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Soothing

Simmering soup soothes the
sniffles. B1



Pipeline

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 chair.

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. 16.



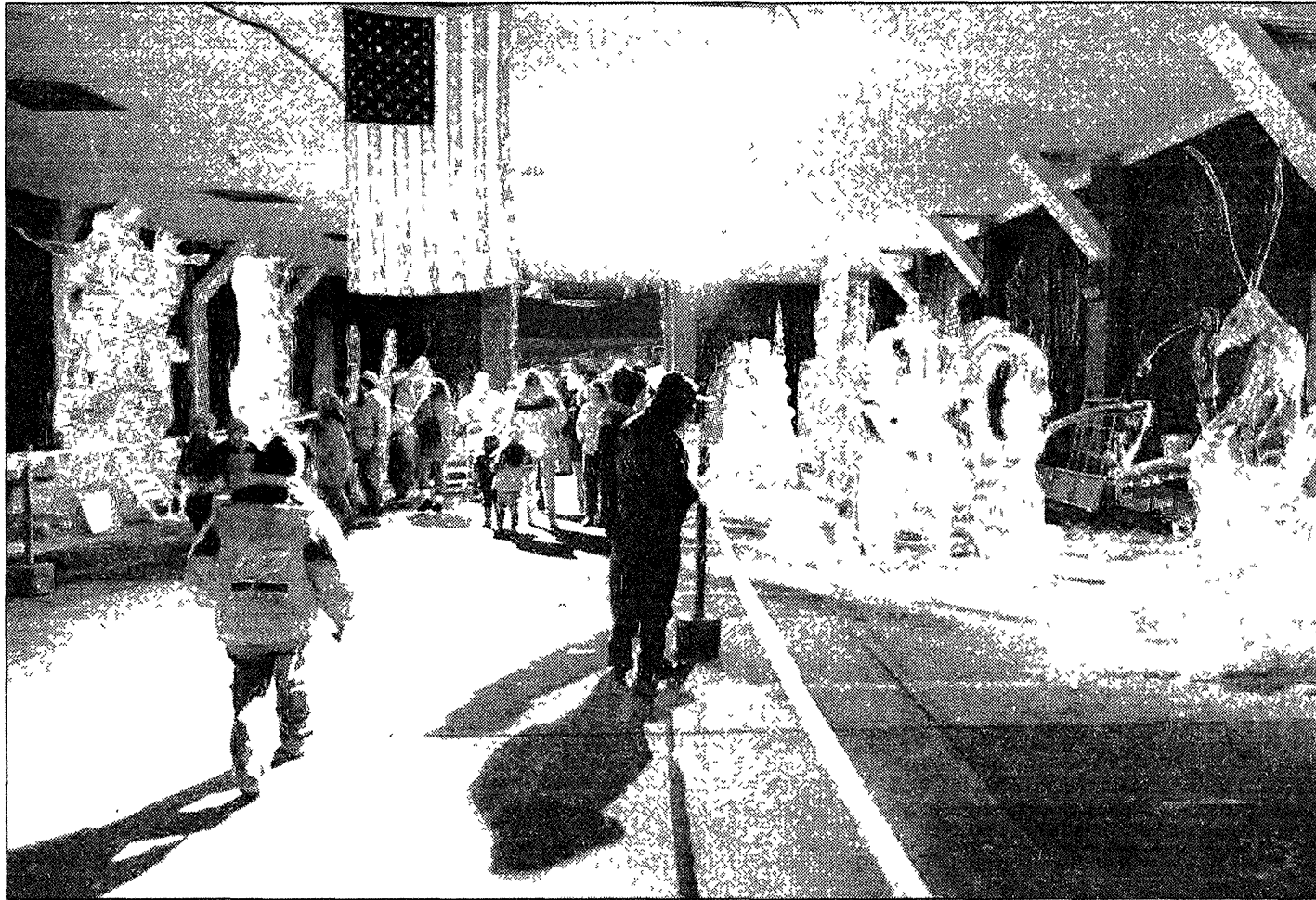
Participants need to come one night for the free 90-minute audition workshop. No experience or preparation is necessary, and all who audition will be cast.

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 tax-deductible. 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) 416-4278.

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 Wiczorek. "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."



BRYAN MITCHELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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 funding.

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 to reach \$152,000 to "make sure everything can be done the way we like to do it."

"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 anxiety out there."

Watts said nonprofits such as the ice festival are the first to feel an economic

pinch, because the money supporters 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."

PLEASE SEE ICE FESTIVAL, A5

District focuses on plan, budget

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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 long-range 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 Ryan. "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

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.

PLEASE SEE DISTRICT, A5

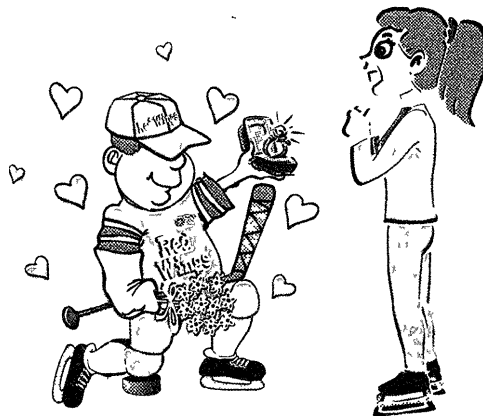
Marry me, marry me life is but a dream

"Will you marry me?"

Those four simple words, uttered a zillion times since Adam and Eve, continue to stir the heart, raise legions of goosebumps and even tickle the funny bone. They're not always accompanied by wine and roses. Sometimes, they're written across the sky, announced at sporting events or delivered by a messenger in a gorilla suit.

But always, they're so meaningful. In honor of Valentine's Day, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is sponsoring its second-annual Lessons in Love Contest. Winners receive a romantic evening on the town Thursday, Feb. 13.

PLEASE SEE PROPOSALS, A5



The Central Middle School Girls' Choir got the chance to sing "I Hope You Dance," the Lee Ann Womack hit, at Gov. Jennifer Granholm's inauguration Wednesday.

Central girls' choir helps governor make history

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."

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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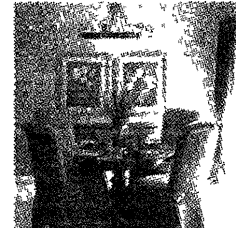
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Going tropical
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AROUND TOWN

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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World Heritage, a public benefit organization, seeks local host families for high school children from Spain, France, Germany, Thailand, Great Britain, Japan, Mexico or Brazil through the World Heritage International Student Exchange Program.

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screened and selected based on academic performance, English proficiency, teacher recommendations and personal interviews.

Students arrive shortly before school begins in Fall 2003. Each student is fully insured, brings his own personal spending money and expects to bear his share of household responsibilities, as well as be included in normal family activities and lifestyles. Families may choose the student of their choice from student applications, photo collages and biographical essays.

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

HIDDEN HISTORY

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) 455-8940.

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 e-mail 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.

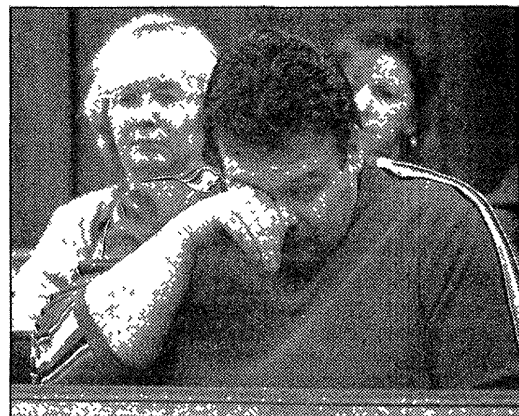
Smith said he is on lifetime, nonreporting probation for a cocaine charge, and within the last six months his home, his father's home and his wife's business, the Copa Lounge on Schoolcraft, were raided by federal investigators.

Further, Smith identified himself as the "west side boss" of the Devil's Disciples motorcycle club.

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



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
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 murders, 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 questions.

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

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 news.

"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 Rogee, 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.

Holiday season quiet for cops, firefighters

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

"We had a quiet holiday."
fire chief Larry Groth

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 season.

"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

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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Granholt: No increase in school funding

BY DAN WEST
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 2 percent, 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 education.

"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 cuts."

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 year," she said. "That gives us a good feel and helps us with the planning."

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CHOIR

FROM PAGE A1

The choir sang *I Hope You Dance* 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."

The limousine also served as a venue for one last practice before arriving in Lansing.

"It was difficult because we weren't sitting together in our 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 TVs; 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 seeing Michigan's first woman governor sworn in and participating in the inauguration ceremony is something the girls will carry with them for a lifetime.

"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 List.

"I think it's cool, a big step for Michigan," said Stencil. "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 it."

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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 resident, 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 tailor-made 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 election.

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ETHICS

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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 policy.

"(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 Ryan 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 law says.

"We're going to talk about

what happened and what it means, if anything," Ryan said. "We'll give our opinion what the law is in this area."

Even if the ethics committee - made up of the township board minus Munfakh - ultimately determines Munfakh violated the ethics policy, there isn't much members can do about it. Since Munfakh is an elected official, the only way to get him off the board would be to urge him to resign, or for voters to recall him.

Township attorney Tim Cronin told ethics committee members as much at their last meeting.

"The ethics policy doesn't give the committee the power to remove, or even reprimand," he said. "It just isn't there."

Not only was the public hearing cancelled, but the study session itself was moved. It takes place Thursday at 7 p.m. The only item on the agenda is discussion of the township hall study.

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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 in the number of student

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."

Local businesses and resi-

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

To help sponsor, buy a sculpture or for more information, call Watts at (734) 459-6969.

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PROPOSALS

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And, of course, you must be very romantic or very funny ... or both! Winners will be announced in your hometown newspaper Thursday, Jan. 30.

Send entries to: "Lessons in Love Contest" Cathy Young, Promotion Manager, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia, MI 48150 e-mail: cyoung@oe.homecomm.net Fax: (734) 953-2232

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.



Ryan

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."

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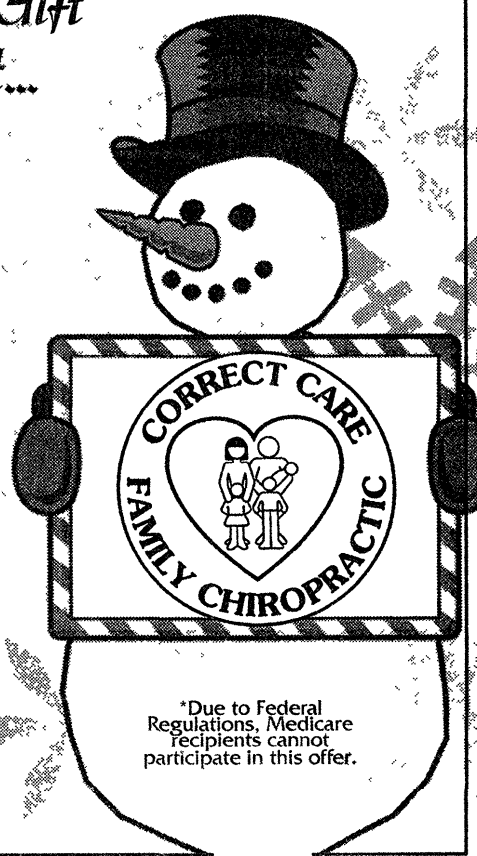
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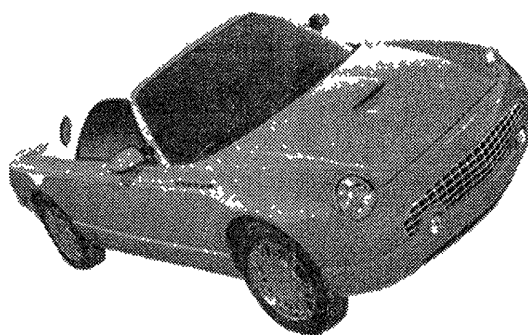
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PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

Road Rally
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 thunderbirdssoftball.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. Call 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. Non-members 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

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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 for further information.

Nursery Registration

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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

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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.

SEPA

Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators, SEPA (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 fries 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 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 monoxide detector on Plymouth Way.

■ **Wednesday, Dec. 25** — 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.

■ **Tuesday, Dec. 24** — 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 Greenview 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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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.)

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, County of Wayne, State of Michigan.

MARTHA PITEENBARGER, Secretary
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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

fair shot," he said.

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 county government." She called Ficano, "a man of integrity and ability." 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.

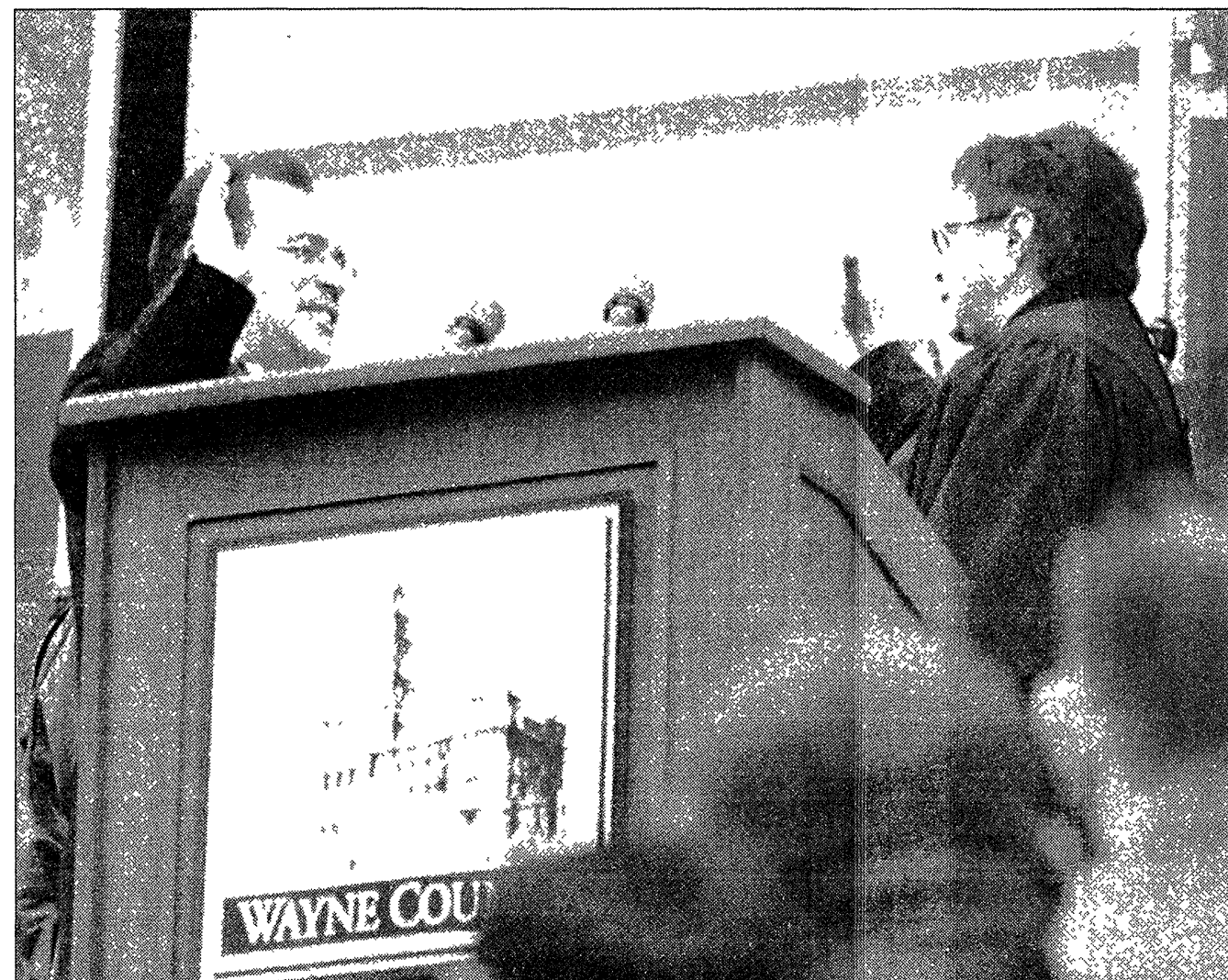


A hearty crowd turned out Thursday for Ficano's inauguration at the Wayne County Building.



Ficano gives his inaugural address before a chilly crowd in front of the Wayne County Building in Detroit Thursday.

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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

You can choose from more than 300 Continuing Education Services classes, including 45 new ones, offered during the winter term at Schoolcraft College. These classes challenge your mind and body, enhance your business or professional skills, nurture a new hobby, help you understand your toddler, and introduce you to some really great recipes.

CES winter classes begin Feb. 3 and make great holiday gifts. Students 60 years or older can take classes at reduced rates. The complete CES winter schedule is available on the Web at www.schoolcraft.edu with: class information; registration forms that may be mailed or faxed; and instructions for touchtone and online registration. Persons who have taken a Schoolcraft class can register on the Web at <http://webadvisor.schoolcraft.cmi.us>.

Among the new offerings are classes on video and music production, screenwriting, advanced Web page creation, the writings of C.S. Lewis and of Nobel Prize winners, aging

youthfully, CPR for family and friends, Pilates for beginners or fast-track fundraising.

The popular culinary arts classes include several new offerings such as Saute Like a Pro; Egg-citing Eggfare; Great Cuisine for the Great Event; and The Heart of Great Lakes Wines. In other new classes, you can learn to display digital photos online or how to speed read. Information technology training includes classes leading to certification as a Microsoft systems administrator or an A+ certified computer technician.

Schoolcraft offers a full equine program for horse lovers, including a new class on how horses learn, personal health classes, an American Management Association Certificate Program, and classes in the visual arts, communication, wellness, languages, music, reading and photography.

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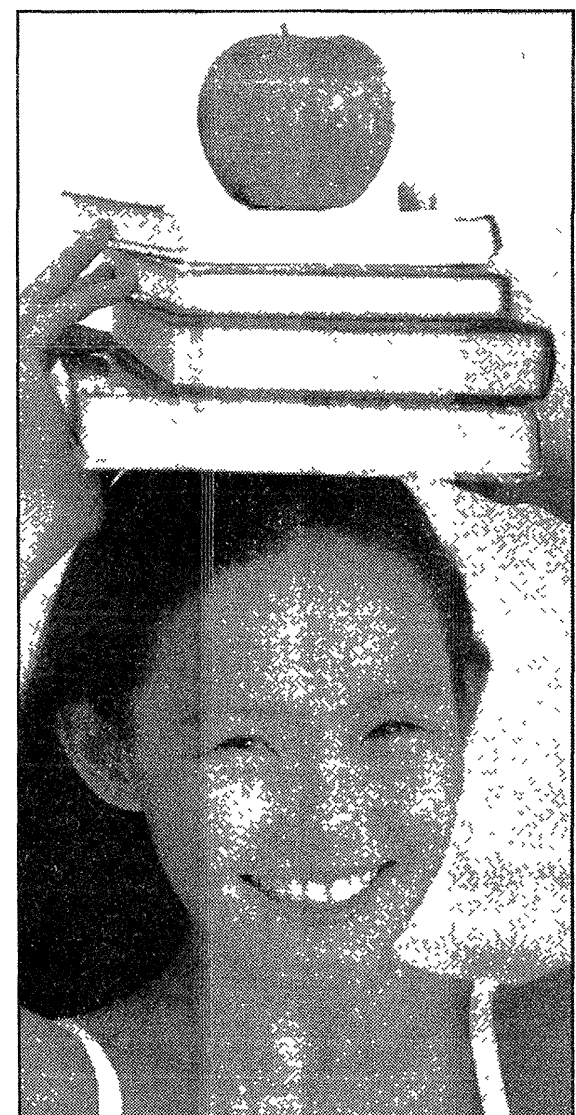
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Side dish

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FROSTED CRANBERRY-CHERRY PIE

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

Filling

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 desired



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 Taste.

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.



Save leftover vegetables like the ends from sliced zucchini, the dark green tops of leeks, mushroom stems and potato peeling to make a rich, hearty vegetable broth.

Comfort Soothe sniffles with good for cure you soups

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

January 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 you need."

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 Stracciatella, 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 symptoms.

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/remedies.asp.

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

Special crisp, fruity winter white wines from Alsace

Pinot grigio is the popular white wine grown in the northern Italian wine regions of the Alto 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. Dry-style 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 foods.

"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

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 \$35.

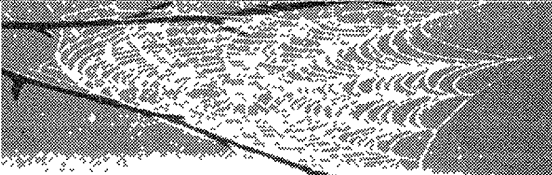
■ Excellent: 1999 Caparzo Ca del Pazzo Toscana Montalcino \$35 and 2000 Caparzo Rosso di Montalcino \$21.

■ Very good: 1999 Borgo Scopeto Chianti Classico Reserva \$28; 1999 Borgo Scopeto Chianti Classico \$20; and 2000 Rosso Caparzo Sangiovese Toscana \$14.

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.

PLEASE SEE WINE, B2

Are there cobwebs on your cultural calendar?



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

WINE

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

In *An Encyclopedia of the Wines and Domains 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#.

Simmer soups, soothe colds, flu

VEGETABLE BROTH
 3 carrots, chopped
 10 sprigs cilantro
 1/2 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
 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 Cancer Research

STRACCIATELLE (ITALIAN EGG DROP SOUP)
 6 cups chicken broth
 2 large eggs
 2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan (or Romano) cheese
 2 tablespoons semolina (farina or Cream of Wheat), optional
 5 ounces (half a 10-ounce package), 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. Source: www.cooksrecipes.com

MISO SOUP WITH GARLIC AND GINGER
 1/2 pound carrots, peeled
 3 each green onions for garnish
 1 teaspoon canola oil
 1-1/2 cups yellow onion, 1/2-inch dice
 2 tablespoons ginger, minced
 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
 1/2 qt vegetable stock
 8 oz package tofu, thinly sliced and baked
 1/4 pound bok choy, 1" pieces
 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
 8 1/2 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
 1/4 teaspoon rosemary
 1/4 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 1/2 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. Refrigerate for up to 3 days or freeze for longer storage.

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.
 1/2 cup (loosely packed) cilantro sprigs
 1/4 cup reduced-fat sour cream
 1 tablespoon skim milk
 5 large red bell peppers, cut lengthwise into flat panels
 1 1/2 teaspoon Whole Foods Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil
 2 large onions, sliced
 3 garlic cloves, sliced
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 2 1/2 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 some of cilantro cream.

Source: www.wholefoods.com

American Pilaf healthy one-pot meal

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

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 one-dish meal with the ideal proportions.



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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 cranberries
- 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 teaspoon 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 until translucent.

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

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 use.

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 chicken.

Place carrots in skillet with enough broth to barely cover them.

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 carrots.

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.

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Stewart Francke rocks with the Wheel of Life

BY KEELY KALESKI
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 life."

He's a survivor, ready to move on.

"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 regular 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 think?"

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.

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

Use filters to make the ordinary extraordinary

There 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 discuss the five essential filters for color film, the ones I feel you can put to good use to help get

rave reviews for your photographs. In my next column, I'll talk about the important black and white filters.

Polarizers — This is the most essential filter of all. The polarizer 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 filter will slightly warm up colors, its main function is to protect your lens.

Think of it as an inexpensive "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 feet 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 close-up 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) 852-8133

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 & Film

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.plymouthsymphony.org.

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

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

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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.

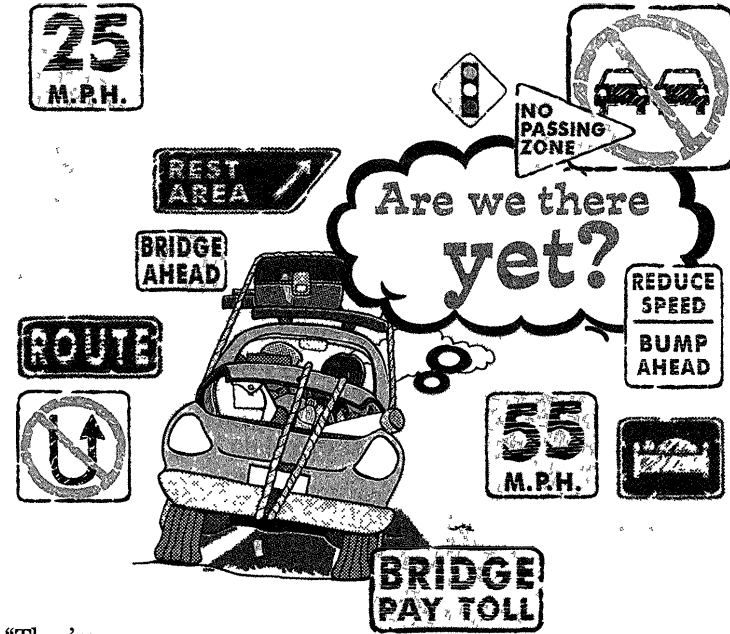
"We have captain's chairs so they can't reach each other," she said.

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 way.

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



"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 unprepared.

"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 drop-off box."

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

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, inner-tube 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 cross-country 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 lifetime."

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 headphones or game players for each child or teen. Taking along extra batteries can save you from a frantic late-night 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.

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Retired Livonia teacher offers tours in Europe and Russia

Retired Livonia teacher David Groen is offering four new guided tours to Europe and Russia in the coming 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.

The tours include:

- 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.

Contact Groen at (734) 455-5810.

blissing the boats

A solo performance written and conceived by Sekou Sundiata

Fri 1/17 8 pm
Sat 1/18 8 pm
Sun 1/19 2 pm
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Sekou Sundiata performs his one-man show, *blissing the boats*, a sequence of poems, prose and monologues derived from stand-up comedy, literary reading, and performance theater. *blissing 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

with Khary Kimani Turner and Detroit's Black Bottom Collective

Mon 1/20 8 pm
Michigan Theater • Ann Arbor

Following a national tour with Ani DiFranco, Sekou Sundiata fuses soul, jazz, and hip-hop grooves with lyrics rich in political insight and humor. An electrifying urban poet, Sundiata "is to contemporary African-American poetry what Marvin Gaye was to modern soul." (Village Voice)

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Sidelines

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 Troxter (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-and-under, 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.

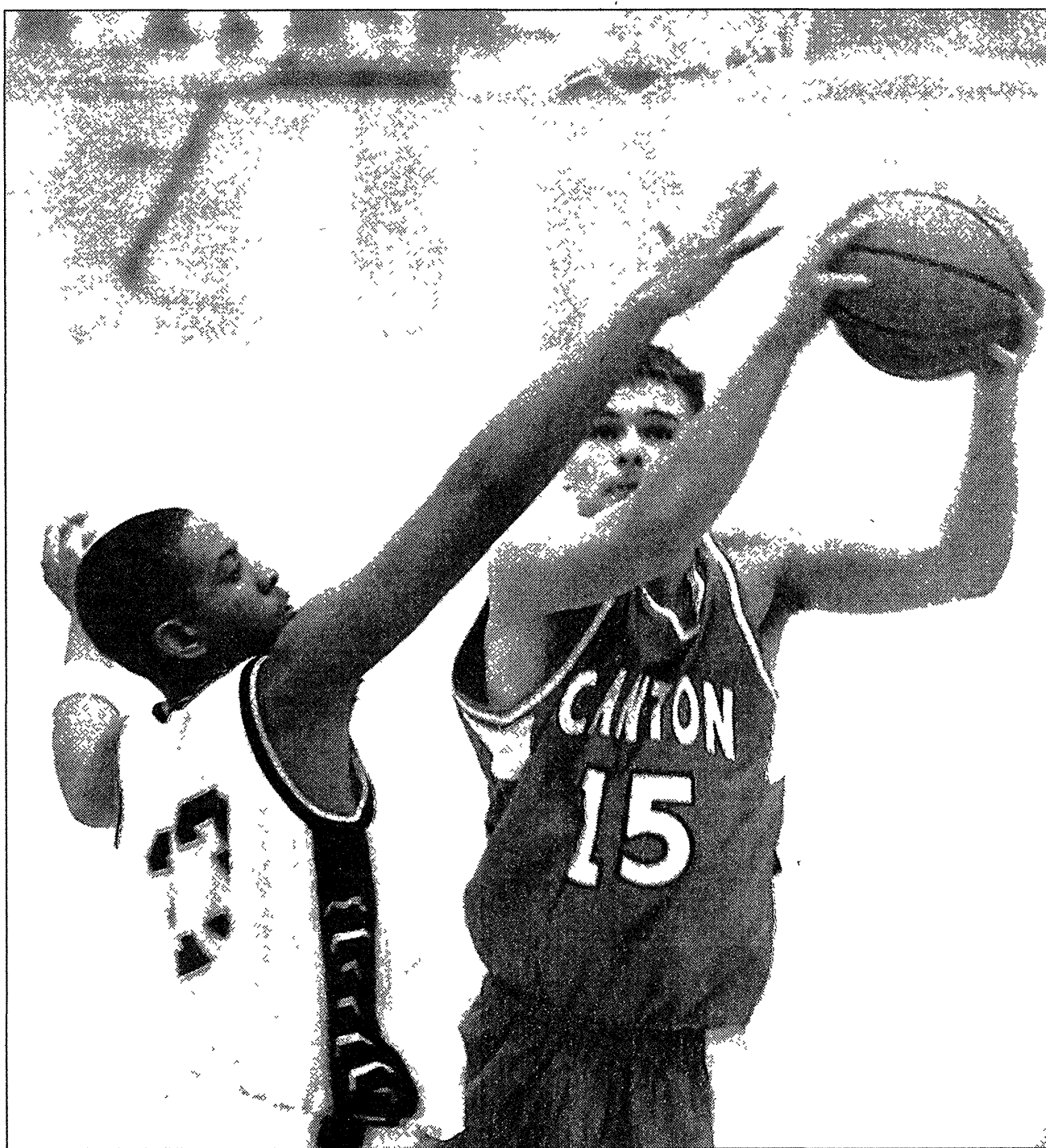
The tryout, for girls 11-and-under, will be from 6:30-8 p.m. Tryout fee is \$15 unless you are a current AAU member. If you are a current AAU member, you must bring your membership card in order to tryout.

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 amenities 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.



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

BRYAN MITCHELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Not quite

Northville's rally catches Canton

BY C.J. RISAK
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 boards.

Up stepped Adam Konst, a senior guard who had 12 points at that stage. In the last quarter-and-a-half 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 conference.

"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 8-of-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

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.

The two losses left the Ocelots at 8-5. Seminole is 13-6. 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 Laruisa West and 12 apiece from Yasmin Warthen and Jasmine Patterson.

SC had more turnovers in the game — 34 — than points and was out-rebounded, 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 boards.

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 afford to do — it started poorly.

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

They did learn their lesson, apparent-

MEN'S BASKETBALL

ly. In Tuesday's consolation final against Kenyon College (Gambier, OH), 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 Emehiser was one of six players named to the all-tournament team. Emehiser 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 19-of-29 (65.5 percent) to Bluffton's 9-of-24 (37.5 percent).

Emehiser 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 Livonia."

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



ERIC BRONSON | OBSERVER

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 —

PLEASE SEE TIMEKEEPER, C2

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BASEBALL TRYOUTS

■ The Michigan Indians 10-year-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 requirement.

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 Trublowksi at (734) 459-5289.

YMCA HOOPS

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-and-under levels for the upcoming spring season.

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

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 players.

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

CANTON

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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 shots."

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 quarter to take a 34-31 halftime lead.

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

But . . . "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 command.

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

again, giving Northville a four-point 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 seconds.

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 fourth-quarter 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 left.

"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 basketball."

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

One that was sparked by Konst.

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 eight-point 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 well."

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 Pennfather added 16.

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rebounds.

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 all-tourney 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 against Kenyon was just the opposite. They converted 21-of-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).

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 (3-of-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

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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 athletics.

"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 guy.'"

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 classes.

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 grandchildren.

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

Here 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 Mazaway 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 by age.

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 program.

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



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

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 all.

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

May we all bowl well in 2003.

HONOR ROLL SCORES

WOODLAND LANES (Livonia)
West Chicago (Sunday league): Brent Kalis, 300.

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.

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 — 11-of-28 shooting in the first half (39.3 percent), compared to Wesleyan's 14-of-23 (60.9 percent).

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

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); Wesleyan hit 16-of-17 free throws (94.1 percent) and 9-of-16 triples (56.3 percent).

THE WEEK AHEAD

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 Lutheran North, 7 p.m.
Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.
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. W.L. Western (Edgar), 6 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Kingswood (Arctic Pond), 6 p.m.
PCS at G.P. North, 5:30 p.m.
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 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Canton (Arctic Edge), 7:30 p.m.
Franklin vs. Lapeer West (Polar Palace), 8 p.m.
Redford CC at Park Tudor (Ind.), 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 11
Churchill vs. 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.

PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Jan. 6
Brighton, Grosse Ile 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 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 9
Divine Child at Ladywood, 6:30 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

Napoleon 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 Kitchener Craft, 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 Kitchener Craft, 7:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, Jan. 11

Madonna at Siena Heights, 5:30 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Sunday, Jan. 5

Whalers at London Knights, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

Whalers at Kitchener Rangers, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 10

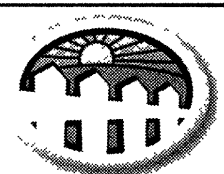
Whalers vs. Windsor (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 11

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

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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.



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



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



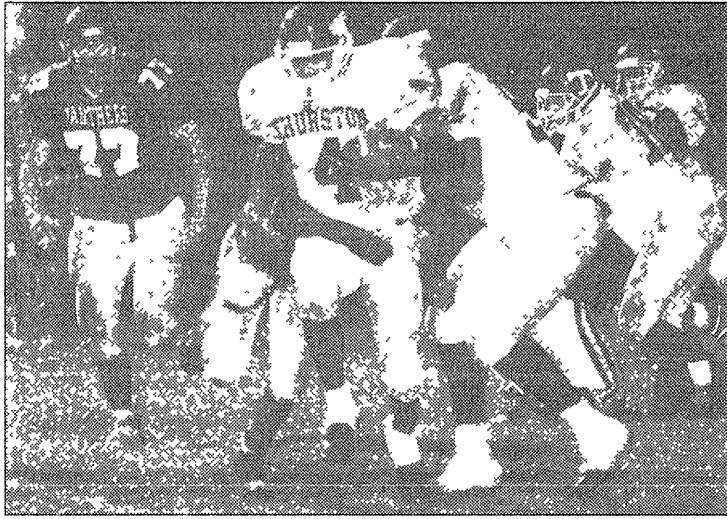
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Livonia Stevenson tight end John Rehberg (right), pursued by Westland John Glenn's Jeremiah Thornton, hauls in a 9-yard touchdown pass. Stevenson stunned Glenn by beating them in double overtime 38-35.



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Salem's Kevin Savitskie (left) attempts to score in the state soccer final against Rochester. Rochester won 1-0.



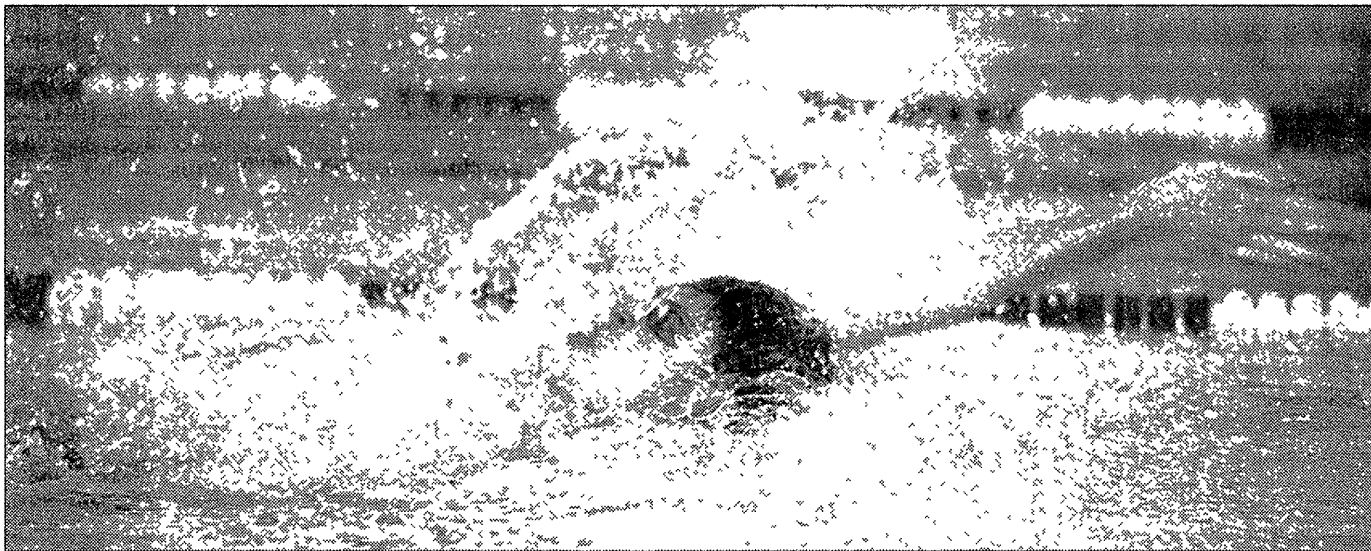
ERIC BRONSON | OBSERVER

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



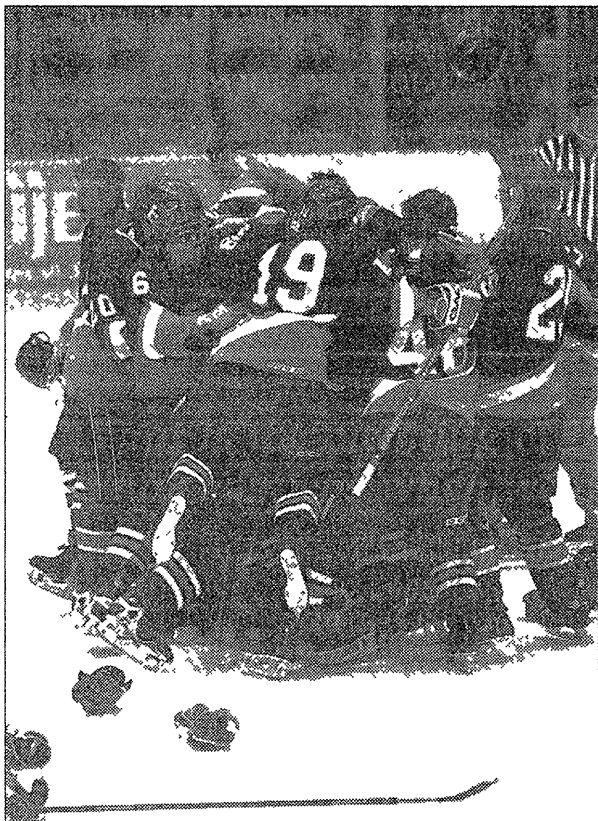
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Plymouth Salem's Eric Lynn finished first in the state in the 200 yard individual medley.



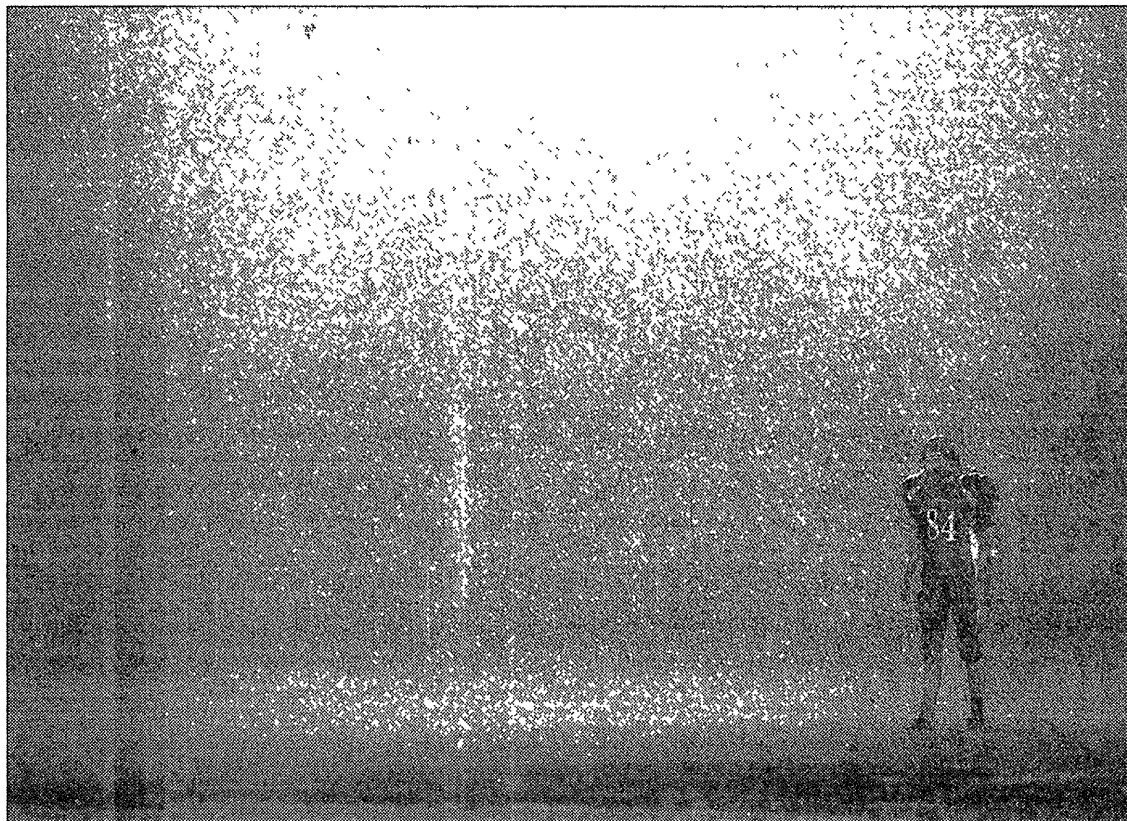
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Garden City basketball won their semi district final game losing in the finals to Belleville.



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Catholic Central wins its fourth straight hockey state final.



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Livonia Clarenceville's Glenn Garratt waits for a punt during a downpour last fall season in which they had an 8-2 record.



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Ashley Aquinto is one of Salem's top gymnasts in the all-around.

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QUALITY GAL

50 yr old, divorced female, 5'5", a few extra pounds, long blonde hair, hazel eyes. Enjoys bowling, playing cards, darts, fishing, boating, camping, movies, music, good conversation, her hot tub. Seeks responsible, family oriented male, 45 to 60, good sense of humor. BOX 14762

ONE OF A KIND

Pretty, petite, passionate, divorced white female, 40-ish. Seeks non-smoking, single white male, over 40, for dating and relating. Let's create sparks and watch them fly! BOX 25332

GET IN TOUCH

31 yr old female, 5'7", 136 lbs. Looking for someone to have some fun and adventures with. BOX 21120

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN

44 yrs old, 5'7", divorced, white female, likes dancing, cooking, movies, music, singing. Seeks white male, 36 to 45, 5'10" to 6'3", with some of the same interests. BOX 26733

FOREIGN BORN WOMAN

46 yrs old, 5'5", 130 lbs, blonde hair, hazel eyes, two young children. Seeks honest, responsible man. BOX 30880

CONTACT ME A.S.A.P.!

Attractive divorced white mother of three, professional, college degree, petite, 5'11", weight proportionate, optimistic. Enjoys exercise, good conversation, movies, concerts, music, sports. Seeks professional divorced male, 45 to 55, no beard or mustache, sense of humor. BOX 30884

PRINCESS AWAITS YOU

Intriguing, attractive, divorced white female, 5'5", 125 lbs, hazel eyes, blonde/brown hair, outgoing, fun loving. Enjoys candlelight dinners, movies, dancing, romance. Seeks her knight in shining armor, 50 or older, honest, sincere, to share very special moments with. BOX 30927

TIRED OF GAMES

Attractive, divorced white female, 51, 5'4", long reddish hair, smoker. Seeking gentleman, 45 to 65, with a sense of humor, for dinner (home cooking), movies, quality time and fun relationship. Oakland County. BOX 36013

ARE YOU...

Looking for someone special, who is sincere, honest, and fun loving, could be me. I am a divorced white female, 54, non-smoker, who likes to do almost everything. West Side area. Let's talk! Wayne County. BOX 36084

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45 yr old female, 5'7", medium build, brown eyes and hair, lives in Troy area, enjoys sharing activities with the right person. Gave me a call and I'd be glad to get back to you! BOX 23444

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LET'S GET TOGETHER

You found her! Adorable, petite, prefers gentleman 48-60, full of life, great sense of humor, likes to have new experiences. Call you won't regret it. Oakland County. BOX 25008

POSSIBLE CONNECTION

An attractive brunette, 49, 5'4", 115 lbs, single white professional female, with great smile and good heart, enjoys family and friends, boating, Red Wings and you, if height weight proportionate, humorous, caring, financially stable and emotionally available. Wayne County. BOX 25011

AM I ASKING TOO MUCH

African American divorced mother of two, 41, intelligent, young looking, very energetic, exercises every day. Seeks white male who's trustworthy, classy, warm, loving heart, clean cut, monogamous, affectionate, intelligent, strong morals. outgoing. BOX 25991

ARE YOU MY KNIGHT?

Young looking, 44 yr old divorced woman, enjoys music, travel, sports, camping, quiet times. Seeks honest, fun loving, marriage minded gentleman, 38 to 50, social smoker and drinker, children okay. Home owner. preferred. BOX 26664

LET'S TALK

White female, 51, long blonde hair, in good shape, 5'5", non-smoker, social drinker, very fun loving, vivacious, loves life. Enjoys working out, boating, beaches, getaway weekends, concerts. Seeks white male, 45 to 55. BOX 26694

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, non-smoker, for fun and friendship. BOX 26699

SHARE LIFE WITH ME

58 yr old lady, full figured, 5'5", green eyes, red hair, good home owner. 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/blonde, enjoys walking, swimming, movies, music and dining. Seeks white male, 40-50, slim to medium build, 5'6", non-smoker, occasional drinker, affectionate and sincere, for a meaningful relationship in Garden City. BOX 26999

COUNTRY GIRL

Divorced white lady, non-smoker, non-drinker likes horseback riding, lists own horses. Enjoys camping, walking, boating, flea markets, old cars, movies. Seeks gentleman 57 to 65 with similar interest. Monroe County. BOX 27030

FIRST TIME AD

Educated, well traveled, loving professional single female, 52", medium build, non-smoker. Enjoys conversation, music, travel, quiet times, and theater. Seeking refined gentleman, 60-70, for friendship first. Oakland County. BOX 35999

UNIQUE VEGETARIAN

Pretty, 40's, 5'7", 119 lbs, spirited, happy and degreed, loves yoga, living, food preparation, culinary arts grad in search of a great connection, open hearted communicator who is loving, intelligent, healthy, love of dance music and this beautiful world are a plus. Oakland County. BOX 36076

LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH

Single black sophisticated, mature female, medium height, slender build, enjoys dining out, flea markets, movies and more. Seeks male with similar interests, race not important. Wayne County. BOX 36126

SMART FUNNY HUGGABLE

40 yr old divorced white female 5'7" with 2 children, likes movies, walks, zoes, intelligent conversation. Seeking an educated, down to earth, non-smoking white male 40-49, who is family oriented, enjoys laughing, hugging and open communication. Western Wayne county. BOX 36128

A TOUCH OF CLASS

Attractive, tall, mature lady, 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, monogamous relationship. I am 51 yr old divorced female. I 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, holidays and many other interests. Seeks skiing and sailing buddy, 50 to 60, Jewish, active, interested in friendship, fun, romance and possible long term relationship. Dearborn area. Wayne County. BOX 14905

WORTH A CALL

Divorced white mother of three, 47, good personality, 126 lbs, graduate degree, professional, attractive and fit, Christian. Enjoys walking, church, movies, travel, dining out, walking, cooking. Seeks honest, non-smoking, financially stable male. BOX 21096

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR

Giving, loving, compassionate, curly, lots of fun, great conversationalist, 55, looking for sincere, successful Caucasian gentleman, 45-late 70's, to be my soul mate. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. BOX 25322

QUALITY, QUALITY

Seeking a sincere, honest, no games playing, non-smoking, social drinker, single white male by a divorced white female, 54, who likes to do almost everything. Looking for friendship, companionship or something long term. West side Wayne County. BOX 25333

CUTE AND CLASSY

Single black female, mid 50's, enjoys jogging, concerts and walks in the park. Seeking a gentleman over 50, with similar interests. Oakland County. BOX 26086

TIRED OF BAR SCENE

54 yr old, white female, 5'9", shoulder length frosted hair, very honest. Enjoys outdoors, fishing, boating, movies, dining out. Looking for a very honest male, 5'11" or taller, who wants a companion and possibly something more serious. BOX 26691

BUBBLY & CLASSY

Intelligent, fit, 5'6", brown eyed blonde, passionate about life and laughing, enjoys golf, biking, theater, boating and great conversations, interested in meeting tall, 50 to 55, financially/emotionally stable true gentleman with similar interests. Oakland County. BOX 27010

SONGS FROM THE HEART

Divorced white female, 47, 5'7", blonde/blue, vivacious, passionate, Christian church musician. Seeks white Christian male, 48 to 58, who is trustworthy, emotionally/financially secure, with no dependents. Someone with a jest for life. Wayne County. BOX 27026

LOVELY BUT LONELY

Tall, slender, attractive, romantic, fun lady seeks honest, loyal, romantic, flexible gentleman, that's 55 plus, over 5'10", and fun to be with. Let's start as friends first. Oakland County. BOX 27034

A BELIEVER AGAIN

44 yr old female, blue eyes, dark brown hair, 5'7", medium build, average looks, non-smoker or drinker, enjoys country music, video games, movies, walks, darts. Looking for a spiritual Oakland County. BOX 36057

ATTRACTIVE WOMAN

Soft spoken, non-smoker, white female, 5'11", size 11, wishes to meet a white male, 6'2", or taller, 49 or older, no games, no heavy drinkers, no drugs, height/weight proportionate. Wayne County. BOX 36053

SEEKS BETTER HALF

Down to earth single attractive Asian female, 40, no dependents. Seeks attractive white male 5'10" plus, health conscious, has a positive outlook on life, is ambitious and successful yet unpretentious for friends leading to long term relationship. Oakland County. BOX 36057

TOUCH OF CLASS

For sale, attractive, classy, outgoing, divorced white female, 5'5", 130 lbs, dark hair, pretty eyes. Seeks top notch, tall, white male, 50 plus, to share fun, and special moments together. Your cost one phone call. Oakland County. BOX 36059

I HAVE ELAN

Eclectic, attractive, slender, romantic, quality lady, enjoys most music, dancing, golf, tennis, boating, sports and theater. Seeks special, non-smoking, gentleman, over 59, and 5'10" plus, that is honest, loyal and fun. Oakland County. BOX 36061

SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

Attractive, slender, tall lady of 55, warm hearted, cerebral, somewhat a quiet home body, a smoker. Seeking a gentleman, 55 to 69, intelligent, tall, polite, thorough, a smoker, who enjoys dining and conversation. Oakland County. BOX 36077

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GEMINI GIRL

Single white female, 47, slender, blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys golf, swimming, boating, people. Looking for a single white male, 42-53, who's genuine, down to earth, stable, for dating, possible long term relationship. Wayne County. BOX 35938

ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN

Petite, divorced, white female, seeks honest and secure, single, white male, 49-55, who likes to laugh and have fun, for friendship, possible long term relationship. Dearborn area. Wayne County. BOX 35950

A LADY OF CLASS

Vivacious, upbeat, very attractive, blonde female, a professional, 57", 115 lbs, upper 50's, seeking soul mate counter part, 60's, a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship. Call me and see what life has in store for us. BOX 35996

SEEKING ITALIAN

Petite, white female, 53, 5'1", 128 lbs, brown hair and eyes, non-smoker, attractive, talkative, good sense of humor. Seeks gentleman 60 to 66, non-smoker, sharing the things in life we both enjoy, especially traveling. BOX 36003

LADY WITH PIZZAZZ

Eclectic, attractive, slender, fun, romantic lady, enjoys golf, tennis, boating, dancing and more. Seeking special, fun gentleman, 59 plus, over 5'10", non-smoker, honest and loyal. BOX 36009

DREAMING OF YOU...

Single male, 50, likes biking, movies, parks, dining and staying home. Hoping to find a single female, 45 to 55, friendship first, maybe leading to more. Let's see what happens! BOX 21248

Advertisement for 'DIRECT YOUR OWN Love Story' featuring a couple in a romantic setting. Text includes 'PLACE YOUR FREE PERSONALS AD TODAY AND WRITE YOUR OWN HAPPY ENDING.' and phone number '1-888-829-6359'.

ALL AMERICAN GUY

Single white female, 40, 5'5", non-smoker, brown hair, medium to husky, loving, caring, likes a variety of activities, sports. Seeking a husky, honest, white guy, 36-46, serious long-term relationship. Macomb County. BOX 36039

CLASSY COSMO CUTIE

Creativity and chemistry a must. White female, compassionate, curvy, looking for someone to have fun with. White professional, 46 to 56, non-smoker, no drugs, love animals, water, boating, exercise, cooking a spiritual. Oakland County. BOX 36057

ATTRACTIVE WOMAN

Soft spoken, non-smoker, white female, 5'11", size 11, wishes to meet a white male, 6'2", or taller, 49 or older, no games, no heavy drinkers, no drugs, height/weight proportionate. Wayne County. BOX 36053

SEEKS BETTER HALF

Down to earth single attractive Asian female, 40, no dependents. Seeks attractive white male 5'10" plus, health conscious, has a positive outlook on life, is ambitious and successful yet unpretentious for friends leading to long term relationship. Oakland County. BOX 36057

TOUCH OF CLASS

For sale, attractive, classy, outgoing, divorced white female, 5'5", 130 lbs, dark hair, pretty eyes. Seeks top notch, tall, white male, 50 plus, to share fun, and special moments together. Your cost one phone call. Oakland County. BOX 36059

I HAVE ELAN

Eclectic, attractive, slender, romantic, quality lady, enjoys most music, dancing, golf, tennis, boating, sports and theater. Seeks special, non-smoking, gentleman, over 59, and 5'10" plus, that is honest, loyal and fun. Oakland County. BOX 36061

SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

Attractive, slender, tall lady of 55, warm hearted, cerebral, somewhat a quiet home body, a smoker. Seeking a gentleman, 55 to 69, intelligent, tall, polite, thorough, a smoker, who enjoys dining and conversation. Oakland County. BOX 36077

men seeking women

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GETTING IT RIGHT!

Handsome teacher, 50, 6', 210 lbs, divorced, likes hunting, fishing, movies, playing the guitar, cooking, gardening, dining out and being with that special person. Seeks single female, same interests for a long term relationship. NO HEAD GAMES! Children welcomed. BOX 21155

LOOKING 4 THAT GIRL

Hard working, divorced white male, 49, 5'8", 175 lbs. Looking to find an easy going, intelligent, pretty white female, mid to late 40s, nice shape and build, for a long term relationship. No games please. Redford area. BOX 14640

DREAMING OF YOU...

Single male, 50, likes biking, movies, parks, dining and staying home. Hoping to find a single female, 45 to 55, friendship first, maybe leading to more. Let's see what happens! BOX 21248

JUST LOVABLE

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

QUALITY GUY

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

ARE YOU COMPATIBLE?

When professional male, 53", fit, brown hair, blue eyes, well educated, no dependents. Enjoys music, movies, reading, family and friends, biking, jogging, long walks. Seeking fit, emotionally available white professional female, no dependents. For happy and healthy relationship. BOX 14561

READY TO GAMBLE?

45 yrs old, attractive, healthy, single, white male seeks lady like, single, white female, 40's to 50's. BOX 14811

COULD U BE THE ONE?

35 yrs old, fit, male, blonde hair, blue eyes, attractive, never married, no children, financially secure, home-owner, charming, affectionate, trustworthy and honest. Likes travel, sports, concerts, animals. Seeks open minded, slim, fashionable, single white female, 25 to 40, for friendship first, possibly more later. BOX 14684

ENDLESS LOVE

40 yr old, 6'7", tall, dark, 245 lbs, well built, Latino, young, good looking, employed, easy going. Enjoys music, movies and working out. Looking for friendship leading to long term 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 15863

LET'S HAVE FUN...

Nice looking, considerate, single white male, in my 40's. Seeks a single lady in her 40's or 50's, for dancing, dining and social events. BOX 20569

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

Hispanic male, medium build, likes to have fun. Seeks female for dating. BOX 20672

ISN'T IT TIME WE MET

Articulate, cultured, nice looking, unique black male, 50, 5'7", 150 lbs. Wishes to meet a sincere, attractive, affectionate, white or foreign born female, for a long term, mutually committed relationship. BOX 21089

HOPELESS ROMANTIC

Late 40's, 6'4", male with mustache. Likes fireplaces, Harleys, dancing, social drinker and smoker. Seeks single, white female, 35 to 50, who likes to have fun. BOX 21175

TOTAL PACKAGE

6', 197 lbs, professional black entrepreneur, intelligent, bald, well groomed, educated. Enjoys working out, fishing, travel, sailing, movies, dining out, plays. Seeks mature woman who enjoys being spoiled and pampered. BOX 30940

MUSCULAR & ATHLETIC

Single white male, 44, 6'2", 215 lbs, brown blue, clean cut, degree, never married, no dependents, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities. Seeks friendly single female, age location open. Wayne County. BOX 27018

LIFE HAS JUST BEGUN!

57 yr old divorced male, 5'7", 175 lbs, fit, retired, silver hair and mustache, financially secure. Loves golf, movies, biking, travel, the beach, dining out. Seeks female, not too much baggage, thin to medium build, non-smoker. BOX 26887

END MY SEARCH

Live near I-94 in Telegraph, 63 yrs old, 5'9", 170 lbs, youthful, light hearted, gentle. Enjoys camping, walking, flea markets, movies, quiet nights at home. Looking for permanent relationship with a slim to semi-slim lady. BOX 10478

TIRED OF BEING ALONE

Widowed and lonesome male, 59", 168 lbs, social drinker, smoker, healthy, gentle and giving. Enjoys camping, fishing, travel, walking, games and quiet times at home. Seeks well put together female, under 60, with a nice personality. BOX 12547

JUST READ

I'm white widowed, attractive, light hearted, well built, enjoy all the good things in life. Looking for an attractive, well built lady, under 59, for possible permanent relationship. Dearborn Wayne County. BOX 35955

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 26863

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Single black male, west side of Detroit, own my home. Seeks open to search 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

SO SOMEONE TO LOVE

White male, blue eyes, Auburn hair, enjoys camping, working in the garden, games, travel and quiet times at home with someone to love. Social drinker, hooked on pepsi and trying to quit smoking. Seeking someone under 60. BOX 1369

Rx briefs

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-year-old 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 non-polyposis 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

Put 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 key.
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 better 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 self-serving 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.

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Mark Papineau
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, one-quarter 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

With 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

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

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.

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) 544-1097.

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

Bereavement
"Together to Share," a grief support group, meets 10 a.m. the first Monday of each month at American House on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. The group meets 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Dorvin Nursing Center on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Both groups are facilitated by a bereavement coordinator from Heartland Hospice in Southfield. Call (800) 770-9859.

Overeaters Anonymous
Support group for overeaters meets 7 p.m. every Friday at Providence Park-Novi, 47601 Grand River 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.

Cancer
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.essential-tremor.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.

Stroke
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.

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 River 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 "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.

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.

Dementia
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.

Neuropathy
Beaumont Hospital's Sharing & Caring program offers Neuropathy 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.

Infant Care
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.

Winter blues
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.

JANUARY

Arthritis
Dr. Thomas Czarnecki of Physician Outreach, Redford, will present 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
The Livonia CFS/Fibromyalgia Support Group meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777

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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 couple 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 personal 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!

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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

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■ Consult a professional. Make an appointment with a registered dietician, or attend a weight loss program. Start out right. Accountability will also increase your success.

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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 Canton.

And if purchasers don't see exactly what they want in plans provided by Livonia Building, Danny Veri and Mike Joss, partners, will 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 2½ baths.

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 2½ 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 said.

Arlington Park is serviced by



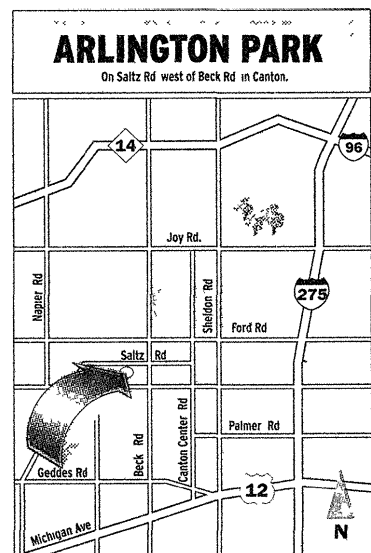
This colonial at Arlington Park includes all the traditional rooms on the main living area and four bedrooms upstairs.

city water, sewers and sidewalks.

The property tax rate is \$30.03 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction.

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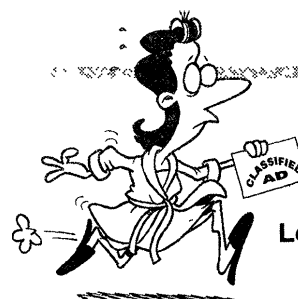
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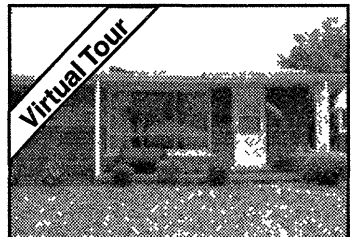
DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Good credit? 0 down. Newer roof, windows, carpet, paint, updated bath, siding, appliances. Call Zana Diehl

\$89,900 (R25561) 734-591-9200



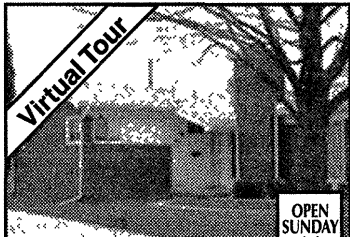
DETROIT - What a find! Aviation Investment Property - well maintained with newer windows (96), new roof (99), & sprinkler system. Maintenance free building a real money maker! Call Sylvia Albert

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REDFORD - Quality 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch with finished basement, 2 car garage, fenced & landscaped yard, newer furnace and central air, new roof & carpet. Location, value & charm! Call Mike Judge

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LIVONIA - 14089 Inkster, S. of Five, W. of Inkster - An entertainers dream. 1450 SF! Must see to appreciate. 4 BRs, 2 BAs, large LR w/w/dw floors & FP, spacious fin basement w/wet bar & sep rec room. 2.5 car garage, & more! Call Derek Bauer or visit: www.localgem.com

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REDFORD - Affordable Redford ranch, updated kitchen, electric, newer carpeting, freshly painted, finished basement, 2 car garage, corner lot. Call Mike Judge

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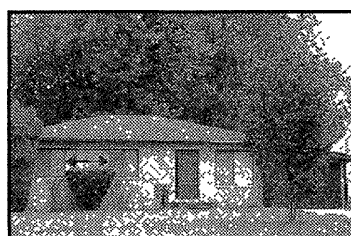
REDFORD - All work is done - just move in! Oak kitchen with built-in oven & cooktop (01), bath (00), electrical (01), plumbing (01), roof (95), furnace (91), window rooms and carpet (02), too much to list! Call Sylvia Albert

\$134,500 (B17229) 734-591-9200



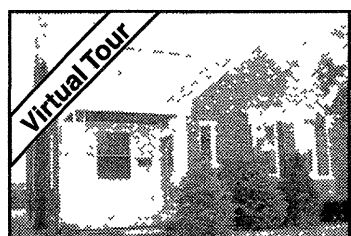
LIVONIA - You will not find a better value in Livonia today - brick, 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch with finished basement, new roof & windows, plumbing & elect all updated. Move in condition. Call Mike Judge

\$130,000 (C9502) 734-591-9200



SOUTHFIELD - This home has it all! Newer 40 yr. rf, C/A, full finished basement, large yard, garage, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, neutral paint, & so much more! Call now! Call Zana Diehl

\$139,900 (S22072) 734-591-9200



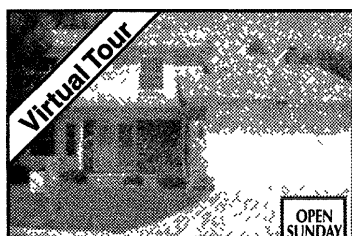
DETROIT - Cute & cozy 1200 sq. ft. brick bungalow has large master bedroom w/oak beams and recessed lights, dining room with bay window. A must see! Call Sylvia Florence-Albert

\$124,500 (C7714) 734-591-9200



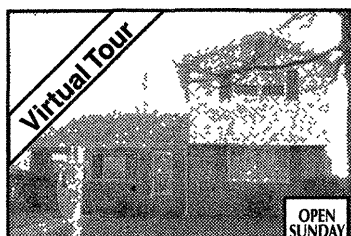
LIVONIA - Sparkling clean, 3 bedroom ranch. Newer kitchen, carpet, C/A, immediate occupancy. You should really check this one out. Call Barb Brunette

\$134,900 (R20151) 734-591-9200



LIVONIA - 17462 Brookview, N. of 6 Mile, W. of Middlebelt - Back to nature! This 2000 sq. ft. brick colonial has it all - location, quality, value, charm. Yard backs to wooded nature area. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 bath, 2 car attached garage, fin basement. Call Mike Judge

\$259,500 (B17462) 734-591-9200



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, 2 1/2 bath. Over 2160 SF. Beautiful yard in great area of Livonia. Hurry! Call Mark Riegall

\$199,900 (W32031) 734-591-9200



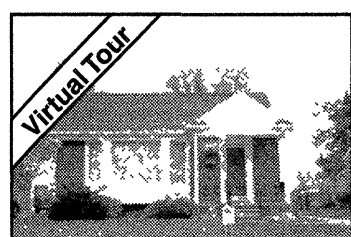
PLYMOUTH - Plymouth bungalow, 1428 sq. ft. of quality living area. 4 bedrooms, 1 bath, living room with fireplace. Everything new: roof, windows, doors, kitchen, bath, plumbing, furnace with air conditioning, electrical. Double lot, 2 car garage. Call Mike Judge

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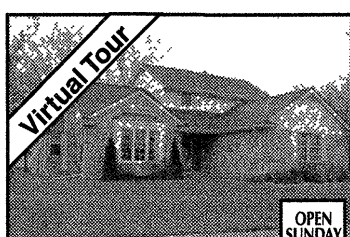
REDFORD - 3 bedroom, 1200 sq. ft. bungalow. Neat & clean, well maintained, move in condition, finished basement, one car garage, fenced yard. New roof '01 & new paint! Call Mike Judge

\$119,500 (K15887) 734-591-9200



DETROIT - Gorgeous 1200 sq. ft. brick bungalow has full finished basement with lav & glass block giving you over 2000 sq. ft. of living space. Large living room with fireplace, home warranty, & more! Call Sylvia Albert

\$142,000 (T22627) 734-591-9200



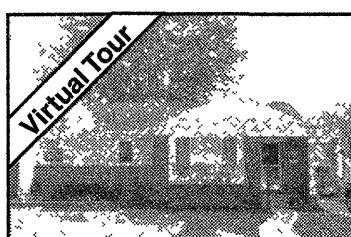
CANTON - 46639 Swanmere, S. of Warren, E. of Beck - Beautiful master 1st floor cape. 2 large rooms up plus a loft area for poss family room or office. Prof fin basement w/2 bedrooms and a full bath total. 1st floor laundry. Great room w/fireplace. Call Mark Riegall

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CANTON - 41801 Princess, S. of Cherry Hill, E. of Lilly - Hurry to this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath brick colonial features neutral decor, new 344 SF deck, gourmet kitchen, lg master suite, spacious FR w/FP, 1997 built, 2645 SF, & warranty incl. Call Betty Constant

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DETROIT - Joy & Telegraph-Everything in this house has been updated in the last six weeks-roof, windows, doors, cement, electrical, plumbing, kitchen & more! Finished basement with lav, much more! Call Sylvia Albert

\$144,900 (W8223) 734-591-9200

FINE HOMES & ESTATES



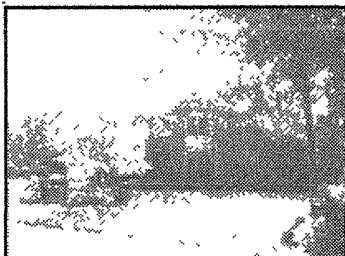
FOREST BAY COMMUNITY - Fabulous brand new and nearly finished home with deeded boat dock for Cass Lake enjoyment & private tennis court. Walk-out lower level and possibility of 5 bedrooms. Three car garage and fabulous amenities. \$529,900 (78WOO) 248-363-1200



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Prestigious hilltop setting backing to a wooded area. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room, dining room, living room & eat-in kitchen. Large 2 car garage and basement. In immediate move-in condition. \$339,000 (60GLE) 248-626-8800



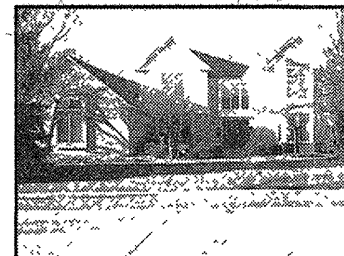
NORTHVILLE - Arts & crafts! Exceptionally updated craftsman style home in the heart of Northville! 3 bedroom, large living room w/fireplace, formal dining room, magnificent cherry kitchen! Family room w/panoramic view of private treed lot. \$325,000 (36FAN) 734-455-5600



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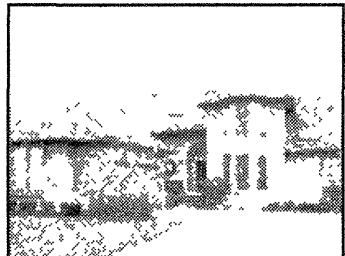
TROY - Brick 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with Troy schools Neutral decor, hardwood floors throughout including kitchen and all bedrooms. Beautiful finished basement, marble gas fireplace in family room & first floor laundry Private wooded lot with southern exposure & large cedar deck \$444,900 (37BRA) 248-642-8100



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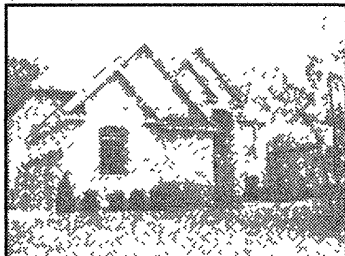
PERFECT EXECUTIVE HOME - On large professionally landscaped lot. Two story great room. Generous dining area. Chefs' kitchen with pantry, first floor master bedroom. Three car garage. Farmington Hills schools. \$499,900 (53PEM) 248-363-1200



FARMINGTON HILLS - The jewel of Copper Creek. Contemporary 4 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath on the seventh fairway. Professionally finished lower level has wet bar, entertainment center and 2 offices. Approximate total square feet 5,000 of living space. You simply must see this home. \$749,000 (28HID) 248-626-8800



LIVONIA - Country living in the city! 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath w/towering trees. Sprawling 1978 SF ranch on over 1.6 acres in Livonia! 2 fireplaces, family room, formal dining room & eat-in kitchen. 2 1/2 car garage and Florida room. \$339,000 (33CUR) 734-455-5600



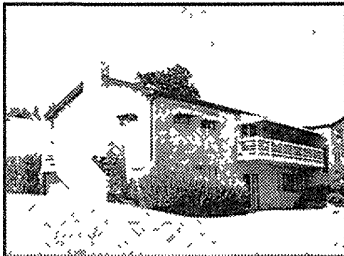
NOVI - Custom-built all-brick exterior. First floor master with walk-in closet. Huge jet tub. Bedrooms have attached baths. Kitchen has granite counters. Great room gas fireplace, 3 car garage, hardwood foyer floor. Stone floor in kitchen. Gas log fireplace, dual zone furnace and 9 foot basement ceilings. \$479,000 (50IOR) 248-349-5600



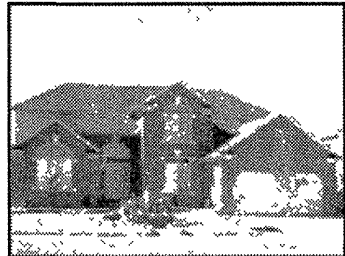
BIRMINGHAM - New built, 2002. Transitional home w/ 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, 2 st LR w/rfric, gourmet kit w/light maple cabinets, island and all appliances incl Kohler fixtures and granite T/O. Master w/bath, hrdwd floors, C/A, bsmt and 2 car gar. \$399,900 (39WEB) 248-642-8100



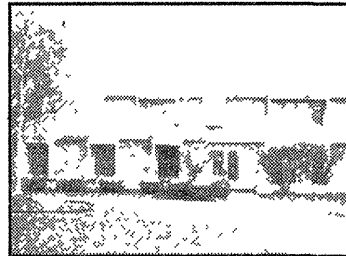
ROCHESTER HILLS - Did you say sharp? This 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Colonial is modern, sharp and ready for you. Newer roof, furnace, windows and flooring. Finished basement with second kitchen. Side entrance garage. Move-in condition. \$349,900 (71BRI) 248-524-1600



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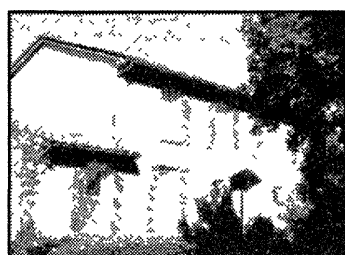
FARMINGTON HILLS - Rambledwood beauty. Large 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with living, dining, family room, library & finished basement. Huge fenced yard with in-ground pool & deck. A lot of wood flooring & built-ins. Deep within gated community with Farmington schools. \$389,000 (28DEE) 248-642-8100



LAPEER - Amazing country estate New construction has all the bells and whistles. 10+ acres, double oak staircases with bridge, 9 foot ceilings in entry and basement, 4 bedrooms, 3.1 baths, fabulous master suite. Too much to mention. \$520,700 (53MOR) 248-652-8000



ALMOST NEW COLONIAL - Neutral and open with 9 foot ceilings, crown molding, hardwood floors, Corian counters and Andersen windows. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, master suite with tray ceiling & jetted tub. Cherry cabinets in kitchen, over 1/2 acre lot with cedar decking in back \$379,900 (90TIM) 248-363-1200



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP - Marble foyer graces your entry into this lovely 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. The kitchen features a breakfast area, a large family room gives a cozy warmth with a fireplace. Walnut Lake privileges make for year-round pleasure. Birmingham schools. \$449,000 (53VIN) 248-626-8800

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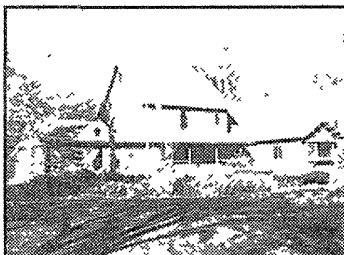
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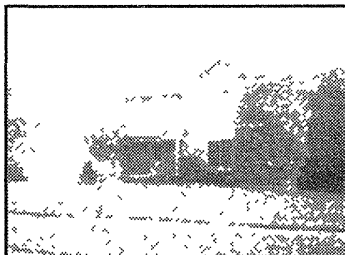
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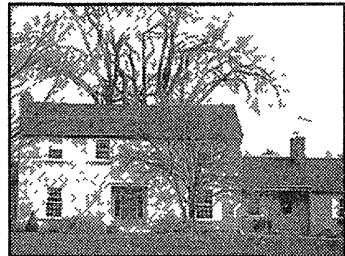
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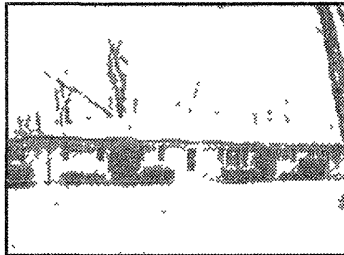
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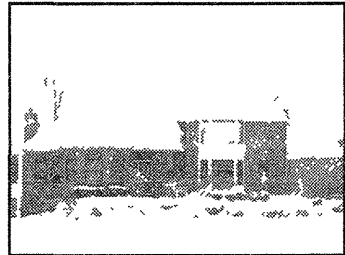
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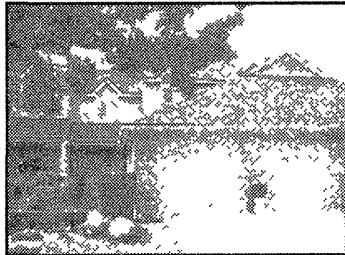
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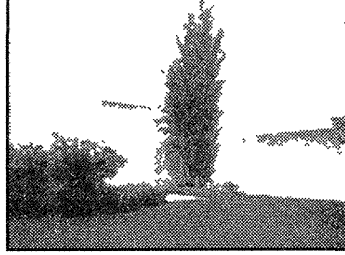
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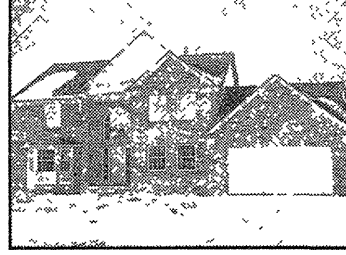
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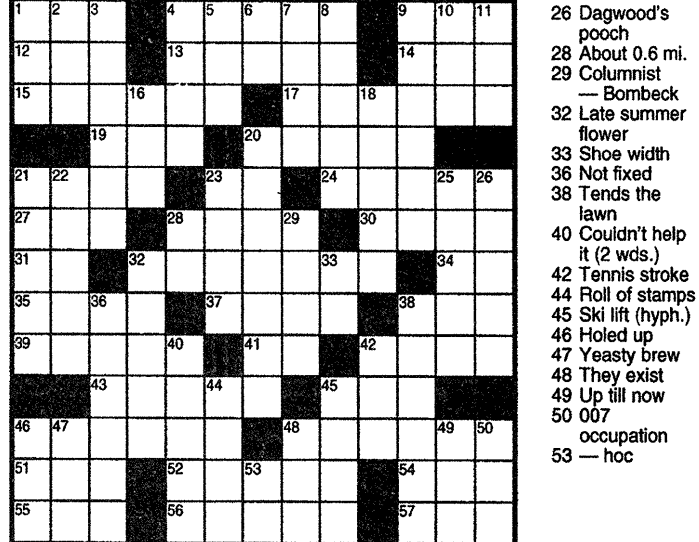
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Scientist's question
 - 4 Maintains
 - 9 Felt boot
 - 12 Color
 - 13 Giant
 - 14 Not common
 - 15 Shaped like the earth
 - 17 Protects
 - 19 Jewelry item
 - 20 Disprove
 - 21 One-name entertainer
 - 23 Egyptian sun god
 - 24 Lieu
 - 27 Went first
 - 28 Garden green
 - 30 1977 whale movie
 - 31 Spanish article
 - 32 Electrical units
 - 34 Aloha st.
 - 35 Mendicant's cry
 - 37 Fourth dimension
 - 38 "Scream" director - Craven

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- DOWN**
- 1 Owl's query
 - 2 Wheel part
 - 3 Barked
 - 4 Envelope abbr.
 - 5 Strive
 - 6 And, to Caesar
 - 7 Fury
 - 8 Cold-shoulders
 - 9 Sleeping-car
 - 10 Supplement
 - 11 PC media
 - 12 Mammal's need
 - 13 Commuter
 - 14 vehicles
 - 15 Sir Walter
 - 16 Tuff grabber
 - 17 Common greeting
 - 18 Spellbound
 - 19 Felt sore
 - 20 Dagwood's pooch
 - 21 About 0.6 mi.
 - 22 Columnist - Bornbeck
 - 23 Late summer flower
 - 24 Shoe width
 - 25 Not fixed
 - 26 Tends the lawn
 - 27 Couldn't help it (2 wds.)
 - 28 Tennis stroke
 - 29 Roll of stamps
 - 30 Ski lift (hyph.)
 - 31 Holed up
 - 32 Yeasty brew
 - 33 They exist
 - 34 Up hill now
 - 35 007 occupation
 - 36 - hoc



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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 years ago.

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 little safer.

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 daytime 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 manual is standard equipment. You could opt for the Hydramatic 4-speed automatic. Better choice, I'd say. Mileage on all models are rated from 21 mpg in the city to 33 mpg

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 conditioning, 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 holds, 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.

Write Anne Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com.

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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