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Suit to claim Young, Blanchard conspired against Supersewer

By Diane Gale
staff writer

The Canton Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to name Michigan Gov. James Blanchard and Detroit Mayor Coleman Young in a Supersewer lawsuit at a special meeting Tuesday.

The trustees met with C. Gerald Hemming, township attorney, in closed session to discuss a resolution presented by Canton Supervisor James Poole last week to specifically name Blanchard, Young and Wayne County Exec-

utive William Lucas in the lawsuit. The board opted to drop Lucas from the suit, but the trustees won't discuss why they took this action.

The adopted resolution says "that recent evidence has been discovered which reveals reasonable cause to believe" Young and Blanchard "conspired together to block the Huron Valley Project and deny certification and federal funding for this project."

Hemming will request that Wayne County Circuit Court allow him to add the officials as defendants in a lawsuit

filed by Plymouth and Canton townships concerning the multicommunity-sewer-system project.

After posting the meeting as a closed session to discuss the intent of the litigation, the board, without previously announcing it to the public, went into open session to vote on the resolution.

"Because of the time limit, and because the resolution was discussed at the Jan. 8 meeting, I don't think any of us felt uncomfortable (voting on the resolution), or that we did anything wrong," Linda Chuhnan said.

BOARD MEMBERS say they will not comment on exactly what evidence precipitated the controversial action until after the motion is filed. Hemming said he will file within the "next couple of days" and that a hearing "possibly" will be scheduled in February.

"The nature of litigation (is such that) you have to be careful (about) what is said," trustee Robert Padgett said. "We've been advised by the attorney that not much should be said beyond that, because it could jeopardize the lawsuit."

Trustee Stephen Larson said the briefing session with Hemming was "persuasive enough" for the board to pass the resolution.

"It was like working on a 1,001-piece jigsaw puzzle, and then finding one piece that makes the picture clear. I got the feeling like, well OK, I understand now," said Larson. Larson also refused to disclose evidence, saying "it will be discussed during the court hearing."

Wayne-Westland School District

The district serves southeast Canton

Ignition was turned over to the ISD when the Wayne-Westland board was unable to reach agreement on a replacement within 20 days. LeDuc left to take a job in Texas.

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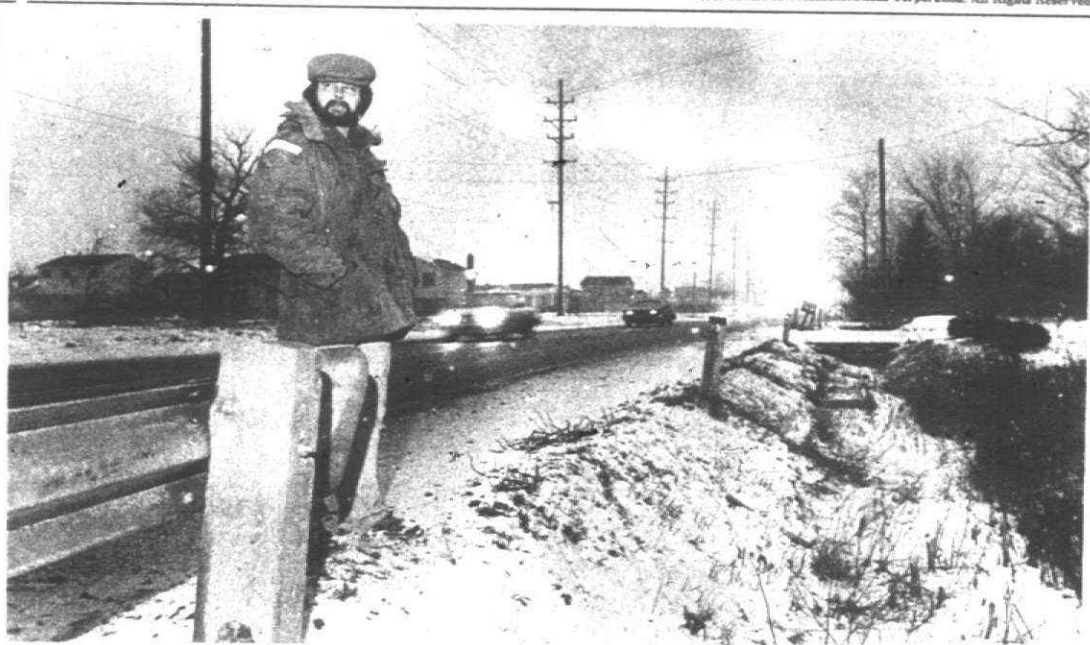
Finalists ousted in trustee search

By Sandra Armbruster
staff writer

It may be several weeks before a vacancy in the Wayne-Westland school board is filled. Out of the running, however, are the two finalists — Kenneth Barnhill and Sylvia Kozorosky — over whom the board deadlocked in 16 ballots last month.

The decision to remove the two finalists from contention was reached by the Wayne County Intermediate School District (ISD) board after an hour of discussion Jan. 9. The board also agreed to call a special meeting for 11:30 a.m. tomorrow at the ISD office building, Van Born at Howe in Wayne.

Responsibility for filling the vacancy created by Rev. W. James LeDuc's res-



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

David Lysakowski of Canton stands near the guardrail involved in an accident that claimed Lysakowski's home on Cherry Hill Road, just west of the Westland border.

Canton mishap takes a life

By Diane Gale
staff writer

A 37-year-old Plymouth man died after his car hit a guardrail and flipped into a ditch in Canton Township Sunday.

Pierre Louis Trudeau was driving alone in his 1984 Ford Tempo going westbound on Cherry Hill near Hannan at about 12:30 a.m. when he struck a guardrail, according to Canton Township police. He managed to drive the car back onto the pavement at a point where the road curves east of Buckingham Drive, but failed to maneuver the car past the jog in the road.

When Trudeau hit another guardrail head-on further up the unlighted road, the Tempo skid back onto the

lane, spun around clockwise and flipped into the drainage ditch on the north side of a residence at 39500 Cherry Hill. The car landed upside down, entrapping Trudeau.

"From the evidence, he had not been wearing a seatbelt," said Canton Lt. Alex Wilson.

"Weather- and road conditions were not a factor," added Wilson, who said Trudeau's speed at the time of the accident is unknown.

TRUDEAU, an engineering electrical technician for Detroit Edison, did not have a pulse when police reached the scene, and was transported to the Wayne County Medical Examiner for an autopsy. The cause of death was listed as multiple injuries. Funeral services were planned for yesterday at Lambert, Vermeu-

len Funeral Home on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Just before the accident, Trudeau had dropped a friend off in Dearborn on the way home from Detroit's Auto Show, according to Marcy Trudeau, the woman he married six months ago.

"It's just hard to believe," she said.

Trudeau, 6 feet, 4 inches tall and blue-eyed, was a member of the Redford Township Jaycees.

David Lysakowski, who lives at 39500 Cherry Hill, said he heard a loud "boom" when Trudeau's car initially hit the guardrail.

"The right corner of the car hit the guardrail," Lysakowski said. "I

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New style at Center Stage features teen club

By Diane Gale
staff writer

What's bigger than a bar, smaller than a Las Vegas night club, but resembles both?

If you guessed Canton Township's 19,000-square-foot entertainment building called Center Stage, and you're under 19 years old, you probably know about the Metro Westside Teen Club recently kicked off by the night

club's management. Youngsters have been flocking to the mammoth entertainment spot on Ford Road about one-quarter mile east of the I-275 expressway, on Friday and Saturday evenings since last year.

In January, 1984, after the previous owners filed for bankruptcy, John Sassak became the sole owner of the structure which has a whopping seating capacity of 1,200. On Jan. 28, the Canton Township Board of Trustees will decide

whether to grant Sassak a liquor license. He has been selling alcoholic beverages at the establishment under a temporary purchase agreement.

WITH THE HELP of his daughter Dawn, who is in charge of marketing and public relations, Sassak has tried to develop an entertainment concept that will draw a crowd and keep the business in the black.

The teen club has been successful in attracting more than 1,500 members,

ages 13 to 19 years old. One of the drawing elements is the 1,000-square-foot elevated platform — sometimes used as a dance floor when there is no band. It helps create an illusion for the kids that they're on stage just like the entertainers they idolize. Under-20 dance spots, like Center Stage, seem to be replacing the roller-skating rink and bowling alley of the 1970s as the meeting place for teens, Dawn Sassak explains.

"This is a multimillion-dollar facility, and it makes them feel like adults, and they can meet their friends at the same time," she said.

In an effort to keep a controlled atmosphere in the building, and to quell complaints about rowdiness from neighbors, Center Stage has developed a club membership card, which may be revoked if a youngster becomes disorderly.

"We did have trouble-makers from

time to time so we decided to have a membership card with no discrimination," Dawn Sassak said. "They can have the card until they start hassling in the parking lot or down the street."

A QUESTION on the card asks why the applicant wants to become a member. A 16-year-old Utica girl answered: "I love to dance and meet new people."

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Adjusting to a change of venue

By M.B. Dillon Ward
staff writer

Cloaked in black and flanked by flags, a bespectacled Judge John MacDonald has assumed his rightful place on the 35th District Court bench. And he looks judicial.

Presiding over a civil trial Tuesday, the freshman judge calmly cautioned the jury, over-ruled objections and

Editor's note: For a look at the state's 'orientation' program for newly-elected district judges, please turn to Page 3A.

entertained attorneys' motions, looking as though he'd been at it for years.

MacDonald, 50, was elected in November and sworn in by Supreme Court Justice James L. Ryan Jan. 4. He succeeds the retiring Judge Dunbar Davis (now serving the Plymouth, Canton and Northville communities as visiting judge and magistrate) and joins presiding District Judge James Garber.

Yet to complete a full week on the job, the area's newest member of the judiciary still is getting used to his new title and flowing outfit. MacDonald held court Jan. 2-4, but was relieved by Judge Davis through Jan. 11. In the interim, MacDonald spent a few days observing Farmington's 47th District Judge Margaret Schaeffer and nearly a week in Lansing going to "school."

BEING DISTRICT judge "is a nice feeling," said MacDonald in his new chambers. "It's hard to get used to being called 'judge,' but everyone seems to want to call you that. I tell them that outside court, they should call me John or whatever they're used to calling me."

MacDonald, who just completed a four-year term as Northville Township supervisor, says sitting on the bench "is an ongoing learning process."

"There are a lot of things to learn in making the transition from being an advocate of one side to someone hearing both sides. And I'm learning to practice patience," added the judge.

MacDonald already is acting on one of his campaign promises — streamlining the civil docket.

The district court may institute a policy to expedite mediation cases whereby "if the parties agree, an attorney will serve as mediator" to help clear up an eight-month backlog, MacDonald said. (Wayne County Circuit Court cases currently take more than three years to be heard, so things aren't too bad at 35th District Court, he adds).

A mediator could be appointed as soon as Feb. 1 or March 1, according to MacDonald.

MacDonald served on the 35th District Court's advisory board and practiced law for 24 years in Wayne and Plymouth. The father of three, MacDonald is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University Law School.

He has served as chairman of the Wayne County Economic Development Corporation and belongs to the Northville and Plymouth chambers of commerce, the American Arbitration Association and Ward Presbyterian Church.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

35th District Judge John MacDonald is getting used to the new addition to his wardrobe. Elected in November, MacDonald is beginning his first term on the bench at the Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice.

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Intermediate district at loggerheads over board vacancy

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IN CALLING FOR a special meeting, the board apparently heeded an appeal by Wayne-Westland board President Kathy Chorbagan.

"Our problem is that we're taking on Cherry Hill Feb. 1. I hate to see them come to us when we are disassembled," she said, noting there are budget decisions to be made before the board.

However, repeated calls by ISD board members to establish a procedure for making the appointment went unmet.

Armen Barsamian, ISD board vice

president, suggested that the ISD review the applications submitted, "do some work in the Wayne-Westland district to see what's out there and also get the names of those who haven't been formally considered up to this date."

ISD Superintendent William Simmons said that information from checking references and "endorsements" would be available in about a week but asked that the ISD board limit the time it wanted his staff to consider.

CHORBAGAN agreed with a comment from ISD board member Barsamian that, by choosing one of the fi-

nalists, the ISD could further "polarize" the Wayne-Westland board.

"I'd like to see a peacemaker, one our district could look up to," she added.

Plymouth man hits guardrail; dies in crash

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know right away what it was, and I saw him rolling and skidding, and flipping into the ditch."

"It's ridiculous, there's a rut where people go off into the ruts and hit the guardrails," Lysakowski said.

"Every Friday and Saturday we expect something to happen."

DURING THE THREE years he and his family have lived in the home, the mailbox has been downed three times by motorists unable to maneuver the curve, Lysakowski said.

"All the time I see cars going off the road, and I have two little kids

and it scares me to death," he said. "My ditch is the one they're always landing in."

The site of the accident is not considered a problem road, according to Sgt. Marvin Gier of the Michigan State Police. There was a serious accident about three months ago

near the Trudeau's accident site, Wilson said.

"That location has been the site of several accidents, but to say the location is the cause of the accident isn't totally, or always correct," Wilson said. "There's lots of roads with curves in them."

Teens spotlighted in change

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and Center Stage is the perfect place to do so."

"The word about the teen club just flies through the schools by word of mouth," Dawn Sassak said. "The kids don't need much of an introduction — all they want to do is dance."

The teens hear their favorite groups, compliments of a disc jockey from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday.

Center Stage offers entertainment for adults, also. Dawn Sassak refers to Thursdays as "theme night," like last month's "Crazy Sunglasses Party," offering those who wear sunglasses a discount on the door charges; prizes for the "craziest" sunglasses; and, "most beautiful" awards.

the management agreement, and we're just trying things out," Dawn Sassak said.

Booking big-name groups for concerts is in the making, she said. The facility will host all types of music styles from new wave to big band and country.

When Center Stage was built in 1979 the owners had intended to book nationally known groups five nights a week. It was commonplace to have popular acts like Hall and Oates, Waylon Jennings, Blood, Sweat and Tears, Rodney Dangerfield and Chubby Checker grace the marquis. But according to Dawn Sassak, the hefty price tag of doing this was one of the reasons the business went in the red.

"You have to come up front with 50 percent of the entertainment fee," Dawn Sassak said. "They had a huge overhead with the building expenses, property costs, concert fees and advertising."

"But they did put the place on the map," she added with a smile.

Buses cost board \$1 million

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education approved financing for a more than \$1-million bus-purchasing program Monday night.

The board authorized borrowing \$750,000 to buy 34 buses over the next three years. The remaining \$340,000 will come from the district's budget, according to Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business.

Final approval is required once the district receives bids for the bus purchase. The note is expected to be paid off in two installments — September 1985 and September 1986.

The bus-purchasing program was approved by the board last May when it received bids for the various vehicles. The buses are needed to replace existing vehicles which are worn out.

"The idea was that we were getting behind in the bus-replacement program, and we would go ahead with a three-year purchasing program," Hoedel said.

Part of the total costs can be defrayed by reimbursement from the state, Hoedel said. The schools would be eligible for a maximum of \$112,000 reimbursement each year for the next seven years — the time over which the buses will be depreciated.

Some 26, 66-passenger bus chassis will be bought from Varsity Ford in Ann Arbor and fitted with bus bodies from C.R. Equipment Co. Another

eight, 20-passenger finished buses will be bought from McFadden Corp.

All of the new buses will be fitted with "strobe" type flashers. Those lights provide higher visibility and are considered to be safer for student crossing during foggy and overcast days.

In his report to the board, Superintendent Dr. John Hoben said another Michigan school district is being sued for not having such lights. Apparently a student was injured while crossing at the bus on a foggy day.

The school bus flashers are supposed to be visible for 500 feet, Hoben said.

Vote ok's suit

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THE INITIAL Supersewer lawsuit filed by Canton and Plymouth townships addresses the decision to split the original sewer project. The split project later was denied funding. The township portion, the joint North Huron Valley-Rouge Valley project, would increase sewer capacity along existing lines to Detroit.

The state, Wayne County and Detroit are included among parties named in the initial action.

The "secret evidence" was found during discovery proceedings of the initial trial at the end of December and beginning of this month, Hemming said.

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Area Dems to convene; Wiener runs again

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Michigan Democrats this weekend will begin the party rebuilding job after their heavy defeats of last Nov. 6. This time the leadership is vowing not to forget the white middle class.

"We learned that our message didn't appeal to middle-class Americans —

and those who aspire to the middle class. We've got to change that," warned Richard (Rick) Wiener, who is seeking a second term as chair of the Democratic State Central Committee.

"The public sees us as just the sum of our parts, and it doesn't like that," said Wiener, pointing party workers toward "new young workers, professional peo-

ple, small business people and retired people."

BUT THE dominance of two parts — the United Auto Workers union and the Michigan Education Association — still showed up as suburban Democrats announced their sites for Saturday's district conventions. The sites:

- 2nd Congressional District: Wayne County portion: 9:30 a.m., Livonia Education Association office, 29750 Mungler (south of Six Mile, west of Middlebelt). The district includes Plymouth and Northville.
- 14th Congressional District: 9 a.m. (registration), UAW regional headquarters, 12000 E. Twelve Mile, Warren. The district includes part of Troy.
- 15th Congressional District: 10 a.m., UAW Local 900, Michigan Avenue

west of Newburgh, Wayne. The district includes southern Livonia, Garden City, Westland and Canton Township.

- 17th Congressional District: 10:30 a.m. (registration), Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen. The district includes Southfield, Lathrup Village and Redford Township.
- 18th Congressional District: 1 p.m., Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates. The district includes Birmingham-Bloomfield, greater Rochester, most of Troy, West Bloomfield and greater Farmington.

THE STATE convention will pick party officers Feb. 10 in Cobo Hall, Detroit. Wiener, who was Gov. James J. Blanchard's selection for the chair in 1983, so far has no announced opposition. He used a full page in the January issue of The Michigan Democrat, the party's general publication, to cover his record, his candidacy and his goals. Wiener directed field efforts for Democrats in three major campaigns — U.S. Sen. Donald Riegle in 1976, U.S. Sen. Carl Levin in 1978 and Blanchard in 1982. None was an incumbent.

The 37-year-old lawyer also is running for president of the Association of State Democratic Chairs. The last Michiganian to hold both posts was Morley Winograd of Troy, he was state chair from 1973-79 and national association president in 1979-80.

Attending will be elected precinct delegates and party members (\$10 basic; \$2 for senior citizens; \$3 for students). They will elect delegates and alternates to the Feb. 9-10 state convention in Detroit.

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THURSDAY (Jan. 17)
5 p.m. ... Cinematique — Johnny Midnight and Frederico Balotoni review films to be shown on Family Home Theater for January.
5:30 p.m. ... Belleville BPW Presents — Selection of a young careerist for the district. Followed by "Speak Up for ERA" and a historical slide presentation of the Michigan BPW.
6:30 p.m. ... Healthcize — Sally Peters of the cardiac rehabilitation program at Oakland University is guest. Also, Healthcize with Joan Akley.
7:30 p.m. ... The Oasis — Music and comedy from Dave Daniels & Co.
8 p.m. ... The Food Chain — Certified Nurse Midwives. A safe, accessible alternative for providing prenatal care. Guests are Jan Wery and Lori Calbeck.
8:30 p.m. ... Flossie Festival — Flossie Tooda is honored by friends and community groups at a special celebration.
9:30 p.m. ... Single Touch — J.P. McCarthy talks with singles.
FRIDAY (Jan. 18)
5 p.m. ... Omnicon Game of Week — Boys football prep action featuring Plymouth Canton High vs. Belleville.
7 p.m. ... Plymouth-Canton Isshinryu — Karate techniques are demonstrated to students at Canton Recreation Center.
7:30 p.m. ... Strawberry Festival Queen — Talent, gowns, poise are all on display at annual Strawberry Festival Queen competition in Belleville.
9 p.m. ... The Larados — Good dance music.
10 p.m. ... Glitch — C.J. McZoom and co-host ham it up for laughs on this live call-in show.
SATURDAY (Jan. 19)
5 p.m. ... Omnicon Game of the Week.
7 p.m. ... Plymouth-Canton Isshinryu.
7:30 p.m. ... Strawberry Festival Queen.
9 p.m. ... The Larados.

CHANNEL 15

THURSDAY (Jan. 17)
noon ... Beat of the City.
12:30 p.m. ... Broken Promises — A program for and about being elderly.
1 p.m. ... Canton Update — Jim Poole brings you up-to-date on Canton activities.
1:30 p.m. ... Shopper Comparison — This week's grocery prices from area supermarkets.
2 p.m. ... Social Security Quiz — Covers reporting responsibility and a better understanding of Social Security.
2:30 p.m. ... Replay of Live Call-In With Christeen Cabell — Art Liddle, rock DJ from WMUZ and other guests. Also Christian music videos.
3:30 p.m. ... JA Project Business Economics — Show begins with final preparations for popcorn sale and ends with discussion of supply and demand.
4:30 p.m. ... Youth View — Jim Wallis, editor of Sojourners Magazine in Washington, is guest. Also the special singing magic of Ron Moore in concert.
5 p.m. ... Cosmos Quiz.
5:30 p.m. ... St. Florian Close-up.
6 p.m. ... Hamtramck News Review.
6:30 p.m. ... Psychic Sciences — The unusual is explored in this week's show.
7 p.m. ... Finger Snapping Music — Enjoy some good listening music.
8 p.m. ... Omnicon Game of the Week.
9:30 p.m. ... Bremen Town Musicians — A musical play by area youngsters.
FRIDAY (Jan. 18)
noon ... Blue Grass Festival — Music by Phoenix at Northville Bluegrass Festival.
1:30 p.m. ... Drug & Substance Abuse — A talk on the dangers of drugs brought to you by Northville VFW.
2:30 p.m. ... Beyond Words — A special religious program from the producers of "This Is The Life."
3 p.m. ... Summit Lighthouse — A continuing religious series.
4 p.m. ... Lifestyles — A talk show variety program.
4:30 p.m. ... Hank Luks vs. Crime — Something new in crime prevention each week.
5 p.m. ... Wayne County: A New Perspective — Wayne County Executive William Lucas reports.
5:30 p.m. ... TNT True Adventure Trails — Uncle Ernie brings us good news each week.
6 p.m. ... Yugoslavian Variety Hour — Yugoslav residents in Hamtramck present this weekly show about their lifestyle.
7 p.m. ... Sound Trax — Professional music productions by area groups.
8 p.m. ... Words of Hope — A continuing religious series.
8:30 p.m. ... Divine Plan — A weekly Bible study program.
9 p.m. ... Health Talks — A variety of topics covered each week.
9:30 p.m. ... This Is The Life — Lutheran religious program series.
SATURDAY (Jan. 19)
noon ... Bluegrass Festival.
1:30 p.m. ... Substance & Drug Abuse.
2:30 p.m. ... Queen of The Apostles Picnic — The 1984 Queen of Apostles summer picnic finally make it to your TV screen.
3 p.m. ... Menopause: A Positive Experience — Learn about this stage of life from this insightful program.
4 p.m. ... Boy Scouts Eagle Awards — Local scouts receive honors. Repeated by request.
4:30 p.m. ... American Legion Convention — Repeated by request, activities from last summer's convention.
5 p.m. ... Social Security Quiz.
6 p.m. ... Going Broke — Northville students create this story for your enjoyment.
6:30 p.m. ... Bremen Town Musicians.
7 p.m. ... The Governor & Red Cross — Gov. James Blanchard along with reps of Red Cross ask for donations to aid famine victims in Ethiopia. Also includes short news conference.
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Some 55 training slots are available

THERE ARE SOME 55 openings for machinist trainees who live in Plymouth, Canton and other nearby western Wayne communities.

The openings must be filled by Friday, Feb. 1, by the Focus/HOPE Machinist Training Institute. The program offers a good opportunity for anyone who is 22 or older, has a low family income, and has a good mechanical aptitude as well as skills in math and reading. The eight-month program is taught by master craftsmen and includes shop theory, shop math, blueprint reading, inspection processes and the set-up and operation of grinders, mills and lathes.

And, better yet, the training is free to those who qualify.

THOUGH JOBS can't be guaranteed, experience suggests that a job as a machinist is available for every graduate who seriously wants one. More than 50 companies have hired institute graduates in the past two years. Machinists are skilled craftsmen who can turn a block of metal into a part, such as a gear or piston, according to blueprint specifications. They know how to set up and operate the machines which are used to make metal products which meet specific dimensions. Machinists earn good wages, which increase with experience. Most graduates of the Focus/HOPE Machinist Training Institute enter the workforce making between \$4.50 to \$6 an hour. In 1981 half of all machinists in the state made more than \$8.57 an hour. The median wage for tool and die makers, a related field, was \$10.58.

Today machinists are in great demand, particularly in southeastern Michigan.

the center of the machining industry. The job and income opportunities are substantial for those with the right skills.

TO BE ACCEPTED by the institute, the applicant must pass three tests, two interviews and a physical.

The tests and interviews are aimed at determining whether you have aptitude, academic ability and motivation to succeed in machinist training. An ability to read at the ninth-grade level and to perform math at the 10th-grade level is required. Free tutoring, however, is available to applicants to help refresh these skills.

The instruction at the institute is from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and lasts for 33 weeks. The day is divided equally between classroom and the shop. The shop is equipped with more than 200 major pieces of machinery used in the trade.

The training is sponsored by the City of Detroit, the Wayne County Private Industry Council, the Downriver Community Conference, the Michigan Department of Social Services, the State of Michigan and other funding sources. Right now an appeal is being made to residents of western Wayne County to apply.

Canton or Plymouth residents can pick up an application at the Livonia Office of Volunteers (LOVE) which is housed on the fifth floor of Livonia City Hall at 33000 Civic Center Drive near Five Mile and Farmington roads. Or, for more information about applying, call Focus/HOPE at 883-7440.

If you are eligible, don't think about the program too long though. The 55 openings will be filled by Feb. 1 so you will want to apply soon so the tests and interviews can be completed before that date.

Teachers important, but their egos droop

THIS IS the Year of the Teacher. I'm never sure who decides these things. Who made last year the Year of the Family? In any event, we are to spend time this year honoring teachers.

Many of us have mixed feelings about teachers. We have fond memories of a favorite teacher who helped us get started. But we see today's teachers as angry, sometimes militant.

A recent Gallup poll surveyed the attitudes of teachers and the public about teaching.

As expected, much of the public's discontent focused on teacher unions. Only about one person in five believes unions have improved the quality of education. Twice as many think unions have hurt public education. By a 2 to 1 margin, the public does not want teachers to have the right to strike.

IN CONTRAST, teachers by a 5 to 2 margin say unions have contributed to public education. By a 2 to 1 margin they think teachers have a right to strike.

Teachers do not believe their profession is held in high regard. In a list of 12 professions including physicians, clergy, funeral directors, judges, bankers and teachers, teachers rate themselves as lowest in prestige.

Actually, teachers are held in higher esteem than they believe. The same survey indicated that the public rates teachers in about the middle of the professions — above politicians, realtors, advertising persons and funeral directors.

As expected from the teachers' low self esteem, they don't want their children to follow in their footsteps. By a 2-1 margin teachers do not believe their sons should become teachers. They are evenly divided on their daughters' becoming teachers.

Once again, the public has a better view of teaching than teachers. By a 5-4 margin, the public favors a daughter entering teaching. A slight majority also supports a son becoming a teacher.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS have come under increasing attack in the past few years.

In 1983 the widely publicized "A Nation at Risk" was issued by the federal government. In January 1984, the State Board of Education released its "Blueprint for Action" in Michigan. Both were critical of schools and recommended many reforms ranging from a longer school year to better education for teachers.



Nick Sharkey

Last week, state School Superintendent Phillip Runkel reported improvements have been made in most school districts during the past year including tougher high school graduation requirements and extended class time.

"The important thing is how all this talk of reform plays in local districts and how it translates into improvement in the classroom," Runkel said.

Most teachers have meekly accepted the criticisms of "A Nation at Risk" and "Blueprint for Action." But some are beginning to respond. For example, last week Troy teachers issued their own 26-page report in which they recommend changes in Troy schools. They called for more teacher participation in teacher hiring, student grade appeals and elementary school curriculum development.

IT IS FASHIONABLE to berate teachers. I've been as guilty as anyone.

My children's school held a science fair last weekend. Projects require a science experiment displayed on wooden boards. Parents often help their children.

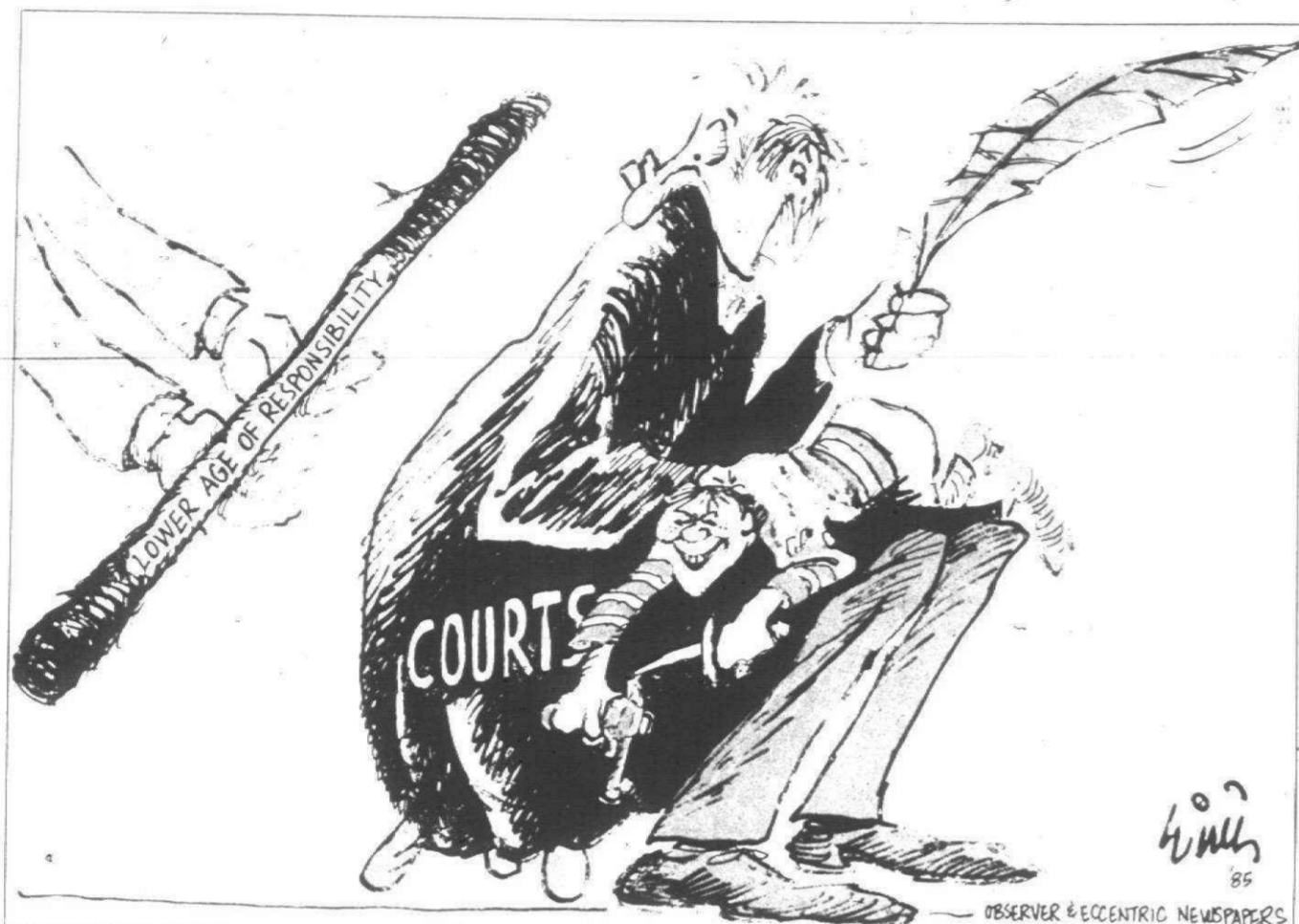
As soon as the fair was announced, many parents started to complain about the work involved. "Well, I wonder which parent is going to win the science fair this year," one parent grumped.

On Sunday as I was picking up a display at the end of the fair, I heard one parent tell the science teacher, "Well, this was just too much work. I hope you make it optional next year."

I knew the teacher had put in about 15 hours of unpaid time to make the science fair succeed. Yet, in a cheery voice he said, "If I took a vote of the parents, I know there wouldn't be a science fair."

Later I asked the veteran teacher about the incident. He shrugged it off. "I don't let it bother me. I leave my problems at school and never take them home."

Not all teachers handle their frustrations as well. If you know a good teacher, write him or her a note of thanks. In this Year of the Teacher, you may convince an excellent teacher to remain in a demanding profession.



Punks beat criminal system

A BIG chunk of criminal cases never surface in our circuit courts, and you'll never know how government disposed of them. The misdeeds were committed by juveniles.

In Michigan, those cases are handled by the juvenile division of our county probate courts. Because probate courts are not courts of "record," their dispositions are secret.

The youth-crime issue is being raised by L. Brooks Patterson, in his 13th year as prosecutor of Oakland County. My colleagues and I on this paper frequently oppose Patterson on ballot issues, especially his advocacy of the death penalty.

So when I say that this time Patterson is right, it should mean something.

IN HIS RECENT essay entitled "One Prosecutor's Plan for Legislative Criminal Justice Reforms," Patterson suggests: "Because we are experiencing more and more juvenile crime at an earlier age, and in the majority of cases these crimes are of a violent nature, we should lower the juvenile age in Michigan from its present age of 16 down to 14."

I raised the same question myself in 1971 in proposing to then-Gov. William Milliken the Age of Majority Commission. My twin notions were that 1) a scientific group should reconsider at what age most



Tim Richard

persons are competent to vote, bear arms, marry, drink booze, own property, work and stand trial for their crimes, and 2) a legal group should revise Michigan laws accordingly.

Unfortunately, Milliken's Age of Majority Commission was dominated by lawyers and legislators and did only the second half of the job. It suggested lowering the age of majority to 18 for almost everything.

THE AGE AT which people mature sexually has been dropping steadily for decades, according to the scientific literature. It has something to do with nutrition, climate and stress on the body. I don't know the physiological details — only that kids reach puberty several years earlier than they did a century ago.

One suspects that brain development is linked to physical maturity. It's probable that kids mature earlier in their abilities to vote and commit crimes, as well as their abilities to reproduce.

Well, when should a person who bashes in an old lady's head and takes her purse be considered an "adult" for purposes of criminal prosecution?

The law says 17. Patterson says 15. Why 17, or 15, or 14?

Patterson doesn't explain his choice of age, although it's abundantly clear he is moving in the right direction. The age of responsibility for criminal behavior probably should be reduced.

BUT WE NEED to hear from behavioral scientists — from people who have solid scientific evidence to back up what prosecutors, newspaper editors and other thinking citizens recognize intuitively.

Gov. James J. Blanchard and the Michigan Legislature ought to reopen the book on the unfinished work of the Age of Majority Commission. They ought not to dismiss Patterson's suggestion as "oil Brooks popping off again."

Patterson is correct in saying that juvenile courts send the wrong message to young offenders: "even if you are convicted, it is very seldom that any punishment is meted out."

And he is speaking common sense when he says, "The worst thing we can do is allow this youth to walk out of the court, looking back over his shoulder, thinking that he beat the system."

Laws alone won't halt drunks

Second of two parts.

NO PROGRAM alone can solve Michigan's drunk-driving problem, but two conclusions stand out:

1) Present laws should be enforced toughly and then be evaluated on whether even tougher action is necessary, and 2) every drinker must recognize the need to drink responsibly and, if he can't, get help. A drinker must learn to be able to leave the driving to someone else.

Critics say Michigan's tough new drunk-driving law lacks teeth. But others say there's nothing wrong with the 1983 law that good old-fashioned enforcement by judges and prosecutors wouldn't cure.

The law makes it a crime "per se" to drive with a blood alcohol content of 0.10 percent or more. It would have more teeth if it were toughly enforced — if prosecutors do less plea bargaining and judges mete out maximum penalties.

Large percentages of persons charged with drunk driving still ask for, and get back, their licenses, either on a restricted basis or in some cases with full privileges, the same as it was before the new law went into effect in late March of 1983.

Groups like MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) can be expected to ask for the tightening of provisions they see as loopholes.

THE STATE'S drunk-driving task force, created under the new laws, is expected to recommend soon an amendment to prevent appeals of license suspensions imposed by the secretary of state's office.

Jim Ritz

If adopted, it would eliminate what critics see as one serious loophole in the law — the fact that sanctions imposed by the secretary of state are appealable to the circuit court. (When district courts impose penalties, they aren't appealable to circuit courts.)

Such an action should be undertaken with caution. We ought to be concerned about placing too much power in the hands of an administrative agency.

LEGISLATING AN individual's behavior doesn't always work — especially with excessive drinking and alcoholism, which can be sicknesses as well as sins.

In fact, tough laws sometimes don't work at all. Also needed are positive measures to control the drinking before the driver gets behind the wheel.

The beverage industry, recognizing its responsibility in this area, has inaugurated a public education program on the dangers of excessive drinking. It's called Techniques of Alcohol Management. A bar-owners group, the Michigan Li-

censed Beverage Association, teaches bartenders and waitresses how to control the drinking of customers, how to recognize intoxication and how to effectively cut off drinks.

Bar owners also offer cab rides home to drinkers and encourage intoxicated customers to sober up before going home by eating food.

The new laws also recognize the need for rehabilitation of those who can't control their drinking through treatment programs.

HERE ARE other suggestions on ways to fight drunk driving:

- An earlier (say, 11:30 p.m.) closing time for beverage-serving establishments (it's now 2:30 a.m.) and a similar cut off time on take-out sales. Some industry sources say the biggest problems with drunk drivers stem from those imbibing in the 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. time frame.

- Establish neighborhood bars to reduce the distance between the drinking place and home. The idea hinges on sheer numbers: the shorter drive home, the less danger of an accident.

- Establishment of "designated driver" systems like those in Europe in which a partying group designates one member to abstain from drinking and do the driving.

Hometown memories back again

EACH YEAR about this time, there comes a sudden pang of homesickness, and The Stroller takes another trip down Memory Lane, and wonders what the folks back home are doing on the Pine Street hill.

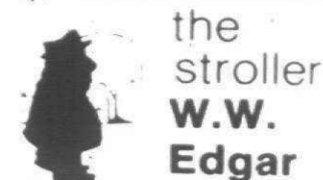
That was the main street in the old home town, and the only street in town that was steep enough to provide good bobsledding.

And it was always the week following New Year's Day that the boys and young men brought out their latest models of bobsleds. It mattered little that the Pine Street hill cross Front Street — the primary business street — and the streetcar lines, Pine Street was steep. That is what counted most.

The bobsledders realized the danger of the hill, but they never allowed this to bother them when snow fell and the hill was ready for the major winter sport.

IT SO HAPPENED that at the bottom of the hill was the entrance to the new Pine Street bridge, and that made possible a much longer ride. And it proved to be the best bobsled hill in the entire community.

Each evening the clans gathered in huge numbers, especially if there was a new model



the stroller
W.W. Edgar

sled at hand. We always wanted to see the latest and best rider.

As the wind howled the other evening around the little white house with the green shutters, The Stroller couldn't help wondering what was happening back home and who had the new sled.

With the whistling of the winds, he couldn't help turning back the pages to the night he was in the group that brought out a new bobsled. It was the latest thing on the hill, and the first that was to be steered with a wheel — just like an auto.

It had one bad feature. It had to be built low — so low that a rider had to hold up the legs of the rider sitting behind.

Candelabra along freeway

By Timothy Nowicki
special writer

nature

Typically it produces just one long spike, but every often a single plant will branch to form three or more spikes. You might call them "cloverleaf candelabra."

These long spikes actually are the flowerheads of the plant. Dozens of butter yellow flowers bloom in summer, along the length of the spike, but blooming occurs only after the second year of growth.

ONE PLANT frequently seen along roadways is the common mullein. It forms long spikes that reach heights of four feet or more.

During the first year, large fuzzy leaves grow flat to the ground in the

open, sunny roadside areas. Late in the second summer, the tall, woody flowerheads are produced.

CLOVERLEAF candelabra are easy to see during the winter. Their dark brown stalks contrast sharply against the snow-covered ground.

It would be a good time to count the number of spikes and see how many a single plant can produce (this should be done by passengers; I don't want anyone getting into an accident because a driver was counting mullein spikes).

If you get a chance to examine a stalk as you are walking through an open field in winter, take note of the capsules formed along the spike. These are the remains of the flowers, and inside are seeds. In the old days, people dipped the stalks in paraffin, filling the capsules, and then lit it for a torch.



Common mullein often are called "cloverleaf candelabra."

Rep. Geake's food stamp bill becomes law

A bill designed to reduce the high cost of distributing food stamps, sponsored by state Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, was signed into law Dec. 27, by Gov. James J. Blanchard.

"This law should save \$1 million per year," said Geake, chairman of the Senate appropriations subcommittee which oversees state spending for social services.

"Social services take up a major portion of our state budget, and anything we can do to reduce those costs will help."

GEAKE'S SB 862, which is now Public Act 387, builds competition into the system by directing the state to accept sealed competitive bids before awarding contracts to distribute food stamps.

The contracts would be granted on a one-year basis, with options for four additional years. The law will protect distributors and food stamps recipients from arbitrary policy changes by the Department of Social Services, Geake said.

The bill will reduce the state's liability for losses and theft, which have cost up to \$500,000 per year. Contractors will be required to take out an insurance policy on the value of the food stamps they handle.

Currently, if a distributor loses food stamps and is not properly insured, the state is liable to the federal government for losses.

A NUMBER OF protections for recipients are built into the law.

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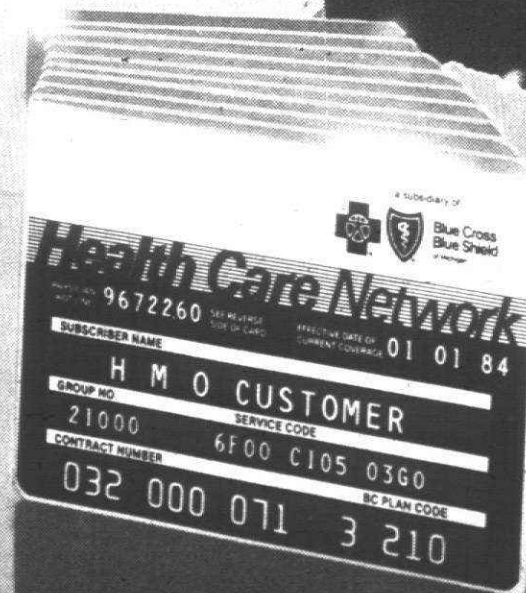
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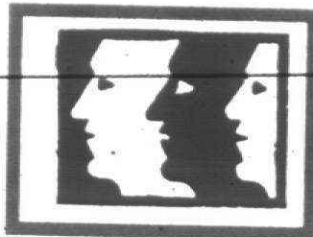


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Suburban Life

Ellie Graham editor/459-2700



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the view

Ellie Graham

WHAT WILL the lead headline be on Page 1A of the Feb. 14 issue of the Plymouth Observer?

Karroll Fox already has made his prediction. Using his powers of extra-sensory perception, he has written the headline and put it in a sealed envelope. Kenneth Hulsing, president of the Plymouth Rotary Club, will receive the envelope tomorrow. He has been charged with the responsibility of holding it until Feb. 15.

The Rotarians are hosting a Valentine dinner dance for their Rotary Anns that Friday evening in the Mayflower Meeting House.

As guest speaker at the Valentine party, Fox will present a lecture/demonstration, "Journey to the Center of the Mind," on the fascinating science of ESP.

WORKING with the minds of his audience, Fox demonstrates thought transference with words, numbers and pictures in an entertaining and amusing way.

He has been interested in the field of psychic research and the related sciences of mental telepathy and mind control for many years and has studied under the leaders in this research.

His 45-minute program will culminate with the opening of the sealed envelope and its comparison to the actual Jan. 14 headline. The Rotarians and their ladies will see how close he came with his headline, written a month earlier.

Fox has said that a 50 percent average is 100 percent in ESP, which gives him some leeway.

It seems to me that it would be more difficult to predict a lead story in a community newspaper than in a daily. Who knows what will happen? I don't think Editor Emory Daniels knows his lead story until he dummies the Thursday paper on Monday morning.

We'll let you know the results.

JOHN AND KATHLEEN

Whalen of Whalen Auction Service of Plymouth were in Lansing for the annual convention of the Michigan State Auctioneers Association. The Whalens received a first-place award for the best multi-colored advertising of a household auction.

They spent two days at the business seminar and heard discussions on taxes, advertising, computer usage and specialty auctions. The conventioners also enjoyed a tour of the Fisher Body Plant in Lansing.

CHARLIE BURR

is directing "Educating Rita" at the True Grist Dinner Theatre in Homer. With the main stage closed for the winter months, the comedy will be performed on the Warehouse-Cabaret stage at the old mill.

The play opens Friday, Jan. 18 and will run through Sunday, Feb. 3. Shows are Wednesday through Sunday and times are available by calling Michigan Toll Free 800-828-6161.

Charlie started his career in theatre during his high school years in the drama department at the Plymouth Centennial Educational Park. He is a True Grist regular and has directed and performed in a long list of plays.

IT'S TIME TO

circle Saturday, Feb. 9 on your calendar. The German-American Club of Plymouth has selected that date for its annual Fasching Party. This is the costume ball that marks the last big shindig before Lent.

The costumes add to the festivities and prizes are given for originality, but they are not required for admission.

The party will be from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street. German foods and drinks will be available as well as dancing to the music of the "Tirolers from Toledo." Early reservations are suggested. Call 459-4261 or 420-0857. Admission is \$4.

DON'T FORGET

the Meet the Director reception at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Pioneer Middle School. That's next Tuesday night.

This is the year of the arts council

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The interurbans are mostly forgotten now, but in the early part of this century these trolleys were a major form of transportation in western Wayne County and throughout southeastern Michigan.

tracking History over the Rails

By Richard Lech
staff writer

SEVENTY YEARS ago western Wayne County residents rode the rails as often as they drive the freeways today.

Electric trolleys called interurbans connected communities throughout southeastern Michigan.

When rains turned the roads of that era to mud — as happened frequently — a Redford resident could still get to Detroit on the solid interurban tracks.

A Livonia dairy farmer could ship his milk to market in one of the special interurban milk cars.

The interurbans — which operated locally from 1899 to 1931 — are almost forgotten today, pushed aside by the rise of the automobile and the bus.

A GROUP of rail historians and trolley buffs has remembered that era, however, in a new book, "When Eastern Michigan Rode the Rails."

The history is the result of 12 years of research by authors Richard Andrews of Westland, William Henning of Fraser, and Jack Schramm of Detroit.

"It's just a part of history that nobody's studied but us," Schramm said. "It's an area we like. We've got it all to ourselves. Nobody's competing with us."

"We think this will fill a gap in Michigan history," added Raymond Radway of Livonia, who helped with the book's research.

The book has more than 330 photographs and illustrations and a text that describes the rapid rise and fall of the interurban.

The authors previously put out several other books on Michigan public transportation, including two volumes on Detroit city trolleys, or streetcars.

ALTHOUGH THE interurban resembled the city trolley in many ways, there also were some significant differences, Henning said.

As its name suggests, the interurban went from city to city, rather than just connecting points within the Detroit city limits.

Since it was operating in a busy city, the streetcar traveled only 20 miles per hour and close to the ground.

The interurban could hit 60 mph on a stretch of country rail, was higher above the rails, and was a larger, heavier vehicle.

The largest interurban cars could carry as many as 60 passengers. The interurbans had their own restrooms,



An interurban (far right) rolls along Grand River Avenue near Lahser Road in the Redford business center in Detroit in 1917.

and in some cars passengers sat on plush, wicker chairs.

"For the standards of the day, they were quite luxurious," Radway said.

In 1903, the interurban system, run by the Detroit Urban Railway (DUR), had 513.9 miles of track and was considered the largest system in the country, the book notes.

Locally, the rail route ran through Redford along Grand River to Farmington, then back along Farmington Road to Eight Mile, where it rolled

past Greenmead to Northville. A second interurban route connected Plymouth and the Wayne-Westland area along Ann Arbor Trail and Newburgh Road in what is now Livonia's south-west corner.

Radway said Greenmead, Livonia's historic site, has two old interurban buildings: a waiting room and freight house room that once stood at Ann Arbor Trail and Newburgh Road and an interurban milk storage station that once was located at Eight Mile and Gill roads.

THE DEPRESSION ushered in the final days of the interurbans.

More and improved roads made the family automobile a much more popular way to travel. The interurban also was hurt by competition from buses, which did not have to pay the same heavy load of taxes the interurbans had had to pay, Henning said.

The interurban era ended May 31, 1934, when the last interurban passenger car lumbered from Oakland Avenue and the Grand Trunk Railroad tracks in Detroit to Fourth and Main streets in Royal Oak. Detroit's streetcar system would last more than 20 years longer before it too ceased operations in 1956.

Today, the Chicago interurban line, one of the last to be built, is the only one still operating.

The trolley enthusiasts say it's ironic that modern government officials are talking about the need for a rail system as a solution to Detroit's mass-transit needs.

"The politicians killed it off, and now the politicians are trying to put it back in," Henning said.

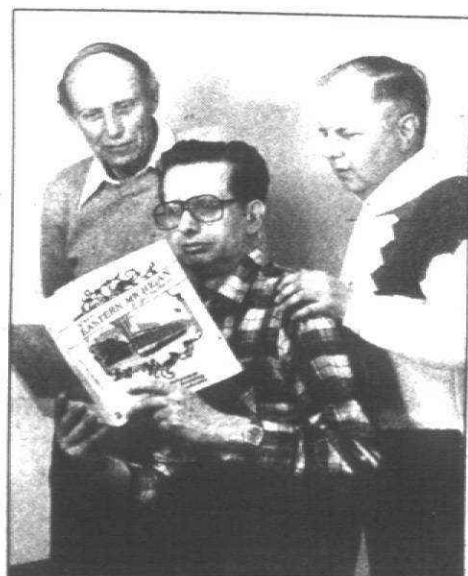
IN COMPILING information for the book, the three authors interviewed

former interurban employees, scoured museums and private collections, and employed their own extensive collections of trolley lore.

Schramm, for instance, picked up a great deal of memorabilia working for the Detroit Department of Streets and Railways (DSR) for 39 years before his retirement.

Schramm and Henning, a communications instructor at Macomb Community College, are founders of the Michigan Transit Museum in Mt. Clemens, which offers train and trolley rides on authentic vehicles. Andrews is a retired Michigan Auto Club travel and map department staff member.

At right: Authors William Henning (left) and Jack Schramm peruse a copy of "When Eastern Michigan Rode the Rails" with researcher Raymond Radway. Below: Co-author Richard Andrews.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Residents have high hopes for the new year

I thought I would take a minute this year, (since none of you have recovered enough from the holidays to call me and let me know what happened to you) and find out how 1985 looks to some folks around here.

I asked this question: "What are you looking for in 1985?"

Some groaned, some sighed, some couldn't believe I asked them. But they all gathered their wits, gave a little chuckle and squirmed out an answer.

So here it is, 1985 as hoped for by your friends and mine.

NO LIST WOULD be complete without at least trying to contact our supervisor, since he is the head of our governmental system in our township. Unfortunately, he is out of town on business. I will get his response and bring it to you at a later time. However, his daughter, Lynette, took a wild guess and said she thinks he's probably looking forward to her finally graduating. I think she's pretty safe on that one. Nice guess, Lynette.

Wasting no time, I continued my search for the answer to my question, "What are you looking forward to in 1985?"

Very cleverly, I turned to a man known for looking back in time. Charles Zanzula, often called Canton's historian, is responsible for much of the information gathered during our Sesquicentennial celebration.

Many of the facts, figures, dates, names, even a variety of pictures, were gathered by Mr. Zanzula. Charles wasted no time in responding, "That's easy, Sandy. I'm looking forward to my 50th class reunion of Hamtramck High." Wouldn't you know, even when he looks forward, the historian is looking back! Sparring no time at all, he proceeded to put in a plug for his reunion. So, if you are, or know anyone who is a graduate of Hamtramck High class of 1935, please call 981-1594, Charles Zanzula.

member of the alumni committee, for information on the 50th reunion. By the way Charles, congratulations and have a wonderful time.

UNDAUNTED, I turned to a man you know. Russ Johnson is owner of the Rusty Nail on Ford Road, a place that has grown and changed as much as Canton itself. Some evenings it looks as though half of Canton is in there. The driving spirit behind it, and a strong Canton booster, Russ says he is "hoping 1985 will be as good as 1984."

Russ sees "no reason why it shouldn't be." Always with a good word for Canton, he says that the improvement of Ford Road, the new theaters, the Downtown Development Authority, all the new plans for Canton are combining with all that Canton has always had, to give Canton a special "character of its own."

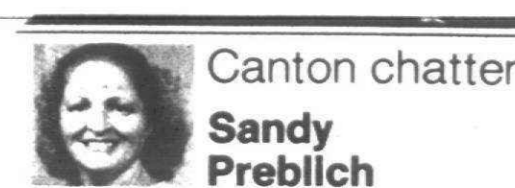
No longer will it be known as "the place with no downtown," or "just streets going north to south, and east to west." Russ feels with everything that's happening, it all looks good to him.

Thanks-Russ, it's people like you who believe in Canton and build your livelihood here, and speak highly of her, that keep her moving.

RICK COLLMAN, general manager of Omnicom, is facing what he terms as a "challenging and productive year in '85."

On the horizon is new legislation which could mean some real changes in our cable service. Some will seem good for the customers, some will change the cable companies. At the same time, we may not like some, and some of it may not thrill the cable companies.

Whatever these changes may be, they will be the law, and Rick feels that Omnicom will grow in many directions. Both the customers and Omnicom will experience some new and exciting things. Rick said he is really looking



Canton chatter
Sandy Preblich

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forward to being here for this period of change and challenge - a new beginning of what is already an exciting and ever-changing business.

ON TO BART BERG. What hasn't that man seen Canton through. Bart is to Canton, what apple pie is to hot-dogs and Chevrolet!

As president of our Historical Society, and member of many fine Canton service organizations past, present, and I am sure, future, Bart states proudly that he hopes "Canton will grow in stature and stand tall and proud for the way we conduct and preserve our way of life. Let us grow up, without getting old!"

So get well, Joe, and tell your family to keep the chicken coming.

FINALLY, I made one last visit with the chairwoman of our Sesquicentennial Committee, Mary Dingeldey.

Mary just can't seem to find the time to relax and let a year go by slowly. She's just itching to get her fingers into another project.

Mary is open for suggestions but has a few things lined up. Like finishing college this year with, hopefully, a 3.0 average. And maybe even finding a job working with people this fall. Just to make sure she gets some fun jobs done, she plans to spend at least one day a month donating her time to the senior citizens in our community.

She says she will keep her eye on the local political scene, as always. After all, her father-in-law was supervisor of

together on the many worthwhile projects that need community support from all sectors to make them happen."

Very nicely put, Art. And while I've got you here, please tell your lovely wife, Shirley, that we all wish her a fast and gentle recovery. I hope all your bad luck for '85 is used up.

WHILE I'M on the subject of "Get Well," that's exactly what I want to wish Joe Biedron, owner of C&W Chicken. You may remember, that's my family's favorite meal, and the first thing I taught my daughters to make.

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Canton for many years. As with many of us, myself included, she expects to spend a good portion of her time just thanking God for all she has.

She said, "Our family and myself have been very lucky!"

WELL, CANTON, let's see what we have. If we can graduate, celebrate graduating, continue to grow, meet the challenge of change, stand tall, work

new voices

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gurth II announce the birth of their first child, a son, Benjamin Majors Gurth, Dec. 18 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

Grandparents are Robert and Wilma Majors of Plymouth and Frank and Mary Gurth of Mesa, Ariz.

Marvin and Karen Yager of S. Holbrook, Plymouth announce the birth of their first child, a son, Steven Michael Yager, Dec. 29, in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

Grandparents are Ray and Dolores Dugas of Canton Township and Ray and Florence Yager of Westland.

Dress warmly in cold weather

Henry Ford Hospital's Department of Emergency Medicine offers these suggestions for persons going out in the cold:

- Wear multiple layers of clothing rather than just one heavy coat.
- Cover your face, nose and especially your head.
- Wear two pairs of gloves rather than just one pair.
- If any part of your clothing gets wet, change it immediately.
- If a burning sensation or numbness occurs on any part of the body,

warm that part with another part of the body. For example, warm your feet or ears with your hands.

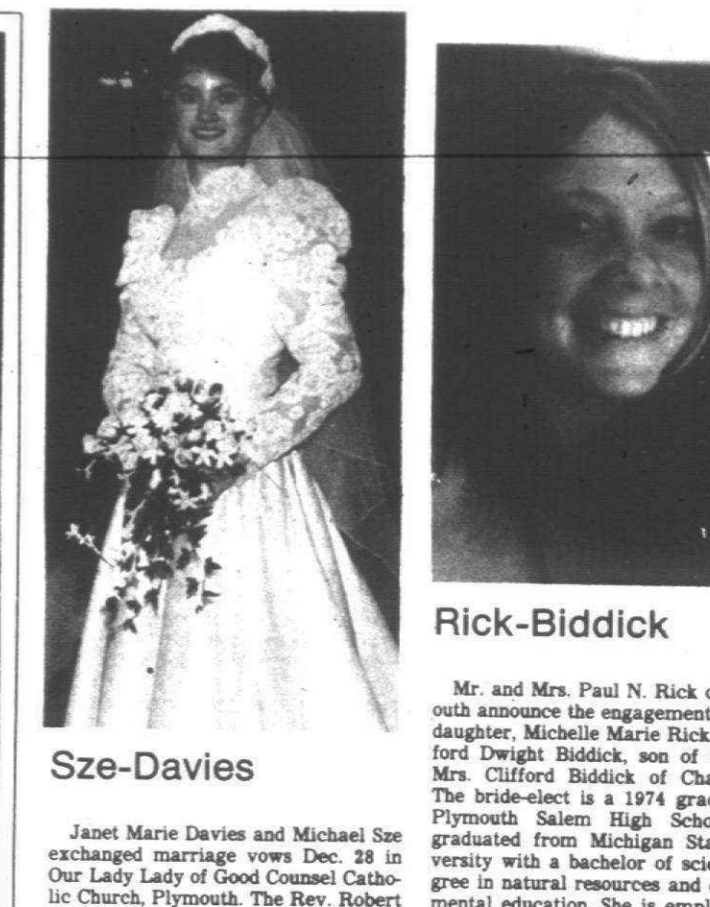
- If a part of your body does freeze, warm it as soon as possible and be very careful not to let it refreeze.

- Symptoms of frostbite include:
- A painful, cold sensation.
 - Burning or tingling.
 - Numbness, which indicates that tissue damage is progressing.
 - Redness of skin, followed by a white or blanched look.



Perrys wed 50 years

Dale and Ann Perry of Auburn, Plymouth, were honored recently on their golden wedding anniversary. The celebration was hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Judy Ann and Thomas Beyersdorf, and grandchildren Jennifer and Peter of Northville. A chauffeur-driven limousine picked them up and took them to a special mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, dinner at the French Colony, and a bed-and-breakfast stay at the Mayflower Hotel. The Perrys were married in 1934 in Malone, N.Y. Before his retirement, Mr. Perry was employed for 30 years at J.L. Hudsons.



Rick-Biddick

Sze-Davies

Janet Marie Davies and Michael Sze exchanged marriage vows Dec. 28 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Plymouth. The Rev. Robert Keller performed the ceremony. The couple's parents are Dr. and Mrs. Donald J. Davies of Plymouth and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sze of Tarrytown, N.Y.

The bride's ivory satin gown has a chapel-length gown and was trimmed with Alencon lace. Her veil of beaded lace and layers of tulle, matched her dress. She carried a cascade bouquet of white roses. Her attendants were Janet Barbara Davies, her sister-in-law, maid of honor, and bridesmaids Karen Dooley, Charlotte, N.C.; Patricia Mack, Bloomfield Hills; Maureen Neis and Pamela Parish of Texas. Michelle Goepfert, her niece, was flower girl. They wore ivory silk blouses with hunter green velvet skirts and plaid taffeta cummerbunds. They carried long-stemmed roses tied with ivory ribbon.

Susan Goepfert and Christopher Griffith were readers at the nuptial mass. Best man was Van Tsai of Etna, N.H. Ushers were Donald B. Davies, Geoffrey Davies, Bruce Cole and William Graves. Michael Tsai was ring bearer. The dinner reception was in the Mayflower Meeting House where they plan a wedding trip to Vale, Colo. They will live in Neenah, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul N. Rick of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Marie Rick, to Clifford Dwight Biddick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Biddick of Charlevoix. The bride-elect is a 1974 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in natural resources and environmental education. She is employed by the Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division in Grayling. She is certified in secondary education, water safety instruction and as a cross-country ski instructor. Her fiancé is vice president and general manager of the Irish Boat Shop in Charlevoix. He attended Lawrence Institute of Technology, majoring in architectural engineering.

They plan a February wedding in Charlevoix.



Bagnasco-Leichtenberg

Jacqueline Lee Leichtenberg and Joseph G. Bagnasco exchanged marriage vows Nov. 10 in the chapel at March Air Force Base, California. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. James R. Leichtenberg of Riverside, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Bagnasco of Crabtree Lane, Plymouth.

Their attendants were Jill Miller, the bride's sister, matron of honor; Andrew Bagnasco, the bridegroom's brother, best man; and Tim Lyman, Matt Preston and Lee Anderson, ushers.

After a wedding reception at the NCO Club at March Air Force Base, the couple honeymooned in San Francisco. They will live in Riverside.

The bridegroom graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 1979 and is a sergeant in the United States Air Force, serving as a fuels laboratory technician. He also attends Riverside Community College.

The bride graduated from J.W. North Riverside High School in 1979 and is a graduate of Riverside City College. She is employed as a senior loan processor at Great Western Savings and Loan and attends Riverside Community College.

the view

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musical revue. The professional director from New York will be arriving with trunks full of gorgeous costumes for "Footlights and Foolishness."

Anyone between the ages of 19 and 100, who is a resident of or works in the Plymouth-Canton

Community, is welcome to participate. No special talents are necessary - just the ability enjoy the show atmosphere. You can sign up for something. It's a guaranteed escape from mid-winter doldrums.

Show dates are 8 p.m. Feb. 8 and 9 in Plymouth Salem High School auditorium.

French language exchange for ages 9 to 11

New Morning School is coordinating a French exchange program for students ages 9-11 in the spring of 1986. The school in Plymouth Township is looking for parents and children in the Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Northville areas who may be interested in participating.

The program, sponsored by Campus International Ltd., Westmont, Ill., is well-supervised. An experienced adult leader and a teacher will accompany the group. American students will meet weekly for instruction in French language, culture and civilization beginning this fall. In March 1986, French students will be hosted for three weeks in area homes.

Participating students from this area then will spend three weeks in France, hosted by the French families of students who visited here.

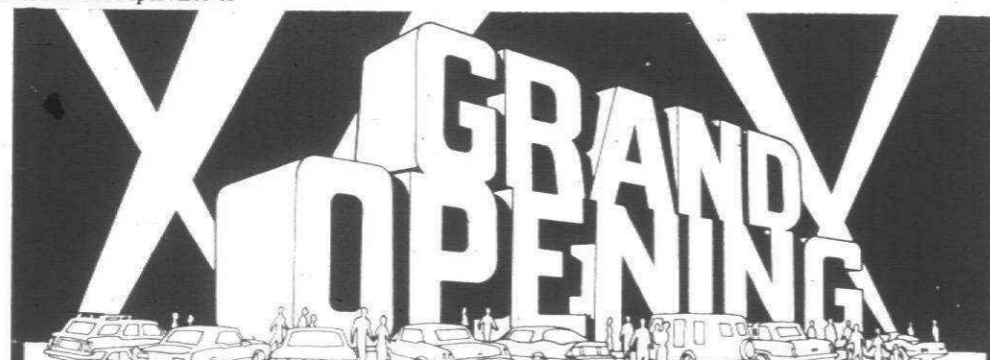
The program gives young students an opportunity to view another country in an educational way," said Elaine Vagella, director of New Morning School.

Parents interested in finding out more about the program, to either send or host a student, are invited to call Yagella, 420-3331. A February meeting will be planned.



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FREE HOSPITAL CARE

Botsford General Hospital (Osteopathic), located at 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, will make \$207,400 of uncompensated services available during 1985 to eligible patients unable to pay. The Hill-Burton free care will be granted on an individual eligibility, first-requested basis within the \$207,400 limit. Eligibility will be limited to those unable to pay whose total gross family income is not more than twice the current poverty income guidelines as defined by the Community Services Administration.



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Webbers show slides

Bob and Betty Webber will show the last in their series of travelogues at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Scotland's Western Isles will be the topic of the slide/talk show sponsored by the Deacon's Club at First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. The program will be in Fellowship Hall of the church on Church Street at Main.

The Webbers will show their visit to Arran.

sometimes described as Scotland-in-miniature because of its varied scenery - glens, moors, lochs, bays and rocky coasts. They will take their audience to the island of Islay with its eight distilleries. Oban on the mainland, jumping off place for the Hebrides: Iona and Mull, steeped in history, north and south. Islay with their peat bogs, beautiful beaches, croft cottages and peat bogs.

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On the way back to England, there are stops at Glencoe, Loch Lomond, Inverary Castle and Galloway National Forest.

The program is open to the public. Donations may be made to the Deacon's Fund.

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● PLYMOUTH RN ASSOCIATION

Plymouth registered nurses Association will meet Monday, Jan. 21 at Plymouth Township Hall, Ann Arbor Road east of Lilley Dr. Signori, oncologist and hematologist, will discuss cancer and Hodgkin's disease. For information call 455-4109.

● BEREAVED PARENTS

The self-help group for parents who have lost a child will meet at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21 at Newman House, Schoolcraft College, 17300 Haggerty Road, Livonia. For information or assistance call Raymond or Gloria Collins, 348-1857.

● WOMEN'S BARBERSHOP

Farmington Hills Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc. invites all area women to attend a guest night, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 30623 W. 15 mile, Farmington Hills. Sweet Adelines is the world's largest singing organization for women and is devoted to the enjoyment of four-part harmony, barbershop style.

● BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Free blood pressure screening and counseling 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21 at the Whitman center, 32235 W. Chicago, Livonia, between Farmington and Merriman. For more information call 425-2333. Sponsored by the American Heart Association.

● WOMEN'S DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

Guest speaker will discuss "Loss of Self-Esteem" 8:10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 in Room F130 of the Forum Building, Schoolcraft College, Haggerty Road south of Seven Mile. For information call the Women's resource center, 591-6400, Ext. 430. Group is for women who are separated, divorced, in the process of, or contemplating divorce.

● SUNSHINE GARDEN CLUB

The Sunshine Garden Club, member of the Federated Garden clubs of Michigan, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 at the Mayflower Hotel. Guest speaker will be Creon Smith. Non-members are welcome. For more information call Aileen theakston, 453-3887.

● HOME ECONOMISTS

Ann Arbor Home Economists will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23 at the home of Fern Williams. Guest speaker Jan Newman will discuss "American Historical Architecture." Graduate home economists welcome. For information call Sue Arnett, 483-5266.

● AARP MEETING

The Plymouth-Norville chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet at noon Wednesday, Jan. 23 in the Plymouth Cultural center, 525 Farmer Street. Board of directors will meet at 11 a.m. Bring a brown bag lunch. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available. Wallis H. Laswell, assistant state director of AARP, will install Chapter 1311 officers for 1985 and discuss Health Maintenance Organizations. Chapter members voted at the December meeting to make a monetary contribution to the Salvation Army. Please re-

member to bring canned or non-perishable foods for the Salvation Army to the January meeting as the need continues.

● GERMAN-AMERICAN CLUB

Regular meeting of German-American Club of Plymouth will be at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 in the Odd Fellows Hall, Elizabeth Street at Ann Arbor Trail. Preparations for the Fasching Party will be discussed and refreshments served. Guests and/or new members welcome. For more information call 459-4261 or 402-0857.

● STAMP CLUB

West Suburban Stamp Club will meet Friday, Jan. 18 in the meeting room of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road. Juniors meet at 7:30 p.m., business meeting at 8 and program at 8:30. Rex Bishop, a dealer working for Roger Koerber's auction house, will discuss expertizing of stamps, when or when not to expertise and how to go about it with whom.

● CANTON NEWCOMERS MOMS AND TOTS GROUP

Group will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18 at the Canton Fire Station for a one-hour tour. Call Denise, 981-0490, or Gayle, 981-0233, if attending.

● CANTON NEWCOMERS COUPLES DINE OUT

Couples dining out group will eat Saturday, Jan. 19 at Kyoto Japanese Steak House, 18601 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn. For more information, call 459-1797.

● SWIM LESSON SIGN-UP

Registration for swimming lessons for all levels will be 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 at Central Middle School. Enter rear door from parking lot. Senior Girl Scouts will give instruction to Scouts, non-Scouts and boys in eight, half-hour Saturday sessions. For information, call 455-7296 or 455-8349. Cost is \$15 for Scouts, \$18 for non-Scouts. Family rates available.

● BETHANY

Bethany of Plymouth-Canton will meet at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty. Plymouth Township. Guest speaker and social hour. For information, call Bobbie, 591-0426, or Bill, 478-2620.

● YOUNG CAREER WOMAN

Candidates for the Plymouth Business and Professional Women's young career woman of the year award must turn in applications before Sunday, Jan. 20. For information, call 459-9300 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

● COMPUTER CLUB

West Metro 99ers User Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21 at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon Road. Canton Township Group is open to all interested in Texas Instruments TI-99/4A home computers and its usage. Monthly meetings feature speakers, demonstrations and workshops. A monthly newsletter and computer library usage are available to all paid members. For additional information, call Chris, 459-2228.

● MOTHERS OF TWINS

Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Twins will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17. It will be a social meeting with discussion of issues and problems confronting mothers of twins. For information, call Pam Briggs, 455-2285.

● VOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

The Plymouth Community Chorus will offer three voice scholarships in 1985. Deadline for application is March 15. Application forms may be obtained from high or middle school of offices or by calling 348-7131 or 455-4080. A graduating high school senior will receive one \$500 grant and two \$250 grants will go to high or middle school students.

● BRIDAL SHOW

Reservations are now available at the Plymouth Cultural Center for a bridal show extravaganza featuring many local merchants, who will display the latest in bride and groom wear and accessories from flowers to limo service. The Sunday, Jan. 27, show is sponsored by the center and Rose Catering. Tickets are \$2 in advance or \$3 at the door. For ticket reservations, call the center, 453-2960 and ask for Mary, or pick them up at the center.

● PLYMOUTH CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The association is planning several classes beginning in January. For more information or to register, call 459-7477. Lamaze orientation class, an introduction to the Lamaze birth technique with a birth film, will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, at Newburg Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. There is a \$1 charge at the door.

● CHORUS COOKBOOK

Plymouth Community Chorus new cookbook, "All Our Best," is available.

at Plymouth Book World and from chorists members. Price is \$7.95.

● BEGINNING STRIKE CLASS

Class taught by Janita Hauk meets 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Plymouth Salem High School Orchestra Room, Joy Road west of Canton Center. Classes are sponsored by Plymouth Youth Symphony.

● ROMP MEETINGS

Recovery of Male Potency meetings are at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month in Conference Room 2, Annapolis Hospital. Confidentiality assured. To register, call 467-4570.

● PCAC ART RENTAL GALLERY

Arts Council's art rental gallery on the second floor of Dunning Hough Library has reopened. It is staffed during library hours every Wednesday.

● CANTON COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FLOTILLA

Flotilla 11-11, chartered in May, invites new members to attend its meetings at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Canton Fire Department Station, Cherry Hill at Canton Center. Anyone wishing information about the organization may call Eugene Olson, commander, 455-6527.

● ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Members of the Torquish Creek Federation Indian program sponsored by the Plymouth Community Y are selling "SPREE" entertainment books. Cost is \$7. Call the Y office, 453-2904, for information.

● CAVALIER FENCING CLUB

Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Call Bruce Davis, 455-6418, for details.

● PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

The Mayflower-LT. Gambler Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will serve pancake breakfasts the first Sunday of each month at the Post

home, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Menu includes pancakes, sausages, eggs, french toast, milk, orange juice and coffee. Cost is \$1 for adults and \$1 for children 5 and under. Breakfast is served from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Call 459-6700 for information.

● TOPS MEETING

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Central Middle School, Main Street at Church, Plymouth. Ideas on weight reduction are discussed. For information, call 453-4756 or 455-1583.

● CANTON BPW

Canton Business and Professional Women meet the second Monday of each month at the Roman Forum Restaurant on Ford Road, cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30, and program at 7 p.m. Dinner charge is \$7.50 per person. Call Noel Buttner, 459-6000 or 981-1067, for information.

● ST. JOHN NEUMANN SENIORS

St. John Neumann Modern Mature Adult Club (MMAC) meets at the church, Warren west of Sheldon, Canton Township, at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month and at 1 p.m. the third Thursday. New members, couples or singles are welcome. For information, call Betty Gruchala, president, 459-4091.

● HEART ASSOCIATION NEEDS VOLUNTEER NURSES

The American Heart Association of Michigan needs volunteer nurses for its free blood-pressure detection clinics between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month. The clinics are in the Whitman Center, 32235 W. Chicago, Livonia, between Farmington and Merriman. Counseling on diet and medication is provided. Volunteers are asked to call 453-2333 Monday-Friday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For American Heart Association information, call 557-9500.

Club of Plymouth invites visitors to see how the club enables members to speak up and move ahead, whatever their occupations. The club meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Denny's restaurant, Ann Arbor Road at I-275. For information, call Phyllis K. Sullivan, 455-1635.

● EPILEPSY GROUP

Epilepsy Support Program, a self-help group, meets 7:30 p.m. in All Saints Lutheran Church, Newburgh at Joy, Livonia, on the first and third Thursday of each month for two hours.

● MAYFLOWER-LT. GAMBLE POST VFW

Mayflower-LT. Gambler Post 6695, Veterans of Foreign Wars, meets at 8 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the post home, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. New members are welcome. For information, call the post, 459-6700.

● WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY

Self-help group for alcoholic women meets 1 p.m. Tuesdays in Newman House, Schoolcraft College campus, Haggerty at Seven-Mile, Livonia. A hot line, 427-9460, is in operation 24 hours a day.

● CANTON ROTARY

Canton Rotary Club meets at noon

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● CIVITAN CLUB

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month for a dinner meeting at Hillside Inn. Men and women are invited to learn about Civitans — a group of neighbors, business associates and friends — all volunteers interested in programs and projects based on the needs of the community. Call 453-2266 for more information.

● MOTOR CITY SPEAKEASY

Motor City Speakeasy Club meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Mayflower Hotel, Plymouth. Members learn to speak effectively, build self-confidence and become better listeners. For more information, call Jim Rullinger, 422-7885.

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Midwest Harmony Chapter of Sweet Adelines sings at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Community Room of Kirk of Our Savior, Westland, Cherry Hill between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Women who like to sing four-part harmony are invited to attend. For information, call Barbara Williams, 721-3861.

● ZESTERS

Zesters, a club for Canton residents 55 and older, meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays in the Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan at Sheldon. Membership fees are \$1 to join and \$1 per month. The Zesters have monthly potlucks, bingo, movies and trips. The club is looking for pinhole players. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m., and reservations can be made 24 hours in advance. For more information about the club, call the Canton senior citizen office, 397-1000, Ext. 278.

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● VETERAN BENEFITS

Plymouth Passage-Gayde American Legion Post 391 reminds unemployed Korean and Vietnam veterans they have until Feb. 28, 1985 to apply for eligibility in the federal Emergency Veteran's Job Training Act. The act provides reimbursement to employers of half the starting wages of these veterans trained in certain fields. Interested veterans should call the Legion hotline at 453-9494 and leave their name, address, zip code and telephone number. They should indicate whether they wish to have an application form sent to them or if they wish to be called regarding further information. Service officers are available to help in the application process.

● HELPING ADULTS READ

Plymouth-Canton Community Education can help adults read. For more information about Adult Basic Education (ABE), call 451-6555 or 451-6660. Open enrollment. Students can begin classes at any time.

● CPR CLASS

CPR Heart Saver classes are taught the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in Oakwood Hospital Canton Center, Warren at Canton Center Road. This course covers one-person CPR on an adult, and what to do for a person with an obstructed airway.

● NEW HORIZONS

New Horizons, a sharing exchange for mothers, will meet the second and fourth Fridays of each month 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Faith Moravian Community Church, 46001 Warren west of Canton Center Road. For information, call Mary at 455-8221.

● CRISIS COUNSELING

If you want help in solving a problem, are looking for a referral, or need information about drugs or alcohol, counselors at Turning Point Counseling and Crisis Intervention Center can help you. Counselors are available 8:30-10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Other hours are available by appointment. Phone 455-4900.

Turning Point is a non-profit community service of Growth Works Inc. which offers crisis intervention and counseling.

● BEGINNING STRING CLASS

The beginning string class for students grades 4-6 will meet 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday in the music room of Plymouth Salem High. Janita Hauk, string specialist at Madonna College and Ladywood High School, will be teaching the beginner lessons for violin, viola, cello and string bass. Tuition for the group lessons will be \$50 for the 1984-85 school year. Some instruments will be available at a moderate rental fee.

● ISBISTER KINDERGARTEN SIGNUP

Isbister Elementary School at 9300 Canton Center Road, Plymouth, will have its kindergarten registration from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday during February. Bring your child's birth certificate for the school to see. (There is no school the week of Feb. 18-22).

● BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Free blood pressure checks are offered by members of the Volunteer Guild of Oakwood Hospital Canton Center 6-8 p.m. each Tuesday in the main lobby of the hospital at Warren and Canton Center Roads in Canton.

● SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Out-Wayne County Human Services Inc. provides to senior citizens age 60 or older, or to the spouse of a person 60 or older, a hot noon meal five days a week for a suggested donation of \$1. Menus include such items as roast beef, chop suey, chicken, vegetables, fruit and desserts.

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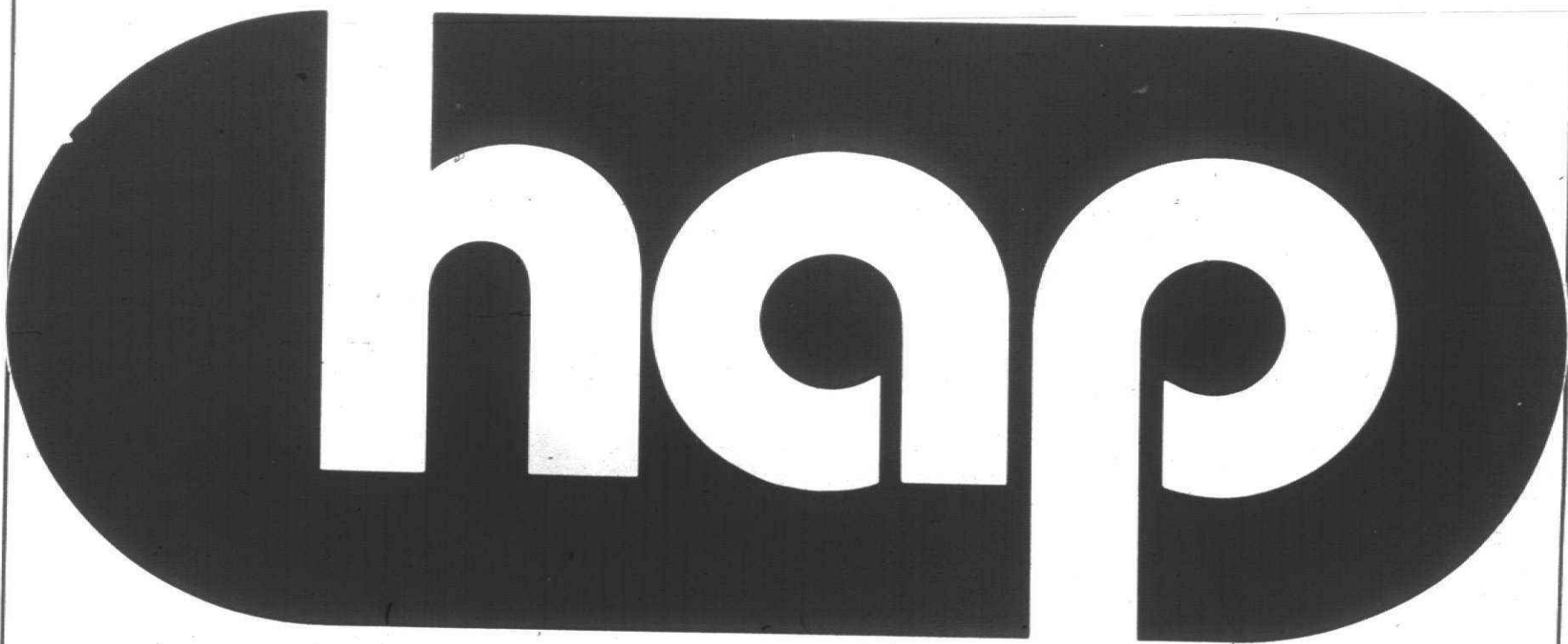
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C.J. Risak

Individual needs are an athlete's priority

IN RUSSIA you'd never get away with this. A guy just can't jump from job to job, looking for what suits him best. That's because in the USSR, what's best for the individual isn't important. It's what's good for the state that counts.

The opposite is true in the USA, of course. Looking out for No. 1 is what's No. 1. If anyone cared to label this generation of Americans, "I" would be ideal — both the letter and the Roman numeral.

But many visualize sports as an entity outside of this "I-idealism." The old "for the good of the team" stuff is drilled into athletes from their Little League days on.

Team loyalty, sacrifice for the team, contribute any way possible to make the team a winner — how many times have you heard athletes spout such unselfish remarks?

DON'T BELIEVE them. Athletes are just like other Americans. They'll remain loyal as long as it benefits them. They'll sacrifice for the overall improvement of the team, to a degree.

Does that sound like a cynic's criticism? It's not meant to. The point is that athletes are as American as the rest of us. They, too, believe in the American Dream — improve yourself and strengthen the country.

Most of us live by that credo. But we don't allow athletes the same leeway. College athletes who transfer are a superb illustration. They are perceived as individuals who see an opportunity somewhere else that better suits their individual needs or goals.

So they jump ship. Lots of folks compare this practice to mutiny, but then they've never been on a Bounty.

GREG WENDT is a transfer. Wendt went from high school star at Redford Catholic Central to Duke and the Atlantic Coast Conference, perhaps the best college basketball circuit in the nation.

When his playing time diminished with little hope of an increase, Wendt transferred to University of Detroit, where he may be the team's most valuable and versatile performer.

Playing time was Wendt's reason to switch. At Orchard Lake St. Mary's, two of Monday's starters against Spring Arbor transferred for the same reason. Gary Pederson, who went to Michigan State, and Steve Kopicki, who attended San Diego State, "realized they couldn't play at that level," said coach Tim Domke.

St. Mary's has benefitted from players who change their minds about what college to attend. Starter Lance Davis went to Southeast Missouri for a semester before returning to St. Mary's, where he attended prep school. Davis, according to Domke, was simply "homesick."

ERICH HARTNETT, a fourth OLSM starter and a Plymouth Salem grad, may own the record for the quickest switch in history. Hartnett enrolled for his freshman year at Concordia College, but when assistant coach Richard Zalenski, who recruited Hartnett, joined Domke's staff Hartnett went with him.

Do these sound like self-centered, spoiled jocks, as transfers are sometimes portrayed?

Coaching and playing time are common reasons for switching schools. Walt Dixon came to Oakland University after a stint at U-D, hoping for more playing time; former Farmington Harrison placekicker Dave Blackmer transferred from Wisconsin to Michigan State for both reasons — he was upset with the Badger coaches and he wanted to play.

The reasons vary, but transfers are lumped together, often viewed as mercenaries looking out for their own interests. Still, transferring has become a common practice despite prejudices and penalties. NCAA bylaws deem it necessary for transfers to sit out a year.

These athletic "gypsies" weigh the pros and cons and make the jump anyway. When they do, they are tagged with labels like "quitter," or "couldn't make the grade."

The public that fastens such generalizations to transferring athletes would not think anything improper of a worker who takes a job at a competing firm where the money is more substantial.

IS THERE a difference? Many think an athlete owes his loyalty to the college that has awarded him a free education.

That belief doesn't hold up. College athletes are paid to play — paid with an education. If the situation they find themselves in doesn't suit their individual needs, they deserve the right to transfer.

It's not an easy thing to do. A transfer who improves his athletic standing is a rarity. Changing schools is at best a lateral move, and oftentimes it's downward. Transferring means starting over, and that can be a difficult adjustment.

Like any American who searches for the best place to develop his individual talents, an athlete deserves a place where he, too, can blossom. Most transfers will never achieve their high school dreams of a career in professional sports, and they know it.

But that doesn't mean they don't deserve a chance to improve themselves. Sticking with a program for loyalty's sake robs an athlete of that opportunity.

Americans insist upon individuals achieving full potential. Athletes are no different, whether they stick at the first college of their choice or seek individual goals elsewhere.

As with any of us, an athlete's first responsibility is to himself. It's the American Way.

Rocks win North Invitational

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

Look out, it's an avalanche — a Plymouth Salem Rock-slide, if you will.

The Rocks rolled into Farmington Hills Saturday to compete in the annual North Farmington Wrestling Invitational riding the crest of an impressive third-place finish at the Salem Invitational the week before.

The North tournament is always a good early-season gauge as to the Observerland's top teams and Salem was primed to stake its claim on the No. 1 spot.

That the Rocks did. In front of a jam-packed crowd inside the North gym, Salem overwhelmed the nine other teams by producing champions in four of the 13 weight classes and grabbing up three second place positions.

The Rocks amassed 157 team points, 23 more than second place Milford (124). Plymouth Canton (113½) was third, Farmington (95) fourth and Wayne Memorial, formerly the area's No. 1 team, was fifth with 93 points.

Host North Farmington (61) placed eighth. Complete meet results can be found on the Observer statistical page.

AFTER A slow start the Rocks have come on with a vengeance, winning all five of their dual meets and scoring high in several of the state's most prestigious tournaments.

"We're starting to do well," said Salem coach Ron Krueger. "As the year goes along, we're getting better. And, we've been able to put our whole team out on the mat — knock on wood. We haven't been getting sick or hurt. When you do that, when you're feeling good, you're able to do a lot better."

The Rock victory was triggered by the Dameron brothers.

Sophomore Dennis Dameron, wrestling at 98 pounds, outpointed feisty Dave Zehnder from Walled Lake Western 4-2. It was the second meeting between the two evenly matched opponents within the week. Dameron edged Zehnder 5-4 the previous Tuesday.

Junior Dave Dameron, ranked No. 1 in the state at 126, had an easy three matches en route to his championship. He took Western's Chris Kraft 20-5 in the finals.

But Krueger was most proud of his 145-pound wrestler. Andy Ward survived a tough field to win at 145. He beat Milford's Joe Allen 12-2 in the finals.

"Andy has been having his problems," Krueger



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Salem's Andy Ward ruled the 145-pound weight class at Saturday's North Farmington Invitational.

said. "But, he took (Canton's) Scott Tasker in overtime, then beat Wayne's (Dave) Shareef. He's coming on and beating the state-class people he should beat."

SALEM'S OTHER champion was Kevin Freeman who nipped Canton's Tim Birely 5-3 at 119.

Canton, who along with Salem pace the Western Lakes conference with 5-0 dual meet records, turned in perhaps its best tournament performance of the season.

Heavyweight Jim Malson got things rolling for the Chiefs with a pin in 1:28 over Milford's Jerry Capps in their championship tilt.

Dave Dunford took a second to Milford's George Ehgoz at 112. Birely got second at 119; Jim Parks (138) and Mike Graczyk (185) took thirds, and Ernie Krumm (198), Scott Tasker (145) and Jay Pollard (132) earned fourth place points for the Chiefs.

If Wayne's fifth place finish was surprisingly

low, then Farmington's fourth place finish was surprisingly high. Hampered by injuries and losses to key personnel, the Falcons' early-season promise has dimmed somewhat.

BUT, COACH Barry Walsh's crew was in good shape on Saturday. Ab Hazen dominated the field at 167 pinning all three of his opponents. He stuck Eric Osburn of Milford for the championship in 1:44.

At 105, Dave Hovey won the crown easily, whipping Western's Kevin Fust 20-6.

Dan Parilo earned a second place at 198 for Farmington, losing to state-ranked Scott Wyka of Edsel Ford, 14-1.

The bright spots for Wayne were few. One being Ed Fowler, who rolled over North's James Benda in the title bout at 132, 14-2. It marked the third straight year Fowler has beaten Benda.

The other Wayne highlight was provided by Tim Mitchell at 138. He beat Salem's Bill Morely 14-6.

'We're starting to do well. As the year goes along, we're getting better.'

— Ron Krueger
Salem coach

Jandasek quits post at S'craft

By C.J. Risak
staff writer

Joe Jandasek's time was running short as Schoolcraft College's volleyball coach.

That's why at the end of last season, Jandasek and his wife, Joann, who served as assistant coach, turned in their resignations.

It wasn't that Jandasek's record was poor. In his two seasons at Schoolcraft, he coached the Ocelots to a 32-15 record, including an 8-0 mark and an Eastern Conference title this past season.

And it wasn't that he had tired of coaching.

"I had a thoroughly enjoyable season," he said. "Frankly, I'm going to miss the coaching."

But time was the problem. There wasn't enough of it, not considering Jandasek's other volleyball responsibilities.

"I'll just say it's personal reasons," he said.

Jandasek also coaches an independent team, called the Spirit of Six. The team plays in United States Volleyball Association (USVBA) sanctioned tournaments during the winter months.

IN ADDITION, his daughter, Stephanie, is interested in the sport, and Jandasek hopes to help cultivate that interest. Stephanie Jandasek is currently a seventh-grader in the Brighton school district.

"It's a very time-consuming job," admitted Marv Gans, Schoolcraft's athletic director. "I sort of sensed something like this might happen, they had so much going on."

A replacement has not been named, but Gans did say he had "a solid candidate in mind" with previous coaching experience, both in college and high school.

"The job's been posted," the AD added.

As much as Jandasek enjoyed the coaching end of the Schoolcraft job, there were other time-consuming segments, like recruiting and the voluminous amount of paperwork associated with the position.

JANDASEK WON'T be leaving the program abruptly. "I'm still working with the kids coming back and with some who will be coming in," he said.

Gans said he hoped "to make the transition smoothly, whoever we get. Joe's not leaving the program cold. He's still a part of it. He'll work with whoever comes in to make sure the transition is smooth."

"We want to maintain our volleyball tradition," Gans praised Jandasek for his work. "He did a fine job with the kids. He was really excellent. We had no problems."

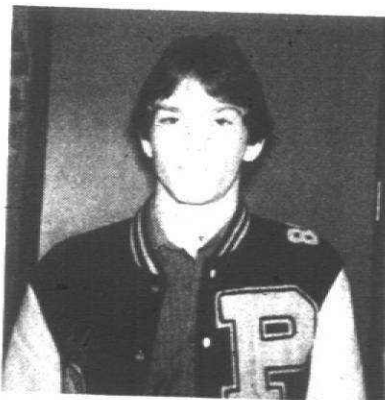
After a 14-11 record his first season, which included a 5-3 second-place finish in the Eastern Conference, Schoolcraft surged to the top under Jandasek's direction in 1984. The Ocelots were 18-4 against junior colleges and went to the regional finals before losing to Lake Michigan.

Dick Scott

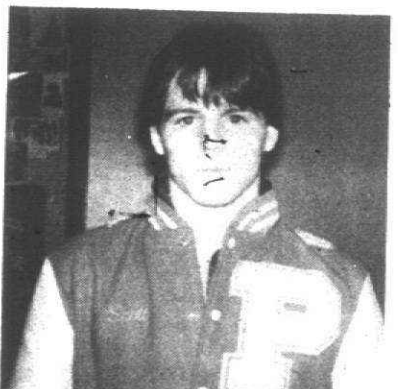
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A PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL FLASHBACK

On January 27, 1984, the Plymouth-Canton basketball team defeated their backyard rival Plymouth-Salem 52-47 in one of the most exciting games ever played at Phase III. Offensively, the Chiefs were led by the all-around talents of Mark Bennett. He scored (12 points), he dished off (10 assists) and he had seven rebounds. Canton went to 9-3 overall and 7-2 in the Western Lakes Division, good for First Place. Salem (7-1 in the league, 9-2 overall) was still 2 games ahead of Stevenson in the Lakes.

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basketball

2 local hot shots win Elks crowns

The shootout is over.

Sixty boys and girls from Allen Park, Ann Arbor, Dearborn, Flat Rock, Livonia, Monroe, Farmington, Plymouth, Redford and Southfield gathered in the Plymouth Salem gymnasium Saturday to compete in the southeast district finals of the Elks Hoops Shootout competition.

When the smoke cleared, the sure-shots from Plymouth and Dearborn had dominated the competition. Both communities produced a pair of winners.

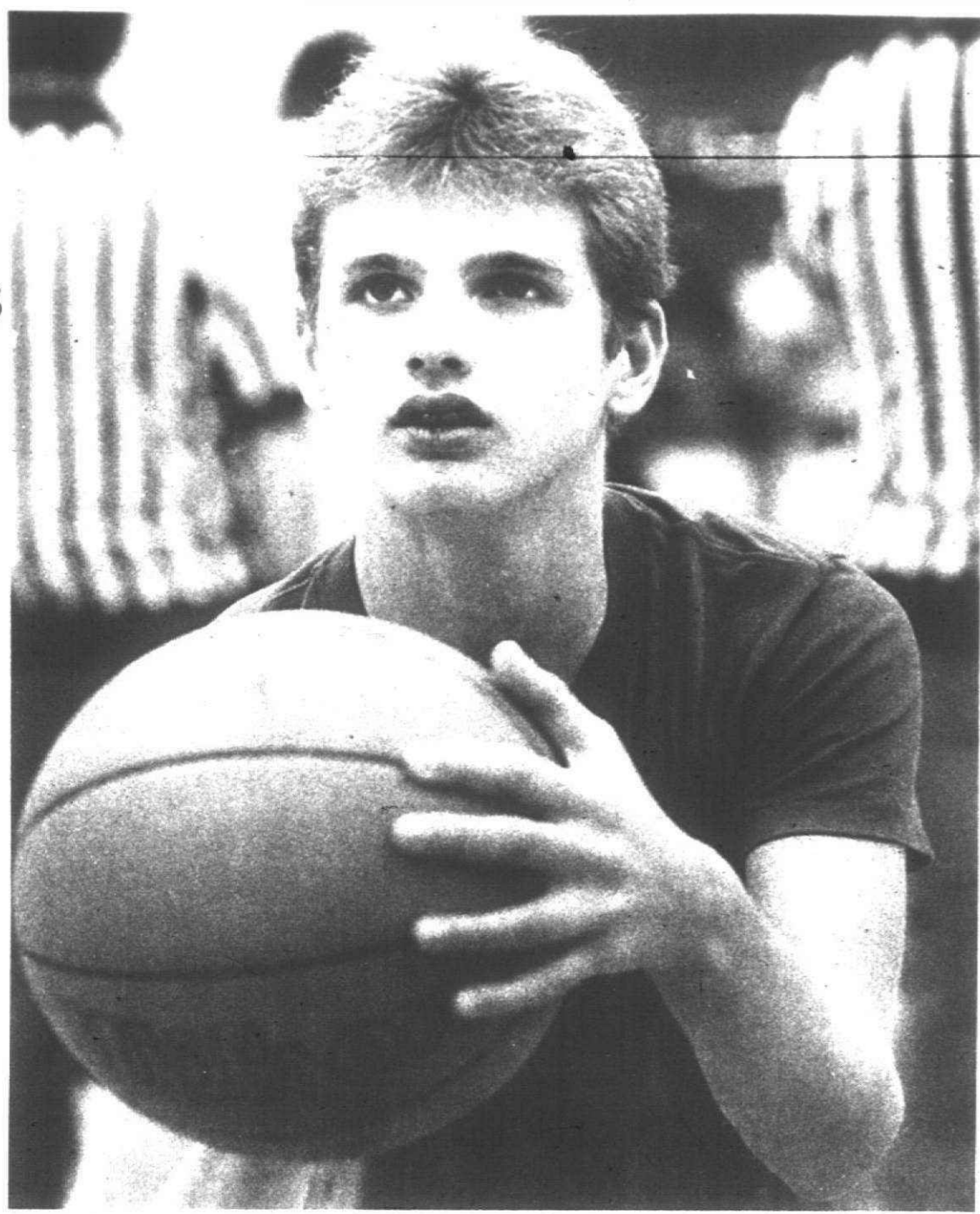
Plymouth's Shawn Hart won the boys 10-11 age group, while Christopher Harper, also of Plymouth, captured the boys 12-13 group. Plymouth's Kathleen Gerig was a runner-up in the girls 12-13.

Dearborn's winners were Tabitha Belcher (girls 8-9) and Lisa Polanski (girls 10-11).

Other winners were Nancy Farrell of Ann Arbor (girls 12-13) and Michael Chioini (boys 8-9).

The winners will move ahead to the state finals Saturday, March 2, at Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor.

The district competition was sponsored by the Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780.



Christopher Harper, a student at Our Lady of Good Counsel, won the 12-13 age group in the Elks Hoops Shootout contest Saturday.

Varsity, JV matmen vie for Canton titles

Stevensville Lake Shore Ever here

of 17.

Probably not unless you have spent some time in the Benton Harbor area.

But Stevensville Lake Shore has one of the more powerful Class B high school wrestling teams in the state and will be the heavy favorite to win the 8th annual Plymouth Canton Civic Wrestling Invitational this Saturday.

The tournament, which begins at 10 a.m. with the consolation and final matches commencing at 6 p.m., will feature eight varsity teams: Lake Shore, Saginaw, Harper Woods Notre Dame, Belleville, Birmingham Seaholm, Oxford, Berkeley and Canton.

The tournament will also feature 14 "B" or junior varsity teams that will compete simultaneously with the varsity teams. Among the JV squads competing will be Canton, Plymouth Salem and North Farmington.

The cost for the final session is \$1 for students and \$1.50 for adults. The early session fee is 75 cents for students and \$1 for adults. There are no all-day passes.

BELLEVILLE AND Canton will have the best shot at overtaking Lake Shore for the varsity crown. But Lake

Shore is formidable. Jason Cliff, at 98

pounds, is 15-0 on the season. Matt Cliff

(132) is 15-1. John Spear (155) is 13-2.

Frank Renfren (185) is 15-1 and Eric

First (198) is 15-2.

It's easy to see why Lake Shore hasn't lost a dual meet or a tournament yet this season.

The host team, under new head coach Rick Menoch, has been wrestling well lately. Canton is 5-0 in the Western Lakes conference and 5-2 overall. Last Saturday, the Chiefs made an impressive third place showing at the North Farmington Invitational.

"Lake Shore is a tough team. So is Belleville and Saginaw always has good kids," Menoch said. "We think we can finish with the top three."

The tournament will be run by former Canton coach Dan Chrenko, who initiated the tourney eight years ago.

The cost for the final session is \$1 for students and \$1.50 for adults. The early session fee is 75 cents for students and \$1 for adults. There are no all-day passes.

sport shorts

MENS CAGE STANDINGS

The following are the Plymouth Parks and Recreation mens basketball league standings as of Jan. 11:

Plym. Rock	4-0
Stroh	3-0
Bench Pub	2-1
Art Window	2-1
Buddy's Plaza	2-1
Mad Dogs	2-1
Merrill Lynch	2-2
1st Presbyterian	2-2
Joe Nuyen's	1-3
Side Streets	0-3
White Pine	0-3
Total Foods	0-4

COED VOLLEYBALL

The following are the Plymouth Parks and Recreation coed volleyball standings as of Jan. 11:

St. Peter's	23 pts.
Ed's Sports	17
Art Service	17
Plymouth Rock	14
Domination	14
Brass Connection	5
Team 3	2

GROUNDHOGS SOFTBALL

The sixth annual Groundhogs Day Classic slo-pitch softball tournament,

sponsored by the Canton parks and rec department, is set for Saturday, Jan. 26 at Griffin Park.

There is a \$30 fee per team.

The tournament pits teams against each other and the elements. A 16-inch orange colored softball will be used.

This tourney will be canceled only by good weather. Call 397-1000 for more information.

● FLOOR HOCKEY

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with the Wayne-Westland YMCA, will sponsor its sixth annual floor hockey program for boys and girls grades one through six.

A \$16 fee covers three weeks of clinics and four weeks of league competition. The clinics will take place after school at Eriksson and Hulsing elementary schools. The league games will be played Saturday mornings.

The clinics begin the week of Jan. 21 and league play begins Saturday, Feb. 9. Registration opened Jan. 2.

Call 397-1000 for more information.

Spartans gain edge on Rocks

By Brad Emone
staff writer

basketball

TV commentator and ex-Marquette coach Al McGuire had a penchant for taking old basketball terms and putting them into new language.

He would have had a field day Tuesday as Livonia Stevenson's "aircraft carriers" were simply too much "in the paint" for the Plymouth Salem Rocks as the Spartans won a key Western Lakes encounter, 65-55.

Stevenson's tall and large front line of 6-foot-6 Bob Sluka, 6-5 Vic Nettie and 6-5 Matt Burdiss combined for 47 points in the victory.

They also managed to keep Salem's lone "aircraft carrier," 6-4 LeSean Haygood, on the bench most of the game. Haygood collected 3 fouls in the first half followed by his fourth personal foul to open the third period. He eventually fouled out.

Without Haygood on the boards, it was free wheeling for Sluka, Nettie and Burdiss, who continually pounded Salem inside for baskets.

"I'D SAY THIS is their best game collectively," said Stevenson coach George Van Wagoner, referring to his front line. "I know they came in wanting to win. To beat Plymouth Salem here (on the road) is doing a good job."

Stevenson is now 6-1 overall and 4-0 in Lakes Division play. Salem, meanwhile, dropped to 3-4 and 2-2.

Salem had its fast-break attack in gear during the early stages of the game, building a 16-10 lead near the end of one quarter.

But Stevenson stayed close behind the shooting of Nettie, who notched 8 of his 15 points in the first 8 minutes.

In the second quarter, Burdiss tallied 6 of his 14 points on 3 difficult shots as the Spartans led 33-30 at the half.

Salem, however, continued to scrap and stayed within 6, 46-40, through three quarters of play.

But in the fourth quarter, Stevenson began to pull away as guard Pete Huddy directed things on the flight deck. His 2 free throws with 4:37 left gave the Spartans a comfortable 54-44 advantage. A free throw by Nettie with 2:10 remaining made it 61-47, the Spartans biggest lead of the night.

"ONCE LeSEAN went down, we were in trouble," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "And our shooting went way down in the second half. We hit only 26 percent."

"In the first half, we were successful because we got the ball off the glass. In the fourth quarter, we got behind and shot too quickly. It was the same as the Farmington Harrison game. We tried to come back too fast."

Junior guard Paul Makara, who had a hot hand from the outside, led Salem with 16 points. Eric Sovine and Mike White added 10 each, but White in particular did not shoot well.

"It was a nice win for us, but we

made some mistakes," Van Wagoner said. "But if you can play over them — well — I guess you can't complain."

"I'm a perfectionist. We need to work on some things like squaring up to the basket and seeing the whole floor. If we're not awake Friday, Livonia Bentley will put it to us."

Despite the errors, Van Wagoner added that "we got some good individual play."

Sluka, a three-year starter, topped everybody with 18 points and 13 rebounds.

"THAT'S a pretty good ballclub that beat us," Brodie said. "All five (starters) shoot well and they know their roles."

"LeSean had a tough job. Dealing with those three (aircraft carriers) the ball and he went right over the top on us."

Salem returns to action Friday at Farmington, while Stevenson travels to Bentley, which has won 4 of its last 5 games.

DEARBORN 68, CANTON 49: Boy, when things are going bad...

"We're in a slump," said coach Dave Van Wagoner. "We're out of sync. We're not shooting well. We're just in a slump."

Yep. It started with a 20-10 first-quarter deficit and got worse for Plymouth Canton.

Joel Miles played a good game for Canton scoring 10 points and 10 dishing out assists. Brent Stack scored 10 also while Dan Young added 8. Jim Schlicker pulled down 7 rebounds.

Dearborn was led by Scott Mason's 21 points.

Van Wagoner, though, is not about to throw in the towel.

"We have a bunch of fighters on this team," he said. "We're not going to give up our title easily."

The Chiefs are 3-4 on the season, 2-2 in the Western Lakes.

PLYM. CHRISTIAN 71, ROEPER 63: While the Chiefs are struggling, Jeff Cook's Eagles can do no wrong.

Plymouth Canton exploited Bloomfield Hills Roepers' passive inside defense and ruined them with a pressing man-to-man defense.

Rod Windle slashed through the Roepers defense for 22 points and Jim Stephens added 19 points. Pat McCarthy had another big game, scoring 10 points, grabbing 14 rebounds, making 6 steals and dishing out 6 assists.

Rob Cannon also scored 10 points.

Christian is 6-3 overall, 3-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Association.

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So close
Canton spikers near miss stirs new hope

volleyball

The Plymouth Canton volleyball team is beginning to serve notice that it is not to be taken lightly this season.

The Chiefs, winless in their last 14 matches, gave a powerful Walled Lake Central team all it could handle Monday night.

Central finally fended off the pesky Chiefs in three games, 12-15, 15-6, 15-12.

"It was a real exciting match," said Canton's first-year coach Sue Riggs. "We got a lot better play at the net than we had against Walled Lake Western (last Wednesday)."

Canton fell behind 10-0 in game one and it looked like Central would walk. Riggs, however, called time out to regroup her troops.

"We just needed to slow things down, set up and attack," she said, and the Chiefs responded.

Leslee Fidge served up seven straight points and the Chiefs rallied to win the game.

"We had Central down and we didn't capitalize on it," Riggs said. "I think the kids got too excited after winning that first game. They never did really settle down. They kind of let up."

As a result, Central pummeled Canton in game two, 15-6.

In the deciding game, the two teams battled to 11-11 before Central finally wore the Chiefs down.

Riggs said the biggest improvement was the net play of both Diana Knickerbocker and Laura Darby. "They really did a nice job for us," she said.

"We weren't sure how Trenton would use their guys," Salem coach Chuck Olson said. "We don't see Trenton very much any more. We're very much pleased, but we still have a long way to go."

The Rocks are now 4-1 in dual meets.

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rankings

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BASKETBALL

- Wayne Memorial
- Livonia Stevenson
- Catholic Central
- Garden City
- Bishop Borgess

VOLLEYBALL

- Livonia Stevenson
- N. Farmington
- Garden City
- Wayne Memorial
- Bishop Borgess

the week ahead

PREP BASKETBALL
Friday, Jan. 18
Blomher Rice at Bishop Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at Liv. Bentley, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Churchill at Plymouth Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Red. Thurston at Liv. Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
Harper Woods at Calvary, 7:30 p.m.
Catholic Cent. at Warren DeSales, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City at Wad. John Glenn, 7:30 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Wayne Memorial, 7:30 p.m.
Redford Union at N. Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Salem at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Cardinal Moore, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Jan. 17

BOYS SWIM

- Livonia Stevenson
- (tie) North Farmington
- Plymouth Salem
- Catholic Central
- Wayne Memorial
- John Glenn

WRESTLING

- Plymouth Salem
- Catholic Central
- Plymouth Canton
- Wayne Memorial
- John Glenn

GYMNASTICS

- N. Farmington
- Plymouth Salem
- Farm. Harrison

NORTH FARMINGTON WRESTLING INVITATIONAL

Saturday, Jan. 12

Team results: 1. Plymouth Canton, 157 points; 2. Farmington, 124; 3. Plymouth Canton, 113.5; 4. Farmington, 95; 5. Wayne Memorial, 93; 6. Dearborn, 88; 7. Walled Lake, 87; 8. Dearborn, 86; 9. Farmington, 81; 10. Dearborn Heights, 79; 11. West Bloomfield, 78; 12. West Bloomfield, 75.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Heavyweight: Jim Mason (Canton) pinned Jer. Cappe (Milford), 1:28.
98 pounds: Dennis Dameron (Salem) def. Dave Zahndor (W.L. Western), 4:2.
105 pounds: Dave Hovey (Farm.) def. Kevin Fust (W.L. Western), 20:6.
112 pounds: George Elgort (Milford) def. Dave Duroso (Canton), 10:2.

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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Alpena CC at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m.

wrestling

119 pounds: Kevin Freeman (Salem) def. Tim Brey (Canton), 5:3.
126 pounds: Dave Dameron (Salem) def. Chris Kraft (W. Western), 20:5.
132 pounds: Ed Fowler (Wayne) def. James Banda (N. Farmington), 14:2.
138 pounds: Tim Mitchell (Wayne) def. Bill Morey (Salem), 14:6.
145 pounds: Andy Ward (Salem) def. Joe Allen (Milford), 12:2.
155 pounds: John Kramer (Milford) def. Eric Relling (Salem), 11:9.
167 pounds: Al Hazen (Farm.) pinned Eric Olsburn (Milford), 1:44.
185 pounds: Brian Hood (N. Farmington) pinned James Woodcock (Salem), 4:2.
198 pounds: Scott Wyka (E. Ford) def. Dan Pardo (Farm.), 14:1.

CONSOLATION FLIGHT

Heavyweight: Bill DeJohni (E. Ford) def. Bill Critcher (Farm.), 9:0.
98 pounds: Mike Stern (Farm.) def. Mike Watson (Wayne), 7:5.
105 pounds: Chris Kottek (E. Ford) pinned Tony Krumm (Canton), 7:4.

swimming rankings

100 Freestyle (state cut: 4:33.20)
Kirk Radatz (Harrison), 4:58.6
Jeff Wort (Salem), 5:04.8
Jeff Bolla (Harrison), 5:15.0
Dennis Ward (Stevenson), 5:23.0
Tony Atwell (Salem), 5:24.3
Steve Taormina (Stevenson), 5:25.0
Paul South (Salem), 5:27.5
Scott Farabee (Harrison), 5:28.0
Todd Juvenille (Stevenson), 5:33.0

50 Freestyle

(state cut: 22.72)
Kevin Everhart (Stevenson), 22.9
Eric Band (Churchill), 23.0
Dennis Ward (Stevenson), 23.0
Vic Valente (Churchill), 23.4
Eric Hutchison (Churchill), 23.6
Lew. Minnelli (Stevenson), 23.9
Kirk Radatz (Harrison), 24.2
Kevin Zancow (Salem), 24.3
Jim Burns (Salem), 24.6
Scott Farabee (Harrison), 24.7

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Hartnett blazes, but team falters

By C.J. Rieck
staff writer

Is this a return of the generation gap?

That may be a bit harsh. After all, Orchard Lake St. Mary's basketball coach Tim Domke isn't that old.

But his Eagles are that young. With a starting lineup of one junior, two sophomores and two freshmen, inexperience can be troublesome. It was Monday night. The players failed to understand Domke's instructions late in the second half, blew an 8-point lead and eventually lost 61-59 to Spring Arbor at Dombrowski Fieldhouse.

THE GAME-WINNING play started with 17 seconds left. With the score tied at 59, Spring Arbor freshman guard Scott Twiddy took the inbound pass and let the seconds tick off to 10 before calling the right side of the lane.

The play failed for Twiddy to draw the defense in and dish off to a wing for a short jumper. Instead, Twiddy took a short, off-balance jumper and it rolled in.

St. Mary's Steve Kopicki fired a last-second, half-court shot that bounced off the rim, sending the Eagles down to defeat.

"That's a game we should have won," said a disappointed Domke as his team fell to 2-12. "It's all part of learning how to be a winner. First, we have to learn to get a lead, then we have to learn how to play with a lead."

ST. MARY'S was outplayed in the opening half, turning the ball over 9 times and losing on the boards by a

19-12 margin. Still, the Eagles rallied on an 11-2 streak in the final 3:23 to surge to 35-33 at the intermission.

Erich Hartnett, a freshman from Plymouth Salem, kept OLSM alive with 16 first-half points.

An 11-5 St. Mary rally in the first 6 minutes of the second half increased the Eagles advantage to 8, 46-38. But that's as wide as it got: OLSM led 48-40 with 12 minutes left, but Spring Arbor scored the next 10 points to recapture the lead, 50-48.

It was during that stretch that OLSM suffered its communications breakdown. "They had gone into a half-court trap," said Domke. "We couldn't run our offense against that. They were doubling up on our guards."

"The kids got confused. They didn't know if they should try to score or what."

DOMKE CHANGED the offense and, when the Eagles didn't run it properly, he called 2 timeouts to explain it. Still, all the Eagles had to show for their efforts were 4 turnovers and an offensive foul during the Cougar streak.

It was a 2-point game the rest of the way. Kopicki gave OLSM a 59-57 lead with 3:10 left, but Todd Edmonds retied it 17 seconds later. Kopicki's turnover with 50 seconds left gave the Cougars the chance to cash in the game-winner.

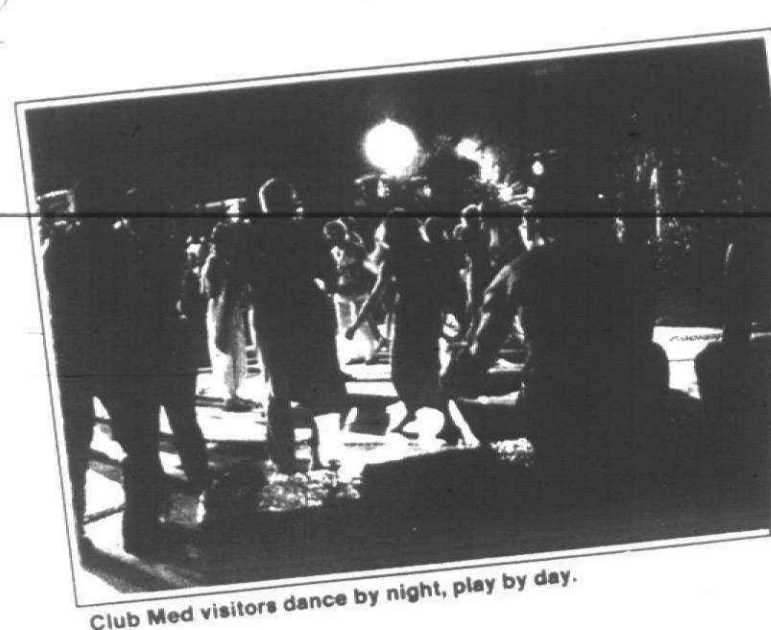
Hartnett, after his outstanding first half, scored just 3 points in the second to finish with 19. He hit 8 of 11 shots, and also had 4 assists. Lance Davis scored 9 points and combined 3 assists and 2 steals, while Kopicki and Mike Cozad scored 9 points each.

Livonian wins ski race

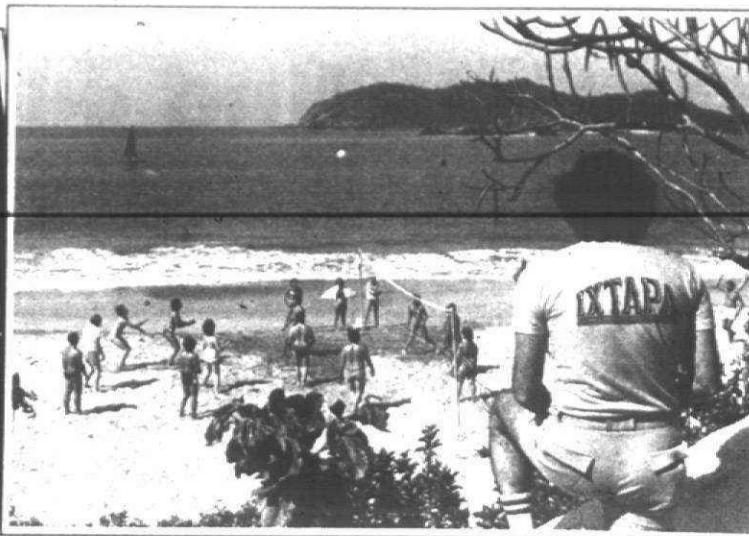
It was a good day of skiing Sunday for the Calcaterra's of Livonia.

In the Equitable Family Ski Challenge at Pine Knob, Carol and Randy Calcaterra captured first place in the Mother and Son Division.

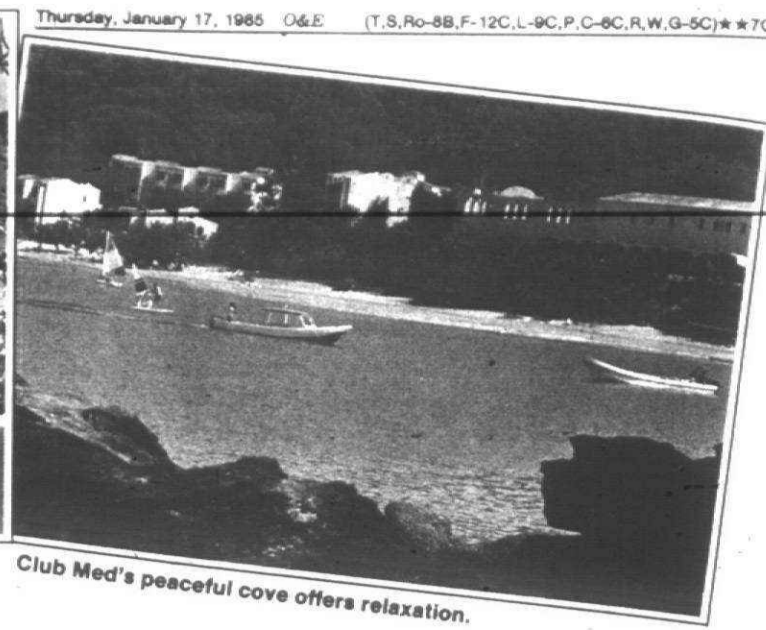
In the Husband and Wife category,



Club Med visitors dance by night, play by day.



Photos by Micky Jones



Club Med's peaceful cove offers relaxation.

Club Med offers an 'antidote to civilization'

YOU CAN always tell the newcomers from the old hands who have been at Club Med for a day or two. The new arrivals get off the airport bus in real clothes — skirts, slacks, shirts, shoes — blinking briefly in the hot Mexican sun. The end of welcome, clapping to the music, passing out fruit, drinks, holding canopies high, are all in Club Med dress: bathing suits, sarongs, bare feet and flowers.



one-of-a-kind traveler
Iris Jones

Ben, the village chief, is there in his long pareo, the length of patterned Tahitian cloth that was immortalized as a "sarong" in old Bob Hope-Dorothy Lamour movies.

Sue Ellen, from Australia, has red bougainvillea in her thick brown hair and wears her pareo wrapped like a dress. Brian, from Jamaica, is in a Club Med shirt and red cotton pants.

Didier, the slim blond entertainer from France who will double us up all week with his theatrics, wears his sarong a new way every day, hanging from his waist as a skirt, wrapped around his hips as a bathing suit.

work, the G.O.'s, are 16,000 young men and women from around the world who happily work 16 hours a day running the Club, its theater, dining rooms, bar and sports facilities as well as mixing with the G.M.'s.

The Gentle Members broil slowly around the pool or on the ocean beach, learn to wind surf out there at the end of the huge bay, do water exercises in the pool, play tennis or golf, or just read a book under a palm tree.

A DAY in the life of Club Med begins when you pad down the flowered paths to the pool area and go upstairs to the dining room. Sue Ellen will seat you at one of the big round tables set in acres of breakfast foods.

By 9 a.m., Mario, once a champion cyclist, has led a group of bicycles on a day trip to the village of Ixtapa, the snorkeling class is in the pool, and Mike is teaching the uninitiated to wind surf at the end of the bay.

We walk the beach, past Patricia, who sells Mexican crafts at the foot of the Club Med stairs, past the wind surfers and the tennis courts to the black rocks where the boats leave daily for fishing and island picnics.

All Mexican beaches are public, so you may find a few guitars among the taxi drivers sitting at the end of the beach, or a couple of local snorkelers

YOU BUY your pina colada or your glass of wine at the bar with beads that hang around your neck. By now you don't care that your hair's a mess and you have sand on your feet when you go into lunch. Everything but bar drinks, boutique purchases and tours are included in the price of your stay, so the only thing you must decide is how to choose from all those food tables at lunch.

I learned to choose one of the special meat or fish foods of the day, the special salad of the day and then go straight to the Mexican table, ignoring the spread of meats, potatoes, vegetables and other "regular foods" that lies across half the room. Then there was the cheese bar, the dessert bar, the fruit bar, and definitely a snooze after lunch.

Dinner is at eight, but most of us gather on the terrace around the pool much earlier, to lean against the bar or sit on the wall and watch the glorious daily pageantry of sunset.

DINNER isn't quite as gastronomically interesting as lunch, we pick from an acre of tables filled with soups and salads and other goodies; the main meat and vegetable course is automatically served at table. There is so much food that even at the end of the first day you know you're in trouble.

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On stage

(Above) Denise Krueger of Livonia is Lysistrata and Bruce Mathieu is the Commissioner of Public Safety in a space-age version of Aristophanes' "Lysistrata," opening Thursday, Jan. 31, at the Studio Theatre downstairs at the Hilberry Theatre, Wayne State University, Detroit. (Below) Cheryl Williams and George Comiskey play Emily and George in Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" opening Friday, Jan. 25, at the Hilberry. For ticket information call 577-2872.



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New orchestra debuts with good concert sound

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Musically, it was splendid. Educationally — well, better luck next time. The Greater Michigan Symphony Orchestra, a pick-up ensemble of Detroit Symphony and other professionals, Tuesday gave its first pair of concerts under the sponsorship of the Livonia Cultural League.

HER ACID TEST came in the first movement cadenza. The score, a veritable cascade of notes, looks like a photographic negative of the Occoec Falls. Yet not only did Chon shoot the rapids accurately, she even got expression out of it. The movement is scored *allegro, molto appassionato*, and that was what we heard.

THE 8 P.M. concert was a relax-and-enjoy-it affair. This fan was pleasantly surprised that the Mai Kai, a movie house at Plymouth and Farmington roads, was as good acoustically as the promoters said it would be. The Dvorak Symphony No. 8, heard from the back row, was stupendous — a test of the full orchestra. You could hear every section.

THE 3:30 program — technically, a free, open rehearsal under contract rules, with the musicians in jeans — was for the kids. It featured an innovation consisting of four screens to teach, progressively, the structure of music. Behind Cobo Hall, in the Wagner "Rienzi" overture, Karapetian

notes were imperfect, but none was missed. Led by European-trained former Detroiters, Carl Karapetian, it was everything you would expect from a metropolitan orchestra handling familiar works by Wagner, Mendelssohn and Dvorak.

THE SYSTEM needs a lot of work. This fan would be inclined to give the Music to People one more crack at it — only one. If they can't get it right at the Feb. 19 show, then they should go back to using "Tubby the Tuba" and "Sorcerer's Apprentice" as teaching devices.

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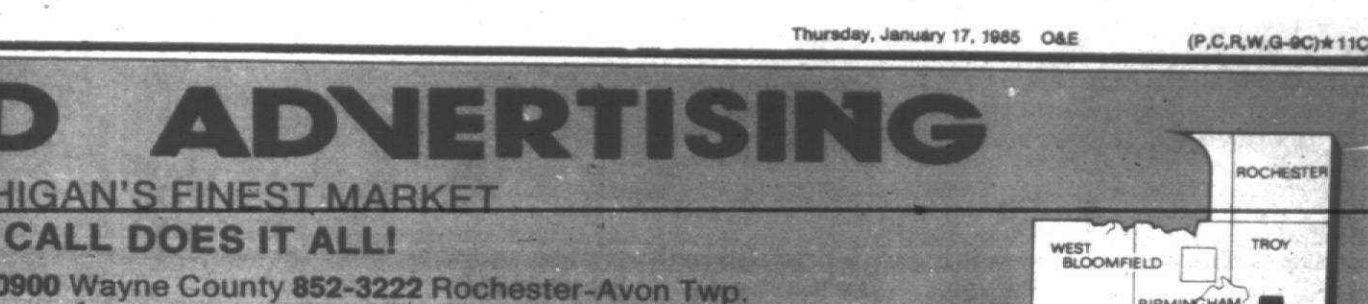
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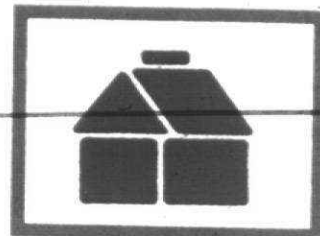
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Friday, Feb. 8 — Michigan Ceramics '85, the annual statewide juried exhibition sponsored by the Michigan Potter's Association, will be on display through March 2. First prize funds for the show are available through a grant from the Michigan Foundation for the Arts. The gallery is located at 329 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, except Friday, when it is open until 9 p.m. Phone 761-6263.

● YAW GALLERY

Friday, Jan. 18 — "The Teapot and The Cup" is an exhibit of works on a theme by 15 different artists. Also showing are Indian Quilt Covers by Linnari Lakhia and Weathervanes by Jonathan Graham Bonner. Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Friday. Continues through Feb. 13. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 550 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

● FEIGENSON GALLERY

Friday, Jan. 18 — Concrete and steel pieces by former Detroiters, Tom Bills, will be on display through Jan. 23. Reception to meet the artist 4-7 p.m. Friday. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 310 Fisher Building, Detroit.

● HUNTINGTON WOODS ART LEAGUE

Friday, Jan. 18 — This group opened a gallery in the Hardy Room of the Library/Cultural Center about a year ago. In this exhibit, they will show works by area artists Barbara Freedman, Electra Stammelos and Paula Zaks. Continues through January.

● DONALD MORRIS GALLERY

Saturday, Jan. 19 — "Men with Bowler Hats," by Lester Johnson will continue through Feb. 23. This group is from his work spanning the years 1969-1971 and includes two 16 by 14 foot diptychs and three self-portraits. Reception to meet the artist 2-6 p.m. Saturday. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 105 Townsend.

● UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR

"Numbers in Retrospect," by Mary Celestino continues in the Lebel Gallery through Feb. 8. Reception to meet the artist 8 p.m. Friday. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Huron Church Road at College, Windsor.

● I. IRVING FELDMAN GALLERIES

A suite of 14 lithographs on Japon paper by Joan Miro, "La Melodie Acide" is on display through February. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, Thursday until 8 p.m., 6917 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

● TOWN CENTER GALLERY

Fantasy Stick Sculptures, wall figures and Fantasy Busts by Chicago area sculptor, James Eaton continue through January. Prints by gallery regulars Azoulay, Schurr, Gibson and Gardner. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 3000 Town Center, Suite 45, Southfield.

● UPPER CLASH GALLERY

Saturday, Jan. 19 — Retrospective of oils, watercolors and drawings by the late Harold Cohen are on display through Feb. 16. Cohen was a well-respected Michigan painter who did still life, figure and landscapes. Opening reception 1-5 p.m. Saturday, 415 Walnut, Rochester.

● JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Invitational art show continues in the Hamburger Exhibition Hall through Sunday. Featured are ceramics, painting, sculpture and weaving by some excellent local artists, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield.

● ART EXCHANGE

Jewelry is being shown through January, including silver by David Older and Janet Rubenstein, and beads by Sue Stein and Sandra Weed. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, until 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 415 S. Washington, Royal Oak.

Sculptor forms LaSalle in wax

By Mary Klemic
staff writer

French explorer Rene-Robert Cavelier sieur LaSalle will return to Belleville, Mich., this year, thanks to the efforts of a Plymouth sculptor.

Artist Stephen Wroble was commissioned when he received the statue of LaSalle, who traveled through the area more than 300 years ago.

At seven feet and 300 to 400 pounds, it's the largest artwork Wroble has done to date. And it marks the first time Wroble is working full time as a sculptor. The 32-year-old sculptor hopes the work will have a special meaning to viewers once it is placed on a brick base in Victory Park, across from the city hall.

"I know what I want," he said. "LaSalle had a vision and was working toward that goal. He never quite made it but kept working at it. I think that's an attitude that people today can relate to."

"I was looking for something in common, not just the fact that he came through lower Michigan. He had a vision and dedicated his life to that."

AS NO actual pictures of LaSalle exist, Wroble had to do research to try to find what the explorer looked like as well as to be accurate in clothing details. He estimates that one-sixth of his time was spent on some research — if not into historical or visual aspects, then into which material to use and what mechanical and engineering principles would come into play.

"We don't know what he looked like," Wroble said. "The Smithsonian has an etching, which they believe is an artist's interpretation."

"I've read about four biographies of him. I've done a lot of historical research to understand his personality, how he did things, the atmosphere he came from."

Wroble is working eight hours a day from the garage at his home. He is following a timetable so the statue will be ready for its unveiling, scheduled in August. City representatives have stopped by from time to time to check on the progress.

"I encourage suggestions," Wroble said. "I'm a craftsman providing a service to them."

AFTER MAKING drawings and scale models, Wroble covered a wooden framework with chicken wire and cloth, then coated it with 150 pounds of wax, carving the details. Another 50 pounds of wax will be added to the statue before molds will be made from it.

Wax is easier to work with than clay, as it can be softened easily, according to Wroble. He chisels the wax when it freezes solid and uses a crock pot to soften it.

"I think art is a lot like that, you invent solutions to the problems you have," Wroble said.

The work will be made from a man-made material called Design Cast that Wroble obtains from a company in New Jersey. He selected this material because it is durable. It will be white, but a gray or tan dye may be added.

WROBLE'S WORK depicts LaSalle with curly hair, breeches, vest and hat. He is standing with one foot forward. The statue shows the explorer's eagerness to proceed, a "straining-at-the-bit kind of tension," Wroble said.

The statue's left hand is on a tree stump, symbolizing the wilderness. Its right hand holds a peacepipe, showing that LaSalle thought the Indians were friends, Wroble said.

Wroble became interested in the project when he read an article in a Detroit newspaper that said the City of Belleville was looking for a statue of LaSalle. He told the city he was avail-



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Steve Wroble works on the details of his sculpture with his hands, forming the soft wax into the details of LaSalle's hand. In the background is an early model.

able, and it "went from there," the artist said. He is receiving \$17,000 for the year's work.

"I love it," Wroble said. "It's the first time I've been able to be a full-time artist."

WROBLE ATTENDED high school in Plymouth and graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with honor. He was a member of Plymouth's Gallery II, an artist's cooperative.

Wroble held other jobs, most recently with Vispac Inc. of Livonia, a marketing services and distribution company. He also has worked as a machine operator, artist/designer and tour guide, among other positions.

But Wroble hopes LaSalle will lead to other commissions. His past commissions include a garden statue.

"I paint and draw, mostly as a vacation," he said. "Sculpture is my love, I guess."

THE PLYMOUTH resident works mostly with his hands alone on his sculptures, but uses tools as necessary. He once left a shopping trip unfinished after he bought a cheese grater and rushed home to try it out as an artist's tool.

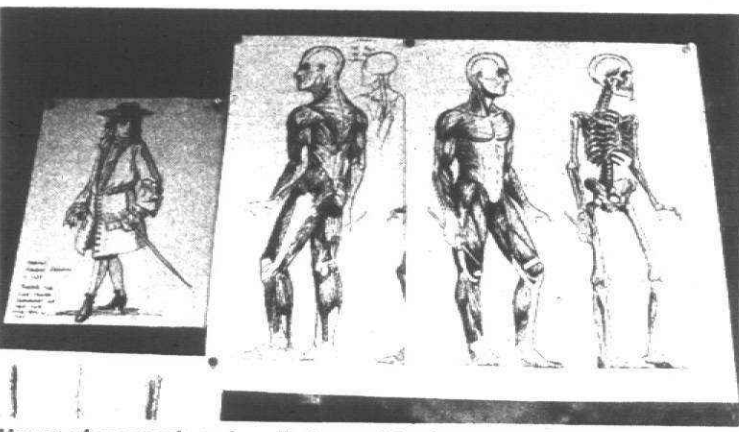
"I don't like things to get between me and the statue," Wroble said. "Generally my tools are invented."

Will it be hard for Wroble to see LaSalle go? A little, he admits.

"I tend to fall in love with my art," Wroble said. "It will be hard to say, 'OK, it's yours now.' But it'll be in a public park. I can go out and visit him whenever I want."



LaSalle's foot is thrust forward to show his determination to drive on and the inner tension of the man.



Hours of research and preliminary sketches went into the creation of the sculpture of LaSalle.

Columnist introduces 2 new features

This is another in a series of lessons on art and drawing by special columnist David Messing.

He has taught for eight years and operates an art store, Art Store and More, 18774 Middlebelt, Livonia. Messing encourages questions and comments from readers. You may write him at his store or c/o Observer Newspapers, 23352 Farmington Road, Farmington MI 48024.

By David Messing
special writer

"Things are gonna be different next year!" That was our favorite saying in college. Everyday Wayne, Chuck, Kathy, Henry and myself would cram ourselves into this little VW and trek down to Wayne State University.

I am sure that my claustrophobia stems directly from four years of stop and go traffic on the Lodge Freeway, with too many of us in too little a car. Or maybe too much of me, because I am 6 feet 3 1/2 inches and over 200 pounds. Well anyway, we would always go out on dates together and pretty much lead the idealistic collegiate life.

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Then over night, it seemed mid-terms would hit us. Before our wounds had healed from mid-terms it would be... "the week of finals." Then the fearless fivesome would pull all-nighters and study till the wee hours. Then on the day of finals the only sound to be heard in the little VW was an occasional expression of doom and the squeak of a squeegee as Wayne would clean the steam from the inside of the windshield. Then about 3:30 that day everyone would meet me at the Art Building and lament as we walked back to our little blue shuttle.

BY THE time we would be on the expressway one of us would invariably say with inspiration and feeling, "Things are gonna be different next year!" With the sincerity of an Amen we would each solemnly say "Yeah, man" "For sure" "Without a doubt" and "Me too." But before we would reach home we would figure the best

way to get over our depression would be to go out and have some fun. Then after a couple dozen parties it was mid-term again and then the same old story. Things do change, time changes things. Now 16 years later, all of my old chums live out of town. We get together every now and then when schedules permit. Henry lives in France, Chuck lives in Pennsylvania. Wayne and Kathy got married and live in Grand Rapids. Of course I knew they would one day marry because they never seemed to mind being crowded into that VW.

Well, time does change things, it's been five and a half years since Art Store and More has opened. Boy, have things changed, we are going to be moving out of our cramped quarters and will open our new spacious store on April 1. It is triple the size, which means we will be able to accommodate at least 600 art students a week. One of the main pressures on us to

enlarge was the waiting list for our art instruction.

We will also be applying for state credit. Our curriculum will likewise expand to include general drawing and painting, commercial art and portfolio preparation, anatomy and life drawing, life sculpture, sign painting and air brushing. We know that some of you have been on a waiting list for as long as a year, but hold on for a couple of months and we will even have openings. Our new store will be in the Terrence Corners in the building presently called the Organ Exchange, on Middlebelt between Five Mile and Six Mile.

SO EVEN though there is an enormous job ahead and a teaching schedule that could make me gray, I have never been more fulfilled in my life. I thank you all for your support. While we are on the subject of changes, here are a couple changes I would like to introduce in the Artifacts column. "Artifolks" now ain't that clever? Every week I would like to feature hints and tips from all of you folks. Of course it doesn't need to be earth shattering. I know you are thinking, "I'm not going to send hints in because I'm no professional artist." Well it doesn't matter whether you are a pro or an amateur. You probably have some little hint or tip that might help someone in drawing or painting, airbrushing or sculpture,

wood carving or any craft.

You see (and don't let this get around) I don't know everything. Perhaps the greatest part about teaching 300 students is that I have 300 opportunities to learn. Many of the things I have written and taught were shown me by students and customers. So please share a hint or two with us, no matter how small, we would like to hear from you.

Another new addition to the Artifacts column is "Artickles." Art ticks me because art is life and life is fun. Often in the course of our artistic endeavors things go bananas. Much of the fun in my writing is the conveyance of simple, everyday things, that, when you stop to think about them, are funny. Like this week I heard Adam laughing as he was doing his favorite thing. He presses his Silly Putty on comics and newspapers, then he lifts the Silly Putty and distorts the printed image that was transferred. Soon I heard the whole family laughing as Adam was lifting my photo in the Artifacts column and was stretching my face in all directions. Even the older ones wanted in on that one.

I feel like Rodney Dangerfield when he says, "I can't get any respect around here!" By the way don't be afraid that your story or hint will seem corny, after all what could be worse than, "Artifolks" and "Artickles."

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