa.) of the Independent Frontier League.

Ramsey became the first male athlete at Madonna to earn NAIA first-team All-American honors to go along with his WHAC and Region VIII Player of the Year awards following the 2006 season.

Ramsey led the Crusaders with a .379 batting average and 13 home runs during his senior campaign and was the offensive catalyst behind MU's first ever NAIA Super Regional appearance.

The Wild Things are entering their sixth season as an organization and have already been named organization of the year three times in their brief history.

Washington finished the 2006 season with a 59-37 overall record, while capturing the East Division crown for the fourth time and advancing to post-season play for a fifth consecutive year.

Canton's Baechler named top prep grid coach

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The only things more imposing than the Canton football team's three-player, 880-pound defensive line this season were the lofty expectations placed on the Chiefs following their run to the Division I state final game in 2005.

While Canton missed making it back to Ford Field by one game in 2006, the Chiefs didn't disappoint their faithful fans as they chalked up a school-record 12 wins before falling to eventual state runner-up Rockford in the D1 semifinals.

The spectacular season earned Canton head coach Tim Baechler the "2006

Observerland Coach of the Year" honor from the Observer sports staff.

Since taking over a program that finished 1-8 the year before his arrival, Baechler has compiled a sterling 77-25 record in nine years as the Chiefs' mentor.

"We were banged up a little bit early on with some injuries to key players, but I was proud of the way the kids stepped up and played through it," said Baechler. "It's not easy living up to the expectations we had coming into the season, but we had an outstanding senior class who helped lead us to 12 wins."

Among the many highlight-caliber plays that the Chiefs pulled off in clutch situations this season, there were a few that



Baechler

stood out in Baechler's mind. "The first one was when Chris Bogdanski and Deshon McClendon forced the fumble late in the South Lyon game (a 14-10 Canton victory in the second round of the D1 playoffs)," he said. "It happened on the exact same spot on the field that Novi fumbled against us in a similar situation in a playoff game a few years ago."

"Another huge play was when Nick Moores returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown against Walled Lake Central in

the Western Lakes championship game. That really got us going. And another one that stands out is when Chris Bogdanski ran for a first down on fourth-and-2 to clinch the win over Livonia Franklin."

Under Baechler's guidance, Canton has captured four WLAA titles while advancing past the first round of the state playoffs seven consecutive seasons.

This year's senior class — eight of whom earned All-Observer First Team recognition — compiled a 41-4 record during their four seasons of high school football.

The complete All-Observer football squad will appear in a special All-Area fall sports section that will be included in the Sunday, Dec. 17, issue of the Observer.

'Chris is someone who stepped up and volunteered to help out in just about every aspect of our association.'

Coralee Ott
GCYBSA program coordinator

Chris Angel has served in a long list of volunteer roles for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association



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Departing Angel will be hard to replace

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The big question on the horizon for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association isn't, "Who will replace Chris Angel when she relocates to Milwaukee later this month?"

It's more like, "How many people will it take to replace Chris Angel when she relocates to Milwaukee later this month?"

The answer to the second question is easy: several.

If your son or daughter has participated in a GCYBSA program

during the past several years — whether it was a 4-year-old teeball team or a top-of-the-line travel squad — their experience was undoubtedly enriched thanks to the tireless, behind-the-scenes work of Angel.

The list of titles she held — all volunteer roles — is about as long as one of the foul lines at the Canton Sports Center.

She's served as the founder and director of the association's teeball league, a member of the GCYBSA Board of Directors, a league operations commissioner and a vice president in charge of equipment.

Among her often thankless — but always vital — duties were distributing equipment and coordinating practice and playing fields for hundreds of teams and thousands of players.

They weren't always glamorous jobs, but they were ones that needed to be done efficiently in order for the 2,000-plus player association to run as smoothly as it has.

"Chris is someone who stepped up and volunteered to help out in just about every aspect of our association," said Coralee Ott, the

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Late Churchill rally freezes the Wildcats

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill boys hockey coach Pete Mazzoni never envisioned his team getting into a shootout Friday night with Plymouth.

And for the first 23 minutes, it was the upstart Wildcats who did all the scoring, building a 3-0 lead before the host Chargers stormed back to pull out a 5-4 victory at Edgar Arena.

Keith Yackley's goal from Jason Proctor with 5:15 remaining in the final period provided the final margin of victory as the Chargers improved to 2-1 overall with the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover victory.

The game featured two of the area's top goaltenders in Scott Lewan (Churchill) and Justin Desilets (Plymouth).

"I thought it be a one-goal, 2-1 type of game," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "They (Plymouth) got some nice speed, they move the puck well and they're gritty."

Plymouth led 1-0 after one period on Anthony Fuciarelli's breakaway goal from defenseman Jason O'Guinn and Kyle Rockov at 8:15.

The Wildcats then added to their lead in the second period when defenseman Charles Webb ripped a slap shot from the point from Richard Cigile and Nicholas Rosochaki at 3:03; followed by Joe Perkovich's goal from Nicholas Cote and Noel Charles Aspenwall at 7:52.

But things unraveled for the

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Wildcats as Dustin Wischmeyer scored for Churchill on a tip-in off a shot from the point from defenseman Phil Wendecker at 8:45.

The Chargers then capitalized on two power-play opportunities during the final 1:36 of the second period to knot the game at 3-all - Garrett Miencier whacking home a shot off a scramble in front of the Plymouth net followed by Yackley's second of the night on an assist from Miencier.

During the second period, Churchill outshot Plymouth 20-7.

"We had them on the run, it's just the penalties," Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois said. "That's what has hurt us this year and last year. And they know better."

Churchill had eight penalties to Plymouth's seven.

"Other than taking the dumb penalties, we played a good game," Dubois said. "They put traffic in front of the net and we couldn't withstand the pressure. That's what scores the goals."

In the final period, Churchill's Josh Proben scored on a tip-in from Wendecker at 3:06 to make it 4-3.

"You've got to get in front of the net because if he (Desilets) sees the first shot, he makes the save," Mazzoni said. "We got one off the skate and a couple off deflections."

"I thought our power-play did a nice job. We got pucks to the net and created some traffic."

Churchill's eighth penalty of the night, however, proved costly as O'Guinn busted through the middle of the Chargers' defense and scored a power-play goal at 5:26 with Desilets drawing the assist to make it 4-all before Yackley notched his second of the night, the game-winner at 9:45.

Lewan, who had 14 saves, denied O'Guinn from point-blank range, along with the subsequent rebound, with just under two minutes to play.

Plymouth pulled Desilets for the extra attacker with 1:10 left and the Wildcats got a much-needed face-off in the Churchill zone with less than four seconds left.

The Wildcats won the draw and O'Guinn ripped another shot, only to be denied by Lewan as time expired.

"I thought Scott (Lewan) played a phenomenal game," Mazzoni said. "Two of the shots were screened that he never saw in front of the net."

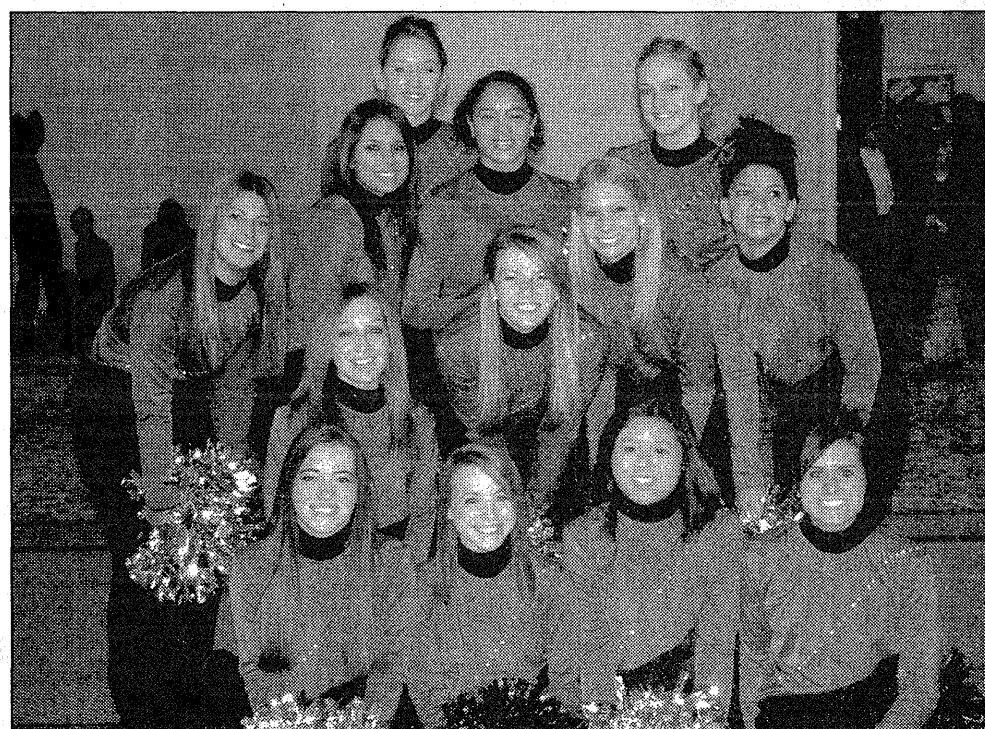
Meanwhile, the loss dropped Plymouth to 3-2-1 overall.

"If somebody had said it would have been a 5-4 game, I'd say we would have pulled it out, but the 39 shots... Churchill is a very good hockey team. They're very disciplined and they play hard."

Afterwards, Mazzoni had two messages for his team.

"I didn't not whether to pat them on the back or crack the whip," he said. "So I did a little of both."

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Deserving honor

Several members of the Plymouth High School varsity pom squad were chosen to perform with the Mid-American All-Star Team in America's Thanksgiving Day parade, which was held in Detroit on Nov. 30. Girls from 40 Michigan schools are selected at summer camp each year. Pictured (front row from left) are Elena Panagiotides, Kristen Drozdowski, Jill Mosher, Jenn Schinker, (second row from left) Lauren Rakowicz, Alyssa Kay, Brielle Zuzo, Kaseigh Zebari, (third row from left) Becca Garzaniti, Erica Caudillo, Briana Osorio, Jaclyn Heck and (back row) Monica Lee.

Whalers are hot, Sestito's hotter

Long-term, the Plymouth Whalers have been on a roll.

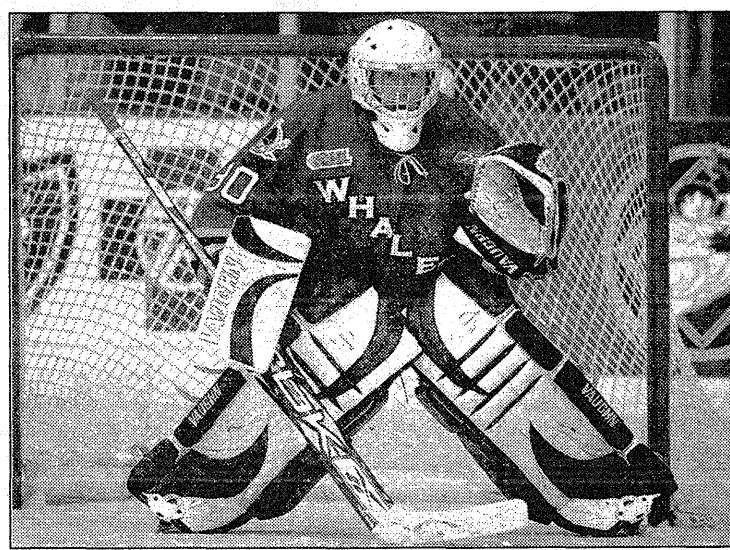
Short-term, Whalers left wing Tom Sestito may be hotter.

Sestito scored a hat trick in his second consecutive game as the Whalers won their sixth straight, 5-3, over the Sudbury Wolves in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The Whalers are now 19-10-1-0 (39 points), which puts them just three points behind first-place Saginaw (20-9-0-0). Sestito scored a hat trick Thursday night in London in a 7-1 victory over the Knights. The future Columbus Blue Jacket now has four hat tricks this season and leads the Whalers with 20 goals in 27 games.

Plymouth's leading scorer, Evan Brophy, scored what proved to be the game-winning goal at 4:34 of the third period when he deflected James Neal's shot from the right wing in the Sudbury zone past goaltender Kevin Beech. Brophy — a Chicago Blackhawks' draft choice — added an assist and leads the Whalers with 12 goals and 40 assists in 30 games.

Brophy's goal snapped a 3-3 tie and gave Plymouth the lead



WALT DMOCH

Plymouth Whalers goalie Jeremy Smith (Brownstown Township) came up big in Friday night's 5-3 victory over Sudbury. It was the Whalers' sixth consecutive win.

for good after Sudbury came back from deficits of 1-0, 2-1 and 3-2.

Following a scoreless first period, Joe McCann gave the Whalers a 1-0 lead at 5:21 of the second period when he batted home a loose puck by Beech at 5:21. Sudbury's Kevin Baker scored his 15th of the season to tie the game at 1-1 at 12:22 of the

second period when he tucked a low shot by Plymouth goaltender Jeremy Smith. Sestito scored his first goal at 13:40 of the period when he intercepted a Sudbury pass at the Wolves' blue line and beat Beech with a back-hand shot for a short-handed goal.

After Sudbury's Jesse Messier scored his 13th of the year to tie the game at 2-2 at 16:58, Sestito gave Plymouth a 3-2 lead with 23 seconds left in the period when he tucked a shot through traffic on the right side of the Sudbury goal.

Akim Aliu ripped a shot by Smith from the left wing door for his 11th of the year to knot the game at 3-3 at 3:07 of the third period. But Brophy retaliated 1:27 later.

Smith preserved the lead when he stopped Sudbury's Nick Foligno on a penalty shot at 14:08 of the period. Foligno moved up the middle to the harshmarks in the Plymouth zone and Smith slid to his right to make the save.

Sudbury head coach Mike Foligno pulled Beech with 1:15 remaining and a face-off in the Plymouth zone, but Sestito scored an empty-netter at 19:20 of the period when he outraced Sudbury defenders for the loose puck and jammed it home.

Stevenson upends Chief icers, 4-1

Marcus Voran scored twice and Mike Gibbons notched his first career goal as Livonia Stevenson skated to a 4-1 boys hockey victory Wednesday over visiting Canton at Edgar Arena.

Stevenson improved to 4-1 overall with the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover victory, while Canton falls to 0-4.

Voran scored 40 seconds into the opening period from John Vella and Jacob Wilson.

The Spartans added two

more goals in the second period - Mike Jahn from Mark Bekkala and Sean Lerg at 5:56; and Gibbons from Joe Byrne at 10:34.

Canton cut the deficit to 3-1 at 11:33 of the third when Ryan Lash scored from Andrew Juback.

But Voran put the game out of reach on an empty-netter with just 42 seconds left on assists from R.J. Kierdorf and Lerg.

"This was a good game for

our team," Stevenson coach Mike Humitz said. "Scoring in the first minute was a great boost for us. The boys are starting to do some of the little things well that will help us win hockey games."

"It was nice to see Mike Gibbons get on the board. He's a hard worker, so it's nice to see him rewarded."

Stevenson goaltender Mike Zynda made 14 saves, while Canton's Kevin Swanberg had 23 stops.

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PCA hoop team set to speed things up

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Opponents of the Plymouth Christian Academy boys basketball team better be well-rested before they take the court against the Eagles this season.

Under the guidance of first-year coach Dave Yost, PCA will be switching to a faster-paced style than the school's fans are accustomed to seeing. They'll also be applying an unyielding man-to-man defense that shouldn't give foes much time for a breather.

"I like my teams to play man-to-man defense and push the ball up the court on offense," said Yost, a veteran high school coach who has found success at several stops, including Arenac Eastern, West Branch and Novi Franklin Road Christian. "I know they're used to playing zone defenses and walking the ball up the court here, but I like a more up-tempo style. I tell my players I like to use all 94 feet of the court."

Eight seniors fill two-thirds of Yost's 12-player roster. Leading the returners is two-year captain Matt Saagman (6-foot-2), a three-year varsity player who is comfortable playing guard and forward.

"Matt is a very smart player who can fill many different roles for us," said Yost. "He'll definitely be one of our leaders — both on the court and off — this season."

Senior brothers Devyn and Ryan Govan — both of whom are 6-3 — give the Eagles a strong presence in the paint.

"Devyn is a big strong kid," said Yost. "He has the ability to

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in the first quarter, which ended with the Eagles in command, 15-5. The multi-talented swingman nearly finished the night with triple-double numbers: 13 points, nine rebounds and the boat-load of thefts.

Junior guard Trevor Zinn sparked the Eagles at the offensive end of the court, throwing in 26, including three triples. Devyn Govan and Brent Zinn — Trevor's younger brother — contributed eight points apiece for the winners.

PCA outrebounded the Warriors, 39-32, thanks largely to Justin Govan's 10 boards: David Mansfield led Franklin Road with 13.

The Mansfield brothers — senior guard Josh (12) and sophomore forward David (10) — combined for nearly half of the Warriors' offensive output. Senior guard Blaine Martin also played well for Franklin Road, netting 10.

Yost and his brother co-coached at Franklin Road three years ago, making Friday

HOOP PREVIEW

be a dominant force inside. Ryan brings a lot to the table, including speed and quickness. He's very fast and a good rebounder."

The Eagles' other seniors are Ian Roberts (6-1 forward), Derek Elenbaas (6-1 forward), Dave Koscielny (5-11 guard), Jake Slocum (5-9 guard) and Bryant DeKruyter (5-11 guard).

"Every one of these kids have a great attitude and they'll do anything you ask of them," praised Yost. "Ian is probably the best defensive player of the bunch and Dave shoots the ball well from the perimeter."

The Eagles only have two juniors, but they're both stellar. Trevor Zinn (5-10) started as a sophomore and averaged close to double-figures while Ross Gerulis (5-6) is a slick-dribbling guard who shined on the PCA junior varsity squad last season.

"Trevor has the potential to be a very good guard," said Yost. "He's probably our best three-point shooter. I'll be looking to him for leadership this year."

"Ross is a real good team player who can move the ball. He's always hustling."

Two sophomores fill out the roster — Justin Govan (6-4), the younger brother of Devyn and Ryan; and Brent Zinn (5-10), the younger brother of Trevor.

"They're both very athletic," said Yost. "Once they get some varsity experience under their belts, they'll be regular contributors."

night's win extra-special.

"I had just about all the kids in class, so I know a lot of them," he said. "It was neat seeing a lot of them again."

The Eagles took control of the game late in the second quarter when they outscored the Warriors 12-4 to close out the first half. Trevor Zinn (seven points) and Devyn Govan (five points) did all the damage during the Eagles' game-deciding run.

PCA led 38-17 at the half and 54-26 with eight minutes to play.

PCA hit 27-of-67 shots from the field (40.2 percent) and 15-of-27 free throws (55.5). The Warriors hit 16-of-44 field goals (36.3) and 13-of-27 from the line (48.1).

"Other than winning, the best thing about tonight's game was that all the kids got a lot of playing time," Yost said. "The second group played just about the entire second half, which was nice."

The Eagles return to action Tuesday when they host Washtenaw Christian. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

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scrimmaged a very athletic Taylor Kennedy team last Saturday. We definitely held our own.

"I look at our schedule this year with the three road games to start and the tough conference schedule we'll be playing, and we won't get to take any nights off. If we don't play well every night, our schedule will eat us up."

"Our entire division should be strong this year, especially Northville, which has its best player — Alvin Storrs — back after going 20-1 last year. Canton is big and athletic, and Wayne should be much improved."

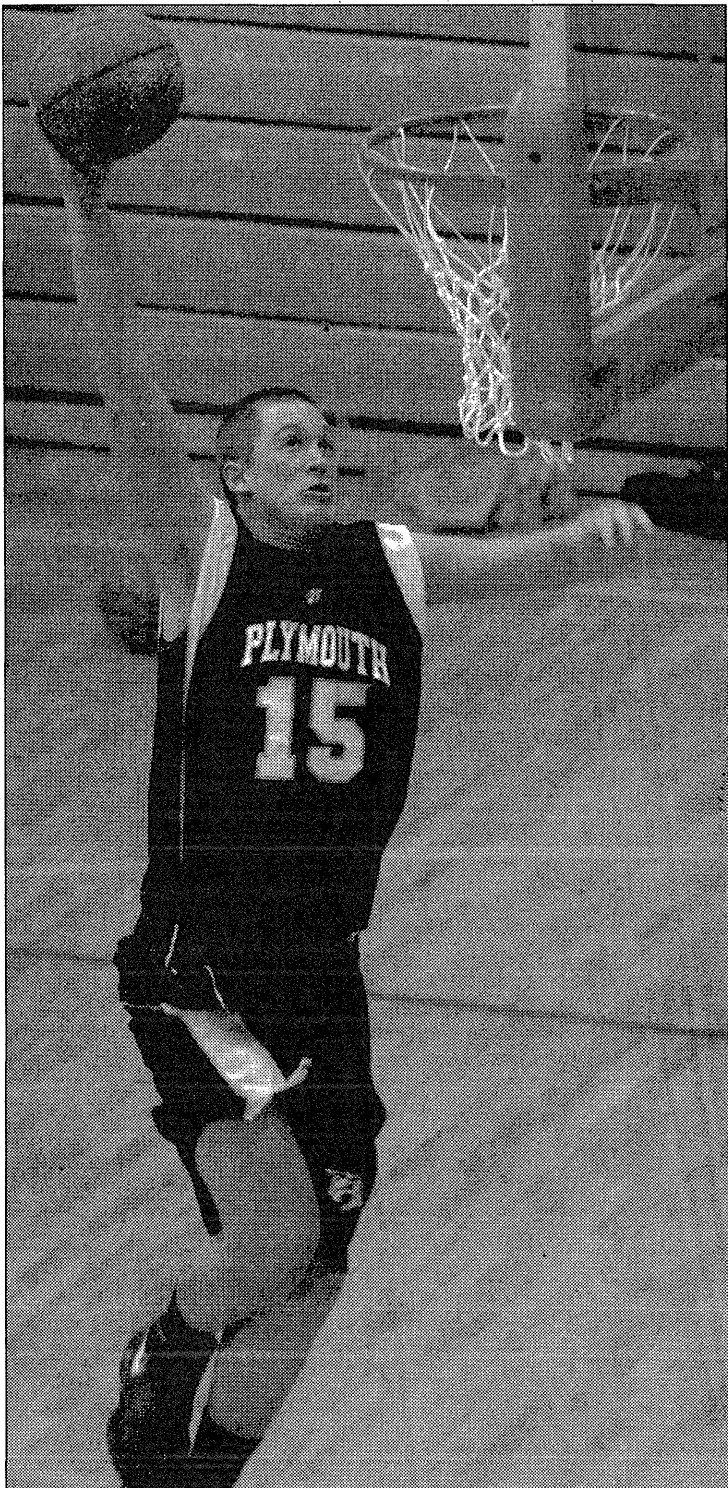
The Wildcats' 15-player roster includes four 6-foot-plus seniors who should give them a strong presence in the paint. Leading the quartet of upper-classmen are Kulraj Sandhu (6-foot-3), a sharp-shooting swingman, and Austin Barnett (6-0), one of the Western Lakes Activities Association's best leapers. They'll be joined down low by Nick Boyd (6-4), a key reserve last year, and 6-6 Wes Shelton, who sat out last season, but is a welcomed addition to Van Wagoner's squad.

The Wildcats have a strong junior class, led by Brandon Roberts, a smooth 6-0 point guard who has already earned two varsity letters; Jake Hager (6-7), the team's best inside defensive force; and Navraj Sandhu, whose offensive skills have Van Wagoner smiling.

"This is the third year of varsity basketball for Brandon, Jake and Austin Barnett, so we'll really be looking to them for leadership," said Van Wagoner. "And Navraj was probably our best shooter this summer and during the pre-season. He can really light it up from outside."

"Overall, we're a lot better outside-shooting team than we were last year. Teams won't be able to zone us with as much success like they did last year."

Providing valuable depth to the Wildcats' mix will be eight juniors, who offer a smooth blend of ball-handling, shooting and defending skills: Myron Puryear (5-10 guard),



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior center Jake Hager will provide an imposing presence in the paint for Plymouth's basketball team this season.

Dan Jeong (5-10 guard), David Harvey (6-0 guard), Chris Daniels (6-0 guard), Mike Hanchett (6-3 forward), Alex Hays (5-11 forward), Andy Price (6-0 guard) and Garrett Rebain (6-0 forward).

The Wildcats' Holiday Tournament promises to be entertaining as it includes Madison Heights Bishop Foley, which notched 21 wins last season, perennially tough

Southfield and Riverside (Ont.) High School, which went 23-13 in 2005-06 and features a pair of players who are being recruited to play at the next level.

Van Wagoner will be assisted by Jason Maschke.

Plymouth opens its season Tuesday at Adrian. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

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Plymouth at Adrian, 7 p.m.
Canton Agape at Calvary Christian, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 14
Canton at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 15
Plymouth at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Dec. 12
W.L. Central at Plymouth at Compuware Sports Arena, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 13
Canton at Crestwood at Canfield Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 15
Canton at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16
Plymouth at W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 3:20 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Dec. 14
Plymouth at N.B. Huron, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16
Salem at Crestwood Invite at D.H. Crestwood, 8:30 a.m.
Canton Varsity Invitational, 9 a.m.
Plymouth at Crestwood Tourney, 8:30 a.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Dec. 11
Detroit Urban at Canton Agape at G.C. United Christian, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 14
Calvary Christian at Canton Agape at G.C. United Christian, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16
Plymouth and Salem at Madonna Invitational at Plymouth H.S., 8:30 a.m.
Canton at B'Ham Groves Invite, 8 a.m.
PREP GYMNASTICS
Saturday, Dec. 16
Canton at Vassar, noon
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday, Dec. 15
(Madonna Univ. Classic)
St. Francis (Ill.) vs. Concordia, 6 p.m.
Madonna vs. St. Xavier (Ill.), 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16
Kirtland CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
(Madonna University Classic)
Concordia vs. St. Xavier (Ill.), noon.
Madonna vs. St. Francis (Ill.), 2 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Dec. 12
Albion College at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16
Kirtland CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
Madonna at Taylor Univ. (Ind.), 3 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Dec. 14
Whalers at Peterborough Petes, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 15
Whalers at Oshawa Generals, 7:35 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 17
Whalers at Brampton Battalion, 2 p.m.
MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE
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Canton grapplers sweep 2 at Grosse Pointe North

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The lengthy bus ride from Canton to Grosse Pointe probably seemed like a cross-country journey for members of the Chiefs' wrestling team Wednesday afternoon.

However, the trek back home must have felt significantly shorter thanks to a pair of lopsided victories in the Grosse Pointe North Dual Meet.

Canton opened its 2006 season by pouncing Southgate Anderson, 44-10. The Chiefs continued their winning ways in the nightcap with a 57-12 victory over the host Norsemen.

"We have a lot of young and inexperienced guys wrestling on varsity so it was nice to go

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over there and come out with a couple of wins," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "We still have a long way to go, but it was nice to do as well as we did."

After dropping its first two matches against Anderson, Canton stormed back to win 11 of the final 12 showdowns. Among the wins were pins from heavyweight Donnie Laramie (38 seconds) and 140-pound Corey Phillips (3:14).

"It was a big win for us because Southgate has a good program with about 55 to 60 kids," said Randolph. "They've gotten the best of us the past couple of years, so it felt good to finally beat them."

The Chiefs won 11 of the 14

matches in the 45-point triumph over Grosse Pointe North. Those recording pins were 160-pound Kiel Price (2:31), 215-pound Dan Wanshon (52 seconds), Laramie (1:28), 103-pound Donnie Watkins (1:12), 119-pound Jeremy Filippelli (5:28), 125-pound Adam Fleischmann (50 seconds) and 140-pound Josh Hurst (3:11).

"Grosse Pointe North has an up-and-coming team," said Randolph. "They were third at a decent tournament last week, so to beat them in that fashion was kind of surprising."

CANTON 44
SOUTHGATE ANDERSON 10
Wednesday at Grosse Pointe North
145 pounds: Sheer (SA) won major decision over Roger Kropp, 10-0; **152:** Gniwick (SA) dec. Joe Sanders, 2-0; **160:** Brian Brubaker (C) dec. Mellinar, 3-1; **171:** Kiel Price (C) won by technical fall, 18-3, over Goelna; **189:** Adam Powers (C) dec. Castle, 3-1; **215:** Dan

Wanshon (C) dec. Pasco, 11-5; **285:** Donnie Laramie (C) pinned Travis Brown in 38 seconds; **103:** Donnie Watkins (C) won by technical fall over Peer, 16-1; **112:** Carl Lucke (C) dec. Bancroft, 4-0; **119:** Jeremy Filippelli (C) dec. Boone, 6-5; **125:** Steve Cox (C) won by major decision over Roberts, 8-0; **130:** Overton (SA) dec. Phil Rollinger, 10-4; **135:** Brent Winekoff (C) dec. Jarbo, 7-1; **140:** Corey Phillips (C) pinned Hoskins in 3:14.

CANTON 57
GROSSE POINTE NORTH 12
Wednesday at Grosse Pointe North
152 pounds: Joe Sanders (C) dec. Salazar, 7-4; **160:** Kiel Price (C) pinned Channel in 2:31; **171:** Evola (GPN) pinned Nick McDiarmid in 3:14; **189:** Strickland (GPN) dec. Adam Powers, 9-6; **215:** Dan Wanshon (C) pinned Hammon in 52 seconds; **285:** Donnie Laramie (C) pinned Franklin in 1:12; **103:** Donnie Watkins (C) pinned Davalos in 1:12; **112:** Carl Lucke (C) won by major decision over Chow, 11-3; **119:** Jeremy Filippelli (C) pinned Rosso in 5:28; **125:** Adam Fleischmann (C) pinned Oubacki in 50 seconds; **130:** Steve Cox (C) won by technical fall over Lee, 16-1; **135:** Beesi (GPN) dec. Brent Winekoff, 5-3; **140:** Josh Hurst (C) pinned Dotson in 3:11; **145:** Corey Phillips (C) dec. Arsenio Hall, 12-5.

What's better? Free weights or machines

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dennie Taft, a former strength-and-conditioning coach for the Detroit Tigers, is an expert in the fitness field. The Canton resident has offered to answer questions regarding strength and conditioning and techniques that will enhance their sports-performance skills.)



Dennie Taft

Question: Free weights or machines? Which is best for athletes?

Answer: When comparing free weights to machines, it has been my experience that a combination of the two can be an integral part of any strength-training program, though the bulk of the exercises should be free weight in nature.

Many free-weight exercises require movement around more than one joint. These "multi-joint" exercises demand the recruitment of stabilizing and assisting (synergistic) muscles to balance the body and/or load during the execution of the movement.

For example, during a free-weight squat, stabilizing and assisting muscles around the hip, knee and ankle joints are activated to control any unwanted lateral, forward, backward or rotational movement. In athletic competition, those same muscles are utilized to control, stabilize and balance the body as well.

In addition, movements of various free-weight exercises mimic those of athletic play more closely than exercises performed with machines. As a result of strengthening through free weights, these muscles are better prepared to endure the stresses of athletic maneuvers.

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Training with weight machines does not require this type of muscle activation. Single-joint exercises (example: leg extensions) are performed, and stabilizing muscles are not called upon to assist in the execution of the movement. The machine supports the user and eliminates demands for stabilization and balance of the load. In comparison to free weights, the body is not as well prepared for stresses placed upon them.

An advantage of weight machines is that they offer a way to isolate specific areas of the body that are difficult to strengthen through free weights (example: leg curls, abduction and adduction, neck and hip flexion).

For this reason, weight machines should be included in a well-rounded strength-training program.

In my opinion, the use of both free weights and machine exercises should be incorporated in a strength-training program with the emphasis being on multi-joint free weight movements.

If you have a question for Dennie Taft relating to sports-performance training, please send an e-mail to Plymouth-Canton Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright at ewright@hometownlife.com.

ANGEL

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GCYBSA program coordinator. "She touched thousands of lives with the work she did for our association. Chris was involved with everything — from top to bottom — and she probably would have done even more if we would have asked her to."

The GCYBSA thanked Angel for her efforts last month when they presented her with the inaugural "Chris Angel Volunteer" award at the association's banquet. The award will be presented annually to the volunteer who exhibits the beyond-the-call-of-duty spirit Angel possessed since moving to Canton from Summerville, S.C., in 1999.

"I started to get involved in the youth leagues in 1999 when I started umpiring youth baseball and softball games," she said. "I helped the tee-ball league where I lived in South Carolina and I was surprised there wasn't one offered in Canton. So I asked a lot of questions and, in the summer of 2000, I started the first Canton tee-ball league."

"As it turned out, there was definitely a demand for it because we've averaged about 500 kids every year since."

Angel said she'll never forget

the feeling she got while discreetly observing the league in action during its early stages.

"They used to have the tee-ball fields set up behind Canton and Salem high schools, before Plymouth was built," she remembered. "I'd walk down the pathway that went between the fields and observe all the grandparents watching the games and the parents with their camcorders out. They didn't know who I was, but it made me feel good to know I helped get it going."

Angel, who worked full-time at a senior-care center in Howell up until this week, said her volunteer work with the GCYBSA kept her busy, but she wouldn't have had it any other way.

"The longer I was involved, the more jobs I took upon myself, but I loved doing it," she said. "One day I'd be getting bids on uniforms, the next I'd be running a coaches' meeting. It was satisfying to see the programs grow."

Will the GCYBSA's loss be a Milwaukee youth baseball and softball association's gain?

"No, I think I'm going to take a sabbatical, at least for a little while," she said, smiling.

But judging by Angel's amazing volunteering background, she won't be able to stay away long.

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Canton Leisure Services will be offering several fun-filled sports programs during the winter months. Among the offerings are:

■ The annual Snowball Co-ed Classic Softball Tournament will be held at the Canton Sports Center on Jan. 13. This event is played in the snow with an oversized, Chicago-style softball. The cost of the double-elimination tourney is \$125 per team. Prizes will be awarded to the top teams.

■ The bi-annual "Family Bowling Night" will be held at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton on Friday, Jan. 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is \$40 per resident family and \$50 per non-resident family. The cost of the event includes two-and-a-half hours of bowling for up to six bowlers per lane; shoes; pop and pizza; and free give-aways.

■ A pair of cross-country ski days at Pheasant Run Golf Course will be offered on Jan. 28 and Feb. 17 from noon to 4 p.m. Participants may bring their own skis or rent them at the course. The cost is \$10 per person and includes access to the trail that winds through the golf course; refreshments; and a free raffle. Pre-registration is required. Call (734) 483-5600.

BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2007 Canton Little League will be held Jan. 20 and Feb. 17, 2007, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran School, which is at 1309 Penniman Ave. in Plymouth (quarter-mile east of Sheldon).

The leagues offered will be: Minors (7- to 10-year-olds); Majors (11- and 12-year-olds) and Juniors (13- and 14-year-olds).

The league is open to all Plymouth and Canton residents. Proof of residency and a birth certificate are necessary at the time of registration. Visit www.cantonlittleleague.net; or send an e-mail to info@canton-littleleague.net.

IGNITION FOOD DRIVE

The Detroit Ignition (3-3) teams up with Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan for the Kick it Forward Food Drive to be held on Sunday, Dec. 10, at Computware Sports Arena in Plymouth. All Ignition fans who bring a non-perishable food item to the 4:35 p.m. game on Dec. 10 against the Milwaukee Wave will receive a \$22 ticket to the Dec. 16 game against the Baltimore Blast for just \$15.

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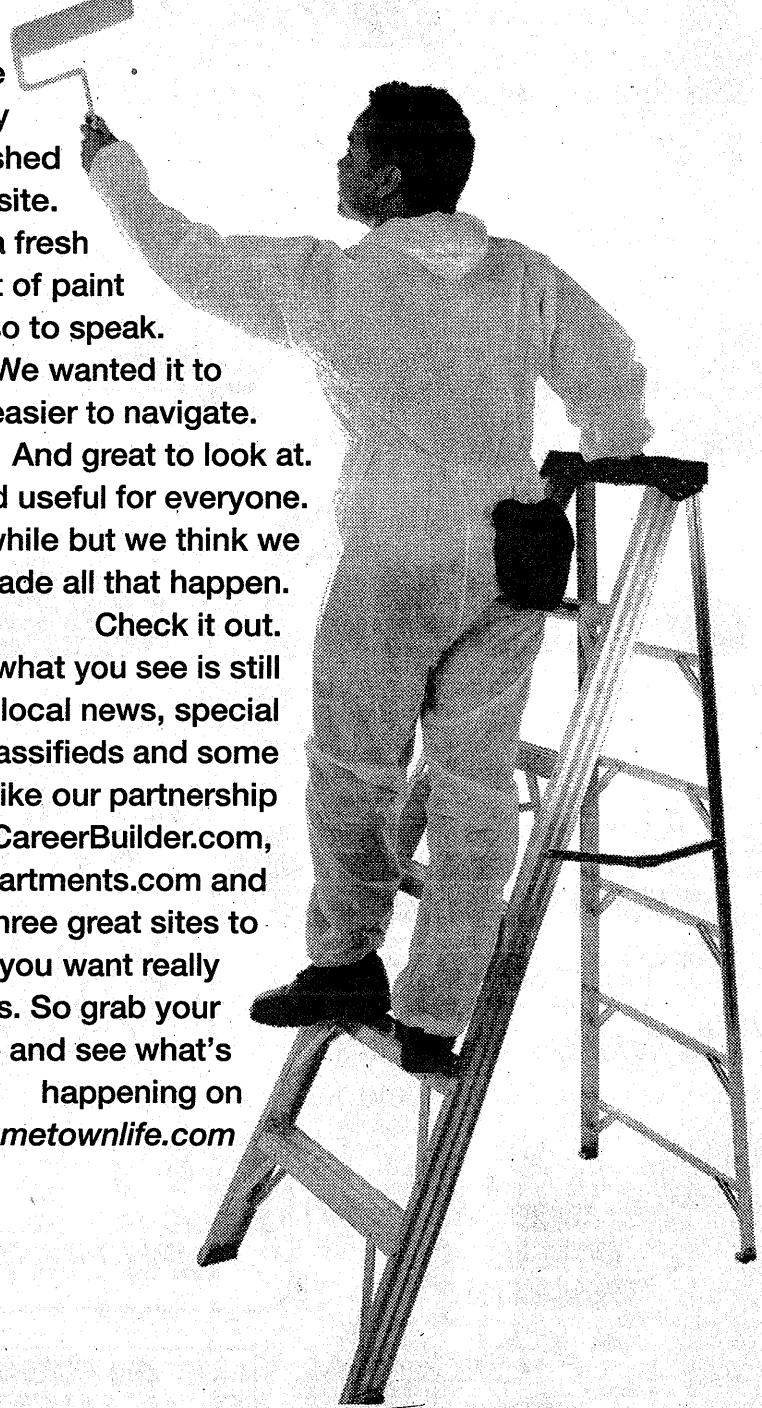
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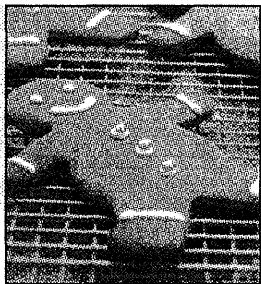
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Windsor bowler doesn't mind exchanging bridge toll for title

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Need greater than ever this holiday season

Theresa Bizoe is uncertain about why there's a 25-percent increase in domestic violence victims and their children seeking shelter at First Step this past year, but she does know the food bill has increased.

The need is even greater for charities in 2006. Expenses continue to rise as funding and donations decrease due to the tenuous economy.

Linda
Chomin

To raise money for First Step, IKEA in Canton is sponsoring a shopping event at its store on Ford Road at Haggerty 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. Supporters of the non-profit are invited to shop till they drop for a fee of \$25, which includes a 15-percent discount on in-store purchases. Tickets are available at the door.

If you can't make the event, Bizoe is asking supporters to consider donating gift cards from Meijer that can be used for food, diapers and gas. First Step serves domestic violence and sexual assault victims in 36 communities through its offices in Plymouth, Redford and Downriver.

"We always need diapers, the large size especially," said Bizoe, associate director. "We have 22 kids in the shelter. 10 are under age 2. Diapers are a very expensive item. Cash donations, because of the budget constraint, will help us to keep the doors open."

If you are a battered woman in need of help, call the hotline at (734) 459-5900 or (888) 453-5900 (toll free).

For information about giving, visit www.firststep-mi.org or call (734) 416-1111.

JA'NOAH HOUSE

Audrey and Carl Mattson haven't slowed down since feeding 100 people Thanksgiving dinner on the streets of the Cass Corridor, Norwayne area of Westland, Brightmoor, and Brewster Projects. The nonprofit's mission is to care for the poor and homeless year-round by loading their truck then distributing the food, used clothing and household goods. They can always count on the generosity of Entemann's and Panera for baked goods. Volunteers at St. John Lutheran Church in Redford make sandwiches once a month and Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (Livonia) every three months. Now they're hoping readers donate goods to fill the building lent by the City of Livonia for the holidays.

Several weeks ago, the Mattsons dropped off letters for children to fill in sizes and wants. On average, they prepare 250 pillowcases full of clothing and toys for gift giving along with bags of hats, gloves and fruit for the homeless living on the streets.

"There's always been people walking the streets," said Audrey Mattson. "They're looking for food, looking for clothes. They're cold. Many have never been able to find a job. They're not trash. They have a soul, a heart."

To help, call (734) 522-5077.

CAPUCHIN SOUP KITCHENS

Brother Vincent Reyes isn't asking for toy donations this year for the Capuchin Soup Kitchens on Meldrum and Conner. Oh, there will be toys, but times are desperate and Reyes is looking for caps, coats and gloves for the kids.

"Donations of money are good. We can buy food a lot cheaper because it's in bulk," said Reyes, pastoral director. "We need dry goods, rice, canned vegetables, cereal, anything with a long shelf life. I love what we do here, because it really makes a difference."

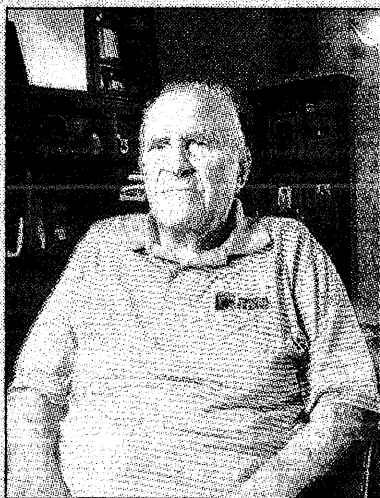
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Sister Nancyann Turner, a Dominican nun from Livonia, is in need of loose leaf paper, educational games, books with an African American theme, socks, hats and mittens for the after-school program at the Capuchin kitchen. In addition to tutoring, children and youth participate in art therapy and creativity classes, a summer garden learning experience, and a teen girls support group that recently helped bake bread for about 30 families.

"It's a hard season for the poor," said Sister Turner. "Most of our kids won't have a tree. That's a luxury they can't afford. We have quite a few new families. Many are working but get no benefits. We're situated in the neighborhood of the working poor."

To help, call (313) 822-8606, Ext. 210. Contact Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to Lchomin@hometownlife.com.

Our Italian story



Tony Filippis lost his legs after falling off of a train at age 12 in 1929. Undaunted, the Rochester Hills man learned the trade of crafting artificial limbs and went on to found Wright & Filippis, a leader in rehabilitative health care since 1944.

Documentary reflects on immigrants' struggles, success

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The audience laughs along with Lina Del Signore as she tells of meeting John, her soon-to-be husband, in their hometown in Italy. It is one of the lighter moments in a documentary that premiered Dec. 3, at a gala at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. The evening celebrated *Our Italian Story*, a film focusing on the struggles and successes of Italian immigrants who came to southeast Michigan in search of the American dream.

Tony Filippis lost his legs after falling off of a train at age 12 in 1929 and faced discrimination when prospective employers learned of his disability. Undaunted, the Rochester Hills

man learned the trade of crafting artificial limbs and went on to found Wright & Filippis, a leader in rehabilitative health care since 1944.

Nino Salvaggio turned 500 cases of strawberries into a chain of fruit markets in Farmington Hills, Troy and St. Clair Shores.

According to Armando Delicato, the film's historian and author of *Italians in Detroit*, many immigrants went into food distribution. On the lower east side, vestiges of their gardens of grape leaves and fig trees can still be seen in some yards.

Television audiences can view their stories commercial free 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, and 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 25, on WXYZ-TV Channel 7 thanks in part to Lipari

Foods. When Jim Lipari first came to this country, he was selling barbecue sauce out of his station wagon. Today, Lipari Foods is a \$250 million a year business.

CELEBRATE THE CULTURE

"I didn't just want to do a documentary. I wanted to celebrate the culture," said Keith Famie, the film's executive director and producer. Famie told the audience he started working on the film several

Keith Famie told the audience he started working on the film several years ago when his father was suffering from Alzheimer's and told 'these amazing stories' about his Italian heritage.

PLEASE SEE ITALIAN, C7



John Zaretti (left), Giuseppe Delena and Dino Valle sing in 'Our Italian Story.'



Keith Famie (center) and John and Lina Del Signore take a break from filming the documentary, 'Our Italian Story,' to pose for a photograph in Sulmona, Italy, near the couple's hometown of Fonte D'Amore (Fountain of Love).



Finnish American Singers Irene Kazarosian of Novi (left) and Geraldine Owens of Hazel Park sing during a rehearsal.

Singers celebrate Christmas Finnish style

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Henry Naasko puts his heart and soul into conducting the choir rehearsal on Monday night at the Finnish Cultural Center in Farmington Hills. Naasko is not about to let his grandparents' Christmas music fade away.

He's programmed nearly an entire concert of traditional carols for the Finnish American Singers annual holiday performance 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at the center, 35200 W. Eight Mile, between Gill and Newburgh roads.

As always, the choir treats the audi-

PLEASE SEE SINGERS, C6

What's your favorite holiday tradition?

Everyone knows about leaving cookies and milk for Santa.

Or making latkes at Hanukkah. And lighting candles during Kwanzaa.

Even the festus pole has become a seasonal icon thanks to *Seinfeld*.

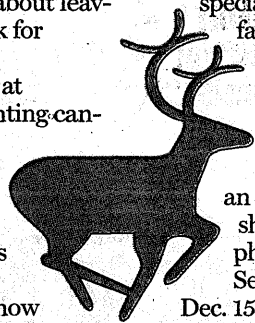
But we'd like to know how you personalize the holidays. Maybe you've created a totally new tradition or you've put a unique spin on an old one. What makes the season

special for you and your family?

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words or less about your favorite holiday tradition and we'll publish responses in an upcoming issue. Also, share your Christmas photos with our readers. Send replies by Friday,

Dec. 15, to Hugh Gallagher, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail hgallagher@hometownlife.com.





The Livonia Civic Chorus sings a holiday program 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at Churchill High School in Livonia.

Livonia Civic Chorus offers annual holiday concert

The Livonia Civic Chorus presents its traditional winter holiday program "Spirit of the Season" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at Livonia's Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy. The concert includes an eclectic mix of holiday-themed songs and a wide range of featured performers.

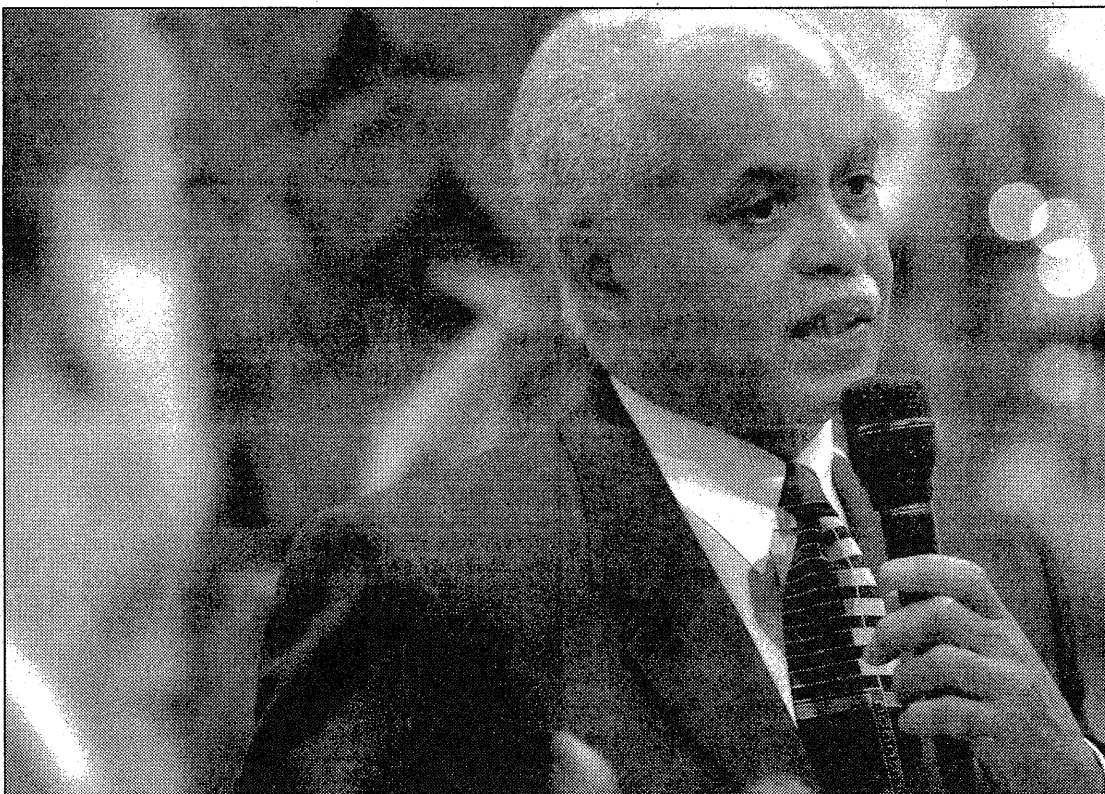
The choir is directed by Donna Gleason.

In addition to the perennial favorites, this year's selections include several arrangements from the film *The Polar Express*, as well as a mosaic of musical pieces from around globe. The audience is sure to enjoy

the Latin rhythms of *Celebremos Las Navidades*, the gliding melody of the Celtic carol *Shepherd's Joy* and buoyant movement of the traditional Jewish Hanukkah song *Bidi Bom*.

The show promises to be a celebration in song the whole family will love.

Admission is \$10, with tickets available at the door. For more information, visit www.livoniacivicchorus.org or call (734) 525-6414.



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Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans speaks during the 'Tie One on for Safety' kickoff event for MADD at the Westland Shopping Center Friday morning.

Message on drunken driving put front and center for season

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The message was clear Friday at Westland Shopping Center: Don't drink and drive.

The holiday season brings special challenges for law enforcement in drunken driving, and Friday was the day to get the word out to local drivers. Wayne County Mothers Against Drunk Driving partnered with the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance to present the "Tie One on for Safety" program at Westland Shopping Center.

"We're getting the community involved," said Ne'chole McClendon, Wayne County MADD executive director. Westland Center had stations for nonalcoholic drinks, recipes for which people had submitted in advance. The top eight were chosen for shoppers to try, and the top three received gift certificates from the shopping center. Celebrity servers included Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Sheriff Warren Evans, along with other law enforcement officials and mayors. "We wanted to target Westland community," McClendon said. "We're trying to make it an entertaining community event."

Evans was glad to participate and to share the message on not drinking and driving. "We want people to have a good time, but not at the expense of someone else's life and limb," he said.

The press conference was followed by the Mocktail Mixer to which shoppers were invited. McClendon noted it's good for kids and adults to be able to drink mocktails during the holidays.

MADD stopped offering rides home on New Year's last year. "We did them for 20 years," she said. "We're not doing them any longer." Last year, MADD distributed coupons for \$2 off rides for



Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano talks about how much more fun it is to return home safely during the holidays as opposed to wearing handcuffs.

cabs.

"Individuals were using it as a sense of entitlement," McClendon said of the rides, which were meant to be a last resort for revelers who had too much to drink.

The "Tie One On" campaign is national for MADD, although Friday's event focused on Wayne County. Victim Cheryl Morgan-Houston spoke about losing her son.

"People need to be more knowledgeable," McClendon said. "They don't have their loved ones. There's a seat empty and that individual will never sit there again."

The local MADD chaplain, another victim, was also present Friday.

Evans noted that enforcement efforts for his department and others will be stepped up during the holidays, particularly for New Year's. "We will have additional units on the entire period," he said, adding six additional officers will work at various times.

Evans is pleased with the fact there've been no alcohol-related holiday deaths in Wayne County the past several years. All police departments and MADD have made the roads safer, he said.

"It's not our desire to arrest



Theresa Webster of SEMCA mixes a nonalcoholic 'Mocktail' of Christmas Sunshine Punch.

folks." He knows people will drink during the holidays and is concerned only with their moderation and not driving under the influence.

For the 2005 holidays, the task force (which also includes police from Redford, Livonia, Westland, Canton and others) made 1,300 traffic stops and 60 drunken driving arrests, Evans said. There were five other alcohol citations, such as open intoxicants.

"We were fortunate enough to have no alcohol-related fatalities." The effort was repeated this past Thanksgiving and netted 19 drunken driving arrests and five related ones.

Evans praises MADD and media coverage for boosting awareness that there are consequences to drinking and driving. He urges people to use a designated driver.

"I think convictions are pretty consistent." His department's Last Call unit has been successful in following up on those with outstanding warrants for drunken driving, Evans said. "It's a built-in accountability, if you will," he said of the program started three years ago on a grant.

CLASS REUNIONS

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

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Give your pet some TLC during busy holiday season

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

When planning your holiday celebrations, don't forget the four-footed members of the family. Pets too need some TLC during the season.

"Chocolate is very poisonous to dogs and can even be fatal," said Stephanie Baron, public and media relations coordinator for the Michigan Humane Society. She urges pet owners to keep chocolate out of reach of pets.

Gravy, poultry skin and other rich foods can cause gastrointestinal distress in pets, Baron noted, so feeding from the table isn't recommended. Pet owners should avoid food bones that could splinter and hurt a dog. Commercial bones get the MHS OK.

"Christmas decorations can

be dangerous," said Dr. Brad Davis, a veterinarian with VCA (Veterinary Centers of America) in Garden City.

Tinsel eaten by an animal can even cause death, said Davis, who earned his doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Michigan State University. "Christmas balls can be broken," he said. Davis and Baron also urge pet owners to keep things calm for four-legged friends.

"Try to keep some level of normal schedule with the animal," Davis said, adding that stress can lead to diarrhea in animals.

Baron recommends keeping your pet's food and water away from busy areas in the home, "and having a place where they can go for peace and quiet." An area for sleep and if possible a litter box for cats and kittens

Baron and Davis recommend against getting a new pet during the busy holiday season, noting after the holidays things are calmer and an animal can adjust more easily.

are good.

She said it's bad to leave pets unsupervised around the Christmas tree, as they may get into ornaments, tinsel, wrapping paper or bows which can harm them.

Baron and Davis recommend against getting a new pet during the busy holiday season, noting after the holidays things are calmer and an animal can adjust more easily.

"It's a bad time to get a new pet," he said of busy December, when people's time and patience are limited. You can get information on a new pet

now, and buy an appropriate book or stuffed animal as a holiday gift.

"Everybody's household is going to be a little more stressful this month," Baron said. After New Year's, visitors will be gone and things will calm down as the whole family gets involved in adopting a pet. "And they won't have any surprises," she said.

Davis and Baron agree pet ownership benefits people and their pets. "It's a great opportunity for families to teach kids about life, to teach kids about responsibility," he said.

ingested. Aspirin is especially deadly for cats.

■ Make sure lights and electrical cords are out of reach. Besides the risk of electrocution, the whole tree may topple over.

■ Make sure four-legged family members are secure while you are entertaining. More guests mean more chances for the cat, dog or other animal to slip out unnoticed; as always, be sure he is wearing a collar and ID tag in case of escape.

■ Lighted candles should never be left unattended, especially with animals around.

■ Alcohol and pets do not mix. Keep alcoholic drinks where animals can not reach them. If ingested, the animal could become very sick and weak, possibly resulting in respiratory failure.

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Construction updates

The lower level is moving along as the new home of our Youth collections and programs. Check out the latest developments on the Library's renovation project by going to plymouthlibrary.org and clicking on the Building Blog. Current project updates and photos will take you behind the scenes.

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■ **YOUR POETRY GROUP**, Sunday, Dec. 10, 1:30-3:30 p.m. — Round table readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. For more information, contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or

donhewlett@aol.com

■ **STARS, MOONS & PLANETS** - There will be no Stars, Moons and Planets discussion in December — plan now to join local stargazer Mike Best when this group reconvenes Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@comcast.net

■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m. — Members of this book discussion group are invited to read *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan: a Novel* by Lisa See. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP** - There will be no Garden Group meeting in December. Start thinking about your 2007 garden at the next meeting to be held on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m.

■ **GREAT BOOKS** - Great Books takes a holiday break — there will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be held 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8. The discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. For further information, contact Karen Berrie at (734) 453-2454. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, see the Internet Web site: <http://www.greatbooks.org/>

■ **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING** - There will be no Needlecrafters Meeting in December. Kick off the new year with a new project when the group meets again Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required.

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Dec. 27, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read *The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio* by Terry Ryan. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Linda Pride at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail lpride@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **DODGER BLUE** ... and baseball really is funny, Thursday, Dec. 28, 7 p.m. — The library kicks off this special baseball series, "Hot Stove League: Professors of Baseball share their love of America's pastime" with Detroit and former major league outfielder,

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Chef bakes up Motor City memories

BY SANDRA ARMBRUSTER
STAFF WRITER

Ever so gingerly, Dannielle

Heilman gathers up three dozen eggs and builds monuments. But instead of bricks and

mortar, Heilman uses 8 pounds of sugar, 20 pounds of flour, 12 cups of molasses, 10 tablespoons of cinnamon and 5

tablespoons of ginger.

And a lot of love. "Easily, it's taken more than 100 hours. Definitely,"

Heilman said of her project. "I could work on it for hours, and it would go by like nothing."

Her project, however, really is something. Heilman, who is pastry chef at Charley's Crab in Troy, has created a gingerbread tableau. The scene features major landmarks in southeastern Michigan. Besides the restaurant, depicted are the DaimlerChrysler building in Auburn Hills, the Guardian Building in Detroit and the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak.

The scene is on display as visitors enter the restaurant.

"Everything is edible, except for the street lights," she said.

This is the second and more expanded year for the tableau, with other versions built at the Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor and Charley's Crab in Grand Rapids. The process for the year-round project begins in March.

"Most of it is just using our imagination," she said. She also uses magazines and books for reference.

"The Shrine of the Little Flower was chosen because it's very popular with a lot of our clients," Heilman said. The church even has stained glass windows. "Charley's Crab was the most challenging because of all the" sections.

The Guardian Building has its historic orange brick, and the tall DaimlerChrysler building reflects the shiny blue exterior of the actual structure.

Heilman begins by measuring and remeasuring – not for the gingerbread contents, but for the key ingredient of struc-



Pastry Chef Dannielle Heilman spent 'easily' 100 hours creating this gingerbread tableau that is a salute to the Motor City.

Three restaurants are bringing their region's historic sites to life in gingerbread and other edible sweets in gingerbread villages on display through Dec. 31. The village at Charley's Crab Troy, designed by Pastry Chef Dannielle Heilman, highlights the DaimlerChrysler headquarters, the Guardian Building of Detroit, the National Shrine of the Little Flower and the Charley's Crab restaurant. At Charley's Crab Grand Rapids, Pastry Chef Starr TenEyck takes visitors on a tour of the area with landmarks like Calder Plaza, Rosa Parks Circle, the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library & Museum, Heritage Hill, DeVos Place, Meijer Gardens, Van Andel Arena and Charley's Crab. Gandy Dancer's gingerbread village, created by Executive Pastry Chef Catherine Ackerman, includes such notable sites as the University of Michigan's Burton Memorial Tower, the Kempf House Museum, Michigan Theater and St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. Gandy Dancer is located at 401 Depot St. in Ann Arbor; for more information, contact (734) 769-0592. Charley's Crab Troy is located at 5498 Crooks Road; for information, contact (248) 879-2060. Charley's Crab Grand Rapids is located at 63 Market Street S.W.; for more information, contact (616) 459-2500.

tural accuracy so important as she cuts patterns for the structures.

Then she moves on to mixing and rolling out the dough, and labeling all the pieces once they are cut.

Fondant is used to mold the holly and poinsettias on the buildings, and to mold the realistic snowmen.

A traditional wedding cake frosting, a mixture of powdered sugar and egg whites, is used to cement the pieces together and to decorate the buildings.

"The (icing for the) snow on top is looser. I use less egg white for that," she said. "I don't follow any recipe, I just keep adding powdered sugar" as needed.

At age 33, Heilman's career has taken her around the country, but she got an early start. She began baking when she was in the third grade.

Her mother was a cake baker, she said, and Heilman went from working behind the counter to decorating cakes. She later got hands-on experience, working for restaurants in Ft. Lauderdale and for Rocky's in Northville. She says "it's great to get paid to" follow her interest.

"You'd think I was cooking for a family of 10 (at home)," she said. "I'm always in the kitchen on my days off."

Heilman said, it will be up to others to dismantle the project. "I won't be able to do it," she said.

Scholarship competition in search of singers

In May 1984, the Plymouth Community Chorus initiated its Vocal Music Scholarship Program. The BeckRidge Choral, formerly known as the Plymouth Community Chorus, continues to honor this commitment to vocal music by offering six \$500 scholarships to college and high school students, age 16 and over, interested in vocal performance. The scholarship winners must agree to participate as a mem-

ber in good standing of the BeckRidge Chorale for the 2007 spring season, commencing in January 2007.

The scholarship winners will be chosen based on vocal audition. After fulfilling the requirements of the Chorale, the scholarship money will be sent to the educational institution attended by the scholarship winners to be applied toward their tuition. In the case of a high school student,

the money will be held in escrow to be applied to the tuition of the student's accredited college or educational institution of choice.

Scholarship auditions will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth.

For more information, call Sherrie Northway, BeckRidge Chorale Scholarship chairperson, at (313) 533-4796.

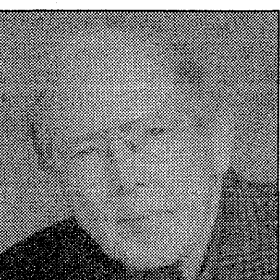
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EDWARD J. GULICK

Age 85 passed away Dec. 6, 2006 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. He was the beloved husband of Virginia and loving father to Gary (Tina), Brian (Lynne), Joyce (Andrew) Nadolny and Edward (Sandra). He was a devoted grandfather to his 7 grandchildren. He was an usher at St. Aidan Parish and was involved in the Men's Club. He was a past president of the Optimist Club and also a WWII veteran. He worked at Kowalski Sausage for 34 years and lived life to the fullest with a passion for golf. Visitation Sunday 2-9 (Rosary 7 pm) at the R.G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Funeral Mass Monday, 11 am at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Please sign the online guestbook at rgrharris.com.



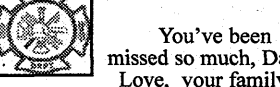
In Loving Memory BRUCE "HB" RICHARD

December 10, 1919 - March 18, 2006
You will live forever in our hearts. We miss you. Doris, Nancy, David, Midge and families.



In Memory of LAWRENCE LONGWISH

11/23/28 - 12/11/86



You've been missed so much, Dad. Love, your family



KATHRYN M. "TASS" HARTRICK

(nee. Dempsey)

December 8, 2006. Age 80, of Royal Oak. Wife of the late James G. Hartrick. Dear mother of Bruce G., Barbara L. Shumer (Steven), Nancy E., D.D.S., Anne M. Cook (Douglas), Kathryn M. (Robert DeFer) and Joanne M. Szalai (Gregory). Grandmother of Daniel, Kathleen, Jeffrey, Brian, Gregory, James, Barbara, Jessica, Laura, Sarah, Eleanor, Margaret and Amy. Family will receive friends Sunday 2:00-8:00pm at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile). Memorial service Saturday, December 23rd, 4:00pm at First United Methodist Church, 320 W. Seventh St., Royal Oak, 48067. Visitation begins at church 3:00pm. Memorial tributes to the church appreciated. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

RUTH L. PITTARD

(nee Hingst)

Beloved wife of Mack W. Jr.; devoted mother of Penelope R. Maroldo of Oberlin, OH, Mack W. (wife Carol) of Michigan, R. Lee (wife Nancy), Jan E. Peart of Ontario (deceased) and John E. (wife Sherri); cherished grandmother of Dr. Anthony Maroldo, Daniel Peart, Katherine Maroldo and great-grandmother of two; fond sister of Charles and Eric Hingst; dearest aunt of many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the Salvation Army, 2507 E. 22nd St., Cleveland, OH 44115 or the Arthritis Foundation, 23811 Chagrin Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44122. Memorial Service Monday, December 11, 2006 at 2 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, 5200 Mayfield Rd., Lyndhurst. Interment Private. ARRANGEMENTS BY SCHULTE & MAHON-MURPHY FUNERAL HOME (216)381-4000

MARGARET L. SMITH

Died December 5, 2006. Resident of Bloomfield Hills, wife of Lawrence A. Smith. Mother of Marianne S. (Thomas) Ganiard of Bloomfield Hills and Douglas A. (Cheryl) Smith of Chicago. Grandmother of: Meagan, Tommy, Kelsey and Maggie. Margaret was born in England, came to the U.S. at an early age. She was a graduate of Redford High in 1938, then graduated from Wayne State University in 1942. Subsequently she received a Masters degree in Library Science. She was employed at the Detroit Public Library and later a librarian at Southfield Lathrup High School. She was an active member of St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham. A member and chairperson of many organizations including St. Martha's Guild. She was proud of the fact "she was the first Woman Senior Warden". She was an active member of the American Association of University Women. An avid reader throughout her life and enjoyed giving book reviews. Memorial Service at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple, 10:30 A.M., Saturday, December 9. Memorial Tributes may be made to: American Cancer Society or The Michigan Heart Association. Arrangements by the Wm. R. Hamilton Co. 248-644-6000.



MARGUERITE M. "PEGGY" HARRIS

Age 89, December 7, 2006. Fifty-five year resident of Farmington. Beloved wife of the late George. Loving mother of Rev. Suzanne Paul (Charles) and William Harris (Gartheth). Cherished grandmother of Coreen Paul (Richard McElroy), Vincent Paul (Meg), Sara Bowman (John), and great-grandchildren Charles Paul, Anthony Paul and Nate Bowman. Founding member of Servant Church of St. Alexander in Farmington Hills. Twice served as parish council president. Workers of Mary president, Christian Service Committee chair. Helped create food co-op, then Food Cupboard where she served as food coordinator for many years. Sat on board of South Oakland Shelter in Royal Oak, and was responsible for coordinating twice-yearly shelter at St. Alexander. Worked on numerous committees, including holiday food baskets and bingo. Twenty-five year employee at the Farmington Cleaners before retiring. Funeral Mass Monday, December 11, 11:00 a.m. (in state at 10:30 a.m.) at St. Alexander, 27835 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills. Visitation Saturday 5-8 p.m., Sunday 1-8 p.m. with 7:00 p.m. rosary at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road, downtown Farmington. Memorial tributes suggested to the St. Alexander Food Cupboard, 27835 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills MI 48336.

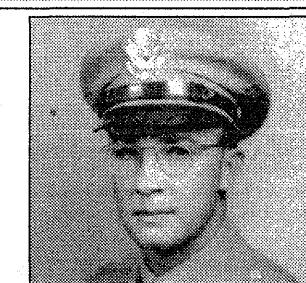


PAUL R. KUEBLER, SR.

December 4, 2006, age 89, of Westlake, Ohio, formerly of Birmingham, Michigan. Beloved husband of Catherine M. (nee: Pelletier) for 62 years. Dear father of Paul, Jr. (Maureen), Robin O'Callaghan (Liam) and Walter. Loving grandfather of 16 and great-grandfather of 13. Brother of Kathryn Kuebler. Preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Olivia Kuebler, his brother, John Kuebler, his sister Mary Byrnes (John) and his grandson, Padraic Kuebler. Memorial Mass Saturday, December 16, 2006 at 11 AM at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon at Woodland, Birmingham. Visitation at church begins at 10:30 AM. Memorial Tributes to Holy Name Church or The Capuchins. A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

THOMAS M. VICH

Age 54, December 4, 2006. Beloved husband of Carol. Stepfather of Ashley Haverkate. Son of Thomas and the late Joyce. Brother of Terry (Elaine), Larry (Anne) and Laurie (Chris) Daily. Uncle of Rachel, Shane and Jackie. Funeral Services were held Saturday. Memorials suggested to the Scleroderma Foundation. Arrangements by Santeau & Son.



THEODORE J. (TED) SURA

Long-time Birmingham area resident passed away peacefully in his home in Mesa, AZ. His huge heart finally gave out after 90 years of kindness. 1916 - 2006. What matters most is the hyphen between those years, and how Ted lived his life to its fullest. He was a son, brother, friend, cousin, nephew, lover, husband, uncle, father, father-in-law, grandpa, high school/college cheerleader, Lieutenant-Colonel US Army, WWII vet, lawyer, judge, city councilman, township supervisor, business associate, outdoorsman, fisherman, hunter, skier, golfer, sailor, ice boater, Boy Scout leader, baseball coach, storyteller, philanthropist, Lions Club member & President, coin/stamp collector, ham radio operator, dancer, world traveler, do-it-yourselfer, naturalist, gardener, and Lover of Life. He will be truly missed! In lieu of flowers please send donations payable to: L.W. Lions Club, c/o Mr. Theron Bowers, Treasurer, 57 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206. Memo line to read: In Honor of T. J. Sura

RICHARD E. NORTHEY

Age 83, of Livonia, died December 2, 2006. Beloved husband of Margaret. Dear father of Thomas (Joanne) Northey, Janet (Ray) DeShano, and Paul (Barbara) Northey. Loving grandfather of Laura (Jason) Schnob, Julie Cohen, Alaina and Elyssa Northey. Brother of David (Virginia) Northey. He was preceded in death by his sister Lois Robertson. Memorial services will be 11 am Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at St. Matthews United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Visitation 10 am until time of service. Memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Home Care & Hospice, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108. Arrangements by McConnell Funeral Home, Fenton (810-629-2533)

WILLIAM "BILL" COCHRANE

of Phoenix, AZ, formerly of Farmington Hills, died December 3, 2006 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born October 3, 1956 in Detroit, the son of Robert and Peggy (Bell) Cochrane. Life Story Services will take place Monday 1:00 PM at the LIFE STORY FUNERAL HOME, BETZLER & THOMPSON, M-40, Paw Paw, MI 49079 (800-822-7594), followed by food and fellowship at Gallagher's Eatery & Pub (715 S Kalamazoo St, Paw Paw). Bill was a warehouse manager in Phoenix for the past 13 years. He was preceded in death by his mother Peggy Cicerello. Members of Bill's family include 3 siblings: Evelyn Quigley of Morrice, Diana (Mitchell) Butler of Richmond, KY; Clifford (Lori) Cochrane of Paw Paw, his father Robert Cochrane of Ellsworth and by 8 nieces and nephews. Please visit Bill's memory page at www.lifestorynet.com where you can read his Life Story, archive a favorite memory, order flowers, upload pictures or make memorial contributions to MADD or donor's choice.

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The first five "billed" lines of an obituary are published at no cost. All additional lines will be charged at \$4 per line. You may place a picture of your loved one for an additional cost of only \$6. Symbolic emblems may be included at no cost (example: American Flags, religious symbols, etc.)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Local engagement, wedding, anniversary and birth announcements run in the Sunday editions of the *Observer*. There is no charge to submit an announcement.

To obtain a copy of our forms for engagements, weddings, anniversaries and births email Hugh Gallagher at hgallagher@hometownlife.com.

Or send the following information to Hugh Gallagher, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150:

For engagement announcements, include:

- Names, addresses and cities for the bride, groom and both sets of parents
- Where bride and groom attended (or attend) high school and college and years graduated
- Where bride and groom are employed
- Wedding date
- Wedding location
- Daytime phone number and e-mail address in case we have any questions.

For weddings, include:

- All of the above, plus
- Clergy's name
- Names and cities of all attendants
- Reception location
- Honeymoon location
- City where couple will reside

Please send photos in a vertical format. If you are e-mailing a photo, send it as a "jpeg".

Photographs may be picked up after publication; or enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. For information, call (734) 953-2149.

WEDDING

Bradley-Kelsey

Elizabeth Kelsey and William Royal Bradley were married July 20.

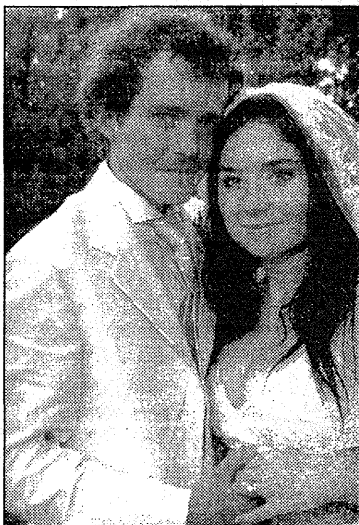
The wedding and reception were held at La Belle Epoque in Napa, Calif. The wedding ceremony was officiated by Dr. Cindy Clayton.

Maids of honor were J.J. Martinez and Fiona McNally. Kathryn Schwenle and Deborah Wilson were bridesmaids.

Henry Martinez was best man. Jowa Safi and Jim Mihalet were the groom's attendants.

The bride is the daughter of Margaret Kelsey of Sturgeon Bay, Wis. and the late Martin C. Kelsey. She is a graduate of St. Mary's High School in Faribault, Minn., and attended Centre International De Valbonne, Antipolis, France. She is an actress in Los Angeles.

The groom is the son of



Sharon and Andrew Bradley of Beverly Hills, Mich. He earned a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. He is an actor in Los Angeles.

The couple honeymooned in China, Thailand and Japan. They will make their home in Los Angeles.

NEW VOICES

Rorabacher babies

Ron and Julie (Tripodi) Rorabacher of Northville announce the birth of their triplets.

Carol Annabella weighed 3 pounds, 12 ounces and was 16.5 inches long. Riley Dean weighed 4 pounds, 9 ounces and was 17 inches long. Lucas Hamilton weighed 3 pounds, 10 ounces and was 16.5 inches. They were born Oct. 19 at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

The triplets are the grandchildren of Greg and Ailene Tripodi of Livonia, Tony and Ruby Rorabacher of Northville and the late Carol Rorabacher.

Do you need advice? We're listening

Tired of arguing with your parents? Can't find the right words to a say to your crush? Having problems juggling school and after-school work? Students looking for advice from their peers on these and any other subject can submit questions for an upcoming advice column writ-

ten by area teenagers, part of the *Observer & Eccentric's* student journalists program. If you're looking for advice, please e-mail your questions to gmullin@hometownlife.com for use in an upcoming edition of hometownlife.com.



Mr. McFeely will bring the songs of Mr. Rogers to First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham in January.

Mr. McFeely coming to the neighborhood

Mr. McFeely (David Newell) will come to our neighborhood for an evening of beloved songs written by public television's Mister Rogers.

Many Voices... One Song offers this concert as part of the Ovations! Concert Series at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 W. Maple, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 19 and 20.

Area vocalists Judie Cochill, Marc Meyers and Tom Trenney will join Mr. McFeely and the Neighborhood Jazz Combo for the evening of entertainment for children and grown-ups..

No tickets are required, and there is no admission fee. A free will offering will be collected. Proceeds will benefit Variety F.A.R. Conservatory - a private nonprofit organization that provides creative arts therapy and recreation services for children with autism and other special needs. In addition, audience members are encouraged to bring new or gently used sweaters to contribute to the Mister Rogers' Sweater Drive.

Warm clothing will be collected and distributed to families who need extra warmth this winter. A meet-the-artists reception will follow the concert, and Mr. McFeely will be available for pictures and autographs.

For more information on the concert or the Mister Rogers' Sweater Drive, call Hal Bay at (248) 540-9124.

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 at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at www.plymouthlibrary.org.

FICTION

1. "Cross," James Patterson
2. "For One More Day," Mitch Albom
3. "Dear John," Nicholas Sparks
4. "Nature Girl," Carl Hiaassen
5. "Wild Fire," Nelson DeMille

NON-FICTION

1. "The Audacity of Hope," Barack Obama
2. "The Innocent Man," John Grisham
3. "Culture Warrior," Bill O'Reilly
4. "The God Delusion," Richard Dawkins
5. "Marley & Me," John Grogan

PARENTS' CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

1. "Tucker's Apple-Dandy Day," Susan Winget
2. "The Bad News Report Card," Nancy Poyder
3. "Little Elephant's Trunk," Hazel Lincoln
4. "Hungry for Numbers," Etienne Delessert
5. "Big City Song," Debora Pearson

AROUND TOWN

Olivet scholarship

Olivet College is offering every high school in Michigan the ability to nominate two graduating seniors to receive the new Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship. The scholarship is worth \$2,000 a year for four years equaling a total of \$8,000 for each qualified student. Enrollment availability is based on a first come, first served basis. The scholarship program empowers the guidance counselor or staff to choose two responsible seniors who have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and 19 or higher on the ACT. One of the selected students must also demonstrate a greater need for financial assistance. For more information on the Olivet College High School Guidance Counselor Scholarship program, contact the Office of Enrollment Management at (800) 456-7189 or e-mail admissions@olivetcollege.edu

New Year's Eve party

Urban Singles presents "Ring in the New Year," with live entertainment from Jimmy Howard and Company Sunday, Dec. 31. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; the party goes until 1 a.m. The party takes place at the Livonia Elks, 31117 Plymouth Road in Livonia (between Merriman and Middlebelt). Tickets are \$50 per person until Dec. 8; \$60 after Dec. 8, and cover dinner and beverage. Dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. Overnight accommodations will be available. Deadline for tickets is Friday, Dec. 22. For more information, call Linda, (734) 507-9173, or Mary Ann, (734) 654-0115.

Poetry contest

The Detroit Impact Community Center hosts a youth poetry contest with a \$100 prize 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22 at 9930 Greenfield in Detroit. The contest is open to poets 14-17 years old. Poems must be at least two minutes long. Any subject matter is permitted but no "excessive" profanity will be allowed. No props or music allowed. Poems must be recited and participants will be scored on originality, creativity and performance. Participants may be required to recite up to three poems (depending on attendance). Individuals should be at Detroit Impact no later than 6 p.m. Dec. 22 to register. The first 20 individuals will be allowed to register (based on a first come, first serve basis). For more information call (313) 272-0004 or (313) 598-8396.

MARSP meeting

All public school retirees are invited to attend the next luncheon of the Northwest Wayne County Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel Wednesday, Dec. 13. MARSP meets at 11:30 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia. The Churchill High School Choir will provide holiday music. Make reservations by Dec. 13 by calling (248) 477-9764. The cost is \$10.

Career development scholarship

The Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club is now accepting applications for a "Career Development Scholarship" to recognize and support women entering or re-entering the work force or seeking to advance their careers. Candidates seeking application forms should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club, Career Development Scholarship Committee, 34030 Fountain Blvd., Westland, MI 48185. Completed applications are due postmarked by Jan. 31. For more information, call Amy Allen, (734) 522-1603.

Card party/luncheon

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

Holiday nights

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

Hospice training

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

Literacy Council tutors

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

Toastmasters meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopeccn.org.

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CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

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

Plymouth Newcomers

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

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

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

MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic

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

resha@juno.com

Moms Club

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

DAR

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

German/American Club of Plymouth

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

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.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.

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

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 information.

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 mothersand-more63@onebox.com.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR December meeting Tuesday, December 19, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary
Plymouth District Library
223 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
734-453-0750
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 10:00 am, Tuesday December 19, 2006. The bid opening will take place at 10:00 am, Tuesday December 19, 2006 at Plymouth City Hall 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth Michigan for the following:

DDA Landscape Maintenance 2007

Specifications and bid documents are available in the City Manager's Office, at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, 48170, during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>.

Questions regarding this bid should be directed to the Downtown Development Authority at dda@ci.plymouth.mi.us or (734) 455-1453.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk
City of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR A 12 YEAR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR MOELLER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2006

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2006, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Karmann Manufacturing Company, Inc., for a 12 year Industrial Facilities Exemptions for cost of new machinery and equipment to be leased and installed within the existing facility located at 43938 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, December 19, 2006, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number (734) 354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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Henry Naasko leads the Finnish American Singers through a song as the group rehearses at the Finnish Cultural Center in Farmington Hills.

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SINGERS

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ence to an authentic Finnish Christmas of sounds and tastes. Members of the Singers have been busy for weeks baking Finnish cookies and pulla, a cardamom bread to serve during the concert along with sandwiches. Food is a main ingredient in the Finnish celebration of the birth of Christ.

While choir president Ilene Yanke says she's nervous about singing *Give Me No Grand and Golden Thing* with her angelic voice, she's quite confident members of the audience will enjoy her Finnish gingerbread, teaspoon and nut cookies all made with butter.

Tickets for the concert are \$10, children age 12 and under are free. For more information, call (248) 478-6939.

"I try to get the audience familiar with carols sung in Finland," said Henry Naasko, who retired as teacher after 40 years in Livonia schools.

"The first part is a Finnish Christmas, the second is classical with Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, and Sibelius, the national composer of Finland."

The Finnish carols speak of the true meaning of Christmas, about welcoming baby Jesus with distant bells ringing through the hills.

David Sharpe loves the music. His grandmother came from Finland.

"The choir is an attempt to continue the Finnish culture," said Sharpe of Farmington Hills.

Maire Vint left Finland for Australia at age 7 but still treasures her heritage.

"A small part of the program is in Finnish and I understand the words," said Vint of Canton. Vint never sang with a choir until joining the Finnish American Singers at age 45. The choir welcomes vocalists of all abilities and nationalities.

"We have several new people, people from Poland and Germany. One is 87 years old," said Vickie Kimler, a Farmington Hills resident of German heritage.

Charlotte Lytikainen enjoys the diverse backgrounds of members as well as the wide range of repertoire. The Singers close the concert with Christmas songs from



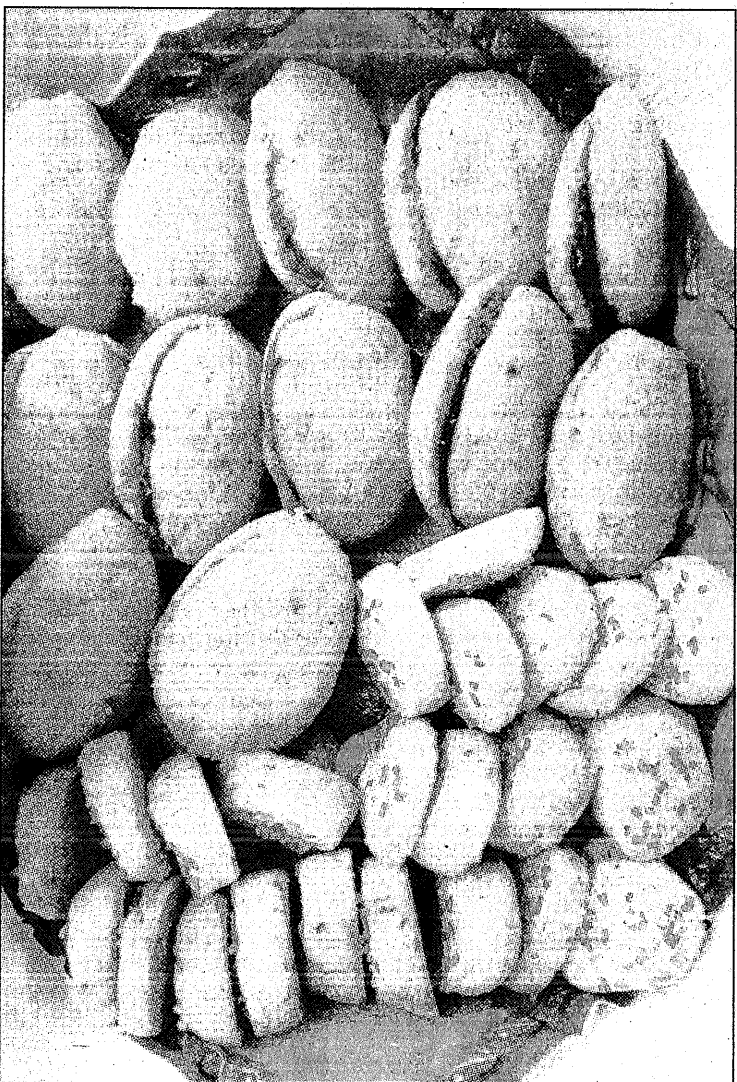
Ilene Yanke of Highland rehearses with the Finnish American Singers. All of Yanke's grandparents were born in Finland.

Broadway musicals.

"It helps us stay young," said Lytikainen, 82, of Farmington Hills. Lytikainen's parents were born in Finland. "I like the versatility of the choir and the var-

ious nationalities represented. And the Finnish language is easy to pronounce because it's very phonetic."

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Audience members will also be treated to some traditional Finnish goodies such as Gingerbread, Teaspoon, and Nut cookies during the upcoming Finnish American Singers concert at the Finnish Cultural Center.

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ITALIAN

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years ago when his father was suffering from Alzheimer's and told "these amazing stories" about his Italian heritage.

"My intention always was never to have a host," said Famie. "I wanted to have the Italian community tell their story."

"It's about respect. It's about celebration. It's about the family."

Famie and cinematographer Kevin Hewitt of Livonia followed the Del Signorens in October to Fonte D'Amore where they were married 49 years ago. The couple and film crew delight in an open-air market with its freshly made mozzarella. Then Lina reveals, much to her surprise, the events leading up to the day she finally said yes to John's proposal.

"When I go back I'm happy to see my family," said Lina, who came to the U.S. in 1962, four years after she married John. Back then it was common for Italian men to immigrate to the U.S. then send for their wives after becoming established.

"I love my family. It's a plain, simple life. When you're there you relax, unwind a little bit."

One touching scene shows the couple at a family burial site. Italians may visit the grave every day for a year after a death. Shortly before John's father died, he promised to take care of the St. Onofrio hermitage as his father had done. John and his sons annually held wild game dinners to raise money to repair the roof and restore the structure. It's the Del Signorens' way of giving back to the community. For 38 years, the couple owned Font D'Amore in Livonia, the restaurant named after their hometown which in English means fountain of love. Although the Del Signorens sold the restaurant in August, they still own Laurel Manor Banquet Center, operated by son Tino and his wife, Nanci, and Bacco, a Southfield restaurant co-owned with son Luciano. Until eight years ago, Lina owned and operated Lina's Bridal Salon in Plymouth and Birmingham.

"I was so impressed," said Lina Del Signorens after viewing the documentary. "I was so emotional listening to the stories."

INSPIRATIONAL STORIES

Famie spent 70 hours producing footage of the heartwarming and inspirational stories of the immigrants who arrived in the U.S. unable to speak English.

Sergio De Guisti came to the U.S. at age 13 in 1954 and became an internationally known sculptor. In Michigan, the Redford artist is best known for the reliefs surrounding the Legacy of Labor sculpture he created with David Barr near Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit. De Guisti is well known as an instructor, having taught drawing for many years at Wayne State University and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

Silvio Barile, an untrained artist, came to the U.S. in May 1956 unable to speak English but by 1960 had opened the Redford Italian Bakery behind which he's created naive sculptures related to Roman architecture and culture. Barile began to build objects during his days in a concentration camp during World War II.

"I was a war refugee," said Barile, who recently closed the bakery. "It was a terrible shock for me. I was not prepared to confront a different culture."

Along with the visual arts, the documentary reflects on the musicians and authors who made good in America. Pierette Domenica Simpson survived the sinking of the Andrea Doria and went on to write a book about the disaster after teaching in Farmington schools for 20 years. John Zaretti of Canton carries on the legacy of Italian opera composer Giuseppe Verdi by founding the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan.

Famie tells their stories.

"Keith is truly a storyteller," said Thom Lipari, who spoke after dinner. Thom, CEO and president of Lipari Foods, is the son of immigrant Jim Lipari. "We can learn through their stories."

"The story these individuals tell is so important. Storytelling helps us remember the past."

For more information about the documentary, visit www.ourstoryof.com.

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Jonathan Gill stuffs a pillow as Rosie Williams looks on at Community Work Opportunities in Canton.

Craft show spotlights talents of disabled

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Maureen McAuliffe is hoping anyone in need of a holiday gift will stop by the fourth annual craft show Friday, Dec. 15, at Community Work Opportunities in Canton.

The event not only allows customers to choose from a wide selection of needlepoint, Santas, wooden sleighs and decorative holiday items for the home, but feel good about supporting the disabled crafters who created the items. All of the profits go to the clients of Community Work Opportunities (CWO), a nonprofit agency providing support services to promote independence and improve quality of life.

Depending on their abilities, clients are able to select from programs that train them for jobs or offer them the opportunity to social-

ize. Five days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. they either deliver Meals on Wheels, volunteer at the Michigan Humane Society, work at Long John Silver's, McDonald's, Dunkin' Donuts, Pizza Hut, or Meijer, or enjoy bowling, petting Owen, McAuliffe's standard poodle, or making the crafts that include table runners, pillows, and theme mugs for children, teens and adults.

"It's a yearlong process," said McAuliffe, program developer. McAuliffe leads a CWO job club that teaches skills so clients are able to apply for employment.


"The crafts are selected according to an individual's abilities and interests. They receive a tremendous amount of support from the staff. And seeing a paycheck is extremely impressive. They feel like they're part of this production. We support them but they do all the work."

The goal is for clients to make an annual profit whether by holding bake sales, raffles, car washes, or the craft show which takes place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at Community Work Opportunities, 5900 Lilley, north of Ford Road on the east side of Lilley, Suite 101, Canton. For more information, call (734) 981-3709.

In addition to holiday items, red, white and pink poinsettias will be for sale.

"We have about 275 clients," said McAuliffe. "Many live in group homes and range from high functioning to medically fragile. They have a broad spectrum of disabilities. We offer services for those who want to continue learning vocational skills after age 26. It's a transitional program."

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Antioxidants may reduce stroke harm

Ken from Redford is at high risk for a stroke and e-mails for nutritional tips on minimizing his risk.

Ken, you're sure to find this new research quite interesting. It shows that antioxidants injected into animals seven



Peter's Principles

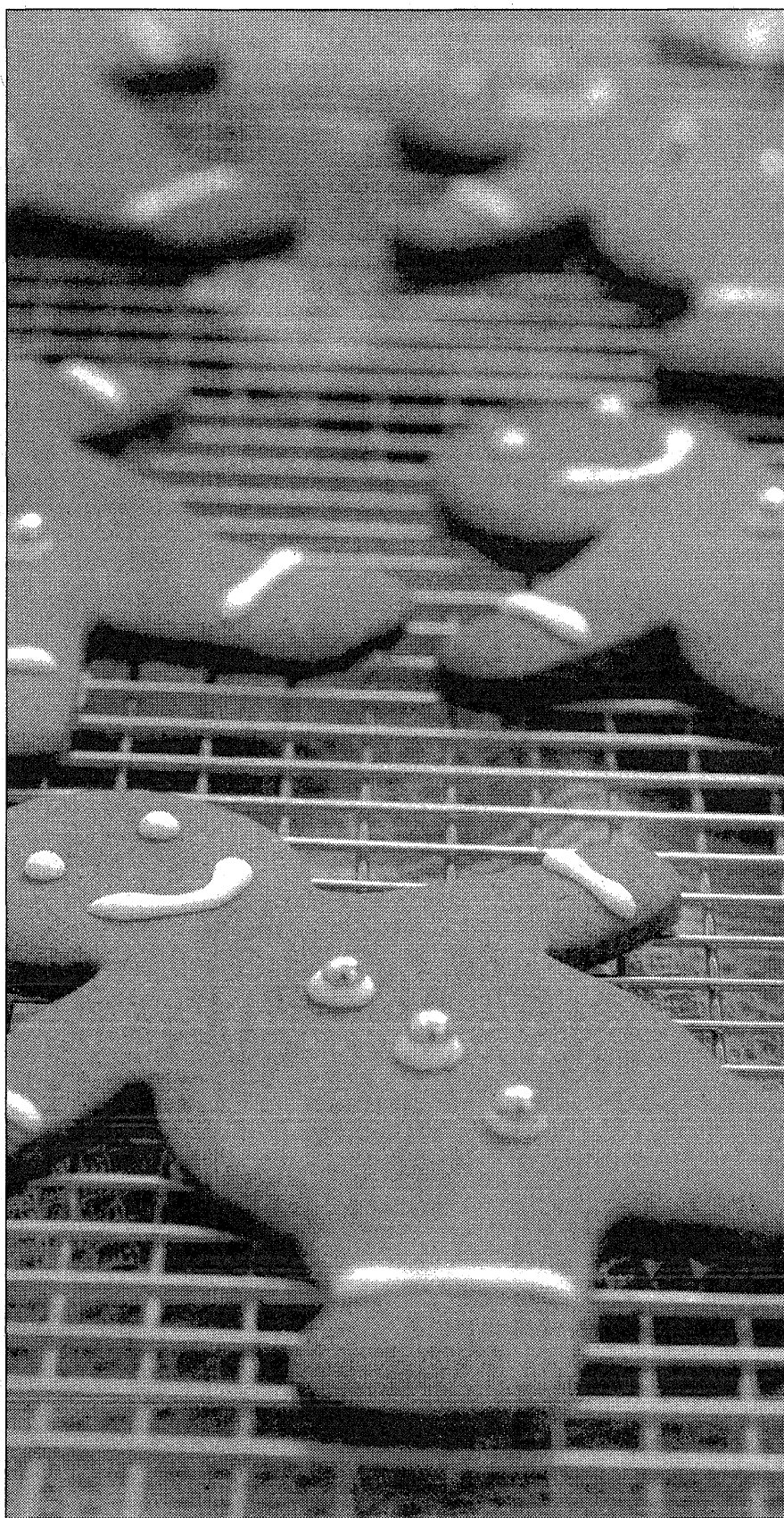
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hours after a stroke can minimize the damage by as much as 40 percent. The researchers say that the antioxidants work by neutralizing damaging free radicals that kill brain cells after a stroke occurs. The research is especially important because getting therapy immediately after a stroke is critical in minimizing the damage. The antioxidants used in the study are synthetic and not yet available to the public. But they're also showing signs of helping with diabetes and more research is definitely on the way!

Pam from Rochester Hills just broke up with her boyfriend. She drowned her sorrows in ice cream and e-mails asking if that's normal.

Pam, there may be a psychological reason why you turn to your freezer for comfort. Research shows that people who feel rejected tend to adopt unhealthy or self-defeating behaviors. This can result in eating poorly and even skipping out on work or school to have fun. Feelings of loneliness can make us think in the short term, choosing momentary pleasure despite the long-term effects. The same research can also apply to kids who are lonely and tend to watch TV or play instead of studying. It just goes to show that not all the reasons for weight gain can be found inside a carton of ice cream.

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Controlling cravings

Avoid holiday weight gain by limiting portions

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Vinay Malviya isn't as concerned about the food his oncology patients eat as the size of portions.



Dr. Vinay Malviya

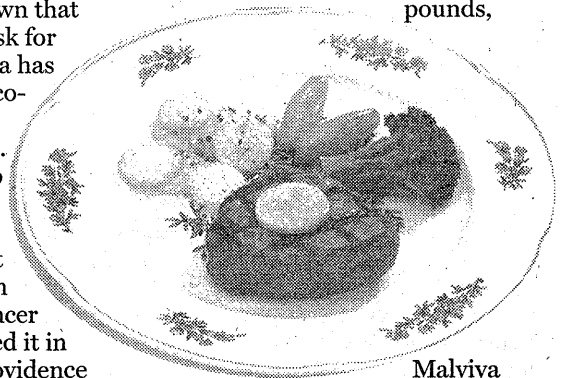
If there was ever a better time to start eating healthy, it's during the holidays when an overabundance of treats usually leads to weight gain. Research has shown that obesity increases the risk for certain cancers. Malviya has been warning his gynecologic oncology patients about the link for years. In fact, Malviya feels so strongly, he copied a *New York Times* article on a recent study about the connection between obesity and ovarian cancer survival rates and placed it in his waiting room at Providence Hospital Cancer Center in Southfield.

Published in the journal *Cancer*, the research revealed obesity not only shortened the lives of advanced ovarian cancer patients, but increased the rate of recurrence. Senior author Andrew J. Li, a faculty physician at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of California, Los Angeles, reported the discovery after reviewing medical records of 216 ovarian cancer patients at Cedars-Sinai.

SHARING MESSAGE

"I've been trying to tell them for a long, long time," said Malviya, chief of gynecology oncology at Providence Hospital's cancer center. "I wish people would pay attention. It's established in breast, ovarian and endometrial cancer that diet is considered to be one of the most important links."

For many cancer patients in treatment, overeating is not a problem, but for those few who overindulge Malviya recommends reducing quantities. At 6 feet, 150 pounds,



Malviya says sometimes patients think he's obsessed with their excess weight because he is so thin. Born in India, Malviya is a vegetarian, but says people on a Western diet can eat healthy by limiting portions.

"The problem is patients receiving chemo it's very tough to have an appetite," said Malviya, a Bloomfield Hills resident. "They have altered tastes. I can't tell them just eat this. I never say don't eat this, don't eat that. I'm a cholic, but I know when to stop."

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Holidays a good time to look for symptoms of depression

Late-life depression is more common than once believed, especially among those who have heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, cancer or other major illnesses. If you notice that one of your elderly relatives isn't quite their old self – they're more anxious, irritable, less joyful or quieter than they once were, seem focused on talking about people who have died, or have lost interest in things that they used to enjoy including holiday traditions and festivities – it's possible these changes add up to signs of late-life depression, which may affect as many as one in seven older people. It's especially common among those who have suffered a heart attack, cancer, lung disease, or problems with their hips and joints.

Helen Kales, M.D., hears this tale many times each year from patients who come to see her after their family members notice a serious change in their behavior at the holidays and encourage them to seek help. As a geriatric psychiatrist who specializes in helping older people cope with depression and other mental ill-

ness, Kales knows that it often takes the prompting of a family member to help an older person recognize their symptoms.

"One of the big things that happens at the holidays is that families who are coming in from out of town spot these symptoms and changes for the first time. For instance, their parent or relative isn't taking as good care of themselves or their home as they used to," said Kales, a member of the University of Michigan Depression Center. "It's a myth that depression is a normal part of aging, and that you just get old and tired and sad naturally. Normal aging is not associated with depression and late-life depression is just as treatable as any other form."

Kales, who treats patients with depression at the U-M Geriatrics Center and the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, notes that older people who have experienced mental health problems in the past and those who have significant physical health problems that limit their lives, face the highest risk of developing late-life

depression. But even otherwise healthy elders can find themselves feeling depressed after a serious blow like the death of a spouse, sibling or close friend, or the loss of their social network when they move to an assisted living facility or to live with relatives.

All of these triggers can combine with the pressures and interrupted routines of the holiday season to create an even greater risk of depression during the holidays. Such feelings may pass as Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's Day fade into memory or they can lead the person to develop more serious and prolonged depression lasting weeks or months. That's when it's important to get help.

People in their 70s, 80s and 90s may also be less likely to recognize their increased tiredness, loss of appetite and mood swings as signs of depression, Kales says, both because of other physical problems they have, or simply because of the era in which they grew up. The generations that witnessed the Great Depression may be less likely to recognize their own depression.

Fortunately, younger people have grown up in an era when research has shown that depression is a physical illness rooted in brain chemistry and genetics and not in personal failings or weakness.

That's why it's so important for them to speak up to their relatives if they notice something wrong, says Kales, who is an assistant professor of psychiatry at the U-M Medical School and Director of the Geriatric Psychiatry Clinic at the VA.

Sometimes, it may even be worthwhile to mention those observations to the loved one's primary physician.

For those whose depression symptoms continue for weeks or months Kales emphasizes the possible need for counseling, also known as talk therapy, and medication. Talk therapy, which can be done with the help of a psychologist, mental health social worker or psychiatrist, involves developing new ways of thinking about one's situation and confronting negative thoughts and moods.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

DECEMBER

Blood drive
Huron-Valley Sinai Hospital and the American Red Cross of Oakland County are recruiting donors for a Holiday Blood Drive 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, in the Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Conference Center, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good general health. Donation process takes a little more than an hour. Walk-ins welcome but appointments encouraged. Call (248) 937-3314 or visit www.givelife.org and sponsor code "huronvsh."

Teen drug workshop
"Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do" series provides helpful information to families and others concerned about a young person who may be harmfully involved with alcohol or other drug use. The free workshops are presented by Ronald Harrison, SW, in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Parents, other family members, teens, and people who work with teens are welcome. Free literature about alcohol/other drugs and teens is provided.
Part One: What To Know will be presented 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, and provides information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part One and Two are repeated every first Tuesday of each month from October to June.
Part Two What To Do is scheduled 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12 and Jan. 9, and provides information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker. For more information, call (734) 973-7892, send e-mail tojessa@med.umich.edu or visit www.teensusingdrugs.org.
Hats for the Homeless
The Broe Therapy Choir presents a concert and delivers hats for the homeless 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at The

Detroit Rescue Mission. In the spirit of the season the a capella choir (comprised of people recovering from traumatic brain injury, mental illness and substance abuse) is asking for donations of winter hats and gloves, and can goods. Call to arrange drop offs or pick-ups at Broe Rehabilitation Services in Farmington Hills. The concert and program is free and open to the public. For more information, call (248) 474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit www.broechoir.com.

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

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

Educational seminar
The date for a seminar on bariatric surgery (gastric bypass), performed laproscopically, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, has been changed to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14 in the auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan. Speaker is surgeon Tallal Zeni, M.D., and Paula Magid, director, Bariatric Program. To register, call (734) 655-2692 or toll free at (877) Why-Weight (949-9344).

Blankets for AIDS
Higher Ground, an HIV-AIDS support group based in Royal Oak, is sponsoring the fourth Blankets for AIDS Drive to help adults and children living with HIV-AIDS in Southeastern Michigan. To participate purchase a new blanket and

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Caregivers support
St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the Alzheimer's Association have collaborated to offer an Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group 3-4:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month in Classroom 1 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, which causes memory loss and a decline in mental function over time. The support group offers information, discussion and support to family members, friends, and caregivers who care for someone with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. There is no fee. No registration required. For more information, contact Audra Frye, Alzheimer's Association, at (248) 426-7055.

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CRAVINGS

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Katie Dooley teaches diabetic patients at St. Mary Mercy Hospital that limiting portions is not only key to preventing weight gain but controlling blood sugar levels. Over the holidays, she suggests eating balanced meals of fruit, vegetables, whole grains, lean meats, and lowfat dairy products on a regular basis and a nutritious snack such as yogurt or fruit before going to a party. Dooley says people starve themselves then fill up on cheese and crackers once they've arrived.

At home, she suggests keeping fruit on the table and making snacks such as popcorn and pretzels available.

"I think everybody is looking for a shortcut or secret food to include," said Dooley, a registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator at St. Mary Mercy in Livonia. "If we ate a healthy diet most of the time, unhealthy food wouldn't have the same impact. Some things I eat only at the holidays, certain cookies or appetizers. Everyone's entitled to have their special treats."

PLANNING AHEAD

On Thanksgiving, Dooley skipped the mashed potatoes

so she could eat a piece of pumpkin pie later. The Livonia dietitian believes in trading off calories to help satisfy cravings.

"People need to work at fitting them in," said Dooley. "Holiday cookies not only taste good but bring back memories. The answer is getting a little more activity, limiting it to your favorite cookies, cutting back on bread. It's easier for people to prevent weight gain than lose weight."

A pedometer makes a great holiday gift. Dooley strives to walk 10,000 steps a day. She suggests getting at least 30 minutes of physical activity daily to deter excess holiday pounds. Dooley walks through her neighborhood. At work, she parks far from her office and during the day forces herself to go down to the cafeteria for a glass of ice water.

"You don't have to go to a gym," said Dooley. "When my son, Tommy has basketball practice I walk the halls at school. Parents spend so much time taking their kids and waiting for their kids, they can get in little spurts of walking."

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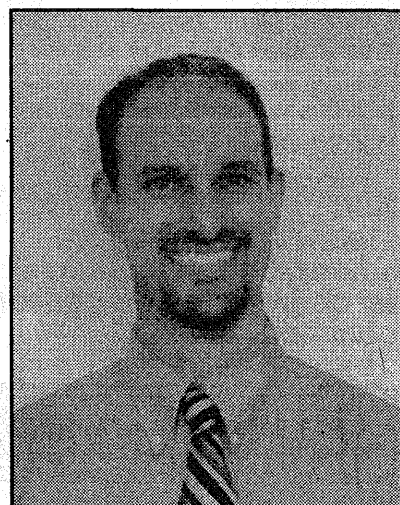
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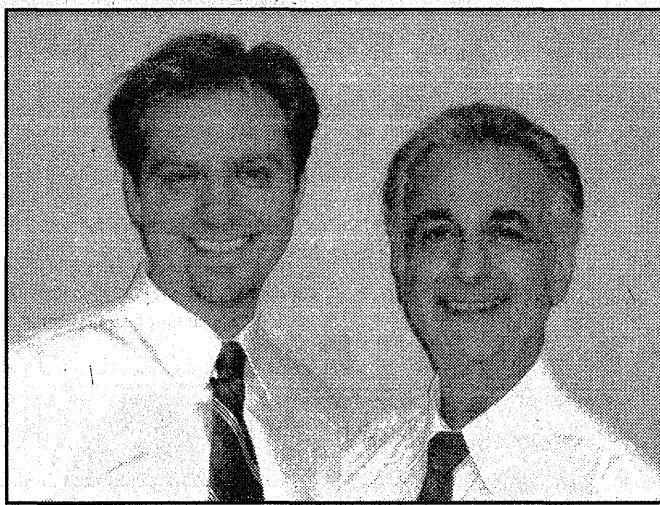
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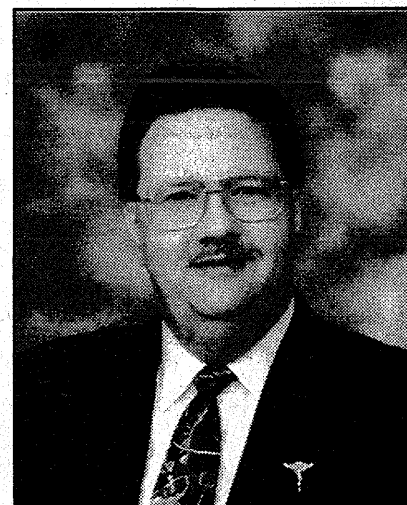
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JVS Women to Work program emphasizes getting, keeping job

BY JULIE BROWN
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Some women find they need to get a paid job if they're widowed, separated, divorced or have a disabled spouse. Some women have cared for family members, either children or older people, and lack recent paid work experience.

Jewish Vocational Services' Women to Work program is there to help. It offers group and one-on-one counseling.

"The emphasis is on helping people find jobs," said Women to Work coordinator Judy Richmond, adding it doesn't focus on personal counseling or psychological help. Women learn to become and stay employed, gaining the tools for a successful job search "and find employment that is right for them. It really runs the gamut."

Client Stacy Johnston came to the program based on a recommendation from friend Liz Miller. Johnston was interested in re-entering the workforce after being home with her three children for several years.

Jobs found aren't confined to one industry, Richmond said. Some women helped have college degrees but haven't worked outside the home. Some have worked sporadical-

ly, perhaps as temps, but now need permanent often full-time work.

Some women who come to the JVS headquarters in Southfield are unsure of processes for job hunting, such as how to apply online. "We do help people to use the Internet," Richmond said.

Women get help identifying their skills and accomplishments: "We provide an assessment that looks at interests and abilities."

Johnston has praise for JVS staff, including the networking opportunities available to the women. She decided to pursue her master's in counseling while applying for contingent positions in her field.

Johnston has stayed in touch with Richmond on job leads.

Help's offered in resume writing, interviewing and job search skills, but not in job training. Women meet 9 a.m. to noon for 10 sessions, five weeks, Tuesdays and Thursdays, in addition to individual counseling.

The program is funded by Oakland County Employment and Training as well as Charter One Foundation, affiliated with that bank. There's no fee to JVS clients for Women to Work. "We are so pleased to be able to say that," Richmond

said.

She's found women realize that they're not alone in their challenges, and get the benefits of networking at JVS. Groups can consist of 12-15 women or so (not limited by such factors as religion or race, as services are open to all).

"We focus on the skills that women have used." Running a house takes skills, Richmond noted. "Typically, people are surprised at how many skills they do have."

She agreed today's job market is tough. "The fact is people are getting jobs." Persistence helps, as does using tools available through JVS.

She hears from women who are now employers who have job openings to fill. "They typically thank us for what we've done."

An informational meeting for Women to Work will be held 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007, at JVS in Southfield. If you'd like to attend, you'll need to call Richmond at (248) 233-4232 in advance.

"Some do remain in touch," Richmond said of now-employed former clients, who are busy with work. Word of mouth has helped to get the word out on the program, which started as Project Return more than 20 years ago.



Carol D. Peters of Wixom (left), who has worked temporary jobs for the past two years, receives advice on landing a permanent position from JVS's Judy Richmond.

Some women are underemployed who use the program, but most are not working outside the home. Some substitute teachers have used Women to Work, but Richmond noted

those with full-time jobs lack the time for the five-week sessions.

Occasionally, women who participate are interested in returning to school, getting a

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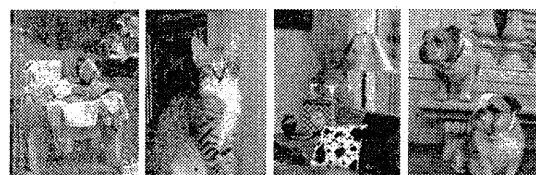
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There are four major changes on the new Chrysler Pacifica, and they are exciting to discover, especially if you're opening it up on the expressway.

As owner of a 2005 Pacifica, I enjoy the quality of its ride, but after a year and a half, I have wanted the designers on speed dial with various suggestions for improvement. I'm thrilled to see that Chrysler has already fixed a few of them with this 2007.

OK, I'm not a shimmy-hemmy kinda gal. You aren't gonna find me hanging face first over a motor, grease up to my elbows. I get the basic logistics of how a car works and what sells, but my needs are sometimes much more important to me than what a designer may have had in mind. But, boy, can I appreciate power big time.

First, the emergence of a 4.0-liter engine is an energizing addition. The 3.8 in my 2005 Pacifica scoots in its own right, but this new engine makes lift-off seem imminent. The additional horsepower and increased torque are a definite plus. By evolving from the previous 3.5-liter V6 engine, there is now 15 more foot pounds of torque at peak power rpm and as much as 35 foot pounds more throughout the power curve.

The 2007 Pacifica is the first of the Chrysler Group to offer the 4.0-liter V6 engine and 6-speed automatic transmission. What that translates to is responsive movement for city driving and an efficient, luxurious ride for distance. The six speeds change effortlessly, building on the same smooth enjoyment that is already standard with Pacifica and makes it a joy to travel long distances with.

Of course, the larger engine size translates to worse gas mileage: The 2005 3.8 gets 18 city miles per gallon and 25 mpg highway. The 2007 brings it down to 16 mpg and 24 mpg. The only notable difference in 2007 is that some road noise is apparent — perhaps due to the dual exhaust on my test-drive model. But with normal chatter and/or music from the radio or a CD, the distraction would be minimal.

Speaking of road noise, the thump-bumping present in previous versions of Chrysler cars (typically, the 2005 Pacifica and 2004 PT Cruiser) when driving with the back windows open is missing in this Pacifica. The previous thump was a disconcerting ear-popping sensation, but now that it has been eliminated, the ride is much improved.

The second delightful 2007 improvement is the addition of more settings for the driver's seat. Hurray! On behalf of 5-foot-4 female consumers, this is really appreciated. It's very hard to find vehicular comfort when strapped in if you are naturally endowed and not a WNBA star. I have used a cushion in my 2005 for better vantage due to the Pacifica's higher doors, but well-endowed women have historically nearly strangled trying to use Chrysler seat belts.

The 2007 model is less vexing in that regard, however, and it's a relief being able to find a more comfy niche among the 10 seat settings.

The Pacifica is designed with higher doors for safety, and as a former Town & Country minivan driver, this is still hard to get used



2007 Chrysler Pacifica Vehicle class: Sedan. Power: 4.0-Liter V6 SOHC engine. Mileage: 16 city / 24 highway. Where built: Bramalea, Ontario. Base price: \$27,300. Price as tested: \$28,060.

to. Rather than sitting higher and having an improved view as well as the allusion of empowerment, Pacifica drivers are reduced to feeling like they are in a hole, with reduced vision.

The roundness of the Pacifica's doors also means that using any drive-through presents an entirely new problem. Reaching up and out to access service through the window is impossible for me in the 2005, so I have to be creative to utilize a pharmacy, fast-food restaurant or bank. In most instances, I must open the door to carry out business, from pushing a button to placing money in a banking tube. This puts my doors at risk of damage as well as makes me look like I lack sufficient smarts to handle window business. It is, in my estimation, the major flaw in the Pacifica's design.

The front air bags have advanced multi-stage air bags, and the driver's side continues to offer an inflatable knee-bolster air bag. Children are covered with the LATCH-ready child seat anchor system.

Yay for the new dual heat that not only provides individual settings for the driver and passenger in the front, but also can be adjusted BY DEGREE. The entire mechanism is easily visible, located in the dashboard and clearly illustrates which setting the control is on (i.e., defrost, legs only, etc.) with brightly lit stick figures. One of the biggest drawbacks with the 2005 is the inability to lower heat without losing it all together. The change allows efficiency and individuality in heating and was a delight to discover.

These Pacifica seats now resist stains, odor and static. How cool is THAT? The fabric shades carry the same muted, monochromatic colors (read: grays) typical of Pacifica interiors, but if they hold no odors and stains and you can exit without spontaneous combustion, I consider it a win-win — particularly for \$28,000.

Another update: The new Pacifica includes two-tone instrument panels and door trim, although the plasticity accent (faux burl wood) on the model I drove sounded suspiciously hollow and may not be in it for the long haul, especially with kids and the potential for accidental puncture.

By the way, the standard exterior paint jobs are the same colors as previously offered, but it's probably the new power and features of Pacifica you'll want anyway in 2007.

Also new this year are the supplemental side-curtain air bags in all rows. Added to the advanced multi-stage front air bags and already newsworthy 5-star government safety crash rating, the 2007 registers at 5 stars for all doors, and 4 stars for rollover resistance. That's impressive reassurance for families.

Let's talk instrument panels. The 2007 adds an analog clock that is handy and easily visible, but it doesn't look like it really belongs with the rest of the d cor. The white background, as readable as it is, and tinny hands are reminiscent of a Cracker Jack box compass and it sticks out like a sore thumb. Apparently this is the only model available in all Pacificas, so my first reaction was: What were they thinking?

The cushiony covering of the upper dash needs to be brought lower or patched into other areas to deaden sound. For instance, the first thing the average woman with a 20-pound keyring will notice is that it bangs against the lower dashboard relentlessly. Because this portion of the dashboard is plastic, this makes for a really annoying noise during long or bumpy trips.

Much of the regular stuff is still there on Pacifica. There is the decent sound system, with possible manufacturer upgrades, of course. The 2007 offers standard Infinity speakers with 200-watt amplifiers, and audio controls are mounted on the steering wheel. Even without band instruments for me to haul anymore, there is also reasonable storage area in the rear of the car. It certainly suffices for shopping, and there is plenty of room for travel — even a month-long cross-country trip with luggage, souvenirs and fauna and flora.

The Pacifica still maintains the ability to turn corners on a dime and that is pure pleasure for even the shortest journey. What a kick to have that kind of control when those mutant curbs jump out at you.

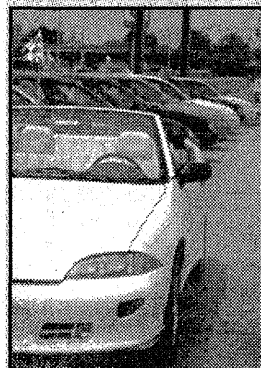
There was comfy leg spread in the passenger seat behind my driver's seat setting, and even enough behind the passenger setting for a 6 foot man, but may not be enough for a long distance trip. The middle passenger console for those bucket seats allows the options for heat control in that area, which is not something I think I have seen before.

There are ample cup holders, a leather-wrapped shift knob and steering wheel, Sentry Key theft deterrent system, power-heated fold-away mirrors, sunscreen glass and, of course, the smooth ride of a much more expensive car. In the end, isn't that what it's really all about?

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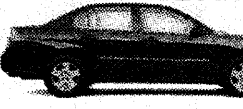
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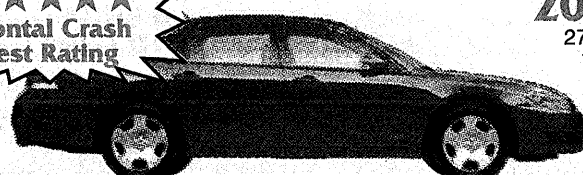
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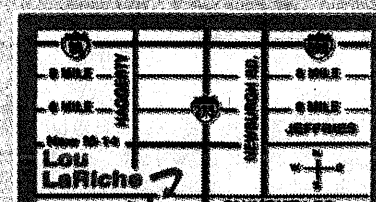
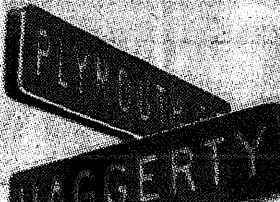
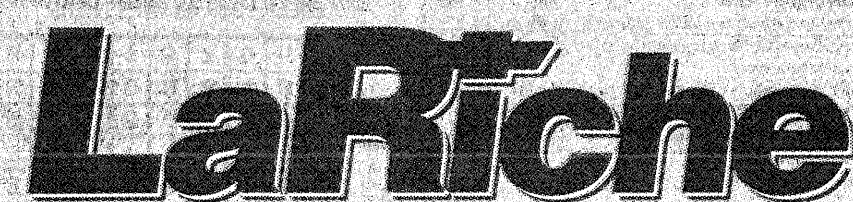
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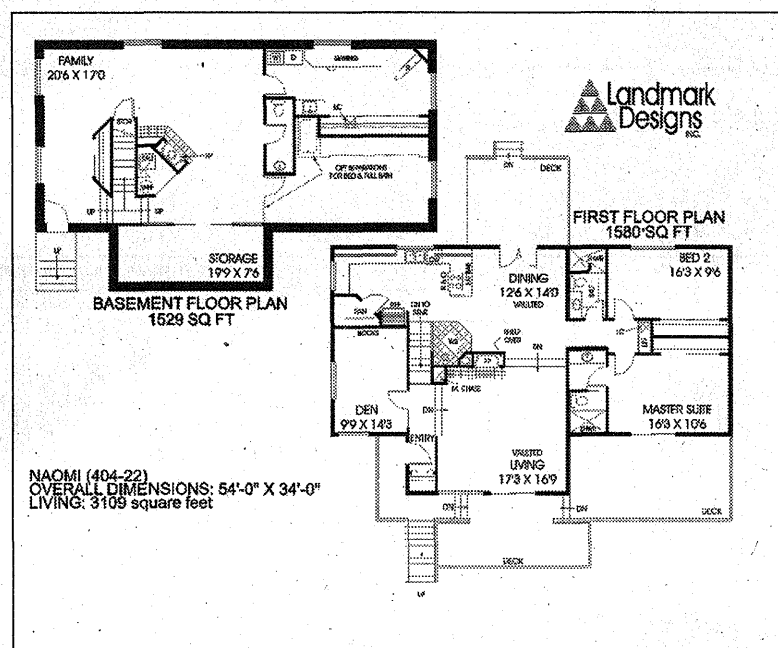
The living area is almost equally divided between the main floor and the daylight basement, where the huge family room nestles with its fireplace and room for several furniture groupings. There is direct access from the family room to the half-bath, which has been designed to facilitate the inclusion of future bedrooms with a separating full bath. Next to the half-bath is the large utility room.

The rest of the living area is located on the main level. High, open-beamed vaulted ceilings grace the living room, dining room, kitchen and den, giving added visual space and a feeling of strength and permanence.

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large, efficiently designed kitchen, which includes a walk-in pantry as well as the other usual and necessary amenities. A tiled (or brick?) area for a wood stove not only integrates the kitchen and adjoining dining room, but also adds definition to both. French doors offer direct access from the dining room to the good-sized back patio, as well as entrance of outdoor light.



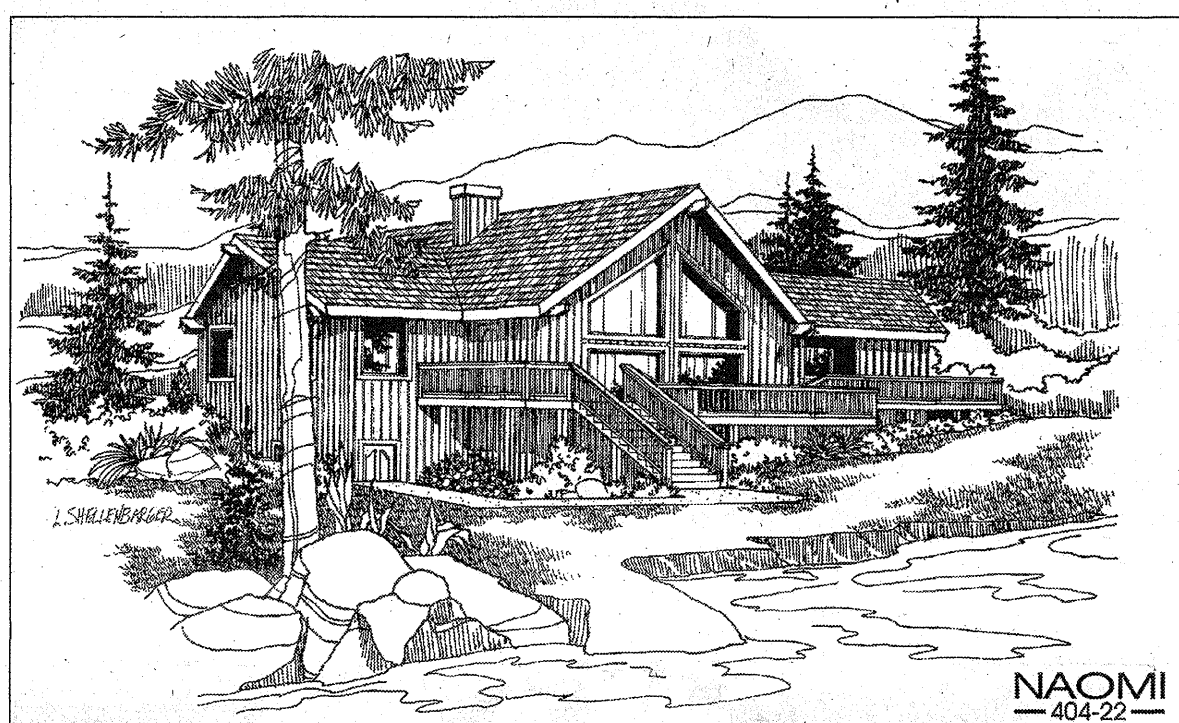
The kitchen, dining room and nice sized den/office/guest room are all on the same level, but the

sunken living room is three steps down, adding a little more elevation to the ceiling.

The living room is more than 17 feet by 16 feet, and is graced by a lovely tile hearth fireplace, which shares a flue chase with the dining room stove.

The master suite and second bedroom are both quite large, each has a full bath, and large back-to-back sound buffering, closets separate them. The master suite also offers direct access to large front deck, a perfect place for that first cup of morning coffee.

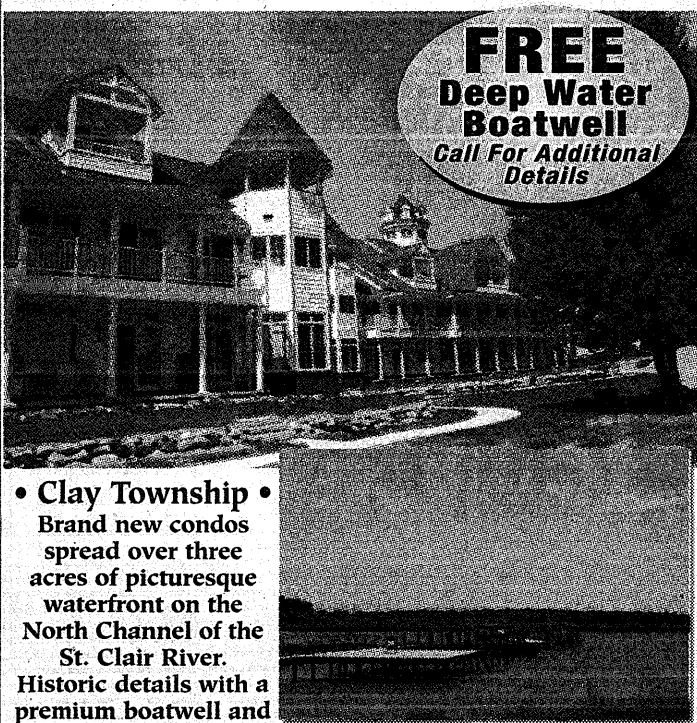
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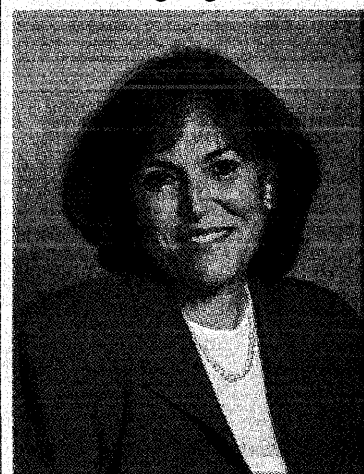
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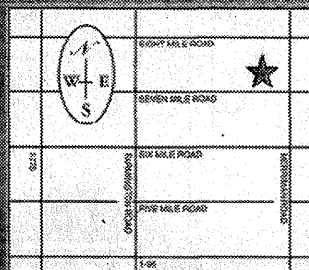
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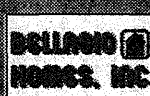
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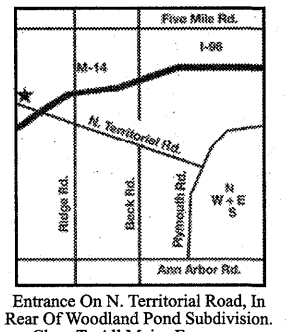


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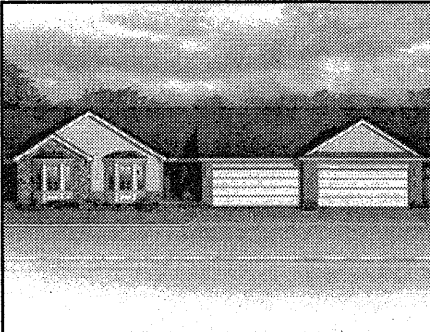
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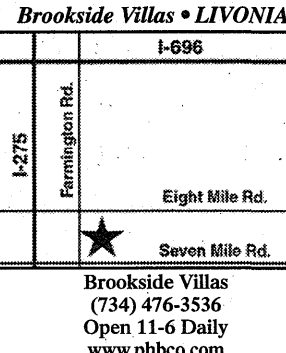
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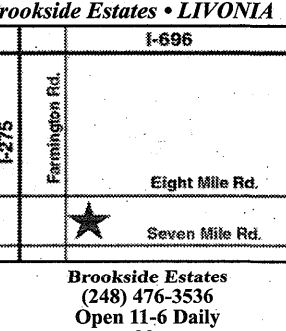
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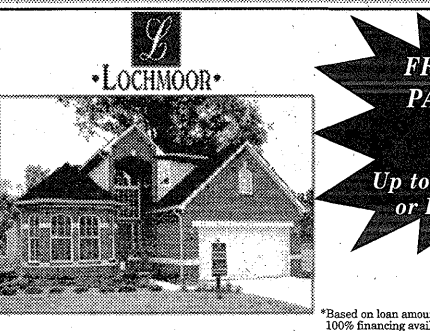
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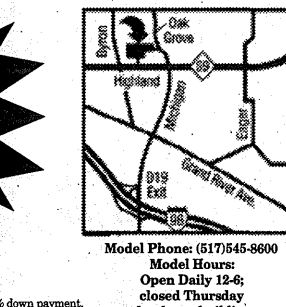


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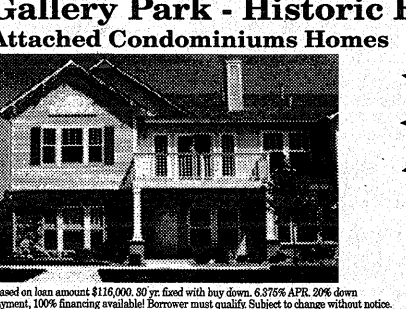
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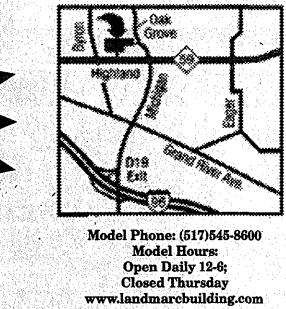


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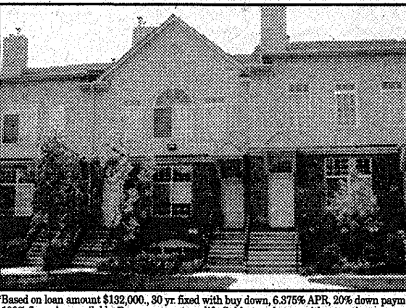
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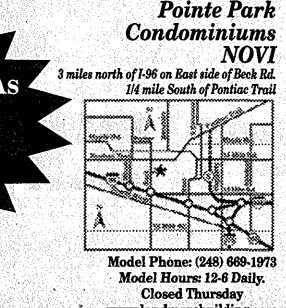


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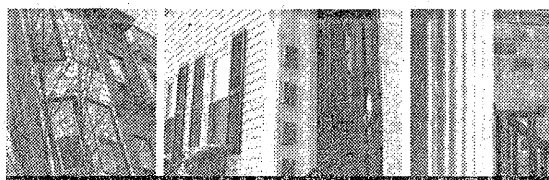
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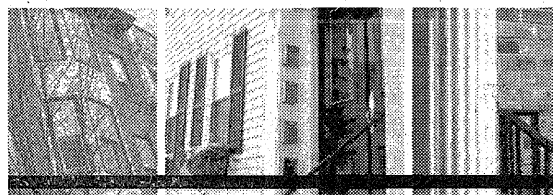
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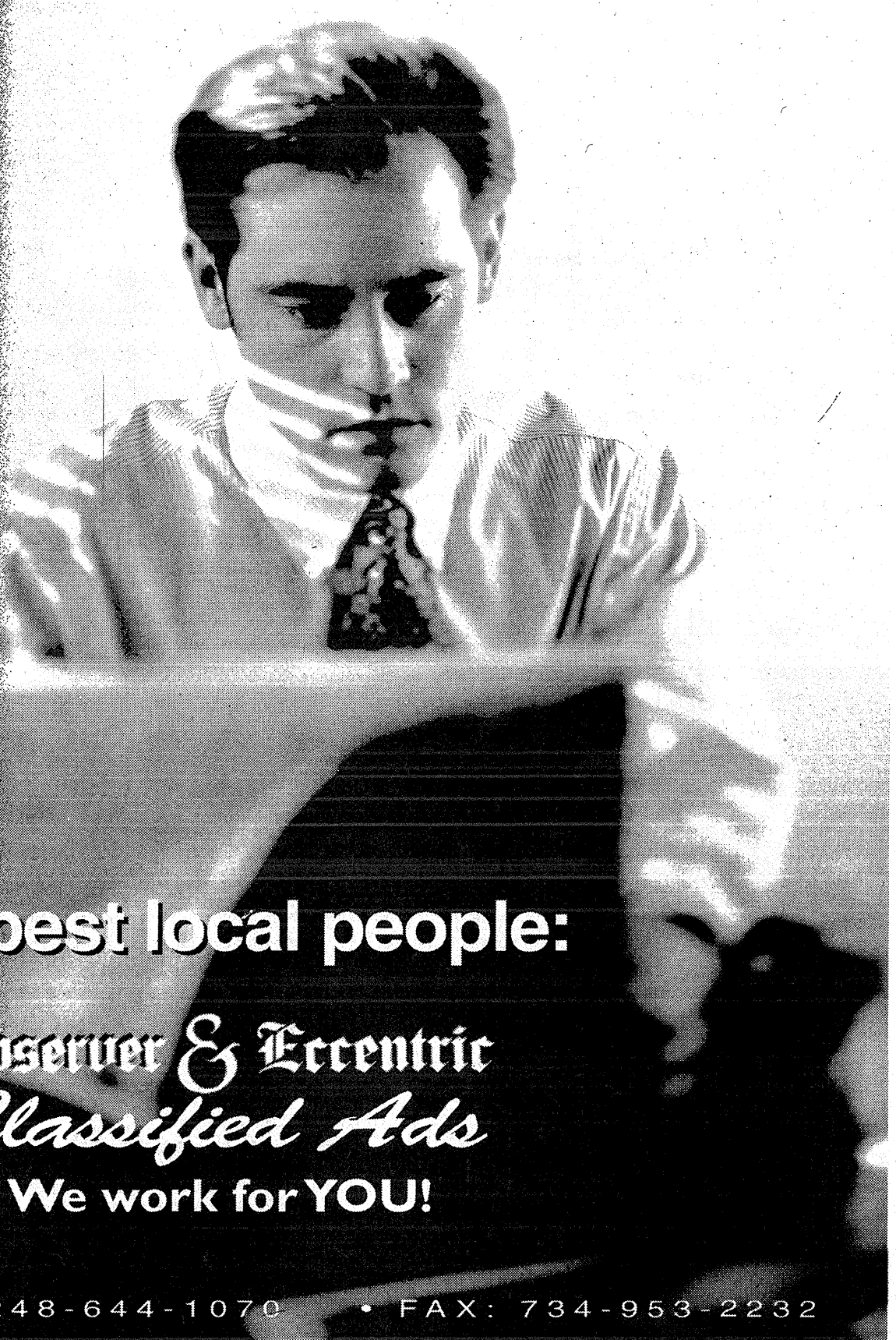
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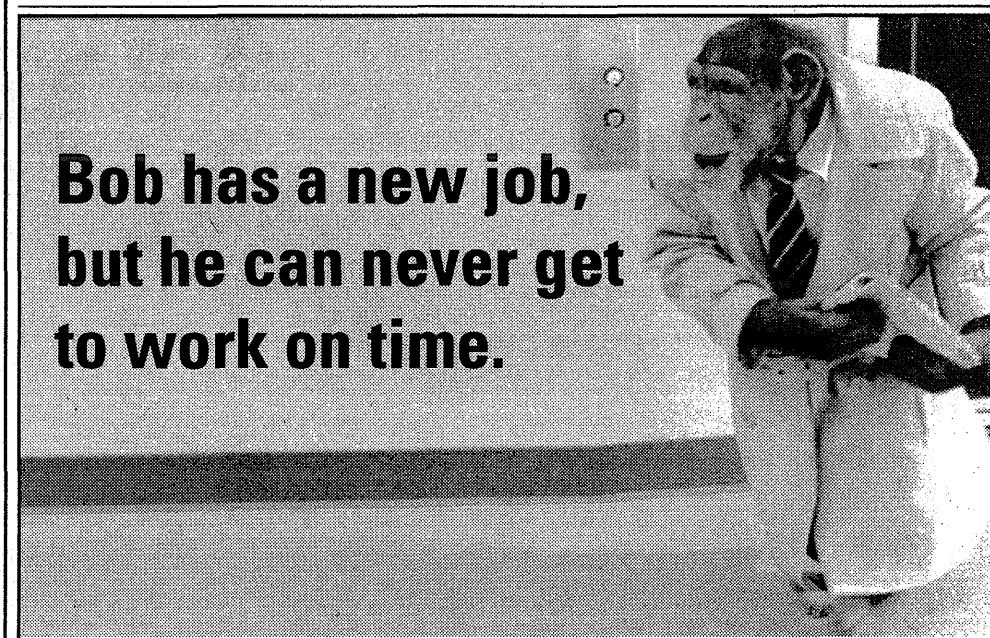
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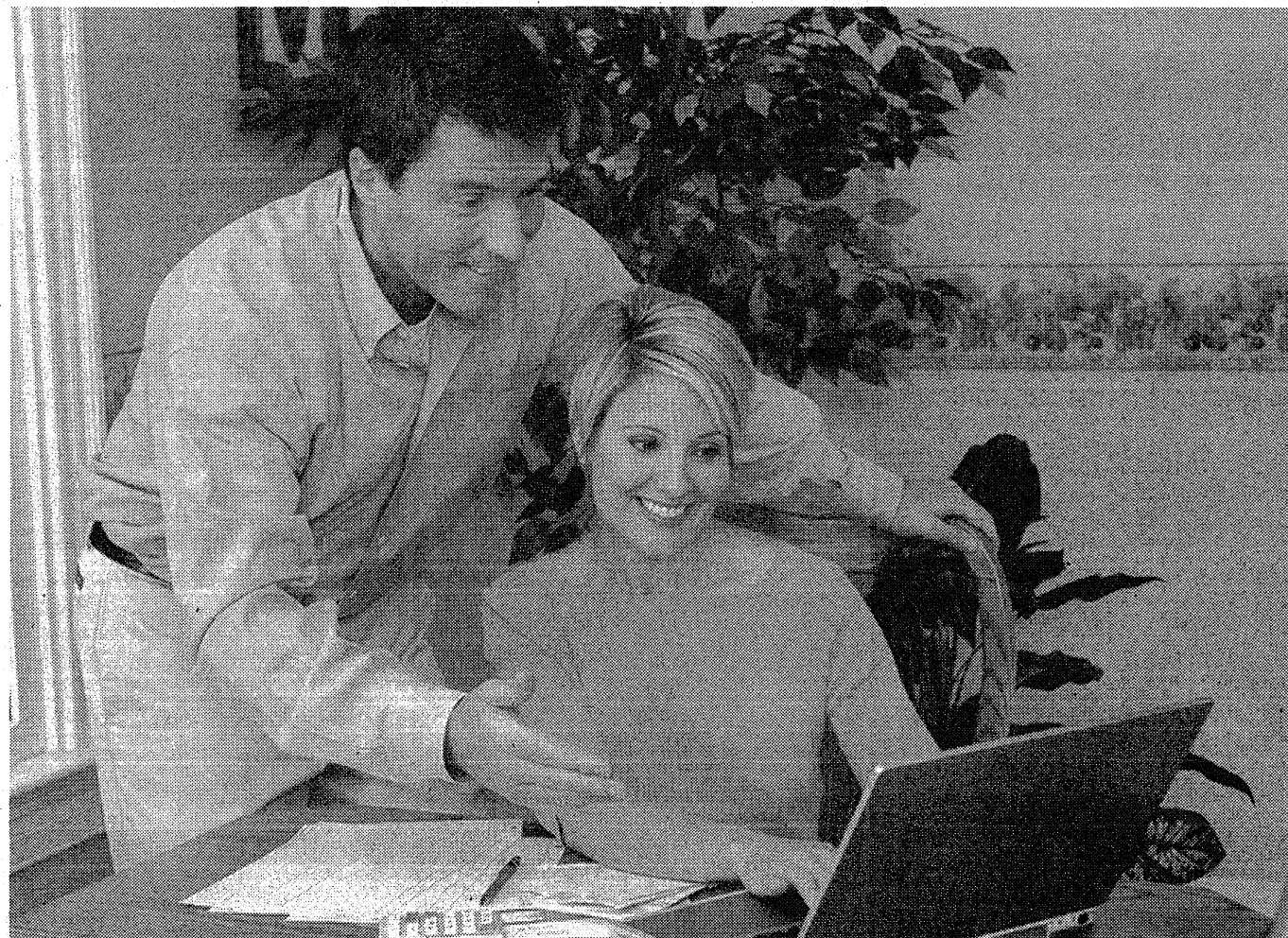
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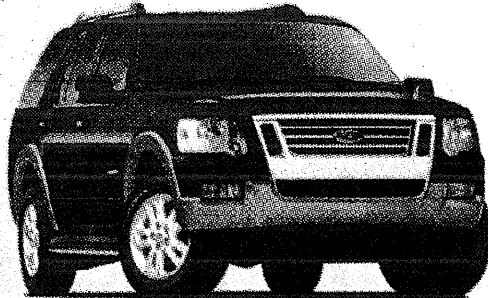


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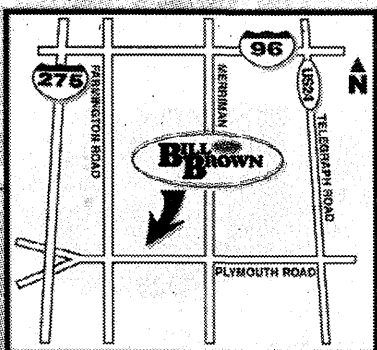
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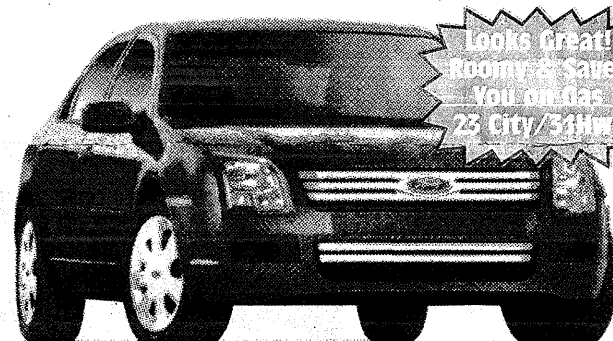
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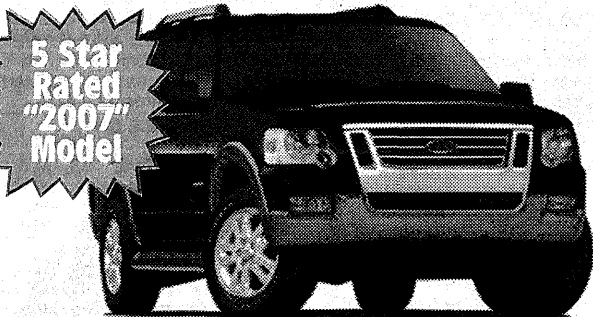
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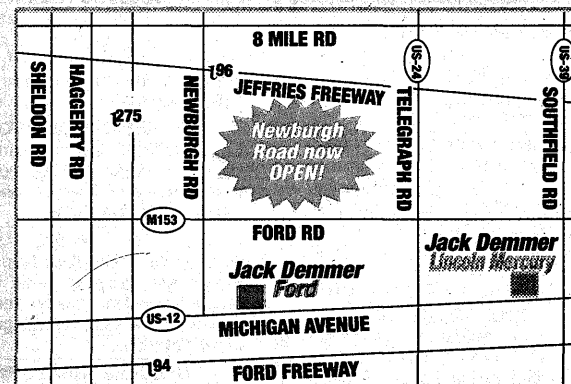
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Very attractive blonde, fit, energetic and happy, professionally employed, very youthful 60s, 5'3", trim and shapely, enjoys dining, travel, dancing, theater, family and friends. Seeking honest, handsome, fit, 55+, college grad, N/S, with youthful passion for life. Serious replies only. ☎652360

TRUE FRIENDSHIP

WIAF, 62, 5', 100lbs, enjoys gardening, dogs, cats, cooking, dining out, travel. Seeking kind, caring, honest, SW/AM, 55-70, slim, with understanding of asian culture, for friendship first, maybe more later. ☎139934

LET'S TALK SOMETIME

SWF, 38, mother, enjoys Harleys, rock-n-roll, good talks, classic cars, sports, amusement parks, casinos, meeting new people. Seeking outgoing, sweet, fun man w/sportaneous streak to share new adventures with. ☎962910

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SBF, 56, BBW, loves jazz, concerts, movies, travel, walks, great conversation. Seeking commitment-minded, mature, loving man with similar interests for possible LTR. ☎140023

SEEKS SILVER FOX

Loving, lady, 77, seeks charming, healthy, happy gentleman, D/D-free, humorous with a kid disposition, years of wisdom and an interest in life. ☎145778

TRY ME

SF, 20, 5'9", long black hair, tattoos, big brown eyes, dimples, sweet smile, curvy enjoys Italian food, friends, keeping active, Looking for a nice, honest guy to get to know. ☎150312

UPSCALE, GRASS ROOTS

Ebony woman, 43, emotionally available, 5'5", H/W proportionate, seeks strong, emotionally grounded, open and fun gentleman, to share deep romance. ☎147056

CHRISTIAN LOVER

SWF, 48, Christian, enjoys traveling, movies and dining out. Seeking a N/D, N/S, independent, outgoing, considerate, respectful man, no head games, Christian a plus. ☎142751

HI

Honest, independent, separated WF, 47, 5'7", voluptuous, N/S, N/D, D/D-free, enjoys coffee shops, reading, walks, dining, movie nights, etc. ISO stable, secure, sociable, sweet SBM to share special times. ☎147676

LOOKING FOR YOU

Attractive SWF, Catholic, 59, N/S, 5' 6", good shape, seeks WM, 53-70, N/S, who enjoys golf, movies, theater, dining, long walks, church, and much more. ☎124235

IS IT YOU?

SWF, 56, tall, trim, seeks hard-working or retired, conservative SWM, 5'11"+, 58-65, with good values, educated, no tattoos, drugs, or games please. ☎138981

TAKE ME GOLFING

Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confidante, 58-70, widower a plus. Honesty, trust, a must to make a relationship work. ☎976914

SEARCHING FOR YOU

SBF, 36, attractive, trust-worthy, down to earth, likes walks, movies, dinners, park, music, seeks BM, 36-70, for friendship, possible romance. ☎990369

JOIN ME

Assertive, feminine, active SBF, 33, outgoing, classy, seeks same, someone not afraid to live life. No drama no games. Possible LTR. ☎147376

MAYBE US?

SF, 42, blonde/blue, leggy, loves all types of music, dancing, movies, nature road trips, dining and simple fun. ISO easygoing, loving guy to share talks, good times, friendship and more. ☎132593

FRIENDS FIRST

SBF, 37, 5'6", black/brown, easygoing, Aries, N/S, enjoys bike riding, long walks, travel, and cooking. Seeking WM, 30-50, N/S, for fun. ☎933970

ONE GOOD WOMAN

BBW, SWF, attractive, compassionate, down-to-earth. Enjoys movies, comedies, long walks, romantic evenings and more. Seeking employed SM, 38-55, to do and share things together. Must like pets. ☎947175

WHERE ARE YOU?

Very attractive, sexy SBPF, 35, 5'2", medium build, enjoys dining out, jazz, plays. ISO SBM, 40-52, commitment-minded and sincere, for LTR. ☎950732

LOVES BOATING

SWF, 65, 5'6", Aries, N/S, loves dancing and dining out. Seeking WM, 60-71, N/S, with sense of humor, for friendship, possible romance. ☎890004

ISO CHIVALROUS MAN

SBCF, 35, attractive, well-sized, Capricorn, single mom, marriage-minded, N/S, seeks man, 40-55, family-oriented, old-fashioned, possible romance. ☎112291

MR. RIGHT, ARE YOU THERE?

SWF, 56, 5', HWP easygoing, dependable, reliable, Taurus, N/S, social drinker, likes computers, nascar, casinos, sports, seeks WM, 46-56, for friendship, and more. ☎112612

SEEKING SOMETHING NEW

Down to earth, attractive SBF, 36, N/S, 5' 7", professional, enjoys movies, dining out, shopping, traveling, seeks WM, 35-55, N/S, for friendship first, possibly more. ☎123659

LOOKING FOR LIFE PARTNER

Female, young 45, N/Kids, loves animals, nature, gardening, old cars, new music, and quiet nights. Seeking a man, 40-50, with a positive attitude and good SOH. Friends first, possible LTR. ☎113552

SEEKING MR. RIGHT

Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBM, 45-60, I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? ☎85794

SEARCHING FOR FRIENDS

SF, 24, out-going student. In search of a respectful SM, who knows how to treat a real woman, if this is you call me. ☎146309

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 70, 5'5", 135lbs, blonde, retired, N/S, seeks well-groomed WM, 65-72, N/S, to share life, romance, and possible relationship. ☎91147

SEEKING A LADY?

SBF, 56, 5'4", 110lbs, slim build, Sagittarius, smoker, honest, sincere, retired, enjoys movies, concerts, travel, park walks, seeks man, 45-70, similar, for friendship, possible romance. ☎116410

FORMER MODEL

SWF, 50, 5'8", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. ☎600106

FRIENDS FIRST

WIAF, 68, 5'6", 145lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, country cooking. Looking for outdoorsy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. ☎139719

HI EVERYONE

SF, 18, seeks nice, easygoing guy who knows how to have fun, and knows how to treat a lady. Friendship first. ☎142588

ALL OF ME

SWF, 50, 5'10", big beautiful woman, 300+ pounds, easygoing, N/S, light drinker, enjoys nights out or in. ISO loving, happy, commitment-minded man to share a happy, lasting, loving relationship. ☎956929

WAITING FOR YOU

SBF, 19, 5'1", full-figured, beautiful smile. Enjoys comedy and horror films, jokes and enjoying life. Seeking someone with same interests. ☎142407

PETITE & SEXY...

SBF, sensitive, affectionate, loving, 51, looks 35, 5'1", 105lbs, NS. Seeking healthy SBM, 5'10"-6'1", to work out with. ☎912553

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SF, 25, 5'7", shoulder-length medium blonde hair, bright green eyes, outgoing, fun, loves fitness, outdoors, boating, cycling, camping, concerts, auto racing. Seeking active, fit, caring man who appreciates the same. ☎953694

LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN

Attractive, professional, educated WF, 55, 5'2", slim, N/S. Interest include movies, concerts, comedy clubs, jazz, dancing, dining out, family ties. Seeking WM, 48-55, HWP, for lasting, loving LTR. ☎973365

POSSIBLE LTR

SWPF, 57, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, Scorpio, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks WPM, 55-61, N/S, educated, healthy, humorous, possible LTR. ☎993381

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HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Easygoing SWF, 57, CNA, N/S, N/D, enjoys talks, togetherness, day trips, soft rock. ISO loving Christian man, N/S, N/D, w/children ok, to share talks, dates, simple times, then who knows? ☎126925

COULD YOU BETHE ONE?

Loving, youthful SBF, 57, trim, shapely, very attractive, energetic, happy, enjoys dining, travel, amusement parks, the outdoors, festivals, nature, family-friends, theater, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman to share these. ☎121526

SOULMATE SEARCH

Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. ☎589875

LOVELY AND LOVING

Attractive 52-year-old, blonde/green, 5'5", nice figure, romantic, wanting to meet a very romantic, affectionate SM, 42-52, who will treat her like a queen. ☎517628

VERY CUTE

SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. ☎113198

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP

SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 156lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. ☎134425

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. ☎39272

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

TALL, MUSCULAR SWM

47, 6'2", 205lbs, athletic, part time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

LET'S BE FRIENDS

SBM, 5'10, 205lbs, N/S, enjoys riding bikes, walking in the park, rap music, sports and working-out. Seeking SW/ AF, 36-42, for companionship, romance and more. ☎149349

IT COULD BE YOU

SWM, 42, 5'11", 185lbs, looking for fun-loving, easygoing SF to enjoys talks, casual times and then who knows. Let's talk. ☎150204

HUGGABLE TEDDY BEAR

SWM, 6', medium built, independent, N/S, seeks SF, 22-50, N/S, slim-average built, d/d-free, must be trust-worthy, honest and mature, for companionship, romance and more. ☎148763

GOT WIT?

DBM, late 40s, homeowner, N/S, loves traveling, taking part in community events, jazz and comedy clubs. Seeking WF, 42-52, smoker, responsible drinker ok, not afraid to take a chance. ☎143658

SHARE GOOD TIMES

SBM, 27, 6', 173lbs, N/D, N/Kids, slim build, brown complexion, glasses, likes movies, long walks, Jesus, cooking, music, bowling, mexican food, shyness, seeks SB/HF, 25-28, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎80453

HERE COME LOVE

SWM, 53, cheerful, loving, enjoys scenic rides, cooking, movie theaters and long walks. Seeking a loving, caring, honest SF, for companionship, romance and more. ☎149642

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Affectionate DWM, 64, brown hair, N/S, D/D-free, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping. The Red Wings. ISO a special lady, 48-59, to share friendship, dates, possible LTR. ☎20969

NEW TO AREA

SWM, 36, 6'5", athletic build, dark blond/blue, enjoys sports, outdoors, music, movies, cooking and more. Seeking creative, fun lady with an open mind and heart to share friendship and fun. ☎140690

WHAT R U WAITING 4?

Very good-looking SBM, 42, 6'4", medium brown complexion, enjoys sports watching/playing, togetherness, nice dinners, good talks, romance and affection. Seeking special lady to share the good things in life. ☎144729

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship/LTR. ☎269646

A GOOD CATCH

SBM, 35, 5'8", 220lbs, dark complexion, shaved head, mustache, correctional officer, father, looking for a loving, good-hearted, child-friendly lady with whom to share life and all it offers. ☎144595

TALL, DARK AND HANDSOME

Sexy SBM, 6'1", 198lbs, enjoys soul food, R&B/rap music. Seeking attractive, mature SF, who is goal-oriented, D/D-free, for friendship maybe more. No head games. ☎146128

HEY LADIES

SM, 22, brown/green, 185lbs, student, employed, looking to meet a nice, fun-loving SF for friendship, dates, talks, and then who knows? ☎147388

CALL ME SOMETIME

Self-employed SM, 51, 5'11", 177lbs, blue eyes, loves enjoys motorcycles, the outdoors, travel, cooking, music from modern rock to motown, and much more. ISO, affectionate, honest SF, slim-medium build. Friendship/LTR? ☎146467

WAITING FOR YOU

SBM, 5'11", cute dimples, mustache, independent. Seeking honest, slender, attractive SBF, 18-20, for friendship, romance and more. ☎149097

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER

SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎114846

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER

SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎92943

SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE

SM, 51, 5'11", 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF, who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. ☎146012

ROMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE

DWM, 60, 5'11", 190lbs, seeks nice-looking lady to help share each others heart, and lives daily adventures. ☎146279

NICE GUY

SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S. Shirley, please call back. ☎708126

WORTH A CALL

SWM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, hard-working, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys motorcycling, hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 25-50, N/S, D/D-free. ☎956910

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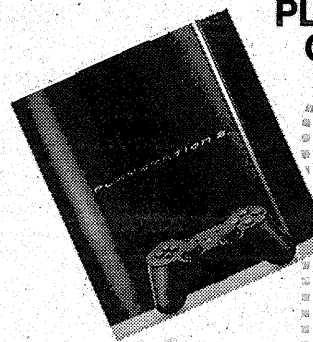
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