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Patterson named

Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township), the freshman state senator in the new 7th District, has been named to several committees by Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, including one he'll

Patterson, who defeated Democrat George Mans for the new seat in the November election, chairs the Senate Technology and Energy committee, with fellow freshman Sen. Laura Toy (R-Livonia) as the vice chair.

Patterson is the vice chair of both the Health Policy and Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs committees, and will also sit on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Auditions

Whistle Stop Players will audition children age 6 and up for the spring touring production of "Famous Folk Tales from Around the World," 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, and Thursday, Jan.



Participants need to come one night for the free 90minute audition workshop. No experience or preparation is necessary, and all who audition will be cast.

Actors will be asked to select one rehearsal night per week (either Sunday or Thursday) from 6:30-8 p.m. Performances are scheduled for April 6-8 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council and April 7-17 in the local schools. Cost for participation in the performances is \$150 for PCAC members. Student memberships are available for \$30 per year and are taxdeductible. Auditions and rehearsals will be held at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon (at Junction). For more information, visit the Web site at www.plymoutharts.com or call Jennifer Tobin, (734) 416-

Postal generosity

Plymouth postal workers this year helped the government raise more than \$3 million in the annual Combined Federal Campaign, the government's equivalent of the United Way. Postal employees in Plymouth raised more than \$15,000, helping the postal service in southeast Michigan raise \$1.6 million.

"The employees of the Plymouth post office always stand tall when people are in need," said postmaster Dennis Wieczorek. "With the softening of the economy, I am quite proud of their continued generosity. It has been shown now and throughout the year with their participation in a variety of community and charitable activities in which the postal service has partnered."

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Scores of spectators view the various sculptures every year, including these in The Gathering. Festival organizers are hoping the financial picture picks up before the Jan. 15 opening.

Ice festival financing struggling a bit

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Mike Watts is by no means pushing the panic button, but as the 21st Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular approaches, the festival is lagging slightly behind in terms of fund-

ing.
Watts, whose company, Watts-Up Inc.,
runs the festival, said financing is slightly less than \$30,000 behind where it needs to be 10 days before the festival opens.

Right now, financing is at about

\$135,000, according to Watts, and needs pinch, because the money supporters to reach \$152,000 to "make sure everything can be done the way we like to do

"A lot of it has to do with the uncertainty in the economy, the threat of the Gulf War and general anxiety about when the market will turn around and things will get better." Watts said. "People seemed more confident when the market opened (Thursday), but there's still anxietv out there."

Watts said nonprofits such as the ice festival are the first to feel an economic spend includes discretionary dollars.

The \$152,000 goal wouldn't represent a profit for the festival, but Watts said it would allow organizers to do the things they like to do.

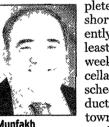
"We set up a budget just like any business would do, and that's what we feel it takes to cover all the bases and make sure the event is sound and secure," Watts said. "That doesn't include any profit."

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Ethics hearing on hold

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

The ethics inquiry into Plymouth Township Trustee Abe Munfakh, which township officials originally



hoped would be complete in relatively short order, is apparently going to last at least a few more weeks following cancellation of a hearing scheduled to be conducted at Tuesday's township board study session.

The township's ethics board had scheduled the hearing to give Munfakh and his lawyer, Southfield attorney Tom Ryan, a chance to rebut allegations of ethics policy violations on Munfakh's part at a public hearing that had been set to be conducted prior to Tuesday's board meeting.

However, Munfakh and Ryan have decided to respond in writing, rather

than at a public hearing.
"We decided it's more efficient to submit our report in writing," Ryan said. "The board will receive it and then decide what to do after that."

Munfakh will be responding to the findings in a report by attorney Michael Schwartz, commissioned by

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District focuses on plan, budget

STAFF WRITER

Newly appointed Plymouth-Canton schools Superintendent Jim Ryan said the first six months of 2003 will be a pivotal time for his administration to focus on several key issues.

Ryan also plans to start developing longrange goals to concentrate on finance issues and a building program for the district.

"From January to the end of the school year we're going to focus on the big issues," said Rvan. "The No. 1 issue is high school renewal (educational improvements at Plymouth Educational Park). Probably 1-A is the vision planning and bond issue.

"The vision planning is asking the people

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always accompanied by wine and roses.

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what they want the district to look like in the next five-10 years," he said. "I'm serious about getting public input, and I hope a lot of folks see we really do want to listen. We have a lot more needs than we really have money, so let's get out there and do it right."

Thus far, the district has held two vision sessions, with input from the public suggesting the district needs to address equity in athletic facilities, adequate heating and ventilation systems, upgrades in technology, an additional middle school in Canton, remodeling of older classrooms and construction of a swimming pool at Plymouth High School, to highlight a few.

Lee Ann Womack hit, at Gov. Jennifer Granholm's inauguration Wednesday. PLEASE SEE DISTRICT, A5 Central girls' choir helps governor make history Marry me, marry me life is but a dream

BY TONY BRUSCATO

STAFF WRITER

Ally Stencel, a Central Middle School eighth grader, believes Jennifer Granholm's historic inauguration as Michigan's first female governor will someday help her own political future.

"I want to become the first woman president," said Stencel, who currently resides in Northville Township, before someday changing her address to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. "So, since we have the first woman governor, then it could help me out to become

president."

The Central Middle School Girls' Choir got the chance to sing "I Hope You Dance," the

Stencel, along with the other 21 members of the Central Middle School Girls' Choir, took part in Wednesday's history making, singing at Granholm's inauguration ceremonies at the Lansing Center.

Granholm's daughter, Kate Mulhern, is an eighth grader at Central, and a member of the choir.

"She (Granholm) came into our classroom to hear us sing one day, and asked us to sing at her inauguration, if she won," said Stencel. "It was really exciting.'

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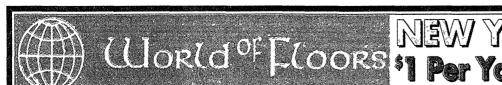
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PROFESSIONAL WOMEN MEET

Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes headlines the Jan. 20 meeting of the Plymouth **Business and Professional** Women's Club, a division of the National BPW. The BPW meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Atlantis Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road, east of the I-275 interchange. Guests are welcome to hear our speakers and to partake in our service activities, which include providing assistance to women returning to school.

For more information and dinner reservations, contact Mary Brooks, (734) 420-0320.

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For more information, visit the World Heritage Web site at www.world-heritage.org or call John Huzar, (800) 888-9040.

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Plymouth's Hidden History series continues with the program, "Plymouth's Wildcat Banks," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9 at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Martin Brosnan, who will talk about how, before 1836 a state government was the only authorized source of printed money. The state could commission or de-commission any bank

at any time which, according to museum officials, led to the creation of "wildcat" banks. Such banks printed their own money in each state with little "coin" to back them up.

Plymouth had its share of "wildcat" banks in the past, and museum officials are offering the chance to "find out what economic disasters occurred and how it took the national government and Abraham Lincoln to solve this problem."

Plymouth's Hidden History Series is a year-long program focusing on the little-known and unusual history of the Plymouth community. The programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call (734)

YOUTH ARTIST COMPETITION

Application deadline for this year's Plymouth Symphony "Treasures Beyond Measure Youth Artist Competition" is Friday, Jan. 24. The competition itself is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 9, at Evola Music in Canton. Through money from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and other sponsors, the symphony recognizes young orchestral talent from the Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities through this competition and has offered music scholarships to area youth since 1978.

The competition is composed of three divisions: Senior Instrumental (grades 10-12), Senior Piano (grades 10-12) and Junior Division (combined instrumental and piano, grades seven-nine). Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students in the school districts of Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren or Wayne-Westland or be students at Evola Music.

Each senior-division winner receives \$500, and the junior division winner gets \$250. If applicable, honorable mentions will also be acknowledged.

Applications are available through the symphony and are due by Jan. 24. Past participants are encouraged to apply; however, musicians are eligible to win just one first prize in each division. Contact Ellen Elliott via email at plymouthsymphony@ aol.com or by phone, (734) 451-2112.

Uncle turned in suspect

1 accused man set for trial; exam on 2nd to continue

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

It was a family member who turned in one of the two murder suspects accused of killing five members of the Pesce family of Livonia, according to testimony Friday.

John Wolfenbarger, 31, of Detroit, and Dennis Lincoln, 27, of Flint, were arrested Christmas Eve and appeared Friday for their preliminary examinations in Livonia's 16th District Court. At the end of the hearing, Judge Robert Brzezinski ruled Wolfenbarger should stand trial in the murders; meanwhile, the hearing for Lincoln will be resumed Friday, Jan. 10.

The day before the arrests, Wolfenbarger's uncle, Billy Smith, 36, of Detroit, called a Dearborn police officer to offer information about the murders of Livonia jeweler Marco Pesce, his mother, Maria Vergati, and his three young children, Carlo, 12, Sabrina, 9, and Melissa, 6.

Smith called "because of the nature of the crimes," he testified. "(It was because of) the kids. You just don't cross that line."

Wolfenbarger came to Smith's house the night of the murders, Dec. 21, and asked him for some clothing. According to Smith, Wolfenbarger and Lincoln had several large garbage bags.

While at Smith's house, Wolfenbarger alluded to the murders.

"He said, 'Watch the news. Five dead," said Smith. Smith watched the news that evening and assumed his nephew was involved in a car-jacking, but Wolfenbarger later told him, "No. The s--- I did would make CNN."

Smith's testimony was called into question by the defense, however, because of his own criminal past.

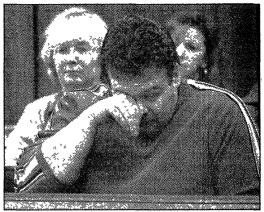
Smith said he is on lifetime, nonreporting probation for a cocaine charge, and within the last six months his home, his father's home and his wife's business, the Copa Lounge on Schoolcraft, were raided by federal investiga-

Further, Smith identified himself as the 'west side boss" of the Devil's Disciples motor-

When Smith saw television reports of the murders, he knew his nephew had something to do with them, he testified.

"He asked me if I had any acid, and I thought he was talking about drugs. He said he wanted the stuff you burn things with. He said he had between five and seven pounds of gold," Smith testified. "I knew he got it from that family. I'm not a dumb man.'

Smith also told the court the Wolfenbarger



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Michael Allen, brother-in-law of Marco Pesce, wept in court as details of the case were made public.

stated the only way he could be caught is by DNA evidence because he was sweating so much during the murders.

One of Smith's neighbors, Terry Letts, also offered testimony at the exam. During the days before and after the mur-

ders, Wolfenbarger and Lincoln were at her home, she said. She had seen the pair carrying trash bags in and out of her home.

She saw Wolfenbarger with necklaces and watches and she testified he had tried to melt the gold down in her bedroom.

He used a blowtorch in a two-hour attempt to melt down the gold jewelry, but was unsuccessful, and had burned her bed spread and sheets in her bedroom.

Letts also testified he was burning papers and a black duffel bag in her back yard, the day after the murders, and when she asked what he was doing she was told to stop asking

Wolfenbarger took Letts to work Sunday, Dec. 22, and along the way, he asked her to dispose of a bag, which she believed contained

She tossed it into a Dumpster at a party store near her home, and later directed police to the Dumpster, where they retrieved the weapon, she said.

Wolfenbarger also told Letts to watch the

"He was tripping a little bit. He said he had a job that didn't go right. He said he was a day late, and he said somebody screwed up the job and he had to shoot him and bury him 9-feet deep. I didn't know what he was talking about," she testified. "They had to leave a guy and when they came back, he said, 'He botched the job and I had to shoot him." She testified Wolfenbarger continued to ask her if she had seen the news.

Letts' 12-year-old son also testified, stating he had seen Wolfenbarger with the gun the day of the murders.

Both suspects are jailed without bond.

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Gov. Jennifer Granholm greets the Matar family of Canton at a pre-inaugural event held at the Southfield Civic Center last week. Thirteen-year-old Robert, right, requested the new governor ask President Bush to end the war in Israel while his little brother Rogee,7, and 11-year-old sister Gina listened in.

Granholm: No increase in school funding

STAFF WRITER

It's going to be a tough 2003 for school administrators as they try to make ends meet with no increase in public school funding.

During a pre-inaugural family event in Southfield last week, Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced that foundation grants — or the amount of money school districts collect per student — will not increase for the "next couple years."

"We're in a crushing budget deficit," Granholm said about the state's budget crisis. "I promise we will not cut funding for schools, but the first year of this administration will be a year of streamlining.

"We're not going to have the money to fund some other programs."

The announcement probably

came as no shock to Jim Ryan, Plymouth-Canton's school superintendent. He's been warning for weeks that P-C schools could face a huge deficit if the foundation grant increase was scrubbed.

"We're pretty sure we're not going to get the foundation grant increase," said Superintendent Jim Ryan. "If we don't get the \$200 foundation increase, and the retirement rate goes up another 2percent, we could be looking at about a \$5 million problem."

With less state sales and state income taxes collected in 2002, state officials are anticipating more than a \$1 billion shortfall for Michigan government services, including public educa-

"We're all going to have to tighten our belts," Granholm said. "We will try to pass bond issues to help districts borrow

money for technology and buildings. Then hopefully down the line, we can help more with operations."

The saving grace for Plymouth-Canton continues to be that it's a growing district, and more students mean more state money. However, even that won't be enough to ward off a looming deficit.

"We need to sit down and be very aggressive so the Board of Education can figure out how much of it we can bank on getting saved with an increase in students next year, determine if we can use any of the fund balance, and then determine what cuts need to be made," said Ryan. "We've given the process a lot of thought, but I really haven't thought about specific

Ryan also suggested early budget planning will be a key in developing next year's budget.

"We need a little more lead time, a lot better planning and enough discussion so the board is informed enough to make the tough decisions they'll have to make."

School board President Elizabeth Givens said unlike last year when 1.2 million in budget cuts were made in the 11th hour, this year trustees will be better equipped to discuss cuts because budget discussions will begin in February.

"We have a number of employee contracts that have been settled for the next three to four years, so we know today what that's going to cost us next vear," she said. "That gives us a good feel and helps us with the planning."

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Holiday season quiet for cops, firefighters

STAFF WRITER

In the early hours of Thursday morning, the Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at an apartment complex on Haggerty Road, behind the Lou LaRiche auto dealership, where smoke was reportedly pouring from the windows of four different apartments.

When firefighters got there, what they actually found was that one resident had left a frying pan on the stove, then fallen asleep.

The resulting burning food caused a great deal of smoke damage, but little other damage, except, of course, to the frying pan.

When firefighters finished using large fans to air out the complex, it capped what turned out to be a safe, fairly quiet holiday season for Plymouth police and firefighters.

'We had a quiet holiday," said fire chief Larry Groth. "No fires, except a vehicle fire. It was really quiet."

Between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day, the fire department responded to some 70 calls, most of them rescue runs to residential units, with a couple of false alarms and a few vehicle accidents mixed in.

Thursday's fire capped the

"The frying pan was left on the stove and it smoked out four units," Groth said. "There were no flames, and the pan was actually covered. There wasn't any structural damage, but there was significant smoke damage to clothes and furniture. I'm sure there will be some claims over those."

Chris Ernest was sleeping on a friend's couch when he heard a smoke alarm go off. Figuring someone had gotten too much smoke in their "We had a quiet holiday."

fire chief Larry Groth

apartment, he didn't think much of it.

'Then some women started banging on the window telling us to get out," Ernest said. "Then I woke everyone up and got out of there."

NO PROBLEMS

Police in both the city and township said it was also a fairly quiet holiday season for them. Neither department put extra patrols on the roads, although officers in both departments paid special attention to potential traffic problems.

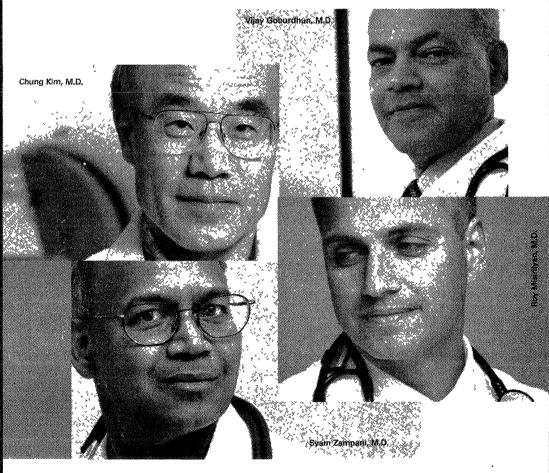
"Nothing substantial came up," said Lt. Robert Smith of the Plymouth **Township Police** Department. "We didn't put any special patrols out any more than we usually do. We just did our normal, vigilant job."

In the city, police officers corralled a couple of drunk drivers, but had nothing more dramatic to report. Chief Wayne Carroll did have one patrol, normally dedicated to Old Village and the downtown area, out on the road more, but other than that, city officers simply maintained higher vigilance, he said.

"We did what we normally do, but because of the emphasis on the holidays, the guys are more cognizant of traffic safety," Carroll said. "This time of year you know there are people out there drinking, so you're more in tune with what you've got going on."

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The choir sang I Hope YouDance by Lee Ann Womack, as requested by Granholm.

"She incorporated our song into her speech," said Janine Grady of Canton, who directs the choirs at Central. "She talked about how she hoped people would dance and take part in helping make Michigan a better place."

Grady, a second-year teacher, said she was shocked to have an opportunity of a lifetime.

"As a teacher, I was really honored and privileged to be a part of history," she said. "The experience was spectacular."

The day began early for choir members, who left Central at 9 a.m. The girls traveled in style, with help from choir member Kaila Boggs. Bogg's dad, Greg, owns Millennium Limousine in Garden City. "The girls chose a 25-passenger Ford Excursion, with a fireplace," said Greg Boggs. "It usually goes for \$125 an hour, but in this case each girl chipped in for gas and a tip for the driver."

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a venue for one last practice before arriving in Lansing. "It was difficult because we weren't sitting together in our

The limousine also served as

groups," said Ashley Hoard of Plymouth Township. "But, it was cool."

The choir arrived at the Lansing Center about 10:45 a.m.; watched the swearing-in ceremony, which was held on the Capitol steps, on big screen TV's; and performed their three-minute song two hours after arriving. "We did a lot of waiting, but it was great being in the Lansing Center," said Grady. "We couldn't have had better seats."

Grady said the impact of see-

ing Michigan's first woman governor sworn in and participating in the inauguration ceremonies is something the girls will carry with them for a life-

"It's important for them to see that a woman can get this far," said Grady. "It shows that if you have the determination to seek out what you want, and put your heart and soul into it, the reward can be huge."

The girls have a good start. According to Central Principal Joyce Johnson, all of the choir members are either on the Honor Roll or the Principal's

"I think it's cool, a big step for Michigan," said Stencel. "She was talking during her inauguration about all the men who walked through these (Capitol) doors. She's the first woman to do it, and I'm proud of her for

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to urge him to resign, or for

Township attorney Tim

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McNamara dominates top 2002 Wayne County stories

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

One name dominates the year-end list of top stories of 2002 for Wayne County. That same name has been a leading force in the county for more than 30 years and the clout and accomplishments of Edward H. McNamara are at center stage as the year comes to an end and he concludes 16 years as Wayne County executive.

Here is a brief look at some of the major stories of 2002:

1. The Ed McNamara era comes to a close. McNamara, who has been a controversial and aggressive county executive, retires at the end of the year.

He's touted for erasing a large deficit left over from the administration of William Lucas, 14 consecutive balanced budgets, an innovative county health insurance program, improvements in road and park maintenance and, most notably, major construction at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport. Prior to becoming county executive, McNamara served 17 years as mayor of Livonia. His legacy lives on in those he has mentored including Wayne County Prosecutor Michael Duggan and Michigan Gov.-elect Jennifer Granholm. But he has also been the target of numerous complaints about favoritism in the awarding of jobs and county contracts.

2. Airport contracts are at the heart of an investigation of the McNamara administration. On Nov. 22, agents of the FBI and State Police confiscated files from county offices and McNamara campaign headquarters. Subpoenas were issued to several McNamara aides. The

investigation stems from complaints of cronyism in the awarding of contracts and possible use of intimidation for support of McNamara political and charitable causes. A federal grand jury has subpoenaed the campaign records of Granholm, Duggan and Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and others.

The outgoing county executive has called the investigation politically motivated. As the state's attorney general, Granholm turned over files from a Senate investigation to the State Police for further action.

3. Granholm, a Northville res-

ident, was elected governor. After a single term as attorney general, Granholm was urged by several leading Democrats to run for the open governor's position. In the primary, she defeated two well-known party leaders, former Gov. James Blanchard and former U.S. House Whip David Bonior. Though the vote spread tightened in the last week, Granholm was widely predicted to defeat her GOP opponent, Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus. Throughout the campaign Granholm faced harassment at her Plymouth Township church, Our Lady of Good Counsel, because of her position on a woman's right to choose an abortion.

4. Northwest Airlines, the hub airline for Detroit Metro, opened its new \$1.2 billion terminal in the south end of the airport. The awkwardly named Edward H. McNamara/World Gateway Terminal is the most visible of many new improvements to the much maligned international airport (once labeled by a writer in The Wall Street Journal as only slightly better than the airport in Calcutta). The airplane- shaped terminal was greeted with generally rave reviews for its cleanliness, efficiency and amusement park-like extras. Airport improvements also included a new runway and new access from I-275 via John Dingell Drive. More changes are in the works, including rebuilding the

two older terminals. 5. A new Airport Authority took over management of the Metro and Willow Run airports from Wayne County. The authority was the brainchild of erstwhile political opponents McNamara and Gov. John Engler to short-circuit a Senate investigation of McNamara (but not independent criminal investigations) and give some state input to airport management. The Wayne County Commission fought the agreement, but the **Federal Aviation Administration** and the courts have upheld the authority. Four members were appointed by McNamara, two by Engler and, finally, one by the commission.

6. Sheriff Robert Ficano was a surprisingly easy winner in the hotly contested primary election to replace McNamara. In predominantly Democratic Wayne County, the primary is the election. Once again, it was a contest between Detroit candidates against suburban candidates. Several Detroit political figures divided the Detroit vote. But Ficano proved a strong contender throughout the county, including the city, and took a majority of the vote against six other candidates. Former Police Chief Benny Napoleon ran considerably weaker than early polls suggested. Ficano won the general election with more than 80 percent of the vote.

7. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Cox of Livonia pulled off a down-to-the-wire victory over state Sen. Gary Peters to succeed Granholm as attorney general. In his first run for political office, Cox emphasized his courtroom experience and his determination to establish the Attorney General's office as the state's top crime fighter.

8. Redistricting created a new congressional district for western Wayne County, the 11th Congressional District. Many commentators said the district, created by the Republican-dominated Legislature, was tailormade for state Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia. McCotter fought off a primary challenge from Canton businessman David Hagerty and then faced Redford Supervisor Kevin Kelley in the general election. After a spirited campaign, early pundits proved right, McCotter was an easy victor in the general elec-

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the township's ethics committee, that Munfakh's participation in negotiations between Salem Township and the Detroit water department to add Salem to the system violated Munfakh's fiduciary responsibility to Plymouth Township.

Salem wanted to be added to the system in part to help Johnson Controls Inc. move from its current Plymouth Township location into Salem. The engineering firm for which Munfakh works – Ayres Lewis Norris & May - was hired as a consultant. Munfakh attended a May meeting between the parties; he says he was there simply to make introductions; his critics point to his attendance as a conflict of interest.

Schwartz, hired last fall to investigate, turned in his report last month. Schwartz, who was paid roughly \$3,500 for his report, concluded Munfakh had

violated the township's ethics

"(Munfakh) engaged in an impermissible conflict of interest which violates his fiduciary duties and responsibilities to Plymouth Township and which is also violative of the Ethics Policy adopted by Plymouth Township," Schwartz wrote, adding, "I also find that such conflict of interest constitutes malfeasance in office."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann said the written response submitted by Rvan and Munfakh will determine what happens next in the

saga.
"That'll be submitted, hopefully in a couple of weeks, and after that an ethics committee meeting will be scheduled," Mann said. "Their report will set the tone and set the course for future ethics committee meetings.'

Ryan said he will interview witnesses and get statements, as well as determine what the

"We're going to talk about

place Thursday at 7 p.m. The only item on the agenda is discussion of the township hall bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net (734) 459-2700

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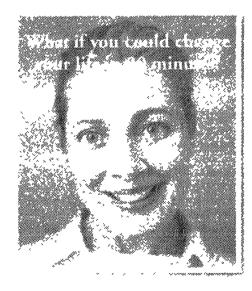
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Tajana Raukar of Plymouth is one of the country's top carvers, and a mainstay at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

ICE FESTIVAL

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If funding doesn't pick up, the festival may have to be scaled back somewhat. According to Watts, some of the adjustments could include having less ice on hand to do carvings, fewer ice carvers, and perhaps even a rollback

carvers allowed to take place. The festival's board picks up the tab for students taking part in the festival.

"It doesn't mean the festival won't happen," Watts said. "It just means we might have to make some adjustments in how we present it. We'd prefer not to do that, because people enjoy it and we'd like to keep it at the level we've established it at."

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dents can participate in several ways, including sponsorship possibilities, the purchase of ice sculptures to be placed outside businesses, and attendance at the \$100per-person dinner dance set for Friday, Jan. 17.

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DISTRICT

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The 26-member Bond Steering Committee will condense the information into what they believe are the top priorities for the district. The data will then be presented at a third vision meeting Feb. 3.

The steering committee plans to present the findings to the school board next spring, with the possibility of a bond issue to be decided by voters next fall.

Ryan also suggested early budget planning will be a key in developing next year's budget.

"We need a little more lead time, a lot better planning and enough discussion so the board is informed enough to make the tough decisions they'll have to make," he said. Ryan has already warned that if the state reneges on its promise of a \$200 state foundation increase, which Gov. Jennifer Granholm has already said would happen, and retirement benefits increase, the district could face up to a \$5 million budget deficit.



Rvan

School board President Elizabeth Givens said unlike last year when \$1.2 million in budget cuts were made during the 11th

hour, this year trustees will be better equipped to discuss cuts because budget discussions will begin in February.

"We have a number of employee contracts that have been settled for the next three to four years, so we know today what that's going to cost us next year," she said. "That gives us a good feel and helps us with the planning." Ryan, who was appointed superintendent Dec. 10, said while the next six months are key, so is putting together a long-range plan.

"A lot is going to focus on finance, and a lot on the building program," he said. "When does the growth stop? We never want to have too many buildings. We need to look at new buildings, and additions to

buildings, so we can continue to comfortably teach kids and

attract people (to the district). "The outreach will be a big piece of this future," added Ryan. "Of course, that means Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton. But, we think Salem and Superior townships are going to become players real quickly as they populate."

Ryan said strategic thinking will determine how the district reaches out.

"I'm talking about partnerships, like we had with Plymouth Township and Isbister Elementary to develop the playground," he said. "Does the township want to do more, and maybe the city?"

Givens said Plymouth-Canton officials want to meet with administrators and elected officers from Salem and Superior townships to discuss future growth in student population.

"Are there farmers out there who would like to deed land to the district?" Givens asked. "We don't need it today, but someday we're going to need land." tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 459-2700

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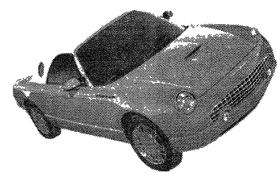
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Clarence Partin

Clarence Partin died Dec. 6 in Ann Arbor. At his request, no services were held, but his children will scatter his ashes over Cumberland Gap, his childhood home.

Born in Middlesboro, Ky., on May 4, 1937, Clarence attended school in Kentucky through fifth grade, then moved to Ann Arbor with his widowed mother, Ella Partin, graduating from Ann Arbor High School in 1955.

On Dec. 6, 1957, he married Evelyn Edna Schorling, whom he met while attending Eastern Michigan University. They had three children: Lynn Diane Partin, born in 1958; Jean Ann Partin, born in 1959; and Gary David Partin, born in 1961.

Mr. Partin graduated from EMU with a bachelor's degree in 1961, and, in 1967, earned a master's degree. He owned the Partin Building Company for several years, then taught industrial arts in the Livonia Public Schools. He was instrumental in developing the building trades program in the Wayne-Westland Public School system, a program that was unique in that it was self-supporting. It taught high school students to build homes that the school district then sold to support the costs of the next year's program.

Mr. Partin had a wide range of interests, including covered bridges, old barns, antique tools and collecting and restoring antique cars. In college he raced his stock car, Number 139, on the track at Flat Rock.

Mr. Partin was preceded in death by his father, Jesse Partin; his mother, Ella Mae Bennett Partin Ludwig and her husband Louis Karl Ludwig; his aunt Cassie Deon Brassfield and her husband Eugene Brassfield; and his brothers Johnny King Partin and Walden Partin.

He is survived by his daughters, Lynn (Bill Holmes) Partin of Portland, Ore., and Jean Partin of Dover, N.H.,; son Gary (Victoria) Partin and grandchildren Brandon and Magen Partin, all of Canton.

Memorial contributions should be sent to the charity of one's choice.

Patricia Ruth (Miller) Moody

A memorial service for Patricia Moody, 71, of Livonia, was held Jan. 3, 2003 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton, which included the bagpiper from the St. Andrews Society of Detroit.

Mrs. Moody died Dec. 22,

Mrs. Moody was preceded in death by her sister, Elizabeth (Miller) Granger; and brother,

Survivors include beloved

Leo Miller.

husband, William H. Moody; daughter, Suzanne Burnett (Calmes) Stewart; son-in-law, Craig Stewart and their daughters, Jessica Lauren Calmes and Amy Burnett Calmes of Canton; sons, David Scott Moody and his children, Joshua David Moody and Angelica Christine Moody; son, Steven Blair Moody; brother, Jack Miller, Richard Miller, L. Greg Miller; sisters, Rosemary Million, and Margaret Watson. Lula E. Berry Services for Lula Berry, 89, of Plymouth, were held Dec. 28 at

the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Mrs. Berry was born July 10, 1913 in Traverse City and died Dec. 25 in Garden City. She

worked on the assembly line at the Burroughs Corp. of Plymouth for 33 years, retiring in 1975. She came to the Plymouth Township community in 1978 from Plymouth. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth and the Vivian Auxiliary of the Plymouth Elks. She enjoyed ceramics and had a cottage in East Tawas. Mrs. Berry was preceded in death by her husband of 49

years, Arthur W. Berrv. Survivors include nieces,

Janet Gennette of St. Clair Shores and Wanda Krause of Arizona; nephew, Jerry Harder of Plymouth; and several other nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Elks or the First United Methodist

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Robert W. Lyttle

Church of Plymouth.

Private services for Robert Lyttle, 79, of Plymouth were held Dec. 27 at the Trinity

Evangelical Presbyterian Church with the Rev. William C. Moore officiating.

Mr. Lyttle was born Dec. 16, 1923 in Manistee and died Dec. 22 in Plymouth. He was a manager for the phone company. He was a member of Trinity **Evangelical Presbyterian** Church and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Survivors include wife, Carol E. Lyttle of Plymouth; son, Marshall J. Lyttle of New York; son, Stephen (Tracy) Lyttle of Mt. Pleasant; son, James (Sheryl) Lyttle of St. Helen; daughter, Barbara (Gary) Price of Bourbon, Ind.; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

James A. Barclay

Services for James Barclay, 88, of Plymouth, were held Dec. 31 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev.

Elias Salomon officiating. Mr. Barclay was born Oct. 24 1914 in Belfast, Ireland and died Dec. 28 in Livonia. He was self-employed for more than 50 years with the Barclay Painting and Decorating Company. He came to the United States from Belfast, Ireland, living in Detroit and then Plymouth in recent years. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. He was an avid golfer, fisherman and bowling extraordinaire.

Mr. Barclay was preceded in death by his wife, Therese in 1985; and brother, William.

Survivors include sons, Dennis (Linda) Barclay of Tampa, Fla., James (Roberta) Barclay of Macomb Township, Michael (Ruth) Barclay of Mandeville, La.; daughters, Diane (Michael) Neal of Plymouth, Suzanne Barclay of Clinton Township, and Joanne (Larry) Reichert of Gaylord; 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; sisters, Margaret **Edds of Farmington and Jesse** Lindstorm of Wixom; and brother, David Barclay of San Jose, Calif.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48164-5010.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Dearborn Heights.

Jacqueline M. Kropornicki Services for Jacqueline Kropornicki, 58, of Plymouth were held Dec. 28 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John J Sullivan officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in

March 9, 1944 in Detroit and died Dec. 24 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Kropornicki was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Mrs. Kropornicki was preceded in death by her mother,

Mrs. Kropornicki was born

Irene Seasock, and nephew Scott. Survivors include husband, Edward Kropornicki of Plymouth; father, Walter J.

Seasock; sister, Joyce (Jim) Peeling of Canton; brother, David (Cheryl) Seasock of Inkster; and nieces and nephews, Kristine, Shaun and Matthew. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospices of Henry

Ford-Plymouth Team, P.O. Box 02220, Detroit, MI 48202-0220. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

William N. Whitely Services for William Whitely,

80, of Plymouth were held Dec. 31 at Schrader-Howell Funeral

Home with the Rev. Paul Pakizer officiating. Burial was at Knollwood Cemetery in Canton. Mr. Whitely was born Feb. 20, 1922 in Axtol, Ky. and died

Dec. 28 in Livonia. He was a furniture finisher for Smith Furniture Co. (formerly Tyner Co.) in Ypsilanti. He was married to wife Bertha for 22 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1980 from Ypsilanti. He loved fishing and doing carpentry work for people. He was a great handyman. He loved to garden and had a green thumb when it came to flowers. Survivors include wife,

Bertha of Plymouth; daughter, Donna Conley of Indiana, son, Ronald Whitely of Oklahoma; brother, Paul Whitely of Louisville, Ky.; sister, Ann Abrams of Louisville, Ky.; and many nieces and nephews. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral

Home.

Robert E. Whyman

Services for Robert Whyman, 65, of Plymouth were held Jan. 3 at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Hice and the Rev. Arthur Spafford officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Whyman was born July 8, 1937 in Lincoln, Neb. and died Dec. 29 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He was a retired salesman for an automobile supplier. He was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and the Wally Byam Caravan Club, International. He was a graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

Mr. Whyman was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret Whyman, and parents, Marvin and Roberta (Stevenson) Whyman.

Survivors include wife, Rosalie M. Whyman of Plymouth; children, Deborah Whyman of Canton, David (Suzanne) Whyman of Rochester Hills, and Daniel Whyman of Farmington Hills; and 13 grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home.

Aiden White

Services for Aiden White, 4 mos., of Plymouth will be held at a later date.

Aiden was born Aug. 16, 2002 and died Dec. 29. Aiden's mother is a teacher at Jefferson Elementary School in Redford. Survivors include parents, Andrew (Kristen) White of

Plymouth; grandparents, John (Deanah) White of Ann Arbor and Bob (Sue) Peterson of Plymouth; uncle, Ethan White of Chicago; and aunt, Shruthi Reddy of Chicago. Memorial contributions may

be made to the Aiden White Memorial Fund, c/o Mr. and Mrs. John White, 1633 Marian, Ann Arbor, MI. 48103.

Arrangements made by

Schrader-Howell Funeral

Home.

Thomas Harry Stickney Services for Thomas Stickney, 93, of Otsego Lake were held Dec. 30 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Doc Ortman officiat-

ing. Burial was at Oak Grove

Mr. Stickney was born Jan.

Cemetery in Manistee.

21, 1909 in Saginaw and died Dec. 24 at Angela Hospice. Mr. Stickney, a Plymouth resident since 1946, was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. He was a former member of the Canton Township School Board. He had been a chief procurement inspector for the U.S. Navy. His hobbies included gemstone collecting and polishing, fishing, hunting, gardening, skiing and ice skating. He also belonged to a stock investment club. Mr. Stickney was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Garnet E. Stickney of Otsego

Lake. Survivors include daughter, Kathleen A. (Ron) Hees of Gaylord; son, Thomas M.

(Catherine) Stickney of Howell; brother, James Gordon Stickney of Birmingham; sister, Mary Leona Robertson of Gladwin; granddaughters, Cherie Lynn Pizzala, Heather Lee Shahan, and Hilary Ann Petersberger; grandson, Thomas Daniel Stickney, and Steven Edward Drotar; greatgrandson, Christopher Shehan; and many nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Road, Livonia,

Gertrude Concilla Services for Gertrude

MI 48155-5010.

Concilla, 90, of Kearny, Mich., were held Dec. 31 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Jack H. Baker officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Mrs. Concilla was born June 21, 1912 in Germany and died

Arrangements made by

Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Medical Care Facility. She was a retired laboratory aide. Mrs. Concilla was preceded in death by her husband, John Concilla; and daughters,

Dec. 29 at Meadowbrook

Gertrude M. Walsh, and Sally Concilla. Survivors include daughter, Mary Lou Concilla of Plymouth; son, Kurt J. Concilla, Sr. of Marquette; five grandchildren; and two greatgrandchildren. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

Northville Genealogical Society

Ellen Oliver Smith, Ph.D., will present "Dear Ones at Home: The Letters of Helen Marie Noye Hoyt, Civil War Nurse." Learn first-hand what life was like during that critical time in our history. Being held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12 at the Northville District Library.

Bowling for KIDZ

The New Hope Center for Grief Support's KIDZ program needs your support and all you have to do is bowl. Bring your children, family and friends to our first "Cereal Bowl" at Novi bowl at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19. The \$25 per adult includes shoes, two games, good and fun for all. Call (248) 348-0115 for registration.

Auditions

Whistle Stop Players auditions for children age six and up for the spring touring production of "Famous Folk Tales from Around the World" from 6:30-8 p.m. Jan. 12 and Jan. 16. Come one night for the free 90-minute audition workshop. Call (734) 416-4278 for further information.

Computer Class

Plymouth Library is holding a class on "Basic Internet" from 7-8:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 9. This will help computer users learn the basics of using the Internet. Includes explanation of terms, use of a browser and utilizing search engines on the World Wide Web. Participants should be comfortable with the Microsoft Windows basics and using a mouse.

Storytime

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

"Sandwich" Generation Classes
The "sandwich" generation are people caring for both children and aging parents. The Bynum's will present a class with the help of professionals in elder law, adult day care, hospice, licensed home for aging, home health care. Class begins Jan. 8 and continues for 10 weeks from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Call (734) 453-5280 for info.

Investing in Today's Market

Financial adviser Rick Bloom returns to the Plymouth Library to again share his view of the present financial climate. Being held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7 and 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8. As the host of the WXYT radio program, "Money Talk," Rick created the longest running financial talk show in Detroit history. Space is limited so call (734) 453-0750, ext. 4, to register today.

today. Road Raily

The Canton Thunderbird Softball Inc. Girls Fast Pitch organization is holding a Road Rally on Feb. 8, 2003. Deadline



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On solid ice

Denise Tetlow laces up ice skates for daughter Brianna, 4, at the Plymouth Cultural Center recently. The family (along with son Austin, 5) was there for an open skate.

to enter is Feb. 6. cost is \$25/person which includes meal and prizes. for further information contact Mike Roberts at (734) 397-1355 or check the website at

thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com. **Tai Chi Classes**

The Taoist Tai Chi Society is forming new beginner Tai Chi classes starting Monday, Jan 6 at 7 p.m. in Livonia and 7:30 p.m. in Bloomfield Hills. Afternoon classes available in Livonia, mornings in Farmington. Observers welcome. For more info, call (248) 332-1281.

Ice Carving Class

The Plymouth Ice Festival is coming soon. To provide "ice time" for those inspired, the PCAC is hosting an ice-carving workshop on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003. Instructors from Henry Ford Community College will be on hand to lead participants through this three-hour introduction to creating ice sculptures. Cell the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278 early to reserve your spot and for further information.

PCAC 70s Bash Tickets Special Christmas pricing on tickets

for the PCAC's annual dinner, dance and auction to be held Friday, March 14, 2003 at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth. By purchasing tickets before Jan. 1, PCAC members will save \$10 per person or \$15 per person for a table of 10. Nonmembers save \$10 per person on a table of 10. To purchase tickets, "donate an auction item or help the planning

committee, call the Arts Council at

(734) 416-4278.

Spring Youth Soccer Registration
The entire month of January at the
Recreation Office of the City of
Plymouth during business hours, 8
a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through
Friday. All registrations require a
birth certificate. Call (734) 455-6620

Nursery Registration

for further information.

Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op has openings for 3-4 year olds. One to three days per week. School located on Sheldon road in Canton. Call (734) 455-6250 or (734) 453-0595 for more information.

Plymouth Symphony Plymouth Symphony

Plymouth Symphony League is launching the 2003 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale. The cost is \$30. Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016.

Entertainment Book Sale

Plymouth Optimists selling the 2003 books with all proceeds helping children throughout southeast Michigan. Book offers up to 50% savings on dining and fast foods, theater, sports, travel, services and more. Price is \$30 and are home delivered. Call Bill at (734) 453-8253.

CLUBS

RPW

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Atlantis Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road. Guests are welcome. In January our speaker is Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes. For more info and dinner reservations, contact Mary Brooks at (734) 420-0320.

SEPAC

Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators, SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) meets every second Monday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at Discovery Middle School in Canton. On Jan. 13, the topic "Frustration, Anxiety, Tension" is being presented by Lori Parks, Plymouth-Canton Teacher Consultant for Inclusion. For additional information, please contact Rich Ham-Kucharski (734) 844-1714.

Plymouth VFW

Fish frys continue every Friday from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The price is only \$7 at the Plymouth VFW, 1426 S. Mill.

MOPS-Plymouth

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

Colonial Kiwanis

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

PLYMOUTH FIRE LOG

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between Dec. 23-31:

■ Tuesday, Dec. 31 — Vehicle fire on M-14 east of Beck; open burning fire on Schoolcraft; commercial rescue runs on Haggerty and on Ann Arbor Road; residential rescue runs on Morgan and on Union; rescue on Fleet.

■ Monday, Dec. 30 — Residential rescue runs on Deer Court, on Northville, on Sheridan and on Jener; vehicle

accident with wash-down on
Ann Arbor Road west of Ridge.

Sunday, Dec. 29 —
Residential rescue runs on

Shadywood, on Deer, on
Northville and on Haggerty;
commercial rescue run on
Lilley.

Saturday, Dec. 28 —

Investigation on Pilot; residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Holbrook, on Huntington, on Greenview and on Northville.

Friday, Dec. 27 — Rescue

■ Friday, Dec. 27 — Rescue on Haggerty; vehicle fire on northbound I-275 at Ann Arbor Road; rescue run at a public building on Ann Arbor Road; commercial rescue runs on S. Main and on 5 Mile; residential

rescue runs on Starkweather, on Morgan, on Postiff, on Park

Place and on Haggerty.

Thursday, Dec. 26 — Three rescue runs at a public building on 5 Mile; residential rescue runs on Shadywood, on Russet and on Dorian; carbon monox-

Residential rescue runs on Newporte and on South; investigation on Pointe Crossing; rescues on westbound M-14 at Beck and on Beck; commercial rescue runs on Haggerty.

ide detector on Plymouth Way.

Carbon monoxide detector run on Newporte; residential rescue run on Ann Arbor Trail and on Karmada; special run on Beck; vehicle accidents on Quail Circle and on Joy; commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Trail and on Penniman.

Monday, Dec. 23 —
Residential rescue runs on
Northville, on Lexington, on
Purcell and on Filmore; vehicle
accident at Sheldon and
Lexington; rescue runs at a
public building on Ann Arbor
Road; investigation on eastbound M-14 near Sheldon;
commercial rescue runs on
Haggerty and on Main.



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JOINT CARE IN WINTER

Just as you ready your car for winter, so should you take the same care with your joints. Each year you read again that to prepare for winter your car needs antifreeze, a radiator flush, new windshield wiper blades and window fluid, a change 10W-30 oil, etc. So will this column repeat again the precautions you should take to prepare and protect your joints through the cold weather. The repetition never hurts and reminds us what we should already know.

First, keep your joints, particularly your impaired joints, warm. Don't go out in the cold without your gloves or mittens. Don't step outside to get the paper without wearing gloves. If you must take off your glove to open a car door, make sure you can put the glove on again quickly. Wear boots. If your arthritis makes it difficult to put on the boots, then find the best combination of shoe to boot to ease the difficulty. Look for light-weight coats to lessen the burden of wearing the extra garment, compensate for a light jacket by warming up the car before getting in. If you can afford it, install a remote control starter for your car.

If you have arthritis in your knees and ankles, accept that under icy conditions, it may be best that you don't go out until conditions clear. Or, if such a storm is coming, cut short your activities and get home immediately. Don't be vain, use a cane. For winter, a four pronged quad cane is preferable to the usual rubber tipped variety.

In short: for winter, keep warm and walk with care and caution.

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WAYNE WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2003

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a special election for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will be held in the School District on Tuesday, February 18, 2003.

Act 451. Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, provides in part that the inspectors of election at an annual or special election shall not receive the vote of a person residing in a registration school district whose name is not registered as an elector in the city or township in which the person resides.

The last day for receiving registrations for the special election will be Tuesday, January 21, 2003. Persons registering after the clerks' office closes on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, will not be eligible to vote at the special election. Persons planning to register must determine when the clerks' offices will be open for registration.

Only persons who have registered as general electors with the appropriate clerk of the city or township in which they reside, or by registration through a Secretary of State driver's license bureau, are registered school electors.

The following proposal will be submitted to the electors at the election on Tuesday, February 18, 2003.

SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, County of Wayne, Michigan, be authorized to levy 1.00 mill to create a sinking fund for the purpose of the construction or repair of school buildings, the improvement and development of sites and purchasing real estate for sites for school buildings, and, to the extent permitted by law, purchasing technology equipment and buses, by increasing the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the School District for a period of ten (10) years, being the years 2003 to 2012, inclusive? It is estimated that 1.00 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) would raise approximately \$2.3 million in the first year that it is levied.

(Under state law, sinking fund proceeds may not be used to pay

teacher or administrator salaries.)

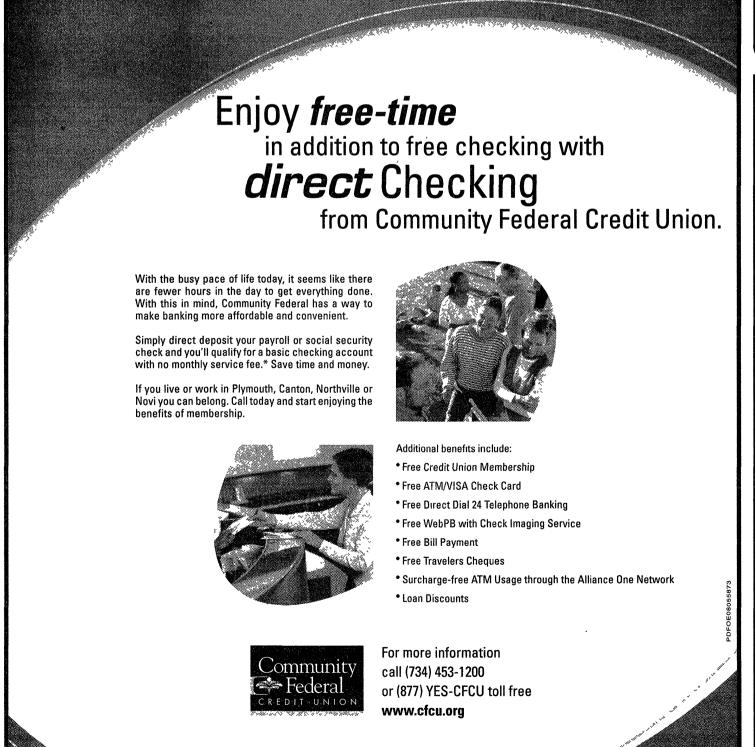
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MARTHA PITEENBARGER, Secretary Board of Education

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Robert Ficano takes office as new Wayne County Executive

Robert Ficano took the oath of office Thursday to become Wayne County's third chief executive.

Ficano took the oath and gave his inaugural address on the steps of the Old Wayne County Building in downtown Detroit.

Outgoing County Executive

Edward H. McNamara did not attend the ceremony. McNamara and his administration is currently under investigation by a federal grand jury. McNamara has called the investigation politically motivated.

Ficano of Livonia pledged a "fresh start." He pledged to run an administration for the benefit of all residents.

The former sheriff faces serious budget problems, with a budget

deficit estimated between \$30 million and \$50 million. He has already announced pay cuts for several department heads appointed during the McNamara Administration.

In an interview with the Observer, Ficano said he would be looking at streamlining county operations, including eliminating some positions.

He also promised a more open process for awarding government contracts.

"We want to make sure that even if you bid for a contract that you don't get, you walk away and feel you had a

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On Friday, Ficano held a luncheon at the Hyatt Regency for elected officials, business, labor and community leaders. Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and newly elected Wayne County Commission Chair

Jewel Ware were expected to participate.

Ware, D-Detroit, was unanimously elected chairman of the Wayne County Commission Thursday.

She called for a "new spirit of cooperation between the legislative and executive branches of PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER county govern-Ficano gives his inaugural address before a ment." She called Ficano, "a man of integrity and abil-

ity." Ware replaces Ricardo Solomon of Detroit as chairman.

A family fun day was scheduled for Saturday at the Parade Company in Detroit, where the floats for the annual Thanksgiving Day Parade are stored.

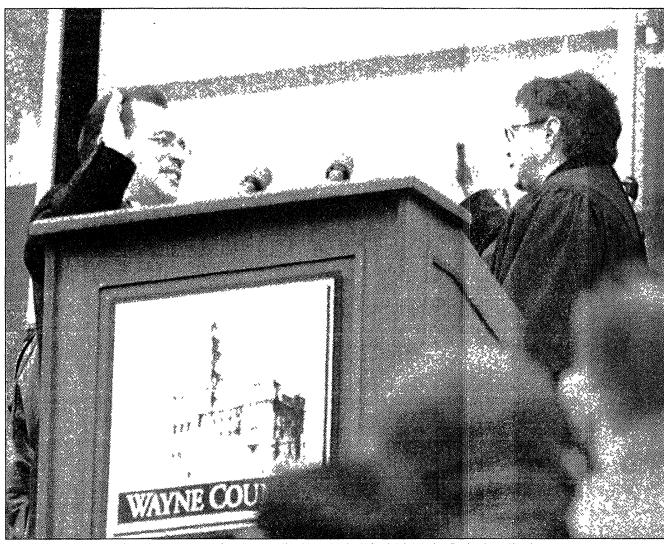
This Wednesday at noon Ficano hosts a Senior Citizens Luncheon at the Hyatt. Tickets are free but required.

An inaugural evening is planned for 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The evening is black-tie optional and open to the

community. Tickets are \$50 even and available from the Ficano Inaugural Committee office, (734)354-3603 and Ticketmaster locations.



A hearty crowd turned out Thursday for Ficano's inauguration at the Wayne County Building.



Robert Ficano was sworn in as the new Wayne County Executive Thursday by U.S. District Judge Denise Page Hood.

Registration opens for CES winter classes

chilly crowd in front of the Wayne County

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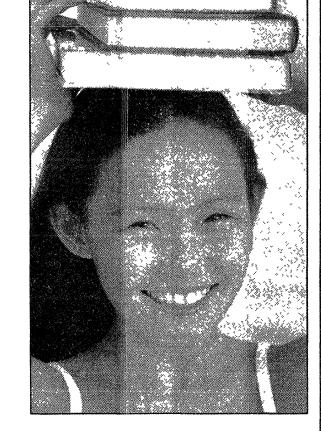
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FROSTED CRANBERRY-CHERRY PIE

1 (15-ounce) package Pillsbury Refrigerated Pie Crusts, softened as directed on package

1 (21-ounce) can cherry

pie filling 1 (16-ounce) can whole cranberry sauce 3 tablespoons cornstarch ¼ teaspoon cinnamon

Glaze and Topping ½ cup powdered sugar 1 tablespoon light corn

syrup 3 to 4 teaspoons water ¼ cup almond slices, if



Prepare pie crust as directed on package for two-crust pie using 9-inch glass pie pan.

Heat oven to 425°F. In large bowl, combine all filling ingredients. Spoon into crust-lined pan. Top with second crust; seal edges and flute. Cut slits in places in top crust.

Bake at 425°F for 40 to 50 minutes until crust is golden brown. Cover edge of crust with strips of foil after 15 to 20 minutes of baking to prevent excessive browning.

Remove pie from oven. Immediately in small bowl combine powdered sugar, corn syrup and enough water for desired drizzling consistency. Drizzle over hot pie. Decorate or sprinkle with almonds. Cool at least one hour before serving. Makes 8 servings

📖 Indoor tailgating

Are you planning a Super Bowl Party? Have a great casserole recipe to share? Join our team of Hometown Cooks and send your suggestions and recipes to: Keely Kaleski, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or e-mail

kkaleski@oe.homecomm.net or fax (248) 644-1314. If your recipe is chosen, you and your family could be featured in an upcoming edition of

Shopping tip

When you want a crunchy snack, try soy nuts. "They contain 60 percent less fat than peanuts, and soy in the diet has been linked to lowering heart disease risks, reducing menopausal symptoms, protecting against cancer and building stronger bones," said Gail Posner, a registered dietitian at Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling in West Bloomfield. GeniSoy soy nuts come in four flavors - unsalted, salted, barbecue and hickory smoked. A 1-ounce serving of soy nuts (about 120 nuts) is 120 calories with 2 grams of fat, 5 grams of fiber and 12 grams of protein.



Comfort Soothe sniffles
with good for
WILANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

January and February are peak
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anuary and February are peak months for colds and flu, and homemade soup, especially chicken, along with plenty of rest and fluids, will make you feel better.

"Moms know best and chicken or vegetable soup is good for colds or the flu," said Mary Keats, a grandmother of 22 from Farmington. "Trust me, when you're sick you need fluids and soup has the nutrition that

Keats makes her soups from scratch. She simmers vegetables like spinach, carrots and broccoli in water with seasonings to make vegetable broth. To turn the vegetable broth into chicken soup she cooks a whole chicken and adds some of the pan juices to the broth, cooked chicken, garlic and thin noodles.

"And it has to be hot – burn the flu right out of you. When the grandkids are sick, I make soup with a lot of spinach. I take the spinach out after it simmers for one hour because little kids don't like the soggy leaves."

When making broth, keep sodium to a minimum to make it healthy. Use good spices instead, said Alex Slutsky of Omelet & Waffle Cafe in Plymouth. Slutsky makes three to five new soups every day.

"I make it from scratch, just like home," he said. "Soup should be packed with a lot of vegetables, if you do that, it will be healthy and taste

good." For example, for his pasta vegetable soup, Slutsky starts by cooking carrots and potatoes. Then he adds cauliflower, cabbage, broccoli and tomatoes. "Just keep adding vegetables and simmer."

Franco Gorlando, owner and chef of Franco's Cafe in Troy, loves to talk about soup. Food is his life, he says. He was born and raised in Sicily and also lived in Milano so he's been trained in northern and southern Italian cooking. He uses both influences for soups at his Troy restaurant.

For hardy soup on a cold winter's day, Gorlando recommends Sicilian Wedding Soup.

"The base is chicken (or beef) and then add very small browned meatballs," he said. "Small enough so there's many in every bowl. Then add just a little bit of greens, not a lot. Just whatever you have - like spinach."

Turn to Naples, Italy, for inspiration when looking for a unique soup such as Stracciatelle, which is made with a chicken base. Gorlando adds whisked eggs to the broth, Romano cheese, and pieces of cooked chicken breast that are ripped apart, not cut. Staccigella, after all, means to rip away. The eggs, cheese, chicken and broth are simmered together to make a very

thick soup. Soup can be easy, said Slutsky, if you have a good basic recipe. Use pinches of fresh chopped garlic, thyme, rosemary or ginger for flavoring. Tomatoes are good to start a basic broth and can be used for almost any soup. Studies have shown that onions, garlic, chives and ginger can help alleviate cold and flu symp-

Slutsky uses traditional, but fresh ingredients for his soups.

"The easiest soup is chicken noodle," he said. "It's not really fast, but it's simple."

Looking for natural cold or flu remedies? Try the following:

Kleenex offers Mom's Remedies on its Web site www.kleenex.com/us/coldflu/2003/r emedies.asp.

■ Hot lemon with honey and other "cold comforts" can be found at www.pioneerthinking.com/coldandflu.html.

Special crisp, fruity winter white wines from Alsace

inot grigio is the popular white wine grown in the northern Italian wine regions of the Alto

For soup recipes

Taste, Page B2.

see inside.

Adige and Friuli. The same grape variety, grown in France's Alsace region, is known as pinot gris. Alsace is famed for its delicious, fruity white wines that are labeled with the grape variety and must contain 100 percent of the named grape.

White wines from Alsace are frequently sweet and expensive, but one of our favorite producers, F.E. Trimbach, is known for its reasonably priced, dry, crisp, fruity wines that harmonize well with food. Drystyle Alsace wines are particularly satisfying in winter as we pull away from the heavy meals consumed during the holidays and seek to satisfy our need to return to lighter

"Alsace Pinot Gris is the up and



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

coming white grape varietal," proprietor Hubert Trimbach said.

"It has structure, freshness, purity and body, all achieved without oak aging. The pure fruit character of the wine is maintained with refreshing acidity that makes it such a great accompaniment to food." His words can be "tasted" in the dry 2001 Trimbach Pinot Gris Reserve \$19.

ALSACE AND FOOD

The people of Alsace know how to

cook exceptional food. Of the 20 Michelin Guide three-star restaurants in France, three are located in Alsace, along with four two stars and 26 one star. This is where the wines of Alsace are paired with great French cuisine.

Some of the all-star chefs of Alsace have been drawn to U.S. shores, where they continue to provide great wine and food experiences. Chicago's Everest restaurant is owned by Jean Joho. New York's Jean-Georges is owned by Jean-Georges Vongerichten while Hubert Keller operates Fleur de Lys in San Francisco.

Other wines of Trimbach include pinot blanc, the perfect introduction to Alsace wines. Light, versatile and suitable for all occasions. The 2001 Trimbach Pinot Blanc \$13

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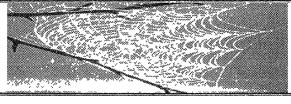
WINE PICKS

Some of today's most flavorful red wines come from Italy. The following are the "hits" from our recent tasting.

- Picks of the pack: 1999 Borgo Scopeto Chianti Classico Misciano \$35 and 1999 Borgo Scopeto Borgonero Toscana
- Excellent: 1999 Caparzo Ca del Pazzo Toscana Montalcino \$35 and 2000 Caparzo Rosso di Montalcino
- Very good: 1999 Borgo Scopeto Chianti Classico Reserva \$28; 1999 Borgo Scopeto Chianti Classico \$20; and 2000 Rosso Caparzo Sangiovese Toscana

All wines mentioned are available in the metro Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

Are there cobwebs on your cultural calendar?



Turn to today's ARTS section. Get inspired with ideas for some worthwhile things to do.

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makes a wonderful aperitif or is perfect with fish, seafood and poultry.

Gewurztraminer (spicy traminer) is the Alsace wine that pairs exceptionally well with Asian-inspired food, especially sushi.

Try the 1999 Trimbach Gewurztraminer \$19 with Indian food, too.

"Riesling is still the pinnacle of quality in Alsace," said Trimbach.

"It is delicate with a nervy acidity and surprising longevity. The 1997 Trimbach Riesling Cuvee Frederic Emile \$40 is reminiscent of fresh apples and pears with a mineral note in the finish."

The 2001 Trimbach Riesling \$19, at a more modest price, is also quite delicious.

TRIMBACH TRADITION

In 1626, the Trimbach family

began making wines in the town of Ribeauville in the heart of Alsace.

The thirty of Alsace.

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The tradition of producing dry white wines has been passed from father to son for 12 generations. Today, Trimbach is still family-owned and operat-

In An Encyclopedia of the Wines and Domaines of France, Clive Coates, Master of Wine, recommends nine Alsace producers with one-star, three with two stars, but only one with three stars and that's Trimbach.

"Trimbach is at the summit of dry white winemaking," Coates wrote.

This firm has no ambition to be the biggest in Alsace: merely the best. Even the basic pinot blanc is one of the best aperitif wines on the market."

The Healds are Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, food, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave them a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864#.

VEGETABLE BROTH

3 carrots, chopped 10 sprigs cilantro ½ head broccoli, chopped

2 cups green cabbage, chopped 1 can (12 ounces) whole canned tomatoes

2 leeks (white parts only), chopped

1/2 pound string green beans $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon dried thyme or 4 sprigs fresh

12 cups water

Put water and all the vegetables and spice except tomatoes and green beans in a pot and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer 30 minutes. Add tomatoes and beans and simmer 30 minutes. Remove from heat and strain vegetables out of broth. Press down very gently on the tomatoes and leek to help seep out the flavorful juices. Drink broth plain or return the all the vegetables back into the pot and serve hot.

Recipe from the American Institute for Source: www.cooksrecipes.com Cancer Research

STRACCIATELLE (ITALIAN EGG DROP SOUP)

6 cups chicken broth

2 large eggs 2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan (or Romano)

2 tablespoons semolina (farina or Cream of Wheat), optional 5 ounces (half a 10-ounce pack-

age), frozen chopped spinach,

thawed and well drained

Have soup simmering gently. Beat eggs lightly in a bowl with grated cheese and semolina, if you opt to use it. Slowly stir in one cup of the hot broth and mix until blended. If you are using spinach, add it to the simmering soup and cook for 2 minutes. Bring soup to a gentle boil and beat in egg mixture with a fork so it breaks into clumps. Let cook gently for another two to three minutes and serve immediately.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

MISO SOUP WITH GARLIC AND GINGER

½ pound carrots, peeled 3 each green onions for garnish 1 teaspoon canola oil 1-1/2 cups vellow onion.1/4-inch dice 2 tablespoon ginger, minced 1 tablespoon garlic, minced ½ qt vegetable stock 8 oz package tofu, thinly sliced

and baked 3/4 pound bok choy, 1" pieces ^a/₂ tablespoons red Miso 2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar toasted sesame seeds

Thinly slice carrots and green onions (green part) at an angle. Heat oil over medium heat. Sauté onion, ginger and garlic until onions are translucent. Add stock, tofu, carrots and bok choy, and

bring to a boil. Simmer three minutes. Dissolve miso into 1 cup of broth. Add back to soup and stir in. Remove soup from heat, stir in vinegar. Serve with white or brown rice and garnish with green onions and toasted sesame seeds.

HOMEMADE CHICKEN BROTH

6 pounds whole chicken legs 8½ cups water

4 cups carrot juice 1 cup low-sodium mixed vegetable juice

2 large onions, unpeeled and halved 2 large carrots, peeled and thickly sliced

1 large leek, white and tender green part, thinly sliced 2 celery stalks, thinly sliced 8 garlic cloves, unpeeled 3/4 teaspoon rosemary ¾ teaspoon thyme

10 sprigs of parsley 2 bay leaves

Preheat oven to 450°F. Spread chicken legs in large roasting pan and roast until browned and crisp, about 30 minutes. With tongs or a slotted spoon, transfer chicken to a large stockpot. Pour off all fat from roasting pan and pour ½ cup of water into pan, scraping up any browned bits clinging to roasting pan. Add these juices to stockpot along with chicken. Add remaining 2 quarts water, carrot juice and mixed vegetable juice, and bring to a boil over high heat, skimming off foam as it rises to surface. Continue skimming until no foam remains. Add onions, carrots, leek, celery, garlic, rosemary, thyme, parsley and bay leaves. Return to a boil, continuing to skim any foam that rises. Reduce heat to low and simmer until broth is rich and flavorful, about 2 hours. Strain broth and discard solids, Refrigerate and remove fat that solidifies on surface. Refrig-

RED PEPPER & BLACK BEAN SOUP WITH CILANTRO-CREAM SWIRL

The flavors of the Southwest are combined in this elegant, beautiful soup, spicy with

cayenne and black pepper. ½ cup (loosely packed) cilantro

¼ cup reduced-fat sour cream 1 tablespoon skim milk

5 large red bell peppers, cut lengthwise into flat panels 1½ teaspoon Whole Foods Organic

Extra Virgin Olive Oil 2 large onions, sliced 3 garlic cloves, sliced

3/4 teaspoon salt ¼ teaspoon black pepper 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

2½ cups water 1 can (10-1/2 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained

Preheat broiler. Meanwhile, in food processor or blender, puree cilantro, sour cream and milk. Transfer to a bowl and chill until serving time. Place bell pepper pieces, skin-side up, in a single layer on a jelly-roll pan and broil 4" to 5" from heat for 10 minutes, until peppers are tender and lightly charred. Remove from heat and let cool; peel off skins. In Dutch oven, heat oil over medium-high heat. Stir in onions, garlic, salt, black pepper and cayenne, and sauté until onions are softened slightly, about two minutes. Add bell peppers and water to pan; cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until peppers and onions are very tender, about 10 minutes. In food processor or blender, puree soup. Return puree to saucepan. Add beans and cook over medium heat until warmed through. Ladle soup into bowls and top each serving with

Source: www.wholefoods.com

some of cilantro cream.

American Pilaf healthy one-pot meal

erate for up to 3 days or freeze for

longer storage.

The holidays are over and once again, it's time to resolve to eat more health-

New studies show that one in four Americans is obese, so the beginning of a new year is a good time to think about how you eat.

The American Institute of Cancer Research recommends an approach called "The New American Plate" that helps people rethink their eating habits, so they can reduce their risk of chronic diseases like cancer, and help maintain a healthy weight.

They advise that vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans should cover two-thirds (or more) of your plate. Animal meats should cover one-third (or less).

An easy way to change over to "The New American Plate" is with a one-pot meal.

This redesigned pilaf, for example, is a tasty, fast onedish meal with the ideal proportions.



AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

New American Pilaf is a tasty, fast one-dish meal made with savory seasonings, chicken and two kinds of rice.

NEW AMERICAN PILAF

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger 1/2 teaspoon ground orange zest 4 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon canola oil, divided

8 oz. skinless, boned chicken breasts, diced

2 large shallots, finely diced

1 cup "wild pecan" rice (or brown rice)

1 cup wild rice 2 1/2-3 cups reduced-sodium,

non-fat chicken broth, divided

1/4 cup finely diced onion 1 cup unsweetened red grape

juice 1/2 cup dried cherries or cranber-

1/2 cup chopped walnuts 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper

1/2 cup diced carrots

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Mix ginger and zest with 1 tea-

spoon oil.

Rub mixture into chicken.

Let stand 30 minutes. In a medium skillet, heat 1 tablespoon oil over medium heat. Add shallots and gently cook

Add pecan rice (or brown rice) and stir until grains are translucent and shiny. Add water as called for in package instruc-

until translucent.

Cook until rice is not quite tender and liquid is nearly completely absorbed.

Remove from heat.

Meanwhile, repeat above process with 1 tablespoon oil,

onion, wild rice and broth. While both rices are cooking,

heat grape juice in a small saucepan until warm.

Remove from heat and add cherries or cranberries.

Let stand about 20 minutes or until fruit is plump. Drain fruit,

place in medium bowl and set aside, reserving juice for another

Toast nuts in a skillet over medium heat, stirring constantly, to bring out their flavor. Remove from the pan promptly and set aside.

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a skillet. Add chicken and sauté, stirring constantly, until lightly browned.

Transfer chicken to a bowl. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in the same skillet until hot. Add bell pepper and sauté until tender-crisp. Transfer pepper to bowl of chick-

Place carrots in skillet with enough broth to barely cover

Cover and simmer gently until tender, about 10 minutes. Drain carrots, reserving liquid.

When both rices are almost but not completely tender, combine them in a large saucepan. Add and mix in fruit, chicken, bell peppers and car-

Cook over low heat until rice is completely tender, adding some of the broth used to cook carrots, if necessary.

Stir to fluff grains.

Turn pilaf into serving dish. Sprinkle top with toasted nuts. Makes 8 servings.

Per serving: 363 calories, 13 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 47 g. carbohydrate, 15 g. protein, 4 g. dietary fiber, 208 mg. sodium.

The American Institute for Cancer Research offers a Nutrition Hotline (800) 843-8114 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This free service allows you to ask a registered dietitian questions about diet, nutrition and cancer. AICR's Web address is www.aicr.org.





Stewart Francke rocks with the Wheel of Life

BY KEELY KALESKI

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STAFF WRITER

Stewart Francke is resuming his life, doing what he likes best making music.

Wheel of Life is Francke's eighth CD in eight years.

'I think it's some of my best work," he said. "It kind of approaches a lot of different places and people. It rocks pretty good."

"I lost the feeling of squeezing my life tightly," goes the title track. "The cost of healing comes upon me nightly. I've tossed the wheel through wind and rain ... It's frightening, but I found faith on the wheel of

He's a survivor, ready to move

'You can't be in a constant state of survival," Francke said.

After being diagnosed with leukemia in June 1998, he established the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation and had a successful stem-cell transplant in October 1998. The foundation raised awareness of

leukemia and helped people living with the disease and those seeking bone marrow matches. Disbanded this year, the foundation has raised almost \$150,000 and given nearly

\$100,000 to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Children's Leukemia Foundation and Gilda's Club. "It's not what happens to you,

it's how you handle it that defines you," Francke said. "I've gone through this, but I want to

get back into the pendulum of life. The musical motif of this CD is there's a lot of good/evil, dark/light. I want people to know — here's what I've been thinking about - I'm just a reg-

ular guy." His is an examined life, an artistic life. He's a singer/songwriter who "works hard to be an accomplished musician," and plays guitar, bass and piano.

"Part of surviving is maintaining rhythm, even if it's an illusion," he said. "These are ongoing conversations between myself and the audience. I want to do shorter records more frequently. Here's what I have to say, check this out, what do you

Francke wants to be entertaining, play music that moves,

rocks, makes you think. He aspires to reach a large audience, works to get his records out and is talking to a distributor in London that's urging him to bring the band over.

He reads a lot. Raymond Carver, Rick Bass, Jim Harrison and John Updike are among his favorite authors.

"I love keeping my ear to the ground, listening to conversations. I listen to music all day the Beach Boys, Marvin Gaye, Joni Mitchell."

The music business is a difficult business, it's hard to get radio on your side, but Francke is optimistic and hopeful.

"Ît's a pretty good job making music," he said. "I'll follow that Bethlehem star and get better at what I do."

here are countless types of filters on the market, many of which are outrageous and needless. But certain filters, used properly, can be

important additions to your photo accessories. They can turn an ordinary picture into something quite special.

Today, I'm

going to dis-

cuss the five

essential fil-

Use filters to make the

ordinary extraordinary

Focus on **Photography**

Monte Nagler

ters for color film, the ones I feel you can put to good use to help get rave reviews for your photo-

graphs. In my next column, I'll talk about the important black and white filters. Polarizers - This is the most essential filter of all. The polar-

izer will reduce reflections, cut through haze, and most important, deepen colors, especially the blue in the sky. Shooting at a right angle

from the sun, a polarizer will dramatically darken the sky for an impact-filled photo. Think of a polarizer as putting a pair of sunglasses on your camera. Skylight – While a skylight

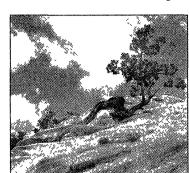
ors, its main function is to protect your lens. Think of it as an inexpensive

filter will slightly warm up col-

"insurance policy" for your expensive lens. Diffusion - A diffusion filter

will make you a hero when photographing the women in your life.

Harsh facial lines will be eliminated and more glamorous shots will result.



While reproduced here in black and white, Monte Nagler effectively used a polarizer filter to darken the blue of the sky and add drama to this photograph taken at Window Rock, Ariz.

Diffusion filters are available in a variety of strengths from a very slight softening effect to extreme diffusion.

Close-up – Most lenses can't focus any closer than a couple of feel so if you want to produce some good, close-ups of flowers, you're just out of luck. A simple solution is a set of closeup filters. It's like placing a magnifying glass on your camera. Sound exciting? It is! Close-up filters come in sets of three allowing you to select whatever strength works best for you.

Colored filters - Orange, red, magenta, any color you want is available.

Colored filters can be used to really spruce up a sunrise or sunset by adding the filter color to the overall scene.

For best results, use slide film and be sure to bracket your exposure.

There you have it. These five filters will help to dramatically improve your photographs.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734)953-2047 on a touch tone phone.

AUDITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

Avon Players

- Auditions for I Hate Hamlet 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the theater, 1185 Washington Road, one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester roads,
- Rochester Hills. Show dates are Feb. 28 to March 15. Call (248) 608-9077 or visit the Web site at www.avonplayers.org.
- Deborah's Stage Door

Auditions for senior show choir (ages 13 and older), junior acting conservatory (ages 7-11), advanced acting conservatory (ages 12 and older), children, junior and senior ballet companies, and competition dance lines (ages 5 and older), at the studio in Rochester Hills. (248) 852-

Farmington Community Chorus

Chorus will hold new-member auditions for its spring session, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 7 and 14, at the William Costick Activities Center on 11 Mile east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Accepting members age 19 and older. Call (248) 471-4516.

Franklin Village Band

Adult musicians from southeastern Michigan may join the Franklin Village Band. All instruments welcome, but there is a special need for flutes and clarinets. The band rehearses Monday evenings in the Franklin Community Church social

hall on Franklin Road. Call Bill Prisk, (248) 474-8869, or Bob Zimmerman, (313) 535-4119.

Livonia Civic Chorus

Looking for people who love to sing and dance for spring concert featuring the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber, basses, tenors, altos to take part in solos, ensembles, dance numbers, and the general chorus, auditions are 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, in the choral room at Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark. Call (734) 422-2589.

Livonia Youth Choir

Auditions for girls and boys (ages 9-13 in grades four-eight) residing in Livonia and surrounding communities 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, boys must have unchanged voices, no appointment necessary, rehearsals begin Monday, Jan. 13. Due to a major change in the structure of the choir, rehearsal groups will be divided along age lines. It will still be one choir that will present concerts together but rehearse separately. For more information or if you can't make the scheduled audition time, call (734) 425-1749.

Novi Civic Center

Auditions for Annie, 4:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, and Thursday, Feb. 6. Check-in starts at 4 p.m. Actors, ages 7 through college age, may audition at 45175 W. 10 Mile. Audition packets available Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the Novi Parks and Recreation desk. (248) 347-0400

Oakland County Office of Arts, Culture &

Seeking proposals from Michigan artists for fine arts exhibition in the Oakland County Galleria, second floor of the executive building, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, (248) 858-0415.

Plymouth Oratorio Society

Rehearsals begin 7:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, selected works are Brahms Requiem and Rutter's O Praise the Lord, no auditions required, scores may be purchased at first rehearsal, at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, west of Canton Center Road, Canton. For performance Sunday, May 18, at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. (734) 455-8353 Plymouth Symphony

Deadline for Treasures Beyond Measure Youth Artist Competition is Jan. 24. Applications available through the Plymouth Symphony. Call (734) 451-2112 for divisions and any additional information. Web site is www.plymouthsympho-

Southfield Presbyterian Church

The directors of Peeking at the Blues (A Tribute to Bessie Smith) and Dance Theater of Michigan are auditioning for dancers, singers, musicians, actors and comedians, 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, 18

and 25, 21575 W. 10 Mile, Southfield, call (248) 552-5001 or (248) 942-3243 for audition appointments and directions. The Community House

Auditions for The Jungle Book 5-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, a one-minute monologue (not necessarily memorized) and a few bars of a favorite song with music will be required, at 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Call (248) 644-5832 for an audition time or more information. Rehearsals begin 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at First Baptist Church in Birmingham. There will be a \$135 fee

for actors who are selected. Village Players

dates.

Auditions for Cyrano De Bergerac 7:30 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Jan. 26-27, at the playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham, For performances March 14 23. (248) 645-1874

The Vocal Arts Ensemble of Michigan A working a cappella Renaissance group in its 11th year is holding auditions for alto, tenor and bass voices. The repertoire is both sacred and secular and interactive with audiences. Call Cindy Keleman at (734) 941-5955 for audition

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Winning couples will be announced in your hometown newspaper Thursday, January 30

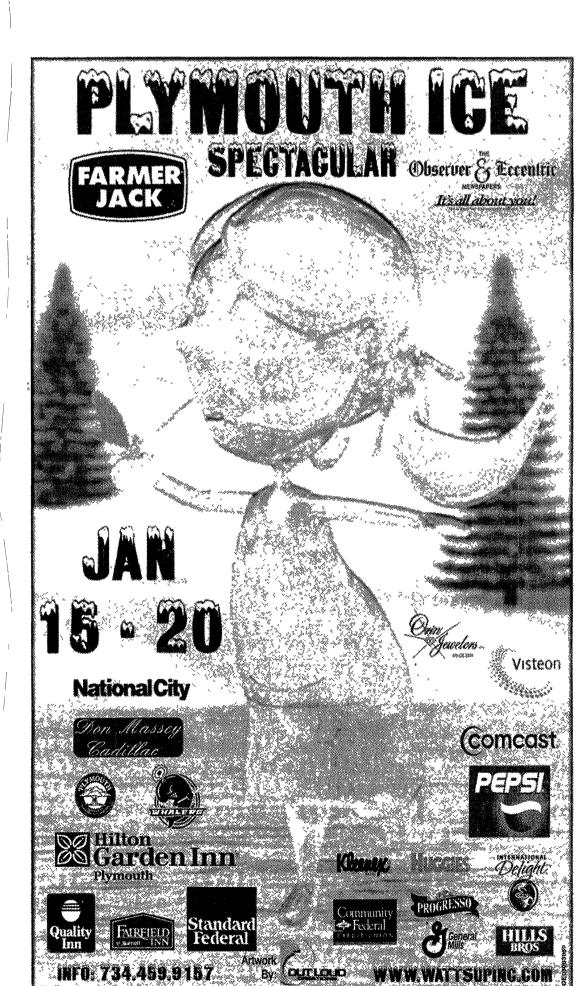












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Make winter vacations family-friendly fun

BY SHARON GITTELMAN CORRESPONDENT

"Are we there yet?"

These four words have mangled the nerves of moms and dads traveling with their children since the dawn of time. Family vacations don't have to be stress-plagued outings. With a little advance planning and some advice from the experts, your next trip together can be an exciting and unforgettable adventure.

Birmingham residents Beth and Scott Rubin heard the dreaded question on more than one occasion when they took a seven-hour road trip to visit a relative in Fond Du Lac, Wis., with sons Jake, 3, and Eli, 14 months.

Beth, a Southfield physician, and Scott, a mortgage processor in Livonia, brought along their niece and nephew, ages 15 and 13, for the ride. "We had tons of CDs for the

teenagers," Beth Rubin said. "They had personal CD players so they could listen to their music when we were listening to Barney."

Rubin said traveling with children has given her a new appreciation for her parents. "They had a few food fights and paper fights, but they were

all great," she said. "The kids slept a lot on the way."

The family minivan offered one benefit Rubin's mom and dad didn't enjoy.

"We have captain's chairs so they can't reach each other," she

Advance planning helped keep the peace on the road.

"We distracted them. We'd pick different things - who's the first to see the American flag, who's the first to see a cow. Fond Du Lac is cow country," she said. "I brought some electronic games for them and we played 'I Spy.' "

Many experts advise parents to put together a travel kit for younger family members. It could include puzzles, books, finger puppets, comic books, crafts, stickers or bubble wands. Ready-made travel kits are available at local bookstores or on the Internet. For teens and tweens, a basketball, jump rope, football or Frisbee will make welcome diversions at rest stops and parks along the

"Before each vacation, I go out and buy a bag full of toys that my children have never seen before," Rubin said.

Are we there BRIDGE REDUCE SPEED BUMP

"They're new and exciting for them to play with." At age 3, Jake is a veteran traveler with several plane trips under his belt, including one to San Diego this summer. Jake didn't leave home unpre-

"We pointed to airplanes we saw in the sky and said we're going up there," Rubin said. Later, I'd overhear him talking to his toys and telling them they were going to San Diego."

RENTING EQUIPMENT

Many parents aren't aware of conveniences airports offer families with young children.

"You can take your stroller right to the gate of your airplane and they will check it like a wheelchair. Then it's waiting for you when you get off the plane," Rubin said. "Once, we rented a DVD player and a few movies at the airport in Florida and we watched them on the plane. They came with a postage paid envelope you could use to send them back via UPS or at your arrival airport's dropoff box.

Some airports and resorts will even rent strollers and other baby and child necessities.

Retired Livonia teacher

new guided tours to Europe

months. Groen, who taught

French at Livonia Stevenson,

was educated in Strasbourg,

France, (east of Paris) and has extensive knowledge of

European culture and cuisine.

and Russia in the coming

Moms and dads can enjoy

some quiet moments, even if they bring their youngsters along when they travel.

"My cousin was a concierge at the hotel we stayed at in San Diego. His hotel had a couple of grandmotherly-type women who came in to the hotel to baby sit," she said. "It was wonderful, it gave us the best of both worlds. We saw all the sites and when the kids conked out, it gave us the chance to have a romantic dinner. Do your research and make sure the hotel is offering a quality service, and then take advantage of it."

Rubin found some vacation spots — including cruises were more kid-friendly than

FAMILY DESTINATIONS

Terry Rotenberg, owner of Gemini Travel in West Bloomfield, lists cruises and resorts among the top choices for family travel.

"You don't have to get up and think, 'What will we do now?' Rotenberg said.

"Families can do things together or one can go to the movies onboard and another can lay in the sun."

Rotenberg followed her own good advice during one of her family's vacations.

"My husband and I took a cruise to the Caribbean with the kids and grandkids to celebrate our 50th anniversary. There were 15 of us altogether," she said. "My kids brought walkie talkies. When they wanted to know where their kids were, they just went on the walkie talkie and asked."

There are several nearby winter resorts that offer exciting family diversions.

"Northern Michigan has so much stuff going on in the wintertime. There is snowshoeing, snowmobiling, ice skating, skiing and other winter sports," Rotenberg

said. "Many resorts also have full-service spas. At resorts like Shanty Creek and Boyne Mountain, there are snowboard obstacle courses, innertube snow runs for kids and sleigh rides."

Wolf Lake Resort in Baldwin offers 600 miles of groomed and marked snowmobile trails and plenty of opportunities to enjoy downhill and crosscountry skiing.

Sometimes, getting there really is half the fun.

"On a plane or in a car, kids have to be sitting still. A train gives them more mobility,' Rotenberg said. "Trains are exciting for children. It's not something they usually do. They have a mystique about them.

The Canadian Snow Train from Sault Ste. Marie to Agawa Canyon is only one of the panoramic winter rail trips families can enjoy.

Rubin said moms and dads shouldn't be afraid of traveling with even the youngest children. "My husband and I both work full time, so vacations are a time for us to be together," she said. "We have memories that will last a life-

Travel-proof your kids

It isn't too soon to start planning a family vacation during winter school break next month. Try these tips when you travel to make vacation fun for everyone in your family: Bring CDs with head-

phones or game players for each child or teen. Taking along extra batteries can save you from a frantic latenight search for a drugstore in an unfamiliar town. Make sure the resort or

cruise you are going to has plenty of separate activities for teens and younger children. On your own, remember one big activity a day is more than enough for the youngest children. Keep younger children

on the same schedule they enjoyed at home. If they normally nap twice a day, they should nap twice a day on the trip. Well-rested children are happy travelers.

Plan your rest stops on car trips, so you can enjoy visiting local amusements along the way.

Make sure your youngsters have their favorite snacks, with both healthy and fun treats.

Bring a first-aid kit along to treat minor cuts and bruises. Don't forget copies of important prescriptions. Discuss with your children the importance of not wandering off in crowded places and make sure to have recent photos of your youngsters in case they don't listen to your advice.

Encourage your children to create a scrapbook on your trip. Bring along crayons or colored pencils so they can add their own artistic renditions of the sites along the way.

02/03 ums winter season UPECONING

Sweet Honey in the Rock with Toshi Reagon



Fri **1/10** 8 pm Michigan Theater • Ann Arboi

The six women of the African-American a cappella group Sweet Honey in the Rock return for their fifth UMS concert, this time joined by founder Bernice Johnson Reagon's daughter, Toshi, and her band, Big Lovely. "The dynamic Toshi Reagon and Big Lovely...nearly blew the roof off with her funk-driven sound rich with lyrics about kindness, compassion, and peace and love." (Boston Globe) Sign language interpreted

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Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company



with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center featuring the Orion String Quartet

Sat 1/118 pm Sun 1/124pm Power Center • Ann Arbor

If music and dance go hand in hand, then live music and dance share a more intimate embrace. Bill T. Jones - named an "irreplaceable dance treasure" in 2000 by the Dance Heritage Coalition – joins forces with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and the Orion String Quartet for a visionary fusion of dance and chamber music. Sponsored by BORDERS [sat 1/11]

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blessing the boats A solo performance written and conceived by Sekou Sundiata



blessing the boats, a sequence of poems, prose and monologues derived from stand-up comedy, literary reading, and performance theater. blessing the boats is a solo journey with music and visual media through three years of the poet's life, bearing witness to his highest and lowest moments — a time when the scope of his achievements was matched only by a tumultuous and unexpected health crisis that ultimately ended in a kidney transplant and lengthy recovery.

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Sekou Sundiata and Band





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Retired Livonia teacher offers tours in Europe and Russia The tours include: David Groen is offering four

■ May 14-24: A trip is scheduled for northern Italy lake's region (Lake Garda, Lake Como, Lake Maggiore) and to alpine villages, and finally, Venice.

■ In June, 2003: A trip to Russia to join in the festivities commemorating the 300th

anniversary of the founding of St. Petersburg is planned. A visit to Moscow is included.

September, 2003: A early September trip to northern France and Normandy is planned, including late summer gardens, impressionist art, chateaus, thatched cottages, and a touch a sea air.

December, 2003: A trip to Strasbourg, and the oldest Christmas market in France is planned.

The tour would be capped off with train ride to Paris to see the City of Lights decorated for Christmas.

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Lightning strike

The Plymouth Lightning '91 girls select soccer team followed a second-place finish in the outdoor season with a title-clinching 7-0-1 record in the Total Soccer Open League in Wixom. Trained by Jeremy Borys



of Dearborn Heights with assistance from Bill Moran and Mark Lopez, both from Plymouth, team members are Danica Verderbar (Plymouth), Marinna Plinka (Livonia), Gabrielle Lopez (Plymouth), Kristen Laski (Novi), Kristina Crilley (Plymouth), Kacy Moran (Plymouth), Liz Koet (Plymouth), Lindsey McMullen (Westland), Alyssa Beck (Wixom), Taylor Herndon (Canton), Lauren Troxtel (Walled Lake), Kristen Selasky (Plymouth), Sara Roth (Plymouth), Megan Yanik (Plymouth), Alyssa Kolb (Plymouth) and Katie Noetzel (Plymouth).

Fastpitch tryouts

The Plymouth-Canton Pride will hold tryouts for its girls 10-and-under, 12-andunder,14-and-under, and 16 and under fastpitch softball teams from 10 a.m.-noon on consecutive Saturdays, Jan. 11 and Jan. 18.

Those interested need only attend one of these sessions. Girls wishing to play for the Pride must attend school in the Plymouth/Canton district or live in Plymouth or Canton.

Tryouts will be at the Pride Softball Academy, 8567 Ronda Drive in Canton (look for the blue awning). For more information, call (734) 354-6925 or (734) 981-5989.

Hoop tryouts

The Plymouth/Canton Crossfire AAU girls basketball organization will have tryouts for the upcoming season Thursday at Tonda Elementary School, located on Warren between Canton Center and Beck.

The tryout, for girls 11-andunder, will be from 6:30-8 p.m. Tryout fee is \$15 unless you are a current AAU member. If you are a current AAU member, you must bring your membership card in order to tryout.

Please arrive 15 minutes early to register. For more information, call Gary Wheeler at (734) 459-7574.

Northville run

The Galyan's Northville Solstice Run will be held Saturday, June 21. The event is designed to promote healthy lifestyles and fitness while providing amenties and entertainment within the Northville community.

For more information, please call the Northville Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 449-9941 or race director Alan Whitehead at (248) 420-1376.







BRYAN MITCHELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Not quite

Northville's rally catches Canton

STAFF WRITER

First, understand this: Canton's basketball team is close to becoming very good.

The Chiefs showed it in their first Western Lakes Activities Association game against unbeaten Northville Friday, a game played at Northville. The Mustangs offensive strength was evident from the start, but Canton never gave in, instead battling evenly throughout.

What Northville had that Canton lacked was a go-to guy, someone capable of carrying a team when needed. That's the situation the Mustangs found themselves in midway through the third quarter, trailing 46-39 and unable to control the

Up stepped Adam Konst, a senior guard who had 12 points at that stage. In the last quarter-and-ahalf he scored another 12 and ignited a defense that forced 12 turnovers during that pivotal stretch, carrying Northville to a 65-61 triumph.

The Mustangs are now 6-0 overall, 1-0 in the WLAA. Canton is 2-4 overall, 0-1 in the confer-

"Mental mistakes," lamented Canton coach Jeremy Rheault. "And defensive breakdowns costly ones."

Especially when it mattered most, in the stretch run. The Mustangs started the game by hitting five of their first six floor shots, and they rebounded their only miss and scored on that. They also hit 8of-9 free throws in the first quarter — but couldn't pull away from Canton. Despite such offensive prowess, Northville led just 21-16 after one quarter.

PLEASE SEE CANTON, C2

Ocelots get mangled on trip south

Canton's Brad Waidmann scores two of his 18 points over Northville's Marcus Davis.

This trip wasn't much fun for Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team.

Sure, they were in Orlando, site of sunshine and Disney World. But in the two games the Lady Ocelots played at the Seminole CC Classic Tournament, they weren't very competitive.

In their opener last Sunday against fifth-ranked Daytona Beach CC, SC simply could not score. The Ocelots had just three baskets in the first half, scoring only 10 points in what ended up an 81-32 defeat.

On Monday, they met the host Seminole CC team, and the results weren't much better. SC trailed 34-17 by halftime; the final score was 58-41.

WOMEN'S HOOP

es left the Ocelots at 8-5. Seminole is 13-

The two loss-

6, Daytona Beach is 11-1. Against Daytona Beach, six Ocelots scored points, with Pam Wingate the only one in double figures, netting 13 points and 10 rebounds. Next best scorer was Natalie Shaw with eight.

Daytona got 18 points from Laruisha West and 12 apiece from Yasmin Warthen and Jasmine Patterson.

SC had more turnovers in the game - 34 — than points and was outrebounded, 50-37. After making 3-of-23 first-half shots (13 percent), the Ocelots ended up making 11-of-50 (22 percent). Daytona Beach was 35-of-70 (50 percent).

In the loss to Seminole, SC's shooting was marginally better. The Ocelots made 7-of-31 in the first half (22.5 percent) and 18-of-69 for the game (26 percent); Seminole was 21-of-58 for the game (36.2 percent).

Wingate paced SC with 15 points; she also had seven boards. Mia Henderson added eight points and 12 rebounds, and Shaw had eight points and seven

Seminole was led by Latasha Johnson with 19 points. Yamil Cordero and

PLEASE SEE OCELOTS, C3

Madonna gets a consolation victory

Perhaps Madonna University's men's basketball team realized just how devastating a hesitant start can be.

The Fighting Crusaders opened the fifth annual McDonald's of Bluffton (OH) Holiday Tournament Monday against the host Bluffton College team, knowing Bluffton had won three of the previous four tournaments. Still, Madonna did just what it could not

In fact, the Crusaders' start was so bad, not even a 48-33 second-half comeback could save them from an 86-79 defeat.

afford to do — it started poorly.

They did learn their lesson, apparent-

MEN'S BASKETBALL

ly. In Tuesday's consolation final against Kenyon College (Gambler, Orl) Madonna raced to a 57-44 lead by halftime and coasted to a 97-84 triumph. The tourney split left the Crusaders with an 8-6 record; Kenyon fell to 0-9, while Bluffton beat Muskingum College in the final to win the title and improve to 5-6.

Madonna's Noel Emenhiser was one of six players named to the all-tournament team. Emenhiser scored 51 points in the two games, hitting 19-of-38 floor shots (50 percent) — including 11-of-25 three-pointers (44 percent).

In the loss to Bluffton, Madonna fell behind 53-31 by halftime, making just 11-of-38 shots (28.9 percent) while Bluffton was converting 19-of-29 (65.5 percent). That turned around in the second half, with the Crusaders hitting 19of-29 (65.5 percent) to Bluffton's 9-of-24 (37.5 percent).

Emenhiser led Madonna with 24 points. Dan Kurtinaitis contributed 15 points and four assists and Joe Kofahl had 13 points. Chad Nadolni totaled eight points and a team-high seven

PLEASE SEE MADONNA, C2

50 years on the clock and still ticking

BY CHRISTINE BRODA STAFF WRITER

When Jim McAlpine began his teaching career back in 1953, the Redford Thurston High School building was brand new.

But so was the entire South Redford school district as well as the greater part of the township.

"Back then, Schoolcraft Avenue was a divided highway and Thurston was just a big farm," the 75-year-old McAlpine recalled. "There were no subdivisions and they were just breaking ground in

Fifty years later, McAlpine, a retired math teacher, vice principal and athletic director, continues to work in the high school he helped establish. Although he has put his regular teaching duties aside, McAlpine – a Canton Township resident - still enjoys the thrill of sports. Today, he is the official timekeeper and announcer for the Eagles basketball, volleyball, swimming and wrestling teams.

"You have to have something to do," he said. "I used to love getting up in the morning and going to work. I could never be one of those people who just sit around and watch TV. That's why I like doing what I'm doing now - you have to be useful."

Colleagues remember McAlpine not only as a great teacher, but also as an



Jim McAlpine has served Thurston High School in one way, shape or form - including his current spot as timekeeper - for the last 50 years.

outstanding athletic director who went above and beyond his responsibilities.

DEDICATION

Emil Majeski, a retired business and

social studies teacher, has 40 years of experience coaching Thurston teams. The current golf coach - who is also the former football and baseball coach -

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BASEBALL TRYOUTS

■ The Michigan Indians 10year-old travel baseball team is conducting tryouts the first two weeks of January.

Players must be born after July 31, 1992, to be eligible. There is no residency require-

The team will play in the Little Caesars Baseball League (considered the best in the area). The league schedule will be approximately 20-25 games.

The team will also play in several weekend tournaments.

For specific tryout times and locations, contact Gegatic Williams at (313) 690-1104 or Dan Trublowski at (734) 459-

YMCA HOOPS

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The Livonia Family YMCA is accepting registration for its winter youth basketball leagues for ages 6-11 (instructional, non-competitive) and 12-14 (competitive.

The season runs Jan. 6 through March 15.

For more information, call

(734) 261-2161.

COACHES SOUGHT

Mercy High School is currently looking for a varsity lacrosse coach. Anyone interested in the position should contact the athletic department at (248) 476-2836.

■ Bishop Borgess High School is looking for a varsity track coach for the spring sports season and a sideline cheer coach for the winter. For more information, please call Athletic Director Sean Senecal

at (313) 255-1100 or send him a resume by fax at (313) 255-1102 $\,$ or by mail at 11685 Appleton, Redford, MI 48239.

PLAYERS WANTED

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

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

WSU BASEBALL CAMP

The Wayne State University **Baseball Fundamental Camp** for grades 5-12 will be Saturdays, Jan. 11, 18, 25; and Feb. 1; at the Matthaei Building, located on the corner of Warren just west of the Lodge Freeway.

Session I is from 8-9:30 a.m. (pitchers); Session II, 9:30-10:30 a.m. (hitting); and Session III, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

(catching, infield and outfield). Pre-registration cost is \$150 per player (each player can

choose any two sessions) or \$200 (all three sessions). Cost at the door is \$170 (two sessions) or \$220 (three sessions). Each session is limited to 60.

Featured clinicians include Jay Alexander, head baseball coach at WSU; Brad Gratz, WSU pitching coach and former Pittsburgh Pirate minor leaguer; Jeff Jones, Toledo Mudhens pitching coach; Mario Borroci, Fraser High baseball coach; and WSU play-

For more information, call (313) 577-4280.

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"I thought we were playing well at the beginning," said Mustangs' coach Darrel Schumacher. "But we couldn't keep them from getting second

Canton started to take control of the game in the second quarter behind the play of Brad Waidmann and Steve Thornton. The two players took turns asserting themselves inside, each scoring 12 first-half points as the Chiefs outscored Northville 18-10 in the second guarter to take a 34-31 halftime

"I really liked our inside game tonight," said Rheault. "I liked the way Waidmann and Thornton were patient."

"Did we take advantage of it?" the Canton coach asked rhetorically. "To a degree."

When Dave Nicoloff nailed his three-pointer with 3:54 left in the third quarter, the Chiefs had outscored Northville 11-6 to take their biggest lead of the game, 45-37. But things began to unravel for them after that.

Mistakes they had avoided making prior to that started to plague them. Canton had six first-half turnovers; in the first 4:20 of the third quarter, they had none. Then in three consecutive possessions, they turned it over, giving impetus to a 9-2 Mustang run that allowed them to knot the game

at 48-all after three quarters. Then Konst really took com-

After scoring the opening basket of the fourth quarter, he stepped in front of Canton's inbounds pass and scored

again, giving Northville a fourpoint lead 16 seconds into the final quarter. After yet another Canton miscue, Scott McNeish scored for the Mustangs to give them a six-point bulge one minute into the period.

A D.J. Bridges putback and a Travis McKinney triple pulled Canton to within a point, 54-53 with five minutes still remaining. But Konst was not going to let this victory slip away — he had three fourth-quarter steals and scored 10 points in the period, sealing the Chiefs' fate with two plays in the final 18

After making 1-of-2 free throws to increase Northville's lead to 62-58 with 32.8 seconds remaining, Konst stepped in front of a Canton pass and intercepted it with :18 left, then fed a pass to Tim Singleton for a layup. A three-point play by Bridges — he had seven fourthquarter points - with 9.4 seconds left trimmed Northville's lead to 64-61, and Konst was fouled again.

Schumacher pulled everyone into the backcourt to guard against a potential game-tying three-pointer as Konst stepped to the line. He missed the front end of the 1-and-1, but then beat four Chiefs to the rebound and was fouled again with:05

"Our (weakness) was out mental breakdowns," Rheault said, noting Konst's rebound with five seconds left. Konst made 1-of-2 this time, making it a four-point edge - requiring two scores in the final seconds, too much for the Chiefs.

Waidmann finished with 18 points and seven rebounds for Canton, while Thornton had 16 points and 10 boards. Bridges, also working well underneath, had 13 points.

Konst's 24 points led all scorers. McNeish added 14 and Marcus Davis, a sophomore who was attending Salem until his family moved to Northville, scored 10.

"He made some key plays," said Schumacher of Konst. What do you expect from a kid who eats, drinks, sleeps basket-

"We moved the ball around well tonight. We had some nice passing. It was a team effort." One that was sparked by

Salem 60, G.P. South 52: The Rocks weren't at their best, but they were good enough Friday against visiting - and winless Grosse Pointe South.

The Rocks were up by nine after one quarter and never trailed, leading by as many as 16 before settling for an eightpoint non-league victory.

"It was kind of a sluggish game," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, his team now 5-2. "We led wire-to-wire but we didn't do a very good job putting them away. We were on the verge of blowing them out but then we'd shoot ourselves in the foot. I feel fortunate we got through it because we didn't play all that

Salem increased its 15-6 lead after one quarter to 31-20 by halftime. After three quarters, it was 47-33.

Dave Hoskins once again paced the Rocks, pouring in a game-high 25 points; he also grabbed eight rebounds. Brad Clark was next best for Salem with nine points and Stevland Davis had seven.

Brett Fragel's 20 points paced the Blue Devils, now 0-4. Greg Pennefather added 16.

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Bluffton got 23 points and 11 rebounds from tournament MVP Mike Leimeister. Brad Boyles had 16 points, with Derek DeNero and Marcus Bixler adding 12 points apiece and Bryce Beilharz scoring 10. Bixler was named to the alltourney team, too.

Madonna was plagued by foul problems throughout the game. The Crusaders were

whistled for 36 fouls to just 13 for Bluffton; four players fouled out, three of them started. Bluffton converted 28-of-42 free throws (66.7 percent) to just 8-of-13 for Madonna (61.5 percent). The Crusaders' shooting

opposite. They converted 21of-33 from the floor in the first half (63.6 percent) to open up a 13-point lead, and they made 16-of-20 free throws (80 percent) in a game in which fouls were not a factor (15 for Madonna, 18 for Kenyon).

against Kenyon was just the

Emenhiser nailed 7-of-15 three-pointers (46.3 percent), scoring 27 points to pace Madonna. He also had five rebounds and four assists. Aaron Cox added 18 points (3of-4 on threes), six assists and two steals; Kurtinaitis had 15 points; and Nadolni collected 10 points, nine rebounds and four steals. John Bennett (from Livonia Churchill) came off the bench to score nine points in just six minutes.

Kenyon got 28 points from John Campbell, 18 from Alex Neuman and 14 from Matt Formato.

TIMEKEEPER

remembers McAlpine as someone completely dedicated to the athletes.

"He was very helpful for me as a coach," Majeski said. "He was always very professional." Majeski recalls how

McAlpine loved baseball, especially because of his years working as an umpire for the metropolitan area.

"I remember one time when Jim was the athletic director," Majeski said. "We requested some work to be done on the baseball field and he contacted the Detroit Tigers to see what they could do to help. He was always doing stuff like that."

McAlpine continues to value athletics, logging many hours at Eagles sporting events. Thurston athletic director Al Chambo said he appreciates everything McAlpine does for the school.

"First of all, he's extremely efficient," Chambo said. "He takes care of all the officials for me, among other things. He's also exceptionally reliable. He's one of those people who does his job so well, you never have to worry about him."

But it's not just the teachers and administrators who enjoy still seeing McAlpine at Thurston. Chambo said the former athletic director has become a symbol of Eagle ath-

'Whether it's the kids or the officials - they all recognize him," he said. "He's an icon everyone expects him to be there and when he's not, it raises eyebrows."

Everyone recognizes McAlpine's face, but they don't always know the history of the man behind the stopwatch.

'Kids today see me all the time but they don't really know who I am," McAlpine said. "They refer to me as 'that

In celebration of his 50 years of service to Thurston, McAlpine was recently presented with a stool on which to carry out his timekeeping duties. A gift from fellow timekeeper Mary Haney, the stool

is decorated with a picture of McAlpine from a 1980s yearbook as well as a sign that reads "that guy."

McAlpine may now be recognized for his untiring dedication to Thurston athletics, but he's been an Eagle in every way from the very beginning.

GETTING STARTED

McAlpine was one of 17 teachers at Thurston when the school first opened. He remembers moving into the building and starting classes before the facilities were even finished.

"In the beginning, they only had six or seven classrooms ready," he said. "There were no windows, no heat, no closets the building was just a skeleton."

According to McAlpine, he and the other teachers used to bring their own alarm clocks to school and synchronize them in the morning so they would know when to change

Alpine remembers what it was like to work in the building when everything was new and changing.

"One day, they'd be putting in the clocks and so we would have to move class out into the hall," he said. "The next day, they'd be putting in the tile floors and we'd be out in the hall again."

Things eventually settled down at Thurston but McAlpine's career was still in the works.

In 1968, he graduated from teacher to building administrator when he became the assistant principal at Pierce Junior High. Over the next 10 years, he

split his assistant principal duties between Pierce and Marshall Junior High before finally settling back at Thurston, this time as assistant principal for the high school.

It was during his administrative tenure at Thurston that McAlpine also assumed the responsibilities of athletic director for the school's blossoming sports program.

In the spring of 1986, McAlpine retired from his

career as a teacher and administrator, only to return to the school district the following fall as a substitute teacher.

Shortly after, he assumed the timekeeping and announcing responsibilities he still holds today.

Through his various positions, McAlpine has met and worked with many teachers and school personnel, but he said it's the students who will always stick out the most in his mind.

"Over the years, it's been the kids that I remember most they're the really fantastic part about this kind of job." Half a century later,

McAlpine still sees many of the students he used to teach, although now many of them have children and even grandchildren of their own. McAlpine recalls a time at a recent volleyball match in which he recognized a young girl and, after inquiring about her grandfather, discovered that he taught in the district over 35 years ago.

"You just remember that stuff," he said.

Although things have changed over the years, McAlpine, who received his undergraduate and master's degrees from Michigan State Normal College - now Eastern Michigan University - said he has found that good old-fashioned learning is pretty much the same. McAlpine now tutors two of his grandchildren, who are students at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, twice a week.

McAlpine, a World War II veteran, is blessed with five children and four grandchil-

When the athletic schedule thins out in mid-February, McAlpine enjoys the luxury of warm weather, traveling south with his wife of 56 years, Marilyn, to such places as Nevada, California and Texas.

Although his roles have changed over the years, McAlpine said he'll never get enough of working in the school district he has come to know and love.

"I plan to continue doing what I'm doing as long as my legs will carry me."



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Something to look for in the year ahead

ere are a few coming attractions for the new year:

■ The Greater Detroit Bowling Bonanza is back, watch it on WPXD-TV PAX affiliated network at 2 p.m. on Saturdays. The show will run every week through April 5. The show stars WJR radio sports celebrity Tom Mazawey and co-sponsored by the **Greater Detroit Bowling** Association.

■ The 77th annual Detroit Women's Bowling Association City tournament will be starts March 1 at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth. It runs for three or four weekends depending on number of entries.

This year will be different than past DWBA events. It features three separate divisions

For more information, call Rose Marsh at the DWBA office at (586) 773-3050.

■ The high school varsity bowling competition resume its schedule on Wednesday.

And there's good news for the The Michigan High School

Athletic Association has added bowling as a postseason tournament event beginning with the 2003-04 school year following a vote taken by the **MHSAA** Representative



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Council on Dec. 6. Details of the administration of the sport will be announced at a later date.

■ The Pro Bowlers Tour (PBA) has moved its venue, the Touring Players Championship this March from Toledo, Ohio to Taylor.

Again, this will bring elite bowlers from all over the land. To be eligible for the event, you must win a pro title.

There is a pro-am tournament on tap, so once again we amateur bowlers will have a chance to get a great new ball with the submission of their paid entry form.

■ The eighth annual Senior/Youth Challenge is slated for Saturday, Feb. 1, at

Mayflower Lanes in Redford. The senior bowlers beat the kids last year, and the youngsters will be trying to even the score this year.

It's a very entertaining program and spectators are welcome. Competitors receive a huge variety of door prizes,

thanks to the many local businesses who have shown generosity and community spirit with their donations.

This tournament also pairs the seniors and the kids as doubles partners. It also means several thousand dollars in scholarship money will be given out to the highest scoring youth bowlers.

For the second straight year, I attended a New Year's Eve bowling party at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

For a modest fee, there was a full buffet diner, three games of moonlight no-tap bowling, midnight champagne and party favors for everyone.

Prize money was awarded 10 highest couples in total pinfall. It was a good time was had by

And by the way, to my friends and loyal readers, I want to wish you all a very Happy New

May we all bowl well in 2003.

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Al Harrison is a resident of Garden City and a director with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (734) 422-1609.

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL Monday, Jan. 6

S'field Christian at Clarenceville, 7 p.m Tuesday, Jan. 7

Novi at Canton, 7 p m Canton Agape at Oakland Christian, 7 p.m. Northville at Churchill, 7 p.m. W L Western at Franklin, 7 p m.

Stevenson at Salem, 7 p m W L Central at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Wayne at Ypsilanti, 7 p m

HW Notre Dame at Redford CC, 7:30 p m Wednesday, Jan. 8

Det Community at Clarenceville, 7 p m Thursday, Jan. 9 Canton Agape at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 10 Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at Salem, 7 p.m.

Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m. Northville at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Luth Westland at Luthern North, 7 p.m Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 7 30 pm.

Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 7:30 p.m

PREP HOCKEY Tuesday, Jan. 7

West Bloomfield vs Salem (Cultural Center), 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 8 Canton at Chelsea, 7 p m Franklin vs WL Western (Edgar), 6 p m Ladywood vs Kingswood (Arctic Pond), 6 p.m.

PCS at GP North, 5 30 pm Churchill vs Stevenson (Edgar), 6 p m Friday, Jan. 10 Churchill vs. W.L. Western (Edgar), 6 p.m.

Salem vs Northville (Novi Arena), 6:10 pm. Stevenson vs. Canton (Arctic Edge), 7:30 p.m. Franklin vs Lapeer West (Polar Palace), 8 pm. Redford CC at Park Tudor (Ind), 8 p m Saturday, Jan. 11

Churchillys W.L. Central (Lakeland), 5.20 p.m. Redford CC at Park Tudor (Ind.), 7:15 p.m Sunday, Jan. 12

Redford CC at Culver Military (Ind.), 2 p m

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PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Jan. 6 Brighton, Grosse lle at Churchill, 5 30 p m $\,$ Clarenceville at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 Macomb Christ. vs. Agape (Discovery), 7 p.m. Huron Valley at Detroit Urban, 6 p.m. Ladywood at Birm Marian, 6:30 p m.

Wednesday, Jan. 8 Hamtramck at Luth Westland 5.30 n.m.

Thursday, Jan. 9

Divine Child at Ladywood, 630 p.m Friday, Jan. 10 Clarenceville at Lutheran N'west, 7 p.m

Saturday, Jan. 11 Madonna Tournament, 8 30 a m. Midland Dow Tournament, 8.30 a m. Grand Blanc Invitational, 8.30 a m

Wayne Invitational, 8,30 a m PREP WRESTLING

Tuesday, Jan. 7 Clarenceville at Luth. Westland, 6 p.m Thursday, Jan. 9 Luth, Westland, Flat Rock at Airport, 5:30 p.m.

Redford CC, Southgate at Romulus, 6 p m Quad meet at Clarenceville, 6 p.m. Northville at Churchill, 6 30 p.m W.L. Western at Franklin, 6:30 p m. Stevenson at Salem, 6 30 p.m. W.L. Central at John Glenn, 6.30 p.m.

> Wayne at Canton, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11

Salem at Adrian Invitational, 9 a.m. Avondale Tournament, 9 a m Romulus Invitational, 9 30 a.m. Canton at Redford CC Invitational, 10 a m.

Lake Fenton Invitational, 10 a.m.

PREP BOYS SWIMMING Tuesday, Jan. 7

Salem at Novi, 7 p.m.

Redford CC at Stevenson, 7 p.m Belleville at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 9 Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. W.L. Central at Canton, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11 Cranbrook Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

Salem Invitational, noon. W. Bloomfield Invitational, 1 p.m. Walled Lake Invitational, 1 p.m.

PREP GIRLS GYMNASTICS Saturday, Jan. 11

Troy invitational, 10 a.m. PREP SKIING Monday, Jan. 6 Ladywood vs W.L. Northern

at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7 CC vs. Seaholm (Mt Brighton), 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8

Nanolean vs. Canton (Plymouth HS), 7 p.m. Ladywood vs White Lake Lakeland

at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9

CC vs. E Lansing (Mt. Brighton), 4:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 7 Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.), 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 8 Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 11 Madonna at Siena Heights, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Jan. 8 Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m. Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.), 7 p.m.

Madonna at Siena Heights, 5:30 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Saturday, Jan. 11

Whalers at London Knights, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 Whalers at Kitchener Rangers, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 10 Whalers vs. Windsor (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 11

Whalers vs. Sarnia (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.

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OCELOTS

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Danielle Richardson contributed nine points each, with Richardson grabbing 14 rebounds and blocking six shots.

Ind. Wesleyan 71, Madonna 62: A bad start that resulted in

a bad finish. Madonna University saw its record dip to 2-13 with a loss at Indiana Wesleyan Dec. 28. The Lady Crusaders' undoing — 11of-28 shooting in the first half (39.3 percent), compared to Wesleyan's 14-of-23 (60.9 per-

cent). That led to a 40-28 halftime lead, too much for Madonna to

overcome. Lindsay Simmon paced the Crusaders with 22 points; she also had seven rebounds and two steals. Courtney Rehbine added 16 points and nine

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boards, and Loriann Tschirhart contributed nine points and four assists.

Wesleyan got 18 points from Stephanie Jackson, 14 from Julie Shirley, 11 (and seven assists) from Becky Neal and 10

from Stephanie Gill. Madonna made 10-of-20 free throws (50 percent) and 2-of-11 three-pointers (18.2 percent); Weslevan hit 16-of-17 free throws (94.1 percent) and 9-of-16 triples (56.3 percent).

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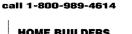
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It's been a memorable year in high school sports

It's been an exciting year in prep sports in Western Wayne County. Several area schools won district, regional and state titles. Individual athletes excelled.

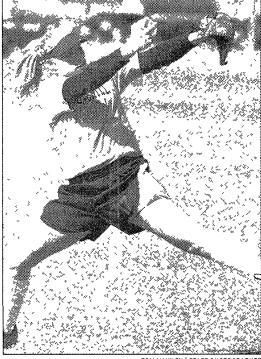
Observer photographers were

there to record what ABC has famously called, "the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat."

Here is a selection of some memorable moments in local high school sports.



Garden City's Andrea Dunn reacts after scoring her second goal past Redford Thurston's



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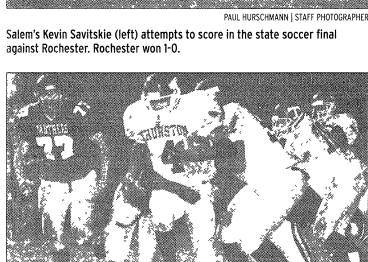
Livonia Churchill's outstanding pitcher Meghan Misiak led the Chargers.



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Livonia Stevenson tight end John Rehberg (right), pursued by Westland John Glenn's Jeremiah Thornton, hauls in a 9-yard touchdown pass. Stevenson stunned Glenn by beating them in double overtime 38-35.



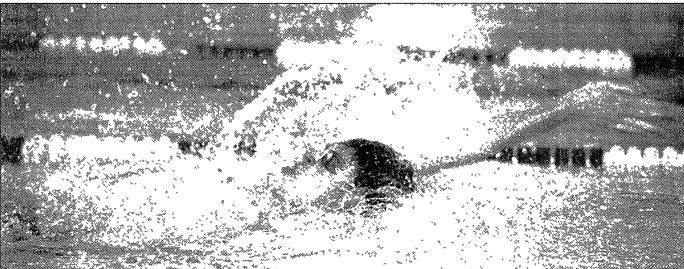


FRIC BRONSON LOBSERVER

Thurston halfback Darran Matthews (4) gets tackled by Redford Union's Chris Rigley during their football battle in October. Thurston won the game and advanced to the playoffs for the second time in school history, while the loss eliminated the Panthers from postseason play.

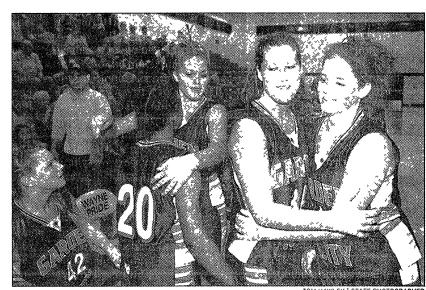


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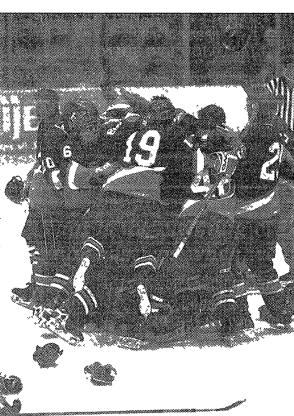
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Livonia Stevenson's 2002 baseball team won its first regional title.

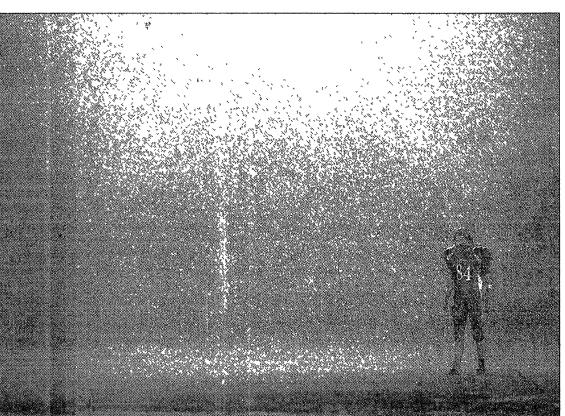


Garden City basketball won their semi district final game losing in the finals to Belleville.

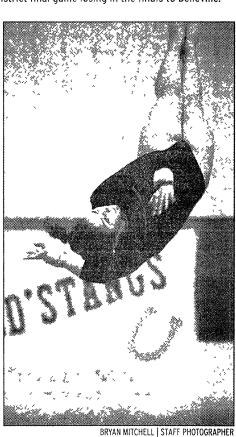
 $Plymouth \ Salem's \ Eric \ Lynn \ finished \ first \ in \ the \ state \ in \ the \ 200 \ yard \ individual \ medley.$



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Catholic Central wins its fourth straight hockey state final.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Livonia Clarenceville's Glenn Garrant waits for a punt during a downpour last fall season in which they had an 8-2 record.



Ashley Aquinto is one of Salem's top gymnasts

Catholic Central wins its fourth straight hockey state final. Livonia Clarenceville's Glenn Garrant waits for a punt during a downpour last fall season in which they had an 8-2 record. in the all-around.

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LET'S TALK White female, 51, long blonde hair, in good shape, 5'5", nonsmoker, social drinker, very fun loving, vivacious, loves life Enjoys working out, boating, beaches, getaway weekends, concerts Seeks white male, 45

to 55 BOX 26684 LET'S GET TOGETHER 33 yr old, black female, 5'6", medium build, non-smoker Enjoys cooking, movies, family Seeks male, 36 to 45, family oriented, medium build, nonsmoker, for fun and friendship

SHARE LIFE WITH ME 58 yr old lady, full figured, 5'5", green eyes, red hair, good looking Enjoys dining out, walking, movies, conversation Seeks male, 58 to 70, to share interests BOX 26709

I'M YOUR LADY Attractive white divorced 45, 5'2', 138 lbs, female, brown/blue, enjoys walking, swimming, movies, music and 40-50, slim to medium build, drinker, affectionate and sincere, for a meaningful relation ship in Garden City BOX 26999

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County BOX 27030 FIRST TIME AD Educated, well traveled, loving professional single female, 5'2", medium build, non-smoker Enjoys conversation, music,

travel, quiet times, and theater Seeking refined gentleman, 60county BOX 35999 UNIQUE VEGETARIAN retty, **40**'s, 5'7", 119 lbs, spirit

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Single black sophisticated mature female, medium height, slender build, enjoys dining out, flea markets, movies and more Seeks male with similar Wayne County BOX 36126

SMART FUNNY HUGGABLE **40** yr old divorced white female 5'7", with 2 children, likes movies, walks, zoos, intelligent cated, down to earth, nonsmoking white male 40-49, who is family oriented, enjoys laughing, hugging and open communication, Western Wayne county BOX 36128

A TOUCH OF CLASS height/weight proportionate, non-smoker, social drinker, enjoys music, concerts, fine dining, dancing, conversation Seeks similar qualities in a male, for friendship, companionship and possibly more BOX 36146

MOTOWN GAL . Looking for a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 48 to 60, non-smoker, for long-term amous relationship I am love Motown music and classic cars I believe in romance and enjoy simple pleasures Down River area BOX 14471

LET'S SAIL TOGETHER! Petite, active, attractive Jewish professional woman, brown hair, hazel eyes, non-smoker, loves sailing, traveling, holi-days and many other interests Seeks skiing and sailing buddy, 50 to 60. Jewish, active, inter ested in friendship, fun, romance and possible long term relationship BOX 14905

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If you are, 48 to 58, slim, white and attractive, call me If you are looking for a non violent, loving, happy go lucky, non-drinking guy, call me I'm 5'9", 175 lbs, attractive, widowed and lonesome, looking for a life time relationship I'll answer your call Down River, no games BOX 33419

JUST LOVABLE Single white male, 44, loves hugging, cuddling, kissing and of affection Seeking female with the same interest age, race, size open BOX 14939

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35956

MAKE ME SMILE AGAIN Single white male, 56, 5'10'. average weight, enjoys travel live plays, dining out, Red Wings hockey Seeks religious woman, average build, for long term relationship BOX 21111

HUGGABLE TEDDY BEAR 37 yr old male, Italian/Polish, very active in search of someone to spend holidays with She should be early 20s to mid 40s, long hair, nice eyes, for a long term friendship BOX

ARE YOU OUT THERE? Single black male, west side of Detroit own my home Seeks down to earth lady, attractive, 30 to 45, for friendship, relationship I enjoy music, sports, romance, sharing and communicating BOX 10924

TALL & HANDSOME 5'11" male with mustache, 180 lbs seeks female, 40 to 55, slender to average build who is interested in travel, dinners, movies, quiet times at home, casinos, boating and more Call if interested BOX 12370

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Divorced white male, 55, 5'10", medium build, successful businessman Enjoys candlelight dinners, flowers, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, travel, getaway weekends Seeks family oriented people person with good sense of humor BOX 14102 ARE YOU COMPATIBLE? White professional male, 5'8".

fit, brown hair, blue eyes, well

educated, no dependents

Enjoys music, movies, reading, family and friends, biking, jogging, long walks Seeks fit, emotionally available white professional female, dependents For happy and healthy relationship BOX **READY TO GAMBLE?** 46 yrs old, attractive, healthy, single, white male seeks lady

like, single, white female, 40's

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bly more later BOX 14834 **ENDLESS LOVE** 40 yr old, 67', tall, dark, 245 ibs, well build, Latino, young, good looking, employed, easy going Enjoys music, movies and working out Looking for relationship with a special lady.

BOX 14910 **BEING UP FRONT** Really hot stuff, single white male, 40s, enjoys fun times, laughter, romantic evenings Seeks a reasonably attractive and energetic, lipstick wearing romantic sweetheart BOX

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White male, 48, muscular, attractive, financial and self secure Seeking selective, classy, attractive white or Asian female, under 45, for long term

relationship. Wayne county

BOX 25970

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Heart failure

A person age 40 or older has a one-in-five chance of developing congestive heart failure, according to study recently published in the rapid access issue of Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association. The lifetime risk of heart failure doubles for people who have high blood pressure.

The study highlights a significant link between high blood pressure and long-term risk for CHF for both men and women. For 40-year-old women with systolic blood pressure (the top number) below 140 and diastolic blood pressure (the lower number) below 90, lifetime risk for CHF was 12 percent. For 40-yearold women with systolic pressure of 160 or higher and diastolic pressure of 100 or higher, the risk of CHF more than doubled to 28.9 percent.

For 40-year-old men with blood pressure less than 140/90. lifetime risk for CHF was 14.9 percent, while men with blood pressure of 160/100 or greater had a risk of 27.9 percent.

The researchers followed more than 8,000 men and women for up to 25 years. The participants had no history of congestive heart failure at the start of the study, but 583 developed it during the study.

Prostate cancer

Beaumont Hospital is recruiting volunteers for SELECT, or the "Selenium and Vitamin E Chemoprevention Trial.

The research study, funded by the National Cancer Institute, will include more than 32,000 healthy men in North America, including Puerto Rico, to evaluate selenium (a micronutrient present in food and in supplements) and vitamin E (alpha-tocopherol), to determine their effectiveness in preventing prostate cancer.

Needed are African-American men at least 50 years of age and other men at least 55 years old. Participants must have no prior history of prostate cancer and must be in generally good health. For more information, call Beaumont's Cancer Clinical Trials Office at (248) 551-7695.

Colon cancer

Beginning at age 50, the American Cancer Society recommends men and women follow one of the following five colorectal cancer testing options: yearly fecal occult blood test (FOBT); flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years; yearly FOBT and flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years (preferred over either option alone); double contrast barium enema every five years; colonoscopy every 10 years.

Personal risk varies, so your doctor can help you make informed decisions about when to begin testing and the most appropriate testing method for you. Factors associated with increased risk for colon cancer include:

- Age: Most people diagnosed are 50 or older.
- Race: African Americans are at greater risk.
- Personal or family history of the following: colon cancer, intestinal polyps, inflammatory bowel disease (ulcerative or Crohn's colitis)
- Certain genetic factors, such as: familial adenomatous polyposis, Gardner's syndrome, hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer. Ashkenazi Jewish descent
- Smoking or use of other tobacco products
- Physical inactivity Diets high in red meat
- For information about cancer, call toll-free (800) ACS-2345 or visit the American Cancer Society Web site at www.cancer.org.



Starting a fitness program tops New Year's resolutions

ut on a few pounds and want to get fit for 2003? Many people put fitness on the top of their list of New Year's resolutions. To avoid losing focus and straying from your goals within a few months, area health and fitness professionals have loads of advice to help you stick with your program.

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

Chris Klebba, owner of the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville, also a certified personal fitness instructor, lists his tips:

1. Make up your mind. Decide what you're going to change and work to achieve it. Commitment and consistency are kev.

2. Do not set the bar too high from the start. Set smaller goals. Pack a healthy lunch a few days a week instead of always eating out. Drink two more glasses of water per day. Setting goals too high can be stressful and unsuccessful.

3. Some is better than none. Doing some sort of physical activity is better than not doing anything at all. Take the stairs. Don't look for the closest parking spot.

Choose one farther away and walk. 4. Think before you eat. Ask yourself, "Will eating this food get me closer to my goal?" If not, make a bet-

ter food choice. Many food choices are habit. 5. Don't buy junk food. If you don't have it in the

house, you won't eat it. Out of sight, out of mind. 6. Don't skip meals. We are periodic eaters and our bodies metabolize continuously. To keep your body going all day long, it needs fuel. Drastic calorie reduction and long periods without food will lead to a decline in your metabolic rate that will result in low energy. If you get too hungry, you may not make the right food choices. Smaller, more frequent bouts of eating - four to six times a day - will help keep hunger at bay.

7. Be honest with yourself. Whether you are working out on your own, or with a personal trainer, be honest and don't cheat yourself. Cookies and fruit juice have calories. Sugar and cream in coffee have calories. Alcohol has calories. Be aware, and count them all.

8. Weigh and measure food for a week. This may be inconvenient, but it is very valuable. Once you begin to learn the caloric content of the foods you typically eat, it becomes much easier to eat the appropriate amount of food. It also helps you to learn proper serving sizes so you don't overeat.

9. Stop looking for the shortcut. Many people want the quick fix, like the super weight loss pill, or one machine that does it all, but there are no shortcuts. Changing your lifestyle takes time.

10. Consult a fitness professional. It may sound selfserving to some, but think about investing some time and money in a personal trainer. Let a qualified fitness professional help you set realistic goals and work with you. It could make the difference in sticking with your plan or not.



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Personal trainer Chris Klebba works with Plymouth resident Carla Barrett at Water Works Fitness in Northville Thursday.

'We get a lot of people who start out setting their goals too high and that can result in failure.'

Mark Panineau certified personal trainer

LET'S GET PHYSICAL

Mark Papineau, certified personal trainer, and Joe Stachura, wellness coordinator and personal trainer at the Livonia Family YMCA, offer additional tips:

1. Create a personal exercise and nutrition contract for yourself. Writing down a few goals will help you hold yourself accountable and create awareness of your goals. Reward yourself when you have reached those goals, and then create a new contract with additional goals. Post it in a place where it is visible and review it every couple of days. The contract should be for six to eight weeks, then make a new contract, adjusting your goals accordingly.

2. Limit your resolutions to three to five goals and grade yourself each week. This is where the contract comes into play. If your goals are written, you are more likely to achieve them. Assess your progress at the end of the week and give yourself a grade for your effort and achievement.

3. Join an exercise class. Working out on your own may bore you. Join classes such as aerobics, yoga, martial arts, tennis or aquatics. Group fitness classes are supervised and taught by fitness professionals. Absorb

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Good nutrition is important for fitness

With exercise, proper nutrition follows. You can burn a lot of calories in your workout, but if you're consuming more calories than you're burning, you're not going to meet your target weight.

Sherri Isaak, registered dietitian and certified dietary expert at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, offers her advice for successful nutrition resolutions:

■ Use the plate method to get yourself on the right nutrition track. Half of your plate should be filled with vegetables, one-quarter with lean meat or protein, onequarter with grain or starch and fruit and lowfat milk on the side. This is a way to eat healthfully without having to measure every food you eat.

Fill up on fiber. Fiber helps increase your level of fullness. Start your day with a cereal that has five or more grams of fiber, add vegetables to lunch, choose beans at least three times per week, and use whole grain bread rather than white or wheat.

■ Write it down. Keeping a food diary helps increase

PLEASE SEE NUTRITION, C7

No. 1 New Year's 2003 resolution: exercise

ith 2003 now in full swing, it's time to stop putting off that exercise program. This can be daunting, especially when trying to juggle family, work, social activities, and other priorities in your busy life. In your list of priorities, put exercise near the top, because it is one of the few things that enhances all aspects of your life, not to mention cutting down on grocery and medical bills!

So here are a few tips to follow when embarking on the path to wellness:



Dr. Steven J. Karageanes

First, get a physical. If you have not exercised in over six months, are over age 35, or have a family history of heart disease, then you should have your doctor

check you out. Even if he or she finds something wrong, the doctor may just limit your activity, not eliminate it. If you avoid the physical, you

may not know about diseases that can have catastrophic effects with too much exercise. Things that need to be evaluated include your heart, cholesterol level, and major joints such as the knee and shoulder.

Set a goal. Do you want to lose weight? Get fit? Run a 5K race? A marathon? Look better in a bathing suit? The more specific your goals are, the more motivation you will have to achieve them.

Remember, arthritis gets better with exercise. Use it or lose

it. The less you use a joint, the stiffer it becomes, the less nutrition it gets, and the faster the arthritis progresses. Be realistic - you may not be able to squat with lower back arthritis or run with knee arthritis. But your doctor can help you pick activities that are safe and fun.

Start slowly. This advice especially applies to inactive or overweight individuals with New Year's Resolution-itis. The faster you change your exercise regimen, the faster injuries occur. Your body needs to recover from workouts, so start slowly and then gradually increase your duration and frequency.

Combine aerobic activity with flexibility and strength training. A good exercise program incorporates 30-60 minutes of aerobic activity at least three days a week. You can split it into 10 to 15-minute increments if time is an issue. This can include walking (with or without incline), jogging, cycling, swimming, spinning, elliptical machines,

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ONGOING

Self-Help groups

Anyone seeking information on a variety of self-help groups may call the Michigan Self-Help Clearing House at (877) 777-5556.

Grief support

Angela Hospice offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-7810.

Bipolar

The MDDA-Bipolar Support Group meets 3-5 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday at Beaumont Hospital, Administration Bldg., 3601 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Call Kathie at (248)

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College will offer a "Divorce Support Group" 7-9 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Bereavement "Together to Share," a grief support group, meets 10 a.m. the first Monday of each month at American House on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. The group meets 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Dorvin Nursing Center on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Both groups are facilitated by a bereavement coordinator from Heartland Hospice in Southfield. Call

(800) 770-9859. **Overeaters Anonymous**

Support group for overeaters meets 7 p.m. every Friday at Providence Park-Novi, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. HelpLine: (313) 438-HELP or (248) 474-9456.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Everyone is welcome to Providence Hospital-sponsored AA meetings held: noon every Tuesday and Thursday at Providence Medical Office Center-Novi, 39500 W. 10 Mile Road (at Haggerty), Novi. Call (248) 348-9362; noon every Wednesday at Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 953-1188; and 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road,

Southfield. Call (248) 333-4911. Thyroid cancer

Thyroid Cancer Survivors Association, Inc. support group meets 7-8:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Public Library, 223 S. Main Street, downtown Plymouth, in the Gold Room. For more information about the ThyCa SE Michigan Support Group, call Mary Rose at (734) 397-2801 or e-mail: SE-MI@thyca.org. For more information on thyroid cancer and our other free support services, visit www.thyca.org or call toll free (877) 588-7904.

Headaches

Suffer from constant headaches? Join the Headache Foundation Support Group, which meets 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Providence Northwestern Medical Center, 30055 Northwestern, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 258-1973. Family members invited.

Gambling

The Gamblers Anonymous Support Groups meets 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, in Classroom 4. Call (734) 655-2944 or (800) 494-0277. Group is open to anyone with a gambling dependency.

Join "Focus on Living," a cancer support group offered 7-8:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. The group is designed to help cancer patients and families come together to help each other in living with a cancer diagnosis and treatment. Co-sponsored by the

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American Cancer Society, Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

Tremor Disorder Support

Shari Finsilver of Orchard Lake leads a local support group for those who suffer from Essential Tremor, a debilitating and incurable movement disorder. The group meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Contact Finsilver at (248) 683-4138 or

Finsilver@earthlink.net, or visit www.tremorsupport.com. To learn more about the International Tremor Foundation, visit www.essentialtremor.org or call (888) 387-3667.

Parents Supporting Parents

Parents coping with the loss of an infant through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death meet 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Providence Hospital-Southfield, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield. Call (248) 849-5342.

The St. John Health System-Providence

offers a Stroke Support Group 7 p.m.

the first Thursday of the month at

Providence Park-Novi, 47601 Grand

River Ave., Novi. Call (248) 465-4190.

JANUARY

Stroke

Arthritis Dr. Thomas Czarnecki of Physician Outreach, Redford, will presents a free workshop designed for seniors on "Arthritis: How to Increase Your Flexibility and Mobility" 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7 at the Eton Senior Center, Dearborn Heights. Limited to 25 guests. To register, call Christine at (313) 277-7765.

Fibromyalgia

Group meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777

The Livonia CFS/Fibromyalgia Support

Five Mile Road, Dr. Luis Torregrosa, a rheumatologist, will be the guest speaker. Call (248) 346-3164 or visit www.mihometown.com/oe/CFSFibromy algia. The group meets the second Thursday of each month.

Overeaters

Overeaters Anonymous Support Group meets 7 p.m. every Friday at Providence Park-Novi, 47601 Grand Rive Ave., Novi. Next meeting: Friday, Jan. 10 Call (313) 438-HELP or (248) 474-9456.

Reflexology

The Tree House for Earth's Children, 22906 Mooney Street, Farmington, will offer "The Joy of Reflexology," a workshop and live food buffet. 1-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11. Continuing Education Units available for massage therapists and nurses. Call (248) 473-0624.

Thyroid meeting

The Michigan Thyroid Support Group will meet 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13. Guest speaker is Mary Stevens, author of It's All In Your Head, Group meets at the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth. Call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945 or email her at

mithroid@comcast.net Headache tele-seminar

Dr. Thomas Czarnecki of Redford Chiropractic Center will offer "Reclaiming Your Life From Headaches!", a tele-seminar, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14. Listen from the privacy of your own home. Call (313) 407-5611 for phone number and access code. Limited to 25 listeners.

Certified activities consultant Amira Tame will share fun-filled activities that can ease the distress of persons with dementia and their caregivers. Learn strategies for overcoming anger. anxiety and resistance. Class offered 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 16 and 23 at Center for Lifelong Learning,

Henry Ford Community College, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail (at Warren), Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$54, including book Healing the Wounds of Alzheimer's. Call (313) 317-1500.

Winter blues

Biochemist Sandy Baumann discusses ways to fight the winter blues using bright lighting, fish oil, herbs, vitamins, minerals and healthy food choices. Learn about the physical and emotional origins of depression. "Beat the Blues" is offered 6:30-9:45 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 14 and Jan. 21. at Center for Lifelong Learning, Henry Ford Community College, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$44. Call (313) 317-1500.

Breastfeeding Certified lactation consultants at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, explain the benefits of breast milk, getting a good start in the hospital and how to continue breastfeeding at home. Offered 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, in Classroom 2. Call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

Neurapathy

Beaumont Hospital's Sharing & Caring program offers Neurapathy **Complications and Cancer Treatment** 7-9 p.m. (light supper at 6 p.m.) Thursday, Jan. 16 in the 1st Floor Conference Room, Beaumont Cancer Center, 3577 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak. Call (248) 551-8585

FEBRUARY

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, offers an "Infant Care Class" 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, in Classroom 1. Learn about feeding, bathing, sleeping, infant safety, immunizations, signs of illness and caring for the sick infant. Call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

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and rowing. Swimming is especially good for people

with arthritic joints. Make stretching a part of your exercise ritual. As we mature through life, we lose flexibility and strength. Stretching helps maintain flexibility and prevent injuries, and has also been shown to increase strength. Stretch before and after your exercise activity for about 10 minutes. Hold each stretch for 30 seconds for maximum benefit.

And don't forget about strength training. New research shows that you are never too old to start lifting weights. Increase body tone by using lower weight and higher repetitions. Three sets of 10 reps is the classic structure, but the key to any strength training is to gauge muscle fatigue. If your last rep feels as fresh as the first, the weight is too light. If you cannot finish the last set, the weight is too heavy.

Want a sure way to stop working out? Do exercise that you hate. No matter what goals you set, you will not stick to an exercise program if you don't enjoy it. So ... try different things, see what you like, and put your body in motion!

Steven J. Karageanes, D.O., is a sports medicine physician at Henry Ford Center for Athletic Medicine. Contact him at (313) 972-4200.

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their knowledge. Being with other people in a regularly scheduled class may be more fun and motivating. It may also help you stick with your exercise routine.

4. Share your resolutions with a friend. Ask him to help keep you on track, or ask her to be your workout partner. Confide in someone that you trust to be kind, honest and motivating. If you have someone to report to, you may be more likely to reach your goals. Having a workout partner can help both of you. You are 50 percent more likely to maintain your workout program if you have a workout partner. Don't have anyone to work out with? Make friends at the

gym or pool. 5. Keep a journal. In addition to your personal contract, you may want to keep a journal or jot some notes down describing your nutrition choices that day, sleep habits, how you felt during your workout, if you achieved your goals for the week. Tracking your thoughts and habits may help you discover barriers, or even increase your confidence for meeting your goals. Review it every cou-

ple of days. 6. Be realistic. Start easy and build a pattern of success before moving on to larger commitments. Make sure initial goals are realistic. Expecting too much too quickly can lead to failure. Once you meet your three to five goals after at least six weeks, make new goals and create a new per-

sonal contract to achieve them. 7. Reward yourself for meeting intermediate goals. Get a massage, go to the spa, buy a new piece of clothing, an item you have wanted, or an overnight stay in a hotel. You decide your rewards. They can also be simple and fun.

8. Make an appointment for a fitness evaluation to assess your current fitness level before you start a workout program. You will wish you did when you see the positive results after months of hard work. Set a date to get another assessment in six months to monitor your improvement. Fitness tests can measure your cardiovascular fitness level, flexibility and strength, while also assessing body fat,

blood pressure and heart rate. 9. Schedule a personal training session or two. Meeting with a certified fitness professional can get you on the right track from the start. You can meet with him or her periodically to modify your workout or on a more regular basis if you feel you need the assistance or motivation.

10. Schedule a reunion with a person you have not seen for a while. This can give you a date to aim for reaching your fitness or nutrition goals and surprise him or her with your new look.

REALISTIC GOALS

The main objective is to set

small goals and work your way slowly to a healthier lifestyle, with exercise and nutrition. It is a behavioral change, not a quick fix. Be patient.

"We get a lot of people who start out setting their goals too high and that can result in failure," said Papineau. "Success begins with reaching the smaller goals first."

The reward system can be a great tool for your success, as long as you are not rewarding yourself with food, especially poor food choices. Assign a point value to a gift you want, then designate so many points for each small goal you reach. Soon, you'll have accumulated enough points to earn your gift.

Most people are very committed to losing weight and getting more fit in the beginning of the year," said Klebba. "Just remember, it takes a combination of all components - cardiovascular and resistance training, and proper nutrition - to make long term healthy changes to your body."

These fitness and nutrition experts work with individuals and also speak to corporate or community groups. For more information, contact: Chris Klebba, Northville Water Wheel Health Club, (248) 449-7634; Mark Papineau and Joe Stachura, Livonia Family YMCA, (734) 261-2161; Sherri Isaak, Livonia St. Mary Mercy Hospital, (734) 655-8962.

Best of luck achieving your New Year health and fitness resolutions for 2003!

NUTRITION

self-awareness. You will eat healthier when you have to track your food choices. It helps you realize your food patterns whether or not you are choosing too many breads and not enough fruits and vegetables.

■ Eat when you are hungry and stop when you are full. This sounds very simple but can be hard to do. Start by recognizing when you are hungry. Next, check your hunger halfway

between your meal, asking yourself, "Do I really need a third helping?" Stop when you are comfortably full - not holiday meal stuffed. Listening to your internal cues of hunger and fullness is the best way to manage your food portions.

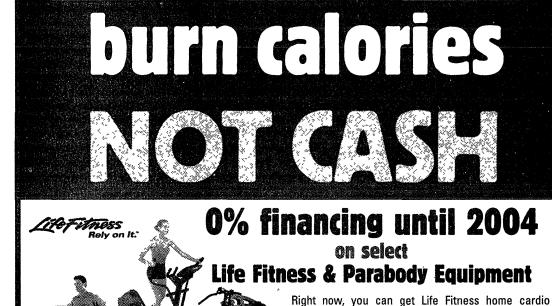
Don't let emotions rule your food choices. Eating can be a very emotional issue. People eat when they are happy, sad, bored or stressed. Realize why you are eating compared to being physically hungry. For example, if you eat when stressed, find a nonfood

way to combat the stress such as exercise, talking to a friend, or taking a relaxing bath.

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Arlington Park offers commitment to quality

Homes of every variety ranch, colonial and Cape Cod are available at Arlington Park, a site condominium community off Saltz Road west of Beck in

And if purchasers don't see exactly what they want in plans provided by Livonia Building, Danny Veri and Mike Joss, partners, will to work to accommodate them.

"I think personal service is going to be the biggest thing



from day one through warranty," Veri said.

"We are always accessible. Our business philosophy is complete customer satisfaction.

"We completely customize here to whatever people want," Veri added. "We tell people, 'Bring plans from a magazine.' If they're conducive to the site, we'll build.

"We're using the best quality materials, the best quality trades, then servicing after the sale," Veri said. "Every homeowner has every one of our contractor's phone numbers."

Livonia Building shows nine floor plans for Arlington Park. Base prices start at \$330,900 for a colonial of 2,360 square feet and rise to \$395,900 for colonials of 3,100 or 3,342

square feet. All of those homes

contain four bedrooms and 21/2

A ranch of 2,090 square feet

with three beds and two baths starts at \$331,900, a Cape Cod of 2,725 square feet with three beds and $2\frac{1}{2}$ baths, \$371,900.

All of the plans include at base price at least a two-car garage (a couple have three-car), air conditioning, humidifier, fireplace, den, first-floor laundry and basement.

Also included in all plans at no extra cost are microwave and dishwasher; granite kitchen countertops; upgraded trim package; ceramic or wood flooring in the foyer; wood in the kitchen/nook and half bath and carpeting throughout.

A five-year warranty against basement water leakage and a 25-foot rather than 20-foot turn-around pod at side-entry garages also are provided.

"Plymouth-Canton schools is one of the draws," said Bill

Dempsey, sales rep. "Another draw is we have half-acre lots here. The oh-and-ah things (with visitors) are with hardwood floors, granite, fireplace, trim."

The model, a colonial of 2,869 square feet, includes a two-story foyer, living room, formal dining room and an open layout across the back with a family room and kitchen/nook with island. The den is secluded near the kitchen.

All four bedrooms are upstairs.

The model carries a base price of \$375,900, as is including upgrades, about \$455,000.

Saltz Road leading to the community from Beck is expected to be paved next year.

Nearby electric transmission lines provide less electromagnetic field than what's found inside a typical home, Dempsey

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This colonial at Arlington Park includes all the traditional rooms on the main living area and four bedrooms upstairs.

city water, sewers and sidewalks. The property tax rate is

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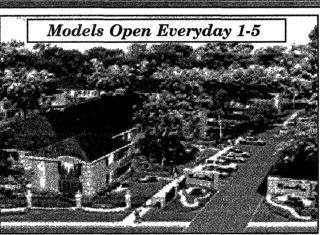
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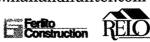
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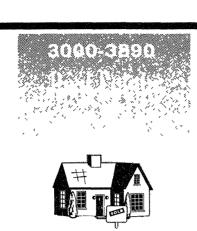
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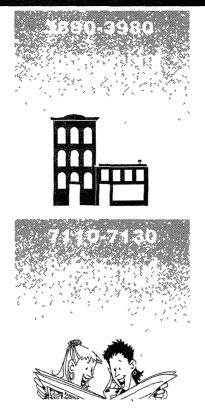


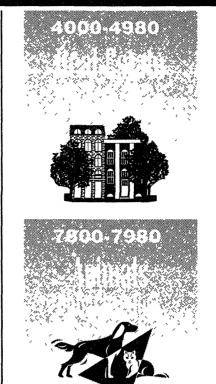














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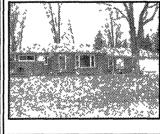
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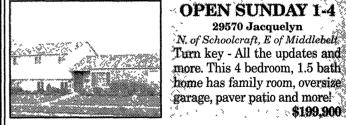
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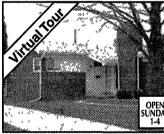
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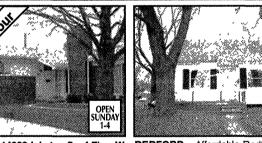
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credit? 0 down. Newer roof, windows, carpet, paint, updated bath, siding,

value in Livonia today - brick, 2 Newer 40 yr. rf, C/A, full finished brick bungalow has large master bedroom, 1½ bath ranch with finished basement, large yard, garage, 3 basement, new roof & windows, bedrooms, 2 baths, neutral paint, & so plumbing & elect all updated. Move in much more! Call now! Call Zana Diehl must see! Call Sylvia Florence-Albert

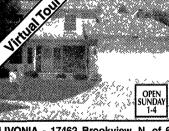


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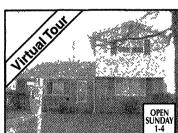


Sparkling clean, 3 bedroom ranch. Newer kitchen, carpet, C/A, immediate occupancy. You should really check this one out.



LIVONIA - 17462 Brookview, N. of 6 Mile, W. of Middlebelt - Back to nature! This 2000 sq. ft. brick colonial has it allof & windows, bedrooms, 2 baths, neutral paint, & so lights, dining room with bay window. A dependence of the color of the policy of the color of the policy of the color of the policy of the policy

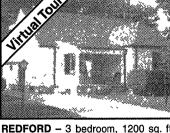
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LIVONIA - 32031 Wyoming, N. of Joy, E. of Farmington – 4 levels of room to roam. Lg master suite, 4 bedrooms total. Some fresh paint & carpet. FR, LR, DR, 2½ bath. Over 2160 SF. Beautiful yard in great area of Livonia. Hurry! Call Mark Riegal \$199,900 (W32031) 734-591-9200



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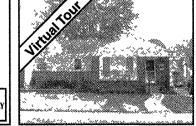








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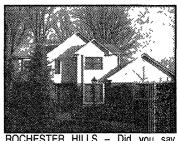
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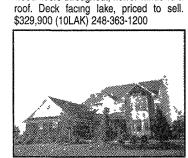
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patio. Custom-built 4 bedroom, 31/2 bath,

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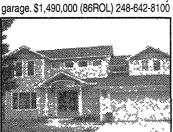
TRULY BETTER THAN NEW - Four bedroom Colonial built in 2000. All the finishing touches are in. Light-filled kitchen with tile floor, fireplace in family room. Hardwood in foyer & dining room, master suite with spa tub, beautifully tiled. Three car garage. \$329,900 (31JOS) 248-363-1200



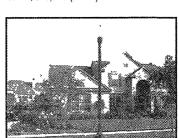
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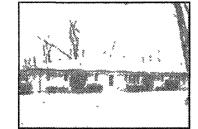
Remodeled Colonial. Three bedroom, 3 bath has beautifully updated kitchen, 2 story living room with inside/outside fireplace to deck with hot tub. Private balcony off master, 2 car garage, newer roof, furnace and A/C. West Bloomfield schools. Don't miss out! \$650,000 (07RUS) 248-642-8100



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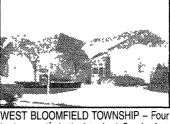
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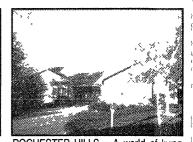
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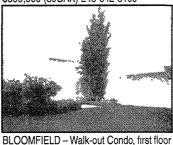
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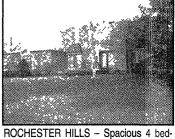
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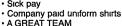
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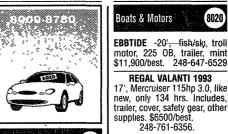
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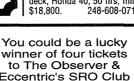
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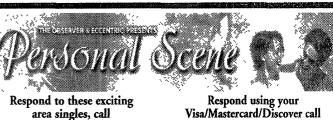
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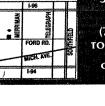
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No wonder. The 2003 Cavalier LS sedan is better than ever this year. On the inside, especially. Now will someone wake up and give this tired car a facelift? The styling of the Cavalier looks the same, year after year. There are new front and rear fascias and headlamps and taillamps. The front grille is a tad different.

I suppose you could argue that you don't fix something that isn't broken, but come on, Chevrolet engineering, the Cavalier has the same familiar look it did years and

Now that I have that off my chest, let me tell you all about all the good things about the Cavalier sedan.

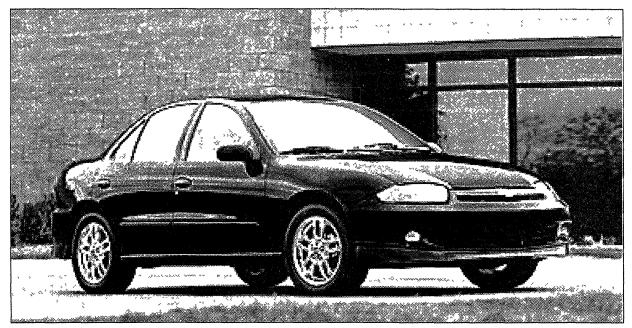
It's surprisingly large interior took me aback. The coupe is a little more inconvenient to get passengers in and out of the back, so the sedan is a better choice if you tend to cart people around. The interior of the Cavalier is refreshingly simple. Everything is logically placed. Slip behind the wheel and you'll find simple instrumentation and every button and knob within easy reach.

One thing that's an option on the Cavalier this year is GM's own OnStar system. Available only on the LS and LS Sport offerings. OnStar is not cost-prohibitive - even in this vehicle's price range. It costs a little under \$700 and its services are well worth it.

OnStar has become our country's leading provider of safety, security and information services. Its on-board Global Positioning System network includes wireless technology that information technology people dreamed about just a decade ago.

It's been a long time since I've taken a look at what OnStar actually offers and there have been a few additions. My first time using OnStar was in a Saturn some years ago when the alarm went off and disabled the engine. Within seconds, I had a technician helping me get on my way. I was impressed. I'm glad I haven't had to use it for emergency services.

OnStar has always been invaluable as a safety issue. It notifies police and fire departments of your air bag going off, provides stolen vehicle location, remote door unlock, provides road side assistance. Can do remote diagnostics on your car and provides route support - like where the nearest gas station is.



The 2003 Chevrolet Cavalier has a surprisingly comfortable smooth ride.

OnStar also allows you to send and receive phone calls hands-free and by voice activation. It's a really good idea to provide this system to your high school or college-aged child. It would give me peace of mind to know they're a

Also available this year: side impact air bags. Safety equipment you'll find standard on Cavalier this year include dual air bags, 4-wheel ABS, remote keyless entry with power locks and security alarm, battery rundown protection, breakaway sport mirrors, the annoying day-time running lights and child security rear door locks. In the rear seat you'll find the LATCH system and a 3-point seat belt in the center seating position.

There are a lot of choices in models of the Cavalier. You can go with the base coupe or sedan, LS coupe or sedan, LS sport coupe or sedan and the Z24 coupe or sedan. In the base and LS models, you'll find a 2.2-liter engine with 115 horsepower. In the Z24, you'll find the 2.4-liter twin

cam that provides 150 horsepower.

The real news is what's under the hood in the LS Sport coupe and sedan offerings. Standard on those models is a brand new EcoTec 2.2-liter engine that features twin overhead cams with 4 valves per cylinder. This little wonder produces a whopping 140 horsepower. Its effective response in city driving and superior passing ability on the highway makes this engine a perfect fit for Cavalier. By the way, on all models of Cavalier, the 5-speed man-

ual is standard equipment. You could opt for the Hydra-Matic 4-speed automatic. Better choice, I'd say. Mileage on all models are rated from 21 mpg in the city to 33 mpg

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on the highway combined. That's nice.

Also available on Cavalier is the XM satellite radio that features more than 100 coast-to-coast digital channels, most of which are commercial free. The radio all has a CD player and cassette. It costs \$425. Standard equipment on the LS sedan includes air con-

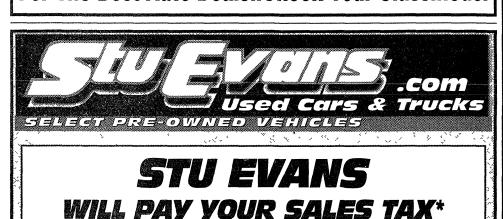
ditioning, AM/FM stereo with CD, power windows and mirrors, variable intermittent wipers, cruise control driver and passenger vanity mirrors, cruise control, tachometer, tilt-wheel steering column, center console with five cup holdes, tinted glass, theater dimming lights, floor mats, rear defogger, reclining front bucket seats and 60/40 split rear seat that folds flat for cargo.

Threw the kids and dogs in the back seat and headed up to northern parts of lower Michigan and was actually thinking I would be sorry. The ride and handling characteristics and comfort while driving were a pleasant surprise. The kids didn't even complain about any lack of room in the rear seats. Made for a nice ride.

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2003 Chevrolet Cavalier Vehicle class: LS sedan. Power: 2.2-liter 4-cylinder engine. Mileage: 26 city / 33 highway. Where built: Lordstown, Ohio. Base price: \$15,575. As tested: \$17.905.

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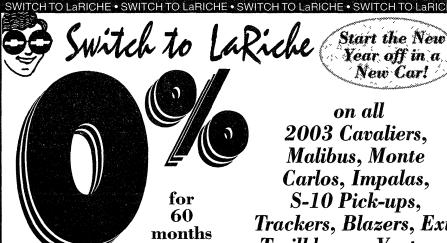
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