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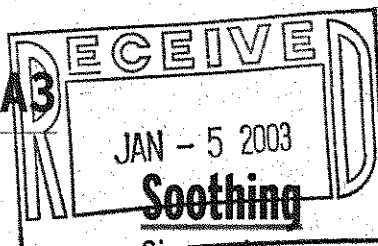
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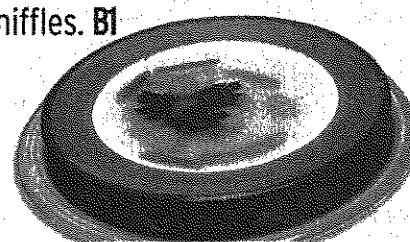
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CANTON Observer



Simmering soup soothes the
sniffles. B1



Memo

Winter ball tickets

Tickets are still available for one of the area's more exciting and liveliest events – the Canton Community Foundation's Canton Winter Ball. The ball takes place Friday, Jan. 17 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Mel Ball and Colours, voted "Best Band" in Crain's/Detroit Business, provide the entertainment this year-voted #1 Best Band in Crain's/Detroit Business.

The ball is the largest annual fund-raiser for the Canton Community Foundation. The funds raised go toward providing resources for the foundation's grant and scholarship programs. Area nonprofit organizations can apply for grants for a wide array of program needs. The Canton Community Education Grant Program is one of the largest scholarship programs available to Canton and Plymouth college students.

Tickets are \$75 per person. Call foundation President Joan Noricks, (734) 398-5000 to reserve a seat.

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 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) in Plymouth. For more information, visit the Web site at www.plymoutharts.com or call Jennifer Tobin, (734) 416-4278.

Food for seniors

Eligible seniors can take advantage of a monthly nutritional program provided by Focus:HOPE Food for Seniors. Free monthly food items are available to senior citizens age 60 and older who reside in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw or Macomb counties. Canton residents only may pre-register at Summit on the Park through the Senior Adult Program. To be certified, a senior must provide proof of age, proof of income, identification, Social Security number and number of people in the household. After proper certification, seniors may pick up their food at the Summit on the third Wednesday of the month.



ELIZABETH CARNEGIE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

Granholm: Funding to remain stable

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 mil-

lion 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

PLEASE SEE GRANHOLM, A5

Bob Evans closes Ford Rd. location for reconstruction

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

One of the success stories among Canton restaurants – the Bob Evans restaurant on Ford Road at I-275 – will close its doors at 8 p.m. today (Sunday, Jan. 5).

But it's only temporary. The restaurant will be torn down and completely rebuilt on the same site. It

should reopen in three to four months, depending on weather conditions and the progress of construction.

And when it does reopen, according to Mike DeVito, area director for Bob Evans, it will be "as different as night and day" from the existing building.

The new, largely brick building will probably be a little bit bigger than the

existing one, DeVito said, although the seating capacity will be about the same.

The menu at the new restaurant will remain the same. "It's still a Bob Evans," DeVito said.

Loyal customers won't be completely without their favorite restaurant during the transition period, however. A new Bob

Evans opened Oct. 28 on Michigan Avenue near Home Depot.

"We built that store with hopes that the area will continue to grow," DeVito said.

A spokesman for Bob Evans Corp. said late last year that the plan was to open the Michigan Avenue location before

PLEASE SEE BOB EVANS, 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.

We want to hear about your romantic – or funny – wedding proposal. In 100 words or less, tell us how he, or she, popped the question. You could be one of two

PLEASE SEE CONTEST, A5



PAUL HURSCHEMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Kate Sessler of Canton, 6, looks up at baby sitter Alicia Ware as they peruse the reference computers at the Canton Library Friday.

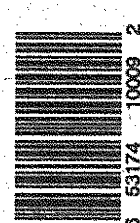
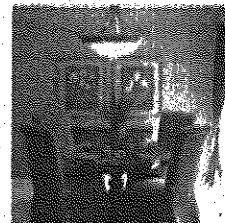
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Uncle turned in suspect

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."

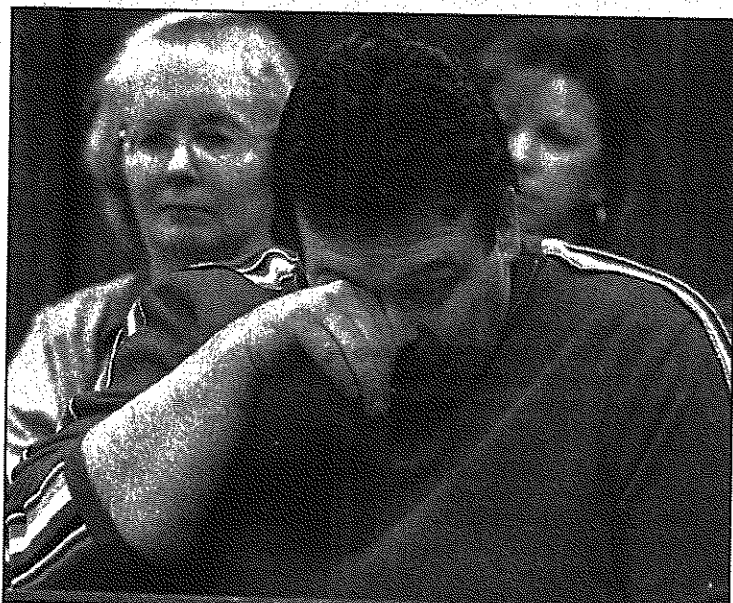
Wolfenbarger came to Smith's house the night of the murders, Dec. 21, and asked him for some clothing. According to Smith, Wolfenbarger and Lincoln had several large garbage bags.

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 fed-



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

eral 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 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.

CANTON CONNECTION

WINTER REGISTRATION

Canton Leisure Services holds registration for winter programming (except swim lessons) Jan. 9 for Canton residents only.

Registration takes place 6-7:30 p.m. at Summit on the Park. Swim lesson sign-up takes place at the same location 8-10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11.

Open resident registration for all classes/ programs begins 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, at the Summit. Non-residents may register five days prior to the start of a class or program, if openings exist.

Summit on the Park is at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

SENIOR FOOD PROGRAM

Eligible senior citizens can take advantage of a monthly nutritional program provided by Focus: Hope Food for Seniors.

Free monthly food items are available to people 60 and older who live in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw or Macomb counties.

Food items include canned juices, vegetables, meats, cereals, peanut butter and cheese.

Canton residents may register at Summit on the Park through the Senior Adult Program.

To be certified, seniors must provide proof of age and income, identification, Social Security number and number of people in the household. After proper certification, seniors can pick up their food on the third Wednesday of each month.

Volunteer transportation may be arranged for eligible seniors who are homebound, without a car, or who are unable to receive a ride from a friend or relative. For transportation requests, call (734) 365-4673.

Canton's Senior Adult Program is a service of Canton Leisure Services. For more information, call (734) 394-5485.

HOOPS TOURNEY

Adult men and women may participate in a one-day 3-on-3 basketball tournament sponsored by Canton Leisure

Services on Wednesday, Jan. 22.

The tournament will take place 6-9 p.m. at Field Elementary. All games will be officiated, and teams are guaranteed three games. Adult divisions include men's, women's, and co-ed, and awards will be presented for All-Tournament and Sportsmanship. Canton residents may register 6-7:30 p.m. Jan. 9 at Summit on the Park. Open registration runs 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 13. Non-resident registration begins Jan. 14 at the Summit.

The fee of \$30 per team guarantees three games and includes officials and awards. For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

MASSAGE SEMINAR

Are you interested in learning how to give a massage like a professional, and maybe get one in return?

From 6-8 p.m. Jan. 15 and 22, Canton Leisure Services sponsors an adult massage instruction workshop for friends, couples, and anyone who would like to bring a partner and learn some very basic but effective Swedish massage techniques from licensed massage therapist, Kathy Elgin.

The two-session workshop will be in the Arts II Room at Summit on the Park.

During the sessions, you will learn simple massage techniques and have the opportunity to both practice them on your partner and receive the same, promising to be a relaxing experience for both.

You should wear short sleeves and comfortable pants to the workshop. Each pair should bring two bed pillows, two large towels, and massage lotion.

Cost to attend is \$30-per-person for Canton residents and \$35-per-person for non-residents.

Resident registration is 6-7:30 p.m. Jan. 9. Open resident registration is 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 13 at the Summit. Non-resident registration begins Jan. 14. Space is limited.

Call Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460 for more information.

Canton Community Junior Baseball Softball Association Spring 2003 Registration



For Boys and Girls Ages 4-18 as of
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July 31, 2003 for Teeball and Baseball

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Fees range from \$75-110 for rec. leagues. Travel team fees are higher. All fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.

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Registration Dates:

Jan. 18, 2003 9 am-3 pm Saturday

Feb. 8, 2003 9 am-3 pm Saturday

Feb. 19, 2003 6 pm-9 pm Wednesday

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For Teeball and Coach-Pitch 981-3007-Chris Angel

For potential JV and Varsity Ball Players:

There will be a sign-up sheet at registration. You will be placed on a team after your school season has ended. No registration fee at this time.

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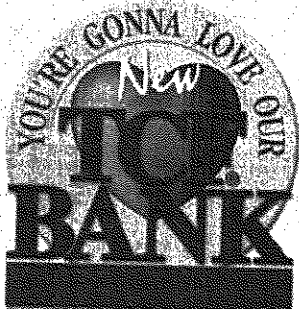
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The Central Middle School Girls' Choir got the chance to sing *I Hope You Dance*, the LeeAnn Womack hit, at Gov. Jennifer Granholm's inauguration Wednesday.

Central girls' choir helps governor make history with performance at Granholm's inauguration

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."

The choir sang *I Hope You Dance* by Leann 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. Boggs' 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 TV's; and performed their three-minute song two hours after arriving.

"We did a lot of waiting, but it was great being in the Lansing Center," said Grady. "We couldn't have had better seats."

Grady said the impact of seeing Michigan's first woman

governor sworn in and participating in the inauguration ceremonies 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 Stencel. "She was talking during her inauguration about all the men who walked through these (Capitol) doors. She's the first woman to do it, and I'm proud of her for it."

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Holidays were quiet for local cops, firefighters

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

All in all Canton Police and Fire Departments had a relatively easy time of it over the Christmas and New Year's period.

"It was a pretty quiet holiday," said Police Lt. Rob Cripe. "There were no major robberies, no major accidents or anything of that nature. There was one suicide on New Year's Eve."

Police had beefed up patrols during the period, sending bicycle patrols into shopping malls and business districts.

The OUIL Task Force was also out, according to Cripe, looking for drunk drivers. That task force is a multi-jurisdictional operation administered by Wayne County with a grant from the state.

Police Sgt. Charles Raycraft said the task force patrols will continue through Sunday.

Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher said the holiday period was "relatively quiet" for his department.

"There was nothing terribly unusual in the overall scheme

of things," he said.

From Christmas Eve to New Year's Day, fire units responded to 92 incidents, including some false alarms.

"Of those 92 incidents, 74 were EMS responses that resulted in transports of 61 people to area hospitals," Rorabacher said. "Only four were auto accident injuries."

He said the biggest category for EMS runs is always single-family medical responses to individual homes for sickness or injuries.

Fire crews responded to 18 fire calls during the period, but only one was categorized by Rorabacher as "significant."

"On New Year's Eve about 9 p.m. we responded to an apartment fire at Windsor Woods at Morton Taylor and Warren," he said. "There was a fire on top of a stove that extended into the range vent."

He said the resident was able to extinguish the fire, but there was significant smoke damage to two apartments.

He estimated the damage at about \$5,000.

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O&E seeks top local teachers

Beginning in January, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will honor two teachers monthly from throughout our circulation area for their excellence in the classroom. We are looking for readers to help in identifying these outstanding teachers.

Nominations can be e-mailed to cyoung@

oe.homecomm.net, faxed to (734) 953-2232 or mailed to Cathy Young at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. of the third Monday of each month.

Deadlines for 2003 are: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15.

Two teachers will be honored

January through June and September through December.

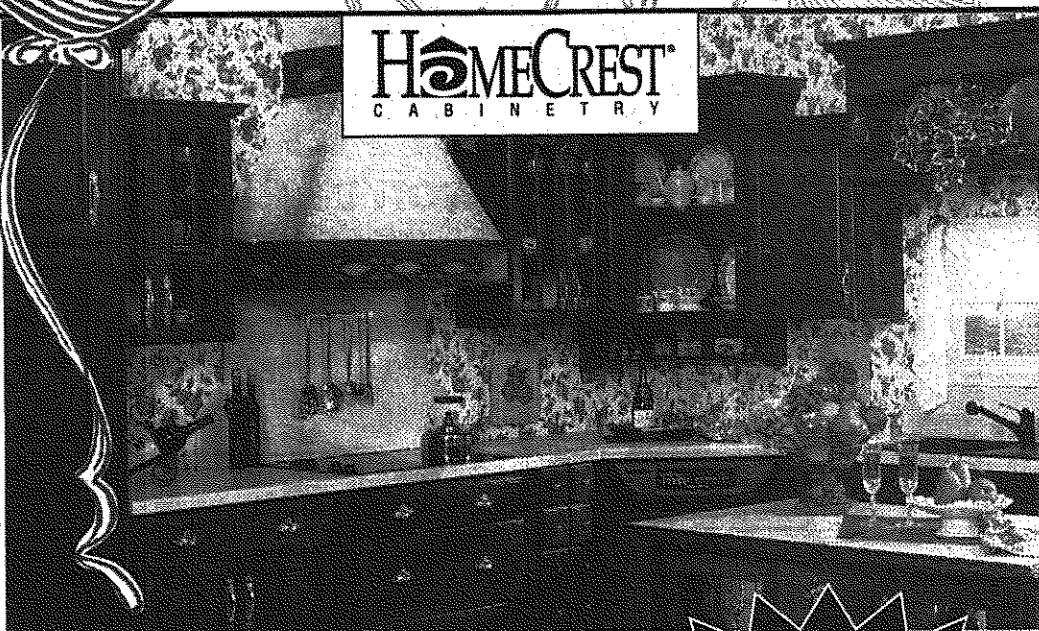
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To nominate a teacher, please send the teacher's name, school address and the school's telephone number along with a statement of no more than 200 words telling us why this teacher deserves to be our Outstanding Teacher of the Month.

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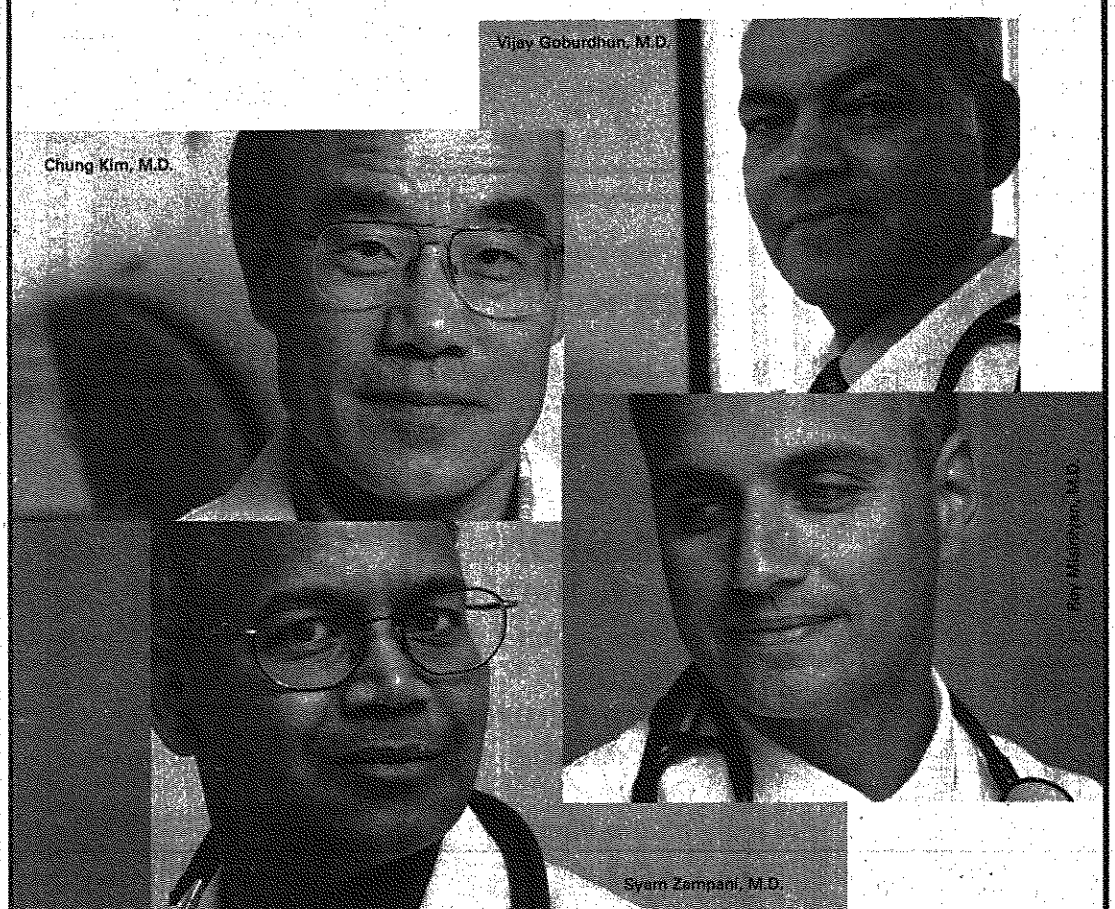
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Canton cops investigating Plymouth man interns at White House

rash of local break-ins

Canton Police are investigating some break-ins and attempted break-ins that occurred over the past week.

■ The Mobil Station at Cherry Hill and Lilley was broken into about 4 a.m. Jan. 2. Police responding to a burglar alarm found the front door glass smashed and packs of cigarettes lying on the ground in front of the entrance. When the owner of the station arrived he said money was taken from the cash register and Lottery machine. Also missing were Lottery scratch-off tickets, gas cards and cigarettes.

A security video tape, that apparently showed the suspect in the act, was turned over to police.

■ An employee of Safety Systems of America on Koppnick Drive told police he left the building Dec. 20 and when he returned Jan. 3, the back door knob fell off when he attempted to enter the building.

Once inside he noticed a spare room that was always kept closed was open. A band saw valued at \$300 was missing. Damage to the door was estimated at \$50.

■ An employee of H.W. Motor Homes on Belleville Road reported to police that between Dec. 31 and Jan. 2, someone entered the fenced-in yard of the business and entered a motor home.

There was no sign of forced entry to the home, but stereo equipment, speakers and a dash mount unit were taken. The equipment was valued at more than \$1,400. Damage to the dash was estimated at \$500.

■ A resident of the 43000 block of Hanford told police she was on vacation from Dec. 18 until Jan. 1.

When she returned home, her front storm door had been ripped out of the door jam and bent. There was no sign

COP CALLS

of entry into the home and nothing appeared to be missing. Damage to the door was estimated at \$400.

WINDOW BROKEN

An employee of Marco's Pizza on Ford Road reported to police that between midnight Dec. 31 and 11 a.m. Jan. 1 someone broke the large picture window at the front of the business.

A rock was found on the ground that apparently had been used to crack the window. Damage was estimated at \$2,000.

CAR BREAK-IN

A resident of the 41000 block of Northwind told police someone broke into his 2000 Ford F-150 and stole tools and stereo equipment.

He said he had parked the vehicle in a carport on the parking lot on Jan. 1 and when he started to go to work about 7:30 a.m. on Jan. 2, he noticed the locks had been drilled out on both the driver's and passenger's side of the truck.

Tool boxes and tools were missing from the bed of the truck.

A stereo and CB radio were taken from inside the cab. Property loss was estimated at \$1,500 and damage to the vehicle at \$1,000.

MAILBOX DAMAGE

A resident of the 500 block of Delaford Drive reported to police that someone had broken the post on her mailbox near the curb and had then smashed the box on the ground.

Police investigating the incident found six other mailboxes that had also been damaged.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For most college graduates, the goal after four tough years is to take the degree, find a well-paying job and embark on a successful career.

For Brian Goebel of Plymouth, a recent University of Michigan graduate, his degree earned him an unlikely opportunity: a chance to work for free and pay all his own living expenses, all while calling it "an opportunity of a lifetime."

Goebel, 23, just completed a 90-day internship for the Faith Based Community Initiative office of President George W. Bush in Washington, D.C.

"It was a lot of responsibility coming out of school," said Goebel. "At first I answered phones, helped get briefings together, as well as reports for the director's office. In October, we had our first regional conference and I helped coordinate that."

It meant bringing in faith-based groups which receive federal funding and setting up panels to discuss the grants, as well as the pros and cons of the program.

A second conference was recently held in Philadelphia, and Goebel said the staff encountered a number of scheduling conflicts.

"The president was scheduled to be at the event, and with the advance team and the Secret Service everything needs to be perfect," he said. "We had to keep changing the schedule of events because of conflicts, especially with the changing situation with Iraq or (Bush's) meetings with economic advisors."

Goebel's opportunity came during the summer while he was working with special-needs young adults in Ann Arbor. A friend, who previously interned at the White House, e-mailed him with word of a great opportunity.

"I applied for one of the 90 internships and got one," he said. "When I got word, and I saw the White House on television, I said 'Wow, I'm going to

be there and do some real work and projects for an initiative I believe in."

"I think the Faith Based Community Initiative best fits my background in sociology," he said. "It's very busy and deadline-oriented. You get people calling you and saying 'I need this in five minutes.'"

Goebel worked in an office across the street from the White House, a place he was able to visit several times.

"You could see the White House from the office. It's good to see at night, all lit up. It's exciting," said Goebel. "A lot of the staff goes on Fridays to see the president arrive or depart on the helicopter. I saw him several times, but I never did get to shake his hand."

"Every week senior staff members talk to us and tell us about their jobs," he said. "The most asked questions were, 'What did you do on 9/11?'"

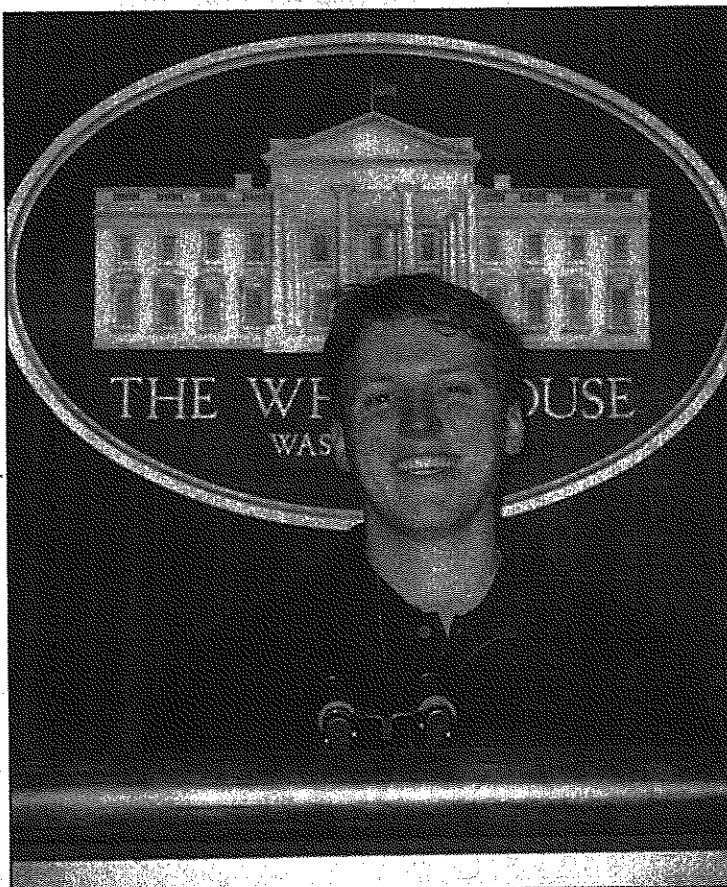
Goebel said one of his most memorable experiences during the internship came in only his second week, on the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

"The whole White House staff was on the south lawn for a moment of silence at 9:06 a.m.," said Goebel. "There were about 2,000 people, and it was pure silence. You could tell the president was definitely saddened by the events."

And, because of his work with the White House, another perk included tours of the White House, which have been suspended since the attacks.

"I did get to go through the east wing, where the state dining room for diplomats is located, though I didn't get to see any major events there," he said. "I remember walking down the hall, noticing the historical documents and pictures on the wall. It's amazing, they are all original pieces, pictures of the great presidents of the past."

"The senior staff is all in the West Wing, the business part of the White House. Security is very, very tight there," he said. "That's where the Oval Office is



The White House press room was one of the areas Brian Goebel of Plymouth got to visit during his internship in Washington.

located, which I got to see with my parents over Thanksgiving, when the president wasn't there. You can't go in it, but you can peek in."

"We saw the Cabinet room with the plaques on each chair with each Cabinet member's name. And you see the door to the Situation Room, but you can't go in there."

Of course, the question begs asking. Is it really like the *West Wing* seen every week on television?

"They (television) did a really accurate job. The Oval Office on television looks like the real Oval Office," he said.

"The press room is pretty quaint, not as big as you would assume," he said. "There are only about eight rows of seats, and they're marked for each of the news organizations that are there."

Because the 90-day experience was an unpaid internship, Goebel lived with a friend in Baltimore, traveled an hour by

train to work, and paid for all his own expenses. However, he's looking at a chance to go back and earn some real Treasury dollars.

"The president did sign an executive order to open two additional Faith Based Centers, and I'll interview and see how things go," said Goebel. "I'd like to go back and work in government, helping those in need, or maybe for social service provider groups."

Goebel said Washington, D.C. is a very fast-paced experience, and politics is the talk of the day, every day. "If you don't know politics, you're going to know. It's just a matter of time."

As for a career in politics, Goebel shook his head, but didn't quite close the door.

"I think I'd like to work behind the scenes in politics, not an elected office," he said. "But, you never know ..."

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construction of a swimming pool at Plymouth High School, to highlight a few.

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.

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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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BOB EVANS

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rebuilding the site on Ford Road.

DeVito said about 60 to 65 people are employed at the Ford Road location. He said no layoffs are planned.

"We have seven stores within 20 or 25 minutes of here," he said. "These employees will be transferred to those stores

while we rebuild. The other stores are happy to take them."

The Ford Road restaurant, which opened in 1979, was the fifth Bob Evans in Michigan. Other locations in the state at that time were in Taylor, Madison Heights, Lansing and Flint.

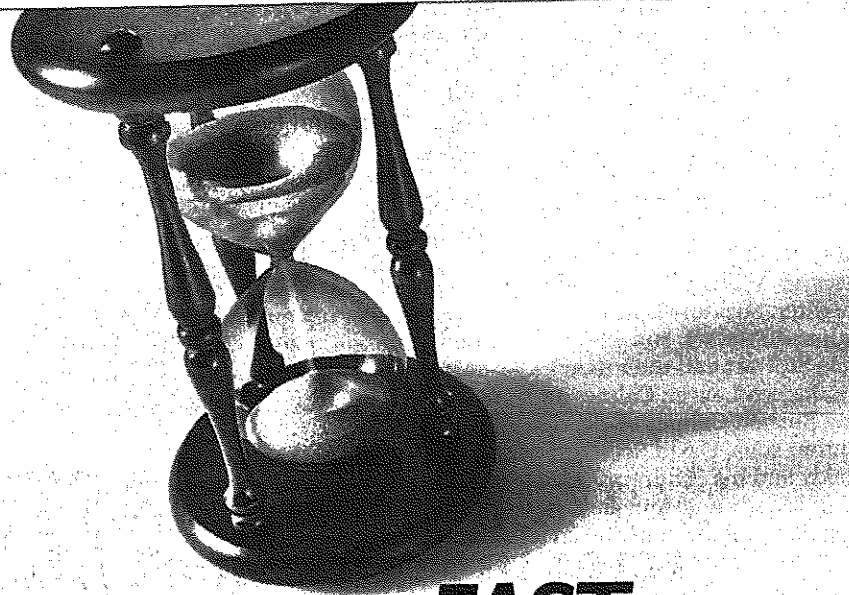
The restaurant serves about 6,000 customers in a week, DeVito said.

When the Michigan Avenue store opened in October, the

company donated a \$5,000 check to the Canton Goodfellows in celebration of that store's opening, the 500th restaurant for the company chainwide.

In addition to completely restyling and rebuilding the Ford Road location, the company will also replace the existing "Welcome to Canton" gateway sign with a new redesigned one.

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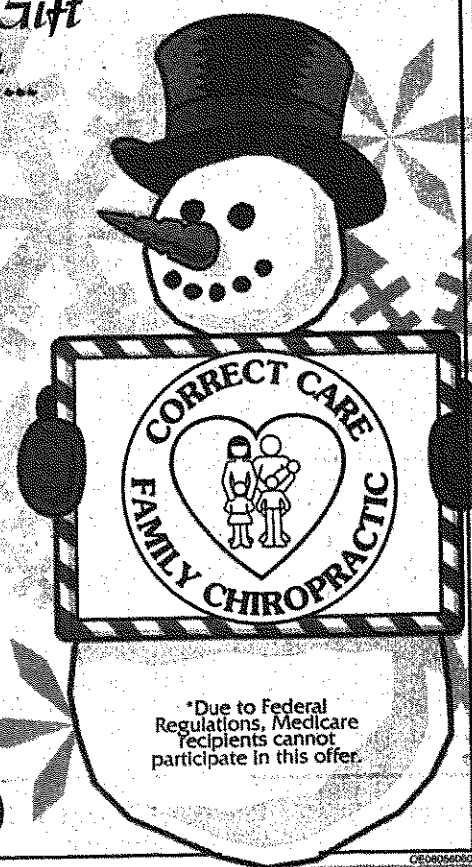
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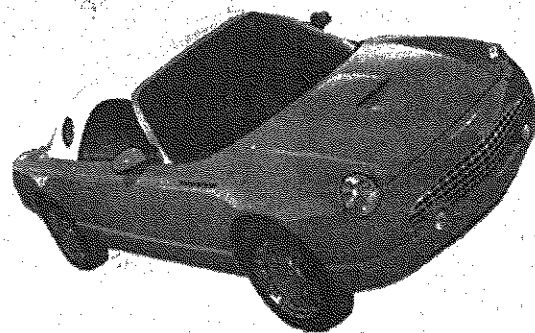
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Bowling for KIDZ

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 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



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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.

thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com.

Tai Chi Classes

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

Ice Carving Class

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

Spring Youth Soccer Registration

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

Nursery Registration

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

Plymouth Symphony

Plymouth Symphony 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.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Free blood pressure screenings will be taken at the Plymouth District Library 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. No appointment is necessary. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.

Recreation Registration

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

CLUBS

BPW

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

SEPAC

Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators, SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) meets every second Monday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at Discovery Middle School in Canton. On

Jan. 13, the topic "Frustration, Anxiety, Tension" is being presented by Lori Parks, Plymouth-Canton Teacher Consultant for Inclusion. For additional information, please contact Rich Ham-Kucharski (734) 844-1714.

Plymouth VFW

Fish 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 Erriesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. For information call Ernie Hughes, membership chairman, (734) 414-0400.

MOPS-Westland

Westland MOPS meets at Westland Free Methodist Church Sept. through May on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Free child care. Contact Nikki Guenther at (313) 937-2479.

La Leche League

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

Canton Rotary Club

The Rotary meets at noon on Mondays at the Roman Forum in Canton on Ford Road. All guests are invited to join us for lunch for more information on our community and international service projects. For more information call Laura at (734) 207-8517 or e-mail to ExecSec@rotary6400.org.

TOPS

Are you unhappy with your weight? Why not join TOPS? We weigh in weekly and meet to share ideas about losing weight, exercising, etc. We meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon, Canton. For more information call (734) 459-4387.

Astronomy Discussion

Plymouth Library offers a free monthly Family Astronomy Discussion Group from 7-8 p.m. for both individuals and families with children 6 years and older. Door prizes, slides, video and handouts. Call Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

MOMS Club

A local chapter of the MOMS Club welcomes interested stay-at-home mothers in the Canton/Westland area to meet the third Tuesday of each month. MOMS Club offers weekly activities, playgroups, community service opportunities and a lot more! For more information, please contact Wendy at (734) 398-6957.

Plymouth Canton Jaycees

Looking for people 21-39 interested in making friends, helping with good causes and having a good time. The

Jaycees meet at 7:30 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Plymouth Township Clerk's office. Call (734) 453-8407 or show up at the group's monthly meeting.

Community Democrats

The Community Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at UAW Local 845 Hall. Business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. The club serves Canton, Northville, Plymouth and the Livonia 13th District. For further information, call Becky Tavarozzi (734) 398-5845.

Toastmasters

Develop your public speaking, communications and leadership skills. Guests welcome. No pressure to speak. Being held at St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth. This group meets at 7 p.m. every first and third Monday of the month. Please call (734) 459-0715 for more information.

K of C Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus holds a breakfast buffet 8:30 a.m. to noon every Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 150 Fair St., Plymouth. All-you-can-eat buffet. Newly remodeled breakfast room. Call (734) 453-9833 for further information.

Kiwanis Breakfast Club

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

BNI

The Canton II Chapter of Business Network International (BNI) meets 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Atlantis Restaurant, 39500 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. The Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Family Restaurant on

Plymouth Road, east of Merriman, Livonia. The Plymouth Chapter meets every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. The Livonia Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Coney Island on Plymouth at Stark, Livonia. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

MOPS

The Plymouth Baptist Church holds the Mothers of Preschoolers meetings 9-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

These meetings provide a time for moms to develop new friendships with other moms.

Child care is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, between Lilley and Haggerty. Call (734) 453-5534.

Mothers of Multiples

The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third week of each month on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays. Play group meets twice a month on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call Pam Heestand at (734) 981-3341.

Human Rights Group

The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

Plymouth Newcomers

Plymouth Newcomers is a social organization dedicated to helping people meet others in the community through its monthly meetings and variety of interest groups. Call Diane Peyton at (734) 354-9519.



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JOINT CARE IN WINTER

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

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

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

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

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**WAYNE WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN
FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 18, 2003
NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION
OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

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

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

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

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

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

SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL

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

(Under state law, sinking fund proceeds may not be used to pay teacher or administrator salaries.)

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

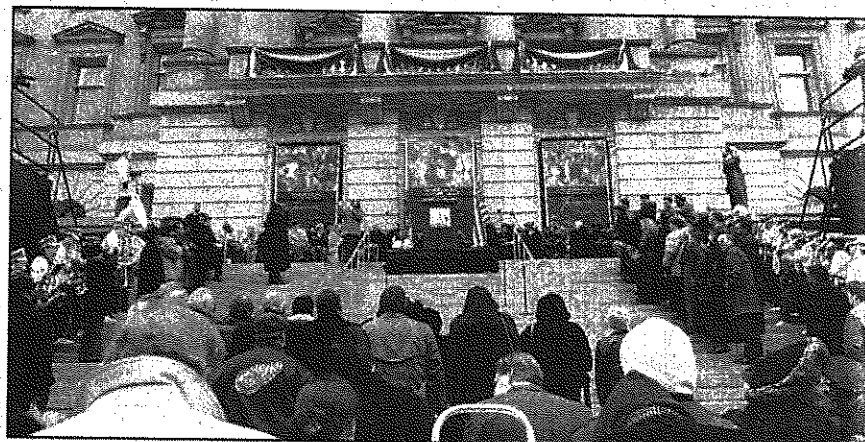
Ricardo Solomon of Detroit as chairman.

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

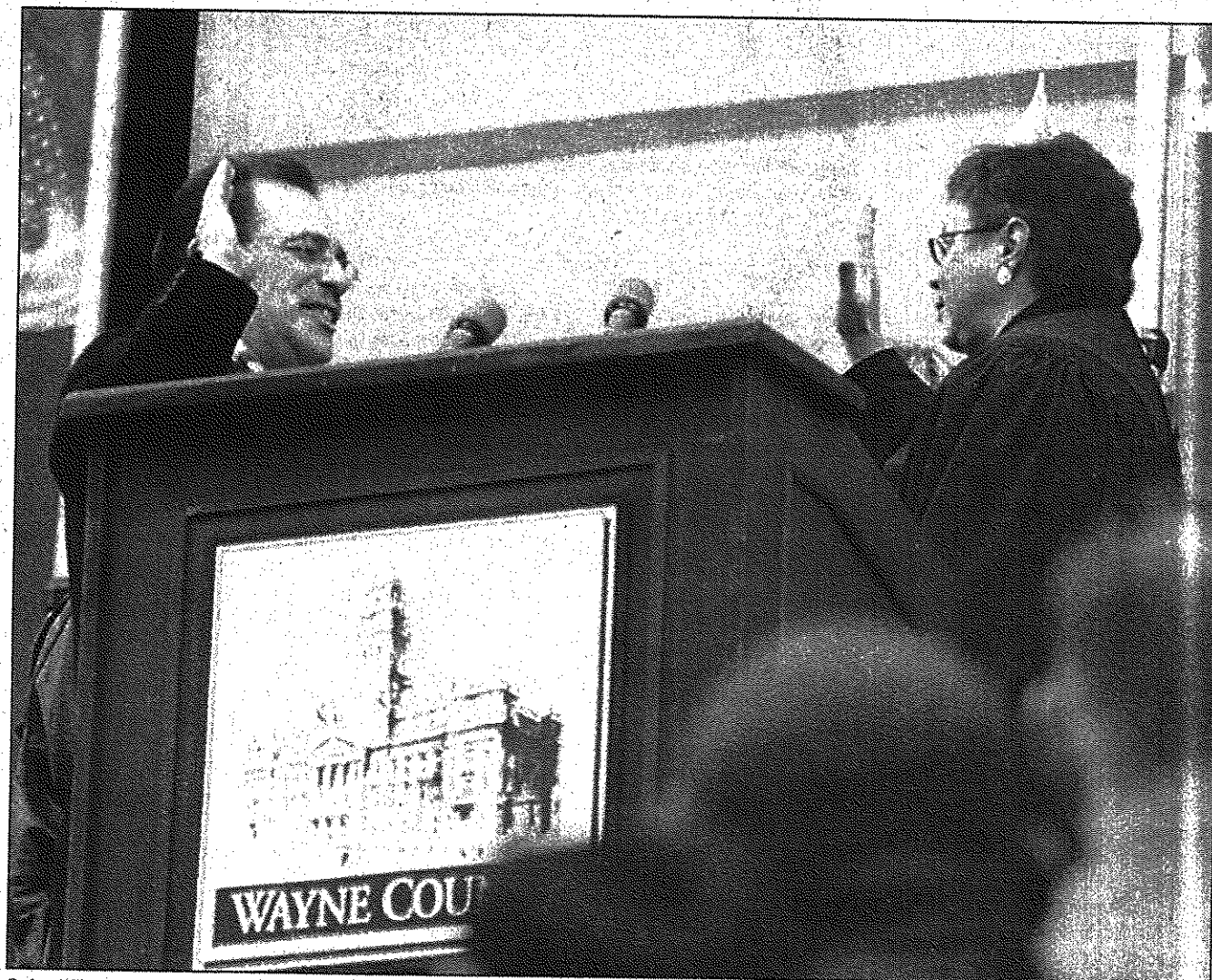
community. Tickets are \$50 even and available from the Ficano Inaugural Committee office, (734)354-3603 and Ticketmaster locations.



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.



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

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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.edu>.

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 Sauté 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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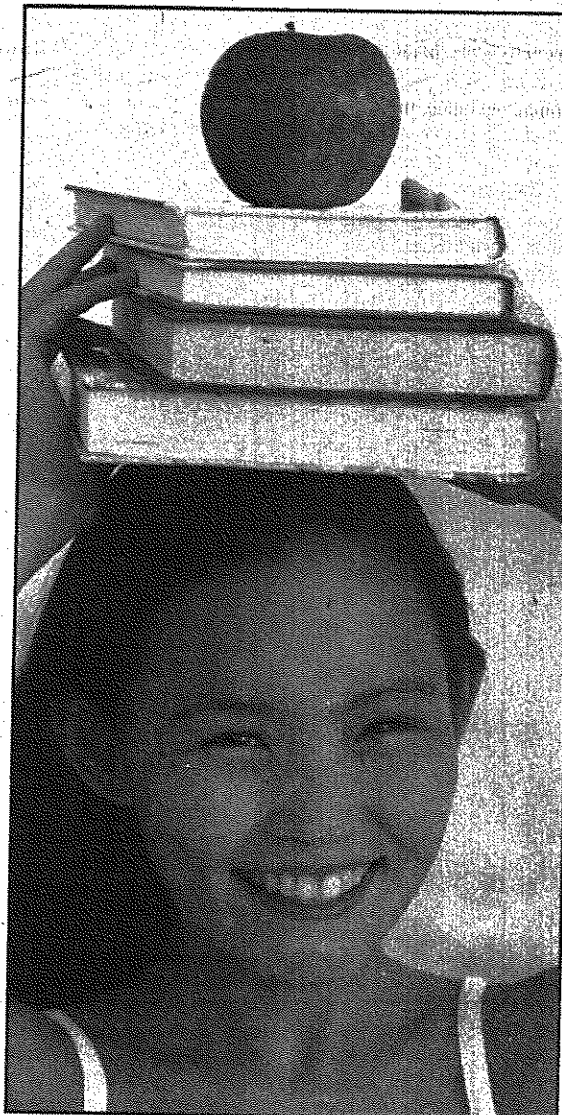
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Sweet ending

Wow guests with Frosted Cranberry-Cherry Pie. After all that holiday baking, give yourself a break. This beautiful fruit pie is made with canned filling and Pillsbury Refrigerated Pie Crusts. It's a no-hassle, festive dessert that's sure to please. Visit Pillsbury.com for more tips on making decorative pies.

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

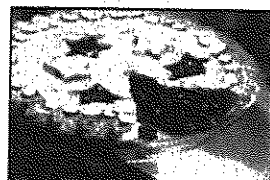
Glaze and Topping

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 a pinch 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."

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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
1/2 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 qt vegetable stock
8 oz package tofu, thinly sliced and baked
1/2 pound bok choy, 1" pieces
1/2 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
1/2 teaspoon rosemary
1/2 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
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 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

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American Pilaf healthy one-pot meal

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

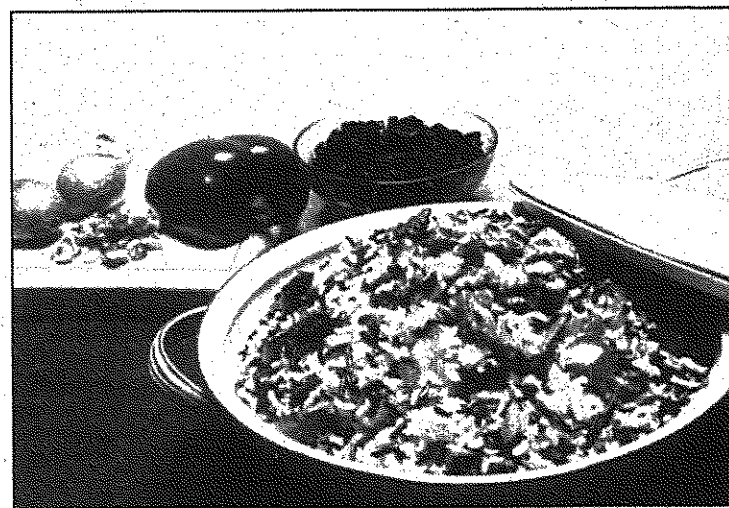
New studies show that one in four Americans is obese, so the beginning of a new year is a good time to think about how you eat.

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.



AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

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

NEW AMERICAN PILAF

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon ground orange zest
4 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon canola oil, divided
8 oz. skinless, boned chicken breasts, diced
2 large shallots, finely diced
1 cup "wild pecan" rice (or brown rice)
1 cup wild rice
2 1/2-3 cups reduced-sodium, non-fat chicken broth, divided
1/4 cup finely diced onion
1 cup unsweetened red grape juice
1/2 cup dried cherries or 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

Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler



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

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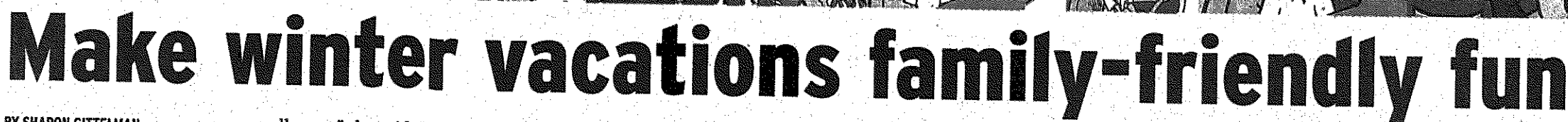
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BY SHARON GITTELMAN
CORRESPONDENT

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

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



Some airports and resorts will even rent strollers and other baby and child necessities. Moms and dads can enjoy

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"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."

"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."

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."

■ 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.

■ **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.

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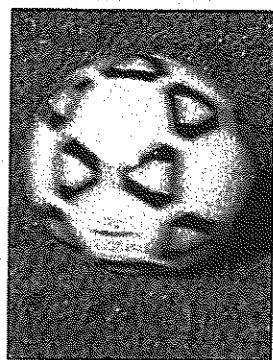
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Sidelines

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.

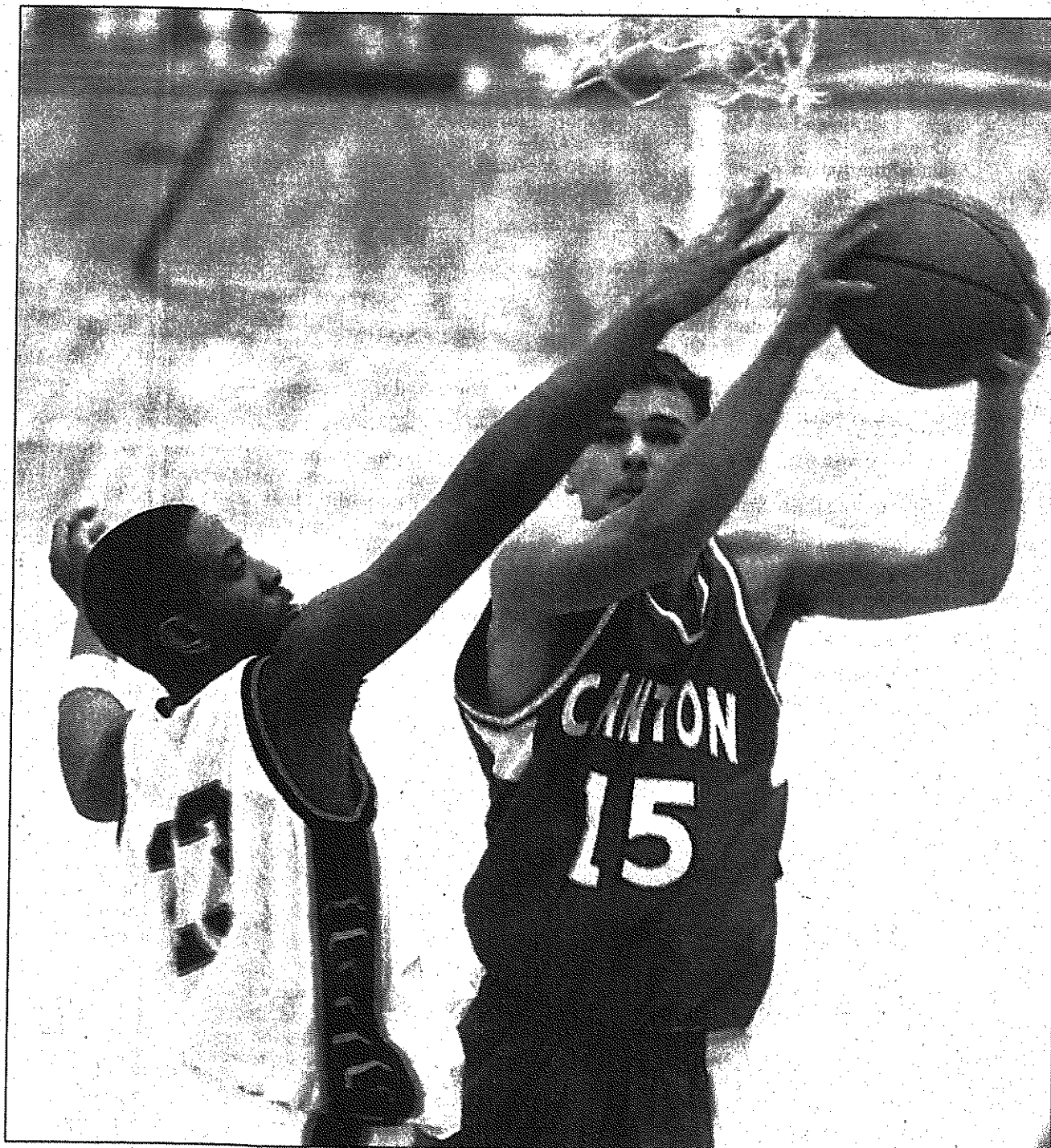
The tryout, for girls 11-and-under, will be from 6:30-8 p.m. Tryout fee is \$15 unless you are a current AAU member. If you are a current AAU member, you must bring your membership card in order to tryout.

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 Larusha West and 12 apiece from Yasmin Warthen and Jasmine Patterson.

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

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

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

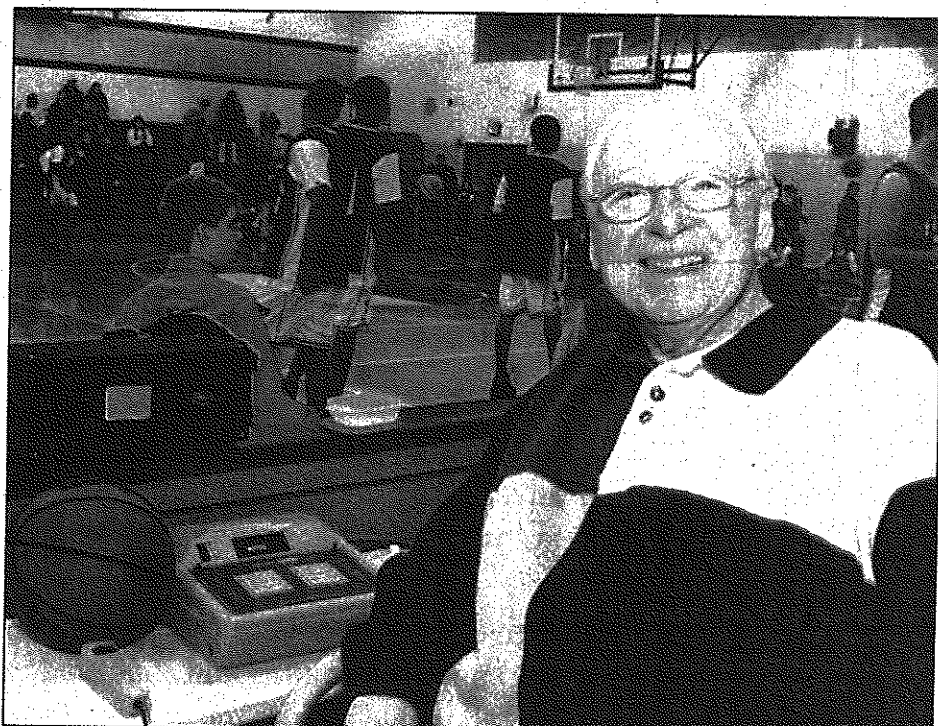
But so was the entire South Redford school district as well as the greater part of the township.

"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



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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.

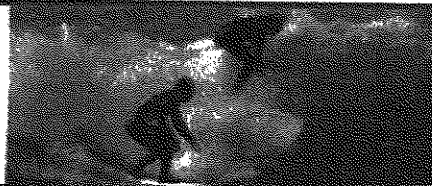
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Emil Majeski, a retired business and

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

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BASEBALL TRYOUTS

■ The Michigan Indians 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 Trublowski 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 inbounds 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 Mazawey and co-sponsored by the Greater Detroit Bowling Association.

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

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

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

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.
H.W. Notre Dame at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 8
Det. Community at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 9
Canton Agape at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 10
Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Salem, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Northville at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Luthern North, 7 p.m.
Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Jan. 7
West Bloomfield vs. Salem (Novi 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 Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 11
Madonna at Siena Heights, 7:30 p.m.

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

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).

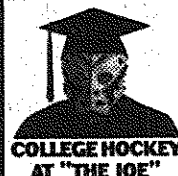
That led to a 40-28 halftime lead, too much for Madonna to overcome.

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).



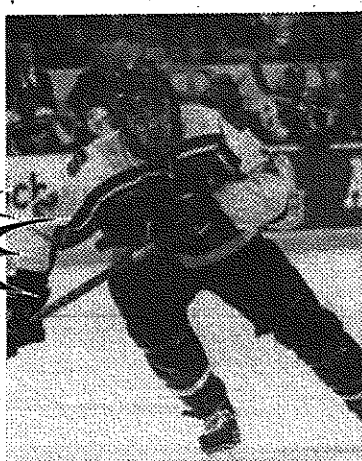
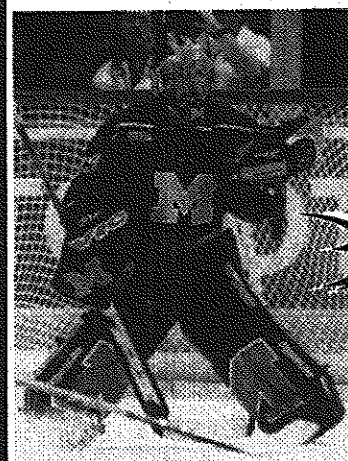
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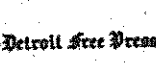
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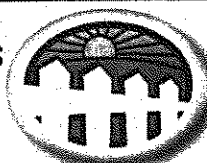
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there to record what ABC has famously called, "the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat."

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.



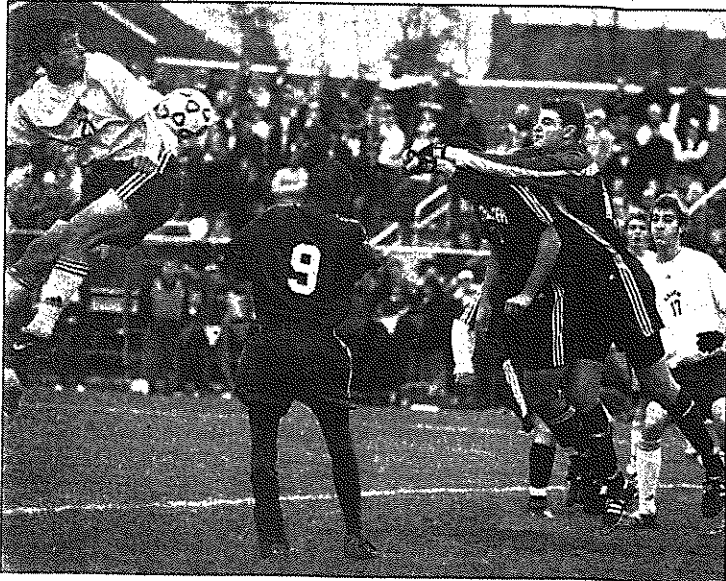
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Livonia Churchill's outstanding pitcher Meghan Misiak led the Chargers.



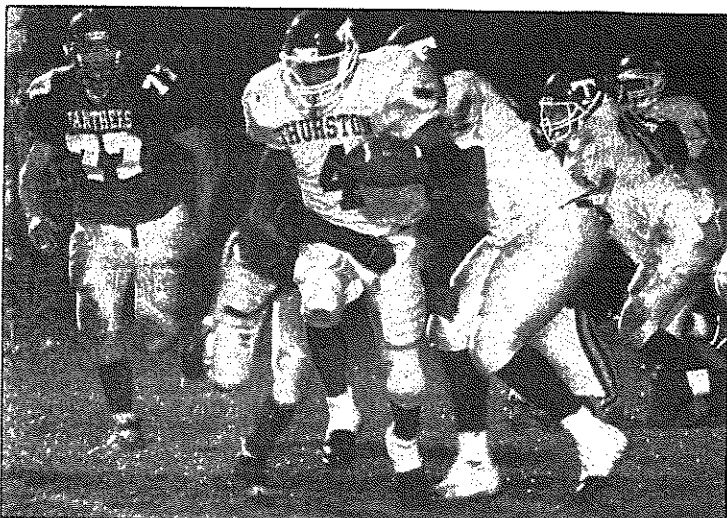
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Livonia Stevenson tight end John Rehberg (right), pursued by Westland John Glenn's Jeremiah Thornton, hauls in a 9-yard touchdown pass. Stevenson stunned Glenn by beating them in double overtime 38-35.



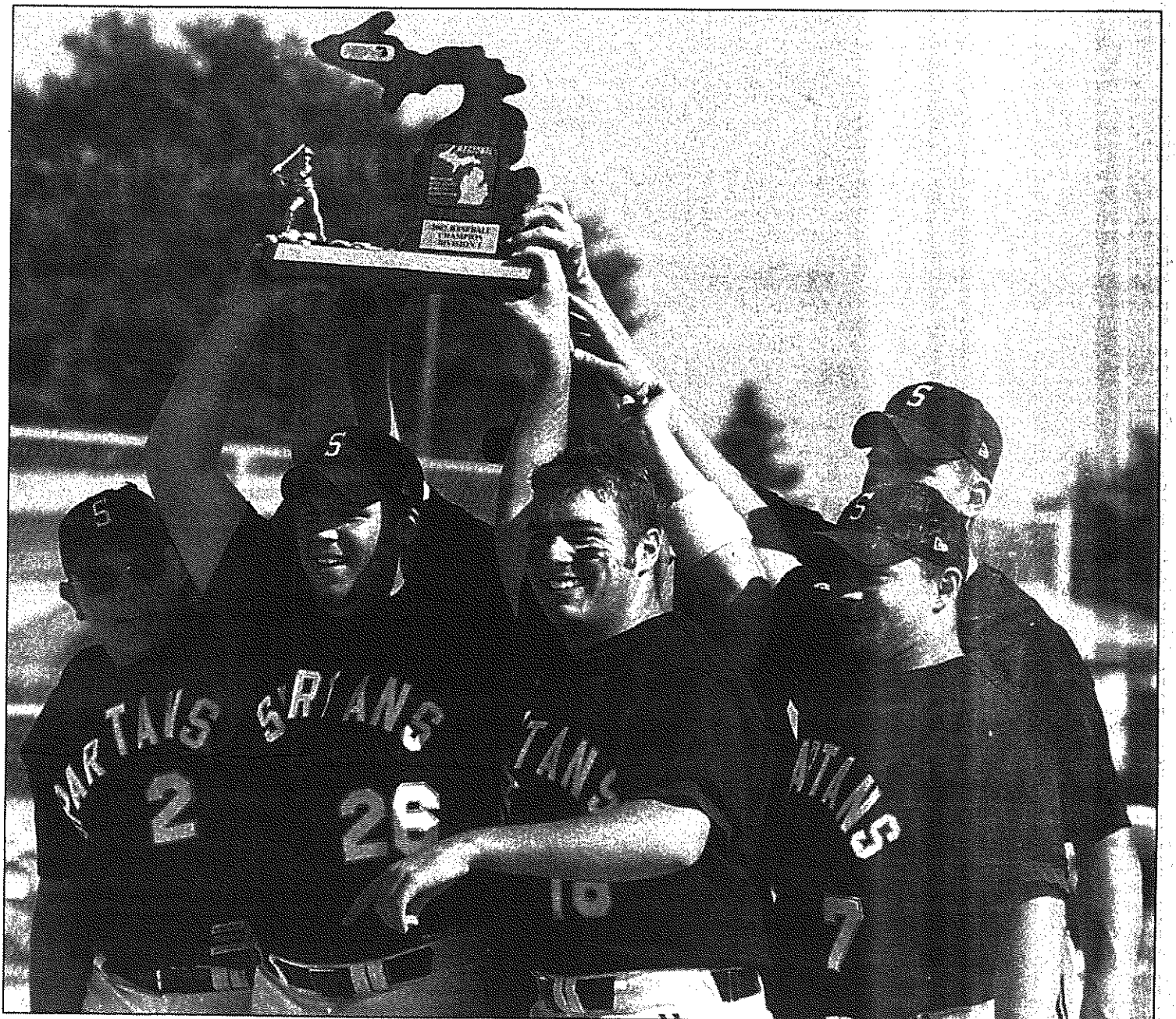
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Salem's Kevin Savitskie (left) attempts to score in the state soccer final against Rochester. Rochester won 1-0.



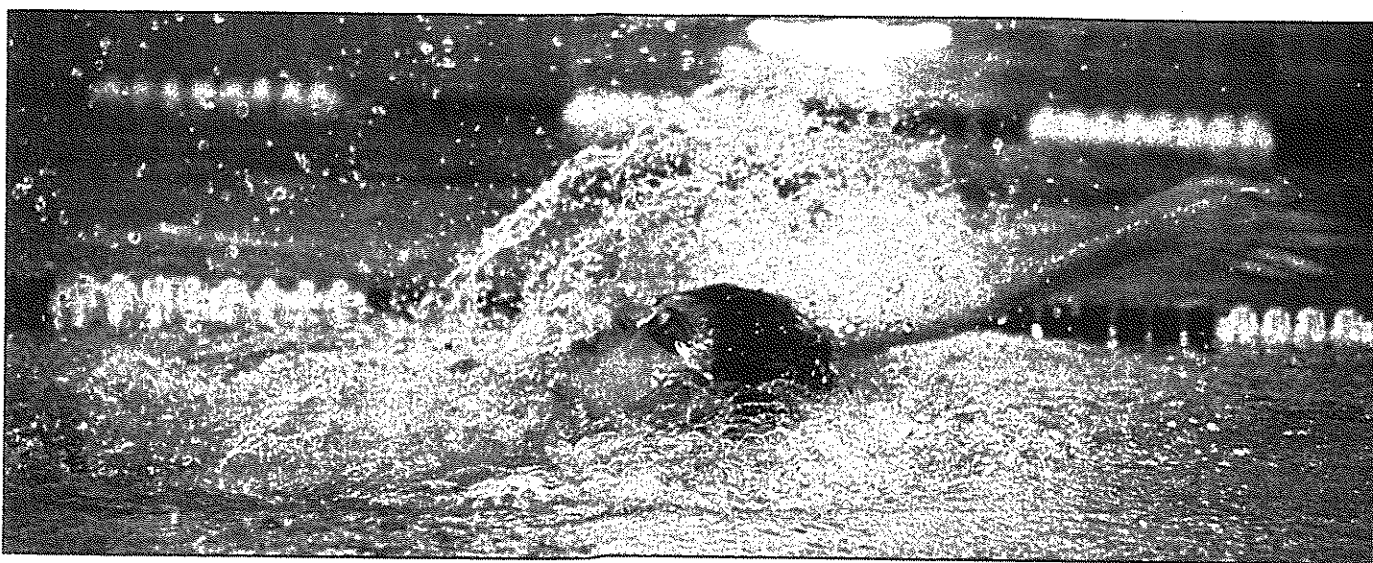
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Thurston halfback Darran Matthews (4) gets tackled by Redford Union's Chris Rigley during their football battle in October. Thurston won the game and advanced to the playoffs for the second time in school history, while the loss eliminated the Panthers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



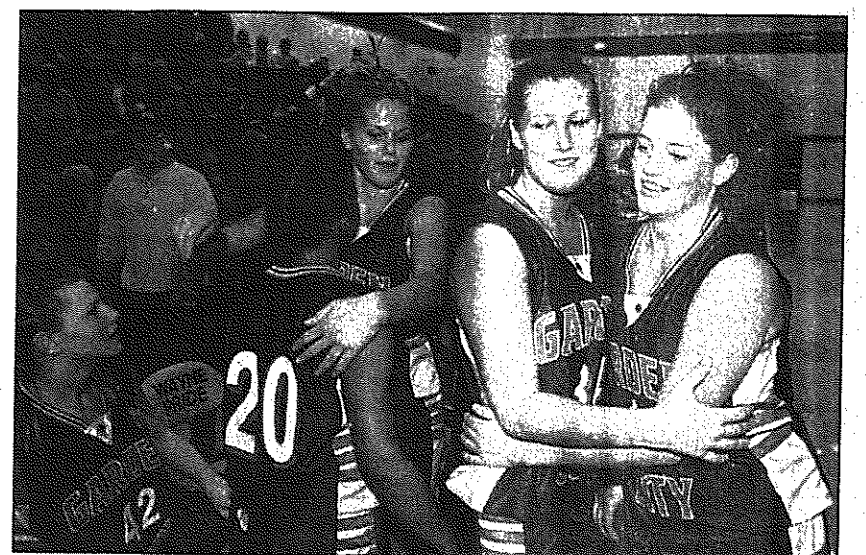
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Livonia Stevenson's 2002 baseball team won its first regional title.



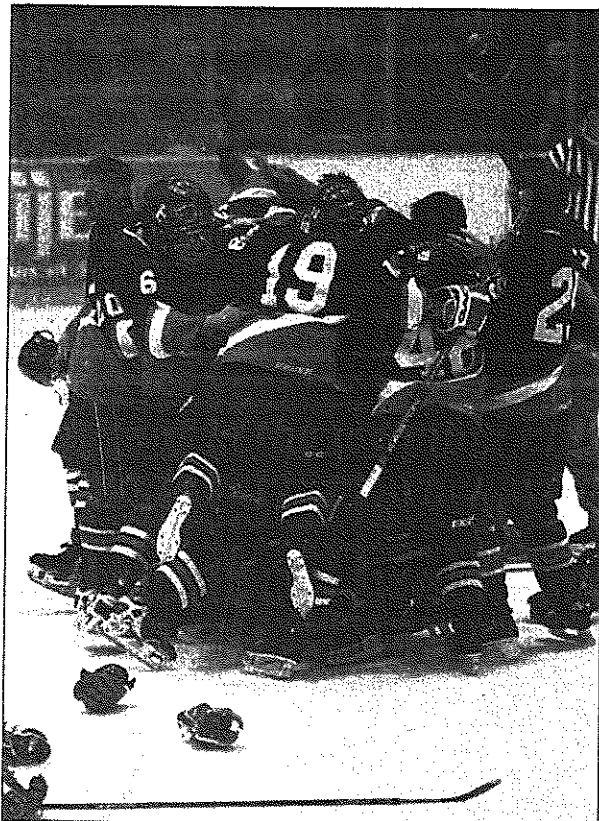
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Plymouth Salem's Eric Lynn finished first in the state in the 200 yard individual medley.



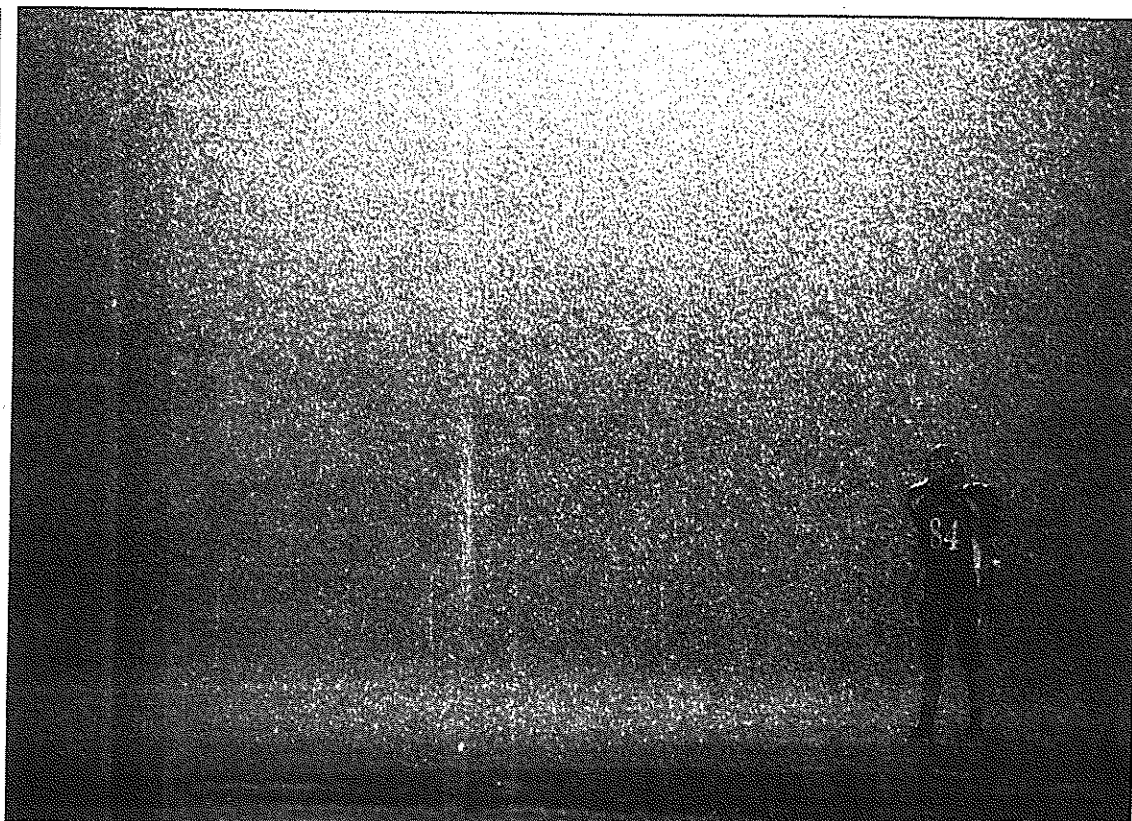
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Garden City basketball won their semi district final game losing in the finals to Belleville.



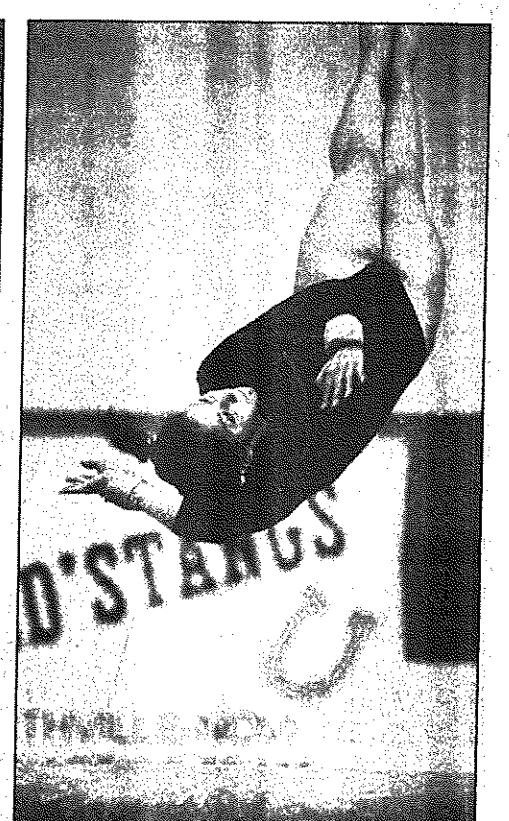
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Catholic Central wins its fourth straight hockey state final.



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Livonia Clarenceville's Glenn Garrant 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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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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An attractive brunette, 48, 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 25014

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, classic, warm, loving heart, clean cut, monogamous, affectionate, intelligent, strong morals, outgoing. BOX 25981

ARE YOU MY KNIGHT?
Young looking, 49 yr old divorced woman, enjoys music, travel, sports, camping, quiet times. Seeks honest, intelligent, marriage minded gentleman, 38 to 50, social smoker and drinker, children okay. Home owner and professional preferred. BOX 26664

LET'S TALK
White female, 51, long blonde hair, in good shape, 5'5", non-smoker, social drinker, very fun loving, generous, loves life. Enjoys working out, boating, beaches, getaway weekends, concerts. Seeks white male, 45 to 55, BOX 26684

LET'S GET TOGETHER
33 yr old, black female, 5'8", 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, and looking. Enjoys dining out, walking, movies, conversation. Seeks male, 58 to 70, to share interests. BOX 26709

I'M YOUR LADY
Attractive white divorced 45, 5'2", 138 lbs., female, brown/blue, enjoys walking, swimming, movies, music and dining out. 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, has 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, 5'2", 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, self aware, 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, heightweight 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. 50 to 60, Jewish, active, interested in friendship, fun, romance and possible long term relationship. 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, curvy, 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 played, non-smoking, social drinking, single white male, 48 to 55, with similar interests, 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 26666

TIERED 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, movies and great conversation. Interested in meeting tall, 5'10" to 5'8", 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, non-smoker, 5'10" or taller, who is intelligent, articulate, romantic, and honest with a passion for life. Oakland County. BOX 27014

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE
Outgoing, petite, and live in Plymouth. Looking for an attractive, non-smoking, single white male, 48 to 58, who is trustworthy, emotionally/financially secure, with no dependents. Someone with a just 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 friend to spoil and he can spoil me, bring me back to life. BOX 30937

TIERED OF FLYING SOLO
Attractive Catholic widow, 57, 170 lbs, likes up North, hunting, fishing, travel, family, card games. Seeks sincere and honest male, 65 to 75, drug alcohol and smoke free, for commitment leading to marriage. BOX 30941

GEM SEKS TREASURER
Divorced, white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/blonde hair and eyes, diplomas, former model, looks 40's and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 59 to 65, attractive, 6' stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

ACTIVE SENIORS ONLY
Well traveled, educated, loving, white, professional female. Seeking a sophisticated, Christian male, 62 to 72, who can take me down-to-earth. Interests are classical music, art appreciation, world events and travel. Comfortable one-on-one and in social situations. Oakland County. BOX 35911

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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 gentle, 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 35995

SEEKING ITALIAN
Petite, white female, 63, 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 travelling. BOX 36003

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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, spiritual. Oakland County BOX 36051

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, lightweight 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 59, intelligent, tall, polite, truthful, a smoker who enjoys dining and conversation. Oakland County. BOX 36077



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GETTING IT RIGHT!
Handsome divorced, 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 hiking, 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 12148

FATHER OF ONE...

...in Livonia. Single white father of one, 39, 6'1", 190 lbs, handsome, fit, fun, honest, secure, brown hair, green eyes. Enjoys reading, running, biking, skiing, family activities and much more. Looking for a positive, fit and loving female, for great relationship. BOX 14942

TIERED OF FLYING SOLO
61 yr old male, looks and acts much younger, 5'9", 170 lbs, light hearted, laughs a lot, very gentle. Likes camping, walking, good movies, flea markets, quiet nights at home. Seeks permanent relationship with female, under 59, slim to medium, attractive. BOX 20560

JUST BE YOURSELF
I might like you anyway. Realistic, respectful, single white male, 45, believes in destiny and chemistry, ready to embrace female sweetheart. Age unimportant. BOX 30879

I'M A SINCERE PERSON
If you are, 48 to 58, slim, white and attractive, call me. If you are looking for a non violent loving, happy go lucky, non-drinking guy, call me. I'm 59", 175 lbs, attractive, widowed and lonesome, looking for a life time relationship. I'll answer your call. Down River, no games. BOX 33419

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

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 35956

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

HUGGABLE TEDDY BEAR
37 yr old male, Italian/Polish, very active, in search of someone to spend holidays with. She should be early 20s to mid 40s, long hair, nice eyes, for a long term friendship. BOX 26683

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

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

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 13694

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?
White professional male, 5'8", fit, brown hair, blue eyes, well educated, no dependents. Enjoys music, movies, reading, family and friends, biking, jogging, long walks. Seeks fit, emotionally available, white professional female, no dependents. For happy and healthy relationship. BOX 14561

READY TO GAMBLE?
46 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 14634

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 his 40's. Seeks a white 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 21099

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

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ADVENTUROUS
Handsome, passionate, intelligent, funny, tall, well built, single white male, 34, looking for very passionate, adventurous, intelligent, kind hearted female, for friendship and romance. Oakland County. BOX 23337

PLEASANTLY PLUMP?
Go ahead and call open minded, single white male 39, easy to talk to, romantic and adventurous. Seeks single white female 24-42, for meaningful relationship. Wayne county BOX 25010

DO YOU QUALIFY?
White male, 48, muscular, attractive, financial and self secure. Seeking selective, classy, attractive white or Asian female, under 45, for long term relationship. Wayne county. BOX 25970

LET STAY 2GETHER...
For ever, single white male, 45, honest, faithful, trustworthy, caring, loving, up front, smoker, social drinker, 6', 165 lbs, looking for a white female, 35-50, on the slim side, 100-140 lbs, who has the same qualities as I do. Looking for a very serious relationship, no head games. Oakland County. BOX 26014

IS THIS YOUR NAME?
Divorced white male, early 50s, dark hair, blue eyes, 6', looking for Carol, Charlotte, Chris, Debbie, Diane, Denise, Donna, Joy, Karen, Kathy, Linda, Lori, Nancy, Pat, Sally, Sandy, and Sue. I'd like to meet you. Ages 35 to 45, possible long term relationship. West Side. BOX 26039

READY TO SETTLE DOWN
30 yr old male, 5'7", 145 lbs, red hair, non-smoker. Enjoys movies, laughing, long walks in the park. Seeks white Christian female, 20 to 35, slender build, for long term relationship and possible marriage. BOX 26665

YOU WON'T BE SORRY
Single black Christian male, 5'5", 155 lbs, handsome, outgoing. Loves bowling, sports, jazz clubs. Looking for a special single female, any race, 26 to 35, who has a great sense of humor, very outgoing, college educated, professional, non-smoker, Christian. BOX 26839

FULL FIGURED LADY'S
Divorced, white male, 43, 5'9", 165 lbs, blondish brown hair, green eyes, down to earth. Seeking a single or divorced, white female, 38 to 45, who is down to earth and enjoys the simple things in life. For a possible relationship. Wayne county BOX 27006

ONE SPECIAL SOMEONE
20 yrs old blonde male looking for that one special someone. BOX 30874

LOOKING FOR A MATCH
60 yr old male, 5'9", 170 lbs, brown hair and eyes. Likes old movies, country rides, cuddling, gardening, 50s/60s music, cooking and more. Seeking a white female, 40's, single, white female, 40's, who likes to have fun, for good times. Nothing serious at first. BOX 30911

GETTING TO KNOW YOU
26 yr old male, 195 lbs, 5'11", goatee, shaved head, business owner, Down River area. Looking for an attractive female, intelligent, funny, loyal, who likes to have fun, for good times. Nothing serious at first. BOX 30911

YOU AND I
This sweetheart is a sociable single white male, 40, well groomed, physically fit, has many interests yet open to yours. Seeks friendly female friend and possible lover. BOX 30914

NEW ADS EACH WEEK

WISH YOU WERE HERE
Single white male, 30, 5'10", 180 lbs, short brown hair, green eyes, goatee, carpenter, honest, caring. Enjoys movies, music, dancing, travel, horseback riding. Seeks honest, caring, sincere, affectionate single white female, 21 or older, children okay. BOX 30938

GIVE ME A CALL
5'3", 155 lbs, blue eyes, 54, single white male seeking a single white female 45 to 55 non-smoker, non-drinker, religious. Who Enjoys movies, dancing and outdoor sports. Wayne County BOX 35888

SUN & BEACHES
Caring, affectionate, loving, hard working, divorced white male, 54, 5'7", silver fox hair, 176 lbs. Loves ocean beaches, spending quality time together. Seeking friendship for monogamous relationship, 40 to 50. BOX 35913

UNDER THE STARS
Intense special single white male, helpful and personable. Seeks nice gal, 30 to 50, an outdoor lover, for sharing of magic moments under the moonlight, by candlelight, etc. Oakland County BOX 35916

RING MY BELL
Divorced white male, 49, 5'8", 175 lbs.

Rxnotes

■ 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.



GET FIT!

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.



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

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

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

PLEASE SEE RESOLUTIONS, C7

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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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 visit 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.

JANUARY

Arthritis

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

Fibromyalgia

The Livonia CFS/Fibromyalgia Support Group meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777

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

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 "It's All In Your Head. Group meets at the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth. Call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945 or email her at mithroid@comcast.net

Headache tele-seminar

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

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.

FEBRUARY

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ Take it one step at a time. One week try adding more vegetables, next start your food diary, and so on. After a couple of months, you will make a significant improvement in your nutritional intake and overall health!

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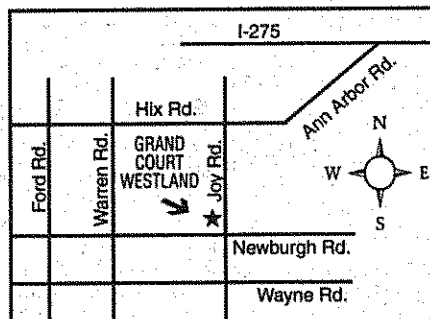
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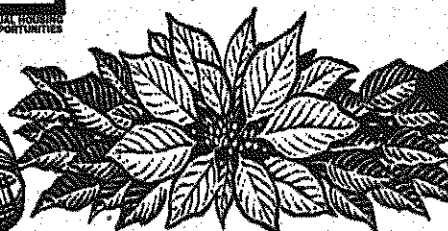
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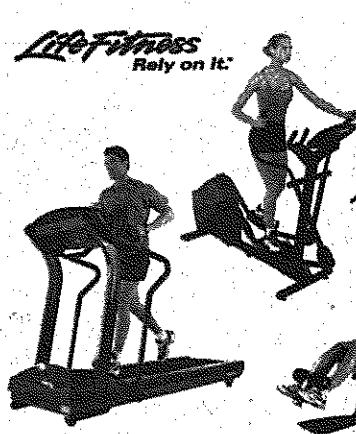


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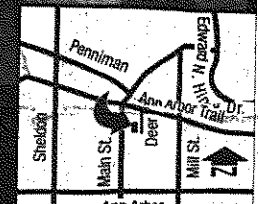
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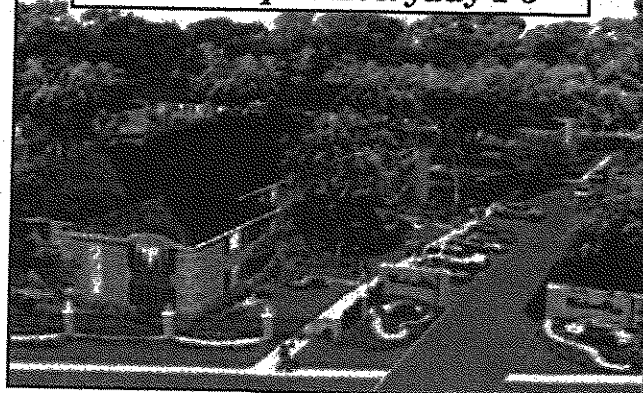
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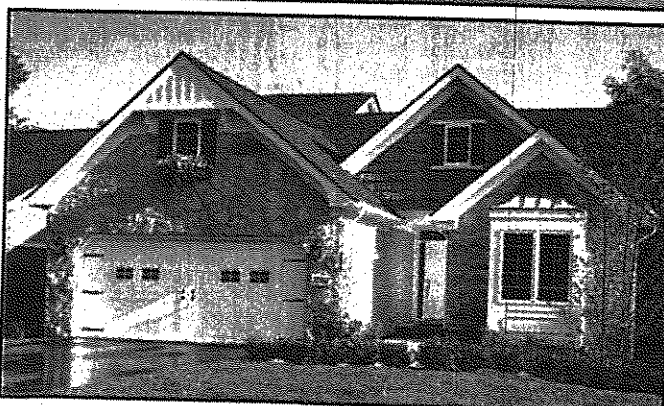
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CANTON - Open House Sun. 1-4pm, 1224 Terrell Ct. (S of Ford, W of Lilley) 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath tri-level, large updated kitchen, 1950 sq.ft. \$197,000. (734) 730-3995

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FARMINGTON HILLS, OPEN SUNDAY 1-4, 22135 Atlantic Point, S/9 Mile, W/Middlebelt. Big city convenience with New England style charm! 2 Bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Townhouse Condo end unit has hardwood floors, private entrance, low association fees and Farmington schools. \$137,900 (22112126). Call Stephanie Rose ext. 135.

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Livonia **3250**

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BURTON HOLLOW
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NOVI
SOUGHT AFTER CHASE FARMS. 4 bdrm, 3.5 bths exc home w/in-law/teen ste in prof fin bsmt. Mstr ste w/pn ceiling, 2 walk-in clsts, Jacuzzi tub, separate shower, 3 frplcs, 2-story foyer, priv hot tub on 2-tier deck, 3 car garage. \$519,900 (P46CHA)



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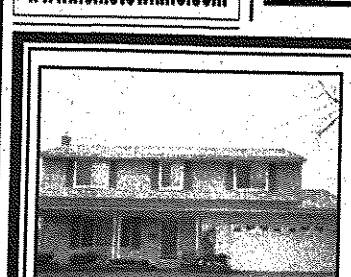
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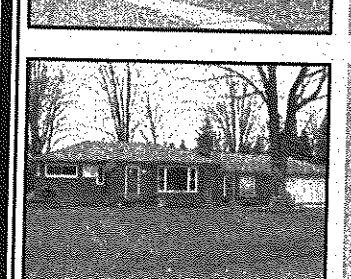
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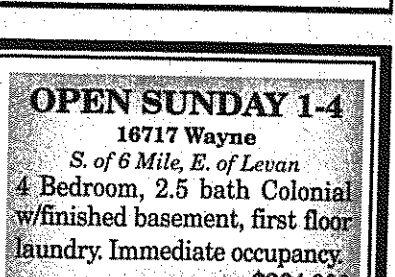
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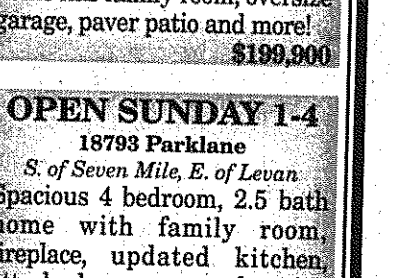
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29570 Jacquelyn
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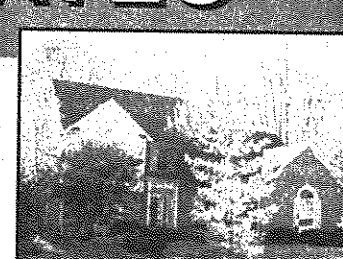
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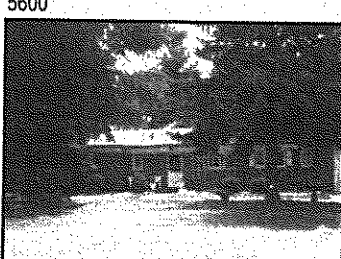
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FARMINGTON HILLS - The jewel of Copper Creek. Contemporary 4 bedroom, 4½ bath on the seventh fairway. Professionally finished lower level has wet bar, entertainment center and 2 offices. Approximate total square feet 5,000 of living space. You simply must see this home. \$749,000 (28HID) 248-626-8800



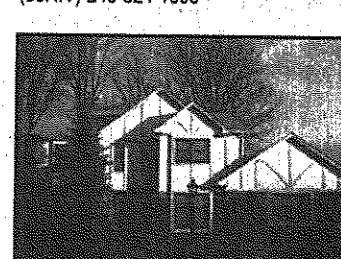
LIVONIA - Country living in the city! 3 bedroom, 1½ bath. w/towering trees. Sprawling 1978 SF ranch on over 1.6 acres in Livonia! 2 fireplaces, family room, formal dining room & eat-in kitchen. 2½ car garage and Florida room. \$339,000 (33CUR) 734-455-5600



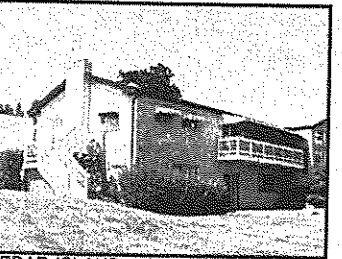
NOVI - Custom-built all-brick exterior. First floor master with walk-in closet. Huge jet tub. Bedrooms have attached baths. Kitchen has granite counters. Great room gas fireplace, 3 car garage, hardwood foyer floor. Stone floor in kitchen. Gas log fireplace, dual zone furnace and 9 foot basement ceilings.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



BIRMINGHAM - New built, 2002. Transitional home w/ 3 BR, 2½ BA, 2 st LR w/frplc, 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



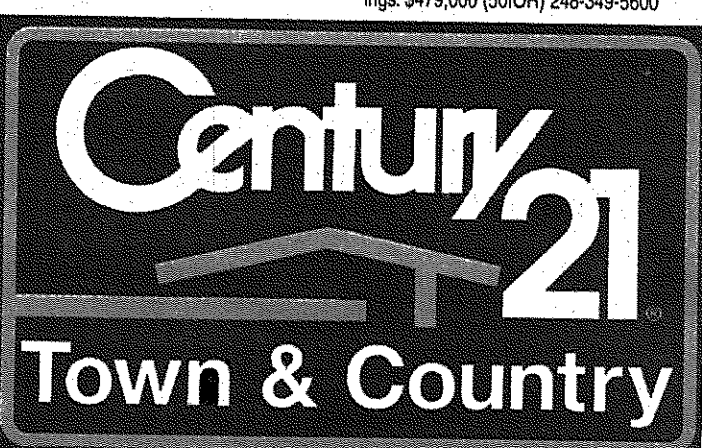
ROCHESTER HILLS - Did you say sharp? This 4 bedroom, 3½ bath Colonial is modern, sharp and ready for you. Newer roof, furnace, windows and flooring. Finished basement with second kitchen. Side entrance garage. Move-in condition. \$349,900 (71BRI) 248-524-1600



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MACOMB TOWNSHIP - Two year old Split Level brick 4 bedroom, 3½ bath. Master suite with whirlpool & separate shower. Two story great room with bridge & corner fireplace. Formal dining room & library. First floor laundry & ceramic foyer. Cherry cabinets. Brick patio. \$339,900 (46RIV) 248-626-8800



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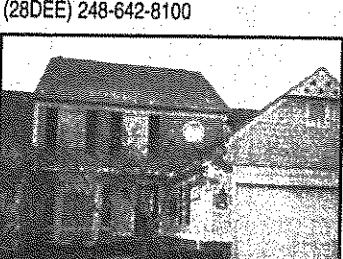
LAPEER - Amazing country estate. New construction has all the bells and whistles. 10+ acres, double oak staircases with bridge, 9 foot ceilings in entry and basement, 4 bedrooms, 3.1 baths, fabulous master suite. Too much to mention. \$520,700 (53MOR) 248-652-8000



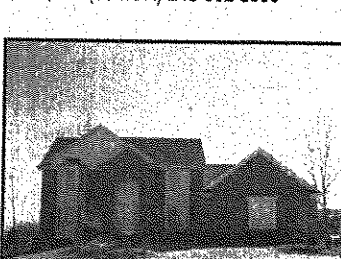
ALMOST NEW COLONIAL - Neutral and open with 9 foot ceilings, crown molding, hardwood floors, Corian counters and Andersen windows. Four bedrooms, 2½ baths, master suite with tray ceiling & jetted tub. Cherry cabinets in kitchen, over ½ acre lot with cedar decking in back. \$379,900 (90TIM) 248-363-1200



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP - Marble foyer graces your entry into this lovely 4 bedroom, 2½ 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



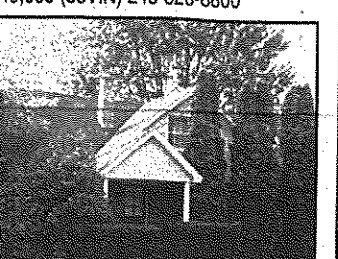
BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Beautiful Townhouse overlooks golf course. Two bedrooms, 3½ baths, 2 fireplaces, hardwood floors, full finished basement which could be third bedroom or family room. Light, bright & well maintained. \$319,000 (66UPP) 248-642-8100



ORION - House Beautiful. In-ground Gunite swimming pool with brick paver patio. Custom-built 4 bedroom, 3½ bath, great room plus library, 3 car garage, finished lower level, professionally decorated & landscaped. Prestigious new sub. \$499,900 (88WES) 248-652-8000



LAKEFRONT LOG HOME - Four bedroom, 2 bath, beautiful log home on quiet Sullivan Lake. Home sits on approximately 1.45 acre with 180 feet of lake frontage. Natural fireplace, cathedral ceiling, hardwood floors throughout, newer windows & roof. Deck facing lake, priced to sell. \$329,900 (10LAK) 248-363-1200



PLYMOUTH - Cape Cod in Plymouth! 4 bedroom, 2½ bath. Enjoy your almost 1 acre of treed property! Home has beautiful newer kitchen, walkout basement, some work to be done - but well worth the investment! \$285,000 (35ANN) 734-455-5600



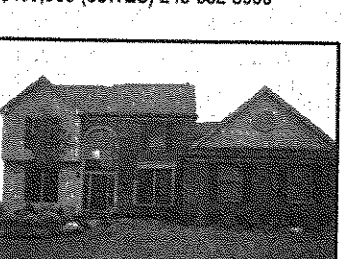
WIXOM - Almost new Colonial. Four bedrooms, 2½ ceramic baths, formal dining room & first floor laundry. Newer carpet in family room with fireplace & cathedral ceilings. Large deck overlooks nature preserve. Drywall, carpet & tile in basement. Newer hardwood in kitchen. \$312,900 (52MIL) 248-349-5600



MILFORD - Spectacular residence in premier Mystic Hills sub with all homes on 2+ acre sites. Open & bright interior with tons of windows and 2 story ceilings on main level. Five bedrooms, 6.2 baths, living, family, great, dining room, library, kitchen & breakfast rooms. Three car side entry garage. \$1,490,000 (86ROL) 248-642-8100



ROCHESTER HILLS - Great location for this lovely 3 bedroom, 2½ bath Split Colonial with large lot & side turned garage. Great room with fireplace. Finished lower level walk-out basement with fireplace, ceramic tiled full kitchen and bath. \$349,900 (57FAI) 248-524-1600



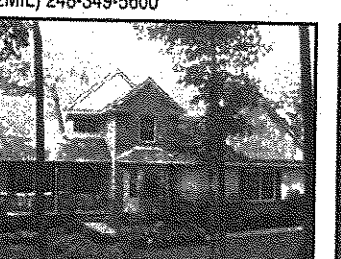
OAKLAND - Designer home. Spectacular 4 bedroom, 2½ bath home built in 2000. Full daylight basement, 3 car garage, 9 foot ceilings, large kitchen with built-ins, butlers' pantry, family room fireplace, library, first floor laundry. Community pool, tennis and ball fields. \$427,900 (39WIN) 248-652-8000



TRULY BETTER THAN NEW - Four bedroom Colonial built in 2000. All the finishing touches are in. Light-filled kitchen with tile floor, fireplace in family room. Hardwood in foyer & dining room, master suite with spa tub, beautifully tiled. Three car garage. \$329,900 (31JOS) 248-363-1200



NORTHVILLE - Full of character! 4 bedroom, 2½ bath New England colonial on 2 acres. Hardwood floors, crown moldings, living room w/fireplace & french doors. Spa room, hearth room w/16" brick fireplace. Deck, gardens, pond, tennis court & gazebo! \$479,900 (00BEC) 734-455-5600



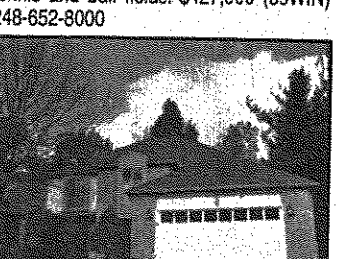
BRIGHTON - Welcome to your dream home. Custom-built Colonial on a wooded lot. Three spacious bedrooms, 2½ baths. Walk-out lower level & first floor laundry. Three car side entry garage. Gourmet kitchen with French doors leading to cedar sun room with hot tub. Brighton schools. \$409,900 (83SIL) 248-349-5600



SYLVAN LAKE WATERFRONT - Remodeled Colonial. Three bedroom, 3 bath has beautifully updated kitchen, 2 story living room with inside/outside fireplace to deck with hot tub. Private balcony off master, 2 car garage, newer roof, furnace and A/C. West Bloomfield schools. Don't miss out!! \$650,000 (07RUS) 248-642-8100



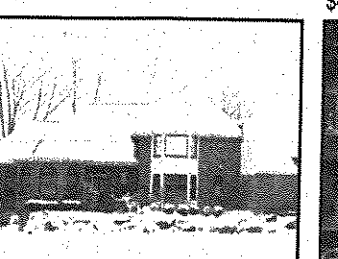
ROCHESTER - Stunning 4 bedroom, 2½ bath Colonial with an open floor plan from the kitchen into the family room. First floor laundry, 3+ car side entry garage, maple cabinets, neutral decor and hardwood floors in kitchen and foyer. \$395,000 (39CAT) 248-524-1600



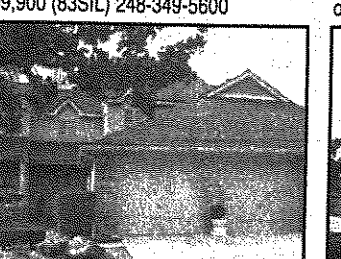
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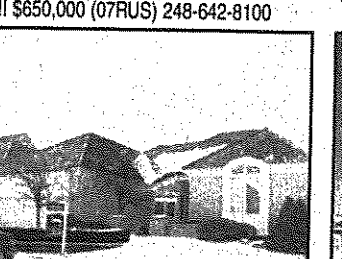
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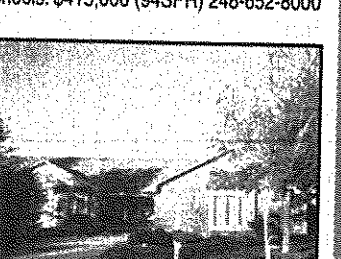
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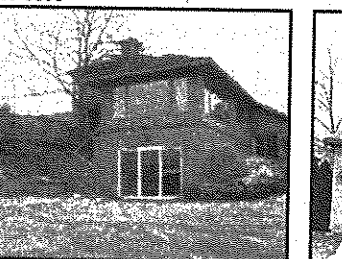
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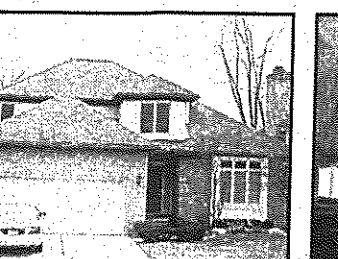
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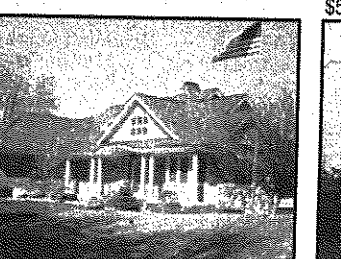
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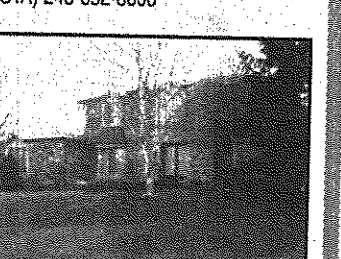
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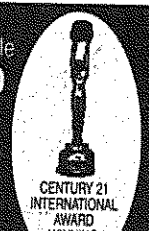
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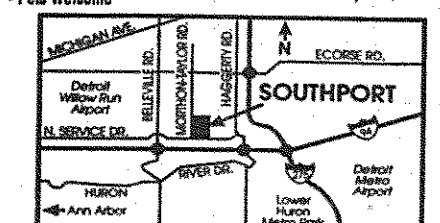
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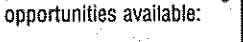
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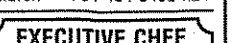
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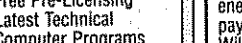
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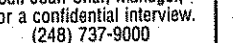
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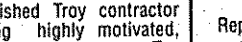
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Chevy Astro 1995 Conversion 121K miles, exc. cond., \$3900/best. (248) 652-7351

CHRYSLER 1997 Town & Country LXI - CD, loaded, 3.8L, leather, \$7999. 248-650-8861

Dodge 1993 Grand Caravan SE, green, clean, 77K, \$4000/best. 734-454-3522

DODGE GRAND CARAVAN 1996 LE Exc. cond., loaded, \$6,950. (734) 420-1743

DODGE GRAND CARAVAN 2000 - 35K, full power, white, \$12,500. 734-459-0389

FORD 1997 Windstar, 138K highway miles, air, cd, good cond., \$4200. 248-348-1479

FORD 1997 Windstar - GL, Quads, sharp, \$4,995.

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FORD 2001 WINDSTAR Auto, 4 door, dual A/C, red, 42K miles, \$13,200. 248-373-3720

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FORD, 1998, Windstar. 3.8L V6, GL, ext., 7 seat, quad bucket, remote start, 63K, \$6,900. Troy. 248-210-5568

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VENTURE 1997 97K, exc. cond., all power, extended, tow, \$5900. (734) 420-7965

VOYAGER 1995 98K, drives & looks great, everything works, \$3333. 248-624-6187

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FORD E350 1991 Clubwagon. Tow package. Roof rack, all records. \$2500. 734-812-2761

FORD 1998 - blue F150 conversion, 5.4L, tow package, TV, loaded, low miles, non-smoker, \$11,200. 734-667-3656

DURANGO 2002 V-8, Sport, black, 18K, loaded, priced to sell, \$16,980. John Rogin Buick 734-525-0900

FORD 1996 E150 Clubwagon Chateau loaded, must see. 92K, \$6000. 734-953-4033

FORD 1998 - blue F150 conversion, 5.4L, tow package, TV, loaded, low miles, non-smoker, \$11,200. 734-667-3656

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Vans 8260

FORD 2002 - E-150 Cargo Van, V6, 15K mi, warranty. \$14,000/best. (734) 261-6323

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GMC 1994 STARCRAFT Conversion, very good cond., 74K, \$6900 734-981-2381

GMC 1995 VANDURA 2500 Starcraft Conversion Van, loaded, 83K, exc. cond. \$7395. 248-961-3956

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CHEROKEE 2000 Classic 4x4, exc. cond., loaded, 28.6K mi. 6 yr/75K extended warranty. \$13,500. (313) 240-6510

CHEVY 1999 Suburban LT - 4x4, immaculate, 83K mi., silver, V-8, 4x4, loaded, \$24,595.

CHEVY BLAZER 1995, 4x4, auto, full power, new alternator, brakes, EGR, very clean, \$7,000. (586) 443-5617

CHEVY TAHOE 1999, 75K, Extended warranty, Clean. \$14,500/best. 313-522-0745

FORD 1990 150k work van. New fuel pump & battery. Runs good. \$995. 248-477-8846

FORD 1991, 150 Conversion, 63,000 miles. Runs well. \$3000. (248) 474-8645

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FORD 1998 - blue F150 conversion, 5.4L, tow package, TV, loaded, low miles, non-smoker, \$11,200. 734-667-3656

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CORVETTE 1991, Convertible, black, loaded, new tires, low miles, mint cond. \$17,500. 734-528-1745

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CORVETTE 1992 - red, hatchback, 40K miles, great shape, \$17,500. 734-414-9993

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MAZDA 1988 RX7 Convertible, 5-Speed stick, \$4500. 734-878-6944

MERCEDES 1997 E420, 1 owner, black, 12.5K, sunroof, CD, \$35,000. 248-643-8018

MERCEDES 1973 - 4.5L, 110K miles, very good cond., \$6200/best. 248-788-3421

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MERCEDES 1998 CLK340 AMG, black coupe, winter wheels, 44K, warranty, \$34,900. 734-207-1767

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MERCEDES 300 1982 - Turbo Diesel, Sunroof, mint cond. \$6800. 734-213-0863

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MERCEDES 1997 E320, Black, loaded, warranty, low miles, \$25,900. 248-420-1539

MERCEDES 1998 SLK - Red, 8200 miles, loaded, \$35,000. MERCEDES 1999 300E Silver, moonroof, leather, 92K miles, \$9500. 248-608-0718

MERCEDES 2000 S430 Silver/black, loaded \$42,900. MERCEDES 2000 E320 champagne/tan, loaded, warranty \$31,900. 313-993-3441

PORSCHE 911 Coupe 1987, red, black leather, spoilers, 16" fuchs, sunroof, loaded, 89K miles, \$24,900. (248) 475-8831

PORSCHE 1984 944 - red, power, auto, 28,000 original mi., \$7,500/best. 734-953-8574

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CAVALIER 1996 4 DOOR, 75K, Automatic, \$2100. 248-214-7944

CAVALIER 1994 red, auto, air, clean, \$1,495.

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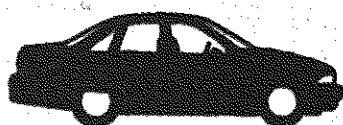
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Not only is the Chevrolet Cavalier General Motors' best-selling car, it's one of the top-10 selling cars in the U.S.

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.

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2003 Chevrolet Cavalier
Vehicle class: LS sedan.
Power: 2.2-liter 4-cylinder engine.
Mileage: 26 city / 33 highway.
Where built: Lordstown, Ohio.
Base price: \$15,575.
As tested: \$17,905.

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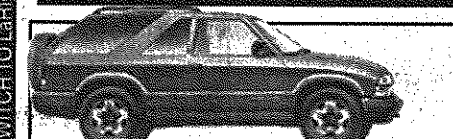
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