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The Canton Connection

TO POLAND: The Plymouth Centennial Dancers have been selected by the Polish government to perform in that nation in July. The group, which has performed in the area, consists of dancers from Plymouth, Canton and Livonia. About 100 young people, between the ages of 4 and 18, will be raising money for their trip. The dancers, part of the Polish National Alliance, are one of seven groups to be asked to perform in Poland.

FIRST BABY: The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Observer will be honoring the first baby from Canton to be born in 1986. The "First Baby of the Year" will be welcomed with a number of gifts from Canton merchants. The parents must be residents of Canton to be eligible for the gifts. Parents who believe their new baby may be eligible may call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 453-4040 or the Observer at 459-2700 before the deadline of 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10. Once the date and time of birth are verified, and the baby officially named, a family photo will be taken for publication in a January edition of the Observer. Project chairperson is Ruthann Barnaby of Michigan National Bank, Sheldon at Ford.

HONORED: Susan Dunn of Canton has received the highest achievement award in computer information systems at Madonna College for having the highest grade point average in this major. Dunn has completed 30 semester hours at Madonna. Linda Birmingham and Patti Fulton, both of Plymouth, and Laura Evans and Sharon Stepp, both of Canton, have received high achievement awards. To qualify the four had to complete a minimum of 30 semester hours with an average of at least 3.5. Birmingham is a senior marketing major, Fulton, Evans and Stepp are senior computer information systems majors.

CANTON PRIDE: This past year Ford Motor Company's "Detroit Pride" community service program was expanded to involve the suburban areas. In this area when Ford's Detroit Pride merged with Canton Pride the result was an investment of

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EARLY DEADLINES

Due to the holiday, we will be closed Wed., Jan. 1st. To place your classified ad in our Thurs., Jan 2nd edition, please call Mon., Dec. 30 before 5:00.

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Happy Holidays

3 suicides dampen holiday season

By Diane Gale
staff writer

During a nine day span — in the midst of a season known for widespread joy and good will — three likely suicides have been handled by the Canton Police Department.

"It's the season to be jolly, but for many it's a time for disappointments that lead to deep depression. Some people get so low they decide life just isn't worth the trouble, according to a local therapist.

Stresses of the holidays, cold bleak weather and financial problems are major factors contributing to suicides, said Arnold Keller, family therapist and clinical director of Psychotherapy and Counseling Services in Northville and West Bloomfield.

"Usually they are reacting to a break-up or difficulty in a romantic re-

lationship which would be the main cause of depression leading to suicidal thinking," Keller said.

Because the holidays are a time to share with loved ones, the "lack of a special someone" is emphasized, he said. In fact, this is the time of year when most suicides happen.

"There is no question that Christmas for many is a depressing experience," Keller said.

DEC. 26: A father is worried about his son failing to show for a Christmas party. The father goes to his son's home on Pallasades in Canton and finds the 29-year-old man dead in his truck which was locked in the garage.

A picture of the son with his girlfriend is lying on the dashboard.

The father described his son as being a "survivalist and a gun nut," according to a Canton Police report.

When he found his son the windows of the truck were rolled down, the key was in the ignition in the on position, the battery was dead and the gas tank was almost empty.

Depression, suicide attempts and threats were never a part of the son's life, the father told Canton Police. In fact, he said his son was "in good spirits."

DEC. 22: Canton fire and police officers respond to a "suicide or a possible accidental overdose" by a 30-year-old nurse who worked at Veterans Administration Hospital in Allen Park.

The woman's six-year-old daughter ran for help to a nearby trailer, and explained her mother was having trouble breathing, a police report said.

When the neighbor arrived, the woman was slouched over on the couch. Canton fire rescue units were unable to

revive her, and she was taken to Westland Medical Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

The woman's mother told police her daughter had been depressed recently. Officers did not find a suicide note.

DEC. 17: During the afternoon a 30-year-old Canton man takes a shotgun, walks to a wooded area near Warren and Lotz by the C&O railroad tracks, aims at his head and pulls the trigger.

He left a scribbled suicide note that cried with despair about a life he felt just wasn't worth continuing.

WHAT makes suicidal people take the final, most dramatic action?

"Clinically speaking one of the main causes is a low frustration tolerance which leads to self-doubting and unreasonable demands," Keller said.

People with these types of personali-

ty traits should seek therapy, Keller said. Relatives and friends of persons with these characteristics, Keller said, should encourage the person to seek counseling and even offer to attend the therapy for support.

"Those people who are able to accept the reality of broken relationships, problems with finances or jobs and realizing that things don't always go the way they want them to tend to be more well adjusted."

Key elements in sidestepping deep depression are to avoid loneliness, stay away from drugs, alcohol — a depressant — and "avoid exaggerating problems out of proportion," Keller said.

"Other ways to avoid depression would be to think more rationally about one's life and problems, and learn to be more patient and less demanding of yourself."



Road construction crews begin paving six miles of Canton Township roads at the onset of a \$1.4-million project.



Township officials take special pride in landing the multi-million dollar American Yazaki development in Canton.

Canton's best, worst surface during '85

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Canton Observer newspapers during 1985 reflected a growing and changing community.

Sensational criminal acts — murder, rape and kidnapping — cried out in a number of headlines. Many editions cast a bleak picture of local politics and the effects of continuous conflicts among elected officials.

Many positive stories were written, too, especially those highlighting an escalating number of new developments. Canton also proved to be a community packed with volunteers showing unyielding and inspirational energy directed at helping others.

The following is a brief glimpse of 1985 in Canton.

JANUARY:

Police chief quits

Canton Township Police Chief Jerry Cox resigns following a comprehensive study of the department citing major problems.

• Plymouth-Canton Community Schools kick off a major substance abuse program with the assistance of residents, service clubs and area business people.

• John MacDonald comes to 35th District Court.

• Two portable pumps are permanently erected to help relieve flooding in the area of Cherry Hill at Haggerty and Lotz.

• Go-ahead is given by the trustees to develop a downtown development district in the community.

FEBRUARY:

Doctor charged with wife's death

A first degree murder warrant is issued for the arrest of Dr. Charles R.

Fisher in the death of his wife, who suffocated after having her head wrapped with duct tape.

• A Canton couple whose residence mistakenly was broken into by police say the incident was so traumatic that they are seeking financial compensation.

• Terri Bennett of Canton is named 15th Congressional District party chairperson.

• Salaries for all non-union Canton Township employees jump 6 percent.

• Allen Ginsberg, radical poet popular in the '60s, lectures to high school students at Centennial Educational Park.

• Renewal of 8 mills was approved by a 2-1 margin by voters in Plymouth Canton school district.

• An alleged conspiracy is claimed to be at the heart of a Canton and Plymouth township lawsuit charging the demise of Supersewer. Officials cited in the case include Gov. Blanchard, Wayne County Executive William

Lucas and Detroit Mayor Coleman Young.

MARCH: Landmark settlement

A Canton couple is awarded a whopping \$10 million in a lawsuit charging that their son's brain damage and many physical disabilities were

due to a defective car seat.

• A public hearing is held on a liquor license transfer for Center Stage, considered a nuisance by neighboring businesses and residents bothered by rowdy patrons.

• Alfred Scicluna of Canton is charged with extortion and selling drugs in what police referred to as a major drug bust.

• Police form a task force to study and present solutions to major problems in the Canton Township Police Department.

APRIL:

Pillar of Canton dies

Hagbard (Bart) J. Berg dies at age 73. He was the owner of Bart's Nursery on Michigan Avenue and served as a president of the Canton Historical Commission. Berg was renowned for promoting Canton and was involved in many programs.

• American Yazaki Corp. stages elaborate groundbreaking ceremony for a \$10 million project serving as the American headquarters for the international corporation, which makes wiring for automotive, solar and gas industries.

• Sentences handed down against 31 men arrested for homosexual activity in two raids at an I-275 rest stop in Canton Township.

• Hot Air Balloon Festival lands in Canton. The event, previously in Plymouth Township, is expected to bring additional business and positive advertising to the community.

MAY:

New police building

Canton spends \$2 million to construct an ultra-modern building next to township hall.



Bill Bresler/staff photographer

Crazy Richard the Mad Juggler of Plymouth entertained the crowds at the Canton Country Festival.

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brevities

BREVITIES DEADLINES

Announcements for Brevities should be submitted by noon Monday for the Thursday issue and by noon Thursday for the Monday issue. Bring in or mail announcements to the Observer at 489 S. Main.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Tuesday, Dec. 31 — A New Year's Eve Party will begin with dinner at 7:30 p.m. at the Western Wayne County Conservation Association, 6700 Napier. Plymouth Open to the public. For information call Bob Leach at 425-1685.

CANTON CRICKETS

Saturday, Jan. 4 — Registration for the Canton Crickets preschool program will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, in the lower level of Canton Township Administration Building on Canton Center.

Road just south of Proctor. The state-licensed program for 3- and 4-year-olds meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday with an afternoon session 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday from Feb. 3 to June 13. The class limited to 13 pupils, is for Canton residents only. Driver's license required for proof of residency with only one registration per person. Activities include crafts, low-organized games, story time, special events, field trips, snack time. Parents are assigned snack times. For further information, call 397-1000.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

Monday, Jan. 6 — A Snowmobile Safety Class will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Jan. 6, 8, 9, and 10, in the cafeteria of Plymouth Canton High School, Canton Center Road just south of Joy, sponsored by Community Education De-

partment of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The purpose is to help youth age 12-16 and adults earn a certificate to operate a snowmobile. No charge. Register the first night of the class.

CANTON C-C LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Jan. 8 — U.S. Rep. William D. Ford, D-Taylor, whose 15th District includes Canton, will be the guest speaker for the Canton Chamber member luncheon beginning at noon in the Roman Forum Restaurant. For reservations call 453-4040.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID

Wednesday, Jan. 15 — Financial aid opportunities for students attending college next fall will be discussed at a forum beginning at 7 p.m. in Room 164 of Kresge Hall at Madonna College, 1-96 at Levan Livonia. Both parents and students are encouraged to attend.

obituaries

RALPH HUTCHINGS

Funeral services for Mr. Hutchings, 55, of Canton were held recently in Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth with burial at Riverside Cemetery. Plymouth officiating was the Rev. John N. Grentelli. Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Michigan Kresge Eye Institute.

Mr. Hutchings, who died Dec. 24 in Ann Arbor, moved to Canton from Ypsilanti in 1961. He was a gas linesman with Consumer Power, retiring Dec. 1, 1985, after 32 years employment with the company. Survivors include wife, Sharon; daughters, Sheryl Colter of Ann Arbor, Laure Clark of Canton, son, James of Westland; parents, Ida and Leslie Hutchings of Pinckney; brother, John of Dexter; sisters, Clara Gibbons of Howell, Shirley Hayes of Shelby, Mich.,

and Diana Hilden of Florida, and five grandchildren.

WILLIAM L. DYER, SR.

Funeral services for Mr. Dyer, 55, of Plymouth were held recently in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with burial at Riverside Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

Mr. Dyer, who died Dec. 19 in Livonia, was born in Ohio, Tenn., and was a longtime Plymouth resident. He was a porter for Ford Motor Co. for more than 30 years and a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Survivors include wife, Rosalind; daughters, Linda Groff of Plymouth, Vickie Lyke of Saline, Kathy Booth of Ypsilanti, LuAnne Roberts of Westland, Gail of Plymouth; son, William of Livonia; sisters, Dorothy Jones and Bea

Harris, both of Livonia; several nieces and nephews, and nine grandchildren.

MARIE A. PELLETIER

Funeral services for Mrs. Pelletier, 87, of Dearborn Heights were held recently in St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Southfield officiating was the Rev. Thomas Belczak with arrangements made by Schrader Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made in the form of Mass offerings.

Mrs. Pelletier, who died Dec. 20 in Dearborn Heights, was born in Bouchette, Quebec, Canada. Survivors include daughter, Annette Carrie of Canton; son, Ernest of Detroit; sister, Clarise Lariviere of Val Dor, Quebec; and five grandchildren.

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CHANNEL 8

MONDAY (Dec. 30)

5 p.m. Tell Me a Story — A program designed to entertain and educate children ages 3-5 about preschool subjects.

5:30 p.m. Healthierize — Tune up your body with exercises for legs, arms and waist at Total Spa in Canton.

6 p.m. Masters of Dance — Host Mary Ellen Stewart and Vickie Esser discuss tap dancing.

6:30 p.m. The Food Chain — Host Debi Silverman on dealing with stress.

7 p.m. Come Craft With Me — Grace Kable on basket making.

7:30 p.m. Girls All Stars — Specially selected group of young girls basketball stars receive recognition from their coaches and the sports people at Omnicom. Followed by boys basketball contest between Plymouth Salem and Livonia Stevenson.

9:30 p.m. Single Touch Live — J.P. McCarthy and co-hosts discuss the single scene while viewers can call in to report events for singles and to discuss problems and solutions singles face each day.

TUESDAY (Dec. 31)

(Programming canceled due to Omni-8 due to New Year's holiday.)

WEDNESDAY (Dec. 18)

(Programming canceled due to the New Year's holiday.)

CHANNEL 15

MONDAY (Dec. 30)

10:00 p.m. Total Fitness — Jackie Start helps you tone up with aerobics.

12:30 p.m. For Your Health — Host Pat Seiberras discusses child abuse.

1 p.m. Cooking With Cas — Cas prepares shrimp cakes with a fish sauce.

1:30 p.m. Michelle's Craft Show — Michelle Wozniak demonstrates how to make a fuzzy Christmas.

2 p.m. Human Images — The

We would like to take this time to express our sincere thanks for your loyalty and support and hope to continue to serve you in the New Year.

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Two devoted sisters are kept apart in "The Color Purple." Akosua Busia (left) is Nettie, Danny Glover is Mister, and Desreta Jackson is Celie as a young girl.

the movies

Dan Greenberg

'The Color Purple' shows another side of black experience

Everyone is raving about "The Color Purple" (PG-13) and for good reason. It is a superb film that will stir — and sadden — you while it rekindles your belief in love and your faith in the strength of the human spirit.

Based on Alice Walker's Pulitzer-Prize-winning work, "The Color Purple" is unusual in its frank depiction of the black experience in America, something network television ignores. For most viewers then, this picture of another kind of black slavery, by blacks, will provide unusual insight.

Most of us have a stereotypical, narrow view of black life in America, based on "Roots" and its sequels. "The Color Purple" and numerous other fictional portrayals of southern blacks oppressed by bigoted whites after Reconstruction.

It is a lesser-known fact that southern blacks held property, even black slaves, and subjected their own to other kinds of slavery. In the case of "The Color Purple," the oppression is of black women by their men.

ULTIMATELY that oppression shames and degrades the black men who have power by virtue of economic circumstance. It is to the film's great credit that we know those men understand their sins before the film's story ends.

Celie (played by Whoopi Goldberg, with Desreta Jackson as Young Celie) is closely and affectionately bound to her younger sister, Nettie (Akosua Busia). Her father (Leonard Jackson) fathers her two children which are taken from her at birth. Pa then "gives" her to Mr. Albert (Danny Glover), a young widower with children.

Mr. Albert, who is known pejoratively as "Mister," earns Celie's disdain for his abuse and shameful treatment, which relegates her to slavery. Worse, he desires her sister, Nettie. When Nettie refuses his advances, Mister drives her away, depriving Celie of her one joy in life — companionship with a kindred spirit.

Thus oppressed and repressed, Celie survives even the final indignity. Mister brings home his old love, singer Shug Avery (Margaret Avery). The singer is the daughter of the preacher (John Patton, Jr.), who will not speak to his daughter because of her unmarried, sinful life singing in the juke joints. Although Shug is damaged psychologically by her father's rejection, she has Mister completely under her thumb. He, who is so abusive of Celie, is himself a slave to Shug's every whim and wile.

UNDER SHUG'S tutelage, Celie begins to assert her long-repressed femininity and individuality. Together they explore life, and Mister's house, where ultimately they discover Nettie's letters, which Mister with unparalleled depravity has hidden from Celie for many years.

"The Color Purple" is magnificent in all regards — acting, directing, staging, music and photography. For nearly three hours, its 40-year span of southern black history in the first half of this century holds audiences spellbound.

From a directorial point of view, the film is a departure from the adventure fantasies with which Spielberg is associated. But if there was any question as to his ability to stage and direct magnificent celluloid moments, this film dispels all doubt.

The performances Spielberg elicits from an extremely talented cast touch the hardest of hearts with a tenderness and strength of spirit that is beautiful to comprehend. Goldberg matures over the 40-year span, growing from a frightened, abused girl to a woman of spirit and sensitivity, in itself a performance worth the whole show.

There are far too many excellent performances for the space here allowed. Margaret Avery's juke-joint singer, Danny Glover's abusive Mister Albert, and Oprah Winfrey, as his daughter-in-law who runs afoul of the white establishment, combine with many other characterizations in a marvelous display of ensemble acting and individual performance.

Quincy Jones' music, from juke-joint to gospel, and the touching, soft and evocative cinematography of Allen Daviau round out an absolutely magnificent movie.

wine

Richard Watson

These 3 wineries deserve attention

Some wineries seem to attract publicity readily, becoming well known to the public easily. They seem to know what to do to attract the public's eye, and wine writers as well.

Present examples are: Glen Ellen, Folie a Deux, Robert Mondavi, Stag Leap, Phelps — the list goes on.

Then there are others. Little press, no hoopla, no pizzazz. Fine wine-making skills alone are not enough to catch our attention in this very competitive and encumbered world of viniculture.

Three of them have come to my mind lately. Each deserves more attention than it normally gets. This column and others as well. All three possess quality programs, turn out fairly-priced wines and are dependable.

Wente Bros., in the Livermore Valley area east of San Francisco, easily the ugliest wine region in all of the North Coast, has been in business as an essentially family-run operation for more than a hundred years. By California standards, few rival it in durability and stability, and practically none in the value-per-dollar category as well.

BAY-AREA real-estate expansion forced Wente along with Paul Masson and Concannon, to diversify its plantings well over a decade ago. Most of its grapes now come from Monterey County to the south and it has, for many years, produced a wide line of most-succesful white wines.

Today it makes as great an array of wines as any of the quality producers and it does each with skill and a minimum of oak to modify natural flavors. Most popular around here is its Le Blanc de Blancs, an essentially Chenin Blanc blend designed for the Midwest-

ern palate. The wine's intense fruitiness appeals to the novice and occasional wine drinker (this is the first California wine I can recall ever enjoying many years ago).

More acceptance has been had in the California market with its Grey Riesling (both standard and, in some years, late harvest) and recently, a brut sparkling wine.

For the most part, its reds are to be avoided and these are happily getting to be harder to find. However, I have enjoyed its massively-styled Petite Sirah over the years.

It was informative that, in my recent quest for background on Wente wines, I had a most difficult time finding them in quality local wine stores. With a few exceptions, they have been pushed aside by other wineries in the never-ending fight for shelf space.

The second "neglected" winery is Alexander Valley Vineyards, in the heart of Sonoma County's most vital viticultural region. Now some 10 years old, A.V. originally made a whole gang of varietal wines.

At present, consistent with the trend among premium wineries, it does but four, presumably those that it judges it does best and that the marketplace will support.

THERE IS a classic, complex Cabernet Sauvignon, one true to the style of the Alexander Valley appellation and a full, wholesome Chardonnay, one often thought of as being of heroic proportions.

Since the 1981 vintage its Zinfandel has been marketed under the name "Sin Zin," all enveloped in a Bachchanian label of unusual design. Not

a profound Zinfandel, it is nonetheless a serious issue and deserves consideration. A Pinot Noir of some merit fills out the line.

When it was learned at the turn of this decade that the Disney people were about to get into the wine business, a lot of cynical faces were made.

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The foreign-born become part of their new community, their new world. There are many more students than tutors. The 17 tutors who trained in September are all tutoring at Starkweather.

THE HIGH SCHOOL musical this year will be "Hello Dolly."

Gloria Logan, head of the drama department at the Centennial Educational Park, said she wants all the ninth graders in the middle schools to have an opportunity to try out for the show.

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BEEN WONDERING about the new year and what you can contribute to life in your community? Want to look back on 1985 with feelings of accomplishment, the knowledge that you have added immeasurably to another person's capabilities? Just in time for New Year's resolutions, a conversation with Carolyn Burns of Canton Township offered some interesting possibilities.

A television crew from Channel 56 had been at Carolyn's home, interviewing her and Sharon Strean for an hour-long documentary to be aired 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Sharon is assistant director of community education for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and Carolyn is Michigan literacy coordinator for Lutheran Church Women.

Carolyn has some interesting if not startling statistics. There are 4,000 adults in the Plymouth-Canton community who cannot read and write the English language. She concedes that many of these are "new" Americans. But, on a national level, one of every five native-born Americans cannot read or write.

CAROLYN said, "I tutored a high school graduate who could not read or write. They had given him all his tests orally."

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Community Literacy Council was organized to combat this situation. Tutors work on a one-to-one basis with the adult students. The classes are private and confidential.

More tutors are needed and the literacy council is beginning a tutor training program in January. Volunteers will receive 10 hours training in the Laubach System. She explained that there are two Laubach systems — ESL (English as a secondary language) and TESOL (teaching English to speakers of other languages).

"It costs \$20 to reach one tutor. We have to live by the instructors. The project is in need of corporate funding. B. Dalton donated \$500 and McGraw Hill is a contributor."

"If I could get on a soap box in Kellogg Park, I would ask people help fund this program," Carolyn said.

SHE SAID ANY amount would help.

Checks should be made payable to the Community Literacy Council and mailed to the Adult Education Offices, Starkweather School, 550 N. Holbrook, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

Those interested in taking the tutoring course or learning the English language may call the school, 451-6555.

She said public libraries have shown a special interest in the program and stock books for low reading levels. "Ann Arbor has a good library for these," Carolyn said.

Those interested in becoming tutors should watch the Channel 56 presentation at 8 p.m. Jan. 8 for inspiration and more information.

Carolyn says she is anxious to see it. "The film crew interviewed Sharon and me in the morning, then they all left for lunch. They came back in the afternoon and filmed my son, my husband and me decorating our Christmas tree, and interviewed me." She said, "Perhaps they were making the point that tutors volunteers were everyday, normal people."

She has been involved in the adult literacy program since 1974 and has seen the differences it makes in the students' lives. They get their GED high school diplomas, their drivers licenses, better jobs and more self-esteem.

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There are no duplicates in Myrtle Demelik Grandy's doll collection. When she runs out of places to set them in the rest of the house, the overflow fills an entire double bed in the guest room.

RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Rescued dolls

Her collection decorates the house for the holidays

By Loraine McClish
 staff writer

Myrtle Demelik Grandy doesn't go up into the attic every December to bring out her Christmas ornaments to decorate the house. Instead, it's the one time of the year she brings out a collection that has been in 14 years in the making and turns her home into a showcase of dolls for holiday visitors.

Just about every flat surface in the house carries a doll or two or three. Some are clustered about the Christmas tree. Marionettes hang as mobiles. Some are attached to draperies. Some are behind glass in a showcase.

Grandy has lost count as to their number.

"There's somewhere between 300-400 now. I call them my 'rescue dolls' because I rescued them from going into oblivion," she said.

Character dolls run from Emmett Kelly to the Wizard of Oz's Scarecrow. Shirley Temple is there, along with Charlie McCarthy, Raggedy Ann and Andy, Miss Piggy, and Mary Poppins. Dolls are dressed as nuns, a majorette, an English Nanny, clowns, trolls, Indians, ballerinas, or just about any costume one could name.

She says she thinks she has a doll in native costume of "most countries." She says her favorite is The Gerber Baby.

And she got them all at garage or rummage sales.

GRANDY ADMITS to not knowing much about dolls or their make. She said she learned to tell a well-made doll from a poorly made one "just by picking them up."

"Many of them were purchased for a dollar or two, and many I know are collector's items. These are dolls that were once very popular and just aren't being reproduced or if they are in the gift and specialty shops at very high prices."

— Myrtle Demelik Grandy
 doll collector

And she never makes a concerted effort to shop for dolls, but rather, "just stops for garage sale signs."

"Many of them were purchased for a dollar or two, and many I know are collector's items. These are dolls that were once very popular and just aren't being reproduced or if they are they are in the gift or specialty shops at very high prices," she said. "Some are dolls that were made in limited editions. I don't spend a lot of money for them, but I have the feeling, when I see them in a rummage sale or somebody's garage, that if I don't rescue them they are going to be discarded."

Grady also doesn't spend a lot of time on maintenance.

"If the dress is a little soiled, a little torn, I leave it that way. I know that at one time that doll was used and played

with, enjoyed and loved. And particularly if it is a character doll I want it to stay with its original clothes," she said. "Sometimes I'll brush its hair, that's about all."

The age of the doll is also of little significance.

"If the price is reasonable and it takes my fancy, I'll buy it," she said. Once in a while she'll buy doll furniture in the spring and fall sales. "But that is only for a chair to sit them in or a bed to lay them in when they go on display for the holidays," she said.

GRANDY'S FIRST experience with buying used dolls came long before her own collection started.

"I used to belong to a church that sent items to missions in a mountain area. I would shop for dolls in church sales that were in good condition, pass them on to a friend who enjoyed dressing them, and the dressed doll would be sent on to a child who might not have a doll. That was a long time ago. I bought those dolls just to be passed on. Other than knowing that the doll could be washed and dressed up to look good enough to give as a gift I never gave another thought to it," she said.

Grandy is now a member of Grand River Baptist Church in Bedford. The retired nurse spends a couple of afternoons every week in Farmington Hills Senior Adults Center swimming and in the dance-exercise classes, and extends her fitness program to mowing her own considerable-sized back yard.

"The last time my picture was in the (Farmington) Observer you wouldn't have known me," she said. "I was in my clown outfit in the Founder's Festival Parade."

Grandy moved into Farmington Hills when it was Farmington Township 40 years ago and has lived for 32 years at her present address, though much of

her time in later years has been spent traveling. Of her doll-collecting hobby, she says, "The fun is in the collecting. Certainly not in the storing."



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KEEP MOVING THROUGH PREGNANCY
Six-week series of classes of exercises for the pregnant woman, based on yoga principles, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8 in the Before and After Shop, Ltd., 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail. The class is recommended for early pregnancy and will cover relaxation techniques, gentle stretches to keep flexibility and muscle tone, as well as specific exercises to strengthen abdominal muscles and eliminate discomforts during pregnancy.

For more information call the instructor, 459-2678, or the Childbirth and Family Resource Center, 459-2360.

SHAPE UP WITH BABY
Post-natal exercise class for mothers and babies under 7 months is slated for 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9 in Faith Community Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren Road, Canton Township. Class includes exercises for mom and baby, relaxation and breathing techniques, baby massage and informal discussions. For information call Pam Touhey, instructor, 459-2678, or Childbirth and Family Resources, 459-2360.

60-PLUS LUNCHEON
All senior citizens are invited to the 60-Plus monthly potluck luncheon at noon Jan. 6 in Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Bring a food dish to pass and your own table service. Glenn Deakin of Detroit Edison will narrate a film on "The Myths of Radiation."

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, in the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. Irene Kuehnlein and Mary Ann Reese of Monroe will present the film, "Massacre of the River Raisin 1812." Reese also will discuss the history of Monroe's French Town Days.

AMERICAN LEGION
Passage-Gayle Post 391 of the American Legion will meet at noon Sunday, Jan. 5 at 173 N. Main, Plymouth. For more information, call the Post Hotline, 455-9494, or Post Adjutant Bill Nicholas, 455-1633.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON
Members of the Plymouth Newcomers Club have until noon Monday, Jan. 8, to make reservations for their January luncheon. Call Barb, 451-0796, or Rose, 455-0113. Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at Northville Charlie's on Seven Mile for hospitality with lunch at noon. Guest speaker will be Lorene Green, handwriting analyst. Admission is \$5.

EXPECTANT ADOPTIVE PARENT CLASSES

Registrations now are being accepted for a series of five weekly classes for families wanting to adopt a child up to 2 years of age. Classes begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at Bagford Hospital. Classes will provide information on the physical care of an infant, growth and development, selecting infant clothes and accessories, common infant health problems and child safety. The classes also provide an opportunity to explore parenthood and adoption. To be an adoptive parent, to register and for more information call Terry or Jim Allor, project directors, 459-7383.

BRADLEY CHILD BIRTH METHOD
An eight-week series of classes in the Bradley Method of Natural Childbirth is planned as well as early pregnancy classes. For more information and to register, call 453-9171.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AARP TAX RETURN PROGRAM
Volunteers are needed to help senior citizens fill out their tax returns. Classes are planned the first two weeks in January to train the volunteers for the program sponsored by the local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons. The free tax-help sessions will begin in February and run for 10 weeks through April 15. Volunteers pledge four hours per week of their time. For information or to volunteer, call Marion Elton, 455-1890.

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MOMS AND TOT MORNING PLAY
A Morning Play Group for Moms and Tots sponsored by the Canton Newcomers will be on the fourth Friday of each month in members' homes. It's back and relax over coffee with other mothers of infants and preschoolers while they play. For reservations and more information, call Linda, 981-0727.

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CANTON JAYCEES INVITE NEW MEMBERS
The Canton Jaycees encourages all men and women 18-35, who are interested in leadership training, personal growth and management skills, to attend the monthly general membership meetings. Group meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the Roman Forum Restaurant, Ford Road. For more information, call Patti Kelly, 721-3959.

VFW PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Mayflower Lt. Gamble Ladies Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars will have a pancake breakfast the first Sunday of every month at the VFW Hall, 1426 S. Mill, just north of Ann Arbor Road. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, toast and French toast. Cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 5 and under.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN SENIORS
The 50-Up Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the church on Warren Road, west of Sheldon. New members may attend. For information, call Betty Gruchala, president.

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP
Institute for the Study of Eating Disorders sponsors support groups for family and friends of persons suffering from eating disorders 6-7:30 p.m. every other Friday at the suite 2380 at Orchard Lake Road, Suite 201, Farmington Hills. For information, call 474-1144.

BROWNIES, JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS
All Bird Elementary School girls in grades 1-3 are eligible to become Brownie Girl Scouts. Those in grades 4-6 can become Junior Girl Scouts. To get in on the fun, call Judi Clemens, 453-3615, for information.

U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Canton Flotilla 11-11 meets the fourth Tuesday of the month in Room 2510, Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, just west of Canton. The comparatively new flotilla welcomes new members. Call Robert Kinsler, 455-2678, for information.

TAKE OFF POUNDS
TOPS Chapter 1236 meets every Thursday evening in Faith Community Church, 46001 Warren, Canton. Weight-in starts at 6:30 p.m., with a meeting following, 7-8 p.m. For information, call 981-0446.

CIVIL AIR PATROL
U.S. Air Force Auxiliary Squadron 16-1 invites interested people to attend its weekly meetings, 6:30-10 p.m. Thursdays on the fourth floor of the main building, Willow Run Airport. Any U.S. citizen 13 years of age and older may become a volunteer. For information, call Robert Eizen, commander, 326-9673.

OPTIMISTS
Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month in the Miles Standish Room of the Mayflower Hotel, Plymouth and Canton residents may call 453-8547 for membership information.

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

CANTON BPW
Canton Business and Professional Women meets 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 7:30. Dinner charge is \$7.50 per person. Call Susan Pack, 455-0873, for information.

SWEET ADELINES
Midwest Harmony Chapter of Sweet Adelines reharmonies in the Senior Citizen Fire Station Center, 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, just south of Plymouth Road. Women who like to sing four-part harmony may attend. For information, call Pat Daubennier of Canton, 981-4098, or Barbara Williams of Westland, 721-3861.

ZESTERS
Zesters, a club for Canton residents 55 and older, meets at 12:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan at Sheldon. Membership fees are \$1 to join and \$1.50 per month. For more information about the club, call the Canton senior citizen office, 397-1000, Ext. 278.

CIVITAN CLUB
The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. Men and women may attend 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 453-2206 for more information.

TOASTMASTERS
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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 Thursdays of each month for two hours.

MAYFLOWER-LT. GAMBLE POST VFW
Mayflower-Lt. Gamble 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.

CANTON ROTARY
Canton Rotary Club meets at noon Monday in the Roman Forum on Ford Road between Haggerty and Lilley. Lunch is \$5. For information, call Richard Thomas, 453-9191.

FRIENDSHIP STATION
The Plymouth Township Senior Citizens Club, a group of Plymouth Township and city of Plymouth residents 55 and older, meets noon to 3 p.m. Fridays at the Friendship Station for cards or crafts and 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays for pinocle. They also have a pool table for members' use. New members from the township or city may attend. For information, call Eugene Sund, 420-0671.

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, 427-9450, operates 24 hours a day.

new voices

Paul and Jeri Foley of Canton Township announce the birth of their son, Michael Joshua Foley, Nov. 18 in Annapolis Hospital. Grandmothers are Mildred Foley of Springfield, Mass., and LaVelle Jenkins of Keego Harbor.

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Kay-Beeler
John and Elaine Kay of Leighwood Drive, Plymouth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Paula Lynn, to Bob Beeler, son of Robert and Flora Beeler of Jamison, Livonia. The bride-elect graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1981 and from Prosser Hospital, School of Diagnostic Radiologic Technology in 1985. She is employed by Livonia Family Practice Center. Her fiancé graduated from Livonia Churchill High School in 1980 and from Detroit Institute of Aeronautics in 1984. He is employed by Republic Airlines.
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Iafrate feels right at home

By Brad Emons
staff writer

The fans never filed out of Joe Louis Arena more disgusted Red Wing diehards were insulted by their team's latest escapade.

By contrast, the Toronto Maple Leafs' dressing room was buzzing over their come-from-behind 5-4 victory Thursday night over the Wings.

The Leafs, fighting to stay out of last place in the National Hockey League's Norris Division, erased a 4-0 deficit capped by Peter Ichniack's game-winning goal with three seconds left.

For Al Iafrate, the Leafs' 19-year-old defenseman from Livonia, the feeling was just right. He was home for the holidays and playing before family and friends.

Once he dreamed of playing for the Wings, but now he had a part in beating them, collecting two assists on the night.

"It's always a thrill to play here," said Iafrate, who left 25 complimentary tickets. "We knew this was the biggest game of the season so far and we arose to the occasion."

THE VICTORY by the injury-riddled Leafs put them ahead of Detroit by five points in the playoff chase.

"This is the biggest victory of my career, but my career hasn't been too long," Iafrate added. "But it's still a pretty good feeling."

With injuries to Borge Salming, Brad Maxwell and Wendel Clark, the Leafs' defensive reins have been handed over to the Bentley High School product.

"You can see Al's grown up in a year," said Toronto Sun beat writer Jim O'Leary. "He's rushing the puck more and playing with confidence. The last two months he's been their best defenseman. And he's the best 200-pound (plus) skater in the league."

Iafrate, who made the U.S. Olympic Team at 17, came to the Leafs with high expectations after being taken fourth overall in the 1984 NHL Draft. But the talented defenseman has

been beset by mishaps, which have been well chronicled in the press. Before his rookie season, Iafrate was charged with careless driving when he flipped his car near Toronto. Then he was charged with mischievous behavior in an incident over in Windsor.

AND WHEN HE reported to training camp, Iafrate weighed in at a hefty 241 pounds. Then he was involved in a fight with Buffalo's Sean McKenna during an exhibition game, fracturing his cheekbone and nose. So distressed, he left training camp and spent two days at home, contemplating his hockey future, only to return to the Leafs.

With his jaw wired shut, Iafrate missed the first five regular season games.

"That was the best thing that ever happened to him," said O'Leary. "He couldn't eat so he lost the weight in a hurry."

Right now he's everything the Leafs expect and even ahead. They're happy with him, and they'll be patient with him."

Toronto coach Dan Maloney, according to O'Leary, is Iafrate's biggest booster.

"In all fairness to Al he had a tough season last year," said the Toronto coach. "But he came back through some tough times."

"He can be as good as he wants to be. He has all the tools. He's a big man and a powerful player."

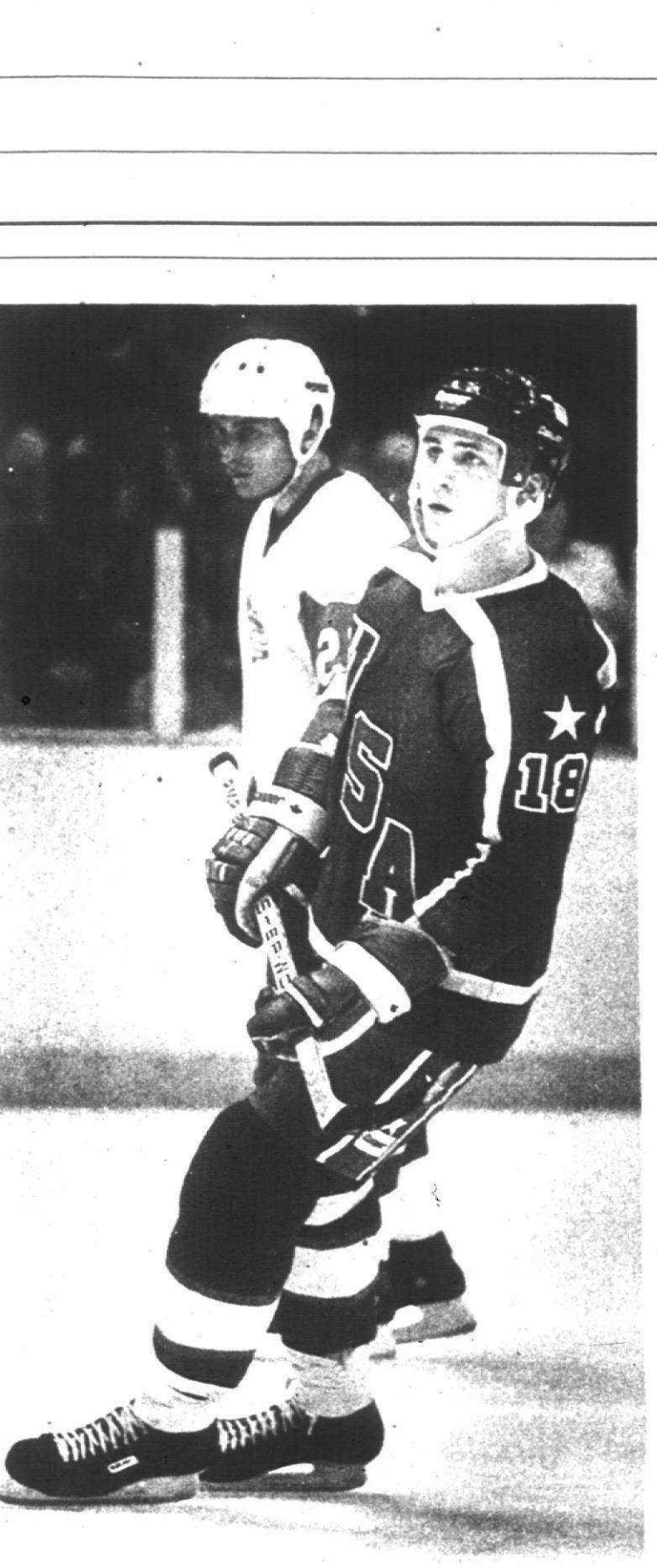
THE 6-FOOT-3, 220-pound defenseman feels more comfortable with his role.

"It's probably all confidence," Iafrate said. "When you're not confident, you start to hesitate and that leads to mistakes. Right now I know when or when not to rush the puck."

The statistics show that Iafrate is better than a year ago. Through Thursday night he had three goals and 18 assists for 21 points.

It appears he's already turned the corner. His point total all last season was 21.

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Al Iafrate of Livonia has come a long way since his days on the 1984 U.S. Olympic hockey team. He is a front-line defenseman with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Briggs caught in coach's vise

The scene: Knoxville, Tenn. The site: a hotel on the grounds of the 1982 World's Fair.

The pavilions have become skeletal. Only a global-like structure remains. "Big Orange" is the talk around town. University of Tennessee fans flow when they talk about their upcoming game with Miami in the Sugar Bowl.

Meanwhile, the University of Tennessee was also hosting a basketball tournament, appropriately called the Volunteer Classic, the weekend of Dec. 20 and 21. The participants: Tennessee, University of North Carolina-Wilmington, Furman and Baylor.

Basketball plays second fiddle to football in Knoxville. Neyland Stadium fills 90,000 on a football Saturday, while merely 10,000 file into an antiquated place for basketball called Stokely Athletics Center. They make you sit in folding chairs instead of cushioned seats.

It was opening night of the Volunteer Classic and I found myself standing in front of the Will Call window with Washington Bullets' scout Bill Gardner.

IRONICALLY, Gardner had to pay \$7 for his ticket, while I got in for free. "It's our league's policy," said an apologetic Tennessee coach Don DeVoe to Gardner in the lobby.

"At LSU they treat to a buffet meal and a seat right on the floor," grumbled Gardner.

We were both there primarily for the same reason — to see former Schoolcraft College All-American Carlos Briggs play.

You remember Briggs? He was the gunner who led the nation in scoring at 30 points per game at Schoolcraft. He also averaged 20 points per game last season, second to only Arkansas' Joe Kleine in the Southwest Conference.

Briggs and his Baylor teammates have been in the news a lot lately, not for winning basketball games, but for what penalties the NCAA has planned.

Baylor has been caught cheating and is awaiting the guillotine.

THE TEAM'S top seven players including Briggs, were almost left home. They were scheduled to be suspended for the Volunteer Classic. Baylor President Dr. Herbert Reynolds, who cooperated with the investigation on the al-

leged violations, appealed the suspensions, winning a stay of execution. The NCAA still plans to put Baylor on probation, but its case has been put before a review board.

Baylor is paying for the sins of coach Jim Haller, who was fired at the end of last year in wake of the disclosures. The Baptist-affiliated school, tarnished by allegations of payoffs and blackmail by some of its players, rectified the situation by hiring a Bobby Knight clone — Gene Iba from Houston Baptist.

Iba's bloodlines are rich. He's the nephew of former Oklahoma A&M and longtime U.S. Olympic basketball coach Hank Iba.

Iba copies his uncle to a fault — strict man-to-man defense and a continuous passing game offense.

THE LAW ACCORDING TO Iba: When you make a mistake, you're coming out of the ballgame. When you're late to breakfast, you don't eat. When you don't practice hard the day of a game, you don't play.

With little time to recruit, Iba was forced to cope with Haller's players, strictly playing types from such places as the Bronx, Brooklyn, Detroit and Dallas.

Briggs, a fifth-year senior guard, is currently riding a rollercoaster. He averages 13 points and leads the team in steals and assists despite getting only 19 minutes a game. But he's been suspended three days from practice because he hasn't worked hard enough.

He also missed Saturday night's consolation game with Furman (a 58-55 Baylor win) because of his work habits. It was only a weekend earlier that Briggs was named to the Drake Classic's All-Tournament team after scoring 18 and 17 points, respectively. He played only three minutes against Vanderbilt (an 84-61 loss) because of his practice habits. But in the opening

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Who said hockey was only a kid's game?



Paul Carey of Canton tries to limber up prior to game time in the adult National Novice Hockey Association housed in Westland.

By Tom Henderson
staff writer

Brian Heskett, 8, leaned against the outside of the boards at the Westland Multipurpose Arena Sunday night and watched the skaters awkwardly work their way around the ice. "I sure wish I was out there, now," he said wistfully.

Out there, 30 novice hockey players — all of them adults — were learning how to play the game. Brian's dad, Dan, was one of them.

In a neat reversal of roles, Brian bolstered occasional encouragement when his dad skated by. Brian wore a green jacket, with hockey patches on the arms and chest. One of them proclaimed Brian, a winger for the American Speedy Printing team in Canton, a member of the hat-trick club, meaning he has scored three goals in a game, a standard of excellence. Usually, it's his dad cheering for him.

"He's always coming to my games. I figured I'd come and watch him," explained Brian, his eyes scanning the rink. "There he is: No. 30. HEY, DAD!"

THAT'S WHAT happens to a lot of our players," said Greg Campbell. "They never played hockey when they were kids, but now that their kids are playing, they get into it and want to learn how to play themselves."

Campbell works for the National Novice Hockey League, the brainchild of a Washington, D.C., businessman named Ashley Root. Seven years ago, Root, who had become a fan of the Washington Capitals of the NHL, decided he wanted to learn to play. That's easier said than done for adults, who are expected to know the game when they join teams.

"Root joined a men's league and paid his money," explained Campbell, "but he never played and when he did, he never touched the puck."

So, in 1980 Root formed a four-team instructional league in Washington for adults. Today, there are NHL leagues and more than 5,000 players in 14 metropolitan areas — New York, Detroit, Minneapolis, San Francisco, Chicago, St. Louis, Phoenix, Los Angeles, San Diego.

For information on joining next season, call Campbell at 968-9200.

ego, Philadelphia, Boston, Hartford, Denver and Washington.

This is the first year in Detroit for the league. Campbell, a Sarnia, Ontario, native who played in travel leagues there, arrived here in November from Los Angeles, league headquarters and its hottest city, with 54 teams, to organize things. Already, the league has 14 teams and rents weekly ice time in six arenas — in Berkley, St. Clair Shores, Westland, Melvindale, Wyandotte, and Fraser. "We projected 12 teams, now we're pleased," said Campbell. "And we've got a waiting list for people who want to sign up."

"These guys aren't too bad, actually," said Campbell, referring to the skaters loosening up in front of him. "They're novices, of course, but novices in Detroit aren't like novices, say, in Phoenix. Here, everybody's at least skated before."

'85 leaves legacy of memories

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

A YEAR OF change, a year of champions, a year of controversy.

The year 1985 was all of that and more in terms of Observerland sports.

A year of change: Observerland's oldest active league disbanded and its premier league expanded. The Northwest Suburban League — the one that featured North Farmington, John Glenn, Garden City, Livonia Franklin, Redford Union and Redford Thurston for 20 years — died. North, Glenn and Franklin joined with the Western Lakes Activities Association, making it a 12-team league.

A year of champions: Four Observerland teams captured the top prize available to high school athletics, the state championship. Livonia Stevenson won titles in both girls and boys soccer. Redford Catholic Central claimed the boys tennis title last spring and, most recently, Livonia Ladywood garnered its second girls basketball title in three years.

A year of controversy: The new Western Lakes alignment caused some friction between coaches and athletic directors over scheduling procedures. A proposed new prep football playoff system stirred some debate last spring. Coaching changes, coaching vacancies, a new rule involving basketball coaches and their department during games, even the Observerland boys track and field competition spurred controversy in 1985.

What follows is a non-inclusive list of some of the major local stories that graced Observerland sports pages the past year:

THE U.S. OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT: It is rare when an international sporting event of this magnitude comes to our neighborhood. But, there it was, in all its splendor, at the Oakland Hills Golf and Country Club in Bloomfield Township. And it provided us with supreme drama. While Tze-Chung Chen collapsed during the final round, Andy North surged to victory. Who among those who care can forget Chen's double-hit chip shot?

EMILY WAGNER, MISS BASKETBALL: Polite, personable and charming off the court, dazzling, inspired and in control on the court, this Ladywood graduate became only the fourth person ever to win the coveted title of Miss Basketball. Her year wasn't all cake and ice cream, however. After accepting a basketball scholarship to Stanford University, she seriously injured her knee. As of Dec. 14, she still hadn't stepped onto the basketball floor.

JOHN MILLER TO MSU: After a year's worth of speculation, the two-time All-American football star from Farmington Harrison called a press conference in March and announced he would be playing football for George Perles at Michigan State. He played a reserve's role much of the 1985 season, but is considered a key component in the Spartans' future plans.

GEORGE VAN WAGONER RETIRES: After 33 years and 492 victories, one of Observerland's most respected basketball coaches called it a career last March. Van Wagoner guided Stevenson to a 19-4 mark his final year. Jim McIntyre, former Franklin coach, was named Van Wagoner's successor later in the year.

HALL OF FAME COACHES: Four Observerland football coaches were honored by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association in April with inductions into the association's Hall of Fame. Harvey Heitman (ex of Redford Union), Ken Kaestner (Livonia Churchill), Jack Reardon (Stevenson) and Tom Moshimer (Plymouth Salem) were feted.

NEW GRID PLAYOFF FORMAT: This issue, ongoing for nearly a decade, was finally decided last May. The Michigan High School Athletic Association grudgingly voted to expand the football playoff system from 16 teams to 64 teams (16 in each of the four enrollment classifications). Although football coaches from across the state politicked long and hard for the expansion, the MHSAA OK'd the new plan by just one vote.

JOHN SANDMANN RETIRES: A major architect of the Observerland sports scene, in particular the Western Lakes Activities Conference, Plymouth-Canton Community School District athletic director John Sandmann retired last May. He had served this area for 37 years.

OBSERVERLAND TRACK MEET: Always an exciting event, the 1985 Observerland Track and Field Meet took on a new dimension of excitement. First, Observerland's Track Man of the Year, Bishop Borgess's Fred Owens, and four of his teammates were suspended from the team prior to the meet. What was to be a cinch win for Borgess, suddenly became anyone's meet. Churchill and Salem were the ones to come forward. Host Churchill won, barely. Some Salem backers are still seething over a hotly debated disqualification ruling against a Rock runner that wound up costing them the meet.

SCHOOLCRAFT INTERNATIONAL: In May, Schoolcraft Community College was the site of a rare athletic contest. A basketball team from the People's Republic of China played the state's AAU team featuring John McIntyre and Terry Mills. The AAU boys prevailed in a thrilling 89-85 battle. Later in the year, Schoolcraft hosted a girls basketball tournament featuring a team from Sweden.

YVETTE MAISON, TRANSFER: This Farmington Hills Mercy junior just wanted to make the starting lineup when she showed up at coach Larry Baker's team camp over the summer. She got much more. A transfer from Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher, Maison was first ruled ineligible for the season by the MHSAA. After an appeal from Mercy and a lawsuit filed by the Maison family, the MHSAA retracted its first ruling and allowed her to play.

GEORGE SOMMERMAN, RESIGNS: Shock waves were sent through the Observerland girls basketball community in mid-October when Westland John Glenn coach George Sommerman quit his post after a 7-2 start. He said at the time: "I've been shot at by parents a little bit, and it got kind of vicious. I tried to forgive and forget, but I kept remembering."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: The fall of 1985 was made extra special by the scores of local athletes playing college football across the nation. Closest to home were Mark Messner at U-M and John Mil-

ler and Dave Houle at MSU. But there were many more.

CC, GLENN AND TONY BOLES: Catholic Central, after getting jolted by Notre Dame, ran off wins against De La Salle, Divine Child, Fordson and Grosse Pointe North before bowing to Troy in the semifinals of the Class A football playoffs. John Glenn, buoyed by the brilliance of halfback Tony Boles, went 9-1 on the season and scored a thrilling victory over Farmington Harrison to win the Western Lakes title.

SCHOOLCRAFT VOLLEYBALL: Coach Tom Teeters took a band of hungry volleyball players way beyond their expected destination this fall. Besides winning league and state titles and several major tournaments, the team placed fifth in the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament in Miami.

LOIS McDONALD RETIRES: After 20 successful seasons as coach of the Livonia Stevenson girls swim team, Lois McDonald said so-long. Before bowing out, though, she took her team to a second-place finish at the state meet.

Of course, 1985 provided many more sports highlights. Quickly, here are a few more of the year's major achievements:

The four aforementioned state champions... The Farmington Harrison baseball team for advancing all the way to the state semifinals... The Livonia Franklin softball team who made it to the state finals... The O&E Girls Soccer Classic which ended in a thrilling 4-4 tie... Jodie Balogh and Jared Swallow who won the national ice dancing competition at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships... Plymouth Salem's Wendy Gilles who won the Class A No. 1 singles title... Kara McGrath, ex of Farmington Hills Mercy, who helped the University of Texas swim team to its second consecutive NCAA swim title... Melba Hatch of Canton who at age 54 set a national age group record for a two-mile run... The Westland Federation Mickey Mantle baseball team who won the national world series... Geraldyn Repasky and Jerry Thomas, champions of the O&E Golf Tournaments... Gary Whitener, pro at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course who was named president of the Michigan PGA.

basketball standings

The following are the standings for the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association through Dec. 21.

BOYS A		BOYS AA	
Spurs	8-0	Celtics	8-1
Knicks	6-2	Lakers	6-3
Jazz	4-4	Pistons	5-4
Pacers	3-5	Jazz	4-5
Chiefs	2-6	Spurs	3-6
Lakers	1-7	Knicks	1-8

Results: Lakers 92, Spurs 71; Celtics 96, Pistons 82; Jazz 108, Knicks 90; Celtics 79, Pistons 72; Spurs 93, Knicks 61; Lakers 90, Jazz 67.

National		BOYS AAA	
Bullets	8-0	Spurs	4-1
Pistons	6-2	Pistons	3-2
Kings	5-3	Bucks	3-2
Celtics	3-5	Jazz	0-5
Hawks	1-7		
Suns	1-7		

Results: Pistons 68, Suns 61; Bullets 61, Celtics 39; Chiefs 49, Jazz 47; Knicks 63, Lakers 46; Spurs 55, Pacers 45; Chiefs 53, Hawks 52; Jazz 36, Pacers 35; Spurs 47, Knicks 37; Celtics 64, Suns 63; Pistons 58, Kings 55; Bullets 65, Lakers 42.

GIRLS AA		GIRLS B	
Strikers	8-0	T-Birds	6-0
Astros	4-4	Dolphins	5-1
Flames	4-4	Blues	3-3
Robins	3-5	Magics	2-3
Jets	3-6	Wings	1-5
Hawks	2-5	76ers	0-5

Results: T-Birds 25, Blues 18; Wings 24, 76ers 10; Dolphins 30, Magics 27; T-Birds 33, Dolphins 25; Blues 31, Wings 22; Blues 29, 76ers 19; Dolphins 51, Wings 31; T-Birds 32, Magics 29.

Tough season for Briggs

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game, Briggs came off the bench to spark Baylor to a win over Oral Roberts.

Although it was clearly evident that Baylor cannot win without Briggs, Iba is letting everybody know he's in control.

IT DOESN'T MATTER that players feel uptight and aren't having fun. Against Furman, a team no better than Wayne State, Baylor struggled. But after being asked about Briggs' latest benching, Iba pointed to his team's 7-3 record.

Very deceiving, Gene, you've beaten Furman, Idaho State, Oral Roberts, Southwestern Texas, Concordia Lutheran, Texas Lutheran and Angelo State.

When the Southwest Conference schedule convenes, Baylor will be back at the bottom.

Gardiner said it was tough to evaluate Briggs' performance after he played only 18 minutes in a boring 58-56 loss to Wilmington.

I'd say it's about time to remove the handcuffs.

Canton hot-shots fare well

Canton Township was well-represented at the NBA/Pepsi Cola Hotshot basketball program area finals at Wayne State University.

Jeff Hopson placed seventh out of 34 cities in the 9-12 boys age group. He missed qualifying for further competition by three points.

Brian Paupore finished sixth overall in the 13-15 boys age group.

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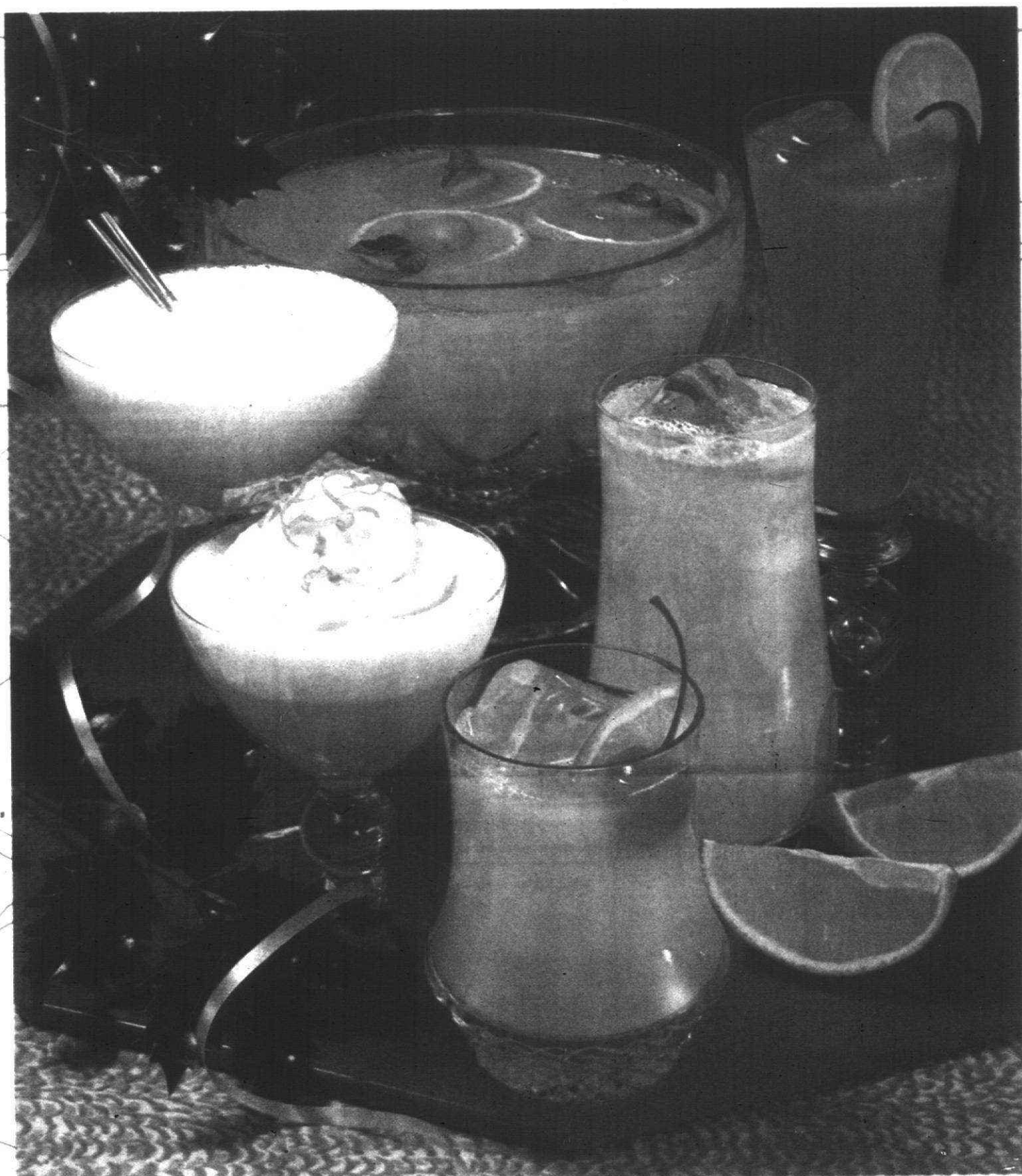
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Holiday Entertaining Cocktails or Mocktails?



One of the most recent and newsworthy trends in partying is the increasing number of guests who ask for refreshments without spirits. Whether it's because people are "designated drivers" for the evening, health-and-fitness aficionados, or simply do not drink alcohol for health or personal reasons—more and more liquorless drinks are being served at private parties and fashionable cocktail lounges. ♣

Bartenders call the new libations "mocktails" and are busy creating new combinations as pleasing to the palate as they are refreshing. Some are pre-dinner drinks, some are drinks to be enjoyed throughout the evening and some round

off a meal as a potable dessert with panache!

The best of these newcomers are easy to duplicate at home. Fruit juices appear to be the most popular base, with orange and grapefruit juices taking the lead. Citrus juices from Florida retain their sunny, piquant flavor and blend well with other ingredients.

Here is a selection ranging from an Orange Sour to a Grapefruit Daiquiri to suit any taste. All can be turned into "cocktails" with the addition of rum or vodka, but on their own they add zesty Florida sunshine to your holiday parties. As a bonus, most are as easy to prepare as an ordinary highball.

Sangrita

- 2 cups Florida orange juice, chilled
- 2 cups tomato juice, chilled
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 3 tablespoons chopped, canned, green chilies
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- Orange slices, and fresh chili peppers for garnish

In container of electric blender combine orange juice, tomato juice, lime juice, chopped chilies, onion and Worcestershire. Cover. Blend until smooth. Serve in chilled glasses. Garnish with orange slices and fresh chili peppers, if desired.
 YIELD: 5 cups; 3 to 4 servings.

Tallahassee Tonic

- 2/3 cup Florida orange juice
- 1/2 cup tonic water
- Ice

Pour ingredients into a tall, ice-filled glass. Garnish with a wedge of fresh orange or lime, if desired.
 YIELD: 1 serving.

Orange Macaroon

- 2 cups Florida orange juice
- 2 cups crushed ice
- 1/2 cup canned coconut cream
- 3/4 teaspoon almond extract
- Whipped cream and shredded orange peel for garnish

In container of electric blender combine orange juice, ice, coconut cream and almond extract. Cover. Blend. Serve in chilled glasses. Garnish with whipped cream and shredded orange peel.
 YIELD: 4 servings.

Orange Sour

- 1 cup Florida orange juice
- 3/4 cup apricot nectar
- 1 envelope (9/16 oz.) instant whiskey sour drink mixer
- 1/2 cup crushed ice
- Orange slices
- Maraschino cherries for garnish, if desired

Combine ingredients in container of a blender and process 15 seconds. Pour into tall glasses filled with ice. Garnish with an orange slice and maraschino cherry, if desired.
 YIELD: 2 servings.

Merry Berry Holiday Punch

- 6 cups Florida orange juice
- 2 cups cranberry juice cocktail
- 2 packages (10 ounces each) frozen quick-thaw strawberries in syrup
- 3 cups gingerale
- Ice
- Orange slices, fresh strawberries and mint for garnish

In a large bowl combine orange juice, cranberry juice and strawberries. Add gingerale and ice just before serving. If desired, float orange slices, strawberries and mint on top.
 YIELD: Approximately 13 1/2 cups; 18 servings.

Grapefruit Daiquiri

- 1 cup Florida grapefruit juice
- 3/4 cup bottled daiquiri mix
- 1 ripe banana, peeled
- 1 cup crushed ice

In the container of an electric blender combine grapefruit juice, daiquiri mix and banana; cover; blend until smooth. Add ice and process a few seconds longer until combined. Serve in daiquiri or cocktail glasses.
 YIELD: 2 servings.

