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VFW FORMING: An effort is being made to organize a Veteran of Foreign Wars post in Canton. Most Canton residents who served overseas in the U.S. military forces and belong to the VFW attend the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble post at Mill and Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

A meeting to measure interest will be held at 8 p.m. today at Fire Station Number 1, Cherry Hill at Canton Center. Twenty-five persons are needed to start a post and so far only 20 have indicated an interest. Individuals interested in Canton having its own VFW are encouraged to attend tonight's meeting.

REMEMBERING THE REV. MACKINNON: The music ministry of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth will present an Advent Music Series of four programs during December, dedicated to the memory of its former pastor the late Rev. Kenneth MacKinnon.

Each Thursday in December a 30-minute noon-hour concert of organ music will take place in the church featuring: Larry Schou, director of music, St. Mary Church in Wayne on Dec. 4; Margaret Thomsen, assistant organist at Counsel, Dec. 11; Michael Johns, director of music at OLGC on Dec. 18. The community is invited to attend 12:15-12:45 p.m. each Thursday. The fourth in the series will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, with a Christmas concert by the parish choir, handbell choirs, and other parish musicians. Excerpts from Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," accompanied by harpist Clare Ross, will be featured as well as congregational carol singing. The concert will be followed by a short advent vespers.

ORNAMENT CONTEST: For the fourth year in a row, McDonald's of Canton will sponsor a Christmas ornament contest for Canton senior citizens. There will be awards for first and second place for the funniest, most original, and prettiest ornaments. Entries must be placed in a clear plastic bag with the creator's name, address and phone number enclosed. Judging will take place at the St. Nick Frolic on Dec. 3. Ornaments can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Canton Senior office. All ornaments will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

THINK SPRING: Johnnie Crosby, local watercolorist, has just been notified she is one of 25 finalists for the "Art and Flowers: A Festival of Spring Calendar '87," sponsored by the Founders Society of Detroit Institute of Arts.

The painting she submitted is a watercolor of a large red California Poppy. The paintings will be exhibited in the tri-county area sometime in the coming months. An award of \$1,000, donated by AAA, will be presented to the winner. Johnnie Crosby exhibited her work in a solo show at the University of Michigan Woman's League Cafeteria during the month of November.

SHARING: This year video retailers have been invited to take part in the Focus:HOPE project. Share With a Senior. Neighborhood Video at 1684 Lilley, Canton, has located a food bin inside its store to accept donations. Store hours are noon to 9 p.m. weekdays, noon to 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, noon to 8 p.m. Sundays.

School officials remove film ban

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

A profanity-filled film banned in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools by Superintendent John Hoben now may be shown under certain conditions, a committee charged with examining the issue has ruled.

The showing of "The Breakfast Club," an R-rated movie about four students serving a day of detention, caused communitywide controversy after Diane Daskalakis, a former school board candidate, lodged a complaint with the district claiming the movie is unsuitable for the classroom.

Local activist and born-again Christian Daskalakis appealed the decision Monday. She says 725 residents are interested in joining "Citizens for Better Education," an organization she is forming to study teaching methods in Plymouth-Canton schools.

"The Breakfast Club" was shown to psychology students as part of a unit on interpersonal communication.

IN ITS REPORT, the committee said, "Materials are not irrelevant merely because they are controversial."

"The central issue is whether it aids the student in understanding the subject and whether or not the material is reasonable in light of the level of maturity of pupils and objectives of the course material."

"The showing of 'The Breakfast Club' can serve a legitimate educational purpose when done in the proper educational environment."

A school administrator, librarian, teacher and two parents served on the committee.

Psychology students in grades 10-12 only may view the film. For students under age 17, parental consent is required. An administrator must ensure guidelines are met, the report says.

HOBEN'S BANNING of "The Breakfast Club" was met with a public outcry, prompting the Plymouth-Canton school board to form the committee.

Teachers at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools, who spent hours completing reports as part of the inquiry, are relieved a decision has been reached.

"I look at it very positively," said Joanne Hart, a Salem psychology teacher who showed "The Breakfast Club" last year.

"They've acknowledged the fact that we had a purpose — that our goals and objectives fit perfectly

into our unit and that the movie had educational value."

Students who saw the film gained a greater sensitivity to their own social groups and learned about the impact of drugs on people's behavior, she added.

Hart estimates that she and other staff members spent more than 23 hours each answering committee questions — time that could have been better spent.

"I really feel we have good professionals on our staff that follow the procedures and that this was not necessary."

"I spent many, many hours answering questions for the committee, giving alternative activities and going over goals and objectives when I could have been spending time on things in the present," said Hart.

Daskalakis "has a right to make her concerns known but needs to trust more in the fact that teachers are professionals who care about kids and are not going to do anything that would be harmful to them," she added. "We have administrators who are doing their job, supervising."

DASKALAKIS DISAGREED.

"These are very sad times that our schools have stooped so low as to show R-rated movies with filthy language, open use of drugs and immoral discussion of sex," she said.

"We adults were not taught this way, and I don't think we should settle for our kids to be subjected to the profanity in 'The Breakfast Club.' These are our children, and they do not belong to the state as in some countries."

"We parents and adults are to be held responsible before our Lord and the courts for the teachings of our children," Daskalakis said she filed her complaint after listening to students' parents talk about their frustration.

Daskalakis, mother of two high school graduates and a Plymouth jewelry store owner, said Citizens for Better Education will begin meeting in January.

"Anyone wanting to be a part or attend a meeting the third week in January, which will present a complete presentation of the teachings of the occult and R-rated movies in the schools, should call 459-8480 or 455-8842," she said.

Daskalakis' appeal will be heard by Hoben.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Pam Kosteva endured hard times when she first bought her business. Now a willingness to go the extra mile sustains it.

Merchant uses personal touch to wow customers

By Susan Buck
staff writer

Pam Kosteva bends over the display case and gingerly rearranges the gourmet items within. Many of these items will be sent across the country and Canada during December as contents of a holiday food basket.

The holidays are a hustle-bustle time for Kosteva, 38, who with husband David has owned The Cheese and Wine Barn on Forest Avenue in downtown Plymouth for six years.

Custom-made food baskets are their specialty. Through their company, New Departures Inc., Kosteva is prepared to meet the challenge of another active holiday season.

"Everybody is so busy nowadays," said Kosteva. "Folks look for ideas that are quick and unique."

WHEN THE Kostevas bought the store in 1981, Pam had no idea that her forte would become specialty food and wine basket preparation.

She admits she was a bit naive when she took over the business helm. But today, her conversation reveals the keen entrepreneurial skill of a seasoned merchant.

"The economy of the Detroit area crashed literally months after we bought the store. The first year was very difficult. I had to look at other ideas and leads to keep sales up. I began to contact commercial and industrial businesses in the area."

"I started knocking on doors. Customers aren't going to come to you. You have to go to them. There's a market out there. I probably do 200-250 baskets a month for clients."

Because the food specialty business is so competitive, Kosteva hesitates to reveal the names of her clients.

people

Kosteva has made chocolate eyeglass frames for DOC Optometric Centers. One of her earliest food basket clients was Don Massey Cadillac, Plymouth. She does not do baskets with fruit in them because she doesn't feel fruit is unique.

KOSTEVA ADMITS she cannot price compete with mail order food specialty companies like the Wisconsin-based Swiss Colony, Figi's and the Wisconsin Cheeseman.

She said she prefers, instead, to take her business one step further by tailor-making food baskets according to the preferences of her customers. By doing business this way, she affords clients greater flexibility, she said.

Kosteva has designed baskets with cooler totes during the summer, packages with wine classes in leather briefcases and baskets with backgammon sets.

Many of Kosteva's customers are immigrants and foreign exchange students. "I charge my customers what I'm charged."

Professionally, Kosteva serves on the board of directors of the Michigan chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners. She also is on the board of

directors for the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and the Plymouth downtown development board.

Previous to becoming a businesswoman, Kosteva was a language arts teacher at Livonia Churchill High School. She also taught at Terra Technical College in Fremont, Ohio. In addition, she was a program director of the off-campus credit program for liberal arts at Wayne State University. She was later hired by Creative Universal, a training and consulting firm.

Kosteva holds a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and a master's degree from the University of Michigan.

She grew up in Redford Township. The second oldest of six children, Kosteva remembers stuffing envelopes at her father, Robert Mayer's business, Mayer Janitorial Supply Co. at Seven Mile and Beech. She also recalls playing in the street when Beech Daly still was a narrow, gravel road.

Her family moved to Livonia when she was 11.

Kosteva, her husband, David, a vice president of human resources for Chai in Ann Arbor, and 5-year-old son, Andy, reside in Northville.

She is the sister-in-law of state Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton Township, and the sister of Bob Mayer, owner of Prescribed Oxygen Specialist Inc., a medical supplies store in Plymouth.

'I started knocking on doors. Customers aren't going to come to you. You have to go to them. There's a market out there.'

— Pam Kosteva

Housing plan a go — finally

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Developers of premanufactured homes on 79 acres of land — a project in the works for more than four years — have the go ahead to start.

Pontiac resident Michael Schmidt, sole owner of R.C.M. Investors Group, and Huntington Woods developer Jack Winshall plan to build a manufactured housing project, Wingate, on Geddes between Canton Center and Beck.

A lawsuit was filed in Wayne County Circuit Court against the Canton Township Board of Trustees for allegedly undue rezoning and site-plan delays.

The board approved site plans at Tuesday's meeting on condition that construction will begin on a recreation center when 75 homes are occupied and under any conditions must be completed within two years after an occupancy permit is granted. After the meeting, Schmidt declined to comment on whether the lawsuit will be pursued.

TRUSTEE Robert Padgett said he would vote in favor of the site plan since the developer complied with township ordinances, but Padgett wasn't "overly pleased" with the project.

"My concern has always been that I have a great fear about the long-term maintenance of the project and what could happen. I hope you prove me wrong, and the management development is there not only for one year, but five years and 10 years down the road."

People will buy the home and land it sits on. Condominium bylaws will govern everything else, like lawn maintenance.

Supervisor James Poole cast the sole vote against site plan approval. The manufactured ranch style

homes will be a minimum 1,100-square feet, delivered on undercarriages and cost \$50,000 and higher. Delays by the township increased the price from an original low of \$40,000, Schmidt said.

The project will include about 300 homes and is worth an estimated \$20 million. After the meeting Tuesday, Schmidt said he was unsure when the homes will be at the site.

"Not everyone can afford \$75,000 to \$100,000 homes and this fills the gap," Schmidt said of the pre-manufactured homes that are considered new in Michigan housing options.

SCHMIDT HAS been appearing before the board for more than two years. From March to June 1984, he asked for rezoning approval from agricultural to residential manufactured housing.

The parcel was rezoned in August 1984 at a special board meeting paid for by the developers. Schmidt had the go-ahead to begin the project at that time. However, he said financing delays occurred.

A group of residents who live in the area complained at a 1984 board meeting that the development puts the "burden on those of us who pay taxes."

In August 1985, Schmidt applied for a one-year site plan extension, which the board approved. In 1986, he requested a continuance on the extension. It was denied. Schmidt was required to submit the new site plans.

AT LAST WEEK'S board meeting, Trustee Robert Padgett said: "There was a two-year delay. They had site plan approval and could have built anytime that they wanted to during those two years."

Since the project involves a new concept, Schmidt said, setbacks also occurred because banks are unfamiliar with the financing process.

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Mercy mulls leasing former county hospital

By Teri Bolas
staff writer

An organization which operates five Catholic hospitals in southeast Michigan is considering taking over the Westland Medical Center, which has had a history of financial problems as a county hospital and for the last two years as a private hospital.

The Board of Directors for the Mercy Health Corp. Friday will consider the purchase of a lease to operate the Westland Medical Center.

The hospital, on Merriman Road near Michigan Avenue in Westland, was operated by Wayne County as Wayne County General Hospital until two years ago when the Southwest Detroit Hospital Corp. leased it from the county.

The action follows months of talks between the Farmington Hills-based Mercy Corp. and officers of Southwest Detroit, which for two years has attempted to turn around the beleaguered facility.

THE OBSERVER reported last week that negotiations between Southwest officials and three bidders had resulted in a tentative offer from Mercy Health Corp.

This week, a spokesman for the non-profit organization said officials are hopeful that if given the nod they could take over as soon as Jan. 1.

"There is no strong Catholic presence in southwest Wayne County and

we'd be interested in that," said Mercy's LeRoy D. Fahle, chief executive officer at Mount Carmel Hospital, one of the five hospitals Mercy operates in southeast Michigan.

"It would provide us with an important access point. It would improve our ability to distribute our resources between Mount Carmel in Detroit and our Catherine McAuley Center in Ann Arbor."

Fahle said negotiations for the center began in earnest last August and that so far board members have informally expressed enthusiasm for the project.

"I don't think we'll get any arguments that it's compatible with our mission to serve the economically disadvantaged," Fahle said. "The issue (will be) how quickly can it be improved to attract and retain an appropriate number of medical staff and patients."

Fahle noted that there is potential for population growth and the need for hospital facilities in Westland's area because of development of the I-75 corridor to the west, along the I-696 corridor to the north and around Metropolitan Airport to the south.

But Westland must take steps to improve its patient occupancy rate. The 310-bed center under has a 28 percent occupancy rate. Last year, Southwest, which also runs the 244-bed Southwest Detroit Hospital in Detroit, listed \$2.6 million in losses

for its operations.

WHEN WAYNE County operated it as Wayne County General, the hospital posted annual losses averaging \$15-\$18 million.

Mercy officials indicated that acquiring Westland would enable the Mercy chain to have fuller obstetrics services. "At one time Mount Carmel had the largest OB-GYN service in the state, but we moved out of it around 1972. We think in some respects that it had not been the wisest course to take."

Fahle said Westland has developing 90-bed psychiatric unit as a needed service that would help accommodate patients from throughout the Mercy system.

The Mercy administrator guessed his corporation will need to spend some \$7 million in the next four years to make improvements at Westland and to convert its four-bed rooms to two-bed rooms.

THE CORPORATION operates 21 hospitals in Michigan, Indiana, Iowa and New York. Mount Carmel is licensed for 587 beds in Detroit. The Mercy group also operates the McAuley Center in Ann Arbor, St. Joseph-Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, and Samaritan in Detroit.

The Mercy Health Corporation's annual report for 1985 listed its yearly income at more than \$1 billion. Each hospital is administered

by a local board.

Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard, D-Inkster, whose district includes Garden City and Westland, opposed the leasing of the facility to Southwest Detroit two years ago but said she was pleased with the latest development.

There is still eight years remaining in a 10-year lease between the county and private hospital corporation. The hospital remains one of more than a dozen facilities in the Detroit area contracted to provide medical care for indigent persons.

BEARD SAID she hoped the transfer in ownership would provide Westland Medical with a financial shot in the arm, one that could help the center regain its status as a major trauma center.

Fahle said it may take years because of the costly "standby" expenses associated with such emergency service. Yet, he didn't rule it out.

Charles Arnold, a trustee at Southwest, said his board's concern is that "health care for low and moderately income people will be provided."

"The whole hospital industry is having its problems. It will take an entity that will provide patients. The crux of the issue is occupancy. Unfortunately, our marketing efforts have not enabled us to remedy that situation. There may be others who can."

Fahle credited Southwest for its efforts to improve Westland Medical's service and financial operations and said it would be likely that future talks could develop between the two corporations over "cooperative ventures" within Detroit.

Canton woman dies in crash

One person is dead and another critically injured following a Sunday afternoon traffic accident on Orchard Lake at Walnut Lake roads in West Bloomfield.

Urmila Mehta, 42, of Canton was pronounced dead at the scene after the car in which she was a passenger was struck broadside by a Winnebago recreational vehicle.

West Bloomfield police said Urmila's husband, Prem Mehta, 48, was driving north on Orchard Lake Road at 3 p.m. and was attempting to make a left turn when the car was struck by the southbound Winnebago.

The impact carried the small Ford Escort an estimated 185 feet beyond the intersection before the two vehicles came to a stop.

Prem Mehta is in critical condition in the intensive care unit of Providence Hospital. Both he and his wife were wearing seat belts, according to police.

John Schier, 56, driver of the Winnebago, and his wife Jeanne, 57, a passenger, were uninjured. The Athens, Mich. couple was in Keego Harbor visiting relatives, police said.

pending further investigation including results of blood tests for alcohol. Witnesses have given conflicting testimony on whether the traffic light was in the late stages of yellow or red, West Bloomfield police Sgt. Mike Madigan said.

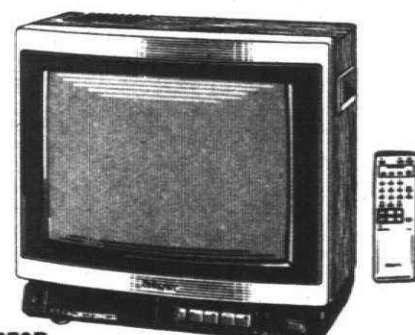
Speed may have been a factor, he said, but no skid marks from the Winnebago were observed by which speed could be calculated. The Michigan State Police may be contacted to reconstruct the accident and

determine speed, he added.

Lt. Jerry Bismack of the West Bloomfield Fire Department said paramedics were at the scene in minutes. Urmila Mehta was dead when they arrived and no attempts were made to resuscitate her.

Bismack said it was first feared the driver would not survive injuries caused by the roof coming down on him, but that at last check he was in stable condition.

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Also, the local law prohibits the installation of alarms at homes or businesses that emit noise for more than 30 minutes after activation.

The ordinance takes effect in January.

Police Chief Carl Berry and Fire Chief Larry Groh recommended the measure to help motivate some individuals experiencing a host of false alarms to better monitor their systems.

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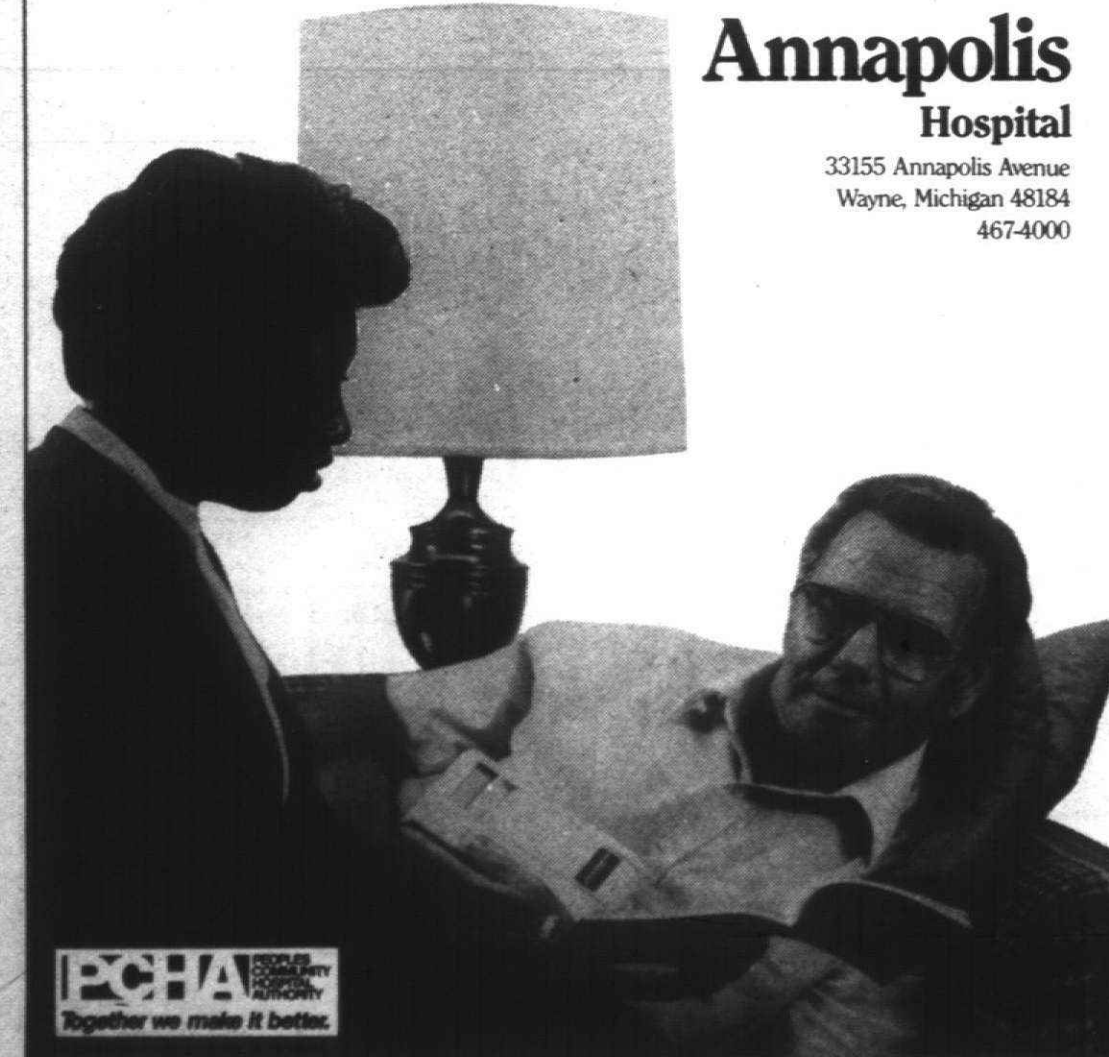
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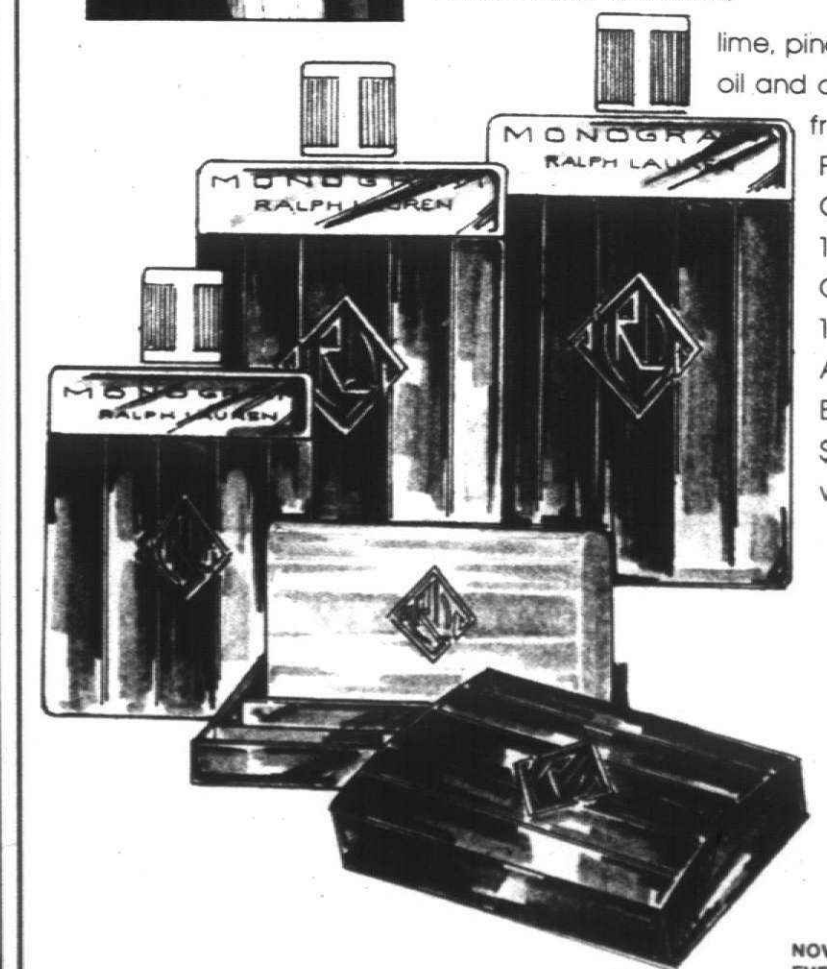
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Some trustees oppose school property sale

By Sue Mason
staff writer

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools has sold a 9.66 acre vacant parcel, but the sale hasn't set well with several members of the board of education.

The parcel, on Yale south of Warren Road, will be sold to Ridgewood Properties for \$190,000. Three members of the board questioned the 9 percent, five-year land contract Ridgewood negotiated with the district.

Ridgewood has given the district a \$9,500 non-refundable deposit if the sale isn't concluded within 30 days of the board's acceptance of the offer. The total down payment will be \$30,000.

Under the agreement, Ridgewood will make annual payments of \$15,000, with a balloon payment for the balance of the purchase price due at the end of the five-year contract. A 5 percent commission — \$9,500 — will be paid to the Dearborn Real Estate Co., which was involved in the sale.

"I have a hard time with this interest rate at 9 percent," Trustee Teresa Johnson said. "If I were purchasing it, I'd think it was a fantastic rate, but I don't think the district is getting enough for the property."

Trustee Kathleen Chorbagan echoed Johnson's concern, pointing out that "people living in this community would think I was remiss in voting for such a low figure."

Chorbagan quoted information she received from a local bank on what kind of interest rates should be given, based on the size of the down payment. According to Chorbagan, Ridgewood's less than 20 percent deposit doesn't warrant a 9 percent interest rate.

"THE INDICATION I got was that for 50 percent down you offer 9 percent because you've got most of the money in the bank," she added. "I would like to be able to get the most for this property. My job is to get the most for the kids in this district."

The third board member to question the interest rate was Kenneth Barnhill, who said the district was "in effect loaning the company \$160,000."

Wayne-Westland School District

The district serves southeast Canton.

"I'm uncomfortable with the appraisal on this property; it's 8 1/2 months old," Barnhill said. "In effect we're loaning the buyers \$160,000, and we don't know who they are. We haven't even seen a financial statement on them. Receiving a financial statement may eliminate the possibility of a default on the sale."

Board Vice President Andrew Spisak took exception to Barnhill's comments, pointing out that the land has sat vacant for more than 20 years.

"I don't see anything wrong with 9 percent, whoever is buying the property," Spisak said. "That land has sat there for 20 years and we've not gotten any taxes from it."

The property is located south of Westland Center in the northernmost portion of the school district, an area that has become the hub of commercial development in Westland, and Spisak noted that the property, unlike adjacent parcels, is zoned for multiple dwellings, not commercial development.

School Superintendent Dennis O'Neill told the board that the original offer for the property was \$180,000 with an eight-year, 9 percent land contract, an offer he felt he could not bring before the board. Through negotiations, the district was able to get more money and a shorter term for the land contract, he said.

"Working with the city of Westland on the cost of the property in relation to other property in the area, we were able to get an additional \$10,000," he told the board. "There's no long line of those interested in this property. The last buyer defaulted and we got \$5,000."

amount by the closing date.

"We could fly speck this to death and if we sit on this property, development may go north into the Livonia schools."

Barnhill, with the support of Chorbagan, was unsuccessful in getting the offer tabled and along with Johnson voted no on approving the offer. Supporting the sale were Spisak, board president Mathew McCusker, Treasurer Sharon Scott and Trustee Sylvia Kozorowsky.

Kozorowsky indicated that while she questioned the interest rate, the lack of potential buyers swayed her to vote for the sale.

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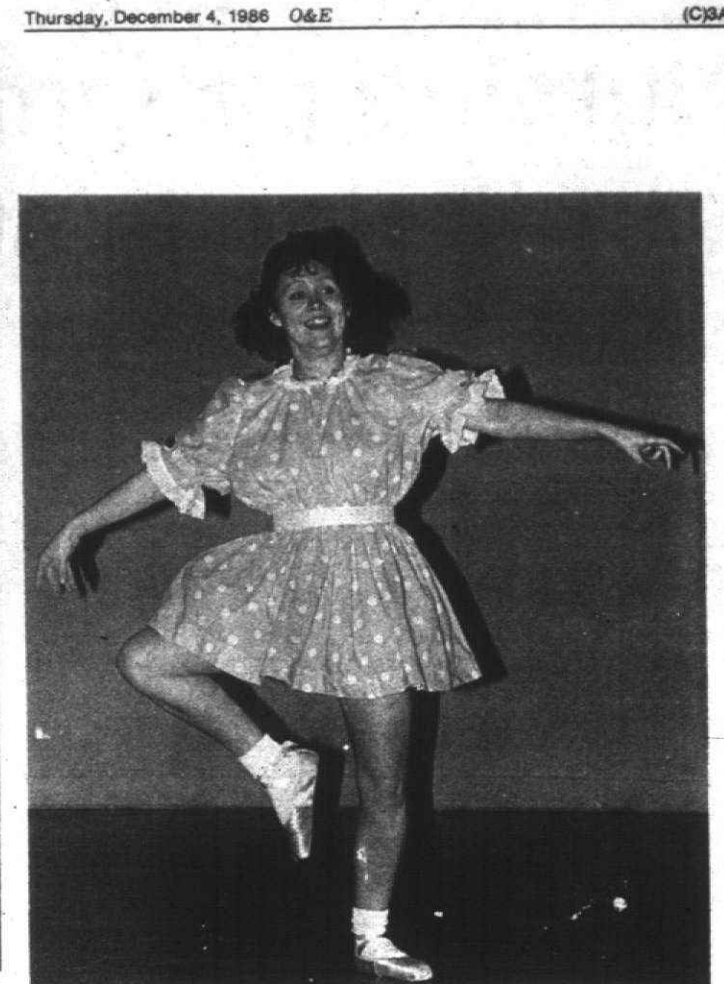
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Clowning around during a dance company rehearsal is Teri Bolla, who is shown in the middle of a flip while practicing her clown role.



Preparing for the dance company's holiday show this weekend are (back row, from left) Lori Molisee, Joyce Stoughten, Kelly Hicks

and Lan Ensign; (middle row) Kelly Neal and Kristy Nyquist; and (front) Kelley Skiff.



Angie King will portray Clara in Wayne Memorial High School's Dance Company holiday show Friday and Saturday.

School dancers do 'Nutcracker' spoof

Wayne Memorial High School's Dance Company will spoof selections from "The Nutcracker," a traditional Christmas ballet.

But the title of the annual dance show will be "Nuts, Crackers and Sweets."

Performances will be at 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday in the Stockmeyer Auditorium, adjacent to the high school.

The dances will also perform excerpts from the ballet at 10 a.m.

Thursday and Friday for elementary school students.

Tickets for the weekend performances will be sold at the door for \$2 for adults and 50 cents for elementary school children.

To perform in the show are Angie King as Clara; Chere Baker as the sugar plum fairy; Kelly Hicks, Jennifer Rudnicki and Joyce Stoughten as rag dolls; Lori Molisee and Lan Ensign as the clowns; Kelly Neal, Kristy Nyquist, Lunnine Duly as Care Bears; Michelle Guernsey, Jennifer Jankowski and Kelly Skiff as Spanish dolls; Tom Wilson as King Ratt, father, and the prince; Leslie Mooskian, Shannon Pepperack, Stacy Pritchard, Jamie Taylor, Michele Eidson, and Susan Hall as the mouse and children; Karen Bateman, Elizabeth Beliger, Stacy Clark, Rebecca Cooley, and Wendy Cox as the soldiers.

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Nursing patient found wandering in streets

By Diane Gale
staff writer

It seemed like an average Sunday afternoon dinner for a Canton resident until she spotted an elderly woman wandering aimlessly outside her window.

About an hour later, at 2:45 p.m., the woman was returned to Canton Care Center nursing home at 43825 Michigan Ave. near Sheldon. She was found almost two miles away.

Last August a 75-year-old Canton Care resident was missing almost a week. She was found dead by Canton Police in a field overgrown with weeds.

Helen Mosley, who lives at Yost and Sheldon, said the woman she saw Sunday looked like a "poor lost soul."

MOSLEY SAID she called Canton Care and asked if a resident was missing.

"They said they would check," her sister, Elsie Fulford, decided to look for the woman and finally spotted her.

"I was afraid to pick her up alone," Fulford returned for her brother and began searching again.

"The Lord prodded me to keep going," Fulford said.

The Canton Care resident was spotted without socks, gloves or hat

on the west side of Belleville Road between Van Born and Ecorse roads. It is undetermined how long she was missing. Fulford and her brother were unable to understand what the woman was trying to say when they picked her up, however, she seemed to recognize the Canton Care parking lot.

"The nurse said you found her," said Fulford adding that the woman was whisked away and little more was said.

Brian Suter, Canton Care Center administrator, and his assistant failed to return telephone calls to the Observer.

A patient care advisory committee was formed a couple of years ago when the facility, which then operated as Dion nursing home, faced closure threats by the state due to repeated health code violations. Canton Care made improvements and is no longer facing closure.

THE ADVISORY committee meets monthly and includes Suter, representatives from CBC (a nursing home patient advocacy group), and union officials.

Jeannette Beaupied, CBC project director, said she saw residents in July 1985 wandering in the back parking lot near the busy Michigan Avenue highway.

"I have suggested to Mr. Suter to put up a fence with a gate," Other suggestions to Suter, Beaupied said, include identifying patients who are known wanderers, erecting fences, hiring a guard to patrol the grounds and beefing up dining room staff. These ideas were considered too expensive by Suter, Beaupied said.

James Buchanan, Michigan Department of Public Health chief of patient rights investigation and monitoring section, said the facility isn't required to submit a report to the health department when a patient wanders. However, a report must be placed in the patient's records along with plans to prevent the incident from recurring.

BECAUSE THERE isn't a set reporting requirement to the health department, data on how often residents wander from facilities is incomplete.

"I wouldn't have known about it if someone didn't call me," Buchanan said.

A health department investigator was sent to the facility after the August death of a resident, Buchanan said. No violation was issued because negligence was not proven. Canton Care has an alarm system, however, it is unknown if it was in operation when the women left.

Buchanan said wandering patients are tough to handle because nursing homes would be violating residents' civil rights if they locked the doors.

Beware of yule rip-offs

'Tis the season to be jolly, shop for holiday gifts and beware of thieves.

"Thefts, break-ins, larcenies and purse snatchings increase dramatically every year during this time, and that's not to say that some of it can't be stopped," according to Canton information officer Dave Boljesic.

Canton Police don't plan to sit back and passively watch it happen again this year. For the first time in the history of the force, Boljesic said, police foot patrols will be used.

"This will act as a deterrent."

In an effort to curtail thefts in shopping areas they will be assigned to Meijers Thrifty Acres, K mart and strip mall parking lots.

From Dec. 18 to 26 Canton officers will be pounding the pavement and making themselves seen in shopping areas. Beginning this week, Boljesic said, patrol officers have been directed to spend more time in the shopping areas.

SWORN OFFICERS, some called in on overtime, will be assigned to the foot patrol.

Boljesic gives the following suggestions to avoid being ripped-off during the holiday season:

- Avoid using 24-hour bank teller machines after dark or while alone.
- Put gifts in the car trunk instead of the back seat.
- Place items in trunk at the mall you are leaving and not when you arrive at a new destination.
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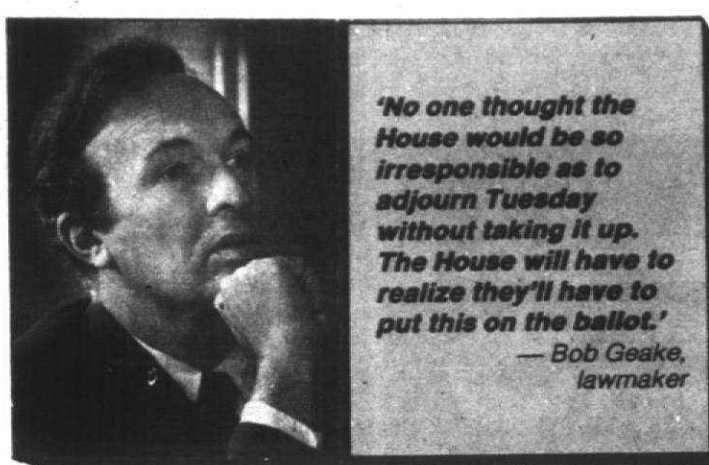
THE Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS

Geake firm on abortion vote

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Bob Geake won't flinch. The Republican state senator from Northville said the House of Representatives must agree to put his anti-abortion question on the ballot before the state Medicaid budget can be resolved.

"No one thought the House would be so irresponsible as to adjourn Tuesday without taking it up. The House will have to realize they'll have to put this on the ballot," Geake, who chairs the Senate social services appropriations subcommittee, insisted he has "no fallback position."



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Young Jr., D-Detroit; and Ralph Ostling, R-Roscommon.

THE HOUSE met for about an hour Tuesday, adjourned and scheduled no further sessions the rest of the week. It will meet next at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Meanwhile, a House-Senate conference committee — with Geake as ranking Senate member — was scheduled to meet this week to achieve a compromise.

"There's no point in our meeting," Geake said.

Senate conferees are Geake, whose district covers northwestern Wayne county, Jack Welborn, R-Kalamazoo; and Joe Conroy, D-Flint. House conferees are Chairman David Hollister, D-East Lansing; Joe

SENATE CORRIDORS, the gallery and back stairs were jammed Tuesday morning as Local 79 of the Service Employees International Union sought to pressure Senate GOP leaders to pass the Medicaid budget. Local 79 represents workers in 453 long-term nursing care facilities which treat Medicaid patients.

They fear "payless paydays." They also fear financial strain on health care providers who are treating more than 900,000 Medicaid pa-

tients without a cash flow from the state.

Geake, many fellow senators and House Republicans don't want to pass a Medicaid budget for the last nine months of fiscal 1987 until Geake's Senate Joint Resolution V is placed on the ballot in a special election next April 6. SJR V would amend the state constitution by banning all state-funded abortions — not only for welfare recipients covered by Medicaid but for state and local governmental employees covered by health insurance.

"I sympathize with the employees," Geake said. "But their demonstration is misdirected. The Senate passed the bill and sent it to the House. They should have gone to the House."

Union and health-care providers insist Geake and the Senate are holding the Medicaid budget hostage to get their ballot proposal before voters.

HOUSE LEADERS, such as Speaker Gary Owen, D-Ypsilanti, and Gov. James J. Blanchard oppose Geake's ballot proposal.

Agnes Mansour, outgoing director of the state Department of Social Services, which administers Medicaid, would agree to a ballot proposal, but not at a special election.

State Rep. Judith Miller, R-Birmingham, is flatly against a ballot proposal.

"When we're at an impasse, we should have to work it through," she said in her office after Tuesday's adjournment. "The cost of a special election is \$5 million. Where's that going to come from? By magic out of the sky?"

Miller has supported Medicaid funding of abortions, as have three-fourths of women legislators, regardless of party.

Between them, Govs. William Milliken, a Republican, and James Blanchard, a Democrat, have vetoed 13 legislative attempts to halt \$6 million for Medicaid abortions. The Senate has mustered a two-thirds vote to override the veto, but the House has consistently fallen at least two votes short.

Miller also objects that the proposal which Geake wants to put before voters is far broader than Medicaid abortions — that it would apply to state employees, too.

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Don Adams, director of public affairs, attributes this year's success to new public relations initiatives in key Ohio markets. Increased publicity was generated in Akron, Toledo and Columbus through promotional exhibits in shopping malls.

"Strong holiday season offers, including the popular Christmas activities in the museum and village, and the 'Streamlining America' and 'Yesterday's Tomorrows' special exhibits in Henry Ford Museum are expected to generate further attendance increases which will result in the 1986 attendance goal of 1.1 million being surpassed," Adams said.

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Ice show dates set for 1987

The Plymouth City Commission carved the way Monday for the 1987 Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular, voting unanimously to approve a special events application filed by Scott Lorenz.

Lorenz, general manager of the Mayflower Hotel, and Plymouth City Manager Henry Graper will serve as chairmen of the outdoor extravaganza. It's expected that up to half a million people will visit downtown Plymouth during the Spectacular.

Artisans showcasing their icy creations in Kellogg Park will have signed "dangerous activity liability waivers," absolving the city should poor weather melt their monoliths, or accidents occur while the sculptures are being shaped.

City Commissioner Mary Childs asked Mayor William Robinson at Monday's meeting whether the city couldn't add to the resolution a "guarantee for real cold weather."

If January is unseasonably warm, it won't be the first time Plymouth's winter wonderland is reduced to a water-logged mess.

Robinson replied that DPW director Ken Vogras would probably be happy to add that clause, if he were present at the meeting.

The city is doing something about a variable it can control — vandalism. Police will patrol round-the-clock in an attempt to keep ice damage to a minimum.

IN OTHER action, commissioners revoked the 50 percent tax abatement granted a couple of years ago to Frank Baus, owner of a newly constructed office building at 575 S. Main.

The two-story building adjacent to First of America Bank in downtown Plymouth is home to a host of small shops and offices.

Baus of Northville owes more than \$2,000 in winter and summer taxes for 1985 and 1986. He's failed to acknowledge several warnings mailed to him by city treasurer/assessor Kenneth Way.

Baus "is a nice guy, an excellent builder" and the city "likes the project," but the owner hasn't lived up to his agreement with the city, Graper said.

The property will be placed on the 1987 tax rolls, and the state attorney general may be contacted to see whether the city can confiscate the property in lieu of taxes, Graper said.

Commissioners unanimously passed a motion by Childs to revoke the tax exemption.

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DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

(Monday-Friday)
7:30 a.m. to noon... Adult Contemporary Music.
10 a.m. ... Four By One — Four songs in a row by an adult contemporary artist.
noon-6 p.m. ... Studio 50 — Past and present hit music.
4, 5, 6 p.m. ... News File at Four, Five and Six.
4:05 p.m. ... Nature News Break — A 60-second profile on a nature topic.
5:05 p.m. ... Family Health — Health issues are discussed by a doctor.
6:10 to 10 p.m. ... 88 Escape — New music.

THURSDAY (Dec. 4)
6:10 p.m. ... Chamber Chatter — Rachel Ramey with news from Canton Chamber of Commerce.

FRIDAY (Dec. 5)
6:10 p.m. ... CEP Sports Weekly — A wrap up of the week in CEP sports with host Jeff Umbaugh.

MONDAY (Dec. 8)
2:15 p.m. ... Studio 50 — Host Brian Comer.

TUESDAY (Dec. 9)
6:10 p.m. ... Nancy Reagan Battles Drug Abuse.

WEDNESDAY (Dec. 10)
6:10 p.m. ... Community Focus — Host Dan Johnston interviews an important person in the community.

THURSDAY (Dec. 11)
5 p.m. ... News File at Five — with Jim Rothwell.

FRIDAY (Dec. 12)
6:10 p.m. ... CEP Sports Weekly.

MONDAY (Dec. 15)
8 p.m. ... 88 Escape — D.J. Rachel Ramey.

TUESDAY (Dec. 16)
6:10 p.m. ... Nancy Reagan Battles Drug Abuse.

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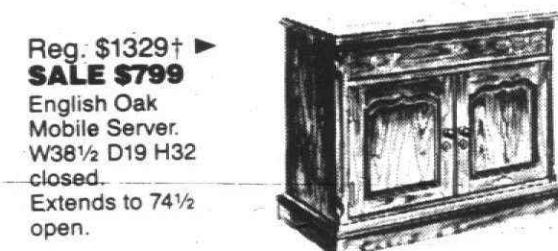
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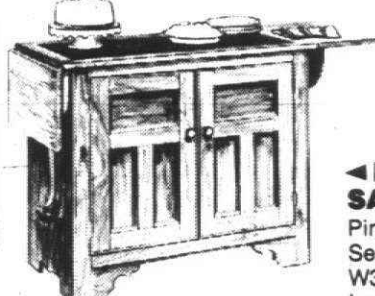
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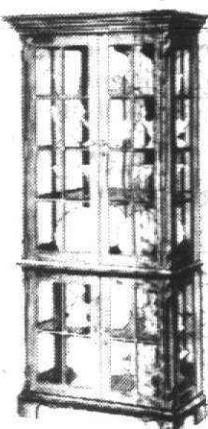


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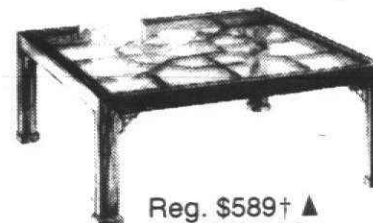
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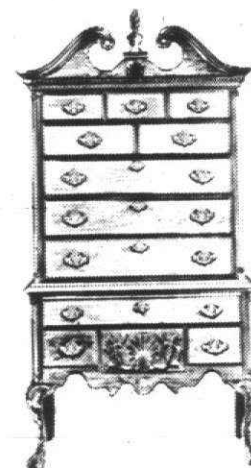
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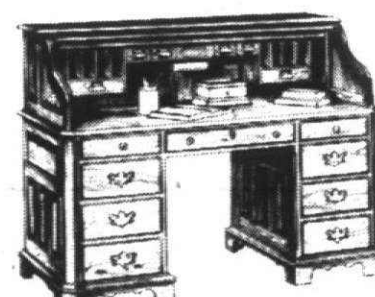
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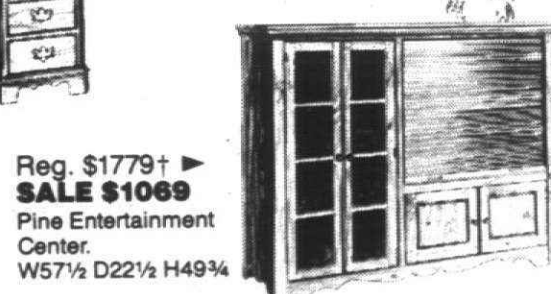
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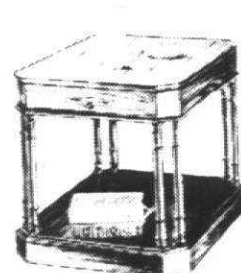
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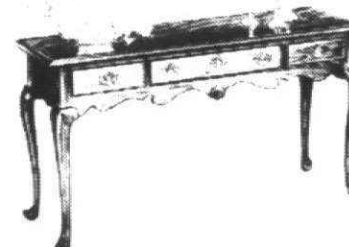
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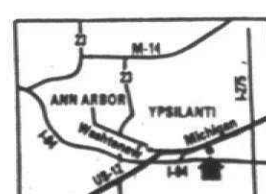
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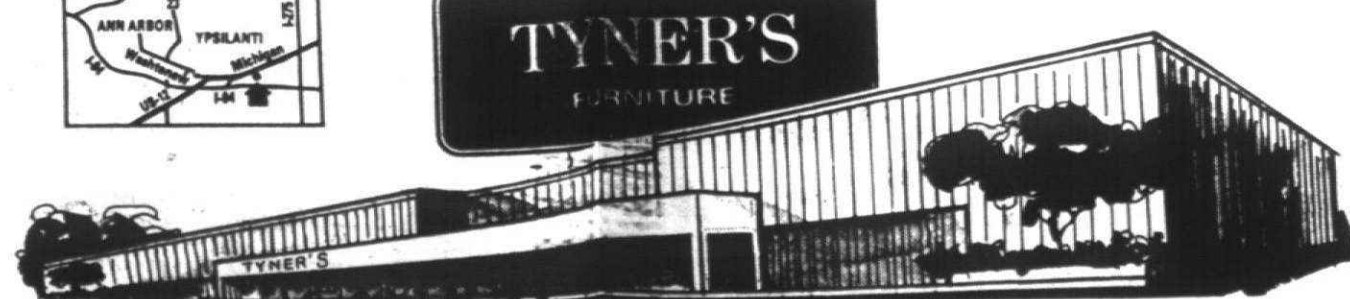
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7 p.m. ... Sports View — Hosts Roy Cameron and Bob Page.
7:30 p.m. ... High School Sports — Girls swim meet.
9:30 p.m. ... Cross Trivia — Contestants compete for prizes by answering baseball trivia questions on a gigantic crossword puzzle.

FRIDAY (Dec. 5)

6:30 p.m. ... The Oasis — A review of 1985.
7 p.m. ... Sports View.
7:30 p.m. ... The Omni-Report.
8 p.m. ... At the Festival With Al Townsend and the Ambassadors.
9:30 p.m. ... Hollywood Hotline — Big Buffalo holiday film preview.

SATURDAY (Dec. 6)

4 p.m. ... At the Festival.
6:30 p.m. ... The Oasis.
7 p.m. ... The Sports View.
7:30 p.m. ... Videotunes — The latest local videos hosted by Dave Daniele and Jim Leinbach.

CHANNEL 15

THURSDAY (Dec. 4)

12:30 p.m. ... Michigan Journal — A public affairs program which takes a look at issues in Michigan. Presented by the Republican Party; hosted by Spencer Abraham, chairman of the Michigan Republican Party.
1 p.m. ... Live Call-In With Smoke Stoppers.
4:30 p.m. ... Off The Wall — Music videos.
5 p.m. ... Youthview — Recent concert performances of Michael W. Smith and Elton John are featured.
5:30 p.m. ... Hamtramck Rotary — Canton Update — Host Sandy Preblich and Canton Supervisor James Poole discuss issues and information about Canton Township.
6 p.m. ... Legislative Forum presented by the Michigan House of Representatives.
7:30 p.m. ... Plymouth-Canton Junior Football Freshman squads. Plymouth-Canton Steelers vs. Garden City Chargers.
9 p.m. ... First Presbyterian Church of Northville Presents: "A Celebration!" — This week's message is "Our of the Wilderness."

FRIDAY (Dec. 5)

noon ... Alphabet Soup — Colleen Presley and thers entertain and teach children about art, reading, spelling, and music.
12:30 p.m. ... Lifestyles — Variety talk show hosted by Diana Martina.
1 p.m. ... Divine Plan — A presentation of the Harmony of the Gospel by Fortworth Bible students. A continuing series.
1:30 p.m. ... Madonna Magazine — Information about Madonna College.
2 p.m. ... UNICEF — A program which brings the reality of the plight of children in Third World countries and offers you an opportunity to help fight world hunger.
2:30 p.m. ... This is the Life — A life-like story presenting a problem to be discussed from a Christian perspective. A presentation by the Lutheran Church.
3 p.m. ... TNT True Adventure Trails — Uncle Ernie shares his joyful philosophy of life.
3:30 p.m. ... Study in Scriptures.
7:30 p.m. ... Sandy! — Sandy Preblich talks with Exchange students at CEP.
9 p.m. ... Sports at the SAL.

SATURDAY (Dec. 6)

4:30 p.m. ... Sports at the SAL.
5:30 p.m. ... Plymouth-Canton Junior Football.
7 p.m. ... Game of Week.
9 p.m. ... Two Guys From Northville.

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CANTON TOWNSHIP

FRIDAYS

6:10-6:30 p.m. ... Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting.

SATURDAYS

Noon to 4:30 p.m. ... Canton Township Board meeting.

Undercover minor was sold beer

An undercover investigation of sellers of alcohol was conducted last week by the city of Plymouth Police Department.

A police department employee, age 19, attempted to buy alcoholic beverages at eight licensed outlets for package alcohol sales in the city.

Three businesses sold beer to the under-age buyer while five declined to sell.

The Farmer Jack grocery on Main Street and both Beyer's Drug Stores on Ann Arbor Road and at Main and Mill sold beer to the minor. No identification was asked for in these instances, report police.

Bill's Market on Starkweather in Old Village also was cited by police last week for having an underaged employee selling beer. An adult member of the police department

purchased beer from a 17-year-old clerk.

The businesses which did not sell alcohol to the minor on Nov. 25 were: Bill's Market, Danny's Foods, Dimitri's Party Pantry, Mayflower Party Store and Lawson's.

The results of the investigation will be turned over to the Liquor Control Commission for action against the licensees. The city attorney's office will be reviewing the investigation for possible criminal charges against the clerks involved.

The investigation was prompted by reports of sales to underaged persons, says Police Chief Richard Myers, both now and during the summer. The police department will continue such undercover operations on an as-needed basis.

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• 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, 489 S. Main, Plymouth 48170.

• ANNIE PRESENTED
Friday, Dec. 5 — The Home School Guild of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School will sponsor a benefit performance of "Annie" at 8:30 p.m. at the Marquis Theatre in Northville. Tickets are \$10.

• USED TOY SALE
Saturday, Dec. 6 — First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth will be holding a used-toy sale starting at 10 a.m. in Nichols/Walch Fellowship Hall at the church.

• YOUTH SYMPHONY CONCERT
Saturday, Dec. 6 — Livonia Youth Symphony will present its first concert of the season at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Novi High School, 24062 Taft, Novi. A number of Plymouth and Canton young people are members of the symphony. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens.

• SHOWCASE OF HOMES
Sunday, Dec. 7 — Up to six homes in Plymouth and one in Farmington Hills will be showcased for the holidays in a fund-raiser for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Each home will feature a distinctive holiday decor with special treatments provided by local florists and merchants. Also featured will be 26

members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, Plymouth Symphony Society, and friends who will provide live classical and holiday music in each of the homes. A limited number of tickets are on sale at Beiter Jewelry on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

• MADONNA CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Sunday, Dec. 7 — The Madonna College Choral will present its annual Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Kresge Hall on the campus at Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Highlighting the program will be Bach's Cantata No. 142, "For us a Child is Born," and Dietrich Buxtehude's "In Dulci Jubilo" and traditional Christmas music. The concert is open to the public, free.

• LIBRARY BOARD
Monday, Dec. 8 — Plymouth District Library Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Dunning-Hough Library for its regular monthly meeting that is open to the public.

• CHILD ABUSE MEETING
Wednesday, Dec. 10 — Plymouth/Canton Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect will be holding a community meeting beginning 7:30 p.m. at East Middle School. Open to the public.

• EAST BAND CONCERT
Wednesday, Dec. 10 — East Middle School's sixth-, seventh-, eighth-grade bands, conducted by Paul Reeves, will present a holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. in the East Middle School gymnasium. Admission is

free. Refreshments will follow the concert. The East Middle School Band Parents Association will conduct a bake sale and fund-raiser. Prizes include a \$50 holiday grocery card as first prize, and three 10-pound hams.

• CEP PARENT COFFEE
Thursday, Dec. 11 — A CEP Parent Coffee will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room of Plymouth Canton High School. Hosts will be Canton Principal Tom Tattao and Salem Principal Gerald Ostoin and area coordinator Dick Bearup. Parents of high school students at the CEP are encouraged to attend.

• CHILDREN'S YULE PARTY
Saturday, Dec. 13 — Canton Parks and Recreation will sponsor its annual Christmas Party for ages 3-12 in the Canton Recreation Center, Sheldon at Michigan Avenue. Times will be 9:30-10:30 a.m. for ages 3-7, 10:45-11:45 a.m. for ages 8-12. The children will enjoy movies, games, refreshments, and a special visit with Santa Claus. Reservations may be made by calling 397-1000 during working hours weekdays.

• STORY TIMES
Tuesday, Thursday, Dec. 16, 18 —

clarification

A line was inadvertently dropped from a Past and Present column on "Plymouth grade successful here and out-of-state." As a result, it appeared there was a change in the

line of ownership of Schrader Funeral Home. The line should have read that, "J. Rusling Cutler, class of 1927, became an attorney and municipal judge."

Generally, weatherization services include caulking, weather stripping, water heater insulation, attic insulation and ventilation, floor insulation over unheated basements and crawl spaces and storm windows.

Commissioner Kay Beard said that not all homes receive all of these services. The program budgets each house for a maximum amount that is used where the need is most urgent.

Beard is a member of the ways and means committee which recently recommended full commission approval of the proposed grant. For more information, call 467-3455.

Ficano takes budget to court

By Teri Banas
staff writer

Sheriff Robert Ficano was scheduled to appear in Wayne County Circuit Court today seeking more funds to prevent reduction of jail space.

Ficano filed a lawsuit Monday saying lack of money will lead to the closure of needed jail space unless the county board of commissioners acts to increase the budget by \$6.1 million.

That is the amount he is short in his \$54.2 million operating budget, which took effect on Monday, Ficano said.

Ficano said unless he receives a favorable court ruling his department will be forced to trim operations at the nine-story county jail because of staffing cuts.

An agreement with the deputies' union last July resulted in deputies working 12-hour and sometimes 16-hour shifts to cover for staff shortages caused by last year's hiring freeze. He said the new budget does not provide for the resulting overtime pay.

Ficano said he could begin closing floors as early as next Monday, which is when the temporary arrangement with the deputies' union expires.

IN TOTAL, 168 positions and 10 medical personnel are being cut at the jail. That means 541 fewer inmates out of some 1,500 can be guarded, he said.

The jail population has been steady, remaining at near capacity. Ficano added that unless more money is added to his budget, the department will be in violation of court-ordered standards at the jail dating back to the 1970s.

Commissioner Kay Beard, D-Inkster, a member of the commission's ways and means committee, argued that Ficano's budget has not been cut from last year, and that commissioners actually added to the recommendation from the county executive's office.

"I don't know why he isn't satisfied," she said.

Rather than taking court action, she said she would have preferred that Ficano work with the commission and the new executive's office in January to remedy financial problems.

Executive-elect Edward McNamara blamed Ficano for failing to operate his department efficiently, and said he must learn to live within his means. He also expressed skepticism over Ficano's claims to a \$6.1 million shortfall and said the "burden is on the sheriff" to prove that in court.

He said the jail, itself, is poorly designed and labor intensive, adding

that further study is needed to correct that problem.

McNamara also called for dismantling the department's secondary road patrol force, largely funded by \$1.1 million in a state grant, and directing officers to the mandated patrols of the county parks. He said secondary road patrols should be a function of local communities.

"That's the worst boondoggle in the world," said McNamara.

The departmental action follows public pressure last week from the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners and the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce. Both called for immediate action to avoid the release of convicted felons.

The chamber called this a "crisis" situation and the police commissioners called it "intolerable" and a threat to public safety.

The hearing was scheduled before chief Judge Richard Kaufman.

Area residents eligible for home weatherization

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners is expected to accept a state grant of more than \$600,000 to continue free home weatherization assistance to senior citizens and low-income families in western Wayne County.

The \$608,005 grant from the Michigan Department of Labor/Bureau of Community Services to the Wayne County Office on Aging represents a two-year contract that would provide home weatherization assistance to qualifying home owners and renters in 18 communities. They include Garden City, Westland, Livonia, Redford Township, Plymouth Township, Plymouth and Wayne.

RECIPIENTS must qualify by income. The income for a family of one cannot exceed \$6,700 for the last 12 months. For each additional family member, the maximum income level is increased by \$2,300. Anyone receiving Aid to Dependent Children

or supplemental Social Security automatically qualifies after verification.

After eligibility is determined, the office on aging will conduct an energy audit.

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Public hearing set on weapons permits

A public hearing on an increase in fees for concealed weapons permits is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the City-County Building 13th-floor auditorium.

The hearing is being held by the Wayne County Board of Commissioners Ways and Means Committee.

Under the proposed ordinance, adopted by the commission, the processing fee for a permit will rise from \$24 to \$99.

Recent studies by the County Concealed Weapons Licensing Board, comprised of representatives from the prosecutor's office, sheriff's department and the Michigan State Police, revealed that costs for processing concealed weapons permits exceed the amount charged.

These findings, along with recommendations of the state police and FBI led to a proposed ordinance for increasing the current fee.

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from our readers

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'Teaching tool' questionable

To the editor:

As a resident of Canton with two children in Erikson School, I have been quite satisfied with the quality of education my children are receiving. But I am growing more and more concerned about the use of so-called "teaching tools" that are no more than movies of questionable taste and value.

Our school system is a community school system which means that it should reflect the values of the community. I have not yet found a single person in our community who thinks "Ghost Busters" or "Teen Wolf" are part of an appropriate curriculum.

If we have a problem in our schools let's address it and solve it. The showing of films with "repeated, exaggerated, intense, visually explicit and overwhelming violence" (Nov. 17 Canton Observer) to children is definitely a problem.

I am also disappointed in the sensationalized way this story has been reported in the Observer Newspaper. In taking Diane Daskalakis to task for her supposed attempts at censorship the Observer seems to encourage imposing censorship on her.

Rebekah Reynolds,
Canton

Newcomers appreciative

To the editor:

The Newcomers Club of Canton wishes to thank all the merchants of Canton and Plymouth who gave merchandise to be auctioned off for the hospice. Your show of good will is very much appreciated and because of your generosity we were able to make over \$1,500 to help this worthy organization. A special thanks to all of you who made this possible.

Canton Newcomers

No experience to be judge

To the editor:

Bob Wisler's rating for qualifications for circuit court judges, concerning Kathleen Macdonald, seems to be strangely biased. Years of experience as a lawyer do not necessarily make a good judge, years of experience do not necessarily make one a good lawyer. To enact unreasonable restrictions (minimum 10 years experience) would limit our choices for circuit court to a very select few as in the days of the Articles of Confederation. Are we ready for such a step backward?

Francis Ashely

Benefactors appreciated

To the editor:

The overwhelming success of the recent Plymouth Children's Nursery Masterpiece Auction was due in a large part to the generous support of our members who donated handmade items, the committed who worked so hard to plan the event, to the coverage we received in your newspaper, and especially to the many Plymouth and Canton merchants and individuals who donated items.

Movie should be shown

To the editor:

I feel that the movie "The Breakfast Club" should be available for viewing at Plymouth Salem High School. I have seen this film and feel that it is harmless viewing for anyone of high school age. Nevertheless, I do not see why it should be made a class assignment. Most students have already seen this movie by now on a VCR or on cable TV.

Censorship is nothing new in America. Just to give a few examples all of these publications were under attack at one time or another in various parts of the country: "California Suite," "Diary of Anne Frank," "Eye of the Needle," "Death of a Salesman," "Huckleberry Finn," "Macbeth," "To Kill a Mockingbird," "Romeo and Juliet," "El Norte," "Flowers for Algernon," "The Color Purple," "MS. magazine," "Catcher in the Rye," "Redbook magazine," "Go Ask Alice."

I feel that movies should be selected for their artistic and educational value if they are to be shown in a public school as a class assignment. Of course, again, this is a subjective judgment by someone. Another possible consideration would be to expose our students to those films that are not commercial "super hits." Many excellent movies, such as "El Norte" and "Moscow Has No Time For Tears," never made it to our local movie theaters and were probably not seen by the majority of our students.

James T. Pinkerton III,
Plymouth

Supports ban on abortions

To the editor:

State Sen. Bob Geake is to be commended for having the courage to attempt to break the legislative deadlock over Medicaid-funded abortions by placing the issue on the ballot.

It is regrettable that the voters and taxpayers must bear the burden of a special election but because Gov. James Blanchard insists on keeping the state of Michigan in the abortion business and our legislators are unable or unwilling to override the governor's veto, a referendum is the only alternative.

I disagree that the majority of voters favor paying taxes to kill unborn babies. I believe that it is reprehensible that some lawmakers should be more concerned with preventing a "financial burden" on the state than with nurturing the children of the poor. Human life has infinite value. Feeding the children of the poor is a small price to pay for allowing them to live.

Both sides in this controversy run a very small risk indeed compared to the one carried every day by poor mothers and their babies who are offered death instead of care as a solution to their problems. Let us end this outrage against poor pregnant women and their offspring by voting to stop Medicaid abortions.

Alcee Radwick,
Plymouth

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Gamesmanship ruined sewer

THE SAGA OF Super Sewer and Son of Super Sewer seems to be over.

The last chapter, apparently, was written when the townships of Canton, Plymouth and Northville withdrew and opted instead to consider linking up with a sewer authority in Ypsilanti.

The Department of Natural Resources and Wayne County feel there is no time left to redesign plans to create an economically feasible project for the remaining 13 communities. The decision, therefore, to bypass the project for this year brings to an end an effort spanning two decades to provide necessary sanitary sewage and storm water capacity. The original Super Sewer was an ambitious project to provide capacity to parts of Oakland and Wayne counties, stretching from the Lakes area northwest of Farmington Hills to the Downriver communities.

Stretches of the system were installed over the years as the project became a political issue and was threatened financially as the federal grant pie began to shrink. Clusters of communities got sewer service and other clusters did not.

Eventually, once Downriver was taken care of, some 16 municipalities were left without adequate sewer capacity and Son of Super Sewer was proposed to take care of western Wayne plus Novi.

IN THE END the final issue was money.

The federal grant participation dropped drastically, and a disagreement cropped up on distribution of costs. Canton, Northville and Plymouth townships felt they were being charged too much. Canton particularly thought it was getting the shaft.

Efforts were made to talk the state into redistributing the cost but without any luck. When the state refused to budge, the townships filed a lawsuit. The lawsuit delayed the project. In the end, a settlement was reached and Can-

ton and Plymouth townships did receive some money but the issue of distribution of cost was left unresolved.

By this time, the parties involved dug in their heels and became entrenched in their positions. In fact, in recent months, the DNR almost seemed to be vindictive against Canton for filing the lawsuit. The state "found" violations in Canton of contaminating groundwater and threatened a ban on development, etc. Similar violations in communities who were signing up for Son of Super Sewer were ignored.

AT THIS POINT, it was game time.

Efforts to resolve the dispute were not going to be made because the state and county would not budge on the cost distribution issue. Rationally, you could find a settlement if the will were there. For instance, Canton's share could be lowered by 6 percent, Plymouth Township and Northville Township by 3 percent each with the percent spread amongst the other communities. A 1 percent increase in cost for the others would be preferable by far to abandoning the project.

But such discussions did not take place and the project has died.

Apparently Canton-Plymouth-Northville will be able to buy enough sewer capacity from Ypsilanti to meet future needs. Once that system is "on-line" growth and development in this area apparently will return to normal patterns. We say "apparently" because the Ypsilanti option itself might be just another example of gamesmanship. Unfortunately, growth and development likely will continue in the remaining municipalities even though they are at capacity or nearing capacity.

A solution to that problem has yet to be found. For the sake of those communities it's too bad a compromise could not have been reached over the past one to two years when there was plenty of time for talking. Too bad that time was wasted — no pun intended.

It's hard to break the spending habit

THE GREAT tragedy of the Nixon years, to my mind, was not that his administration was disrupted over a penny-ante burglary. It was that the scandal occurred at the time when he was starting to get a handle on one of America's most crucial problems, and Watergate diverted attention from it.

The problem is that we Americans have one of the lowest rates of personal saving in the industrialized world.

Savings lead to investments — factories, machines and stores. Not only do we do too little saving/investing (6 percent of annual incomes) for our own economic good. But we squander a lot of our banking resources on consumer credit rather than industrial investment.

It's one of many reasons the Japanese (whose personal savings rate is triple ours) are knocking us off in the international marketplace.

WHAT BROUGHT Nixon and Watergate to mind was not only Reagan's Inauguration problem but a speech by Professor F. Thomas Juster at the University of Michigan's recent Economic Outlook Conference.

Since Nixon left office 12 years ago, the federal government, particularly under Reagan, has tried to encourage more personal savings through lower tax rates, investment retirement accounts (IRAs), Keogh plans and a host of other devices. But Juster said none of these has made a dent in our (non)saving habits.

He suggests American workers be paid differently.

"In Japan, for example, workers get most of their annual income in monthly paychecks, but a large fraction of it also comes in a lump-sum bonus. The larger the annual bonus, the higher the annual savings rate."

Israelis treated reparation payments from Germany the same way, he said. "The larger the payment, the larger the



Tim Richard

fraction consumers saved."

JUSTER's suggestions: The feds could offer tax incentives to companies that paid workers part of their income in annual lump-sum profit-sharing plans.

His hunch is that "the larger the annual bonus, the higher the annual savings rate. It doesn't matter whether the bonus is expected or unexpected."

He recalled the installment credit controls of the late 1950s, which made it illegal to spread car payments over more than 12 months. If you wanted a car, you had to save for it.

IT'S FASHIONABLE, among both political parties, to knock federal deficit spending. But private debt can be bad.

New Deal economics encouraged federal deficits as a method of "pump priming" the economy. We tend to forget that the government systematically discouraged saving on the theory that it led to pools of unused money and insufficient demand.

Whether Juster's suggestion of shifting some wages into lump-sum bonuses would work I can't say. His timing couldn't be worse. Congress just did the most gigantic rewriting of the tax code in history with a view to simplifying the law, not cluttering it up with special provisions to implement social policy.

It has taken Americans 60 years to become a nation of non-savings spenders, both in private and public life. Juster seems to be saying that after six years of Reagan, we haven't broken the habit.



REMEMBER, ALL YOU ROWDIES, I'M STILL THE DRIVER.

Case for appointed judges

The almost continual debate over whether judges should be elected or appointed has intensified recently because of the election to the Wayne County Circuit Court of a woman attorney who received a law degree only a year ago and who has had almost no trial experience.

Even within the legal profession, there is a division about the wisdom of appointing judges with opponents claiming that too often the appointments go to those who are politically connected rather than outstanding attorneys.

Proponents say that politically connected attorneys are most of the time far better than some of the judges the public elects. They say that voters pay almost no attention to the qualifications of judicial candidates and tend to vote on the basis of recognizable names, or for the candidate who spends the most on advertising.

BUT THERE seems to be sentiment building up to get behind a move to appoint judges rather than having them elected. One of the strong reasons is the election of the inexperienced Kathleen Macdonald to the bench in Wayne County and the running in the same race of several other judicial candidates with little experience but recognizable names.

If the appointment process were to follow anything like the appointment



Bob Wisler

process involved in federal judicial appointments there certainly wouldn't be any doubt about the experience or qualifications of judges.

The last federal appointment in this area was of Wayne Circuit Judge Patrick Duggan of Livonia who was appointed to fill a vacancy on the U.S. District Court handling federal cases in southeastern Michigan.

Duggan originally applied for an opening on the federal bench at the suggestion of U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth Twp., who provided strong endorsement within the administration. Pursell also got U.S. Rep. William Broomfield to endorse Duggan's candidacy, which was a powerful boost since Broomfield is the senior Republican in Congress.

SO MUCH for the political connections. Now consider that before any appointment could be made, Duggan had to be investigated and selected by the Reagan administration. He was one of more than a dozen attorneys with long experience, who applied for the



Rich Perlberg

one of his clients. But that's secondary. The company's name — Casey Communications Management, Inc. — shows you what the boss thinks is important.

The business is described by its own press release as a public relations/public affairs counseling firm and Casey boasts of having at least the second-highest dollar billings among Detroit-area PR firms.

But his definition of PR goes beyond the "glitzy, one-way" picture of special promotions and press agents.

"The real growth is in communication management," he says.

AND WHAT IS communication management? It's a broad canvas of ways to know your market, your business, your employees and your world. It includes research, polling, attitude surveys, communication with employees and training.

The "classic way" to do communication management is "to do your homework," says Casey. And businesses, he adds, would do well to take a few lessons from that expert communications manager, the politician.

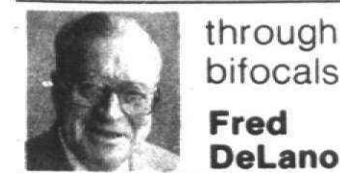
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Upper hand generally enjoyed by landlords

OH, YES, 'tis the season to be jolly. But for many of you 'tis also the season when you face the question of agreeing to a new lease on the abode you occupy — probably with an increase in monthly dollars — or take the alternative route and move to another, cheaper shanty.

With that in mind, I recently attended a workshop on tenants' and landlords' rights and responsibilities. On your behalf, I taped 90 minutes of advice and



Fred DeLano

comments delivered by Attorney LaRue Davis on what Michigan law permits and demands.

Here's one mother who's just too good

Claire Huxtable is starting to get on my nerves. Claire is the vivacious, beautiful, serene and incredibly competent lady lawyer who is married to Dr. Cliff Huxtable on "The Cosby Show."

Now that I think of it, they're both pretty irritating.

The creators of this particular show expect us to believe this couple has five children, yet their home is always seen without a trace of clutter. Not one of those five kids leaves their dirty socks on the couch or even so much as a magazine on the end tables. (This is where Jack Palance should say "Believe it or not.")

Since her kids never make a mess, Claire never has to clean. The only domestic chore we ever see her doing is cooking. The irritating part is that she always makes it look as though cooking for seven people is a pleasurable experience. Maybe it is when you're not using real food. I may try that sometime.

I also can't understand why, even though both of them have very demand-



Nancy Walls Smith

ing full-time careers, they're both still home more than I am and I don't even have a job!

Do you realize that "The Cosby Show" has been on for over two years and we have yet to see this woman throw one good temper tantrum? What kind of mother is that? She is grace under pressure at all times. When she does become irritated, she presents a logical, coherent argument that usually makes a very good point. She makes me sick.

Come to think of it, have you ever really seen her back? I'd lay odds that there's a big metal wind-up key right in the very middle of it. Believe it... or not.

from our readers

Letters must be original copies and contain the signature and address of the sender. Limit letters to 300 words.

Parent backs showing of film

To the editor:

I am a parent of a student at Plymouth Salem High School. I am surprised that in this day and age such a thing as banning a film is allowed in our school system.

I saw the movie "The Breakfast Club" with my teenagers. I agree that a parent should not be forced to see this film, but I believe that most high school

students are reasonable and intelligent young people and possess the capability of realizing that movies are entertainment and that they would not change their current life style because of something they saw in a movie.

Aside from that, I thought the movie to be entertaining and it did show that people become friends, not by steering clear of all who are not exactly like them, but by listening to others and by realizing that people are not always as they appear on the surface.

Patricia Pahl
Canton

Keeping up with state government

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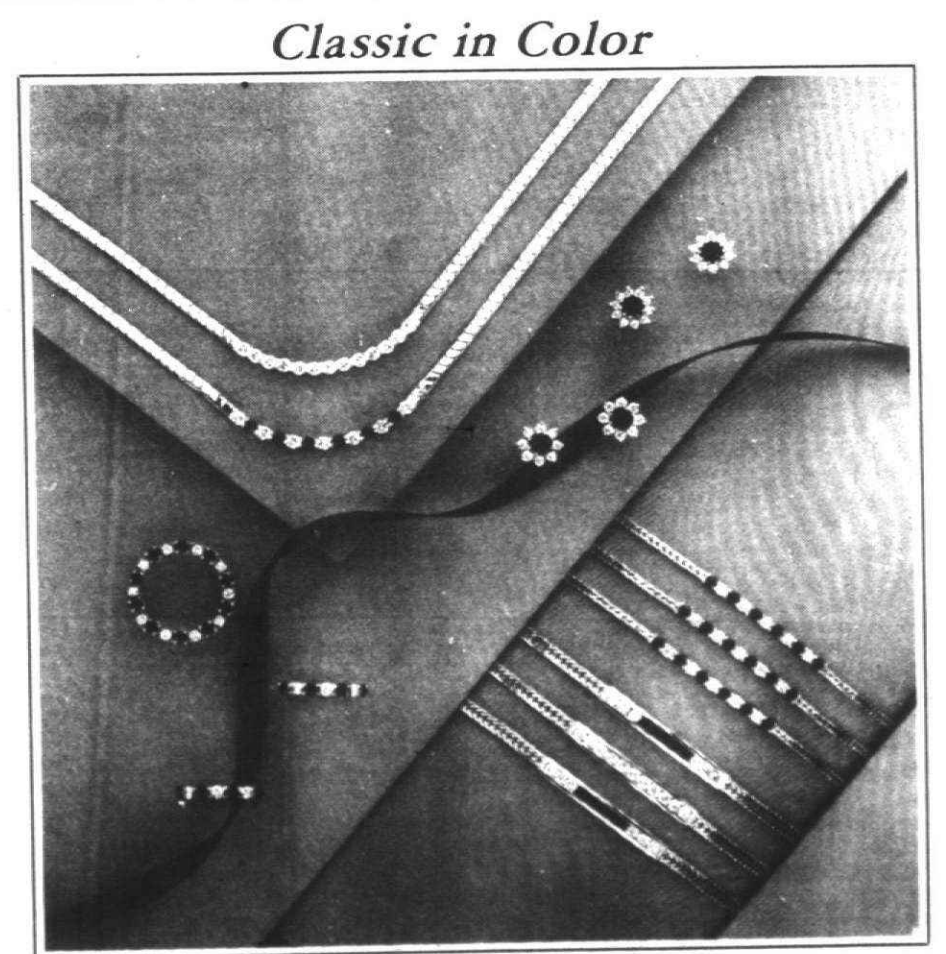
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Shield, right to tape bills passed by Senate

News broadcasters won back-to-back victories in the state Legislature.

The Senate Tuesday passed bills granting them "shield" protection and guaranteeing the right to tape and film governmental meetings.

Observer & Eccentric area Sens. Doug Cruce, R-Troy; Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills; Richard Fessler, R-West Bloomfield; R. Robert Geake, R-Northville; Patrick McCollough, D-Dearborn; and Rudy Nichols, R-Waterford, all supported both bills.

Absent was Sen. William Faust, D-Westland.

THE SHIELD bill slid through 32-0 after months of argument. It goes back to the House for concurrence in amendments.

Current law allows print reporters to protect the identity of informants.

The new measure, sponsored by Rep. Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing, extends the right to protect the identity, conversation and documents received from an informant to any "other person involved in the gathering or preparation of news."

The right is limited in the case of "capital crimes" where life imprisonment could be imposed, said Sen. Alan Cropsey, R-Dewitt, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

In those cases, a county prosecutor would have to show he exhausted all other means to get required evidence.

- Capital crimes include:
- First- and second-degree murder.
 - First-degree criminal sexual conduct.
 - Assault with intent to kill and assault with intent to commit armed robbery.
 - Bank robbery and safecracking.
 - Some kidnappings.
 - Delivery, manufacture or possession of 650 or more grams of heroin, opium, methadone or cocaine.

THE BILL grew out of the Brad Stone case in Detroit. Stone, a producer for WJBK-TV, prepared a story on teen gangs, promising them anonymity. In violation of station policy, Stone failed to destroy the unused videotape.

A month later, an off-duty State Police trooper was shot to death at Hart Plaza. A grand jury investigating the murder subpoenaed Stone's unaired videotapes although they were filmed prior to the murder. Prosecutors argued that a suspect had altered his appearance and might be identified if he appeared in Stone's unused videotapes.

Stone refused and went to jail briefly. His case is before the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

THE SECOND bill could have impact on local governments which have refused to allow videotaping or recording of their meetings without permission. The bill, by Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, amends the Open Meetings Act by expanding the definition of a right to attend a public meeting.

It passed 35-0 and goes to Gov. James J. Blanchard for his signature.

It provides: "The right of a person to attend a meeting of a public body includes the right to tape record, to videotape, and to telecast live on television the proceedings of a public body at a public meeting."

"The exercise of this right shall not be dependent upon the prior approval of the public body. However, a public body may establish reasonable rules and regulations in order to minimize the possibility of disrupting the meeting."

The House passed the measure last March, but the Senate didn't take it up until the post-election session.

The shield bill slid through 32-0 after months of argument. It goes back to the House for concurrence in amendments. Current law allows print reporters to protect the identity of informants.

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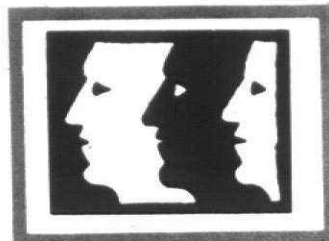
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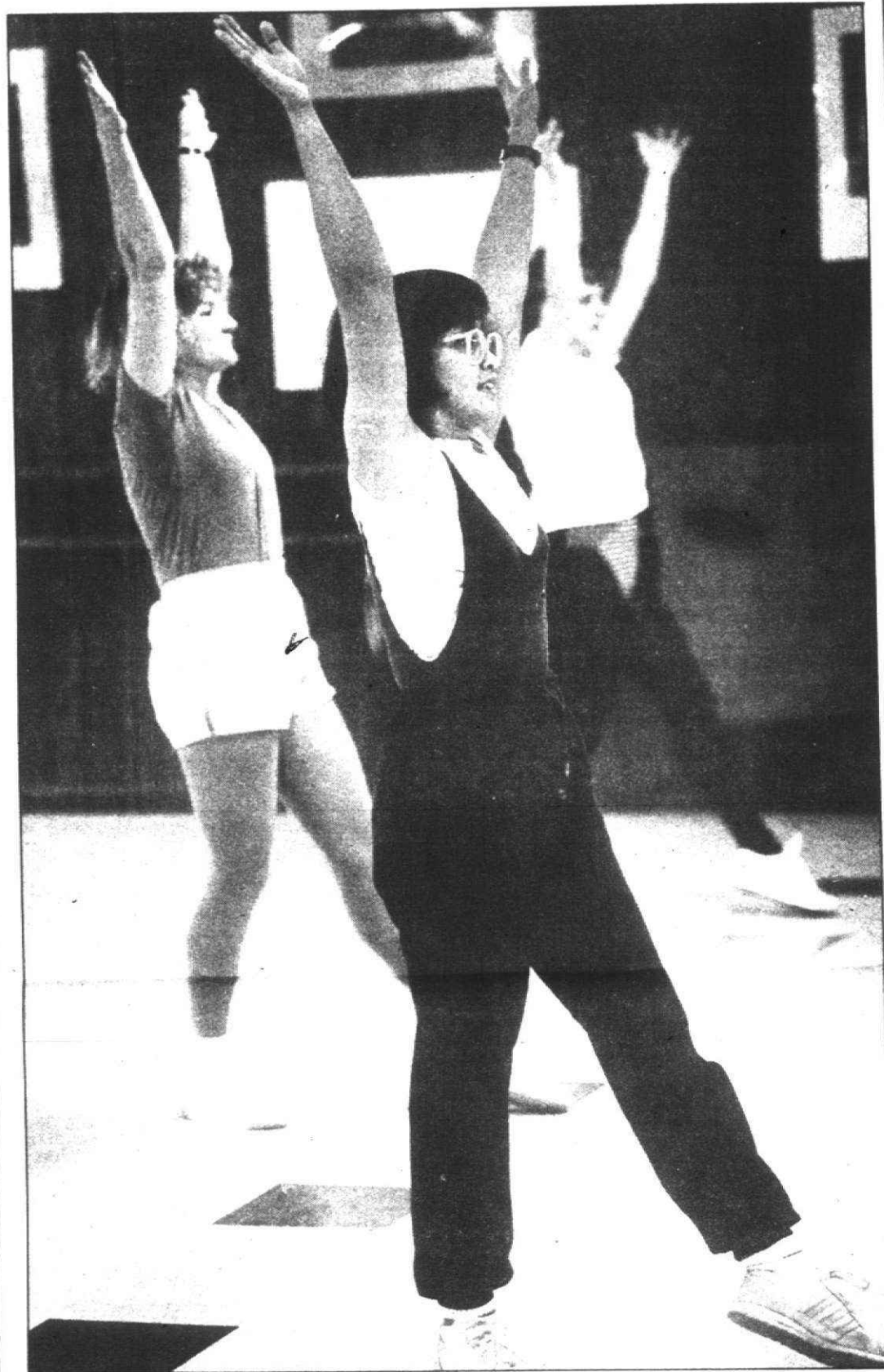
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Instructor Ann Tai (front) works with Alice Oldham (left) and Becky Lukasik during an exercise fitness class offered by the Plymouth Community Family YMCA. The class meets at Masters of Dance Arts in Canton.

photos by BILL BRESLER/staff photographer



A supervised exercise class is a good option for those who are trying to stay in shape, according to Ann Tai. Tai teaches an exercise fitness class through the Plymouth Community Family YMCA. She works with people such as Debbie Forney (left) and Jan Jones, emphasizing the right way to do exercises.

Community Family YMCA. She works with people such as Debbie Forney (left) and Jan Jones, emphasizing the right way to do exercises.

Holiday fitness: No easy task

By Julie Brown
staff writer

CHRISTMAS AND calories go together.

The holiday season's tempting treats can make it all too easy to pile on the pounds this time of year. Getting enough exercise amid the season's hustle and bustle can be tough.

It's possible to enjoy the season's culinary offerings, however. The key is to know when to stop eating. "Portion control, that's all there is to it," said occupational therapist Ann Tai. Holiday revelers should eat the foods they enjoy, but they need to limit the size of their portions.

The season's not a good one in which to go overboard on self-denial, she said.

"Eating is a lot of fun. Socializing comes with eating."

That portion-control advice is what Tai gives to those enrolled in her exercise fitness class, offered through the Plymouth Community

Family YMCA at Masters of Dance Arts in Canton.

THOSE WHO are trying to get in shape also need to have realistic expectations, she said. Too often, exercisers start out doing too much too soon and end up aching.

"It's hard because people have set these goals for themselves of getting thin," Tai said. "They start at a pace that's too intense."

Starting out nice and easy is the way to go, she said. It's particularly important for those who are 40 or older and those who have lived sedentary lives for years. For that group, a physician's OK prior to starting an exercise program is recommended.

Some people see exercise programs on television and decide to do those exercises, Tai said. They soon find themselves sore and discouraged.

"They really haven't conditioned themselves to the level they're supposed to be at."

Certain exercises aren't good

ones for those with knee or back problems, Tai said. Those who start exercise programs also should realize that it takes some time to reach the flexibility level they enjoyed in earlier days.

A supervised exercise class helps a novice exerciser learn to do exercises the right way. The social aspects of an exercise class make it an enjoyable way to stay in shape, Tai has found.

"It's a lot of fun, it really is. There's a lot of camaraderie that takes place."

Sara Archibald, who also teaches an exercise fitness class through the Plymouth Community Family YMCA, agreed.

"It's a little bit of a social thing, too. It might be a good time for them to try an exercise class."

BOTH EXERCISE instructors have found there's much interest in fitness this time of year. Students in their classes have asked to con-

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This award was a surprise

By Julie Brown
staff writer

Plymouth's Thora Alford wasn't expecting to be named volunteer of the year for the Washtenaw Council on Alcoholism.

"I was very, very much surprised," Alford said of her reaction. "I was just amazed when I got this letter. I just really felt honored to think they thought I deserved it."

Alford was among those honored recently at the third annual dinner and awards banquet of the National Council on Alcoholism's Michigan division.

The event was held at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing, with actress Meredith MacRae as the guest speaker. MacRae's late father, Gordon, was a recovering alcoholic. He was known for his roles in the movie musicals "Oklahoma!" and "Carousel," and worked with the National Council on Alcoholism.

Alford's work at the Washtenaw Council on Alcoholism in Ann Arbor is varied. Her bookkeeping and accounting skills have enabled her to help with the billing. She also types mailing lists and helps out where she's needed.

"It's anything they need to do," she's been working lately on organizing the director's office.

Alford's hours of volunteer work also vary according to the council's needs.

"I'm sort of on call," she said. "If they need me, I can go."

THE COUNCIL provides help for

people with drug and alcohol abuse problems. Many people are referred to the council through the court system, Alford said.

"A lot of them, it's a recovery program."

Alford began her volunteer work with the council approximately three years ago. She was surprised at the number of people who need help with substance abuse problems.

"It was just that it was interesting to me. And I could see what they could do with an intervention. I just feel that it's a good cause."

"It has been very, very interesting. I've made some good friends."

In addition to her work with the council, Alford is an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. She's also a member of Chapter BC of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, a philanthropic/educational organization.

The honoree married Arthur Alford, a schoolteacher, when she was in her late teens. In the early 1940s, the Alfords and their children moved to lower Michigan and ended up settling in Plymouth, where Arthur Alford was the junior high school principal.

When she was in her early 40s, Thora Alford was left a widow after years of caring for her husband through a series of heart attacks. When he died, she was working in the payroll department of the Daisy Air Rifle Company.

KEITH ALFORD, the couple's son, was teaching at the time of his father's death. Thora Alford's goal at

that point was to provide a college education for her two daughters, just as they would have had if their father had lived.

"And I did achieve that goal," she said. "That was my aim and I achieved it."

Keith Alford lives in Ann Arbor. He recently retired from his counseling position at West Middle School in Plymouth Township. Alford's daughter, Marjorie Easley, lives in Rochester and is the mother of two children. She and her husband have their own business.

Alford's other daughter, Nancy Boitano, lives in California and is the mother of two children. All three of the Alford children are University of Michigan graduates.

Although it wasn't as common for women to work outside of the home in years past, Thora Alford didn't think much about it at the time. One day, her daughter, Marjorie, told Alford she was the only one among her friends whose mother worked full time.

"I enjoyed it, I really did," Alford said of her years of work. "I just enjoyed the work and the people."

SUPPORT FROM her family and others was helpful.

"I was lucky because I did have people who were supportive of me. My family has been so supportive of me in anything I've done."

Alford remained with Daisy until the company relocated to Arkansas in the late 1950s. She then went to

work for Jack Selle Buick and then for Dunn Steel Products Division of Textron Inc., where she retired in 1982.

Caring for her husband throughout the years of his illness was difficult.

"We learned one thing and that was to live from day to day. We learned not to plan too far ahead."

She has thought at times that the situation wasn't the right one for her children who were growing up at the time.

"I took care of my family, I just did it," she said. "I think I did it well. They tell me I did."

Alford isn't sure she would have retired, but when her last employer relocated, she did retire.

"So I didn't have to make up my mind to retire and I think that was a good thing. I don't know if I ever would have retired." She enjoyed her years on the job.

"Of course, I did that for so many years and I loved it. I really did. I think I gave a good measure. I felt that I did."

Alford has seen a number of changes in Plymouth over the last 40 years. There are many more schools than there used to be and the entire area has grown.

"Sheldon Road seemed like the end of Plymouth. Now you just go and go."

She's glad Plymouth has kept its colonial influence through the years.

"I love Plymouth. It's been my home longer than any other place has and maybe that's why."



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Plymouth's Thora Alford works as a volunteer with the Washtenaw Council on Alcoholism. She was recently honored as the council's volunteer of the year.



Keeping those feet moving during an exercise class is important.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

The holidays need not be a disaster

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time holding classes over the holiday period between the regular sessions.

"They must think that they need it," Tai said.

Last year, some of the students in Archibald's class stopped coming to class during the holiday season. For those who have children home from school on vacation, the holiday weeks can be particularly difficult ones in which to get adequate exercise.

"They tend to drop out over the holidays." Those people realize how much they've missed when they return to the exercise class and need time to catch up, Archibald said.

For those who choose to exercise on their own, the winter months don't have to be a fitness disaster area. Walking, for example, can be done outdoors during most days of the winter, provided walkers remember to dress warmly.

"Some people don't want to walk in the bad weather," Archibald said. For that group, enclosed shopping malls provide an ideal environment for walking.

Swimming is another good exercise choice, Archibald said. Many area recreational facilities offer

open swimming sessions at various times. Riding a stationary bicycle is another at-home fitness option.

INDOOR SPORTS such as racquetball are also fitness boosters, she said. For those who enjoy the great outdoors, cross country skiing is a good way to stay in shape.

Archibald agreed with Tai that limiting the size of food portions is the key to staying in shape. Sweets in particular can be difficult to turn down.

"I think that's probably the biggest problem."

Tai and Archibald admit that the holiday season is a physical fitness challenge—even for those who teach exercise fitness classes.

"I have trouble just like everybody else," Archibald said. The holidays mean that her sweets are on hand at home for her three children.

"It's hard for me as well," she said. "I take part in all of it too."

For Tai, teaching the YMCA class helps provide the discipline she needs to stay in shape this time of year.

For additional information on exercise fitness classes offered through the Plymouth Community Family YMCA, call 453-2904.

engagements

Matthews-Skonieczny

Judy Stewart of Plymouth and John Matthews of Belleville announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet L. Matthews of Dearborn Heights, to Larry Skonieczny of Warren, son of Walter and Sandy Skonieczny of Prudenville, Mich.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and of Ferris State College. She is employed as a cardiovascular technologist at Charwood Cardiac Testing in Warren.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Clintonville High School. He is employed by Wang Laboratories as a customer engineer.

A mid-June 1987 wedding is planned at St. Paul of the Cross Monastery Chapel in Detroit.



anniversaries

Couple marks 50th anniversary

Ford and Maxine Anthony of Bayonet Point, Fla., formerly of Plymouth, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 31. After returning from a cruise to Hawaii, the Anthonys hosted a dinner party for friends.

The Anthonys have five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Anthony owned his own funeral home before coming to Plymouth 23 years ago, where he managed the Schrader Funeral Home. His wife was employed for 20 years by the

National Bank of Detroit in Plymouth. She is a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Her hobbies include reading, needlework and playing cards.

Her husband is a life member of the Optimist International, a director of the Bayonet Point High Twelve Club and a life member of Royal Arch Masons and the OES. Anthony likes to bowl. Both he and his wife enjoy traveling.

The Anthonys are members of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church and the Beacon Woods Civic Association.

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PLYMOUTH AAUW

The Plymouth branch, American Association of University Women, will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Nancy Passfield, the speaker, will give a demonstration on Christmas decorations and decorations of colonial Williamsburg. The meeting will be a "homecoming" for all former AAUW members and any prospective members. Those attending will also sponsor a collection box of non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON PWP

Plymouth-Canton Parents Without Partners will meet 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4. The meeting will include a speaker followed by a dance at the Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 S. Lotz Road, north of Michigan Avenue and east of I-275 in Canton. Price is \$2, \$3 after 9:30 p.m. For additional information, call Ellen, 455-5851.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church St., Plymouth. At the meeting, mittens and scarves will be collected for the "Mitten Tree" in the Edison Building. Non-perishable food items collected will be for the Salvation

Army. The Centennial Educational Park Swing Ensemble will entertain, with Laura Wiener conducting. Guests may attend.

DANCERS

Westside Singles II will hold a singles dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at the Livonia Elks Lodge No. 2246, 31117 Plymouth Road, just east of Merriman in Livonia. The dance is for those ages 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn. Price is \$4. For additional information, call the hotline, 562-3170.

BIRTH CLASSES

Childbirth preparation classes are scheduled to begin Dec. 6 and run for seven weeks at the Riverside Park Church of God in Livonia. The Saturday morning classes will meet 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For enrollment information, call the In Touch-Association for Pregnancy Enrichment and Childbirth Education, 595-6843, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

SPIRIT OF DETROIT

The "Spirit of Detroit" Chorus, Sweet Adelines Inc., will present "A Not So Silent Night" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5-6, at Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile Road, at Middlebelt Road in Farmington Hills. Ticket price is \$8. The production will feature Jubilation, the 1985 Queens of Harmony, Crystal Classics, the 1986 Region 2 champions, and Harmony Unlimited, a Detroit-area men's group. For ticket information, call Betty Canup, 386-0203. A limited number of \$5 tickets for Friday, Dec. 5, will be available for students and senior citizens. The chorus rehearses 7:30 p.m. Mondays at St. Francis Knights of Columbus Hall, Farmington Hills. For membership information, call Betty Gersch, 671-0489 or 678-0482. Guests may attend.

CROISSANT CONCERT

Today's Brass Quintet will perform at a croissant concert 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Ford Ave., Ann Arbor. Ticket price includes champagne, bagels, coffee and juice. Admission is \$8. For reservations, call 769-2999. The program will be mostly classical, with some lighter music and a few surprises.

SYMPHONY BALL

The Plymouth Symphony Ball will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Novi Hilton, 1-275 at Eight Mile Road. Cocktail hour will be at 7 p.m., dinner at 8 p.m. Price is \$65 per couple. Tickets are available at Armbruster's in Plymouth. Tables will be for 10 people. For additional information, call 459-7016.

HOLIDAY GALA

The Plymouth Historical Society will hold its third annual "Holiday Gala" 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Dec. 6, at the museum, 155 S. Main St. The event will include a preview of the Christmas exhibits at the museum. The public may attend. Tickets cost \$25 per person and are available by calling 455-8940. The holiday event will include hors d'oeuvres and punch prepared by a chef from the culinary arts department at Schoolcraft College. There will also be dancing to the music of an orchestra.

80-PLUS

All senior citizens may attend the Christmas luncheon noon Monday,

Dec. 8, in fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Road. Price is \$4 per person. The program for the luncheon will be Christmas carols.

WOMEN'S NETWORK

The Professional Women's Network of Farmington will hold its annual holiday get-together 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Reservations and advance payment must be received at the Farmington Community Center by Friday, Dec. 5. Price for the holiday party is \$5 for members, \$6 for non-members. For reservations or additional information, call the Farmington Community Center, 477-8404.

HOLIDAY DINNER

WISER-Widowed in Service will hold its Christmas dinner 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Amantea's Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road, between Wayne and Merriman in Garden City. The organization provides self-help and information sharing for widowed people. For reservations, call the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, 591-6400 Ext. 432.

PARTY PLANS

The Dearborn Heights-Westland Chapter 1642, American Association of Retired Persons, will hold its annual Christmas party/dinner at noon

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Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Roma's of Garden City, 33550 Cherry Hill Road. To make reservations call Rudy Cadez, 561-6266, or Ralph Ashenbatt, 563-8621.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The St. John Neumann Women's Guild will meet for a Christmas potluck dinner 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the parish activities building in Canton. All women of the parish may attend. There will be an optional \$5 gift exchange. Meat for the meal will be provided by the guild. To sign up, call Bo Kraft, 455-2309, Chris Lapinski, 981-4832, or Lottie Kesner, 453-8826.

LA LECHE

The La Leche League will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at 709 Provincetown Lane, Plymouth. The discussion will cover the advantages and disadvantages of breastfeeding. Information on establishing a happy nursing relationship will be included. For additional information, call Johanne, 453-9171.

MESSIAH

Ars Musica and Tafelmusik of Toronto will perform Handel's "Messiah" 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, in historic Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Jean Lamon, Tafelmusik's music director, will conduct both of the performances, with soprano Penny Jensen, tenor Gary Glaze and bass Andrew Schultz as soloists. Ann Arbor's Wendy Bloom will be heard as the alto in the Dec. 12 performance; counter tenor Steven Rickards will be heard Dec. 13. Ivars Taurins will conduct the 22-member Tafelmusik choir for both performances. Tafelmusik is based in Toronto, Ontario, and recently embarked on several successful tours of Europe, North America and South America. Ticket prices are \$15, \$9.50 and \$6.50. Tickets are available at all Ticket World locations, the Michigan Theater and Orchestra Hall. For additional information on the performances, call the Ars Musica office, 562-3976.

BAKED GOODS

St. Kenneth Church will hold a bake sale noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the church, 4951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth. The sale will continue after the 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon Masses Sunday, Dec. 14. The women of St. Kenneth Church are sponsoring the event.

HOLIDAY GOODIES

The St. John Neumann Women's Guild will hold a Christmas bake sale 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and after Masses Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13-14. The bake sale will be held in the parish activities building in Canton. The homemade baked goods will include breads, cakes, cookies and pies.

LOCAL PWP

Plymouth-Canton Parents Without Partners will meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, for an orientation for new members. For additional information, call Ellen, 455-3851.

LET'S DANCE

Plymouth-Canton Parents Without Partners will meet 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, for a program with a speaker followed by a dance at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 S. Lotz Road, north of Michigan Avenue and east of I-275 in Canton. Price is \$2, \$3 after 9:30 p.m. For additional information, call Ellen, 455-3851.

SINGLES' DANCE

Westside Singles II will hold a Christmas dance for singles from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at the Livonia Elks Lodge No. 2246, 31117 Plymouth Road, just east of Merriman in Livonia. The dance is for those age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn. Price is \$4. For additional information, call the hotline, 562-3170.

BETHANY DANCE

Bethany Plymouth/Canton will sponsor a candlelight dance 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at St. Kenneth Church, Five Mile and Haggerty roads in Plymouth. Refreshments will be served. Music will be by Chico. Price is \$5. For additional information, call Mary, 981-1274, or Pete, 422-8625.

LUMINARIES

The Plymouth Symphony League and the Trailwood Garden Club will offer Christmas "luminaries" the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 24. The Christmas Eve event is based on the Spanish custom of lighting the way for the Christ child. It will begin at 6 p.m. Paper bags filled with sand, kitty litter or top soil will hold candles; the bags will then be placed along the curbs, approximately 10 feet apart. Free sand is available 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the city of Plymouth's Department of Public Works, on the north end of Arthur. Plymouth Township's Department of

Public Works, at Lilley and Ann Arbor roads, also will have free sand from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Those picking up free sand should bring their own containers and shovels. Price for candles is \$2.50 for a set of 10 candles with white bags. Individual candles and bags are 25 cents each. For additional information, call co-chairwomen Mary O'Connell, 459-1999, or Dianne Pessler, 453-1289.

SPEAK UP

A new Toastmasters Club is being organized by Toastmasters International, a world leader in developing public speaking/communication skills. The club will meet weekly on Saturdays for breakfast. The first meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Elias Brothers Big Boy restaurant on Wayne Road in Westland. For reservations or additional information, call Phyllis K. Sullivan, 455-1635.

NO PANCAKES

All pancake breakfasts sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary to Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post No. 6695 have been canceled until further notice.

TOUGHLOVE

Toughlove meets 7 p.m. Mondays at the Faith Community Moravian Church, 46001 Warren Road, at Canton Center Road in Canton. Toughlove is a self-help group for parents troubled by teenage behavior.

MUSEUM EXHIBITS

The Plymouth Historical Museum is offering Christmas exhibits. More than 80 fans are on display. The display includes Chinese silk fans, lacquered wood fans, feathered fans from France, fans for mourning, handpainted fans and others. Trains and antique toys are also on display. The train exhibit includes a Lionel Chessie Steam Special passenger train. The museum is at 155 S. Main St. in Plymouth. It is open to the public 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Price is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for those ages 11 to 17 and 25 cents for children ages 5 to 10. For additional information, call 455-8940.

EXERCISE CLASSES

Prenatal and postnatal exercise classes are held each Saturday morning at the Riverside Park Church of God in Livonia. Prenatal classes are 9-10 a.m., postnatal classes 10-11 a.m. The non-aerobic

exercises stress strength and flexibility. For additional information, call the In Touch-Association for Pregnancy Enrichment and Childbirth Education, 595-6843.

FREE COATS

Free coats for children are available through the YWCA Child and Family Neighborhood Program at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland. Some boots and other winter outerwear are also available. For additional information, call 729-2610 or come to the center to the public. Fellows Creek is on Lotz, north of Michigan Avenue, in Canton.

BETHANY

Bethany Plymouth/Canton meets at 8 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, south of Five Mile, Plymouth. For additional information, call 981-1274 or 981-1365 after 6 p.m.

TOASTMASTERS

Motor City Speakeasy, a member of Toastmasters International, meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Red Lobster restaurant at Twelve Oaks in Novi. The group formerly met at the Plymouth Mayflower Hotel. Motor City Speakeasy welcomes people wanting to improve their speaking skills. For information, call 420-0116 or 422-8344.

OPTIMISTS

Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month in the Miles Standish Room of the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth. Plymouth and Canton residents may call 453-8947 for membership information.

CHORUS COOKBOOK

Plymouth Community Chorus cookbook, "All Our Best," is available at Plymouth Book World and from chorus members. Price is \$7.95.

CANTON WOMEN

The Canton Women's Club will meet 9-11 a.m. the first and fourth Thursday of the month at the Faith Community Moravian Church, 46001 Warren Road, west of Canton Center, Canton Township. New members may attend. The club is for women interested in being a part of cultural events, group discussion and recreational activities. The club is cosponsored by the YWCA of Western

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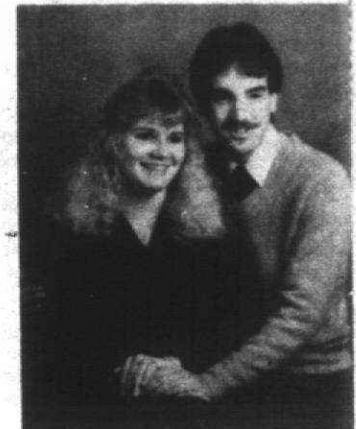
Utter-Rensel

Phyllis Utter of Elkhorn, Wis., announces the engagement of her daughter, Penny Sue Utter of Santa Clara, Calif., to Stephen Walter Rensel of Santa Clara, son of Mrs. Robert E. Martin of Canton and the late Walter B. Rensel.

The bride-elect also is the daughter of the late Everett Utter. The Rensels were longtime Plymouth residents.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Elkhorn High School. She received an associate's degree from Mission College in Santa Clara and is employed in the purchasing department of Precision Echo in Santa Clara.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor. He attended Ferris State College and is employed as general manager of



PEC's Hobby Supplies in Mt. View, Calif.

A mid-August 1987 wedding is planned at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.

Bezaire-Campeau

Melissa Ann Bezaire of Livonia and Anthony Dean Campeau of Farmington Hills plan a May wedding at St. Colette Church in Livonia. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bezaire of Livonia. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Campeau of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1984 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She is employed with Holiday Inn-Livonia.

Her fiancé is a 1981 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He received a culinary arts certificate from Schoolcraft College. He is employed as manager of Bismarck Catering at the Detroit Race Course.

new voices

Kenneth and Ellen Arble of Canton announce the birth of a daughter, Emily Ann, Nov. 6, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Grandparents are Donald and Vivian Roarty of Lincoln Park and James and Rose Arble of Westland.

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Giving smile appeal a boost

By Richard Lech
staff writer

BAD-LOOKING teeth can leave some people feeling pretty down in the mouth. "Some people almost put their hand over their mouth when they talk so you can't see their teeth," said Livonia dentist Dr. Stanley Weber.

"Some never smile. Some people talk out of the side of the mouth so you can't see the bad teeth on the other side. And there's no reason for it."

Putting a smile back on such people's faces has been the job of the booming field of cosmetic dentistry. Weber, for instance, estimates that half of his customers come in for cosmetic reasons.

Many are models or sales people who need a winning smile to win in their fields. The cosmetic dentistry might mean filling in a gap between two teeth, making a crooked tooth look straight and or replacing a silver filling with white material.

COSMETIC DENTISTRY once consisted only of crowning or capping, in which enamel is removed and replaced with a porcelain tooth-shaped form. But today new techniques have been added, including:

- bonding, in which a putty-like substance is used to replace part of

the tooth's surface or to add to the surface;

- bleaching, in which an oxidizing agent is used to lighten a tooth's color;

- tooth painting, in which the tooth is painted with a tooth-colored fluid resin;

- laminate veneers, in which the teeth's enamel are reduced a half millimeter so a thin veneer of acrylic, composite resin or enamel can be placed over the teeth.

AS WITH any medical procedures, the new cosmetic dentistry techniques have their pros and cons.

Procedures such as bonding can be less expensive and quicker than crowns, and usually no enamel is removed. But critics say the techniques don't last as long as crowns or caps and may not give an aesthetically pleasing tooth in terms of color or shape.

Although he uses techniques such as bonding, Livonia dentist Saul Silverstein says cosmetic dentistry should not be entered into lightly.

"It's not everything it's cracked up to be," Silverstein said.

He said procedures such as bonding may result in a not-too-attractive tooth. It is difficult, for instance, to match the color of the bonding material with that of the surrounding teeth, he said.

"The time-tested way is to have a

crown made," Silverstein said. "If it's custom made, by a very good ceramist, it can duplicate the natural enamel very well."

BUT WEBER said the bonding can be made to match the other teeth with careful work. The bonding material is continually being improved in such areas as durability, he said, and he thinks bonding will be the wave of the future.

"I'm sure in the majority of cases crowning or capping will be a thing of the past," said Weber, who is a former instructor in the crown and bridge department of the University of Michigan Dental School.

Weber said the "ideal treatment" for crooked or damaged teeth is orthodontics since nothing artificial is placed on the teeth, and the teeth's structural problems are taken care of. But for some patients, orthodontic treatment just takes too long.

"They want instant results," Weber said.

A person with many spaces between the teeth can walk out of the dentist's office with the spaces closed. If the teeth are overcrowded, twisted or rotated, an artificial facing can make the teeth appear straight.

"There are no shots to give. The tooth is changed almost magically over a period of a couple of hours," Weber said.

Bonding can be used, for instance, to replace silver fillings with a more natural-looking white substance.

"It acts pretty much as enamel does. It's a substitute for enamel in a way. But it does pick up some amount of staining if not routinely cleaned."

THE CHIEF DISADVANTAGE of bonding is that the material lasts only five to eight years, and then must be replaced, Weber said.

But the fact that the bonding material can be easily removed can be an advantage. Many people will have a gap in their teeth closed only to discover their new look really isn't them, Weber said. If so, it's a simple task to remove the bonding and return to the old look.

Most dental plans will not cover purely cosmetic dentistry, Silverstein and Weber said. But the plans may cover it if it is part of the repair of decay-damaged teeth.

Silverstein said people undergoing cosmetic dentistry should look at it as seriously as they look at any other form of dentistry. He said it should only be undertaken after a complete discussion with the dentist about what the problem is and a thorough examination, including X-rays and dental impressions.

"Before you head down that road," Silverstein said, "you should have a good idea of what the options are and what the problem is."

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Wayne County. For additional information, call Cynthia Nichols, area program director, at 561-4110.

• FARM AND GARDEN

The Lake Pointe Women's National Farm and Garden Association has two cookbooks available from group members. A number of salads from the spring salad luncheon are included, along with other recipes submitted by the members. The price is \$5. For additional information, call Jean Pink, 453-2802.

• PLYMOUTH SENIORS

The Plymouth Township Seniors meet at the Friendship Station Club Hall, 42375 Schoolcraft, on the following days: Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon for euchre and pool, Tuesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. for pinocle, Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 6:30-9:30 p.m. for bridge and pinocle. Seniors living in Plymouth Township or the city of Plymouth may attend. For additional information, call Helen Krupa, 459-6259.

• DANCERS' COOKBOOK

The Polish Centennial Dancers of Plymouth cookbook, "Secrets from Centennial Cupboards," is available from group members. It features a number of Polish recipes, along with American recipes. The price is \$5. For additional information, call Kathy Floied, 459-7255.

• FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

Families Anonymous, a self-help program for relatives and friends concerned with drug abuse or behav-

ioral problems, will meet at 8 p.m. Thursdays in St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44900 Warren, Canton.

• 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.

• 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, just west of Canton Center. The flotilla welcomes new members. Call Robert Kinsler, 455-2676, for information.

• TOPS TAKE OFF POUNDS

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

• CIVIL AIR PATROL

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 or older may become a volunteer. For information, call Robert Elzen, commander, 326-9673.

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MAYFLOWER-LT. GAMBLE POST VFW 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 453-4754 or 455-1583.

• SWEET ADELINES

Midwest Harmony Chapter of Sweet Adelines releases 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. Midwest Harmony's membership covers all four-county area and includes 17 cities. It is directed by Dixie Dahlke. For information on membership, call Marge Griep of Livonia, 425-0017, or Linda Lupo of Canton, 453-4873.

• 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 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Plymouth Elks Lodge, Civitan is an all-volunteer international service organization for men and women who want to be involved in community service projects, develop new friendships and become better informed about their city and nation. For additional information, call 453-2206 or 459-6464.

• TOASTMASTERS

The Oral Majority Toastmasters 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.

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Event honors area residents

Forty-six members of the Oakwood Hospital Guild were honored Nov. 19 for contributing a combined total of \$5,500 hours of service to the hospital.

Jean Schmidt of Plymouth was among those honored. Schmidt, Oakwood Canton Health Center chairwoman for the guild, received a 2,000-hour pin.

Other area residents who were honored are Peggy Becker of Canton, who received a 500-hour pin, and Lynn Allen and Virginia Gerdes of Canton, who received 100-hour chevrons.

The Nov. 19 event marked the first recognition in which new hour pins were presented to guild volunteers. The pins are personalized with the Oakwood logo, the words "Oakwood Hospital Guild" and the number of hours volunteered.

"These men and women represent the heart of volunteerism, for not only they give generously of their time but of their talents as well,"

According to Dr. Don R. Powell, the institute's executive director, "Smokers can quit for the day without climbing the walls if they use the Warm Pheasant approach rather than the more traditional Cold Turkey method. Warm Pheasant involves a series of procedures that can effectively prevent and eliminate cigarette urges."

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Snow and ice off sidewalks

The city of Plymouth Department of Public Works (DPW) warns property owners that snow and ice must be removed from their sidewalks within 14 hours after a snowfall. Failure to do so may result in the DPW removing the snow or ice and assessing a cost of \$40 an hour to the property owner.

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Holiday sounds abound

The Plymouth Community Chorus has selected "Christmas Memories" as the theme for its 1986 holiday concert. The concert will be presented Friday, Saturday and Sunday, at the Plymouth Salem High School auditorium, Canton Center and Joy roads in Canton Township.

The annual concert by the 120-voice chorus will feature selections of sacred and secular Christmas music by both classical and contemporary composers and arrangers.

Michael Gross of Westland will conduct. The concert will also feature solo performances by several chorus members.

Barbara Kobberstad of Livonia, soprano, will present the "Recitative" from Handel's "Messiah." Sherrie Northway of Redford Township, contralto, will sing "Some Children See Him."

Canton's Dennis Santillan, tenor, will perform "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." The principal accompanist for the chorus, Leslie Morrison of Livonia, will present a piano solo arrangement of the spiritual "Go Tell It on the Mountain."

A QUARTET with Kobberstad, Cheryl MacFarlin of Novi, contralto, Santillan and Steve Ferrie of Westland, baritone, will perform "Winter Masquerade."

"As always, our intention is to present a program that blends traditional and familiar Christmas music with more contemporary works that challenge the chorus and our musicianship," Michael Gross said.

The holiday concert "will recall some of the best music of the season and at the same time create some new and memorable experiences for our audience," he said.

Starting times for the concerts are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are available from chorus members, at the Sideways Shop in Plymouth, at the Book Break in Canton and at the Giftfiddler Music Store in Northville. Reduced rates are available for groups, students and senior citizens.

The Plymouth Community Chorus draws its membership from throughout the tri-county area. It is in its 13th year of presenting programs for mixed voices across a spectrum of traditional and contemporary choral music.

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Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
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6:00 P.M. Evening Fellowship

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Dia-a-Thought 261-2440

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CHRIST Community Church of Canton

981-0499

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WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.
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981-1383

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10:00 a.m. Pastor
12:00 Noon

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Robert Carlton, Pastor 453-5252

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45
Sunday School 9:45

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7:00 P.M.

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5:00 Inter-Generational Evening Church School (Nursery-12th) 10:30 A.M.

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WORSHIP AND CHURCH SCHOOL
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9:45 A.M. Church School - All Ages
11:00 A.M. Worship Service
9:45 Children's Christmas Musical "Prepare the Way of the Lord"
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Minister of Music: Ruth Hadley Turner

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45201 N. Territorial 453-5280

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Nursery Available

bazaars

HOLIDAY CRAFTS

Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will have its annual Christmas arts and craft show 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6, and Dec. 12 and 13, to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. The show will have more than 75 exhibitors. The show will be at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. Admission is free of charge and free parking will be available. For additional information, call the parks and recreation department, 455-6620.

SALEM ELEMENTARY

Salem Elementary School Annual Christmas Bazaar will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at the school, 7806 Salem, between Five and Six Mile roads, Salem Township. There will be an auction 7 p.m. Thursday with Jerry Duncan as auctioneer.

There will be crafts, baked goods, a raffle, a gift-wrapping station and a flea market. Proceeds go to benefit the outdoor camp experience for fifth graders at the school this spring.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Children's Hospital of Michigan will have a craft bazaar to raise money for research into childhood cancers Friday, Dec. 5. Anyone interested in donating handmade crafts, call Darleen Perensic at 584-2429.

CENTRAL WOODWARD

Central Woodward Christian Church, 3955 W. Big Beaver, Troy, will have its annual craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. There will be handcrafted works of art designed in wood, ceramics, and fabrics. For more information, call 644-0512.

REDFORD JAYCEES

The Redford Jaycees will be hosting a craft show 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Redford Jaycee Hall. Table space will cost \$15. Crafters will be given tables on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 535-4970 or 537-3527.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL

St. John's Episcopal Church in

Plymouth will have a Christmas bazaar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the church, 574 S. Sheldon. Lunch will be served. Admission, \$1, is a can of food for the needy, which includes three raffle tickets. The bazaar will feature arts and crafts, cookbooks, a greens booth, baked goods, children's activities and raffles. Bady's-billing will be available.

LIVONIA CHURCH OF GOD

There will be a Christmas bazaar 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6, at the Livonia Church of God, 1927 Middlebelt, between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia. There will be baked goods, crafts and a snack bar. For more information, call 476-7933.

ST. MEL

The Confraternity of Christian Women will have a Christmas bazaar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the John Furlong Complex, 7506 Inkster, north of Warren, Dearborn Heights. There will be a bake sale and a quilt raffle. Admission is free. For more information, call 421-3713.

BISHOP BORGESSE

Redford Bishop Borgess High School will have its sixth annual holiday bazaar 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the John Furlong Complex, 7506 Inkster, north of Warren, Dearborn Heights. There will be homemade arts and crafts and a bake sale.

ST. NORBERT

St. Norbert Church, 23555 Woodsfield, Inkster, will have its 14th Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. The church is on Inkster Road, two blocks south of Cherry Hill Road. Some 75 crafts people will be participating.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, near Inkster Road, Livonia, will have a Christmas Bazaar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6. There will be handcrafted items along with homemade cakes and baked goods. For more information, call 278-5755.

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Wed. Family Night 7:00 P.M.
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11 A.M. Worship & Praise
6:30 P.M. Worship & Praise
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First Saturday of month 5:00 P.M.

Bible Study Sunday 9:00 A.M.
Wednesday, following service Sunday 10:00 A.M.

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Livonia, Michigan 48154
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church bulletin

ADVENT MUSIC

The Music Ministry of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1160 Penniman, Plymouth, will present an Advent Music Series with four programs at 12:15 p.m. Thursdays, Dec. 4, 11, 18, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21.

HOLIDAY MUSIC

St. Colette Church will present "A Beginning Song of Christmas," 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the church, 17600 Newburgh, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

Guest performers will include Today's Brass Quintet from the University of Michigan, the Westland John Glenn High School Chamber Singers and harpist Arlan Sunnarborg.

A solo will be performed by Martin Jean, winner of the 1986 Grand Prix De Chartres, an international organ competition which took place in Paris in September. Jean is an organist at St. Colette.

CHRISTMAS FEAST

Newburg United Methodist Church Youth Choir will present "A Christmas Feast," Friday, Dec. 5, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Hors d'oeuvres will be at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

There will be a program by the Schoolcraft Community Choir. Donations are \$11, which will go to benefit the Newburg Youth Choir. For more information, call 422-0149.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

The concert choir of Plymouth Church of the Nazarene will present, "The Living Christmas Tree," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, Dec. 20, 21, and 22, at the church, 41550 E. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United will have a Christmas Fellowship Luncheon at 12:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at St. Andrew Episcopal Church, 45000 N. Territorial, a half-mile west of Sheldon, Plymouth.

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First Saturday of month 5:00 P.M.

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Wednesday, following service Sunday 10:00 A.M.

Sunday morning nursery care available

recreation news

● MUSEUM YULE DISPLAY

The trees are decorated, the table set, trains are running, old toys are out, and everyone's all dressed for the holidays. The "Christmas at the Museum" exhibit at Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, includes more than 80 old fans on display — Chinese silk fans, handpainted fans, feathered fans from France, leather fans.

Also on exhibit are a Lionel Chessie Steam Special passenger train, American Flyer passenger, work and freight trains and a Standard Gauge train; also old toys, including tractors, firetrucks, iron trains and farm equipment. The Plymouth Historical Museum is open to the public 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, this month.

● KREATIVES

Kreatives, a preschool class to foster and develop creativity, is offered for six weeks sessions in First United Methodist Church on N. Territorial Road in Plymouth. Times are 10 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Parents may choose any combination of times and days.

For ages 3-5, Kreatives develops creativity through art, crafts, music, games, and forms of creative expression. To register, call the Plymouth Community Family YMCA at 453-2904.

● **ADOPTIVE PARENT CLASSES**
Expectant Adoptive Parent Classes will be offered at 7 p.m. Fridays beginning Jan. 23 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills, for families waiting to adopt an infant up to age two. Terry Allor of Plymouth, program director for Expectant Adoptive Parent Classes, says the 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 the opportunity to explore parenthood and its relationship to being an adoptive parent.

● **HELPING ADULTS READ**
Plymouth-Canton Community Education can help adults read. For more information about Adult Basic Education, call 451-6555 or 451-6660. Open enrollment. Students can begin classes at any time.

● **PROJECT: COLLEGE BOUND**
Tuition assistance, personal development workshops, tutoring and job placement support are being offered to a limited number of persons age 18-21 who are interested in attending Schoolcraft College for either the winter or spring semester. A high school diploma or GED is not necessary for enrollment into Schoolcraft. For more information, call Growth Works Inc., in Plymouth at 453-4090.

● **PARENT/CHILD GUIDE PROGRAMS**
One minute they're 5, the next they are in their teens. Don't miss the moments of your child's young years. The YMCA Indian Guide Parent/Child Programs is an opportunity to spend special time together on a one-to-one basis for ages 5-13 in neighborhood tribal meetings in homes. Through the Indian Guide program, you'll be guiding your child as you have fun and learn together. For information, call 453-2904.

● **BOY SCOUT TROOP 743**
Boy Scouts of America Troop 743 meets at 7 p.m. each Monday in the gym of Allen Elementary School, 11100 Hagerty, Plymouth. Anyone interested in scouting should contact Russ Crum at 981-3671.

● **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.

● **COMPUTERS IN LIBRARY**
Four Apple II computers are available for public use in the Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth. Children younger than age 14 will be required to attend a training workshop or pass a users test. Children younger than age 8 must be accompanied by a parent while using the computer. All patrons must have a library card and must sign a responsibility card also signed by a parent or guardian. Once the responsibility card is on file at the library, patrons may reserve computer time and software. Rules and instructions for using the computers, the responsibility card, and a list of software are available at the library. For more information, call 453-0750.

● **CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
Canton Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in the Canton Historical Society Museum on Canton Center Road at Proctor.

● **MINOR HOME REPAIRS**
The Conference of Western Wayne Minor Home Repair Program has been funded through Senior Alliance Inc. for fiscal year 1985. The program assists homeowners 60 and older with minor home repair tasks. For information, call 525-8690.

Westland police are investigating whether a lone gunman who held up the Little Caesar's Restaurant, 1171 S. Wayne Road, early Sunday morning is the same man who has held up businesses in Livonia, Westland and Canton Township and sexually assaulted female employees.

Police inspector Paul Schnarr said the man entered the restaurant around 1:17 a.m. and ordered two pizzas. After waiting for the order to be completed, he announced a hold-up.

Two women employees, ages 22 and 23, told police the man held his hand in his pocket as if he had a gun. The man took an undisclosed amount of money from the cash drawer and then forced the women to open the

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Pets of the Week

Trouble, a five-month-old beagle (No. 184076), and Horshack, a 10-year-old male cat (No. 184092), are available for adoption by the Westland Kindness Center of the Michigan Humane Society. Both are housebroken and like children and other animals. For more information, call 721-7300.

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MICHIGAN RESTORATION SPECIALISTS

By Tim Richard
staff writer

To some it's a gun issue.
To others it's a home rule principle.

A state Senate bill would prevent local governments from passing ordinances banning pistols.

Passed by the Senate last June, SB 478 was stymied Tuesday when the House adjourned until Dec. 9 without acting on it.

"I understand 85 percent of the House received contributions from the National Rifle Association," said a chief opponent, Rep. Judith Miller, R-Birmingham. "You can draw your own conclusions on whether it will pass."

MILLER JOINED Rep. Perry Bullard, D-Ann Arbor, recently in opposing the measure on a 5-2 vote when it was reported out of the House Towns and Counties Committee.

Asked how he thought it would fare in the full House, Bullard said, "All too well, I'm afraid."

As home-rule city advocates see it, the bill steps on the toes of cities trying to attack what they see as a pernicious crime problem.

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"There's a broader public policy question than gun control," said Miller. "Coming from my background (Birmingham City Commission) in local home rule, it's ludicrous to hear legislators raise holy hell on the Detroit equity package (state funding for various institutions) and say, 'Why can't they solve it themselves?'"

"Then they turn around and support this. Detroit's trying to deal with its crime problem. Why cut 'em off at the pass?"

Miller also was impressed by testimony from George Ward, chief assistant Wayne County prosecutor, that 50 percent of the defendants prosecuted for illegal possession of firearms are not sentenced — at the discretion of the judge.

Bullard, who comes from the left side of the political spectrum, was rebuffed when the committee rejected his amendment to allow cities of more than 100,000 population to have pistol ordinances. It would have applied to cities the size of Detroit, Livonia, Warren, Grand Rapids, Flint and Ann Arbor.

THE NATIONAL Rifle Association lobbyist, Charles Cunningham, said NRA would support a uniform state law.

As reported to the House floor, the measure would:

• Prohibit local governments from passing "any ordinance or regulation pertaining to...the ownership, regulation, purchase, sale,

transfer, transportation, carrying or possession of pistols or other firearms."

• Allow local units to regulate use of firearms by prohibiting firing of a gun within city limits.

• Allow cities to impose stiffer fines for violations of existing state gun laws. This amendment would preserve Detroit's ability to enact a proposed 30-day minimum sentence for individuals convicted of carrying a concealed weapon. The Senate would have to concur if the full House adopts the amended version.

BUT TO REP. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, the issue is uniformity of the law.

"I will support it," said the freshman lawmaker, an attorney. "I personally do not think it is a good idea to bar ownership of guns by law-abiding private citizens. Criminals are always going to have guns."

"We don't want a patchwork of laws across the state. A person could go across all sorts of jurisdictions and unwittingly violate the law because there would be no notice given."

"I personally do not own a gun and have never hunted," Honigman added.

Workshop to focus on horse care

Schoolcraft College will present a daylong equestrian workshop on tack care and selection.

The workshop will be 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the college, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia.

Saddle maker Phil Hawk will discuss the construction, selection and maintenance of saddles, bridles and harnesses.

The workshop also will cover the cost and qualities of horse-care accessories.

To register or obtain more information, call 591-6400, Ext. 409.

Booklets aid abuse victims

Two booklets on domestic violence are available through the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The booklets, "Domestic Violence: A Battered Woman's Advocacy Guide" and "Domestic Violence: A Guide to Michigan Law," include information on the legal and sociological issues of domestic violence. The Michigan Coalition Against Domestic Violence has produced the booklets in an effort to prevent domestic violence and increase public awareness of its impact.

The non-profit organization assists domestic violence victims, counselors, advocates, criminal justice personnel and the general public in learning about domestic violence and what can be done to prevent it.

The organization provides the booklets at a price of 60 cents each or 50 cents each for orders of 10 to 100. The price is 35 cents each for orders of 100 or more. Postage/handling price is 50 cents minimum or 10 percent of the order price.

Additional information is available from MCADV, P.O. Box 7032, Huntington Woods, Mich. 48070. The telephone number is 961-0290.

A COMPLETE updated listing of the holdings of the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board's resource library is also available to Michigan residents.

The library is operated under contract by the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The collection includes books, manuals, reports, articles, pamphlets, periodicals and audiovisual materials.

All items in the collection may be borrowed by state residents, at no cost other than postage.

Due to the length of the complete bibliography, organization staff members ask that borrowers of the materials indicate specific areas of interest.

Additional information on the materials is available from the resource library, 408 Hollister Building, Lansing, Mich. 48933. The telephone number is (517) 372-4960.

In 1978, the MCADV formed its statewide advocacy organization. It includes domestic violence shelters, service providers and other concerned individuals throughout the state.

In western Wayne County, First Step provides help for domestic violence victims. Its services include counseling, a 24-hour crisis telephone line, emergency housing and legal assistance. For additional information, call 525-2230.

volunteers

The Supportive Care Services Program at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 900 Woodward, Pontiac, is designed to meet the needs of chronically and terminally ill patients in the hospital and at home. Volunteers are an important part of the health care team by providing support and companionship for patients and their families. Training available, after screening interview, for 4-6 hour weekly commitment. Call Karen Conaway, 858-3035, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program, 9851 Hamilton, Detroit, needs volunteers to tutor adults who have reading or writing problems, teach youngsters the dangers of alcoholism and drug abuse, or provide respite care for families with homebound seniors. Reimbursement for meals and transportation may be available. For more information, people 60 and older may call Mary Murphy, 883-2100, Ext. 342, Wednesday or Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Common Ground, 1909 S. Adams, Birmingham, needs more adult volunteer Crisis Intervention Workers. People with warm open personalities and good communication skills will provide information, referral and crisis intervention help to service users either by phone or face-to-face. Training provided over two-month period. Call Connie Justice, 645-1173, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday or Thursday.

Gun bill: One law vs. home rule

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Dear Jo:

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Dear Mr. L:

Cirrhosis, a chronic degenerative disease of the liver, is commonly the result of alcohol abuse but can also be the result of nutritional deprivation, hepatitis or other infections.

The symptoms of the disease are the same regardless of the cause: nausea, loss of appetite, weight loss, fatigue, distended abdomen, light-

colored stools, weakness, abdominal pain, intestinal bleeding, jaundice, brain damage and kidney failure.

Cirrhosis can be prevented — depending on the cause. Alcohol has been shown to be the main contributing factor in about 80 percent of all cases in North America.

YOU MENTIONED you enjoyed a drink or two every day and were worried that your liver might also be affected. Since alcohol affects different people in different ways, the safest way to prevent this disease is to drink moderately or not at all.

According to experts, women who drink more than 15 drinks a week and men who have more than 25 drinks a week are risking liver damage. They also claim that those who drink less are not necessarily out of danger.

Finding out if your liver is damaged will require a visit to your doctor. Your liver is different from other organs in your body. More than

three-quarters of your liver cells may be out of action before you notice any real symptoms — and by then it may be too late.

LIVER DAMAGE is not confined to those who get drunk. It may take years of drinking even a little too much alcohol before you notice any symptoms.

Therefore, it is important to have regular check-ups with your doctor who will be able to detect early signs of liver disease by blood tests and physical examination.

I hope I haven't painted too dismal a picture for you, but like you I have seen suffering and death from this disease and always felt it could have been prevented with some life-style changes.

Readers can write to Jolayne Farrell at P.O. Box 66, Postal Station G., 1075 Queen Street East, Toronto, Ontario M4M 3E8.

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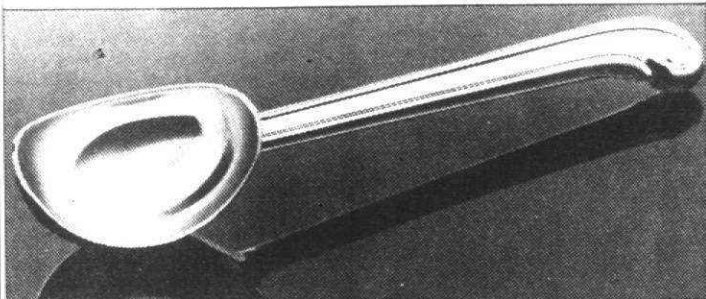
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clarification

The photographs of Mark McQuesten and Martin Jean were accidentally transposed on last week's church page. McQuesten, a former Schoolcraft College trustee, will be ordained to the diaconate Saturday at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corner, Wis. Jean, winner of an international organ competition, will perform at 4:30 p.m. Sunday as part of a Christmas presentation, "A Beginning Song of Christmas," at St. Colette Catholic Church.



Mark McQuesten



Martin Jean

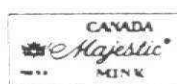
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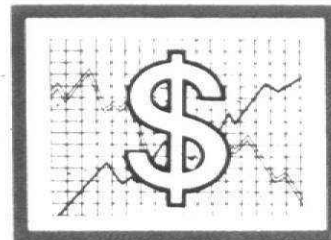
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Shila Wu, 2, of Livonia makes her choice at Children's Palace.

Girl-land, boy-land

An upscale world in toy-land

By Louise Okrutsky
staff writer

In a holiday season featuring traditional toys reincarnated as electronic gadgets, optimistic predictions of livelier sales are tempered by uncertain consumer reaction to an old Michigan bugaboo, auto plant layoffs.

"The strength (of the day after Thanksgiving sales returns) surprised me," said Arthur A. Nitzsche, president of TeleCheck Michigan Inc., a check acceptance corporation. Nitzsche's computer database provides him with updates on Christmas sales.

"The overall season hasn't been the barn burner we'd like it to be." Auto plant closings in Flint and subsequent white collar layoffs are seen as threats to a prosperous shopping season.

"Consumers in Michigan start tightening their belts before (the actual closing) happens," he said.

"We expect a back-to-the-basics Christmas," said Teri Kula, spokeswoman for K mart Corp., Troy. The firm expects the holiday season to continue the 7.7 percent sales increase it forecasts for the year. "We expect the (seasonal) sales increase to be in line with that," she said.

Statewide, Nitzsche sees a 6 percent increase in sales over last year. On Friday after Thanksgiving, the traditional first day of the holiday shopping season showed a 7 percent increase in sales. It dipped slightly on the following Saturday to a 6 percent increase before slipping to 5 percent on Sunday.

ON THE AVERAGE, sales in Detroit and Flint are expected to hit a 6 percent increase. Lansing lags while Grand Rapids sales are making a strong showing this year. "It's a different economy, a different economic mix in Grand Rapids," Nitzsche said.

Oakland County leads the Detroit area in sales. "I think that's attributable to the great level of affluence there. Upscale items are selling well," he said. "I see more fur ads out that way."

In previous years, throughout Michigan, this Friday after Thanksgiving really has been winding down in Michigan. People are wising up, I thought. They get better service if they go later on," he said. "But there's been a turnaround this year."

Sales promotions usually reserved for slower marketing times were used this year to boost the traditionally heavy shopping season. Early bird sales running 7-10 a.m. Friday after Thanksgiving were used to lure shoppers into the stores. "Crowley's, K mart, Hudson's, Meijers used this and supplemented it with sales that lasted the weekend. It was effective," he said.

Kula said that K mart runs an early bird special the Friday after Thanksgiving each year. Those markdowns and appearances by Santa Claus over that weekend in each store are annually used to boost the start of the holiday season.

At the moment, the toy market remains unscathed by whatever shaky economic prospects that might lie ahead. Only board games languish on the shelves. However, Wheel of Fortune, based on the television game show, is doing quite well at the checkout counters, according to retailers.

MOST CHRISTMAS wish lists are filled with toys that talk and high-tech items for the home. "In general, we're up very strongly in the toy market," Nitzsche said. "People are buying upscale items. They're looking at good value, and they're willing to pay

a little more for twice as much value. People are buying compact disk players but good ones, not the bottom of the line. Same's true for VCRs. Of course, they might be rationalizing that purchase by saying they can save money by renting movies."

Although this marks the last year that consumers can deduct from their income tax the sales tax and interest rates on big ticket items, Nitzsche doesn't see this as an automatic impetus to a heavy buying spree. Purchase incentives offered to consumers earlier in the year by auto makers have increased the consumer debt.

"There's fewer dollars left for the Christmas season. That affects large-ticket items," he said.

He remains sceptical about whether consumers will take advantage of the limited time left for them to write off sales tax and interest rates.

"I don't think the average consumer really takes that into consideration when he's buying. I think you'll see more people paying with cash. They can't rationalize the interest rates any longer."

IF THERE'S a real winner this holiday season, it's the battery manufacturers. Nationally, Toys R Us stores spokespersons are keeping the chain's holiday sales figures as secret as Santa's own gift list.

They do admit they can't keep enough boxes of Lazer Tag in stock. Once batteries are popped into this plastic toy gun the weapon shoots invisible infrared light beams, similar to those in a television remote control unit. Players aim at opponents' flashing StarSensor badges. When they score a hit, the badges' sensors squawk loudly. The starter set retails at the toy chain for about \$50.

"We can't get them in fast enough," said Angela Bourdon, Toys R Us national spokeswoman.

If that isn't available, then Photon Warrior, which retails at the chain for about \$20 more, is proving to be another fast mover. "It's very much the same kinds of toy as Lazer Tag," Bourdon said.

"I think when something comes out, there's a close competitor for it, these days," Nitzsche said.

It's a high tech holiday for K mart Corp., too. Like Toys R Us, K mart customers seem taken with electronics. Lazer Tag, Teddy Ruxpin, the talking Big Bird and other plush animals made erudite through cassettes and batteries are moving well, reports Kula.

WHILE THE GUNS for a futuristic showdown are popular, they've yet to rival the marketability of the Cabbage Patch Doll.

"Cabbage Patch is a phenomena. I don't know if it's going to be in that category," Bourdon said. "It would be nice to have something like that every year."

Dolls that don't talk prove to be popular as well. Barbie continues to make gift lists. For a generation being raised with MTV, this year's Barbie is rockin' out with her own band, Barbie and the Rockers. The move puts her smack in competition with another rocker doll, Jem, and her group, the Holograms. Jem's sales are bolstered by a cartoon series. Not to be outdone, Mattel, Barbie's creator, has put on stage a real live Barbie and the Rockers who appeared in Macy's Thanksgiving Parade.

"Dolls in general are showing more movement aside from high-tech toys. Cabbage Patch Cornsilk Kids are doing very well." This year's addition to the patch features hair that can be combed and washed. The dolls also can hold small items in their hands. A smaller version, the Cabbage Patch baby doll comes complete with diapers and diaper rash. "I hope it doesn't come with colic," said Bourdon with a laugh.

A state at risk?

Michigan's position at peak of business cycle worries economist

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Far from being a "comeback state," Michigan is in its weakest position in 50 years, says conservative economist Patrick L. Anderson.

"Gov. Blanchard is telling the truth when he says, 'Things are better than they were four years ago.' Every state's better off at the top of the business cycle," Anderson said in an interview.

But in his newly published study, Anderson compares Michigan to other states and comes up with a dismal picture of high business costs.

"It's devastating. We're in the midst of a strong national recovery. We should be almost 10 percent above the national average" in employment and personal income.

INSTEAD, Michigan trails. At the top of a business cycle, Michigan's personal incomes ran 9 percent better

than the national average. Today, Michigan runs 2 percent below.

"We should be outpacing the nation. We're at severe risk. If all Michigan can do is get behind the national average in good years, what's going to happen in bad years?"

"Michigan is in severe trouble right now because this recovery isn't going to last forever. For the first time in 50 years, we start (a downturn) from a position of weakness."

A Lake Orion resident, Anderson is between jobs. Until last April, he was an economist at Manufacturers Bank, doing business index studies with Vice President David Littman.

Anderson left to work on the gubernatorial campaigns of Richard Chrysler, who ran second in the Republican primary, and then for William Lucas, the nominee.

HIS 28-PAGE study was published this week by The Heartland Institute, a Chicago-based, two-year-old group, which commissions and publishes public policy papers.

"They commissioned it from me last spring when I was still at the bank," Anderson said. "Putting it together took three months of intensive work."

Titled "Michigan in the Current Recovery," it's available for \$3 from The Heartland Institute, 55 E. Monroe, Suite 4316, Chicago 60603.

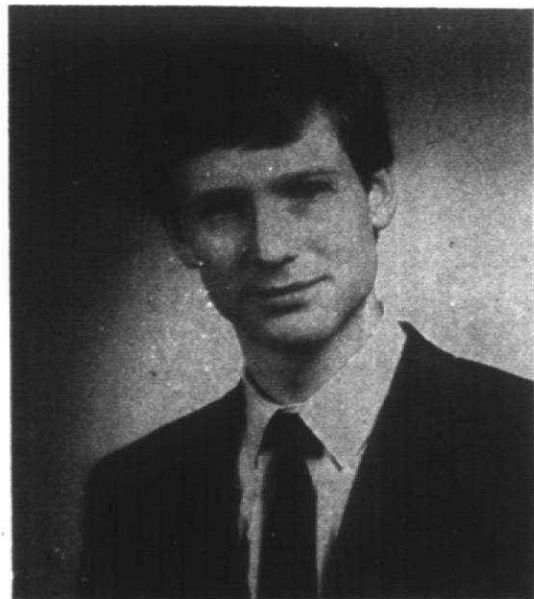
He advocates many familiar conservative solutions: reducing state and local taxation, fourth highest rate in the nation; reducing per capita welfare spending, second highest in the nation; and reducing state-federal employment costs, highest in the nation.

WHAT MAKES Anderson's study different from the Grant Thornton study of business climates is that "mine looks at Michigan in historical perspective," he said.

Grant Thornton continually rates Michigan last among the 48 continental United States in business climate. Blanchard administration critics say Grant Thornton merely gives good marks to states with low rates of unionization, like the Dakotas, and bad marks to highly unionized states like Michigan.

Anderson cites Grant Thornton with approval but says unionization is only one factor. Others are per capita income, employment and population loss.

"Michigan used to be a powerhouse. Now we're a poor state," he said.



Patrick L. Anderson
"we're at risk"

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Investor doing this well needs very little guidance

By Thomas O'Hara
special writer

I have tried to build a portfolio that would produce larger dividends each year and also show good appreciation. I have done well in the last three years. My dividends are up 30 percent and the value of my stocks has doubled.

What I would like to know is do you think I will do as well in the next three years and do you suggest any changes in my portfolio?

I'm not going to list your portfolio because commenting on 36 stocks takes more space than we have. But some remarks about some of them.

As an 83-year-old who has boosted the value of his stocks from \$343,000 to \$672,000 in the last three years, you obviously have had some experience, and I would not question most of your holdings.

You have \$26,000 in Transco Ex-

ploration Partners and Transco Energy. Transco Exploration Partners is a spinoff from Transco Energy. The payment you receive as a dividend is actually a return of capital. With the present problem in the energy industry, there is a good chance the amount of the payment you are receiving could be cut substantially. If the dividends you are receiving are important in meeting your daily expenditures, I'd be inclined to switch that money into Mobil Oil.

You would receive about the same amount of income, and I don't think there would be the same danger of a cut in the size of the payment. I'm sure the oil price situation will improve in time, but it might also get worse before it gets better.

You have two stocks that you obviously received as spinoffs from General Mills. Those are Crystal Brands and Kenner Parker Toys. You are not receiving a dividend from either one, and it is hard to judge from the

available record whether or not there will be much growth.

I'd put the money in DEI, Diversified Energy Inc. It will give you a dividend that is likely to get bigger each year, and the company's new radio-read utility meter gives an opportunity to enjoy growth from that new product.

You have money in both Aetna Life and Casualty and Chesapeake-Pond's. The yield on both is the same, but my guess is you will see more appreciation in price and more increase in dividends in Chesapeake-Pond's over the next few years. I'd put your Aetna money into Chesapeake-Pond's.

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Washington's troops march to defend frontiers

Early on a misty, chilly morning — April 2, 1754, to be exact — if you happened to be at Gadsby's Tavern in Alexandria, Va., you could look out the front window and see an army of men passing by. It really was more of a line of troops than an army. There were only 59 followed by two old wagons loaded to their topboards with supplies.

To tell the truth, the troops did not look like sharp, military men. Even after several weeks of sporadic drill by Jacob Van Braan, Washington's interpreter of French and a veteran of the Dutch army, these men were pathetic. This was the volunteer "army" and it was all that was available except for a few from the regular militia.

Washington had placed the militia here and there in the line to reinforce the somewhat reluctant "volunteers" and to speed up their slow and careless fight. Their uniforms were as varied as their manner of marching. At this time there was no official military uniform but the Virginia militia did have some smart looking outfits for their regulars. The rag-tag of the "army" were anything they could find.

AT THE HEAD of this unimpressive display was a handsome youth of 22.

Recently named a lieutenant colonel in the Virginia militia, he proudly wore his new regimentals and sat on a well-harnessed, gray horse at the head of the forlorn column. From time to time Col. Washington looked back at his straggling troops. He could not have been much cheered at the sight.

They were headed out from Alexandria to cross the foothills of the mountains to Frederick where they expected to pick up more men, horses,

and supplies. Meanwhile it must have taken all the courage and confidence Washington possessed to "make-do" with what he had.

In five days the little "army" moved 57 miles. In other words, between daybreak and sunset they averaged slightly more than 11 miles a day. Not bad for such a non-descript outfit.

They reached Winchester April 10 where Washington rested the men for a day or two while he met with Dr. Adam Stephen of Frederick. Capt. Stephen was an experienced physician and surgeon who had been talked into joining the expedition by Washington's friend Colonel William Fairfax, lord of Frederick County and thousands of acres in the surrounding area.

Stephen had been a student of medicine in his native Scotland, both at Aberdeen and in Edinburgh. He had honorably served on a British warship and had emigrated to Virginia where he was part of the Fairfax circle of friends. He brought with him 100 armed soldiers of some quality who were willing to serve.

This was good news for Washington and it raised the troop total to 159. But there were other facts to be seriously considered at this critical juncture.

AN HONORABLE, young soldier, volunteer Ben Hamilton, confided in Washington a plan some had to desert.

The culprits were found, disciplined and dismissed as Hamilton



Tonquish tales
Helen Gilbert

was given a substantial reward for his faithfulness. The payment was one pound and four shillings. In today's terms that would be about \$4, but to an impoverished soldier it was a decent reward.

Another discovery made at this time was the imminent possibility of more desertions as soon as the pay was issued. Washington believed that his "generous" treatment of Hamilton would encourage others to be faithful.

Washington waited several days in Frederick for the arrival of more troops and horses and wagons. Of more than 70 wagons that he had arrived in camp. These had the farmer's oldest and poorest horses and the weakest harness hitched to them. The authority to impress more wheeled vehicles, supplies, horses, ammunition, and other supplies was bogged down in a maze of political red tape.

April 25, 1754, Washington wrote Governor Dinwiddie in the midst of the crisis as follows:

"Out of the seventy-four wagons impressed at Winchester, we got ten after waiting a week; and some

of those so badly provided with teams that the soldiers were obliged to help them up the hills, although it was known that they had better teams at home. I doubt not that in some points I may have strained the law; but I hope, as my sole motive was to expedite the march, I shall be supported in it, should my authority be questioned, which at present I do not apprehend, unless some busy-body intermeddles." Signed: George Washington.

APRIL 19, 1754, the little army left Frederick and began the long march to Fort Duquesne at the junction of the Allegheny and the Monongahela — 200 miles over a wilderness trail.

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Induction

100-plus students honored for scholarship and service

The faculties of Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton high schools recently inducted 110 members into the Centennial Educational Park National Honor Society in ceremonies held in the Canton High Little Theatre.

National Honor Society President Ed Lee conducted the meeting and spoke to the inductees, parents and friends on "A Matter of Choice." Vice Presidents Jeff Krolnick of Canton High and Rich Cooper of Salem spoke about the ideals of the National Honor Society: scholarship, leadership, character and service.

Secretaries Cathy Jo Notestine of Canton and Sarah Dupret of Salem read the names of the new members while each was greeted by the principals of Canton and Salem — Tom Tattan and Gerald Ostoin.

Music was presented by Daniel Stacey on the violin and Kim Murley on the hammer dulcimer. Refreshments were served afterward in the Canton cafeteria.

This year the National Honor Society is involved in tutoring the Red Cross blood drive at CEP, fund raising with various local service organizations, food and gift drives for the Salvation Army and other service oriented projects in the Plymouth-Canton community.

Canton juniors are: Venu Alakh, Shalini Bahl, Kristin Bailey, Angela Beasley, John Borneman, Jenny Budlong, Brad Carey, Adrian Cotter, Laura Dahlke, Sarah Erickson, Dave Feierfeil, Minal Hajratwala, Jayne Headrick, David Kavalhuna, Stefanie Koleski, Lynn Langenderfer, Joslyn Lin, Matthew Littleton, Lauren Madsen, Cyndi Mueller, Scott Mueller, Shipa Parikh, Renee Rice, Kirk Roessler, Rajeev Seth, Deborah Smith, Melissa Sparkman, Colleen Sullivan, Lisa Wei, Wendy West and Evan Yeung.

Canton seniors are: Steve Bennett, Marie Catalano, David Dahlberg, Debora DeJohn, Yee Fung, Carrie Gorzen, Sherri Jacobsen, Michelle Johnson, Anna Kasper, Daniel Liller, Peggy Najarian, Kimberly Oakley, Ken St. John, Sui Sih, Janai Stepp, Lisa Yaszek, Heidi Zang and Kurtis Zecman.

Salem seniors are: Todd Barr, Diana Baumgartner, Lisa Cervantes, Mary Alice Curtiss, Andrew Dennison, Daniel Dunn, David Frigerio, Lenoir Goerner, Juliet Hasley, Kevin Jones, John Kim, Heather Lutes, Chris McCormick, John Murry, Laura Shaffer, Shazia Sheikh, Kristin Sobelich, Douglas Soho, Daniel Stacey, Julie Stetz, Holly Tucker, Eileen Vachter, Kelly Wingquist and Mike Zaretti.

Salem juniors are: Pam Austin, Chris Braidwood, Lillian Chang, Arun Chinnaiyan, Hong Chou, Arlene DeChavez, Kristin Derderian, Doug

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Any interested person age 18-21 can call Jim Grimmer at Growth Works at 455-4990 for more information on eligibility.

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Craft show continues

The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department's Christmas Arts & Crafts Show will continue this weekend from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday in the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer at Theodore. The free show features some 25 different exhibitors. The show opened last weekend and drew large crowds each day. Shown above is one shopper, Martha Feyler of Bernardsville, N.J., pausing to rest and examining her purchases. In the photo below, a number of buyers look over arts and crafts items.



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Food drive telethon to be aired Saturday

The third annual "Baskets Filled With Love" telethon will begin at noon this Saturday on Omnicon Cablevision Channel 8.

The telethon, sponsored by Omnicon in cooperation with the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, is held to benefit Salvation Army in its efforts to provide food and clothing to needy persons in Canton, Plymouth, and Northville. The telethon is the final portion of a four-week food drive.

Last year 72,000 canned and dry goods items were collected.

Many schools, churches, businesses, and service organizations are involved in collecting canned goods and will have representatives at the telethon to present their gifts of love — "Love Boxes" which have been located throughout the Plymouth-Canton community where persons can drop off canned goods.

This Saturday's live telethon will feature many celebrity guests, including: Mother Waddles; George "Dick the Bruiser" Baier of WLLZ; Kevin O'Neil of WMOC; Debra Danne and Dina Harding of WWJ; Rosetta Hines of WJZZ; Carl Coffey of WRIF; Ray Lane of WKBD Sports.

Also: Brad Bianchi of WWJ; Gary Cumberly of WJBK TV2 "Sunday Times"; Kathy Adams of WKBD News; Steve Garagiola of WXYZ Sports; entertainer Lisa Ramage; illusionist Mario Resto; Charlie Martin, former drummer with Bob Seger Band.

Masters of ceremonies will be

Sandy Preblich of "The Sandy Show" and J.P. McCarthy of "Single Touch" along with producer Darlene Myers of the "Darlene Myers Show," Plymouth merchant Fred Hill, Garagiola, Cumberly, Bianchi, Greg Lea and others.

There will be mini-auction and giveaway, magic acts, clowns and Santa Claus as part of Saturday's telethon. Among the gift items will be Disney tote bags, HBO clock radios, Pistons tickets and tote bags, Red Wing hockey stick signed by players, original paintings, gift certificates, sweaters, and a television.

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Tee-shirts will be given away to the first 200 children who come to see Santa between 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Children are being encouraged to bring canned goods, and parents are asked to bring their own camera for the visit with Santa.

To be booked on the telethon, or to out more about how you can help the needy, call Telethon Chairman Pete Smith or Program Director Maria Holmes at Omnicon at 459-7321 or Captain Larry Manzella at the Salvation Army at 453-5464.

The Omnicon studios is at 8465 Ronda Dr. south of Joy between Haggerty and Lilley in Canton.

excursions

WESTGATE DINNER THEATER

The Y Travelers are taking a day trip to Westgate Dinner Theater in Toledo from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 14. The charge of \$33 per person includes a brunch, tickets to "Sound of Music," snacks on the bus, shopping, and transportation. This trip fills quickly so reserve by calling the Plymouth Community Family YMCA at 453-2904.

SOUTHWEST TOUR

Canton Seniors are sponsoring a "Best of the Southwest" tour Sunday, Jan. 25, through Feb. 3. The fee of \$899 per person, based on double occupancy, features Tucson, Phoenix, the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas, air fair, bus transportation, nine nights accommodations, seven full breakfasts, one lunch in Nogales, Mexico, and six dinners. Specific sites include Arizona and Sonora Desert Museum, San Xavier Mission, O.K. Corral at Tombstone, riverboat cruise at Canyon Lake, Tortilla Flat, Scottsdale, Rawhide, Montezuma's Castle, Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Lake Mead and the Gila Indian Reservation. There is a deposit of \$20 per person required. For registration, call 397-1000, Ext. 278.

BEST OF SOUTHWEST

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Desert Museum, Old Tucson, Nogales Mexico, San Xavier Mission, Tombstone, Sons of Pioneer (entertainment), riverboat cruise, Tortilla Flat, Scottsdale, Rawhide, Montezuma's Castle, Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Lake Mead and the Gila Indian Reservation. For information, call 455-6620.

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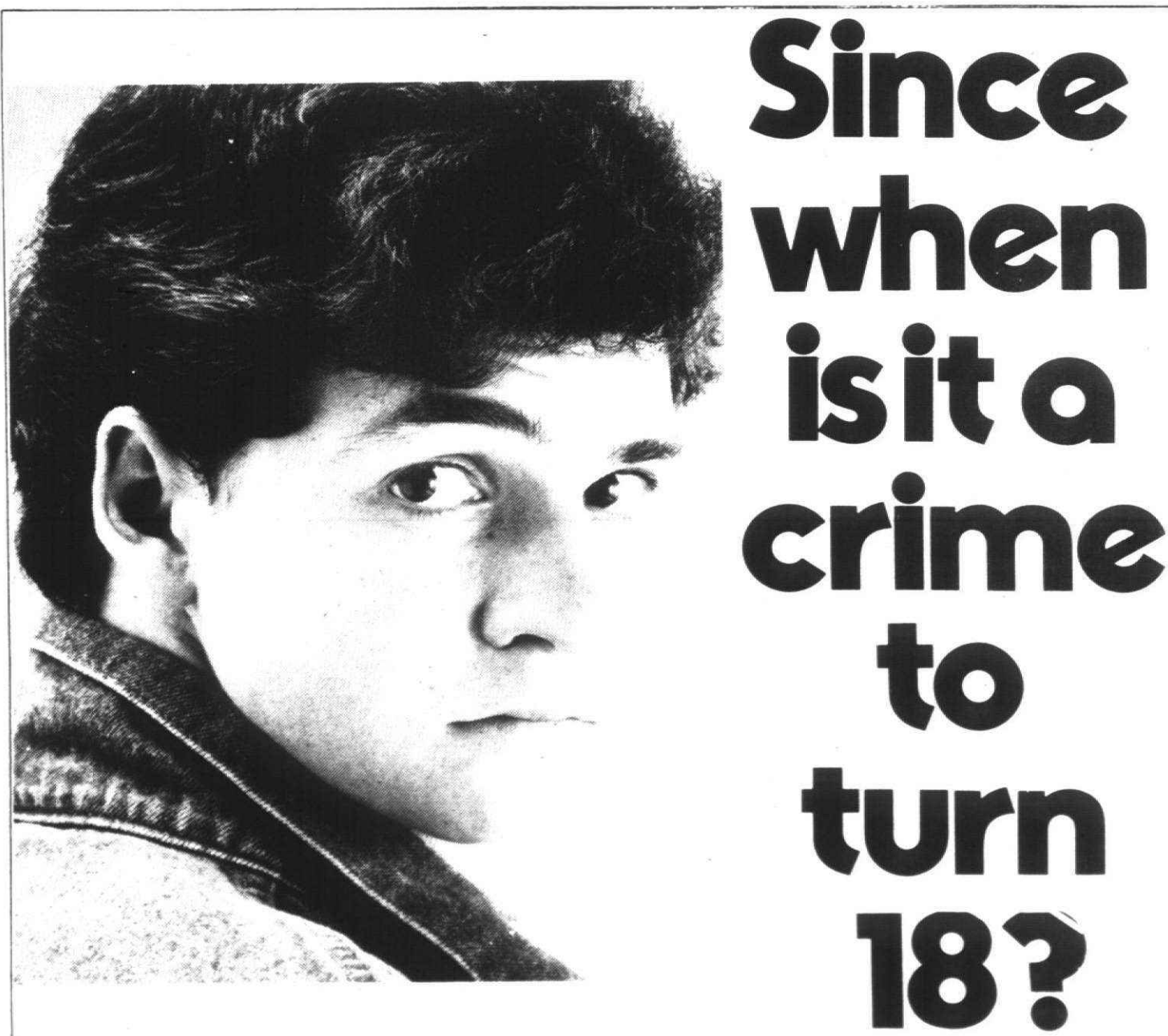
The Y Travelers are offering a Winter Sunshine Trip to Arizona March 1-10. The charge of \$699 per person includes air transportation between Detroit and Phoenix, nine nights accommodations in fully furnished one-bedroom condominium in Phoenix, tours and entertainment. For more information, call 453-2904.

CAPE MAY COUNTY

A Cape May County, N.J., tour is being planned for mid-May 1987 by the Y Travelers. The charge of \$459 per person includes seven days, six nights, roundtrip bus transportation, two nights accommodations at the Harley Hotel in Pittsburg, four nights accommodations at Cape Motor Inn in Cape May, N.J., daily breakfast and two dinners. For information, call the Plymouth Community Family YMCA at 453-2904.

ALASKA CRUISE

The Y Travelers are sponsoring an Alaska Cruise Sept. 6-13, 1987. The charges range from \$1,569 to \$1,659 and include roundtrip air transportation, seven nights aboard the "Magnificent m/v Regent Sea," meals and entertainment. Register by calling the Plymouth Community Family YMCA at 453-2904.



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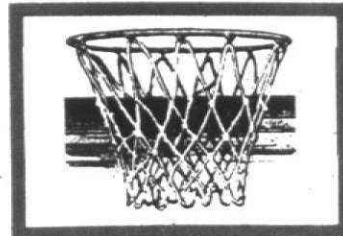
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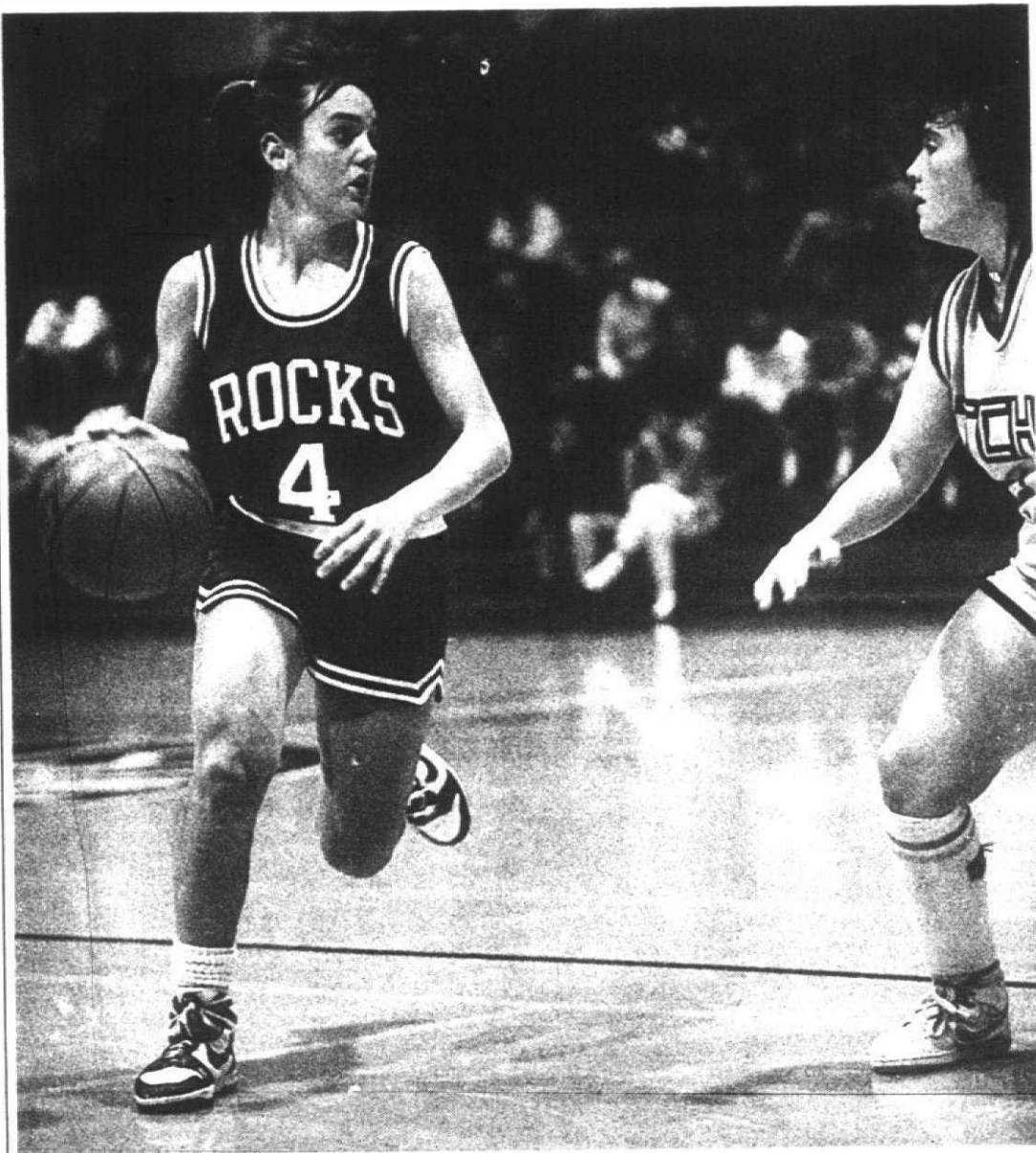
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Jill Estey played a strong game Tuesday night (eight points) helping Salem dispose of a good Taylor Center team in the Class A regional tournament at Gibraltar Carlson.

Center's no match for resolute Rocks

By C.J. Risak
staff writer

Ho-hum. So when is this Second Season supposed to start?

Surely that's what Plymouth Salem's girls basketball team is wondering. Here they are, primed and ready for a challenge, and they can't find one anywhere.

The Rocks went looking for a fight Tuesday in the Class A regional opener at Gibraltar Carlson. Their foe: Taylor Center, a sizable team with the formidable Jamula sisters as the chief threats, a unit that won 21 of 23 games.

Uh, make that 21 of 24. Salem wasn't awed. The Rocks led 8-6 midway through the first quarter. Then they scored six-straight points to finish the period, and followed that with a 23-9 curtain-closing second quarter. After that, the final was almost academic: 66-41 and another Rock avalanche.

The victory lifted them to 23-1 and into the regional final against Trenton, a 37-22 winner over Adrian, tonight at 7 p.m. It was their 22nd straight triumph, and most of those were by the same boring, lopsided margins.

"We've just been playing the heck out of the game," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "The first Plymouth Canton game (was close). Since that time, nothing's been closer than 20."

"The second quarter was the highlight for us tonight. I thought, coming into the game, (TC) would play a zone. We've been working real hard on it. Kristen (Hostynski), Jessie (Handley) and Jill (Estey) can all shoot it. And as soon as we

The 1986-87 boys basketball season begins throughout Observerland Friday night. A preseason look at Salem, Canton and the rest of the area teams can be found on Pages 2D and 3D. A listing of the 10 best players in Observerland is on Page 5D.

hit a few from the perimeter it opened things up for us inside."

Salem hit everything in the second quarter. The Rocks were 10-of-16 from the floor in the period; TC was three-of-14 and had seven turnovers to two for Salem.

WHATEVER HOPES the Rams had of overtaking Salem were dashed in the final three minutes of the half. Two free throws by Lisa Jamula narrowed the Rocks' lead to 23-13. Estey answered by canning a jumper.

The 5-foot-3 sophomore then pilfered the inbounds pass and swished another jumper. Cathy Kemp was whistled for a foul going for a rebound on the Rams' next possession, and Handley hit one from the corner. After a TC turnover, Handley hit another long jumper, and another turnover resulted in a layup by Dena Head.

In a span of 1:25, the Rocks hit five consecutive shots and forced three turnovers. Their lead went from 10 to 20, and their victory total went from 22 to 23.

"This is probably one of the quicker teams we've played against," said Thomann of TC. "I thought Lisa (Jamula) played real well for them. I thought we could take her out of the game."

Lisa Jamula scored 21 points. Younger sister Wendy netted eight. Head's 25 points was best for the Rocks. Handley had 20 and Estey contributed eight.

SALEM WENT from hot to cold over the intermission. The Rocks hit just four-of-18 third-quarter floor shots and the Rams made a run, scoring eight unanswered points in one stretch.

Which brought them all the way back to within 18. They never got any closer.

"I thought we could beat that team with a good effort on our part," said Thomann. "They haven't played the type of league schedule we have."

Were there any fears coming into the game? "The thing that worries you is that the players might stop respecting what it took to get there," Thomann said. "You get afraid they might start taking it for granted. It's something you have to guard against."

Maybe that's all the Rocks have to worry about on a road that seems without detour until it reaches Grand Rapids and the final four.

Thriller on ice

Engineers stun No. 1 Compuware

The Hennessey Engineers Junior A hockey team pulled off the upset of the season thus far, knocking off previously unbeaten Compuware Friday night 4-2 in a North American Junior Hockey League clash before an estimated crowd of 200 people at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Compuware had not lost in 17 games before Friday night, although the Engineers played them to a 4-4 tie the previous week.

"We played very, very well," said Engineers coach A.J. Baker. "No two ways about it, we deserved to win this game."



Tom Madden assisted on three of the Engineers' four goals last Friday.

Larry Pilut put the Engineers on the board just 27 seconds into the game. Pilut, the team's leading scorer, took a Tom Madden pass off the opening faceoff and beat Compuware goalie Mike Gilmore.

With 7:45 left in the first period, Madden set up Jeff Smith for the Engineers' second goal.

Hennessey went up 3-0 on a power play goal late in the second period. Madden, collecting his third assist, set up Plymouth resident Chris Belhart who scored with 48 seconds left in the period.

COMPUWARE CAME roaring back in the third period. Todd English and Lou Malone scored within the first two minutes of the period.

But the Engineers didn't fold. Less than a minute after Malone made it 3-2, Leif Gustafson took a pass from Eric Kapelanski and scored the backbreaking goal.

Engineers goalie Doug Brown was superb kicking away 35 of 37 shots.

The game was not for the squeamish. Referee Mark Purks and linesmen John Pearson and Jeff Sandora assessed a total of 204 minutes in penalties (121 to the Engineers and 83 to Compuware). The penalties included seven misconducts, seven game misconducts and six fighting penalties.

The Engineers (8-8-2 and in second

place in the NAJHL) will play a two-game series in Buffalo against the Junior Sabres. Next home game will be at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 against the Allied senior team from Fraser.

IN OTHER HOCKEY NEWS: The Redford Midget A hockey team coached by Bob Bates ran its record to 18-0-2 after winning the Little Caesars 5th annual Thanksgiving Tournament last week.

Redford beat Wayne, Dearborn Heights, Warren and Allen Park before surviving Woodhaven 4-3 in double overtime in the championship game.

The goaltending duo of Howie Schoenfeldt and Louie Frey, helped by the sturdy defensive play of Lyle Fegert, Geoff Wilson, Jeff McLellan, David Pidruzny and Nick Renzi, have limited the opposition to just 27 goals this season. They gave up nine goals in the tourney.

The offense has been paced by Mark Davidson, Tim Pilut, Bob Bates, Rick Rutledge, Rich Kendall, Kevin Richardson, Joe Gaffney, Kevin Bingham and Dan Hatty. Pilut scored the game-winning goal against Woodhaven. Kendall scored with less than five minutes to play in regulation to force the OT.

The Redford Midgets play out of the Redford Arena, former home of the Engineers.

Salem matmen pin Chiefs

The Plymouth Canton wrestling team came into Tuesday night's season-opener against rival Plymouth Salem with revenge in mind.

Last season, the Rocks pummeled the undermanned Chiefs.

Same story this season. Salem, before a capacity home crowd, knocked off Canton 57-18. The Rocks won 10 of 13 weight classes, nine by pins.

Jeff Debelke got the Rocks off an running by sticking Canton's Tom Flores in 3:35 in the 98-pound match. Matt Keeler got those points right back for Canton. He stuck his oppo-

nent at 105, Craig Richardson, in 4:41. But the Chiefs would have to wait eight matches for their next win.

TODD BOURLIER (112) pinned Canton's Scott Richardson in 4:42; Sean May (119) pinned Josh Berry in 3:03; Scott Contini (126) nailed Tim Nardini in 2:41; Dennis Dameron (132) took down Dax Sammut in just 36 seconds; Tim Ott (138) pinned Craig Rinke in 3:35; Bill Atwell (145) stuck Larry Allman in 1:16; Steve Burlison (155) pinned Mike Rogers in 2:47; and, Lem Yeung (167) outpoint-

ed Dan Dewyer 9-6.

Canton's Tony Sayers ended the skid with a 49-second pin of Mark Smith at 185. Jim Crews pinned Salem's Ray Brewer in 16 seconds at 198.

Salem heavyweight Richard Johnson ended the match by sticking Canton's Tony Callaway in 3:51.

Salem will host Northville tonight and compete in the Temperance-Bedford Invitational Saturday. Canton will travel to Westland John Glenn tonight and compete in the Belleville Invitational Saturday.

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A PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL FLASHBACK

One year ago the Rocks went straight at the visiting Chiefs, winning a 66-3 rout in Western Lakes Wrestling dual meet action.

All but one match, Dave Dunford's 12-5 decision over Salem's Tim Ott in the 112-pound contest, was won by the Rocks. And eight of the 12 victories came on pins.

Todd Boylier (98), Fred Calma (115), Dennis Dameron (119), Eric Schnackel (145), Chris Rey (167), Jamie Wooschuck (185), Brian Johnson (198), and Richard Johnson (heavyweight) all posted pin victories.

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Western Lakes cagers shed little-man reputation

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

Welcome to the land of the giants. We're talking about the 1986-87 Western Lakes boys basketball conference. That's right, the Western Lakes. Granted, big men have been rather scarce in this suburban league. We're talking about a league whose champion just three years ago boasted a 6-foot-1 post player. That was Plymouth Canton back in the 1983-84 season.

But those days, at least for now,

basketball

seem ancient history. With the likes of Westland John Glenn and Plymouth Canton, just to name two, the Western Lakes has become, relatively speaking, a big man's league.

"In a normal league we would be a good-sized team," said North Farmington coach Tom Negoshian, who will start a front line of 6-5, 6-5 and

6-3 this season. "But this league this year isn't normal. We are going to be the third or fourth biggest team in our division."

How do you suppose Farmington (tallest player is 6-3) or Plymouth Canton (starting center is 6-4) feel? Even Farmington Harrison, a notoriously small, fast and physical team, will start a 6-8 center this season.

But will bigger players make for better teams? The Western Lakes hasn't exactly made an impact at the state level. Perhaps this will be the season that a Western Lakes team actually wins a regional tournament. Check back here in March. Here's a pre-season look at Overland's entries in the Western Lakes.

PLYMOUTH SALEM

The first two years as Salem's head basketball coach have been rather grueling for Bob Brodie. If injuries didn't slow his team then silly, youthful mistakes certainly did. His teams have hovered around the 500 mark both seasons.

There has been a good to be a stark contrast this season.

"We have a good group of seniors with a lot of game experience. We're very excited. We're looking for some real good things this year," Brodie said.

Did he mention size? How about this for a frontcourt: Rick Taylor, who moved back into the Salem district from East Lansing, is 6-7. Dave Collins is 6-8. Mike Hale, perhaps the best player of the group, and Jeff Justice are 6-5. And they are all seniors.

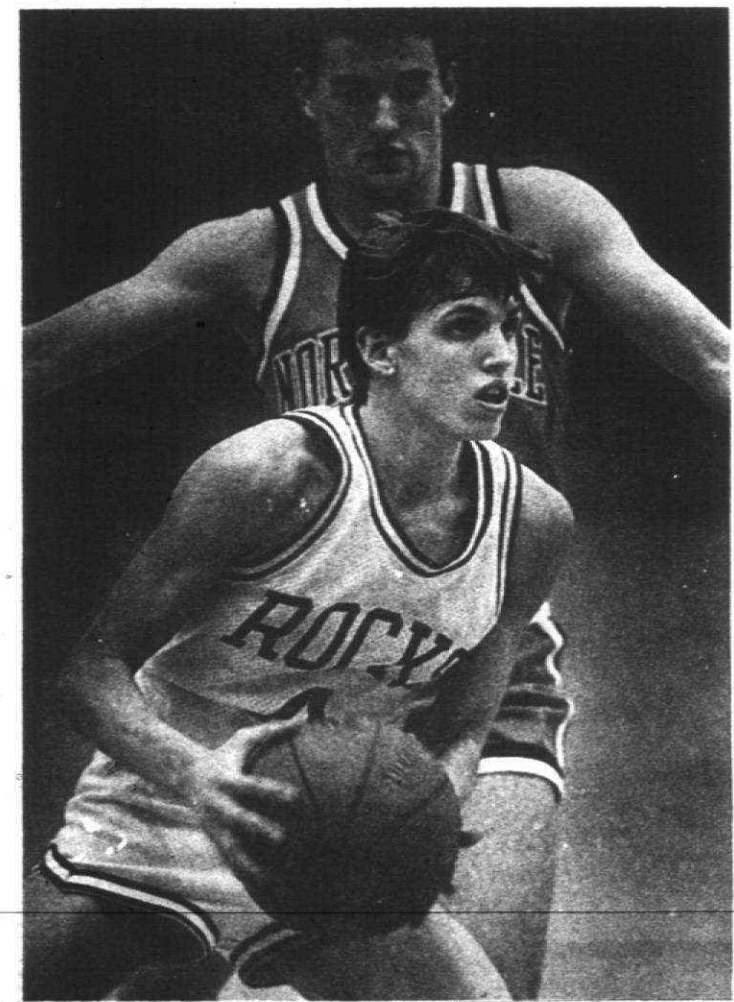
Taylor was a pleasant surprise. Two years ago Brodie coached him, along with Hale and Collins, on the Salem junior varsity team. It was a powerful team. Taylor moved away last year. Brodie is glad he has moved back.

The Salem backcourt is equally strong and experienced. Senior Bryan Keiris, a skilled ballhandler, passer and perimeter shooter, will control the offense from his point guard position. Ted Hanosh, a senior with excellent quickness, is expected to hold down the other guard spot.

Senior Tony Moore and junior Keith Smith will see plenty of action in either the guard or forward spots.

"One of the things we have this year that we didn't have last year is a lot of depth," Brodie said. "We still need to keep our top people healthy."

That has been a problem for the Rocks. At one point last year the



Bryan Keiris will play the role of floor general for the Rocks this season. He will also provide a dangerous perimeter scoring threat.

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Roger Trice's defensive skills and his explosive offensive abilities may help keep the undersized Canton Chiefs in contention in the Western Division this season.

team had four starters out with injuries. This season has gotten off to a shaky start, too. Hale suffered a broken nose, and Taylor missed some early practices because of an illness.

"One of the things that worries me is how we'll deal with quickness," Brodie said. "When you're as big as we are, you're not always real quick on the transition. In our scrimmages we handled defensive pressure well, but some of the quicker teams were beating us down the court."

But with size, experience and depth going for it, Salem should be a serious contender for the Western Lakes championship.

PLYMOUTH CANTON

Tom Niemi's Chiefs have a lot going for them this season. They have speed, they have some experienced players and they have several outstanding athletes.

But what they don't have is size, and in this league, that may prove fatal.

"We have a great bunch of kids, just an outstanding group of young men," Niemi said. "They are intelligent, and they really work hard. The

question is, are we going to be big enough to rebound against our opponents?"

Probably not. But the Chiefs will be quick enough and smart enough to beat a lot of the giants to the basketball. The football season ran a little longer than usual as Harrison made it to the final four.

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Salem sets sights for top

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thing with them. Our seniors don't take their game with them. They enhance our program. They leave something of themselves behind. They pass on the team concept to the returning players," Teamman said.

Only one starter returns: sharpshooter Scott Bissell. But the Hawks won't lack for talent.

The development of 6-8 center Brad Ridgeway is one reason why the Hawks may not skip a beat this season.

"He might be the fastest guy we have," Teamman said. "He's just a bundle of talent. He's still pretty thin, so the question will be, can he rebound against some of the stronger guys?"

Teamman plans to start five seniors. Besides Bissell and Ridgeway, Gary Schwedt and Mike Koroly will man the guard spots and Brian Hoskins (6-2) will play the other forward spot.

Chad Burgess, a flashy sophomore, will be first off the Hawks bench. "He is a machine once he gets going. He dominated at the freshman level last year. Experience is the key, though. From freshman to varsity is a big jump," Teamman said.

Others expected to help are juniors Jim Hill, Dave Rumps, Jason McDonnell, Rick Witte, Steve Bissell, Chris Grisdale and sophomore Jason Lichtman.

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Three juniors are battling for the fifth starting spot: Kurt Dudek (6-3), Chad Henry (6-2) and Matt Harmon (6-1).

Vandy Hill, a 5-11 transfer guard from Bishop Borgess, will become eligible in January and could help Junior Bill Green and senior Mark Anderson will also contribute.

"It's important that we get off to a good start," Negoshian said. "We need to establish a positive direction. We've had a great preseason. We've practiced hard, and we have played hard. We'll have to wait and see. There are a lot of unknown quantities with this group."

The bad news for North is that it plays in the Lakes Division with Salem and Farmington.

FARMINGTON

First-year coach Bob Kaupman isn't worried that the so-called experts expect his team to land somewhere near the bottom of the Lakes Division.

"We know what we're up against," said Kaupman, who has replaced long-time Falcon coach Richard Roy. "We'll let people know they are in a contest. Don't discount our kids."

Farmington graduated four of its five starters from a year ago. But the team has been infused with two promising transfers and another player who has decided to rejoin the program.

Junior Brandon London, from Nebraska, and junior William Reece, from Detroit Redford, will play key roles for the Falcons. As will strongman Andrew Boden. At 6-3, 210, Boden will provide a good deal of power inside.

"You'd be surprised, he has a lot of finesse for a big man," Kaupman said. "He's a heck of an athlete."

Boden, a football standout, stopped playing basketball two years ago.

Others expected to see action for the Falcons are seniors Steve Howell, Paul Orrico, Ron Jones and juniors Chris Cahill, Darin Magara and Drew McDougall.

"We're working on speed and hustle. We've got a lot of quickness and we shoot well," Kaupman said. "I like to run. It's more exciting. Hopefully, we'll be able to control our speed. But we have to run. We're too small to do anything else."

Kaupman has been an assistant at Farmington the past seven years. He'll be joined on the bench by former Farmington standout Ron Sarcevic.

Although a division title isn't in sight this year, the future of the Farmington program looks good. Some 50 kids showed up for tryouts, a school record. And Sarcevic's JV team should be strong led by two promising 6-4 players.

WAYNE MEMORIAL

- Head coach: Chuck Henry, fifth year.
- Last year's overall record: 18-3.
- Titles won: Wolverine & Conference championship.
- Notable losses to graduation: Lost six players including All-Area selection Spencer Williams and Rodney Sommers.
- Leading returnees: All-Area selection Mark Robinson, 6-6, senior guard (averaged 19 points and 13 rebounds); senior forward Fred Horn, 5-10.
- Henry's '86-87 outlook: "We're pretty much a carbon copy of last year's team. We'll be small and quick. We'll have to play a fast tempo game and play hard, pressure defense. We're looking forward to the season. We have two good players and we need to find the right combination of the other three starters."
- In the Wolverine A conference I think Bellevue, Monroe and Trenton will all be good. They each have oodles of players coming back. I think we're going to be considered one of the top teams too."

WESTLAND JOHN GLEN
• Head coach: Gordie Davis, 15th year.
• Last year's overall record:

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swimming rankings

The following swim times are compiled weekly by Plymouth Canton swim coach Hooker Wellman. Coaches should update their times by calling Wellman weekdays from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at 451-6800, Ext. 313.

200-YARD MILEY RELAY (state out: 1:58.59)	
Farmington Hills Mercy	1:57.0
Livonia Church	1:57.0
Livonia Stevenson	1:57.3
North Farmington	1:58.2
Plymouth Canton	1:58.1

200 FREESTYLE (state out: 2:01.29)	
Michelle McKenzie (Stevenson)	1:56.2
Jennifer Rowe (N. Farm)	1:57.5
Jenny Morton (Mercy)	1:58.2
Marge Cramer (N. Farm)	1:58.5
Ann Bolinger (Stevenson)	1:59.1
Casey Cummins (Canton)	2:00.5
Casey Cummins (Canton)	2:02.1
Tanya Haddock (Thurston)	2:02.8
Suzie Knipper (Mercy)	2:03.0

200 INDIVIDUAL MILEY (state out: 2:18.49)	
Sheila Torma (Stevenson)	2:09.6
Audra Martin (Church)	2:12.9
Andy Cramer (N. Farm)	2:15.7
Julie Jensen (Glenn)	2:17.1
Casey Cummins (Canton)	2:17.8
Casey Cummins (Stevenson)	2:18.9
Roberta Orr (Mercy)	2:20.4
Ann Bolinger (Stevenson)	2:20.7
Angie Harrison (Mercy)	2:21.4

50 FREESTYLE (state out: 25.59)	
Ann Bolinger (Stevenson)	25.1
Sheila Torma (Stevenson)	25.2
Marge Cramer (N. Farm)	25.7
Catherine Tucker (Harrison)	25.7
Maurice Sudek (Stevenson)	25.7
Kelly Enck (Glenn)	25.8
Tanya Haddock (Thurston)	26.1
Casey Cummins (Canton)	26.1

100 BACKSTROKE (state out: 1:35.49)	
Ann Bolinger (Stevenson)	1:30.8
Suzie Knipper (Mercy)	1:33.5
Roberta Orr (Mercy)	1:33.7
Mary Larson (Glenn)	1:33.9
Sheila Torma (Stevenson)	1:34.1
Leanne Worman (N. Farm)	1:34.8
Kendra James (Church)	1:35.0
Casey Cummins (Canton)	1:35.1
Julie Jensen (Glenn)	1:35.2
Nicole Hempenharn (Stevenson)	1:36.2

100 BREASTSTROKE (state out: 1:12.19)	
Cindy Cramer (N. Farm)	1:09.1
Audra Martin (Church)	1:10.8
Julie Cox (Canton)	1:11.1
Angie Harrison (Mercy)	1:11.6
Jenny Demaris (Glenn)	1:12.0
Carolyn Schwed (Stevenson)	1:13.4
Angie Hewitt (Church)	1:13.6
Erin Olson (Salem)	1:14.1
Amy Cramer (Glenn)	1:14.5

400 FREESTYLE RELAY (state out: 3:51.99)	
Livonia Stevenson	3:40.3
Westland John Glenn	3:47.4
North Farmington	3:50.1
Plymouth Canton	3:50.5
Farmington Hills Mercy	3:50.9

100 BUTTERFLY (state out: 1:22.59)	
Sheila Torma (Stevenson)	1:20.0
Audra Martin (Church)	1:20.0
Julie Cox (Canton)	1:20.9

the week ahead

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Regional championships
Thursday, Dec. 4
F.H. Mercy vs. Edson Ford, 7:30 p.m. at North
Fry, Salem vs. Trenton, 7 p.m. at Gb. Canton.
Friday, Dec. 5
Lacywood vs. Divine Child or Beth Gallagher, 7
p.m. at War. Fitzgerald.

BOYS BASKETBALL
Friday, Dec. 5
Canton at Catholic Central, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City at Dearborn, 8 p.m.
Belleville at Liv. Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
Berkley at Liv. Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
Redford Union at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Del. Benedictine at Wayne, 7:30 p.m.
Ph. Salem at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.
Birmingham at Berkley, 7:30 p.m.
Way. Kentland at Farm. Harrison, 7:30 p.m.
Red. Thurston at Liv. Leland, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Saturday, Dec. 6
Liv. Franklin vs. Milford Leland
Liv. Leland vs. Liv. Stevenson
Liv. Stevenson vs. Del. Country Day
at Southfield Civic Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Catholic Central vs. Ann Arbor Huron
at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

rankings

The following high school rankings are compiled by the Observer sports staff. Schools considered are in Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Redford, Plymouth, Canton, Farmington, Farmington Hills and Wayne.

FOOTBALL	
1. West. John Glenn	
2. Farm. Harrison	
3. Catholic Central	
4. Livonia Stevenson	
5. North Farmington	

GIRLS BASKETBALL	
1. Plymouth Salem	
2. Livonia Ladywood	
3. Farmington Hills Mercy	
4. Garden City	
5. West. John Glenn	

CROSS COUNTRY (BOYS)	
1. Farmington	
2. Catholic Central	
3. Wayne Memorial	
4. Plymouth Canton	
5. Plymouth Salem	

CROSS COUNTRY (GIRLS)	
1. Farmington	
2. Plymouth Salem	
3. Livonia Franklin	
4. Livonia Ladywood	
5. Bishop Borgess	

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RANDY BOST: staff photographer

Suzie Knipper, Farmington Hills Mercy senior, has recorded the second fastest backstroke time in Observerland this season.

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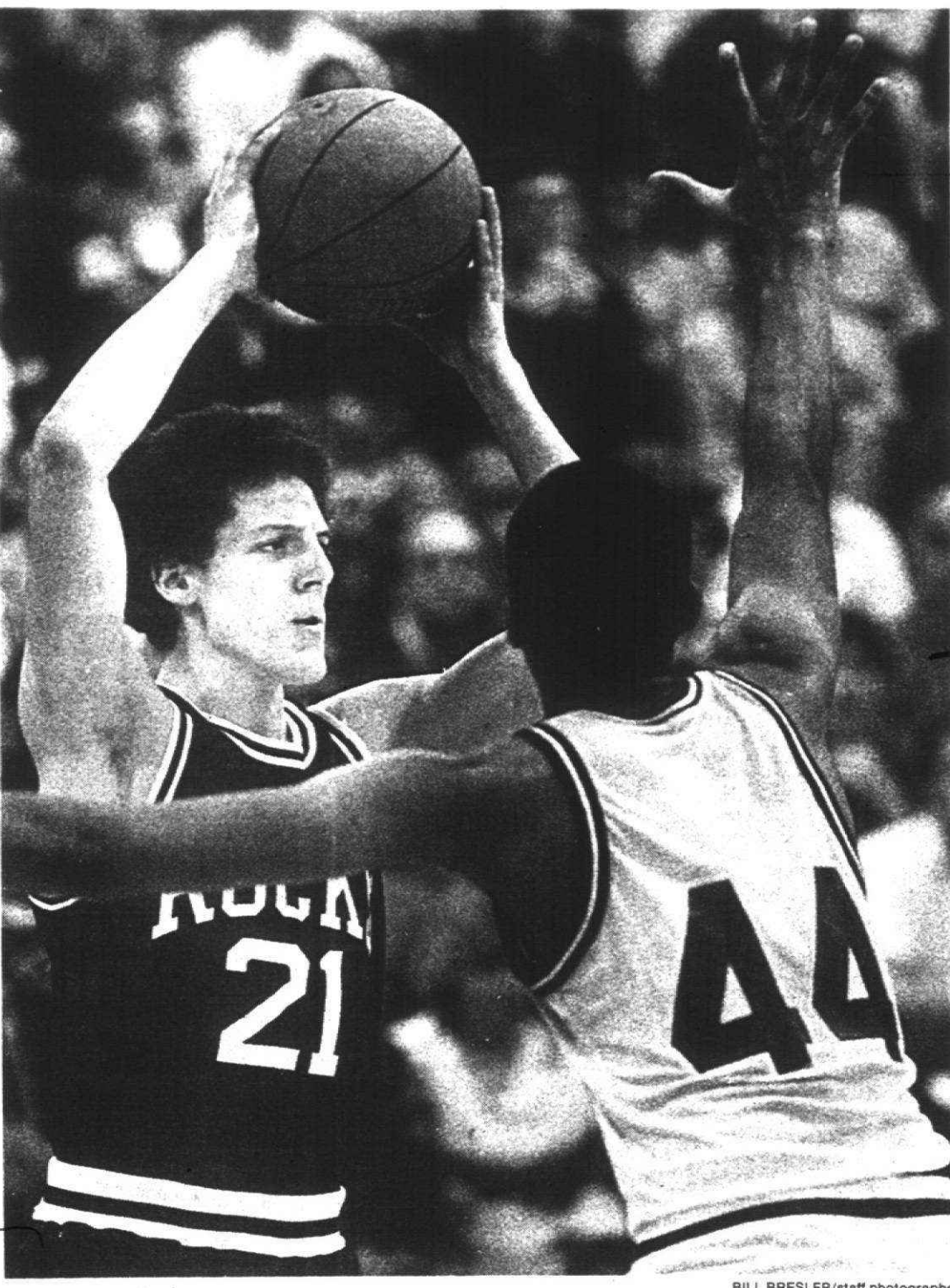
basketball

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL
• Head coach: Bernie Holowicki, 15th season.
• Last year's overall record: 14-5.
• Titles won: Class A district at Churchville.
• Notable losses to graduation: Paul Tavina (All-Area first team), Sean McCleary, Ken Wanda.
• Leading returnees: Lance Vaccarelli, 6-3 senior guard; Bill Vitt, 6-5 junior center.
• Promising newcomers: Brian Dugas, junior guard/forward; Anthony Arrington, junior guard.
• Holowicki's '86-87 outlook: "Our league (Catholic League) will be a bear. I look for a battle between DeLaSalle, Brother Rice and Bishop Borgess. We are hoping to play with a lot of intensity on offense and defense. We are going to have to overcome. We're going to have to come to play every night. We have a lot of work to do in all areas."

REDFORD BISHOP BORGESS
• Head coach: Mike Fusco, fifth season.
• Last year's overall record: 9-12.
• Leading returnees: Cordell Robinson, 6-4 junior guard; 18.7 points per game; Parish Hickman, 6-6 junior forward; Kevin Van Hook, 5-9 senior guard; Dwayne Kelley, 6-2 junior point guard; Kevin Williams, 6-2 senior; Alex Marshall, 5-5 senior.
• Promising newcomers: Bert Wadon, 5-9 junior; Duane Smith, 5-3 junior; Freddie Bishop, 6-1 junior; Eric Emanuel, 6-2 junior; Marcus Clouston, 6-1 junior; Tommie Tounsel, 6-1 junior; Robert Harmon, 6-1 junior.
• Fusco's '86-87 outlook: "The key will be playing as a team. We've been stressing defense and a team concept. We have some very quick team. Van Hook is one of the quickest players around. We're not that big for our league. We need to be quick. We will have to play defense, use our fast break. If we play as a team then good things can happen for us."

GARDEN CITY
• Head coach: Bob Dropp, seventh year.
• Last year's overall record: 16-8.
• Titles won: Tied with Woodhaven for Northwest Suburban Activities Association championship.
• Notable losses to graduation: Center Skip Barnett, All-Area player (transferred to Georgia); forwards Joe Mukavetz and Pat Malone; guard John Sheridan.
• Leading returnees: Senior point guard Rick Beczkoski, 5-9; (averaged 10 points per game last year); senior forward Jim Berghofer, 6-0; senior forward Scott Harvey, 6-2.
• Promising newcomers: Senior forward Scott Fowler, 6-2; junior guard Jeremy Kool, 5-9; junior center Ken Nelson, 6-3; junior forward Don Emerson, 6-1; sophomore forward Dave Marthug, 6-0.
• Dropp's '86-87 outlook: "We're going to be very small compared to past teams. We'll definitely have to play a pressure game. We're not going to outbounce anybody. We're going to have to use full-court pressure. Steal some in the league. Dearborn looks like they'll be head and shoulders above the rest. After that it could be close."

REDFORD UNION
• Head coach: Tip Smathers, second year.
• Last year's overall record: 9-17.
• Notable losses to graduation: Guards Dennis Bushart and Jim Pavlicek; forward Pat Miller.
• Leading returnees: Senior forward Chris Buchanan, 6-4; senior forward Al Harrison, 6-1; senior forward guard Steve Marshall, 6-2; senior guard Craig Weston, 6-0.
• Promising newcomers: Senior guard Mike Stefanski, 5-11; junior center Steve Sertitz, 6-6; junior guard Joe Lacotte, 6-0; junior forward guard Kevin Walker, 6-0.
• Smathers' '86-87 outlook: "Because of our experience we'll do better than last year. We had a real good summer and based on that we're somewhat hopeful. We hope to be balanced and have team unity. We're not exceptionally fast but we will run sometimes. We'll need to get some strong rebounding from Buchanan and Sertitz. We can't afford to lose either one of them."



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Mike Hale's hard work and dedication to the game have made him one of the top 10 best players coming into the 1986-87 basketball season according to the Observer sports staff.

Schoolcraft falls in final

Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team got its first win of the season Friday in the opening round of the Muskegon Community College Classic, but the Lady Ocelots' win streak didn't last long. SC defeated Glen Oaks CC 78-67 Friday, thanks to 21 points from Lori Abbas, 16 from Tracy Ladouceur and 14 from Lisa Kline. The win advanced the Lady Ocelots into Saturday's finals opposite host-team MCC, which ripped Alpena CC in the other opening-round game.

The final proved no contest, either, as MCC built a 15-point halftime lead (45-30) en route to a 92-74 victory over SC. MCC put the game away early with a 12-2 surge to start the game, scoring inside often.

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Observerland 10 preseason best

The 1986-87 Observerland boys basketball season commences tomorrow night. What follows is a preview look at the area's top 10 players as selected by Observer sports editors Brad Emons and Chris McCosky.

THE CREAM OF THE CROP

1. **Lance Vaccarelli, Redford Catholic Central:** A summer of discontent is apparently over for this ultra-talented 6-3 senior guard. (He was expelled from school last year, moved out of state, came back and was reinstated at CC.) A bona fide Division I player. Superior quickness and leaping ability. Goes to the basket as hard as any player around.

2. **Cordell Robinson, Redford Bishop Borgess:** He made this last year as a sophomore and lived up to the billing. A true scorer. He is 6-4 now, stronger and quick as a cat. He follows a long list of Spartan standouts: Lewis Scott and Joe Gregory to name but two.

3. **Andy Graulitz, Westland John Glenn:** A blue-collar success story that would make a nice addition to any Mid-American Conference program. He was rated as one of the hardest working players at the summer camps. Coaches love his intensity. He is 6-5 and sturdy.

4. **Steve Hawley, Westland John Glenn:** A senior guard, Hawley led Observerland in scoring with a 21.9 points-per-game average last year. He is 6-2 and possesses a textbook jump shot. He is a good jumper and a gritty competitor. Doesn't always take good care of the basketball, however, and is prone to turnovers. He was Glenn's quarterback this year and will be slow to regain his basketball legs.

5. **Rick Taylor, Plymouth Salem:** Welcome home. Taylor, who played JV ball for Salem two years ago, averaged 19 points a game for East Lansing last year. He is 6-7 and strong inside. He also has a soft touch from the perimeter. He is an other player with MAC-level potential. He has been slowed by some sickness through preseason drills.

6. **Mark Robinson, Wayne Memorial:** Kind of an in-between guy size-wise. He is 6-3 and doesn't play power. He is a sneaky-quick inside player as selected by Observer sports editors Brad Emons and Chris McCosky.

7. **Mike Hale, Plymouth Salem:** A coaches dream. Intelligent, aggressive, dedicated and determined. He is 6-5, barely, but plays like he's 6-8. A first-team All-Area player last year, he averaged 17 points and 12 rebounds. He has been slowed by a broken nose through preseason but should be 100 percent by tomorrow.

8. **Mark Clayborne, Wayne Memorial:** A junior and a terrific leaper. He plays much bigger than his 6-2 size. His quickness and intensity fit nicely into coach Chuck Henry's upbeat and team-oriented system.

9. **Roger Trice, Plymouth Canton:** Last year, Trice missed 10 games with a hamstring injury. Before that, though, he established himself as a defensive demon and a potentially explosive offensive threat. He is extremely fast on the court and strong. But he needs to improve his perimeter shooting and develop better court sense.

10. **Brad Ridgeway, Farmington Harrison:** A bit of a surprise, here. And somewhat of an unknown. He is a rail-like 6-8 post player. What makes him dangerous is his quickness around the basket. He made tremendous strides over the summer. He catches the ball well and has a nice shooting touch. Strength may be a problem along with aggressiveness.

Others to keep an eye on: Kevin Rich, 6-4 senior, St. Agatha; Parish Hickman, 6-7 junior, Bishop Borgess; Lewis Davis, 6-2 junior, Wayne; Bryan Kears, 5-9 senior, Plymouth Salem; Mike McCool, 6-3 junior, Livonia; Franklin, Brian Dugas, 6-2 junior, Catholic Central; Tyrone Reeves, 6-0 senior, Plymouth Canton; Andrew Boden, 6-3 senior, Farmington; Rick Karcher, 6-5, North Farmington; Scott Bissell, Farmington Harrison.

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Mercy puts boot to N'ville, 50-33

By Chris McCosky
Staff Writer

Farmington Hills Mercy had a good deal of trouble getting its game in gear Tuesday night against Northville in the first round of the Class A Regional girls basketball tournament at Northville.

Northville led 5-4 after the first inning, er, quarter. Mercy needed to loosen up. Coach Larry Baker inserted his 40-weight (as in oil) team into the game to start the second quarter. Adrienne Clark (No. 40), Yvette Maisson (No. 41), Jan Herberholz (No. 42), Margaret DeMatia (No. 44) and Patty Chapp (No. 45) took the floor.

The result: Mercy loosened up, ran off 10 straight points and went on to knock off the stubborn Mustangs 50-33. The Marlins will play Dearborn Edsel Ford at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Northville. A victory would give the Marlins an unprecedented eighth straight regional championship.

"I think what happened was that we have talked up the Mercy tradition and the tournament so much that, inadvertently, we may have put too much pressure on them. Once we were over that, though, we played a solid game."

THE 40-WEIGHT group created four straight turnovers at the outset of the second quarter. The 5-4 Northville lead was suddenly a 15-4 deficit.

"Yes, that is a real good pressing group for us," Baker said. "Patty Chapp deserves a lot of credit for

giving us an intensity push in that quarter. If she makes a mistake, it's usually a mistake of aggression."

On the night, Chapp made four steals and directly forced three other Northville turnovers.

But Chapp will have to share game ball honors with Yvette Maisson. The slick senior point guard scored 20 points to lead all scorers, despite being saddled with foul trouble from the third quarter on. She fouled out in the final quarter.

She has scored 412 points this season. A Mercy single-season record. Also, she is averaging better than 18 points per game — another Mercy record.

Maisson, almost single-handedly, ruined Northville's zone defense. After the first quarter, Baker had Maisson flashing inside. She'd get the ball at the free throw line, penetrate the middle of the zone, then either take a short jumper or shoot off underhand. Her quickness inside made the Mustang zone ineffective.

NORTHVILLE, THOUGH, did not go out quietly. With Maisson on the bench with four fouls, the Mustangs ran off seven unanswered points to pull within 10, 37-27, with 4:40 left in the game.

"That lapse was triggered by our lack of intensity on the boards," Baker said. "They pulled down two rebounds inside that led to scores. Then they began pressing. It got scary for a while."

Baker called timeout with 4:40 left and inserted Maisson and Clark back into the lineup.

Whatever Baker said in the huddle worked. Mercy ran off 11 straight points to bury Northville. Maisson scored six points in that run and Margaret DeMatia nailed 5-of-6 free throws in the final 2:30.

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Area hunter racks up points

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The 41-year-old Plymouth resident was sitting in his blind, a thick et surrounded by heavy brush and hardwoods near Baldwin, in the early morning hours of opening day of the 1986 firearms deer season.

As he sat patiently, a four-point buck walked into his field of view. Moments later, after one shot from his Remington 306, McMullen was dragging his buck back to camp. It was 7:20 a.m.

"He was kind of grazing along and didn't even know I was there," said McMullen. I was sitting tight in my blind. That's what I like to do. I sit tight and let everyone else do the walking."

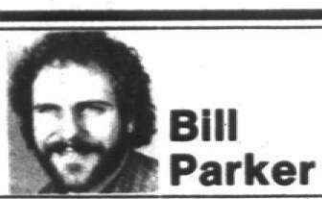
McMullen then went to town and purchased his second license.

He returned to the same blind and by 10:30 a.m. had dropped another buck. This time it was an eight-point, much to the disbelief of his hunting companions.

"When everyone came in for lunch they couldn't believe I already had two bucks," said McMullen, who was hunting with a party of seven others. "The eight-point is a real nice one. It came by running with three does. Someone else had kicked them up and they just happened to come by me."

The funny thing is that they were each 1 1/2 years old. The eight was a lot bigger than the four."

Over his 14 years of deer hunting McMullen has bagged two spikes, one four point, two six points and



Bill Parker

two eight point bucks. Ironically his other eight point was shot 10 years ago to the day.

Commemorative Bucks of Michigan, a non-profit organization, is again attempting to recognize the archery, firearm and muzzleloader hunters who have taken the largest whitetail deer racks (both symmetrical and nontypical) over the 1986 deer season. CMB has also expanded the program to include elk and bear trophies.

Residents and non-residents are eligible to enter the contest and a March 15 deadline has been set for entries.

All hunters whose entries meet the minimum score requirements will receive a certificate. A wooden plaque and a belt buckle will be awarded to the top scorer in each classification.

For more information contact any Regional or District Department of Natural Resources office or the CMB headquarters at 4365 S. Commerce Road, Union Lake, Mich. 48095-19-363-8629.

Redford's Majorie Ineson was the attendance prize winner of the 20th Detroit Camper & Travel Trailer Show at Cobo Hall. In being chosen winner, Ineson won a Coleman Colorado pop-up tent camping trailer.

Chuck Sakach of Garden City took top honors in the yellow perch

division of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Department's annual Fishing-In-The-Parks contest.

Sakach took home a \$10 gift certificate from Kelley's Sports Center, a Berkley Graphite Spinning Rod, a 1987 Oakland County Parks Motor Vehicle permit and an Oakland County Parks Summer Fun Pass booklet for his 11 1/2-inch 9-ounce fish.

Matt Schiebold, of Bloomfield Hills, took third place honors in the perch division.

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Grant never won an Academy Award for one particular film. In 1970, after he quit making films, he was awarded an Oscar posthumously for his unique mastery of the art of film acting.

It doesn't touch the suspense and great movie moments of Hitchcock's 1959 "North by Northwest."

Grant plays an American everyman who's mistaken for a spy by a bona-fide agent, James Mason, and his accomplice, Eva Marie Saint. With the Bernard Hermann musical score helping control audience reactions to scenes, this is a honest-to-gosh classic film.

The film also featuring Irene Dunne is set to air Saturday, Dec. 20, on the American Movie Classics pay channel. Offered as a three-hour hanky winger, this sentimental story shamelessly assaults the heart.

Grant and Dunn play a married couple who adopt a child in the hope that caring for the youngster will bolster their sagging marriage. The girl becomes the center of their lives. Her death haunts the marriage to the brink of disintegration.

The plot wouldn't see the light of day in the 1980s, but Grant's portrayal of a man making the best of a marriage that's more heartache than hearts and flowers shouldn't be missed.

He's more dapper, debonair and a lot less preachy than Michael Landon's angel could ever hope to be in "The Bishop's Wife" (1947). The film is carried by the Disney Channel on Sunday, Dec. 14; Saturday, Dec. 20; Wednesday, Dec. 24; Monday, Dec. 29, and Jan. 1, 4, 6, and 9.

As hard-boiled editor Walter Burns in "His Girl Friday," Grant tangles with Rosalind Russell as ace reporter Hildy Johnson. The 1940 flick is worth seeing if only to point out to someone else that when Grant mutters the line, "The last person who said that to me was Archie Leach just before he cut his throat," he's making oblique reference to his real name.

Grant donated his \$125,000 fee from this movie to the British War Relief Fund. At that time, he was still a British citizen. He became an American citizen in 1942.

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Cary Grant movies on cable, cassette

By Louise Okrutsky
special writer

He started out as Archibald Alexander Leach, born to a working-class British family on Jan. 18, 1904. He left them while still a boy to join an acrobatic troupe. By the time he died on Saturday, Nov. 29, Cary Grant had been compared to a Noel Coward lyric, effortlessly elegant.

In fact, it was generally agreed that he used Coward as the main model for his on-screen personality. "I pretended to be someone I wanted to be and I finally became that person. Or he became me. Or we met at some point. It's a relationship," Grant once told a reporter.

Whatever its roots, the results of such a synthesis belonged to him alone — and a couple generations of star-struck film fans.

Grant never won an Academy Award for one particular film. In 1970, after he quit making films, he was awarded an Oscar posthumously for his unique mastery of the art of film acting.

It doesn't touch the suspense and great movie moments of Hitchcock's 1959 "North by Northwest."

Grant plays an American everyman who's mistaken for a spy by a bona-fide agent, James Mason, and his accomplice, Eva Marie Saint. With the Bernard Hermann musical score helping control audience reactions to scenes, this is a honest-to-gosh classic film.

The film also featuring Irene Dunne is set to air Saturday, Dec. 20, on the American Movie Classics pay channel. Offered as a three-hour hanky winger, this sentimental story shamelessly assaults the heart.

Grant and Dunn play a married couple who adopt a child in the hope that caring for the youngster will bolster their sagging marriage. The girl becomes the center of their lives. Her death haunts the marriage to the brink of disintegration.

The plot wouldn't see the light of day in the 1980s, but Grant's portrayal of a man making the best of a marriage that's more heartache than hearts and flowers shouldn't be missed.

He's more dapper, debonair and a lot less preachy than Michael Landon's angel could ever hope to be in "The Bishop's Wife" (1947). The film is carried by the Disney Channel on Sunday, Dec. 14; Saturday, Dec. 20; Wednesday, Dec. 24; Monday, Dec. 29, and Jan. 1, 4, 6, and 9.

As hard-boiled editor Walter Burns in "His Girl Friday," Grant tangles with Rosalind Russell as ace reporter Hildy Johnson. The 1940 flick is worth seeing if only to point out to someone else that when Grant mutters the line, "The last person who said that to me was Archie Leach just before he cut his throat," he's making oblique reference to his real name.

Grant donated his \$125,000 fee from this movie to the British War Relief Fund. At that time, he was still a British citizen. He became an American citizen in 1942.

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JOAN FONTAINE won an Oscar for her role in the 1941 Alfred Hitchcock film, "Suspicion." In it, she's a woman who believes her husband (Grant) is plotting to kill her. His cool-mannered husband is an effective foil for Fontaine's increasingly terrified wife. Catch it on Cinemax, Friday, Dec. 26.

One needs only to run down to the video store to catch some other films featuring Grant. He's playing true to type in Hitchcock's 1955 film, "To Catch a Thief" with Grace Kelly. Kelly plays true to type here also.

She's an heiress with an eye for a little excitement and Grant's character, a reformed cat burglar living on the Riviera. It's not the top film. In fact, he recommended a positive attitude to the arrival of wintry weather.

Wholey looked trim and was casually dressed, wearing a red sweater, a way of dressing he favors on the air. During the interview, he polished off a salad and a luscious dessert.

In order to be happy, he believes, you need to have high self-esteem and a positive attitude, even in negative situations. His book is divided into several sections, starting out with the components of happiness.

These include loving other people ("If we love them unconditionally, they're going to love us back"), a job or volunteer work, getting outside yourself, and having hopes and dreams. The book winds up with taking inventory, slowing down and taking a look at yourself, change and action.

RISK-TAKING is important, whether or not the results are exactly what you want. You can always try again, maybe try something different.

"Let's celebrate the fact we took a risk," he said. "You have to put out effort. You can't sit around waiting for the phone to ring. You can't have pizza tonight if you don't

pick up the phone."

In "The Courage to Change," Wholey discussed his battle with alcoholism. Although outwardly successful during his long TV career, he still wasn't happy. Once he quit drinking, he continued to search for more meaning.

"Are You Happy?" seemed a natural question to ask dynamic people who might have some of the answers.

He found out that happiness is not something that you chase. "It's everyday," Wholey also learned that "Happiness is only part of the puzzle of life. It's part of a mixed bag of happiness, sadness, pain, growth, laughter, tears."

Both of Wholey's books have had a startling effect on many people's lives. "Are You Happy?" (Houghton Mifflin, \$16.95) has only been out a short time but Wholey said he knows people who have quit their jobs or got out of a bad relationship, after reading it and deciding to take action.

During the interview, the manager at the Midtown brought over a paperback copy of "The Courage to Change" and asked Wholey to autograph it for one of the cooks who "has gotten a lot out of it."

ABOUT A THIRD of a million copies of "The Courage to Change" have been sold, Wholey said. The hardcover was published in November 1984 and the paperback was released last June. "It was a best-seller, in the New York Times, about six months ago," he said.

He reported that the "World Almanac" lists "The Courage to Change" as one of the best-selling books of 1984-85. "The book really dramatically has changed people's lives. Alcohol addiction really is life and death," Wholey said.

The author draws on his experience as an interviewer, in putting his books together. He spent one to two hours with each person he interviewed for "What Is Happiness?"

"It was very intensive," Wholey said. "The transcripts came back. They run about 40-50 pages. I look for themes — what I think is stronger."

Wholey is pleased with sales of "Are You Happy?" so far. "It's becoming rather scarce around here," he said, just a few weeks after the book's introduction.

Celebrities quoted in the book also are sharing Wholey's good feelings. Ivan Bloch, who now owns Sardi's New York, recently threw a publication party for the author at the famous restaurant.

Chapter John Powell, quoted in chapter two on 10 steps to happiness, just wrote Wholey a congratulatory letter and Julia Child "sent a little note."

WHOLEY HAS been a popular personality in the Detroit area since 1973 when he came to the city as host of "The Morning Show" on Channel 7. After leaving the station in 1977, he went to Washington to do a morning talk show. He went from station WTOP to WUSA, then was off the air for a year before joining Detroit's Channel 56 in 1980.

There he did local shows "Feedback" and "Dennis Wholey's Journal" before becoming host of the new PBS show "LateNight

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GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD PRODUCTION OF THE MUSICAL "NINE" by Arthur Kopit and Maury Yeston. Auditions will be 3-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, for little boys only, and 4-8 p.m. and 7-30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, and 7-30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, for adults only, at the playhouse in Redford. Everyone must bring a prepared song to audition. For more information, call 277-0579.

ICE SCULPTURE
Applications are being accepted from professional chefs and ice carvers for the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular, one of the nation's

largest ice sculpture competitions. The spectacular will be the first major event statewide to kick off celebration of the State of Michigan Sesquicentennial. The heart of downtown Plymouth will be transformed into an ice art gallery Jan. 8-18. For a contest application, call Paul Sincov at 453-1234 or write him at 201 S. Main, Plymouth 48170.

HUNTER'S RUN
Joining Larry Hunter at Hunter's Run in Livonia are Matt Michaels, Ray Tini and Jim Ryan, on Thursday, Dec. 4; Eddie Russ and Dan Jordan, Friday, Dec. 5; and Ross, Jordan and Randy Gillespie, Saturday, Dec. 6.

CHOIR BOYS
The Vienna Choir Boys will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Music Hall Center in Detroit. During this return engagement, the boys will present their Christmas program, featuring many holiday favorites. Tickets priced from \$18-\$14 may be purchased at the box office, by phone at 963-7680, and at all Hudson's and Ticket World outlets.

MOUNTAIN JACK'S
The Bizer Brothers, formerly of Farmington and now of Plymouth, will appear Thursday, Dec. 4, through Wednesday, Dec. 31, at Mountain Jack's of Farmington Hills. Showtime is 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays.

FAVORITE ORPHAN
"Annie," the musical about everybody's favorite orphan, will play from Saturday, Dec. 6, through Sunday, Jan. 4, at the Marquis Theatre in Northville. Ten-year-old Katie O'Shaughnessy of Troy stars as Annie. Ticket prices are \$8-\$10, depending on the performance date; children under 12 are \$6 at all performances. For ticket information call 349-8110 or 349-0868.

CHILDREN'S SHOW
Five performances of "Mrs. Santa Claus and Rumpelstiltskin," a children's play, will be presented by the Marquis Mother Goose Theatre at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 6 and 13, and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at the theater in Northville. All tickets are \$3.50 per person. For tickets, call 349-8110 or 349-0868.

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JAZZ SINGER
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BAND PLAYS
Mary Gail and her band will play Saturday, Dec. 6, at Union Street in Detroit. Bass player John Dana and drummer Leonard Gail will join Gail and other friends. Gail has a new album, "Stiletto Heels," in production for a spring release.

65 ROSES
Watching Monday Night Football, the Raiders vs. Seattle, on large-screen television, will be a fund-raiser on Dec. 8 at the Main Event, Silverdome. The 65 Roses club is sponsoring the activity. Eric Hipple, Jeff Chadwick and other Lions teammates will be at the bar and wait tables. Tickets are \$15 per person. For more information, call Pat Cavitt at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 552-9616.

CHRISTMAS SHOW
Motor City Theatre Organ Society will present Lyn Larsen at the console of the three-manual, 10-rank original 1928 Barton Theatre Pipe Organ, together with the Dunav (dance) Ensemble in a program, "Around the World at Christmas Time," at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Redford Theatre in Detroit. Tickets at \$6 may be purchased in advance or the night of the concert. For more information, call 537-1133.

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'Juvie' gets its point across

Performances of "Juvie," a short play by Jerome McDonough, continue at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 and 14, at Will-O-Way Theatre in Birmingham. For ticket information call 644-4418.



Cathie Breidenbach

"Juvie" tells a tough tale of juvenile crime and makes its points wisely without getting preachy. Nine female juvenile delinquents are locked in a detention center and each girl tells the story of how she came to be on the wrong side of the law. Because the acting is excellent, the stories make their grim points well about how teenagers become criminals.

Crime happens one misstep at a time. Behind nearly every crime in "Juvie" lurks alcohol or drugs, which suck their victims into doing things that ultimately get them arrested. For many of the girls that first misstep was like walking into quicksand, an unintentional but catastrophic mistake.

"Juvie" is the first in a series of four plays by Jerome McDonough which Will-O-Way will present as Sunday matinees. All four plays target some aspect of teen alcohol and drug abuse and adolescent crime. The new Will-O-Way program uses hard-hitting theater to address the epidemic of alcohol and drug use among teenagers.

NINE ASTONISHING young actresses form the "We Can Hear You" Team, which will present all the plays. Director Francine Jo Hachem, who originated the program, recruited girls who are against drugs, from Groves, Andover, Seabolt, Adams and Lahser high schools and from the University of Michigan.

Recruits tried out for parts in open auditions. The resulting cast does an outstanding job playing teens who are tough and surly on the

outside and vulnerable on the inside. When the girls jockey for dominance in the holding pen, they shove for real and hit the floor boards hard. Their crimes range from shoplifting through drunk driving to murder. Cordelia Addison is fine as a junkie arrested for murder who tells the bitter irony that the one person who cared about her was her victim.

Pamela Ayres presents a cringing, nameless runaway and Erin Dilly is remarkable when she tells the story of how Sunny Collins was arrested as an accessory to aggravated assault. Mary Beer plays to perfection the hard-core Pinks, drug pusher and kingpin tough.

Others in the competent cast include Mardi Hurbis, Catherine Miranda, Melissa Reizin, Anita Salomon and Kati Spellman.

IN THE PLAY the girls take turns telling their stories while the others help act out the scene. The ensemble style works fairly well except when they all regroup after each tale. They return to what looks like assigned places on stage, like kids going to their seats when the bell rings.

The periodic regrouping gives the play a jerky momentum and the assigned stations make interaction between the girls in the holding pen seem artificial in an otherwise solid play that frankly sets out to deliver a message.

Following the play, the director of Straight, Inc., briefly tells about the nonprofit organization's teen alcohol

straight-forward words. No one in the audience coughed or dared move in the face of their courage.

Alcohol and drug problems among teenagers are real, immediate and pervasive. Will-O-Way's "We Can Hear You" program deserves praise for splitting proceeds with Straight, Inc., and for addressing the problem in a creative, new way.

Cathie Breidenbach of West Bloomfield has always loved theater. A former high school English teacher, she works in public relations, advertising and as a free-lance writer.

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Travel



Europe's railway stations serve many of traveler's needs

This is the second in a two-part series on traveling through Europe by train.

A European railway station in a large city is a sight to behold. In Stuttgart, Germany, for example, it spreads across three levels of a huge building and under a long block of the street in front of the station.

We were driving a rental car so we had to brave the heavy traffic and find public parking areas before we could do anything else. We were turning the car in Stuttgart and staying overnight for an early morning train to Montpellier, France, so we needed a nearby hotel.

The railway station was a great complex of ticket booths, travel information offices, post office, lockers, news stand, flower shop, food and wine areas; one of those facilities in any European station is a city travel office where you can reserve a hotel room in town.

They will give you a city map, a list of available rooms, information about the cost of the room and whether the room comes with or without an in-room bath.

We had been told that the best hotel in town was the Schlossgarten, but the agent confirmed what we suspected, that it was very expensive, 200 to 500 Deutschmarks (\$100 to \$250) not what we wanted to pay for a place that we did not have time to enjoy.

WE ASKED for a hotel that cost 100-150 DM (\$50 to \$75), something clean, with good beds, near the station, and we were given a room at the Hotel Mark, two blocks from the station.

The hotel was plain and the room was small but it had two single beds and was clean and comfortable enough so we took it. We paid the 10 DM deposit at the station and it was deducted from the room rate at the hotel.

The railway station, a city in itself, has other services. In Europe, international telephone calls are traditionally made from the post office; we needed to make such a call and there was a post office in the station.

A telephone operator gave us a card for a specific booth, we dialed the call and paid her when we came out. To give you an idea of rates, it cost three DM's about \$1.50, for a three-minute call to Amsterdam.

THE RAILWAY station also has a travel office where you can get travel information, buy tickets, make reservations, etc. I had a first class Eurailpass, which must be bought before you leave home, so I didn't have to make a decision about which class to travel; if you buy the ticket in Europe you do have to decide. That's exactly what my travel companion did so we had a chance to see it both ways.

The difference in price between



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Iris Jones
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Stuttgart, Germany, and Montpellier, France, was 211 DM First Class versus 144 DM second class, a difference of about \$30. My companion bought a second class ticket and upgraded it on any leg of the trip that pleased him. With my first class ticket I could travel in either class, so it gave us a good taste of both.

The matter of a seat reservation also is a decision that must be made in the railway station. For 3.5 DM, about \$2, I reserved a seat No. 56 on car 93 in first class between Stuttgart and Strasbourg, which was where we would change trains for the first time on our day-long journey.

This saved me a seat in a compartment for six. I had the only reserved seat in the compartment, and had all six seats to myself, so obviously I didn't need a reservation on that leg.

As for the difference between first and second class, you must decide train by train if you buy your tickets in Europe instead of buying an Eurailpass before you leave home. I highly recommend the Eurailpass if you are going on several train trips, as we did. I travel spring and fall; midsummer would be much busier.

ON THAT first leg, my car was half-first and half-second class. The only difference in the car itself was that the second class seats were plastic and the first were velvet with clean cotton-covered headrests. The main difference however, was that second class was full and first class was empty.

I suspect that is the main issue anytime, many more people travel second so you have more elbow room and fewer companions in first. The choice might also be first with no reservations or second with reservations.

Some of the trains we traveled, like the airport express from Frankfurt to Cologne, have full dining cars. All have a man with a rolling cart selling tea, coffee, sandwiches, sausage, beer and pop. You can also buy fresh rolls with meat and cheese, and fresh fruit, as I did, in the station.

European trains leave on time so if you must change trains don't sit around like you do on a plane after the train stops; get your bag and get off because the train may not be there long.

The trip from Germany into France was uneventful. Customs and immigration officers boarded at the last stop before the border, just before we crossed the Rhine River into Strasbourg.

THERE ARE MANY different kinds of trains on the European network. From Strasbourg to Lyon we rode the 11:58 Turbotrain. Here the difference between first and second class was more dramatic. There were three seats across in an open car, newly carpeted and upholstered, with wide scenic windows.

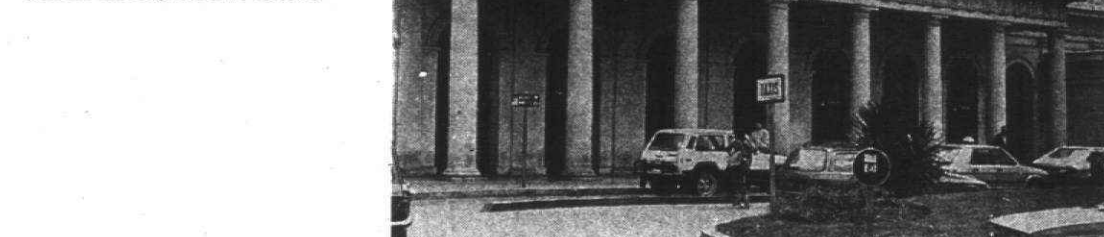
The schedule carries the crossed fork and knife that indicates a dining car but what I saw was that half of the second class car behind me had plastic tables and a small bar, not the beautiful dining car illustrated in the literature.

I asked the conductor in my high school French and he said that on some trains you can be served in your seat; in others you go to the dining car.

I sat down at one of the plastic tables. A young French student sat on the other side of the table, reading his book, enjoying a sandwich and drinking a beer. A full hot meal of the day was available, as were several smaller hot foods; pizza, ham-



Half of a second-class dining car (top) on the French National Railways has plastic tables for sit-down dining, but riders can also be served in their seats. Cabs line up (bottom) in front of the train station in Montpellier, France.



burger, etc. You also could choose cold sandwiches, fresh rolls and cheese, along with half bottles of red or white wine.

THE LANDSCAPE in Alsace was quite different than it was on the other side of the Rhine. To the west, fertile fields spread across the landscape to the mountains. There were castle towers high on those foothills, but beyond the mountains rose to snow, with villages tucked into high narrow valleys.

From Lyon to Montpellier, the train cars were in yet another style. In first class, the seats were wide, red on a blue carpet, with tables in back of the seats ahead. There were two seats on one side of the aisle and

one on the other, reminiscent of first class plane travel.

At Lyon, the TGV was parked beside us, ready like a race horse to leap from the station for her race to Paris. The TGV is the fastest train in the world. It was introduced five years ago from Paris to Lyon and now serves much of southeast France. On Sept. 23, 1986, it hit 222 miles per hour.

The TGV will link Paris to Brittany by 1989 and Paris to Bordeaux and Spain by 1990. Also under consideration are a high-speed link toward Brussels, Cologne and Amsterdam, probably tied to a TGV connection from Paris or Brussels to London. A new stop will be added to the southeast run when Disneyland

opens its first European park in France.

WE WERE traveling to Montpellier to meet a tour group. They took the TGV from Paris and loved it. It is not the only high-speed train in France however; the TEE and the Intercity trains are also fast and fine.

Contact your travel agent for more information on French trains or on the Eurailpass.

I used my pass only in France and Germany, but I have no reason to believe it wouldn't be just as useful in any of the 16 countries covered by the pass. I also have traveled with a Britrail pass in England and been pleased with the results.

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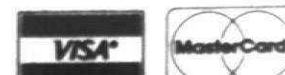
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Area economy bounds upward

Business conditions improved markedly in the metro Detroit area during September and October, according to the latest survey of the Purchasing Management Association of Detroit.

"Local purchasing managers in October indicated a second consecutive month of higher new order activity and the fewest commodity price declines for any month in more than a year," said David L. Littmann, vice president and senior economist with Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit.

These are the best overall readings for local business conditions since February. PMAD respondents

cited the auto finance incentive programs and the new tax law as factors that have helped lift the local economy out of its spring and summer doldrums.

IN OCTOBER, the composite PMAD index stood at 53.0 compared with 53.1 in September.

Strongest components of the survey were new orders, production and inventories, all seasonally adjusted. All three series were probably bolstered in part by the late summer auto sales surge.

Compared with October 1985, the composite index is down 6.4 percent.

Nevertheless, any reading above 50 is considered favorable, suggesting that the metro economy is still expanding, Littmann said.

In the past, he said, PMAD survey results have proven to be a sensitive and often reliable leading indicator of national economic activity because of the metro area's strong link to factors influencing consumer confidence, durable goods consumption and investment spending.

SEVERAL RESPONDENTS expressed concern over a near-term drop in new orders and the effects of impending layoffs in the automotive sector.

Buying policies for production materials and supplies and for capital expenditures have not changed.

Items in short supply include float glass, non-fat dry milk and whey products (affected by weather and government programs), hot-roll carbon strip, and sugar (East Coast strike).

The PMAD survey report is compiled from monthly responses of local purchasing managers belonging to the 370-member PMAD. The report indicates whether fundamental measures of the economy are stronger, weaker, or unchanged from the previous month.

Interlochen gets Sears scholarship

Talented high school age musicians who are proficient on a string, wind or percussion instrument will have the opportunity to attend the National Music Camp at Interlochen, thanks to a grant from Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

The foundation has established a \$146,500 Governor's Scholar Program to sponsor outstanding young musicians from across the United States to an eight-week program at Interlochen, according to Interlochen President Roger E. Jacobi.

One student from each of the 50 states will be named a Governor's Scholar and will receive a full tuition award of \$2,410 to attend the National Music Camp, June 21 to Aug. 17.

Scholarship awards will be based on merit. Deadline for entry is Jan. 26, 1987. To qualify, applicants must be of high school age, grades nine through 12 and be proficient on a wind, string or percussion instrument.

To receive an application, write: Governor's Scholar Program, National Music Camp, Interlochen, Mich. 49643, or phone, 616-276-9221.

The 50 governors and their spouses and President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan will be invited to Interlochen to attend a gala July 25 concert conducted by Lorin Maazel commemorating the 60th anniversary of the National Music Camp.

The National Music Camp, in northern lower Michigan, was established in 1927 by the pioneering music educator, Joseph E. Maddy. Each summer it offers an eight-week fine arts experience for 2,400 young people ages 8 through college. In addition to music, students study dance, drama and the visual arts.

Cities may regulate video parlors

A home rule city may license video game parlors and prohibit 16-18-year-olds from using them, Attorney General Frank J. Kelley has ruled.

A city also may regulate the hours of the day when minors may patronize video parlors and charge reasonable license fees, he said.

In an opinion requested by state Rep. Donald Van Singel, R-Grant, Kelley told the west Michigan lawmaker a state Court of Appeals decision in a Warren case clearly upheld the authority of cities to regulate video game establishments.

On the key question of whether cities may make video parlors off-limits to certain age groups, Kelley said yes — that such a local ordinance would not violate state civil rights laws. He wrote:

"The Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act prohibits a denial of the use and enjoyment of public accommodations, based upon age, except where the denial is permitted by law." The word "law" includes city ordinances.

Age regulations designed to protect children are not arbitrary, he said.

Bonus plan buys block of MNC stock

An employees stock bonus plan now owns about 15 percent of Michigan National Corp., third-largest bank holding company in the state.

MNC, headquartered in Farmington Hills, announced it has sold approximately 160,000 shares of its common stock to the Michigan National Corp. Affiliate Bank Employees' Stock Bonus Plan for approximately \$5.7 million.

The result is that the stock bonus plan owns 2.2 million shares. MNC has about 15 million shares issued and outstanding.

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PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

The Plymouth Community Chorus has selected "Christmas Memories" as the theme for its 1986 holiday concert to be presented this weekend in Plymouth Salem High School auditorium, Canton Center and Joy roads.

The annual concert by the 120-voice chorus, conducted by Michael Gross of Westland, will feature selections of sacred and secular Christmas music by both classical and contemporary composers and arrangers.

Soloists will include Barbara Kobberstad, soprano, Livonia, in the "Recitative" from Handel's "Messiah." Sherrie Northway, contralto, Redford Township, will sing "Some Children See Him." Dennis Santillan, tenor, Canton Township, will perform "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," and the principal accompanist for the chorus, Leslie Morrison, Livonia, will present a piano solo arrangement of the spiritual, "Go Tell It on the Mountain."

In addition, Steve Perris, baritone, Westland, will perform "Winter Masquerade."

Starting times for the concerts are 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, and Saturday, Dec. 6, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. Tickets are available from chorus members, at the Sideways Shop, Plymouth, Book Break, Canton Township, and the Giftfiddler Music Store, Northville, with reduced rates available for groups, students and senior citizens.

AUTOGRAPH PARTY

TV celebs Marilyn Turner and John Kelly will be part of the anniversary festivities from 5-7 p.m. Sunday at the Paper Tiger book, office supplies store in the Farmer Jack shopping center, Seven Mile and Farmington roads, Livonia. They will autograph their new book, "The Kelly and Co. Story." The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

MUSIC GUILD CONCERT

The Annual holiday dinner and concert of the Fair Lane Music Guild will be held at Henry Ford's historic Fair Lane Mansion on Monday, Dec. 8, beginning with a wine reception at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and the concert at 8:30 p.m.

The concert will feature harpsichordist Penelope Crawford in a program of baroque music. For more information, call Eileen Prinsen, 271-1224.

'NUTCRACKER' IN ANN ARBOR

The Ann Arbor Ballet Theatre celebrates the holiday season with three performances of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Ballet" with live accompaniment by the Ann Arbor Chamber orchestra this weekend in the Michigan Theatre. These will be the only local performances of the timeless classic by a live orchestra.

Concert times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 and may be purchased through the Michigan Theatre box office. For more information, call 996-0066.

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY

Student photography, featuring black and white photos, will be on display Dec. 9-16 in the Madonna College exhibit gallery, Livonia. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 1-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free. Madonna is at I-96 and Levan, Livonia.

CHRISTMAS 'ROUND THE WORLD

The Motor City Theatre Organ Society will present Lyn Larsen at the console of the three-manual 10-rank original 1928 Barton Theatre pipe organ together with the Dunav dance ensemble at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser.

Tickets for the special holiday show, "Around the World at Christmas Time," are \$6 and will be available at the box office.

MADONNA CONCERT

Madonna College Chorale will present its annual Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, in Kresge Hall auditorium.

Highlighting the program will be Bach's Cantata No. 142, "For Us a Child Is Born," and Dietrich Buxtehude's "In Dulci Jubilo." There will also be traditional Christmas music.

The concert is open to the public, free. For more information, call 591-5097.

'Nuts' for the ballet



Jean Newell puts student Lynn Mathews through her ballet paces.

By Marie McGee
staff writer

FORGIVE THE irreverence, but the "Nutty" season is upon us.

Not only is it time for jingle bells, fruitcakes, ever-changing "wish" lists and visits to Santa, it's also time for the famous Sugar Plum Fairy to make her annual gauzy appearance in Tchaikovsky's classic Nutcracker Ballet.

To many, the holiday season wouldn't be complete without attending at least one performance of the traditional holiday offering. And your chances of being accommodated are particularly good these next two weekends as stories elsewhere in this section can attest.

ONE OF THOSE ballet companies that will perform is the Livonia Civic Ballet Company under the artistic direction of Jean Newell.

But what Newell will be offering is an alternative for those less-enchanted "Nutty" diehards.

Her company will present excerpts from the Nutcracker, coupled with other ballet offerings, including a divertissement she calls "Switch on Bach," which she choreographed, and an original jazz presentation, "Echoes."

Included also will be the Peasant's Dance from the ballet "Coppelia," which the company has given in the past as a relief to the Nutcracker mania.

"Believe it or not," said Newell, with a feistiness that has been a trademark in her 20 years in the dance profession, "there are some



Cindy Kaleva of Livonia takes a moment to relax during rehearsal.

folks out there who get a little tired of seeing the same old 'Nutcracker' year after year. We try to offer something different."

That difference will come at two performances Saturday in Plymouth-Canton High School's auditorium. One is a matinee performance and the other occurs in the evening. For more information on the performance, call 478-6236.



The ballet company's new co-director Dawn Greene was in charge of the shortened version of the Nutcracker that will be presented. Greene is a member of the Cicchetti Council of America board of directors.

Staff photos by
Rob Reed

Choirs highlight symphony yule concert

A GIFT OF Christmas spirit is free for the taking Sunday afternoon when the Scandinavian Symphony will present a holiday concert that the whole family can enjoy.

The concert will take place at 2 p.m. in Southfield High School's auditorium and will include both orchestral and vocal favorites.

A joint choir composed of the Southfield High School Madrigal Singers, the Schoolcraft College Community Choir and the Southfield-Lathrup High School Madrigal Singers will be featured.

The conductor will be Livonia resident Douglas Morrison.

THE CONCERT WILL open with Rimsky-Korsakov's "Polonaise" from the Christmas Eve Suite. Then the choirs will perform some unaccompanied pieces including Rachmaninoff's "Ave Maria," "The Shepherd's Farewell" by Berlioz, "Ding Dong Merrily on High" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

The orchestra will join the choirs in Bach's beautiful motet, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," and Bennett's "Many Moods of Christmas," a de-

lightful medley of traditional favorites.

The orchestra will then wind up the concert with selections from the ever-popular "Nutcracker" ballet.

THE SCHOOLCRAFT College Community Choir is a class offered through the continuing education program at the college. Adults and students make up the 65-voice ensemble, which is directed by David Jorlett.

In this its 22nd year, the choir has expanded to include residents of 20 area communities. They are accompanied by Jane Branscom.

Jorlett is the director of music for the Southfield public schools. For Jorlett and several members of the groups, the concert is a "family affair" in as much as several of his students in the high school choirs have parents in the Schoolcraft choir.

The Scandinavian Symphony, now in its 57th year, is well known for its fine programs. The afternoon concert is a switch from its usual evening time. By changing the time, the symphony board hopes to encourage senior citizens to attend, many of whom dislike nighttime travel.

The week following the Southfield concert, the symphony will perform

in the Downriver area where it will accompany the Taylor Ballet Company at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13,

in Lincoln Park High School in the "Nutcracker" ballet.

Tickets for Sunday's concert are

\$7 at the door, \$5 for seniors and students under 18. For more information, call 844-9203.

Holiday classic performed



James Dunne and Kathryn Cooke are two of the performers in the Oakway Symphony Orchestra's and the Contemporary Civic Ballet Company's performances Saturday and Sunday of the Nutcracker Ballet in Harrison High School, Farmington. Performances will be at 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9 with a \$7 rate for students and senior citizens. For ticket information, call 532-2444 or 591-5046.

Holiday card contest is off and running

WELL, FOLKS it's that time of year. You know, you visit relatives and eat. Take Mom and Dad out — to eat. You buy special holiday treats and sit around the fire and eat.

Of course, it's the perfect time of the year to get together with friends and... um... eat. Eat, eat, eat! And best of all you can hide your sins under bulky knit sweaters.

But wait, there is a way to break the routine. Try entering our annual Christmas Card Contest — back again this year by popular demand. Call it creative food for thought, if you will.

Prizes first through fourth will be awarded in two categories: Ages 10-14 and 15 to adult. A "special entry" award will be included. Now for the details:

- All artwork must be (or proportional to) 4 1/4-by-5 1/2. No artwork should exceed 8 1/2-by-11.
- All artwork must be black ink



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on white board or paper. You may use technical pens, felt-tip pens, brush and ink, scratch board or textured screens.

In the event that the artist plans to use the card for personal use this year, it will be permissible to enter a photocopy of the printed version of the card for consideration.

- Only line shading, stipple or cross hatching will be eligible.
- The deadline is Monday, Dec. 15. All work must be sent or delivered to the Livonia Art Store & More, 16338 Middlebelt, by 8 p.m.
- All artwork must have a name, address and phone number.

• All artwork will be judged and ready for pickup on Thursday, Dec. 18. We will not be responsible for any artwork after Dec. 18.

• Artwork entered will be judged according to: thought, ability, originality and execution.

• You also may enter more than one design.

• No employees of the Art Store & More or families are eligible to enter.

Number one on the list is technical skill, which is, of course, relative to each age category. Detail and realism always has been, and probably always will be, what catches the critical eye of any judge. So try to use a fine pen point, tech pens, or felt tip. For 79 cents you can buy a felt tip with 0.3 tip, which is plenty fine.

If the artwork is larger than 4 1/4-by-5 1/2, we view the work through a reducing lens, which shows us how it may appear as a printed Christmas card. Speaking for myself, I first

look for good structure, proportion and then plenty of detail.

Subject matter is also very important. With a topic as broad as Christmas, you may enjoy a wide range of subjects or objects relating to the season.

Originality is a factor. For the sake of accuracy, we encourage you to use photos in the rendering of objects or animals, etc. But, likewise, we encourage you not to copy the design of any existing Christmas card or any artwork.

Cleanliness counts. So it is OK if you like to draw with a cheek full of Milk Duds, just keep your artwork clean.

Last year we had hundreds of entries and 15 shocked and surprised winners, so get with it and maybe you'll be one of this year's winners of the following prizes:

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SECOND PRIZE: Graphic 3000 brush tip markers in 80 colors. This colorful set comes in a beautiful oak box and lists for \$130. The second place winner will also receive free framing of any picture up to 16-by-20.

THIRD PRIZE: Art Bin No. 8702 and brush holder, which lists for \$50.

FOURTH PRIZE: Battery operated erasing machine, which lists for \$30.

AGES 10-14 YRS.:
FIRST PRIZE: Wallace full-size economy drafting table, which lists for \$90. Also included is a drafting light, which lists for \$30; and free

Back by popular demand, the contest has a Monday, Dec. 15, deadline. There will also be a 'special entry' category.

printing of Christmas cards.

SECOND PRIZE: 72 Derwent Studio colored pencil set listing at \$47, and a portfolio, which lists at \$32.

THIRD PRIZE: Gift certificate at the Art Store & More.

FOURTH PRIZE: Boccour acrylic set listing at \$45; 12 studio size colors and extra large white complete with sturdy carrying case.

David Messing has been an art teacher for 10 years. He is the owner and operator of the Art Store & More in Livonia and Plymouth.



Basham 'brilliant' in Bruch concerto

By Mary Jane Doerr
special writer

IT USED TO be that community symphonies held their concerts during low times on the weekends so as not to conflict with other activities. As these local groups though have become a highlight of each community's social life, concerts are now being given on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The 41-year-old Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is a group that is changing over and is now giving some Saturday evening concerts, the season's second of which was last weekend at Plymouth Salem High School auditorium.

The symphony's newly appointed music director-conductor, Leon Gregorian, brought in a brilliant violinist Glenn Basham to perform the exciting Bruch Concerto for Violin and Orchestra, No. 1, G minor Opus 26. Whoever listed the four great violin concertos of the 19th century overlooked this 1866 composition. It has tremendous appeal, especially the way Basham approached the music, with intensity, expression, and a pure sound.

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BASHAM WON THE top prize in the 1986 National Young Artist Competition hosted by The Lansing Symphony. He was with the Detroit Symphony for two years under Antal Dorati. His playing is delicate and beautiful, and he reaches his audience with the emotional impact of his music, the vehicle here being the Bruch concerto, a perfect selection for this obviously very sensitive musician.

The second movement of this concerto was performed with a warm intent and tenderly, accompanied with an equally responsive orchestra.

Gregorian, currently director of the Michigan State University Orchestra, takes a no-nonsense approach and has developed more style and shading in the sound of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra since the last time the orchestra was heard by this reviewer. The result is

a more diversified interpretation of the music.

IT WAS APPARENT the orchestra had given as much careful attention to the entire program as they did for the Bruch concerto. Beethoven's popular Egmont Overture came to an exciting conclusion with a full sound of the orchestra. The symphony has a fairly strong violin section, although for this concert their concertmaster, Kevin McMahon, was absent.

The Brahms Symphony No. 2 in D Major was given a bright reading, especially at the end of the first movement. The orchestra is at its best when at full sound.

Excellent program notes were compiled by conductor Gregorian. For the next program book, he should include his own biography.

The Plymouth Symphony Society is employing some innovative ideas such as having their supporters show video tapes during the intermission for the education of the audience. The society is also sponsoring a musical series with some members of the Detroit Symphony in chamber music concerts.

The next concert of the season is Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13-14, with the Northern Ballet Theatre in Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet in Plymouth Salem High School. The Saturday performance is at 8 p.m. and Sunday's is at 2 p.m.

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Mary Jane Doerr is a freelance writer/reviewer residing in the Detroit area. For the past six years, she has been a music critic for the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers. She is a member of the national Music Critics Association Inc.

Chorale to perform

The Women's Choral of Wayne State University will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday in St. Aidan's Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, in Livonia. They will sing selections by Bach, Verdi and Dawson. The chorale's director is Dennis J. Tini. The assistant is LaVerne Liebertkecht. Accompanist is Martin Mandelbaum. Tickets will be available at the door. The public is invited. For more information, call 577-1795.

Don't bury your head when meter dies

IN MY LAST two columns, I discussed how understanding exposure will help you improve your pictures.

Today, let's round out the subject with an explanation of exposure meters and how they help you, too.

To begin with, there are two types of light meters — incident and reflective.

Incident meters measure light coming from the source regardless of the subject. Readings involve aiming the meter, with an incident light collector attached, toward the light source from the subject's position.

Many professionals in a studio environment will use incident light readings.

The more common reflective light meter meters light reflected by the subject. This takes into account the color value and reflectivity of the subject as well as the brightness of the illuminating source.

MOST SCENES have an average amount of light and dark areas, which will produce a properly exposed negative. But suppose you're in a situation with large masses of bright or dark areas such as photographing Aunt Mildred against a bright sunset.

The bright sky will tell the meter, which in turn tells the camera to shoot at a small lens opening. The



photography
Monte
Nagler

result is that Aunt Mildred will appear too dark in the final picture. The solution is to move in close, take an exposure reading off Aunt Mildred and use this setting when you take the shot.

There are two basic designs of light meters. First is the popular through-the-lens meter, where the metering system is an integral part of your camera. These may be programmed to read all the light coming into the viewfinder (average weighted) or a concentration of the light in the middle of the viewfinder (center weighted).

SECOND ARE the hand-held meters. Some read light from the entire scene. Others are sophisticated, one-degree spot meters used by serious black and white photographers who use the zone system.

Through-the-lens meters on your 35mm camera will automatically adjust for any filters you may place on the lens.

Once your meter indicates a cer-

tain aperture/shutter speed combination, remember that any other corresponding combination will give you correct exposure. Only the appearance of the final photograph will be altered.

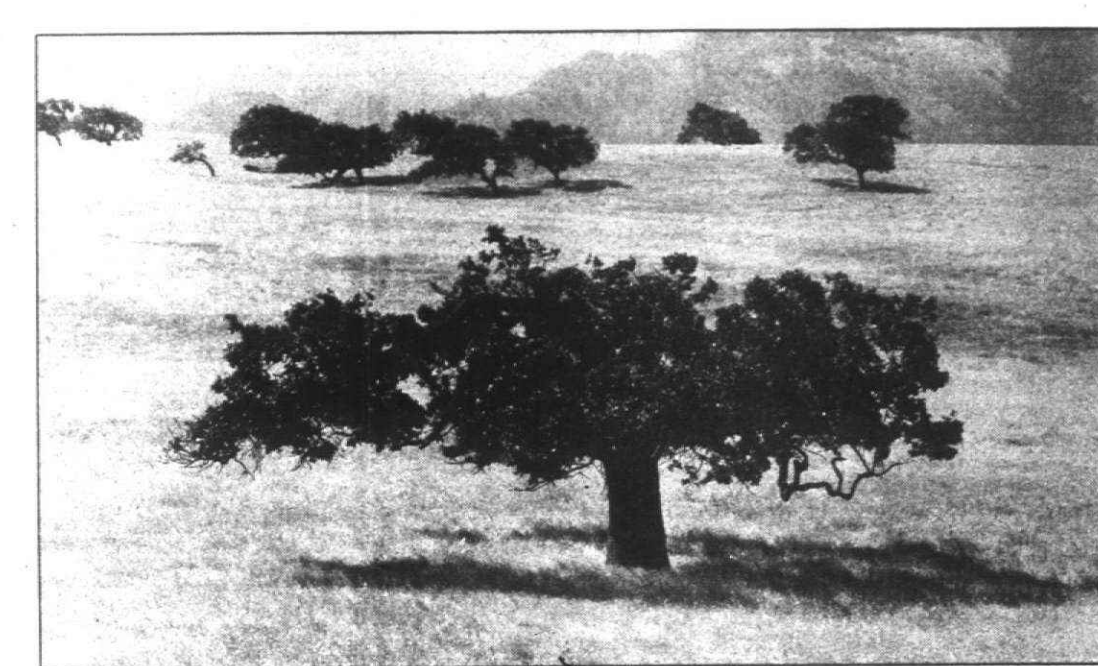
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But suppose you forget to change the battery and your meter is dead. Is all lost? Not at all. Simply remember this handy rule. On sunny days, set your aperture at F-16 and your shutter speed at the speed closest to the ASA of your film (1/60 for ASA 64 film). A perfect exposure will be yours.

Then, for bright overcast, open up one stop. Normal overcast, open up two. Heavy overcast or shade, open up three.

Now that you've been exposed to exposure for three weeks, it's time to get out your camera and expose yourself to the many exciting photographic opportunities that await you.

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Monte Nagler used his one-degree spot meter to determine exposure in this shot of California Blue Oaks taken near Solvang. A wide range of tones and textures were obtained by using this method.

Merry olde feaste awaits

Oakway Symphony will a holiday evening of feasting in the manner of merry "olde" England at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 in the Residence Hall dining room at Madonna College in Livonia.

Entertainment includes the Silver Swan Singers of East Lansing. The singing group, taking their name from Orlando Gibbon's madrigal, "The Silver Swan," have delighted audiences with their music and revelry at many "feastes" and celebrations.

CHEF ERNIE WHEATON'S menu will feature hot cider or hot rum punch, platters of cheese and French bread, whole cornish hens with apple dressing and walnuts, and plum pudding.

Other entertainment includes the Oakway Brass Ensemble, medieval instrumentalists, dancing, the presentation of the Phasant, Wassail toasts and Christmas caroling.

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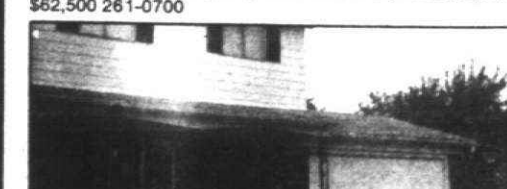
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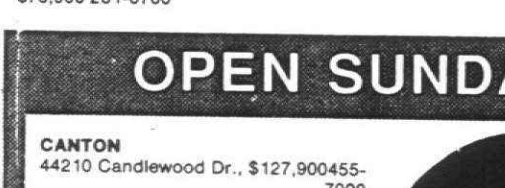
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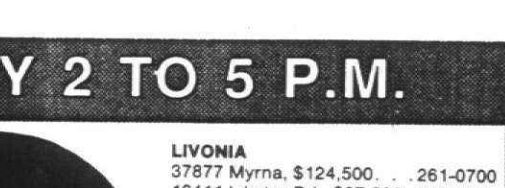
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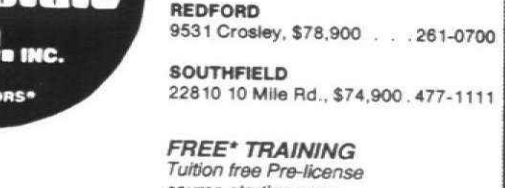
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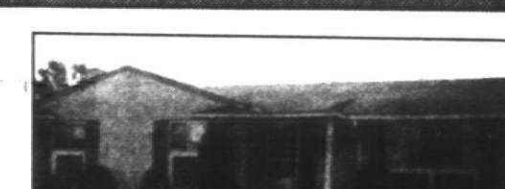
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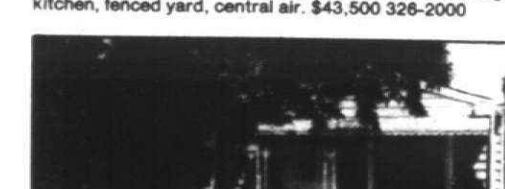
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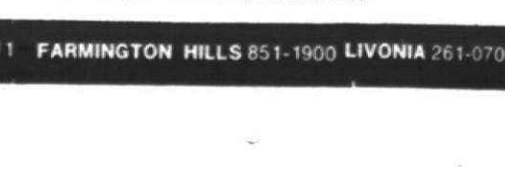
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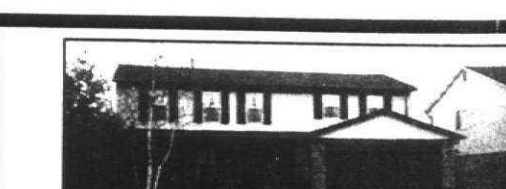
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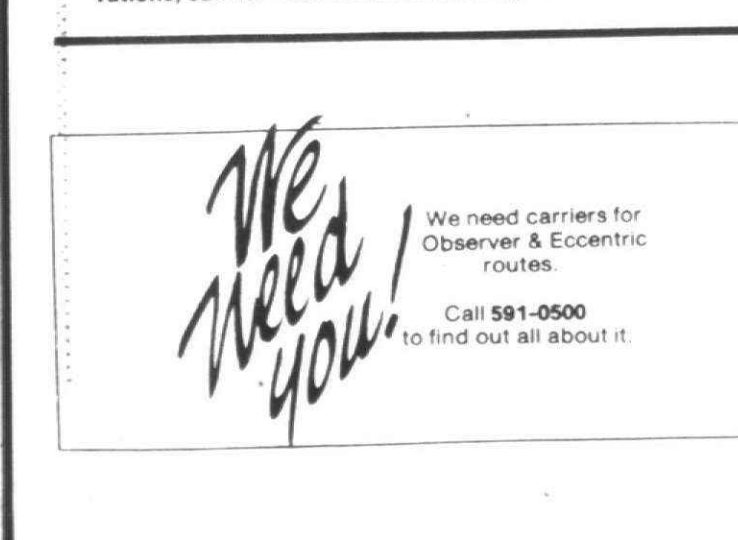


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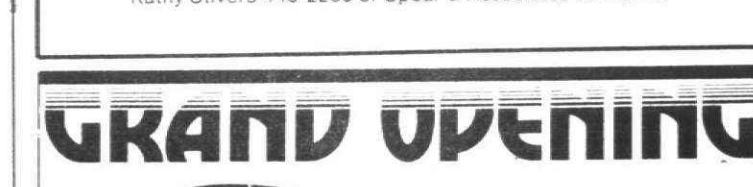
Ah, 'Gershwin'

Eastern Michigan University's Campus Life Lively Arts Series will present "Manhattan Ballet Does 'Gershwin'" at 8 p.m. Saturday in EMU's Pease Auditorium. A celebration of Tin Pan Alley, "Gershwin" highlights the music of American composers George and Ira Gershwin and the choreography of George Balanchine. For ticket information/reservations, call 487-1221 between 12:30-5 p.m.



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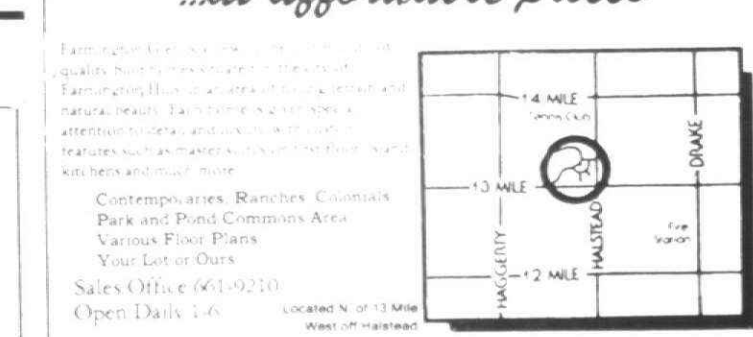
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