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IN PARADES: A number of Canton residents were among those marching in parades last month as members of the Polish Centennial Dancers. Marching in the Livonia Winter Fantasy Parade were Holly Dale, Carla Mahn, Christine Portell, Krystyna Rekul and Terry and Tim Zelek. Marching in the holiday parade in Monroe were Shaunda and Holly Dale, Keith and Kevin Gniwewk, Carla Hahn, Lauren Malkiewicz, Christie Portell, Krystyna Rekul, Sarah Sheehan, Dawn Stanislawski and Terry and Tim Zelek.

HEARING TONIGHT: A public hearing is scheduled for 7:30 tonight to hear opinions on a proposed rezoning from single-family to multiple some 40 acres on the east side of Canton Center Road between Warren and Ford roads.

The master plan identifies the area for office use, says Dave Schneider, assistant community and economic development director. The Canton Planning Commission contends offices would not be best use of the land and has requested the public hearing. Multiple family zoning allows attached housing like condominiums, apartments and town houses.

Developers interested in multiple use projects have expressed an interest in the property, which is west of Carriage Hills subdivision. Part of the 19 1/2-acre parcel of land owned by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is included in the parcel in question but would not be affected by the rezoning.

WREATH DEMO: "An Old-Fashioned Christmas" is planned for 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Canton Public Library on the third floor of Canton Township Hall, Canton Center Road at Proctor. Popular cook/author Carolyn Ciepluch will make Victorian Christmas treats and Karen Hofing will demonstrate making a fabric wreath and bell-pull. There will be a short film, cookies and punch. Register to attend by calling 397-0999 or in person at the library.

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Trustees continue public squabbling

By Diane Gale
staff writer

It was another round of political infighting at the Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday night.

Battles were fought over Canton Clerk Linda Chuhuran's board agenda responsibilities and board rules requiring the clerk to hire a secretary for meetings.

Also, trustees passed a resolution presented by Trustee Stephen Larson admonishing Chuhuran for action "totally inappropriate." It referred to an agenda item requested by Chuhuran, which had not been discussed, about a police report filed by Kay Padgett against her husband, Trustee Bob Padgett.

THE RESOLUTION "disavows the clerk's attempts to utilize her office to act under the color of the law in placing such unfounded allegations on the board's agenda." It also refuses to "hold harmless" Chuhuran from possible resulting liability.

Steve Larson, Padgett, Supervisor James Poole, Trustee Loren Bennett and Trustee John Preniczyk voted in favor of Larson's resolution. Treasurer Gerald Brown and Chuhuran voted against it.

A motion to table Chuhuran's agenda item: "Allegation against a trustee — affidavit" passed by majority vote.

At a previous board meeting Chuhuran was prevented from discussing a newspaper article about allegations against Padgett. At that meeting Padgett insisted Chuhuran read into the minutes an affidavit allegedly signed by his wife saying the information was false.

CHUHRAN SAID her most recent

'When Bob asked for the affidavit to be read into the minutes I asked for a copy, and he refused to give me one. It's no longer his property once it's presented to the board. I think they're trying to take the heat off of Bob and put it on me.'

— Linda Chuhuran
Township Clerk

agenda item was intended to ask Padgett for a copy of the affidavit.

"When Bob asked for the affidavit to be read into the minutes I asked for a copy and he refused to give me one," Chuhuran said. "It's no longer his property once it's presented to the board. I think they're trying to take the heat off of Bob and put it on me."

Chuhuran argues the majority of the board is trying to stifle her at public meetings.

"If they wanted to do this (pass the resolution) they should have let me speak, then put this on. I'm an equal member of the board and I have a right to speak."

Larson later presented a list of proposed board rule changes.

One item called for switching agenda preparation responsibilities from the clerk to the supervisor.

"Recently the clerk has been placing items on the agenda before they have had proper review by staff," said Larson, arguing this places the

developer, trustees and staff in an awkward position.

CANTON COMMUNITY and Economic Development Director David Nicholson said that "it's an irritation" when staff doesn't receive enough time and is asked to respond publicly. Nicholson said this happened a "few" times.

"The bottom line is that they want to censure what's going on the agenda," Chuhuran said. "If they try to take the agenda out of this office I will get an injunction. If they try to take anything out of this office it will be over my dead body."

Larson argues that developers are burdened because they are forced to attend a board meeting, possibly hire an attorney, when the board is unable to act.

"That's absolute nonsense," Larson said in response to Chuhuran's censure remark.

He said developers having a hard time getting on the agenda should address the issue to the board.

"Linda puts people on the agenda and everyone jumps through the hoops. That means anyone not screaming . . . runs the risk of always being on the bottom of the pile."

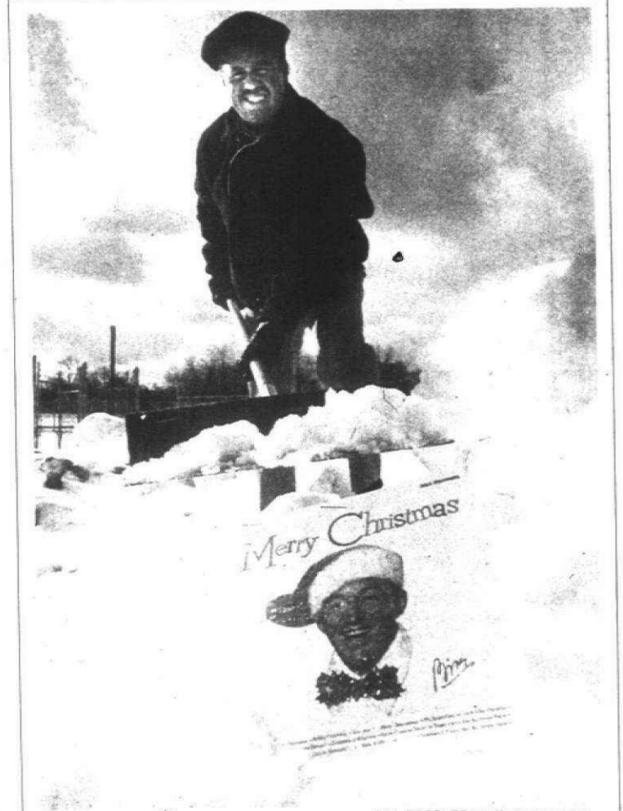
Larson said he isn't opposed to Chuhuran keeping the agenda responsibilities "if it's done properly."

ANOTHER BOARD rule amendment would change the wording that the clerk "shall" hire a secretary to the clerk and township board "may" appoint a secretary.

This would relieve the township from violating board rules and allow Chuhuran to maintain her stand against hiring a secretary, he said.

A secretary is no longer present at

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Guaranteed snow

Canton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its third annual "Guaranteed White Christmas" contest. Snow will be delivered to the winner Monday, Dec. 22, along with a copy of Bing Crosby's White Christmas album, which is shown above by Bob Dates, assistant recreation director. You could be the only house on the block with the white fluffy stuff Christmas morning. If it snows, everyone wins. Entry forms are available at the recreation department or send name, address and phone number to Canton Parks and Recreation, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton 48188. Entry deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18.

Trial date slated on home schooling

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Last Monday morning, Jason Bennett's old classmates were settling in for another day at their desks.

Jason, 10, was reading "Choose Your Own Adventure" on a bench in 35th District Court. For him, it was just another day at the courthouse.

Jason and his family were waiting for Judge John MacDonald to clear up some arraignments and call their case. The Bennetts, who have a home school, were sued for truancy last year by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Another in a series of pre-trial hearings was going to start a little late.

Once it began, confusion reigned.

PROSECUTOR GARY LeBret said, "Your Honor, I really don't know why this matter was pre-trialed for the umpteenth time. Apparently it is as though I am speaking Sanskrit and (Bennett's attorney) Mr. (Leonard) Mazor is speaking Middle English."

Responded Mazor: "The issue is that the board of education wants to know what's going on, what the curricula is."

A bewildering exchange ensued that LeBret later called "a mystery trip." MacDonald set a Jan. 12 trial date.

So, for at least another month, Sandra Bennett will continue to teach Jason, his brother Scott, 13, and sisters Erika, 12, and Krista, 8, in their Canton home.

"We're not advocating an overthrow of the school system — it's just best for us. The kids are our concern. They don't belong to the state," said Bennett, who after a few clashes with Plymouth-Canton schools enrolled her children in the Home-Based Education Program of Ann Arbor's Clonlara School two years ago.

THE BENNETTS are among an estimated five district families educating their own children.

Registered in Clonlara's home-based program are about 1,200 students — many of them from Wayne County, says Clonlara director Pat Montgomery.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

The Bennett family faces truancy charges filed and Scott (at right) are taught at home by their Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in mother, Sandra (center) and dad, John Bennett.

Clonlara became ensnared in the squabble last year when Shirley Waters, attendance officer for Plymouth-Canton schools, told prosecutor LeBret that the Bennett children were not attending a state-approved non-public school.

Traditionally, state law has required only that home schools: 1) be in session 180 days per year, 2) be operated by a state-certified teacher, and 3) offer curricula comparable to that of public schools.

MORE STRINGENT guidelines governing numerous areas have

been imposed in recent months by the State Board of Education. Everyone agrees the changes are confusing. There's less agreement about their merit.

Waters says the state's action "opens up a gray area" but is a positive step.

"One of the reasons the state got involved in the first place is because in some home schools, kids were being abused. Home schools sometimes are used as a cover for illicit activities," said Waters, who like LeBret, declined to discuss details of the Bennett case.

"Home schoolers will say this is

real phony but this is sincere coming from me. The issue is kids, and how we can help them. This is a way to ensure minimal standards are being met. When you stop and think about the whole scenario, what's so bad about minimum standards?"

"IF WHAT we're really interested in is the best education possible — and if parents are doing a good job in home schooling — you'd think they wouldn't mind having their schools monitored."

State and local school officials are trying to strangle home schooling.

Montgomery. "They want all kids in school, heads counted, to get their money. That's what we're fighting here. Money, not education."

Montgomery, who's lent assistance to several home schoolers who've been sued, said the Bennetts and two other area home-schooling families have filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court charging their school districts with "violating their civil rights, improperly accusing them of educational neglect, and denying them the right to educate their children in the way they best see fit, and in the religious manner that they determine."

THE CASE likely will be tried sometime next summer, said Montgomery, who founded Clonlara after teaching in Wayne County public and parochial schools for 14 years.

"It's a real unfriendly atmosphere that's been created," Montgomery added. "In other states, government and home schoolers work together. Those days are gone in Michigan. These obviously are people who don't want to work in good faith."

THE BENNETT CHILDREN take standardized tests at Clonlara once a year in reading, spelling, English, and math.

All four are doing "real well," said Montgomery.

The Bennett kids say they enjoy going to school at home. In addition to studying standard subjects, "we watch programs on TV for art and science," says Erika.

"For physics we play outside, and for music we listen to radios and sing in a choir."

"It's different," said Scott. "It's smaller. That's the only thing I miss — my friends."

John Bennett, their dad, is prepared to see the issue through, regardless of the time and trouble involved.

Mettetal, 19, killed at airport

By Diane Gale
staff writer

The 19-year-old grandson of one of the owners of Mettetal Airport was killed when he was struck by a car on an airport runway Sunday night.

Canton police were holding a 21-year-old Canton Township man in jail early today in connection with the death.

Keith Mettetal, 19, of Canton, was taken to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and was pronounced dead there, said police information officer David Boljesic.

The officer said Mettetal was standing on the runway timing the speed of a 1986 Honda being driven by the Canton man when the car struck Mettetal.

Boljesic said police found beer at the scene. The driver was being held Monday in the Canton Township while police investigated and decided whether to seek a warrant from the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, Boljesic said.

Boljesic would not give say whether the driver of the car knew Mettetal or the name of the driver.

"THEY'RE OUR children, and we're concerned with their education — the level of it and the quality of it," said Bennett, an electrical design draftsman who, like his wife, has a high school education.

Home schooling isn't for everybody, he said, "but it's working for our kids."

Furor over R-rated film far from over

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

"The Breakfast Club," an R-rated movie that's caused a storm of controversy in the Plymouth-Canton community, could become the focus of a First Amendment courtroom drama.

Plymouth-Canton School Superintendent John Hoben recently banned the movie after a former school board candidate protested its showing in the classroom. Diane Daskalakis objected to the film's "filthy language, open use of drugs, and immoral discussion of sex."

Barraged by students, parents and teachers opposing the ban, Plymouth-Canton school board members appointed a committee to decide the issue. The group, comprised of an ad-

ministrators, teacher, librarian and two parents, ruled "The Breakfast Club" can be viewed by psychology students in grades 10-12. Students under age 17 may see the movie if parental permission is granted.

THE DECISION isn't sitting well with students at Centennial Educational Park, home of Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools, or with the complainant.

Upset with the movie ban, Canton students approached the ACLU, which agreed to consider filing suit, according to the ACLU's David Wineman.

Salem's executive forum also has expressed its displeasure, calling the action "a bad decision."

Daskalakis is appealing the ruling. "The Breakfast Club" is the story of a group of high school students —

one jock, one nerd, one outcast, one rebel, one prom queen — serving a day of detention. CEP student representatives say the movie is a realistic portrayal of student life.

"I THINK (the film) can have a proper use in the classroom if presented in proper fashion. It's something the students could learn from," said Angie Schlegbeck, Canton Senior Council representative who launched a student censorship protest after Hoben took action earlier this fall.

"I think a lot of people don't like the movie because it's very honest, and they don't like to admit that's what's happening."

"What's in the movie isn't anything new to anybody. I think that what we really need to look at... is that the movie is truthful. Kids

knowledge and perform the appropriate functions of school in the learning process."

"This would have been an improper denial of students' rights to gain information about the world and society reality," added Wineman.

The matter will be re-examined in light of the committee's partial ban, Wineman said.

ANN STACEY, Salem senior class president, called the committee's decision "unfortunate."

Speaking for the school's executive forum, a 12-member body representing all grades, Stacey said, "If anything, it's unfortunate because it's such a realistic portrayal of actual types that are even here at the Park."

"The Breakfast Club" showed the rights realizing that they are just that — that they are just people, fel-

low students who should work together and not against each other."

Students who've seen the movie see themselves, Stacey added. "They say, 'I'm one of those people. Look at that guy. He's talking to somebody usually I wouldn't be seen with. Well, maybe those people are actually just like me.'"

Schlegbeck said a proposal to censor Daskalakis was voted down by Canton's student council.

"(Daskalakis) is just expressing what she feels is right and what her morals are. She has a right to be heard."

"It's only scary when it starts infringing upon other people's rights and when the superintendent buckles under and starts to act upon her ideas," said Schlegbeck.

"We feel censures are only warranted in extreme cases."

obituaries

LEONARD A. PULINSKI

Funeral services for Mr. Pulinski, 69, of Canton were held recently in Lambert-Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth, and in St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. Thomas A. Belczak.

Mr. Pulinski, who died Dec. 2 in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn, was a retired U.S. Postal Service manager who was known throughout the area as a stamp collector. A veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II, he served in Italy and earned the Purple Heart for wounds received near Anzio. After the war he entered the Postal Service as a clerk. In 1955 he was promoted to the procurement division headquarters in Washington, D.C., and traveled as a mechanical troubleshooter. He later was assigned to the philatelic division during which he assisted in philatelic duties associated with "First Day" covers whenever new postage stamps were released to the public. His travels took him to most of the 50 states.

Mr. Pulinski became administrative assistant to the postmaster of Detroit and during the 1970s was promoted to manager of retail sales and services with responsibilities for marketing philatelic and other retail postal products. One of the activities he supervised was the Philatelic Boutique, which generated millions of dollars in stamp collecting sales in the metropolitan Detroit area. When the postmaster of Dearborn died, Mr. Pulinski became

acting postmaster of Dearborn. He retired in 1979 but continued his philatelic activities with the Wolverine Stamp Club. He also was a member of the Cpl. Ivan M. Gray Disabled American Veterans Post 51, Mgt. Hunt Council Knights of Columbus, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, American Association of Retired Persons, Tansy Field Post 271 American Legion in Redford Township, Chapter 23 National Association of Postal Supervisors, Polish Legion of American Vets Post 75, and West Suburban Stamps Clubs.

Survivors include: wife, Phyllis; son, Leonard of Canton; daughter, Sandra J. Witt of Canton; sisters, Celia Marshall of Davison, Violet Spikow-Dunjak of Flint, Judy Crawford of Flint; and two grandchildren.

HOWARD TAFT

Funeral services for Mr. Taft, 88, of Plymouth were held recently in Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth with burial at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Officiating was the Rev. John N. Grenfell Jr.

Mr. Taft, who died Nov. 29 in Ypsilanti, was born in Northville and was a longtime resident of Plymouth. He retired from the C&O Railroad after 38 years employment with the railroad in Plymouth. He is survived by a nephew and cousin.

DOROTHY A. SCIBA

Memorial services will be held in Fort Meyers, Fla., for Mrs. Sciba, 72, a former resident of Plymouth. Me-

morial contributions may be made to the Heart Association.

Mrs. Sciba, who died Dec. 1 in Fort Meyers, was born in Manistec, Mich., and lived in Bay City and Plymouth. While living in Plymouth she was employed by Singer Sewing Machine Co. before retiring to Fort Meyers.

Survivors include: sons, James of Plymouth, Kenneth of Auburn, Mich., Gary of Islamorada, Fla.; sister, Ruth Winkler of Manistec; brothers, Finley McNeil of Esserville, Mich., Roderick McNeil of Ocala, Fla.; six nieces; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

BARBARA J. SPADA

Funeral services for Mrs. Spada, 51, of Westland were held recently in Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home, Westland, with burial at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. Officiating was the Rev. James Severance.

Mrs. Spada, who died Nov. 28 in Garden City Osteopathic Hospital, was a school bus attendant with Wayne-Westland Schools and was a member of Palmer Road Baptist Church. Survivors include: husband, Pete; mother, Alice Romatz of Westland; sons, Andrew of Garden City, Terrace of Westland; daughters, Teresa Maxwell of Westland, Sheri of Wayne; brother, Ralph Romatz of Garden City; sister, Margaret Senak of Pontiac; and two grandchildren.

DONALD A. ROBERTS

Funeral services for Mr. Roberts, 76, of Northville were held recently in Harry J. Will Funeral Home with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Off-

Toys for Tots donors sought

The Toys For Tots drive is being conducted in this area through Dec. 20.

The U.S. Marine Corps program is being conducted in cooperation with Omnicom Cablevision this year. Canton and Plymouth residents have until Dec. 20 to bring in a new, unwrapped toy with a minimum value of \$5 and receive a \$5 basic installation, for a savings of \$20, or \$10 off the installation of an additional pay service.

Last year in the metropolitan Detroit area some 60,000 children benefited from the Toys for Tots program. This is the fourth year Omnicom has worked with the Marine Corps locally.

Toys can be taken to Omnicom's sales office at 550 Forest near Wing in Westchester Square Mall in Plymouth. Residents also can drop off toys without installing cable service. Canned goods for the Salvation Army also can be dropped off at the same site.

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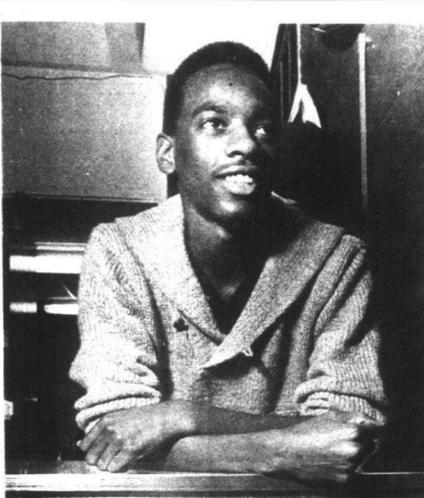
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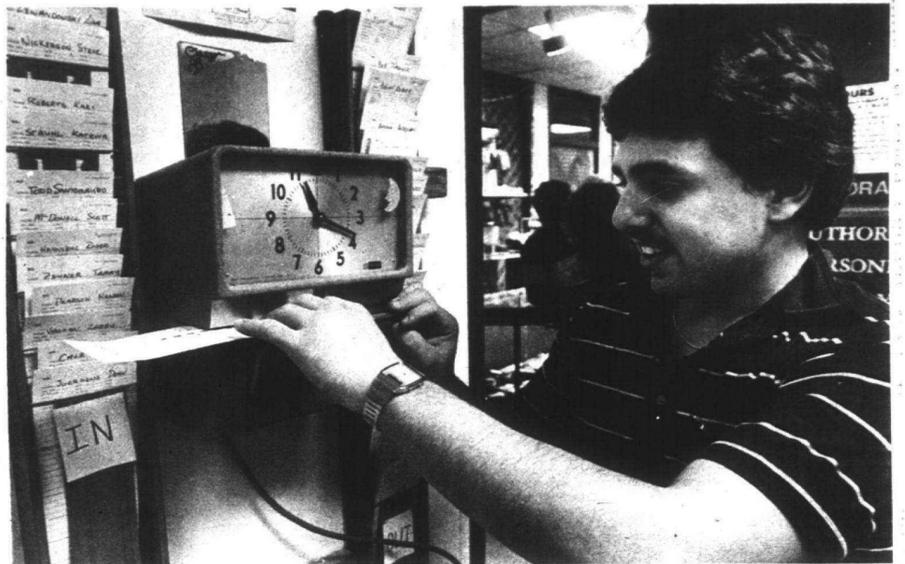
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Shawn Simms is ready to greet Rock Shop customers with a smile.



Angie Johnson (above) displays her favorite item in the Chief Connection. (At left) Kari Roberts and Todd Santomauro arrange stock in Canton's store.



Randall Jardine punches the clock before his shift at the school store begins.

Capitalizing

DURING the holiday season the school stores, operated by both high schools at the Centennial Educational Park, will be open to the public for gift buying.

Under the supervision of the vocational education department, Plymouth Canton High operates the Chief Connection while Plymouth Salem High operates the Rock Shop.

Staffed and operated by the salesperson and store management classes, both offer a full line of merchandise such as ready-to-wear, school supplies, accessories, stuffed animals, candy machines, university shirts, hand-crafted mugs, stationery, athletic clothing and a Christmas boutique.

The students perform all marketing functions, including inventory, pricing, displaying and selling.

THE CHIEF Connection will be having a Christmas Open House from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. tomorrow and from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, for the night school classes. Refreshments will be provided.

The Chief Connection is open every day from 10:15 a.m. to noon. This year the shop also will be open daily to the public from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Dec. 18.

The Rock Shop, in Room 1413 of Salem High, also will be open to the public this year from 7:25 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow and 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10. Refreshments will be served from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday and 5:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

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Crystal Jennings and Patricia Testa handle security at the Rock Shop.

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HUDSON'S

Troubled nightspot to undergo change

By Diane Gale staff writer
Talk of the Town will be the new name of Canton's often beleaguered nightspot previously known as Danceteria and Center Stage.

Eddie Morelli will take over the management of the 19,000-square-foot structure at Ford Road and I-275.
The first week in March 1987 the business will begin its new format featuring big name stars performed after shows in Las Vegas and at the Premier Center in Sterling Heights.

Morelli's first event is a holiday benefit for needy families in Plymouth and Canton. At 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, those 21 and older are invited to attend at a \$5 door charge or \$3 for anyone who brings a toy or can of food.

DRINK SPECIALS, a buffet table, music by Johnny Trudell's Orchestra and an auction of celebrity possessions will be included in the events.

Morelli said Pat Boone has promised to donate a sweater and other stars have committed to

donate items. He rattles off their names — Brenda Lee, Eddie Fischer, Connie Stevens and the Spinners — with the finesse of an emcee of years gone by. Morelli said he's signed up local sports figures and the Spinners to serve as auctioneers.

"Money taken in from the auction and different events through the evening will go to needy families in Plymouth and Canton."

Some of the less popular stars will open the night spot in March and once the establishment has operated for awhile, Morelli said, he will try to book acts that draw big crowds.

Morelli said the tickets will probably range from \$12 to \$14. Discounts will be offered to senior citizens and organizations.

Morelli plans to offer one show on Thursdays, two shows on Fridays, two shows on Saturdays and a Sunday afternoon matinee for "for people who don't like coming out in the evening." Dancing won't be allowed during show nights.

Johnny Trudell's Orchestra is slated for one or two weekday nights.

A Las Vegas-like chorus line routine with Talk of the Town dancers



If it were up to Eddie Morelli, everyone would be talking about Talk of the Town on Ford Road near I-275 in Canton.

Center Stage and Danceteria it was also in on the drawing board. Morelli said he plans to hold auditions for the chorus line soon. While the nightclub operated as

Trustee battles

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the meetings, Chubran said, because the township purchased a tape recording system that eliminates the old poor quality tape.
"I can't justify hiring a person and paying overtime for \$6,000-\$10,000," Chubran said. "At the same time that she was taking minutes I was taking minutes."

Larson said he's not sure if he could support hiring a secretary but he wanted to insure trustees followed the rules.

When a proposal is made to change board rules, the policy is to allow two weeks for review before action is taken.

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Trustees study buying Westland hospital

By Teri Banas staff writer
Southwest Detroit Hospital Corporation's attempts to transform the old Wayne County General Hospital into a successful private, non-profit facility were blocked by a number of "carry-over" problems which originated with the county operation.

That is the opinion of Symond Gottlieb, executive director of the Greater Detroit Area Health Council, a regional planning group.

Gottlieb said Southwest, which changed the name of the county hospital to Westland Medical Center, was plagued by the following problems:

• Inability to overcome the image of a county "poorhouse" hospital.

• Difficulty developing a strong medical staff "from scratch" following the withdrawal by the University of Michigan's medical school of its teaching program for doctors.

• An industry-wide trend toward lower occupancies.

These problems aggravated attempts to attract a larger proportion of full-paying patients needed to maintain a "reasonable balance" between full-pay patients and partially-funded Medicaid and Medicare patients, Gottlieb said.

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Anti-abortion vote expected this week

By Tim Richard staff writer
There's a chance Michigan voters will have a crack at the state-funded abortions question next April 6. It will depend on a House vote this week.

Sen. R. Robert Geake, R-Northville, outlined how a compromise deal struck last week in a House-Senate conference committee would work.

House Democratic leaders gave a little by agreeing to let the House vote on placing Geake's Proposal V on the ballot. It's a constitutional amendment banning governmental funding for both Medicaid abortions and for health insurance programs for state college and local governmental employees.

Medicaid programs involving abortions would be funded through March 31, the week before the state referendum. That means abortions would be funded for the first half of the fiscal year, which began Oct. 1.

IT'S NOT a surrender by House Democratic leaders, said Geake. "They only agreed to allow House members to vote on it (Proposal V). Speaker Gary Owen (D-Flint) will be working to defeat it."

"But for two weeks in a row, they had adjourned the House for a week rather than letting them vote on it," he said.

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The right time for surgery is when the individual, because of constant and intense pain, can no longer undertake self care or sleep. Until the arthritic patient reaches that point, medications, heat, injection, and rest are methods of care.

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Police continue search for robbery-rape suspect

By Sue Mason
staff writer

Westland police are working with Michigan State Police artist hoping to come up with a more accurate sketch of a man who robbed a night business and assaulted female employees in Westland, Canton and Livonia since late August.

curate sketch of the robber/rapist. Westland Police Sgt. Robbin Crosby is confident that a more accurate sketch of the man will be completed with the help of the artist.

In the eight incidents, the man robbed the business, then ordered the employee to a back room where he assaulted them. In several cases, the women were raped, police said.

The victims all have been young women working in gas stations, party stores, fast food businesses and flower shops in the three communities. They have described the man as a white male in his early to mid-20s with dark hair and medium build. All

minutes later but stopped long enough to retrieve the bottle of pop from the counter, Crosby added. Ironically, Westland police officers had been in the store about two hours earlier to caution the employee about the man and had planned on returning with a composite picture of the suspect, Crosby added.

The robbery came just three days after a holdup at the Little Caesar's Pizza, 1171 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

The man ordered two pizzas and waited until they were prepared before announcing the holdup. He took money from the cash register and a money bag from the safe before ordering the women into a walk-in cooler where he threatened them, police said.

He left the women in the cooler and ripped a telephone from the wall before leaving the shop, police added. In Canton the latest incident occurred at Sparr's Florist Nov. 11. The man pretended to buy roses be-

fore robbing and raping a Plymouth employee moments before closing time. Two weeks before that incident a man with the same description entered a gas station in Canton and demanded money. When he was refused the suspect left the scene.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Canton police department at 397-3000.

MACK SAID he discounted claims that elected officials should automatically be compensated above what their deputies earn.

"It's something that happens in government," he said. "And there are examples of it in state and federal government as well as with the mayors of a number of communities, cities and townships. We are not a private operation."

But Beard maintained the pay hikes were long in coming, calling it "not right" that an officials' deputy should earn so much more. She said Lucas backed the commission into a corner by granting considerable wage hikes to those deputies last year, creating significant discrepancies.

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County board adopts officials' salary hikes

By Teri Benas
staff writer

The large pay increases approved by Wayne County Commissioners Thursday for various elected officials, including themselves, is being defended as a move to right long-standing salary inequities.

Detectors, though, call their timing lousy and say a procedure is needed to routinely evaluate the earnings of public officials.

Under the proposal, submitted by commission Chairman Richard Manning, D-Redford Township, salary increases ranging between 12 and 45 percent would be awarded next year to six top elected county officers with commissioners' salaries adjusted in two years.

Many of those sources said, however, that an adjustment in their wages in eight years and consequently earn considerably less than their appointed deputies.

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Judge orders jail kept open

By Teri Benas
staff writer

Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano last week was ordered to keep county jail space open and work within his budget to do so.

Chief Circuit Judge Richard Kaufman told the sheriff to "use the money available and to keep as much available jail space as possible" during a court hearing Thursday.

Ficano said the action means he won't lay off employees and close down jail space as he earlier announced he would do because of a funding dispute with Wayne County.

The temporary order will be followed up Dec. 23 when Kaufman plans to call both sides back to court to consider arguments and "determine a program" for operating the county jail system.

Ficano filed his lawsuit last week claiming that his county commission-approved 1986-87 budget (starting last week) of \$54.2 million fell \$6.1 million short of what's needed to keep the entire jail open.

UNTIL the court intervened, Ficano said he had no choice but planned to close several floors and release prisoners as of today, resulting in a violation of previous court-ordered standards. Those standards, in part, require that 28 deputies be stationed on each floor of the new jail around-the-clock.

According to commission Chairman Richard Manning, the county maintains that there is no more money available for Ficano's budget.

'They're just overstuffed. The whole claim that he has to close down the jail is a hoax.'

— Michael Duggan
county attorney

In arguments last week, county attorney Michael Duggan charged that the jail is overstuffed and that Ficano is not operating the department efficiently.

"They're just overstuffed... The whole claim that he has to close down the jail is a hoax," Duggan said.

He enumerated potential areas of savings. Duggan criticized Ficano's operation of the state-funded secondary road patrol, saying those deputies should be transferred to park patrols, an approved use of the state funds, and save \$1 million flat out of the county budget.

He also criticized the department's underutilized Alternative Work Force Program, which could ultimately save jail space and prisoner housing costs if fully operated.

Manning said the issues need to be explored further by the commission, CEO's office and Ficano for "innovative" plans to work within budget constraints.

About charges by county Executive-elect Edward McNamara on the overstuffed issue, Ficano said he is under court orders for staffing levels and his "first concern has always been for the safety of the officers."

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CHANNEL 8 MONDAY (Dec. 8)
4 p.m. ... Healthier — An exercise show.
4:30 p.m. ... The Larados — An oldie but goodie band.
6 p.m. ... Come Craft With Me — Host Kay Maffei makes Christmas wreaths.
6:30 p.m. ... Masters of Dance — Cheerleading.
7 p.m. ... Beyond the Moon — Host Mike Best discusses the constellation Auriga and the planet Venus. 7:30 p.m. ... Omit-Report — Local news, community events, business briefs, sports and government news.
8 p.m. ... Economic Club of Detroit — Guest speaker is Ross Perot, former chairman of the board of EDS.
9 p.m. ... Big Band of Johnny Wallace.
9:30 p.m. ... Omnicon Videotunes — Host Dave Daniele and Jim Leinbach. Call 459-7391 to request your favorite local band video.

TUESDAY (Dec. 9)
4 p.m. ... Northville Bluegrass Music.
4:30 p.m. ... Canton Kitchen Band.
5:30 p.m. ... BPW Presents — Speaker gives information on women's suffrage movement. Also two speakers on travel and BPW.
7 p.m. ... Sports View — Hosts are radio sports personalities Ron Cameron and Bob Page.
7:30 p.m. ... High School Sports — Girls basketball district highlights and boys wrestling with Canton vs. Salem.
9:30 p.m. ... Cross Triv — Contestants compete for prizes in this baseball trivia, crossword challenge.

WEDNESDAY (Dec. 10)
(Programming today is the same as shown on Channel 8 on Monday.)

CHANNEL 15

MONDAY (Dec. 8)
Noon ... Cooking With Cas — Cas prepares "paprika-less chicken" with guest Diane Ucholik.
12:30 p.m. ... Healthy Horizons — Linda Pierce talks about home care products.
1 p.m. ... The Great, Late Potential — A performance by the Community Christian School.
2 p.m. ... Free For All.
2:30 p.m. ... Psychic Sciences — Ellie talks with Fran McClelland about numerology.
3 p.m. ... Mustang Monthly.
3:30 p.m. ... Game of Week — Hockey action features Hennessey Engineers vs. Computware.
5 p.m. ... The Grace Notes — Christmas carols sung by a local church group.
5:30 p.m. ... Sports at the SAL — Men's floor hockey and basketball.
6:30 p.m. ... MESC Job Show.
7 p.m. ... The American Scene — Community Uplift.
8 p.m. ... Sharon McDonald, school teacher for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, and Denise Swope of Canton.
8:30 p.m. ... The Sandy Show — Host Sandy Preblich interviews Linda Levenberg about winter fashions.
9 p.m. ... Human Images — Students at Plymouth Centennial Educational Park talk about euthanasia, commonly known as mercy killing, with guest Loreta Simpson.
9:30 p.m. ... Issues for a Nuclear Age — Citizens concerned about our nuclear fate discuss various aspects of the problem.

TUESDAY (Dec. 9)
Noon ... Legislative Report — A public affairs program which takes a look at issues in Michigan. Presented by the House of Representatives.
12:30 p.m. ... Canton Update — Canton Township Supervisor James Poole and Sandy Preblich talk about what's happening in Canton.
1 p.m. ... The Postal Inspector — Information on mail fraud.
1:30 p.m. ... Winter Storms — A film presentation by Michigan State Police on driving in winter weather.

2 p.m. ... 1st Presbyterian of Northville Presents: "A Celebration." This week's message is "Good News From the Wilderness."
3 p.m. ... Chef But-Comb — Beef pocket sandwiches.
3:30 p.m. ... Plymouth-Canton Junior Football — Varsity.
4 p.m. ... Plymouth-Canton Steelers vs. Westland Meteors.
5 p.m. ... Plymouth 1986 Ice Carving Spectacular.
6 p.m. ... Hamtramck Rotary — Speaker is James McDonald, president of General Motors.
6:30 p.m. ... Michigan Journal — A public affairs program which takes a look at issues in Michigan. Presented by the Michigan Republicans. Hosted by Spencer Abraham, chairman of the Michigan Republican Party.
7 p.m. ... Songs of Yesterday — Performance by the Charlotte Moore Viculin Studio of Music.
8 p.m. ... 1985 St. Michael Christmas Concert.
9 p.m. ... Off the Wall.
9:30 p.m. ... Youthview — Special with Christmas music.

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An item of news in Plymouth 100 years ago was about Civil War veteran Calvin Crosby; another was about air rifle manufacturer William Fillmore "Phil" Markham.

Running for village president in March 1886, Crosby received all of the votes cast — 194. Born in New York State in 1839 and brought to Michigan by his parents in 1842, Crosby also was treasurer of Wayne County, served as a state senator, and was commander of a company in the 24th Michigan Infantry during the Civil War.

Part of the famed Iron Brigade, the 24th held back a superior Confederate force at Gettysburg. It suffered 80 percent casualties but gained time for the rest of the Union Army to move up to stem the drive of Lee's Army of Virginia.

DURING the same election, the man who got the most votes for the office of village trustee — 119 — was Phil Markham. Apparently at the height of his popularity at that time, Markham was to become the object of public disapproval a number of years later.

When he assumed his seat on the village commission, Markham was appointed chairman of the cemetery and fire committees. The village had three cemeteries 100 years ago. The oldest was the Presbyterian Cemetery, established in 1828 behind the site where Presbyterians later built their church. It was still being used in 1886 but was closed and the bodies moved to Riverside Cemetery in 1915.

Another cemetery, the Plymouth Village Cemetery, at the end of Pearl Street — sometimes called "the old Baptist Cemetery" or "the old Ford Street Cemetery" — was founded in 1845 and closed many years ago.

Riverside Cemetery, the one now in use, was begun in 1877 when the village purchased the initial piece of property from Franklin and Ellen Shattuck.

The fire department chaired by Trustee Markham was a volunteer bucket brigade. Its equipment consisted of a number of pails and fire ladders and a quantity of "Harden's improved grenade fire extinguishers," commonly referred to as grenades.

Water was not piped to Plymouth from the Northrup Spring until 1893, arriving a few weeks too late to be used in fighting the disastrous fire of 1893 that levelled the business block



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VILLAGE MATTERS in which Markham participated as a member of the commission in 1886 included: Tabling a petition from the Women's Christian Temperance Union for an ordinance prohibiting the sale of alcoholic drinks; fixing the bonds of those engaged in the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors; listening to a report by the health officer to the effect that the creeks running through the village were, in many places, stagnated and in unhealthy condition; approving bills, including one for lighting the village street lamps; hearing reports about residents delinquent in repairing their wooden sidewalks; and drafting an ordinance limiting the rate of speed at which horses could be driven in

the village to seven miles an hour — the newly-opened fairgrounds excepted.

Trustee Markham served on the village commission again from 1891 to 1893. He began producing air tires here in 1885, two or three years before his rival (the Daisy Manufacturing Company) got into the business. He has been a topic of local interest since the early 1900s when he bucked the social mores of the community by transferring his affections from his first wife, Carrie, to his young secretary, Blanche Shortman.

The resulting scandal finally prompted Markham to sell his business to Daisy officials and move to California with Blanche, whom he married after his wife died. There he made a fortune in Hollywood real estate.

The story has been told in some detail in my book, *The Story of Plymouth*, and it is not my intention to re-tell it here.

NEW INFORMATION about Markham has come my way, however, and it concerns the place of his birth and his parentage.

It seems definite that he was born on Jan. 22, 1851, but exactly where is in doubt. When he died in California in the spring of 1930, the Los Angeles Times said he was born in England. On the other hand, his death certificate, on file in Sacramento, Calif., gives his birth place as Plymouth.

The informant was his second wife, Blanche, who also said his father was Abraham B. Markham and his mother Mary Bradner, both born in New York State.

The only Abraham B. Markham I have come across in the annals of Plymouth was the early settler who presented his recollections of pioneer days at the annual meeting of the State Pioneer Society on Feb. 6, 1877. He came here from New York State in 1825, was married and had children but he could not have been

the father of Phil Markham. I say that because of a bit of verse Abraham recited at the conclusion of his talk.

"My hair is white, my whiskers brown,
I'm the oldest settler in this town.
My wife is gone, my children too,
I cannot tell what I will do.
But I shall live a man I know
As long as I can plant and sow.
And when my time shall come to die,
I'll bid you all a kind good-bye.

(To be continued.)

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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.

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 Tattan and Salem Principal Gerald Ostoin and area coordinator Dick Bearup. Parents of high school students at the CEP are encouraged to attend.

EAST CHORAL CONCERT
Thursday, Dec. 11 — The East Middle School Chorus will present its holiday concert, "It's The Most Wonderful Time of The Year," at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym.

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 on weekdays.

STORY TIMES
Tuesday, Thursday, Dec. 16, 18 — A Sleepy Time Christmas Story Time featuring stories, activities, and a film will be held from 7-8 p.m. Dec. 16 for ages 3-5. Children can come dressed for bed and bring something to cuddle with. Parents must remain in the library for the event.

On Thursday, Dec. 18, an after-school Christmas program will be held for ages 6-8 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Also from 7-8 p.m. Dec. 18, a Christmas craft workshop will be held for ages 9-12.

Registration for all these programs will begin Dec. 8.

DIAL SANTA
Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 16, 17, 18 — Santa Claus will be taking phone calls 7-9 p.m. from children who want to talk to Santa personally. Call Santa at 453-1200. The Calling Santa project is sponsored by the Plymouth Jaycees.

HOLIDAY CONCERT
Tuesday, Dec. 16 — Celebrate the holidays with your favorite Christmas carols as sung by Centennial Educational Park's choir in concert beginning 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Plymouth Salem High School. Admission is free.

TOY COLLECTION
Saturday, Dec. 20 — Mel's Golden Razor, 595 Forest, Plymouth, is conducting a toy collection now through Dec. 20. New and used toys are needed to be donated to handicapped and abused children.

WINTER ANTIQUE SHOW
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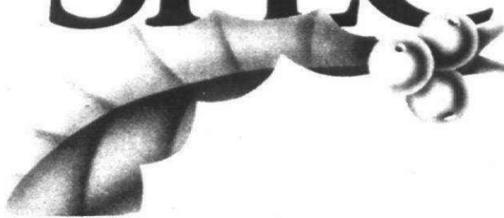
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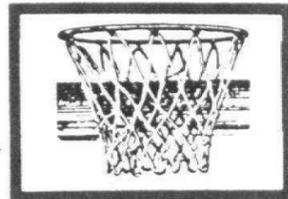
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The showdown in Southfield

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

It's showtime. The long-awaited, much-discussed showdown between the two best Class A girls basketball teams in Observerland is here: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Southfield High School, Plymouth Salem (24-1) vs. Farmington Hills Mercy (18-6), Class A quarterfinals. Winner advances to the state semifinals in Grand Rapids.

Drum roll, please. Why is this such a big deal? Most of this has been said or written before, but in case you missed it, here's why:

- The game will match two of the most successful and most respected coaching staffs in the state. For Salem, head coach Fred Thomann, assistants Dave Edwards, Tom Williams and Dave Van Wagoner against Mercy's head coach Larry Baker and assistants Mike King and Jim McKee. There's close to 500 wins on these benches.

- The game will showcase two blue-chip players: junior Dena Head for Salem and senior Yvette Maison for Mercy.

- And, obviously, the game matches two superb basketball teams.

Get the picture?

WAIT, THERE'S more.

These two teams know each other so well it's almost frightening. They know each others' out-of-bounds plays (both teams will add new ones prior to Wednesday's game), they know each others' defensive schemes, press structures and basic offensive patterns. They know which player the other likes to go to in critical situations. They know which player can dribble left handed and which can't. They know which player to foul in certain situations and which player not to.

These teams have been scouting each other since summer team camp with Wednesday's game in mind. They are bonded. Baker, in fact, thinks the situation

may be getting out of hand.

"I mean, we are exceptionally familiar with each other," he said. "Mike King is starting to look like a Salem coach. He is losing his hair like Fred Thomann. He's starting to walk with a swagger like Edwards, and he keeps complaining to me about playing zone defense. I'm starting to get concerned."

It's important to keep your sense of humor at a time like this. But on Wednesday, it'll be all business.

"WE ARE real excited about playing Salem," Baker said. "We have a tradition of great games and I don't mind the underdog role, as we were last year (Mercy upset Salem in the Class A regional last year).

"I would say there were a number of keys from our point of view. Salem has quality athletes, and they are well-versed in the skill areas. There aren't many chinks in their armor. We think we may have spotted a couple. If we don't take advantage of them, it could be a very long night for us."

Said Thomann: "This will be a great game. We beat them 51-31 earlier this season (Sept. 27) but we had a great sprint at the end of that game. It was pretty close through three quarters. We're talking about one of the final eight teams in the state. Both teams have a great tradition, and this is a great rivalry."

"The team that goes out and executes like it has all year is the team that will win. I don't see a blowout from either team. I think it will be a nip-and-tuck game."

TICKET INFORMATION: Fred Goldberg, Southfield athletic director, will issue 500 tickets to each school. Tickets, \$2 each, will not be available at the door if those 1,000 tickets are sold out.

Salem will put its tickets on sale from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Tickets can be purchased at the athletic office.

Mercy will put its tickets on sale from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the school's reception desk and athletic office.

Salem eases by Trenton in finale

By Bill Parker
staff writer

There was no way of getting past the Rocks in Gibraltar.

Although the Trenton Trojannes gave it their best shot, there was no way around the towering Plymouth Salem Rocks.

The Rocks ambushed the much smaller, albeit quicker, Trojannes Thursday night in the Class A girls basketball regional championship at Gibraltar Carlson High School.

When the dust cleared Salem stood tall, with a 52-33 victory.

"I'm just delighted," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "I'm delighted that we played so well in such a well-played game. Trenton was emotionally involved and physically ready. They're a good team. They made us remember what basketball is all about in terms of a big game."

Salem's Dena Head was the biggest obstacle blocking Trenton. The junior forward dumped in a game-high 29 points.

"(Head) was the difference in the game," said Trenton coach John Biedenbach, whose team finished the season at 20-4. "Cut her points in half, and we're back in the game. She's a great player. She's Division I all the way."

SPEEDSTERS BRIDGET Mahalak and Karen Cesarz kept Trenton close in the early minutes of the game.

But it was Head doing the damage for the Rocks. She connected on a three-point play late in the first quarter to put her team ahead 12-9.

With time running out, Head dropped in the final two of her 11 first-quarter points as Salem pushed ahead 16-10.

Trenton stormed back with six unanswered points early in the second quarter closing the gap to two, 18-16.

Salem retained a two-point edge until moments before the half ended. Keri McBride returned her own rebound to the basket and Barb Krug converted

girls basketball

a pass from Head into two more Salem points. Head then added a free throw before closing out the half with a defiant snuff of Linda Shenton's shot at the buzzer — Salem led 29-25. That's as close as Trenton would get.

IT WAS ALL Salem in the second half.

The Rocks chose to alter their defensive coverage a bit. Instead of chasing the Trenton speedsters, the Rocks sat back and waited for them to attack. The strategy worked like a charm.

With McBride (5-foot-11), Head (5-10) and Kristen Hostynski (5-9) closing off the center lane, Trenton was forced to shoot from outside. And the perimeter shots weren't falling.

McBride meshed in four points and grabbed three rebounds in the first two minutes of the third quarter. Head then added four to the total as the Rocks roared ahead 37-29, with less than a minute remaining in the third.

In the final quarter Head paced the Rocks with eight points as they outscored Trenton 14-2.

"DEFENSIVELY, WE went into a little retreat in the second half because their quickness really hurt us early," said Thomann. "It just seemed like the thing to do at the time."

Dena had an outstanding game. She's an explosive player. Keri McBride also had an outstanding game and Barb Krug sparked us off the bench."

Mahalak paced the Trojannes with 12 points. Cesarz finished with eight.

McBride chipped in with eight for the Rocks.

Salem, currently 24-1 on the season, meets Farmington Hills Mercy in the state quarterfinals 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, at Southfield High School.



Stacy Sovine (No. 33) snares a rebound during Plymouth Salem's regional championship victory over Trenton Thursday night. The

Rocks advance to the quarterfinals Wednesday night at Southfield.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Mercy puts Ford to rout

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

As blowouts go, this one wasn't bad.

In fact, Farmington Hills Mercy's 55-35 bashing of Dearborn Edsel Ford Thursday night in the Class A girls basketball regional championship at Northville was quite entertaining.

In the first half Mercy put on a clinic — no, a series of clinics: how to pester your opponent with full court pressure, how to shut off your opponent's leading scorer, how to select your shots and make them, how to win your state-record seventh consecutive regional championship and have fun doing it.

Then in the second half, Edsel Ford helped keep the crowd awake by turning the basketball game into something resembling a hockey game. There were hip checks, cross checks, there was some slashing, the tempo increased — a good time was had by all (except perhaps the two officials, who afterwards looked as if they had chased a couple of slippery rabbits around a field non-stop for two hours).

WHEN IT WAS over, Mercy coach Larry Baker reflected on the unprecedented seven straight regional wins — an amazing feat considering the gradually increasing number of outstanding girls basketball programs in the southeastern Michigan region. Edsel Ford, for example, posted 17 wins this season.

"We are very proud of it," said Baker of the streak. "When you look and see such top-notch programs as Detroit St. Martin de Porres and Leland out of the tournament already you realize it's not a given to get this far under any circumstances. To be among the final eight teams in the state that many times is a significant accomplishment."

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Pioneer under investigation, may lose cross country title

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

The Ann Arbor School District has organized an in-house investigation of the Ann Arbor Pioneer girls cross country program. The focus of the investigation is on the eligibility of former Plymouth Canton runner Rachel Mann. Mann transferred to Ann Arbor Pioneer last summer.

If Mann is found ineligible, Ann Arbor Pioneer may have to forfeit the Class A girls cross country state championship it won last November. "We are definitely looking into it," said Wiley Brownlee, assistant superintendent of Ann Arbor Schools, who ordered the in-house investigation. "We are reticent to speculate on what the conclusions might be at this point. We do not want to box people in or put people in jeopardy. It's best just to say we are looking into it."

Brownlee said that the following events were true and prompted the investigation:

• **RACHEL MANN** and her father moved in with another family in

Ann Arbor last summer while waiting for their own Ann Arbor home to become available.

• When the Manns finally moved into their new residence, they discovered that the home was within the Ann Arbor Huron district.

• The Michigan High School Athletic Association has been apprised of the situation. The MHSAA, the governing body of high school athletics in this state, advised the district to conduct its own investigation before taking further action. The actual investigation is being conducted by Larry Dishman, head of Ann Arbor's Parks and Recreation Department.

"It is being discussed in-house," said Dishman. "I don't think it should be discussed in the paper at this point. I can't say much more about it."

Brownlee said that the investigation's primary concern was whether Mann was eligible to compete in the fall season after moving from the Plymouth-Canton Community School District in the summer.

"We're not all that concerned about the fact that she moved first

with another family," Brownlee said. "As far as we're concerned, she was living with her father, therefore, that was her residence. If somebody moves in and has to stay at a motel for a couple of months, that's still their residence. What we want to find out is, did she lose eligibility by changing districts?"

MANN WAS a standout runner for Plymouth Canton, both in cross country and track. She was a first-team All-Area cross country selection as a sophomore at Canton in 1985. She was second team All-Area in track last spring.

Over the spring and summer months Mann trained at the Ann Arbor Track Club, which is run by Pioneer cross country and track coach Bryan Westfield.

Westfield, who has won two consecutive state championships in girls track, said he was unaware of any investigation when reached at his home Wednesday night.

"I have no idea what you are talking about, and I will not comment on rumor," he said.

Attempts to reach Westfield by



Rachel Mann ineligible Pioneer?

telephone Thursday and Friday failed. The line was constantly busy — an AT&T operator said that the phone was off the hook.

Mann played a key role in Pioneer's state championship run last fall. She was the team's fifth-best runner at the state meet placing 59th overall.

Dishman said that he hoped to wrap up his investigation by Friday. He will send his findings to Brownlee. Brownlee, after reviewing the findings, will either act on them or send them to the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Chiefs pummeled; Rocks win again

Westland John Glenn ran its wrestling record to 2-0 by dominating Plymouth Canton 51-18 Thursday at Glenn.

The Rockets won eight matches, five on falls. Winners on pins for Glenn were Rob Renard (138 pounds), 1:22 over Larry Allman; Rob Shalhoub (145), 3:44 over Norm Hanson; Mark Stabile (155), 3:11 over Ron Seal; Abe Zakhem (198), 2:21 over Jim Crews, and Chris Zimmerman (heavyweight), 1:45 over Tony Callaway.

Other Rocket winners were Roger Okurowski (119) on an injury default; Rob Matigian (126) on a technical fall at 4:22; and Jeff Allen (132), 7:2 over Craig Rinke.

Canton's winners were Scott Richardson (112), on a pin of Brian Ostrowski in 1:25, and Tony Sayers (185), on a pin of Naers Gocaj at 1:50. There were three draws: Glenn's Mike Daniels and Canton's Tom Flores (98), 9-9; Glenn's Rob Krazel and Canton's Matt Keeler (105), 10-10; and Glenn's Charlie Lauber and Canton's Dan Dewyer (167), 8-8.

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The loss dropped Canton to 0-2. The Chiefs will host Farmington on Thursday.

SALEM 57, NORTHVILLE 12. The Rocks won 11 of 13 events Thursday night, seven on pins, en route to their second straight Western Lakes win.

Richard Johnson (heavyweight), Dennis Dameron (126) and Todd Bourlier (105) made short work of their opponents. Johnson pinned his man in 43 seconds, Dameron stuck his foe in 29 seconds and Bourlier was done in 18 seconds.

Other Rocks winners were Jeff Delbeke (98), Sean May (112), Scott Contini (119), Tim Ott (132), Lem Yeung (155), Marc Smith (167) and Chuck Graczyk (198).

Delbeke, May, Contini and Ott won on pins.

The Rocks are at Livonia Franklin Thursday.

Lady Ocelots get the boot

By C.J. Fiesk
staff writer

When Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team embarked on its trip east to play in the NJCAA tournament, coach Ed Dudek relished a rematch with Monroe (Rochester, N.Y.) CC, the nation's top-ranked team, which beat the Lady Ocelots earlier this season.

There was just one problem: Meramec (St. Louis, Mo.) was SC's first-round opponent. And MCC was thinking about revenge, too, after losing 3-1 earlier this season to the Lady Ocelots.

In their game Nov. 26, it was MCC that fulfilled its dream, beating SC 2-0 in overtime.

"It was a very defensive game," said Dudek. "I didn't think anyone would ever score a goal."

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IT WAS ALSO frustrating for the Lady Ocelots, who had the bulk of the good scoring chances while MCC concentrated on defense. "They marked us man-for-man," said Dudek. "They never really tried to score against us, they just cleared the ball downfield."

Neither team scored in regulation, but MCC got the only break it needed in the overtime. SC keeper Doreau Beagle stopped a shot but could not control the rebound, and the Lady Ocelots could not clear the ball. MCC knocked it in and, for all intents, that was the game.

Plymouth Christian eyes repeat of '85-86

Encore, encore. That's what the Plymouth Christian Academy basketball team is hoping for this season — an encore similar to the brilliant performance staged last season.

The Eagles were co-champs of the Michigan Independent Activities Conference, and five letterwinners return for the 1986-87 season.

Conducting the encore presentation will be Dan Brandel. The former head coach at Farmington's William Tyndale College and head of the Sports Ambassadors basketball program, which traveled to Asia and Central America the past two summers, replaces veteran Eagles coach Jeff Cook.

Among the five senior returnees is Pat McCarthy. The 6-1

guard was the team's leading scorer last year. Andy Stephens (6-3 center) and Steve Windle (5-10 guard) also started last season. Jim Stroh (5-10 guard) and Mike Warmbier (6-1 forward) saw action a year ago.

THE TEAM also has been infused with a pair of transfers. Senior Brad Bigelow was moved in from Alaska and junior Victor Michaels transferred in from Grace Bible School in Ann Arbor. Michaels will be eligible in January.

Also looking to make a contribution will be juniors Jeff Leach and Scott Burns, along with sophomore Kyle Mavin.

The Eagles travel to Ypsilanti Tuesday to play Calvary Christian.

Rocks rip Trenton; defense fails Chiefs

Plymouth Salem 2, Trenton 0. On Thursday, the Salem girls basketball team smoked Trenton in the Class A regional final. Friday, Salem's boys basketball team opened its season with a 63-34 breeze at Trenton.

Mike Hale led the Rocks with 18 points Friday night. Rick Taylor added 11 and Bryan Kearis added nine.

"It was a nice win. We got to play everybody and we used a lot of different rotations," Salem coach Bob Brodie said.

Charlie Teichert led Trenton with 10 points.

BRIGHTON 65, CANTON 62: Plymouth Canton broke down in a facet of the game it normally excels in.

T-Birds winged by Mercy press

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The regional championship win also allowed Baker and his team to give a little in-your-face treatment to those cynics across the state who denied Mercy a state ranking for much of the season because of the team's six losses.

"I just have to say something about our schedule again. All but three of our regular-season opponents this year have won district titles. The trade off for playing that type of schedule has been taking a beating in the rankings. But when you win the regional you are in the top 10, uncontestable, regardless of your record," said Baker.

And Mercy's 18-6 record, it should be pointed out, ain't exactly last month's poultry. But let's get back to the game.

THE MERCY press forced Edsel Ford into 11 turnovers in the first quarter. The T-Birds managed to fire off only five shots in the quarter. The Marlins, behind some torrid outside shooting, raced ahead 16-3.

Second quarter: More of the same. Ford got off four shots and

turned the ball over nine more times. Mercy, who hit 16 of 28 shots in the half, led 35-5.

"We wanted to make them put the ball on the floor," Baker said. "We felt they were a good passing team, but when they put the ball down (dribbled it) their heads went down, too."

Edsel Ford's roughhousing tactics worked well in the second half. The T-Birds managed to outscore Mercy 26-24 in the second half. Don't laugh, a moral victory is a moral victory.

Yvette Maison led all scorers with 19 points. She got some inside and she got some outside. Adrienne Clark, who fouled out in the final quarter, scored 11. Jan Herberholz (10) and Margaret DeMattia (nine) combined for another 19.

But DeMattia's main contribution was defense. She limited Ford's top gun Kim Dapprich to just one field goal and three points. Dapprich, a good three inches taller than DeMattia, scored 17 Tuesday night against Highland Park.

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Schoolcraft rolls, 90-63

Tina Osantowski provided Schoolcraft College's women's basketball with a big lift Wednesday. Not that the Lady Ocelots needed her help to beat Kellogg CC.

But the final margin might not have been quite as decisive: a 90-63 rout at SC.

Osantowski, a 6-foot-2 tower who played volleyball for SC, just joined the team, but she contributed immediately, scoring 14 points and grabbing six rebounds.

The Lady Ocelots controlled the boards, which allowed them to convert a number of fast-break baskets. They led 49-29 at the half and were never threatened.

Tracy Ladouceur was the chief instigator in KCC's demise, netting 20 points, grabbing eight rebounds and making two steals.

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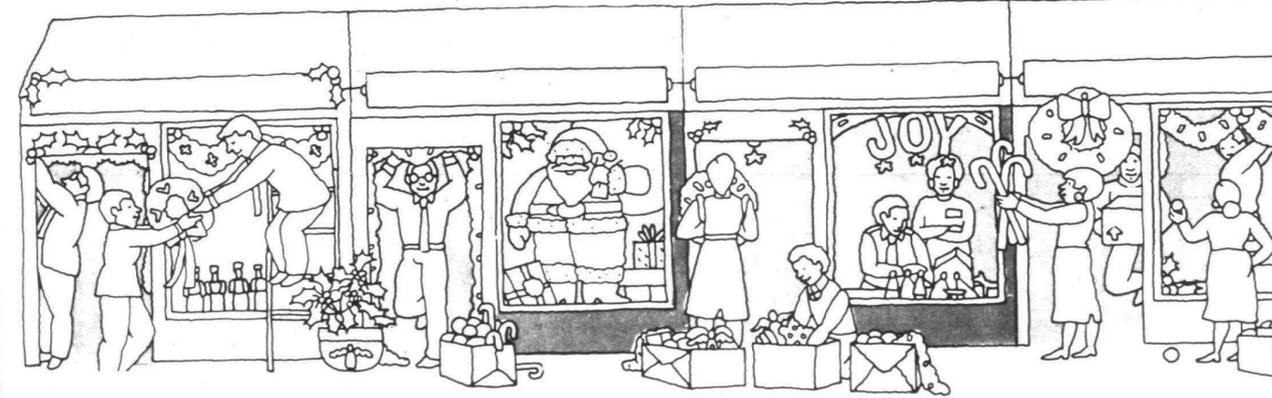
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Share the warmth, tastes and tantalizing aromas of the holidays with family and friends by giving gifts from your kitchen.

Now is the time to begin planning. A homemade gift is always appreciated for the time and love that went into its making, and adds your personal touch to gift giving. Remember to wrap gifts from your kitchen attractively.

Gift Suggestions:
Jelly/Jam/Marmalade can be made from frozen berries and canned or frozen fruit juices. When it's finished, take small squares of calico in different colors and place under the screwband or tie them with a ribbon. If you needpoint, make a square with a holiday design to put under the band or tie with a ribbon.

If you have made apple or grape jelly or orange marmalade, put a small jar of each in a small inexpensive wicker basket. Colorfully decorate the basket.

Breads and coffee cakes are always popular gifts. Along with your specially baked product, include the recipe tied in the bow or choose a recipe that complements the gift. Give a favorite jam recipe with a loaf of homemade bread.

Quick breads, such as zucchini, banana, or nut breads are quick and easy. Keep several in the freezer for



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emergency gifts. These breads can be baked in a clean tin can for an interesting shape. After baking, put the bread in colored foil, label and freeze. When you need a special gift for someone, take from freezer, remove the label and tie with a colorful bow. Now you have a special gift for Christmas, birthday or any occasion.

Cookies are always a good gift from children to school teachers, music teachers, etc. Even very young children can help decorate cookies. They love to help and can add their own special touch to the gift.

You can purchase a special Christmas plate or special container for the cookies and wrap colorfully, in foil or tissue. Attach a note with tips on storing them.

For example, for crisp cookies, store in a container with a loose fitting lid. If they soften despite the care, spread on a cookie sheet and heat three to five minutes in a 300° oven. Soft cookies should be stored in

a container with a tight-fitting lid. If they seem to dry out, add a piece of apple or bread, and replace it frequently. Fresh soft cookies by putting in a covered casserole and bake eight to 10 minutes in a 300° oven.

Fruit cakes are traditional holiday fare. Buy or make a round fruit cake with the hole in the center. Cut thin, crosswise slices that resemble triangles or Christmas trees. At the wide end of each piece, place a thin, one-inch stick of candy for a tree trunk; at the top press a piece of sticky green gumdrop. Arrange on an attractive tray as an untraditional way of giving fruit cake.

If you have grown herbs in your garden, take baby food jars, paint the tops colorfully, label the jar and use some stick-on Christmas decals to decorate. (Small hollow jars already have colored plastic lids.) Attach a card with suggestions on how to use the herb in cooking.

If you have made homemade wine to give as a gift, make your own personalized bags. Check the bottom of

a regular grocery bag for the folding pattern. Get a heavier grade of wrapping paper or foil. Tape the side, fold in the bottom and punch holes in the top to run a ribbon or yarn to draw together. These bags are great for odd-sized gifts.

Other gift suggestions are: seasoned popcorn, spiced walnuts, honey roasted nuts, the ever popular nuts and bolts mixture; corn apples or pears (maybe it's time to prepare for next year with some of these canning ideas).

Personalize a container for these gifts by covering a coffee or shortening can with fabric, holiday wrap, contact paper or last year's Christmas cards. Children can help decorate these gift containers.

A wonderful idea for a shut-in or someone in a nursing home is a certificate for the "Homemade-Cookie-of-the-Month-Club." Every month, deliver a different kind of cookie to them. They will enjoy it, and so will you. Mark your calendar so you don't forget.

Food is not the only gift that can come from your kitchen. Share the beauty of your garden with friends year-round by giving little packets of seeds gathered in the fall from your choice flowers. Put the seeds in sandwich bags, label and seal with flower stickers.

Start an herb window garden. If your gift recipient has a wide, sunny window, plant some herbs in little decorated jars, pots or plastic containers. They will enjoy watching the plants grow and can use the herb in cooking.

"My Favorite Recipes" in an inexpensive box can be fun. No one can resist a recipe, especially if they know it has been tested and is one of your favorites.

Other creative ideas: when making bread during the holidays make a treat for the birds and a great gift item. Use any yeast bread recipe that forms a crust. Roll the dough into two logs, twist together and shape into a wreath. Press any type of seeds, sunflower, honeydew, sesame, etc., into the dough before baking. When the wreath is cool, put a

colorful ribbon around it as the hanger. A great outdoor gift, the birds will love it and you'll enjoy seeing the birds eating your gift.

Make a washable and attractive case for sunglasses from a pretty potholder. Fold it in half and stitch across the bottom and up one side.

Remember, gifts should be useful and meaningful. Take time and make the effort. Gifts from your kitchen will make the holidays just that much more "special" for everyone.

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Helpful hints can save time, money

Want to save time, money and energy on holiday cooking and baking? Here are some helpful hints which can help cut corners and expenses this season.

1. Buy candles ahead of time on sale. Freeze them — they keep their shape, burn with a bright flame and are not as likely to drip.

2. Need extra ice cubes for the holidays, use muffin tins.

3. When a recipe calls for softened butter, but you forget to take it out of the refrigerator, measure the correct amount and spread like a carrot.

4. Utilize your freezer. Freeze cooked squash in a casserole. Make cranberry relish, pie and pie crust ahead of the holidays and freeze.

5. To get Brazil nuts out of the

shell unbroken, freeze them until the shells crack.

6. Cranberries grind very neatly when frozen.

7. For a quick salad, freeze an unopened can of fruit cocktail. Open both ends, push out the frozen fruit and slice.

8. Buy bananas when they are cheap. You can mash and freeze the

over-ripe ones in portions for banana bread, cookies or cakes.

9. Perk up soggy lettuce by adding lemon juice to a bowl of cold water and soak for one hour in refrigerator.

10. Shelling walnuts; soak overnight in salt water before cracking gently to get the walnut meats out whole.

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By Ellis Graham special writer
My mother and her mother before her went at their Christmas preparations with zeal and determination. Their fruit cakes, puddings and mince meat had to be made by mid-November or they would not ripen in time for Christmas.

As a child, they had me firmly convinced that Christmas would be a disaster if they missed their deadline.

Grandma made a rich, dark fruit cake with lots of currants, raisins, peel and nuts. It was baked in square tins lined with buttered paper. The cake tins were graduated in size and also were used for tiered wedding cakes. Grandma always liked her

fruit cakes with thick almond-flavored frosting.

She had to have a good supply because there were many visitors over the holiday season. Everyone who dropped in was offered a piece of Christmas cake, assuring them of a month's happiness in the new year.

Again, I was a staunch believer. The whole next year depended on 12 pieces of fruit cake — not any 12 pieces, but 12 pieces of 12 different cakes baked by 12 different people.

Grandpa, grandma and the aunts and uncles would reminisce about my first Christmas and the great influenza epidemic that wiped out thousands. Mother was very sick and we had to stay there until spring when she was ready to travel again. Those conversations influenced

my determination to eat enough months of fruit cake to get me through the flu season, at least.

Although the fruit cake addiction has lasted over the years, the terrible urge to bake cakes, steam puddings and mix up a batch of mince in mid-November was not inherited.

The only time I got a headstart on Christmas baking was when Aunt Vera came for Thanksgiving. A few days after Thanksgiving, she would say, "Well, we'd better get started on your Christmas cookies."

She would get out her recipes, make up a list and I'd head for the grocery store. The results were fabulous. Aunt Vera rated her recipes from one to five stars. She gave her Almond Short Bread cookies a five-star rating and they remained her

favorites. As her vision failed and I did more of the measuring, she'd say, "Don't be afraid to get your hands in them, work the dough with your hands."

She knew when they were just right by the feel of the dough.

ALMOND SHORT BREAD*****
1/2 cup fluted white sugar
1 lb. butter
4 cups flour
1/2 lb. almonds, put through chopper and do not bleach

Mix together peanut butter, butter, sugar and cherries. This may be crumbly but when rolled in small balls, will mold easily. Dip in melted chocolate and paraffin and roll in chopped nuts. Refrigerate to set. (These were always the first to go from the plates of Christmas cookies.)

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PEANUT BUTTER BALLS*****
1/2 cup peanut butter
2 tsp. soft butter
2 cups confectioners sugar
10-12 jar maraschino cherries, chopped
8 squares semi-sweet chocolate
1 tsp. melted paraffin
finely chopped nuts

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RUM BALLS
(No stars for this one, just the handwritten notation, "These are good if you like rum.")
1 box vanilla wafers, crushed fine
1 cup finely chopped nuts
1 cup confectioners sugar
3 tsp. cup light corn syrup
8 tsp. dark rum

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Ice wreath:
Ice water
2 kiwis, peeled and sliced
About 1 cup fresh or frozen halved strawberries

A day or more in advance, pour ice water into ring mold up to 1/2-inch from the top, freeze until firm. On the ice, arrange kiwi slices and berries in pretty pattern to resemble a wreath. Add a very thin layer of cold water to hold fruit in place. Return to freezer. When ready to use,

unmold by dipping in warm water. Place gently in punch.

Punch:
4 rounded tea instant tea
6 cups cold water
3/4 cup grenadine syrup
1/4 cup lemon juice
2 tsp. aromatic bitters
1 can (6-oz.) frozen pineapple-orange juice concentrate, undiluted
4 cups cranapple drink, chilled
2 cans (12-oz. each) lemon-lime carbonated beverage, chilled

Combine instant tea with remaining ingredients except carbonated beverage. Chill until ready to serve. Pour into punch bowl and stir in carbonated beverage. Add ice wreath. Makes about 4 quarts or 32 1/2-cup servings.

Spirited version: Add 1 1/4 cups rum with the carbonated beverage.

PESTO-BRIE TORTA
1 garlic clove, coarsely chopped
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/4 cup chopped walnuts
1 tsp. chopped fresh chives
1 tsp. dried basil leaves
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. white pepper
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 cup olive or salad oil
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 pkg. (3 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1 wheel (14-oz.) Brie cheese, chilled

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In food processor or blender, finely chop garlic, parsley, walnuts and chives. Add basil, salt, pepper and nutmeg. With motor running, pour in cream cheese. Blend in Parmesan and then cream cheese.

Cut the cheese wheel in half horizontally. Place one half cut side up on plastic wrap. Spread evenly with cream cheese mixture. Top with second half, cut side down. Cover tightly with plastic wrap. Chill 4 hours or overnight. Allow torta to come to room temperature before serving. Cut in thin wedges and spread on crackers and thinly sliced French bread. Makes 12-15 servings.

SURPRISE MEATBALLS AND ZIPPY SAUCE
2 lbs. lean ground beef
1 cup soft bread crumbs
2 eggs
2 tsp. finely chopped parsley
2 tsp. instant minced onion
2 tsp. celery salt
1/2 tsp. instant minced garlic
1/2 tsp. grated lemon peel
1/4 tsp. pepper
2 tsp. water

Blend together all ingredients. Chill until ready to serve. Place bowl in center of platter and surround with meatballs. Makes 1 cup.

SURPRISE CENTERS: Canned mushroom pieces or halved small olives or small cheese cubes or raisins or Peanuts or broken nuts

Mix together all ingredients except surprise centers. Shape the meat into small, firm 1-inch balls around one of the centers listed or of your own choice. Chill. To cook, arrange about half the balls on a rack in broiler pan, not touching. Bake in preheated 400° oven 12-15 minutes, turning once. Keep warm and cook remaining balls. Makes about 40 balls.

ZIPPY SAUCE
3/4 cup sour cream
2 tbs. drained, prepared horseradish
2 tsp. Dijon style mustard
1 1/2 tsp. mayonnaise
2 tsp. chopped chives
2 tsp. chopped pimiento or red pepper
Few dashes Tabasco sauce

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5 egg yolks

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Lemon mousse is ideal dessert

Danish Lemon Mousse, a velvety-smooth dessert, is a luscious combination of tangy fresh lemon and nutmeg.

Just right for today's busy lifestyles, make-ahead Danish Lemon Mousse combines egg yolks and convenient whipped topping with marshmallow creme, the "secret ingredient" used to sweeten, streamline preparation and insure a smooth and creamy texture. Garnish with fresh mint leaves and dark sweet cherries, this dessert is ideal for family meals or entertaining.

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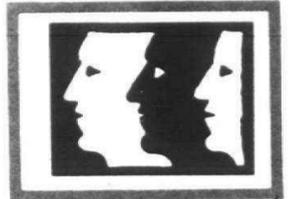
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Seniors line up for a tasty buffet dinner at the "St. Nick Frolic."

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clubs in action

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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.

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 Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill Road. To make reservations, call Rudy Cadez, 561-6266, or Ralph Ashenart, 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.

PARKINSON'S

A support group for those with Parkinson's disease and their families will meet 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at Hull Elementary School, 34715 Lyndon, Livonia. The program's discussion will be on "How to Cope." The group is sponsored by the Michigan Parkinson Foundation. For additional information, call 459-0216.

OPEN HOUSE

The Canton Historical Society will host its annual Christmas open house 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Canton Historical Museum. A holiday program will be held, followed by light refreshments. Those attending will be able to see the museum's holiday decorations. Museum hours are 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday. For additional information, call 397-0088 during regular museum hours.

LA LECHE

The La Leche League will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at 709

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Seniors enjoy season's fun

JOLLY OLD St. Nicholas was the star at Wednesday's fourth annual "St. Nick Frolic" for senior citizens from Canton.

St. Nick — also known as Al Adams, a Canton Township building inspector — put in an appearance at the holiday gathering, held at the Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton.

The Canton Senior Citizens were able to have their pictures taken with St. Nick. The film was then taken to Meijer's for one-hour processing during the afternoon festivities.

A buffet dinner, musical entertainment and the awarding of door prizes were also a part of the fun. Approximately 130 people attended the gathering, according to Diane Neihengen, senior citizens

coordinator for Canton Township. The "St. Nick Frolic" was open to all Canton residents age 55 and older.

McDonald's sponsored a holiday decorating contest as part of the afternoon's festivities, including providing the prizes for the winners.

The decorations created by the seniors will go on a Christmas tree at the Ronald McDonald House near Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. The Ronald McDonald Houses provide lodging for families of hospitalized children.

The seniors also enjoyed cakes from the Canton Bakery during the "St. Nick Frolic."

Neihengen was among those who enjoyed Wednesday afternoon's holiday festivities.

"Very much. It keeps me busy."



Mary and Ray Lampron enjoy the festivities at the Canton gathering.



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Toyland

The Canton Historical Museum is decorated for the holiday season, with teddy bears, a Lionel train set and a hobbyhorse among the items on display. The Canton Historical Society will host its annual Christmas open house 7:30 p.m. Thursday, at the museum. A holiday program will be held, followed by light refreshments. Museum hours are 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday. For additional information, call 397-0088 during regular museum hours.

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