



Nancy Cleri (right) of Farmington Hills helps her daughter, Andrea, 14, a Harrison High freshman, try on a pair of figure skates. This year's version of the four-hour annual sale was held Saturday at East Middle School in Farmington Hills.



Laura Wilkinson, 16, of Farmington Hills, a Harrison High junior, looks over the selection of ski boots.

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Turnout down for sports equipment sale



Mike Stebbins of Farmington Hills tries on a pair of figure skates after trying on a pair of hockey skates.

CONSIGNMENTS AND sales were down from last year.

But Charles Wilkinson and his daughter, Laura, 16, of Farmington Hills, walked away happy from the Farmington Hills Recreation Division used winter sports equipment sales Saturday at East Middle School.

On sale were used skis, sleds, ski clothing, toboggans, and other second-hand items.

"We've sold things here every year for three years — toboggans, ski boots, even a sled," said Laura, a Farmington Hills Harrison High School junior. "It's very worthwhile."

The Wilkinsons have bought items in the past. Laura said her brother, John, 19, has bought skis in addition to selling them.

DAVE JUSTUS, Farmington Hills recreation supervisor, said about 450 potential buyers turned out Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., one of the smallest turnouts in years.

"It's been steadily declining the last few years, I guess because there are now a lot of sales," he said.

The sale started nearly 10 years ago as both a community service and a fund-raiser. "But we barely make any money any more," Justus said. "The money the recreation division

earned has dropped with the drop in consignments and sales."

All sales are final. A 20 percent service (consignment) charge is deducted from all items sold.

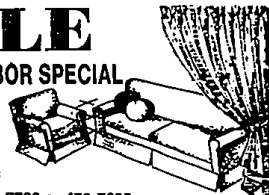
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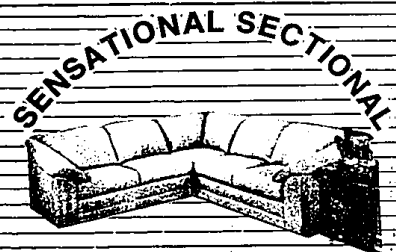
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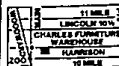
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