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## Group to mold future of disputed site

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

A committee will decide the fate of an enclosed shopping mall planned for Ford Road west of Lilley.

It's been a controversial site for more than 15 years with the most popular proposal calling for a Donald Massey car dealership. That idea was shelved, the story goes, when Massey later built in Plymouth be-

cause of rigid Canton sign ordinances.

The most recent development proposal is an enclosed mall with stores and offices on 10.4 acres at the south side of Ford between Lilley and Manton and one acre on the south-west corner of Ford and Lilley.

The developer, Joseph Kosik Jr., is requesting Canton to alter two consent judgments to rezone the properties from multiple family residential to commercial use. A grocery store,

hardware and drugstore are the types of businesses that would be at the mall, Kosik said.

**LIMITING THE** concentration of commercial shops along Ford Road has been a longtime concern.

Some argue that more shops is the wrong type of development because there should be a break in the commercial businesses. Homeowners in subdivisions abutting Lilley have been against the mall, citing

aesthetic problems and traffic snarls.

Mall plans include an extra 30 feet of buffer in the back, Kosik said.

The Canton Planning Commission previously voted to recommend denial for the larger parcel, citing arguments calling for a "break between the highway-oriented commercial on Ford Road to the east and the commercial that exists on Ford beginning at Morton Taylor to the west."

The planning commission recommended approval for the smaller parcel.

**CANTON TRUSTEES** opted last week to work out concerns by forming a committee including two trustees, one planning commissioner, a township employee and homeowners.

"If there's going to be negotiations on something there needs to be a group to do it," said Trustee Bob Padgett. Homeowners want protec-

tion from "encroachment of the quality of life... what goes in there better be of high quality."

The committee will probably form early next year, according to Catherine Prince, planning commissioner.

The Ford-Lilley intersection has high visibility and large traffic count that will have a major impact on the community, Prince said.

"Decisions for the development made today will have long-lasting effects," he said.

## Woman killed in car crash

By Susan Buck  
staff writer

Plymouth Township Police have obtained a manslaughter warrant for a 20-year-old Westland woman involved in a head-on car accident that killed a Canton woman.

The Westland motorist was east-bound in a 1978 Chevrolet Caprice when it struck a small-sized 1987 Dodge traveling west on Joy Road at the 1-275 overpass Saturday night, killing a 67-year-old woman passenger.

Township Deputy Chief Chip Snider said Dorcas Ruth Aumann of Canton Township was dead at the scene of the accident, which occurred about 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Aumann was a retired Detroit school teacher.

Her husband, Bruce E. Aumann, 69, who was driving their car, was listed in serious condition Tuesday in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. The Westland woman also was in the hospital under observation, Snider said. She had been unconscious at the scene, he added.

Arraignments will be held later this week, when the Westland woman is expected to be out of the hospital, Snider said. He added that he disliked having "an open warrant sitting around."

Snider said that the Westland woman, along with a 19-year-old woman passenger also from Westland, had left the parking lot of the Plymouth Rock Saloon on Joy west

of Haggerty in Plymouth Township.

Turning east onto Joy, the woman's car sideswiped another car east of Haggerty, Snider said. The report indicates that the car leaving the Plymouth Rock Saloon parking lot was driving on the wrong side of the road with its lights off. The Aumanns were driving on the correct side of the road, Snider said, and were hit by the other car when they were on the shoulder trying to avoid impact.

"If they were both doing 45 mph, they were going at combined speeds of 90 mph," he said.

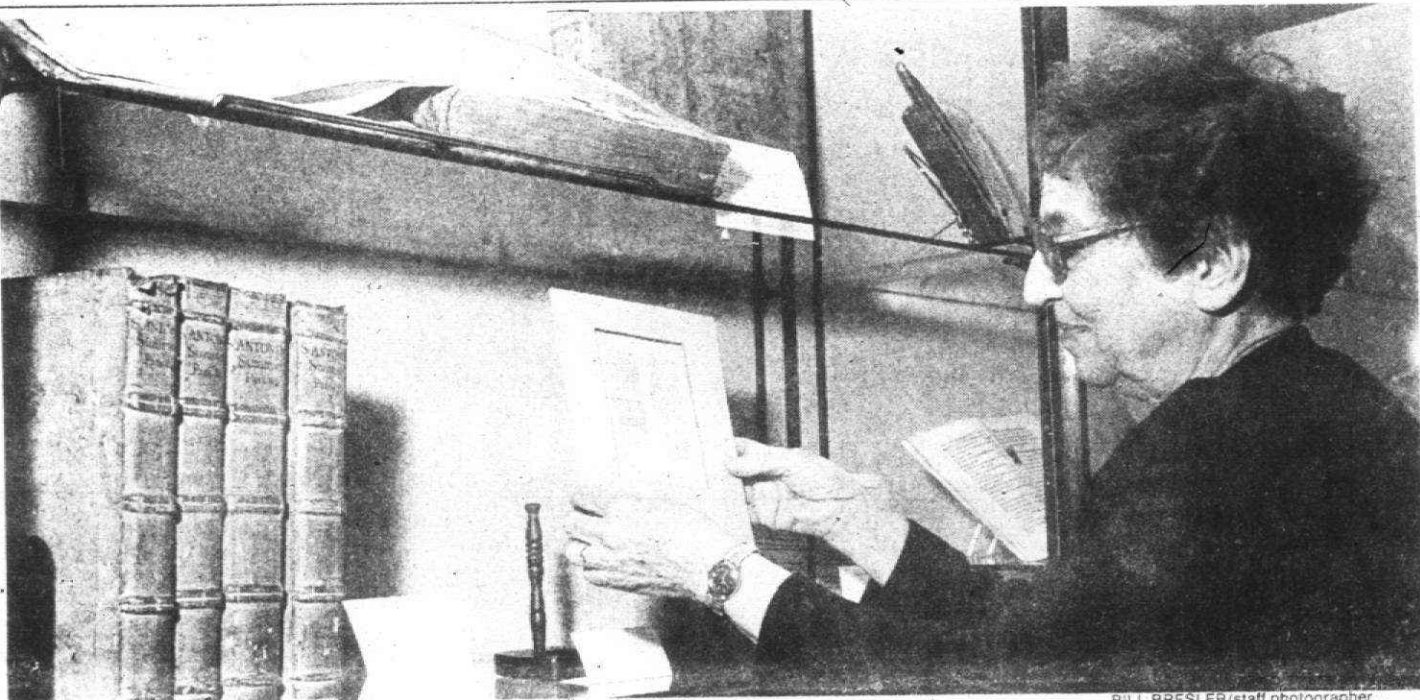
The 20-year-old driver's blood sample has been submitted for analysis by the Michigan State Police with results expected in two weeks, Snider said.

"The Aumanns never had a chance. By the time they saw the vehicle in their lane, I'm going to guess they had a half-second to respond and to take a deep breath and wonder why," he said.

Snider said none of the people involved was wearing a seatbelt. He said he "seriously doubted" that Mrs. Aumann would have lived even if she had worn a seatbelt. "The vehicle impact crushed her. It wasn't a case where she was thrown from the car."

The Westland driver will only talk to police through her attorney, Snider said.

There were three witnesses in passing vehicles, said Snider.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

For Sister Claudia Carlen, archivist at St. John's Provincial Seminary, the projected sale of the seminary isn't a pleasant prospect. Sister Claudia is guardian of some 60,000 theological volumes, including 250 that belonged to French missionary, educator and legislator Father Gabriel Richard, (1792-1832).

## Appraisal authorized Beginning of the end for St. John's seminary

By M.B. Dillon  
staff writer

Strains of young men's voices, resounding from the handcarved rafters of the candle-lit chapel at St. John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth Township, give one the feeling that time changes little here.

But that sense of timelessness, and the cheerfulness that at Christmastime exudes from this peaceful place, are tinged with sadness this holiday season.

The 38 seminarians, 200-plus lay students, and faculty at St. John's know it's just a matter of time before the seminary and the 170 acres it occupies are sold.

**AFTER BEING** approached by several potential buyers in the last two years, the seminary's board of trustees has authorized appraisals of the site on the south side of 5 Mile just east of Sheldon in Plymouth.

On the board are bishops from Michigan's seven dioceses, which own St. John's. The seminary is the only fully accredited graduate theological school in southeastern Michigan. More than 70 percent of the state's parish priests are educated at St. John's.

"There were several corporations who approached, board of trustees, not with specific offers but with inquiries as to whether the board would consider selling all or part of the land," said Jay Berman, spokesman for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Berman declined to name the interested parties, saying only that they're large corporations.

"All it was was inquiries that couldn't even be answered or entertained at the moment. There was no discussion about potential use of the property. It's too premature for that," Berman said. "There's not a bidder or a buyer standing the wings."

Until the appraisal is in hand, trustees won't be able to entertain any offers. There's "no urgency to the sale," said Berman.

**AFTER MASS** Monday, the footsteps of students and staff heading for the dining room echoed in St. John's halls of Italian marble.

Over lunch, they talked about the future of their home away from home.

"Things are very iffy right now. What's most difficult to deal with is the lack of knowledge as to if and when" St. John's will be sold, said Steve Owen, director of development. "Whatever is done is two years away."

"The reason for selling isn't economic. We're just moving to a place we can operate more cheaply. With declining enrollment you can't continue to maintain a facility this large for a stu-

dent body so small."

St. John's is expected to move to Detroit's Sacred Heart Seminary College in the event of a sale.

"When nothing else was here, St. John's was here," said St. John's archivist, Sr. Claudia Carlen. "People here have a great appreciation of the building. You couldn't duplicate the mosaics, marblework and carvings today."

"So much has gone into this building to make it what it should be and to keep it that way. I just hope it will be used for a very good purpose," she said.

"Young people feel the same way."

"This is a shame. This is a landmark," said Joseph Skelton Jr., a

seminarian from Detroit.

**THE LATE EDWARD** Cardinal Mooney, former archbishop of Detroit whose body rests in a crypt at St. John's, designed the seminary for 200 students in 1949.

Mooney's visit to an Italian seminary inspired its Roman architecture and earth-toned masonry, said Sr. Claudia, guardian of the 60,000 volumes in St. John's library.

Slender enrollment prompted St. John's to open its facilities several years ago for overnight retreats, theological graduate studies for lay people and to the clergy of other faiths.

**VISITORS FIND** the place more homey than institutional.

Cloistered walks connect the well-appointed foyer to the chapel, residence halls, gym, bowling alleys, library, dining hall, faculty suites and conference rooms. Large, vaulted windows afford views of courtyards and quiet expanses of countryside.

A golf course on the rolling, wooded grounds (fashioned when priests were forbidden to golf in public) since has been leased to a neighboring golf club and expanded from nine to 18 holes. Course revenues, however, do little to cut operating costs.

And tuition, low by local standards, doesn't pay many bills either, Owen said.

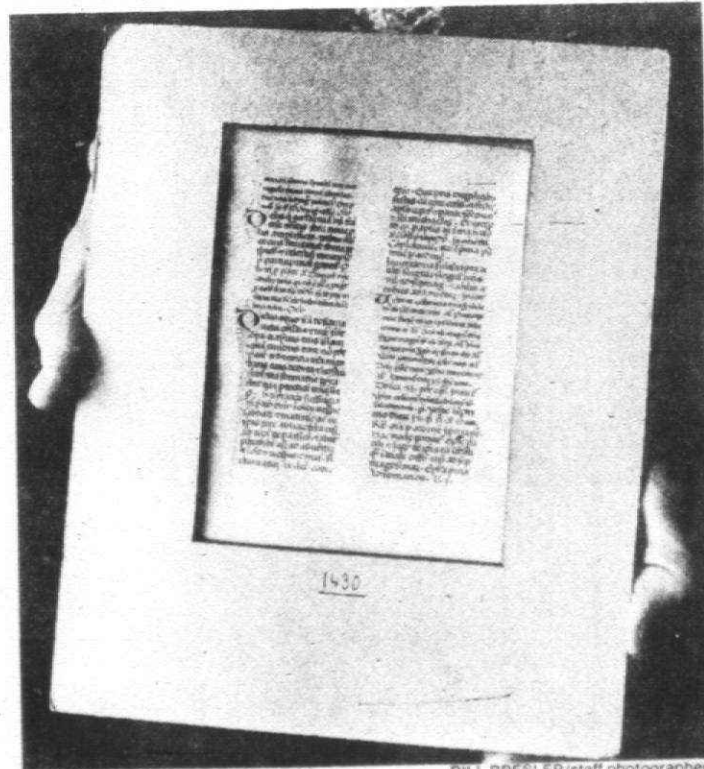
"As long as we're teaching priests and lay ministers, we need the support of people in the community because of the cost involved," said Owen.

"It's difficult to ask for an endowment. It's not fair to a donor when you can't guarantee that what they fund will materialize."

The bishops' decision was a painful one, said Berman.

"Many of them trained at St. John's and have a deep personal attachment to it from their own personal experiences," said Berman.

"This certainly isn't a decision they took lightly."



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Among the seminary's many treasures from around the world are liturgical manuscripts hand-lettered by monks in the 1400s.

## Menu caters to students' tastes

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

Tuna noodle casserole is out. Pizza is in.

And because food service workers in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools have an ear to what students want, participation in the paid lunch program has increased by nearly five percent this year.

That's the assessment of Verna Lee Hill, food service director for Marriott Corp., which manages the hot lunch program for the district.

During October, a daily average of 3,677 students and staff bought a complete lunch in the district's 19 schools, Hill reported.

An additional 3,780 equivalent lunches were purchased daily by averaging a la carte items including milk.

Both of those figures exceeded projections.

"**WE REALLY** like to cater to the desires of kids at each school," Hill said.

"We have really worked with the promotions. It's extra work for our employees, but they're really pleased when our lunch count goes up."

Pizza is offered every day as a food choice in middle schools and the high schools.

"It's a very nutritious food," Hill said. "We're really pleased kids love it. Another favorite is milkshakes. That's a very nutritious product, too. We use a low-fat milk base."

Special promotions like pancake day, deli bars, potato bars, interna-

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7:30 p.m. ... The Omni-Report.  
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## obituaries

### IAN R. McCUNE

Funeral services for infant Ian McCune, age 6 days, of Canton were held recently in Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth with burial at United Memorial Gardens, Superior Township. Officiating was the Rev. Jerry Varnell.

Ian, who died Dec. 8 in Ann Arbor, is survived by: parents, Marlene and Larry McCune; brother, Larry Jr.; sister, Maury; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Miles Muth of East Jewett, N.Y., and Mr. and Mrs. George Geib of Orlando.

### KEITH R. METTETAL

Funeral services for Mr. Mettetal, 19, of Victoria, Texas, were held recently in Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Philip Rodgers Magee officiating. Memorial contributions

may be made to Victoria College in care of Schrader Funeral Home.

Mr. Mettetal, who died Dec. 8 in Livonia, was born in Ann Arbor. He was a student. Survivors include: father, Robert J. Mettetal II of Victoria, Texas; brothers, Ian of Plymouth and Vale of Victoria; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mettetal of Plymouth, Mr. and Mrs. William Calvert.

### FLORENCE NEAL

Services for Mrs. Neal, 85, of California were held recently in that state. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Mrs. Neal, who died Nov. 22 in California, was born in Livonia and moved to Plymouth a few years later. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1920 and was valedictorian of her class. She was a long-time member of the First Church of

Christ. Scientists in Plymouth and held several jobs, including substitute teacher, real estate agent and secretary. Survivors include: daughters, Patricia Herter, Sharon Ham, Susan Harrison, all of California; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

### HAROLD F.G. FINCH

Funeral services for Mr. Finch, 43, of Romulus were held recently in Lambert-Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Robert Millar.

Mr. Finch, who died Dec. 12 in Ann Arbor, was a manufacturing designer. Survivors include: mother, Rosabelle Rowan of Phoenix, sister, Margaret Treat of Plymouth, brother, David of Phoenix.

### JOHN D. ROFFEY

Funeral services for Sgt. Roffey, 59, of Northville Township were held

recently in Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia, with burial at Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley.

Mr. Roffey, who died Dec. 13 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia, was born in Detroit and moved to Northville Township in 1977. He was a retired Detroit Police officer 1950-77, having worked as a homicide sergeant the last 10 years. He was working as a plant manager for Vispac Inc. of Livonia at the time of his death. He was a past master of Southfield Tabor Lodge 573 F. & A.M., member of Farmington Elks and Comins Eagles and served in the U.S. Navy during the late 1940s.

Survivors include: wife, Ruth Ann; daughter, Linda Cunningham of Canton; sisters, Beatrice Dailey of Curran, Mich., and Jeanne Audusky of Gatlinburg, Tenn.; and two grandchildren.

# Rock cagers lost just twice



The Rock fans turned out in force to cheer for the home team. Despite making 70 percent of

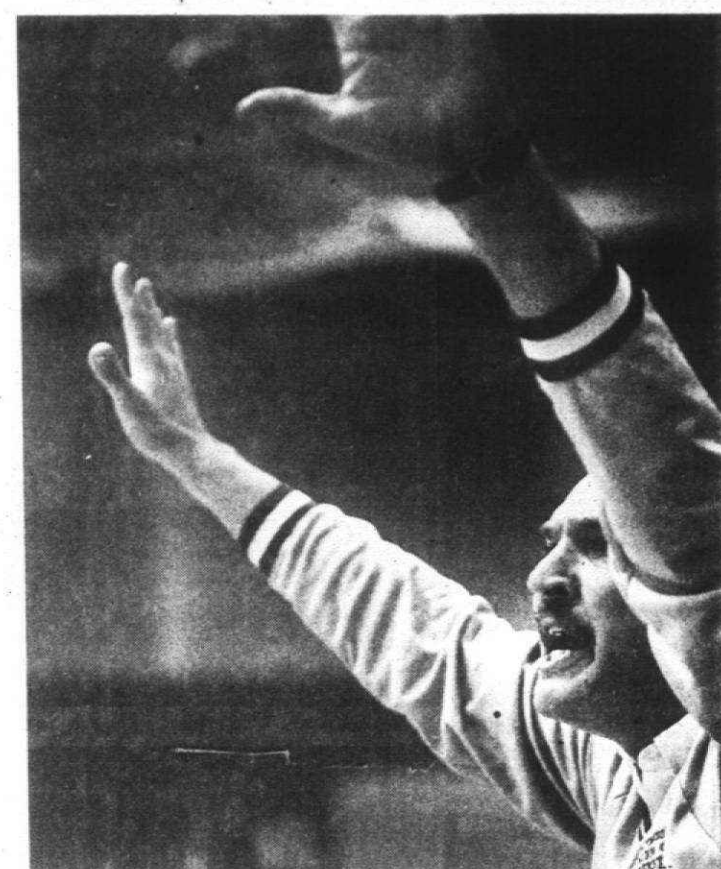
its shots, Salem lost to Martin Luther King 64-58.

THE SEASON ended Friday night for the Plymouth Salem High girls basketball squad but not without a valiant bid for the state title.

The loss came Friday night when the Rocks met the defending Class A state champions at Grand Valley State College. The Rocks finally were edged out by Detroit Martin Luther King High School after Salem star junior Dena Head fouled out with 1:05 left to play.

The Rocks ended their season with a 24-2 record which included a string of 23 consecutive wins. Leading producers in the game included: Head with 21 points and 9 rebounds; Kristen Hostynski with 14 points; Keri McBride with 13 points and 5 rebounds; and Jessica Handley, who also fouled out, 8 points and 5 assists.

Staff photos  
by Bill Bresler



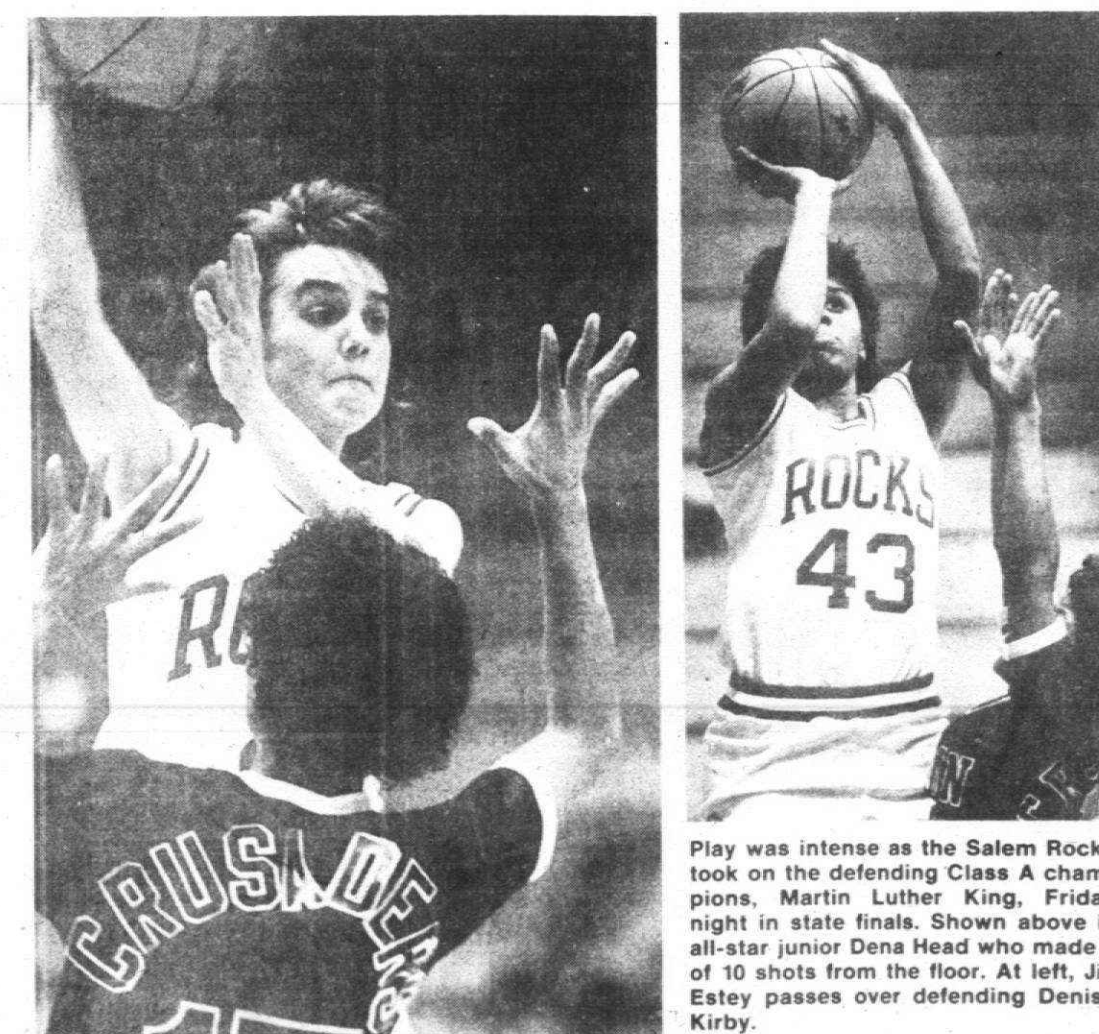
Head coach Fred Thomann shouts encouragement to his team during Friday's contest with Detroit Martin Luther King in the state finals at Grand Valley State College.



Kristin Hostynski is comforted by her father after Friday night's game.



Defeat is a lesson learned by all athletes. Shown here from left are Stacy Sovine, Kristen Hostynski, and Michele Cygan.

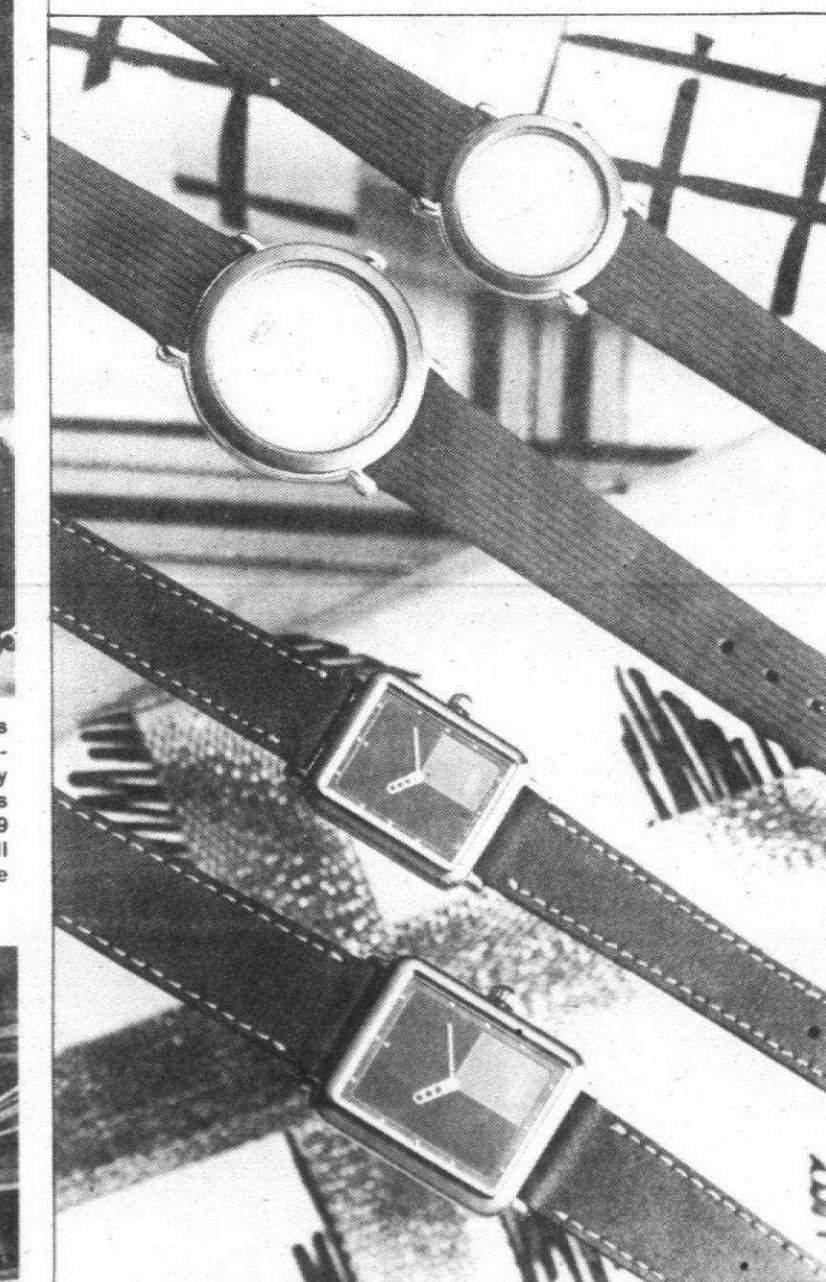


Play was intense as the Salem Rocks took on the defending Class A champions, Martin Luther King, Friday night in state finals. Shown above is all-star junior Dena Head who made 9 of 10 shots from the floor. At left, Jill Estey passes over defending Denise Kirby.



The Rocks warm up during pre-game workouts before starting what became the final game of their season.

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## Appliances, electronics top sellers for holidays

By Susan Buck  
staff writer

Plymouth and Canton merchants say holiday sales indicate that the Christmas spirit is alive and well in the community.

Retailers are optimistic that 1986 will feature increased consumer spending as money continues to loosen up.

"Sales have been good up to this point," said Robert Clark, who has been store manager of the K. Mart in Canton for three years. "Our inventories are well stocked. Sales are better this year; credit card use is up. I expect that we will continue to follow the trend that has been developing through the summer."

Clark said that buyers are going for traditional small appliances this year and are staying away from fad items. Food processors are popular items. In the electronics department, video cassette recorders and accessories are hits.

He added that consumers are not deterred from buying higher priced electronic talking toys/dolls like Teddy Ruxpin, which sells for more than \$50. Prestige colognes like Stetson and musk colognes are also popular this year, Clark added.

At Muriel's Doll House in Plymouth, shoppers have fallen in love with bears. "Everybody likes bears this year," said owner, Jacqueline Kneppen. The traditional Teddy bear is still in vogue, she said, with many Stuffed bears being sold for \$3 to \$250.

"We look for unique things, not fad items," Kneppen said.

There are no Teddy Ruxpin or Cabbage Patch dolls at Muriel's. But shoppers will find a wide selection of Madam Alexander dolls, which Kneppen bills as "the most popular doll in the entire world."

Kneppen looks forward to strong sales of LGB trains, clown dolls and pre-cut doll houses which range in price from \$120-\$600.

BUT PRACTICAL parents and children enthusiasts are interested in more than playthings for the kids at holiday time.

According to Karen Orlandi, a manager of the Richards Boys and Girls store on Ford Road in Canton, Knappen prints tops, stirrup pants, oversized clothes and clothes with lots of glitter, gold and silver are trendy items for girls this year. The store caters to boys and girls newborn to size 14.

"Last year, we sold a lot more basic traditional items like sweaters and plaid skirts. This year, shoppers are interested in anything casual. I do see a big change this year," she said.

No gift is complete without an accompanying card and the people at Sunnyside Hallmark shop in Canton are all awash with gift items that consumers cherish at Christmas.

A new item this year called Hot Pops or Room Scenters, depending on the manufacturer, are selling faster than they can be stocked, said

manager Char Kramer. The small pots feature a candle with potpourri that fills the room with nostalgic smells. "We sold 84 in one weekend," she said. "We've been very busy."

The store also has completely sold out of the \$24 Hallmark Village Express motion ornament, which features a miniature train that goes round and round the ornament when a miniature light is hooked inside. This is the second year for motion ornaments and they are selling well, she said.

Stuffed animals are also hits. Shoppers are enticed with a red-capped white bear that can be purchased for \$9.95 with a \$25 store purchase, said Kramer. The bear plays 18 different Christmas carols.

AT LITTLE Professor on the Park Bookstore in Plymouth, bookworms are heavily into books on China.

"Across China" by Peter Jenkins is a popular book section, according to owner Jackie Powers. "People are very interested in China right now. It's an up and coming country," she said. Another rapid seller is "China: The Beautiful Cookbook" (\$39.95) which contains maps and pictorials.

"People buy more bestsellers at Christmas and more expensive books than they would during the year," said Powers.

The bookstore's proximity to Mettetal Airport in Canton also draws a lot of private pilots to browse for aviation books, she said.

Books on Marilyn Monroe are popular, too. Classics illustrated by New York artist N.C. Wyeth are attracting parents. Books like "Rumpelstiltskin," "The Last of the Mohicans," "The Yearling," "Robinson Crusoe," which contain Wyeth illustrations, are being scooped up by parents.

## Lunches are hit

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tional lunch week and eat-right nutrition sticker booklets also have boosted participation, Hill said.

Salad bars are available at the high schools, Central and Lowell middle schools, and at all elementary schools except Field.

TRENDS can be gleaned from sales figures.

"Field goes in for casseroles more than other schools," Hill said. "At Allen, we really worked hard to get a lunch count up but a lot apparently go walk home."

Field and Tanger have the best participation.

Marriott orders food through Leone & Sons, Inc. of Livonia and also uses government surplus — flour, beef and fruit — provided directly to the school district.

The kitchen at Plymouth Salem High School is used to prepare meals for Salem and Iosbiter, Gallimore, Tanger and Farrand elementary schools. Work begins there at 6:30 a.m. every day.

The other schools prepare their own food.

Menus are scheduled in six-week cycles. Food is stored in freezers and a warehouse at Central Middle School.

There aren't many leftovers most

days, Hill said. Daily lunch counts are taken in advance "so we pretty well know how many are coming through the line."

THE BIGGEST complaint about the hot lunch program is the time it sometimes takes to get through the line, she said. "You want to come in and be fed just like that. It's always going to be a problem getting food to them as quick as possible."

By law, school food service contracts must periodically be posted for competitive bidding. Marriott's expires locally after this school year.

"The feeling is very positive about the current food company," said Richard Egli, administrative assistant for community relations.

"They've been innovative. They've been responsive."

Hot lunches, which include milk, cost \$1 for elementary students, \$1.35 for middle and high-school students. Teachers pay \$1.75, which doesn't include milk. Milk can be purchased separately for 25 cents.

The school board sets lunch prices. Free or reduced-price lunches are available to students from low or moderate income families. Eligibility is determined by family size and household income.

Just over 400 students take part in that program on a daily basis, a Marriott spokesman said.

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## Subdivision, transit bills: new life in '87

By Tim Richard  
staff writer

Same time, next year. That's what the Michigan Constitution tells lawmakers who fail to get a pet bill passed during a two-year session of the state Legislature.

For now, their bills are dead. They can be reintroduced in 1987. Two suburban lawmakers who saw major bills pass one house only to flounder in the other are likely to try again. They are Sen. Richard Fessler, R-West Bloomfield, author of a public transportation bill, and Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton, author of a massive revision of the Subdivision Control Act.

KOSTEVA, A FRESHMAN lawmaker, was township planning director before going to Lansing and had much technical expertise in land use.

Kosteva's House Bill 5152 was passed by the House in July after a year of committee work and long debate, but it bogged down in the Senate Local Government Committee chaired by Sen. Harmon Cropley, R-Decatur.

"A task force worked on it for three years," said Kosteva, citing efforts of the Michigan Association of Realtors, Michigan Association of Home Builders, an environmental group, registered land surveyors, county officers, Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Townships Association.

"The bill streamlined the process for a subdivision," he said. County drain, road and health officials must approve subdividing of land, as well as local officials.

BUT THE BILL was amended on the House floor, and two key groups turned against it.

The home builders were unhappy that it allowed communities to require dedication of park and open space, and the townships association was concerned about eliminating township review of access road standards.

Sen. Cropley was interested in seeing the coalition which had backed it re-formed," said Kosteva, who already is at work on that project.

Besides streamlining subdivision procedures, the new bill — to be known as the Land Divisions Act — will clarify requirements for specific improvements in a subdivision and protect consumers buying and selling unplatted acreage, he said.

FOR FESSLER, the issue is reorganization of the board of SEMTA, the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority.

His SB 363 was passed by the Senate but never got out of House committee. It would have eliminated the current 15-member SEMTA board and replaced it with the "Big Four" — the mayor of Detroit, the executives of Wayne and Oakland counties and the chairman of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners.

"The Big Four wanted the proposal but did not establish lines of com-

munication to the House," Fessler said after the Legislature adjourned. "Coleman has control of the Detroit (legislative) delegation," Fessler said, referring to Detroit Mayor Coleman Young. "He assumed the others had control of their delegations."

DURING THE last half of 1986, the Big Four didn't meet at all, according to Patrick Nowak, deputy Oakland County executive.

Two members of the Big Four will change in 1987. William Lucas vacated the post of Wayne County executive when he ran for governor and will be replaced by Livonia Mayor Edward H. McNamara, a former SEMTA chairman. Macomb commissioners will elect a new chairman.

Fessler and Nowak both predicted interest would pick up in reviving the SEMTA reorganization issue "once the dust settles," said Fessler.

The SEMTA board, acting only a month before the Legislature adjourned, asked opposed the Fessler bill. The Southeast Michigan Council

**Kosteva's bill to streamline subdivision procedures passed the House, but was amended to bother two key groups — the home builders and the Michigan Townships Association. It died in the Senate.**

of Governments supported it in legislative testimony.

FESSLER SAID his objectives in reorganizing SEMTA haven't changed.

"The board must be smaller to be more efficient." It's currently 15. The Big Four has wanted itself as the SEMTA board, but Fessler prefers to add the director of the Michigan Department of Transportation as a fifth member.

"The board must speak for transit — not for geographical areas. It must get away from petty and provincial politics," Fessler would prefer to elect regional transportation commissioners who would have no other duty than to think about public transportation.

"Mass transit" political shorthand for a subway — must be out. The SEMTA board should concentrate on providing bus transportation for the elderly, handicapped and poor. SEMTA need not necessarily own the rolling stock but could contract with private bus and cab companies for service.

There must be a solid method of local funding, said Fessler, repeating the age-old charge that metropolitan Detroit is the only large region in the country where public transportation has no assured source of local tax money.

## Seniors' rebates are flowing now

The Michigan Department of Treasury is mailing 1986 homestead property tax rebate checks to senior citizens who filed early.

"This is the first time in state history we have been able to send property tax rebate checks to seniors before they have to make their December property tax payment," State Treasurer Robert A. Bowman said. "Michigan's strong financial position and available cash resources allow us to get seniors their money early."

IN THE PAST, seniors and all other Michigan residents received their property tax rebate checks in the spring after filing their income tax returns.

Getting their checks early will help them have enough money to make their winter tax payments to local governments. Olivia Maynard, director of the Office of Services to the Aging, said, "Now, seniors don't have to draw on their savings to pay their tax bills."

Michigan's property tax rebate system returns some \$600 million to homeowners, the largest rebate system in the country.

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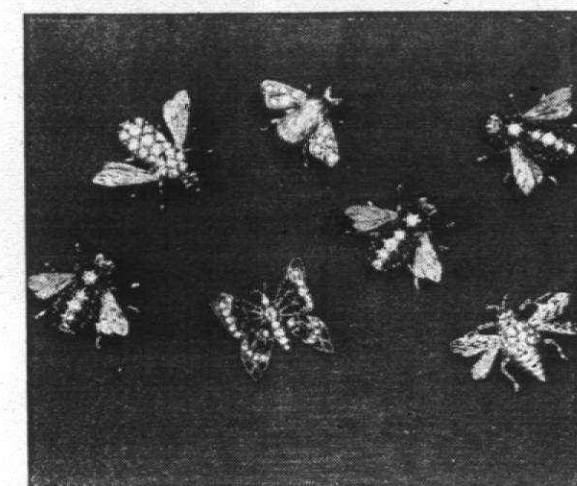
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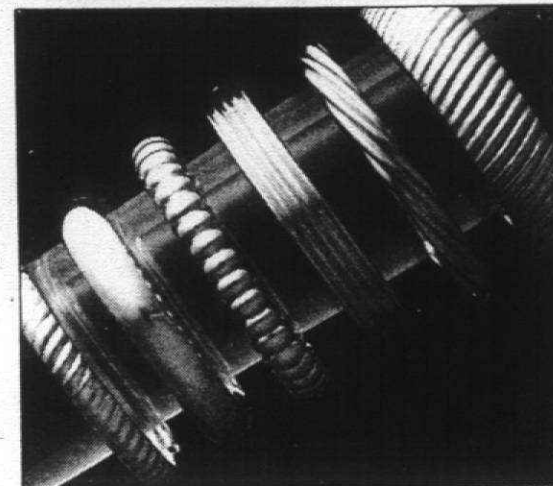
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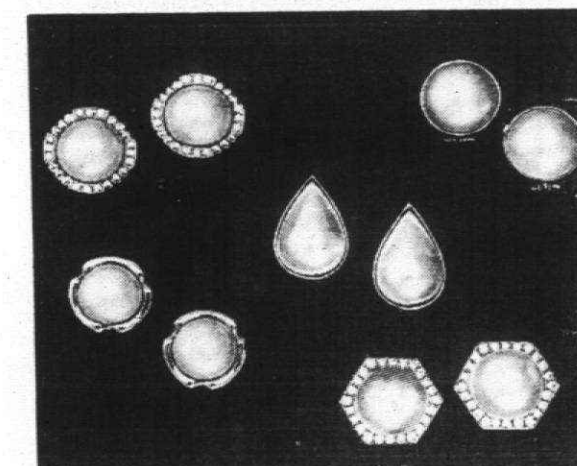
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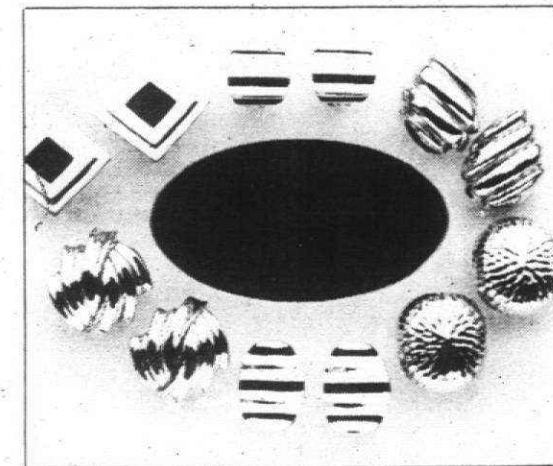
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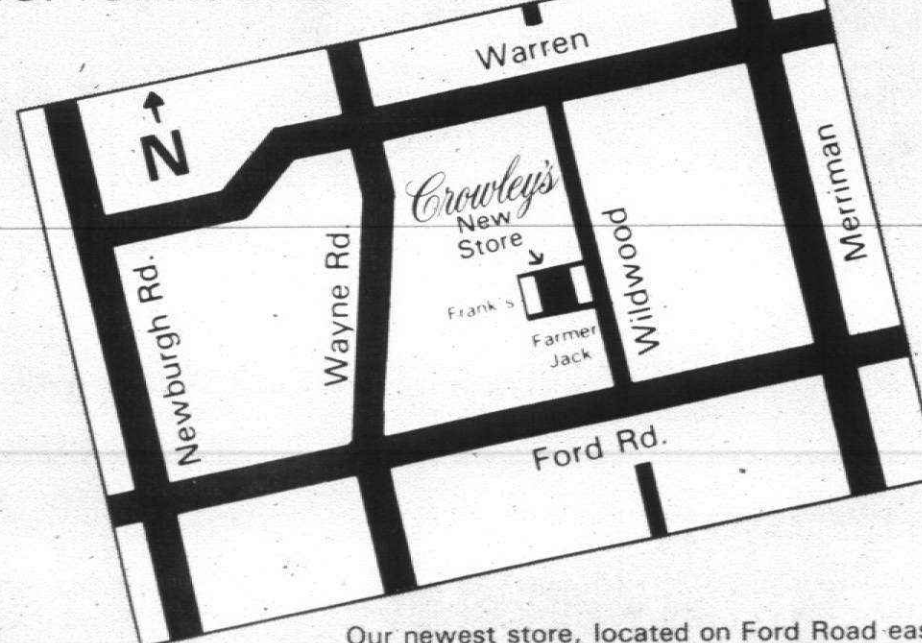
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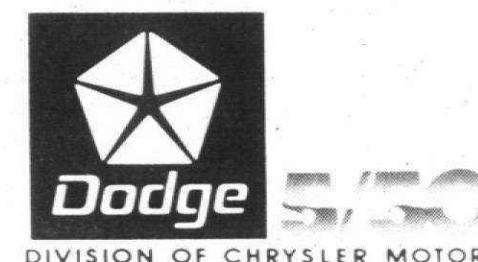
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# Lawmakers split on anti-abortion tactics

The standoff suspending \$87 million in payments for indigent health care ended last week when the state legislature and Gov. James Blanchard agreed to a compromise Medicaid budget.

Within hours, the delayed checks were in the mail. A special committee was formed to examine placing the issue before voters, and how to go about it. It could lead to Michigan voters being given the final say on whether their tax dollars should be used to pay for abortions. That would end a 15-year legislative battle.

**MISSING FROM** that panel will be Sen. R. Robert Geake, R-Northville. He heads the Senate appropriations subcommittee which handles the Medicaid budget and sponsored one resolution calling for an April 6 special election. That resolution passed the Senate but was lost in the House.

"It was my wish," Geake said. "I'm responsible for the whole Medicaid program. This panel is advisory."

A special committee comprised of five senators and five representatives will examine the referendum

question, including when a vote should be held, the wording of ballot language and what the referendum would cover.

Members will include the four caucus leaders: Sen. John Engler, R-Mount Pleasant, Sen. Art Miller, D-Warren, House Speaker Gary Owen, D-Ypsilanti, and GOP leader-elect Paul Hillegonds, R-Holland.

One suburban member of the panel will be Rep. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak.

The panel is balanced 5-5 between "pro life" and "pro choice" lawmakers.

It must issue a report by Feb. 15.

**THE PART** of the Medicaid budget covering welfare women's abortions has enough money to last until March 15. Then payments will again be suspended for doctors, hospitals, pharmacies and health maintenance organizations.

Wellborn said he and other anti-abortion lawmakers are split on referendum strategy.

Some think voters should only determine whether to continue paying for poor women's abortions

through Medicaid. Others believe a ballot question should address all taxpayer-funded abortions, including those available through government health plans, he said.

"I think we've got an iron-clad commitment to get a referendum on the ballot, and I'm happy about that," Engler told reporters. An Engler aide characterized the commitment as a "gentleman's agreement" between Engler and House Speaker Gary Owen.

But Owen, D-Ypsilanti, said he didn't guarantee there would be a referendum. "Most people assume a

ballot proposal is the only way to resolve this issue," he said.

**IN AN EMERGENCY** session, lawmakers approved a \$412.4 million Medicaid spending plan for the budget year that began Oct. 1.

The House vote was 71-21. The breakdown of 13 area lawmakers:

• Yes (7) — Democrats Justice Barnes of Westland, Maxine Berman of Southfield, William Keith of Canton, Republicans Lyn Bankes of Livonia, Gregory Gruse of Madison Heights and Judith Miller of Birmingham.



Orville Tungate, former county clerk official.

## County clerk names chief deputy

County Clerk James Killeen has appointed Bryan L. Amann, a Wayne attorney, to serve as his deputy clerk replacing Orville Tungate.

A long-time Plymouth Township resident who served many years as chairman of the 2nd District Congressional Democratic Party (Wayne County), Tungate has moved to Orlando, Fla. to take a job in the airline freight industry. Tungate had been deputy county clerk for four years. He also was in business for three

years and worked as deputy county clerk for five years before that.

Amann, 29, began working in the county clerk's office this week. The position pays \$53,000 a year. He will have direct management responsibility over the staff and operations.

Amann was county sheriff Robert Ficano's campaign manager during Ficano's unsuccessful bid to be elected county executive and is treasurer of the 15th District Congressional Democratic

Organization. He also worked for U.S. Rep. William D. Ford, D-Taylor, for a year and served as staff assistant to the Michigan UAW under Sam Fishman.

**KILLEEN SAID** he picked Amann because "I was in need of a lawyer. As in all things, you can hardly make a move today without needing legal advice. Here, almost every election is in jeopardy because of some court action."

Killeen said Amann should also be helpful in consulting over la-

bor negotiations and administering labor contracts.

Killeen said he also was persuaded by "a need to inject more young people in county government."

"We're top heavy with people my age (62). With the exception of Ficano, the treasurer, register of deeds, the prosecutor and (executive-elect Edward) McNamara are all in their late 50s and 60s."

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Bryan Amann, an attorney, takes over as deputy county clerk.

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## Monetary return for taxpayers?

THE PLYMOUTH-CANTON Board of Education, over the years, has had to plan for students who will be enrolling five, 10, 20 years in the future.

One challenge facing schools is that you must have room for students when they arrive to be educated; you cannot delay one or two years. Planning to make sure there are enough classrooms available for each year's student body is one of the major responsibilities of school administrators.

The challenge is sequential. First the district must own land upon which a school can be built, then it must decide how large a building will be located there, and what grades the school will contain. Of all the necessary steps, one of the more important ones is site selection.

When selecting a site, the school board and administrators must be able to project where growth will occur so schools can be close to neighborhoods and most students will be able to walk instead of being bused. There must be some notion about how old the students will be in certain years so it is known how many classes will be needed at specific grade levels.

AS MIGHT BE expected, projecting student growth is not an exact science. While student counts can be predicted with some accuracy over the next five years by tracking live births to kindergarten, it becomes very challenging to project enrollments 10 years out and beyond.

Thus, school sites may be purchased in one year anticipating a boom 10 years later. Ten or 15 years later, when growth patterns change, it may become obvious that a particular site is no longer needed.

When it becomes quite clear that a particular site never will be used for a school, then the district is faced with a decision on what to do with the unwanted vacant parcel. Generally, the wise decision is to sell so it can be placed on the tax rolls and provide a return on investment to the school district.

The school board made the decision a year or so ago to sell a 9.6-acre site on Barchester near Miller Elementary in Canton. A real estate agent lined up a developer who wanted to build homes and requested rezoning to residential. The land, a wooded area, also contained a soccer field and baseball diamond used by families living in homes nearby.

## Scoop: Governor has secret passion

I HAD THE goods on him. When I confronted the governor with the hard evidence, Jim Blanchard fessed up.

"If I were to have another career — you know, like being a sportscaster or something — I'd like to teach history," he admitted.

The mystery is unraveled. Gov. Blanchard, with college degrees in law and business administration, is a fan of Michigan and U.S. history.

MY HYPOTHESIS was proven during a holiday party visit to the executive mansion. Blanchard hadn't yet appeared. I told one of his PR people of my mad desire to see his book collection.

"Sure," he said, pointing the way to his study.

The centerpiece, of course, is Willis F. Dunbar's "Michigan: A History of the Wolverine State," a volume that not only chronicles events but has delightful essays on culture, trade, labor, social movements.

There are also a five-volume Bicentennial History of the U.S., books on Mackinac Island and Grand Rapids, the Atlas of Michigan, some economic history and a number of volumes on earth history.

A worthy collection — and this wasn't even his own Pleasant Ridge house.

HIS CONFESSION, extracted without torture or benefit of counsel, was more illuminating.

"I read Dunbar in college," he said. He also enjoys Bruce Catton, the Civil War scholar from Benzie County. His earlier reading was mainly American

As long as the site was vacant, neighbors were allowed to use it for recreation purposes. (Other vacant school sites also are used for parks; some are leased to farmers to raise corn.)

IN ANY EVENT, residents opposed rezoning of the Barchester site and eventually the Canton Board of Trustees denied rezoning.

We can understand the desire of residents to continue using the site as a neighborhood park. But we must remember that the site was acquired for future use as a school, not for future use as a park. We also must remember that the school district is in the education business, not recreation. Parks and recreation is a function of municipal government, i.e. Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Therefore, the school is quite correct in wanting to unload the parcel. Another compelling reason justifying the decision is that the 9.6-acre parcel was paid for by residents of the city of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Salem and Superior townships as well as Canton taxpayers. To expect all residents in the school district to provide parkland to one or two subdivisions is irrational once the decision is made that a school will never be needed there.

If the site truly has value as a park, then the homeowners association involved should consider making an offer to purchase to the school board. The remaining issue is whether selling the land for recreational use would generate a price that would offer a fair return to all taxpayers. As a guardian of land use, the Canton Board of Trustees also has an interest in the site being used for its maximum potential.

Having paid for the site initially, all taxpayers have a right to a reasonable return on that investment. The issue now is whether a reasonable return is to sell for park use or other use. The issue is not, though, whether the site ought to be sold.

If the Board of Trustees made a rational decision in denying residential use, maybe the next best use is recreation. As parties in the rezoning denial process, maybe the planning commission and township trustees could come up with a suggested best use of the site with the interests of all taxpayers in mind. Such a suggestion would be helpful to the school board, which now has a decision to make.

## Combatting a season of fear

OBSERVATIONS during a Christmas shopping foray:

A young woman stands by the shopping center door nervously waiting for a friend.

"I just can't bring myself to walk to the car myself. I'm just too afraid," she tells a nearby sales clerk. "Last night these guys followed me all the way to my car."

It is 5:30 p.m. A long day of shopping is at an end. The search for gifts has been supplanted by a journalist's fascination with an overwhelming public concern — crime and personal safety.

A faulty security alarm keeps tripping as shoppers leave a department store. Shoppers fidget with packages waiting to be checked by a polite but embarrassed security guard.

GROUPS OF youths crowd mall corridors as leary shoppers give them a wide berth, wondering whether the young people are just groups of teens or gangs in search of victims. Security guards walk and ride through parking lots.

Merchandise that used to be openly displayed is now tagged with security devices or locked securely into cases.

It's tragic, you know, this state of restrained anarchy and violence in which we live.



## Presents for the politicians

TIME IS running out but there is still ample opportunity to buy a few Christmas presents for our government leaders who have served us so well during the year.

If you need any suggestions, consider the following:

• For Wayne County Executive William Lucas, a copy of the "Newcomer's Guide to Washington, D.C." Lucas will be out of a job Dec. 31, and chances are that he will be moving to Washington to accept some kind of position in the Reagan administration.

When the GOP leaders such as George Bush and President Reagan wooed him to run for governor of Michigan as a Republican, there had to be a tacit or implied understanding that if his candidacy failed, Lucas would still be able to serve the GOP in a national role.

The GOP leaders seem to be dragging their feet on this one, however, and Lucas said no specific job has been discussed. Wonder if the fact that Lucas did not, as some Republican leaders expected, convince a good percentage of Michigan's blacks to vote Republican in the November election has anything to do with the lack of speed?

• For Gov. James Blanchard, a year's membership in a Lansing Vic Tanny Club. Blanchard's being taken to a hospital while visiting Washington might indicate that the boy-guy isn't as young or healthy as he looks. Either that or he grew faint from being too high in the sky following his landslide victory over Lucas in November. Either way, Blanchard could use some conditioning.

• For businessman and sometime political candidate Richard Chrysler, a copy of the book, "If at First You Don't Succeed in Winning a Political Office, Try Again," by Harold Stassen with an introduction by Brooks Patterson.

Chrysler, who took a financial and political bath when he ran against Lucas in the GOP gubernatorial race, now says he is thinking about running in 1988 against U.S. Sen. Don Riegle, D-Michigan. Chrysler thinks the things that made him headline news — his alleged involvement in a scheme to have his employees subsidized by state unemployment funds — won't be a factor in the next race.

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• For Wayne County Executive-elect Edward H. McNamara, a copy of the book "How to Negotiate for Anything." McNamara's biggest problem as the county's second chief executive officer will be to try to get the state of Michigan to pick up a bigger share of the cost of treating indigent hospital patients in Wayne County.

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## In any language, 'tis time for Christmas

THIS COLUMN actually had its origin 18 years ago when I was editor of the Plymouth Mail & Observer and to my desk came a release from World Book Encyclopedia's news service offering nine translations of the English language phrase "Merry Christmas." It's in front of me now.

So, too, is the handwritten note that came from a delightful fellow employee of those days named Mary Dowdewit with a 10th translation (Hungarian) after I had used the World Book information as the basis for what I hoped was a happy holiday greeting to our community.

Mary still is part of this company's clan and is one of the few of us who hasn't aged. For whatever reason, I have added to those first two sheets of paper as the years have dwindled down to their precious few and now can spell "Merry Christmas" in at least 30



through bifocals  
Fred Delano

tongues, plus "Happy New Year" in most. So, bless ye, lads and lassies, and greetings of the season to you all. Call it Happy Hanukkah if it fits, and I'm only sorry I can't recite the Arabic words for the love and peace we need so much on this planet.

Somewhere among this readership is a grandmother, or a teacher, or maybe even a youngster who is going to clip this column just to save the following for possible use. The other major source was the Wayne-Oakland Library Fed-

eration and what every one of these paragraphs says is Merry Christmas, Happy New Year to you and yours.

Albania: Gezuar k rishlindjen Gezuar Motin e-Ri.  
Austria: Froeliche Weihnachten und ein glueckliches Neues Jahr.  
Brazil: Boas Festas do Natal e Feliz Ano Novo.

Bulgaria: Vessela keleda i tchestita nova Godina.  
China: Kung Hei Shing Taan.  
Czechoslovakia: Vesele vance a stastny Novy rok/Prejeme Vam vesele Vanoce a Stastny novy rok.  
Danish: De bedste Onsker om en Glaedelig Jul og et godt.

Dutch (Netherlands): Prettig Kerstdagen en Gluekkig Nieuwjaar.  
Ethiopia: Melkam Ledetna Yedesta Amet Yihounlachouh.  
Finnish: Houkkaa Joulua ja Onnellista Uutta Vuotta (social); Hyv Joulua ja

Menesty Kselliista Uutta Vuotta (business).  
French: Joyeux Noel et Bonne Anne.  
German: Froeliche Weihnachten und ein glueckliches Neujahr.  
Greek: Ethomenos kala Hristonghena ke Eftihes Neon Etos.  
Hawaii: Mele Kalikimaka Hauoli Mahiki Hou.

Hungarian: Szeretetteljes Karacsonyi Unpeket es Szerencses/Kellems karacsonyt es boldog ujevet/or, a la Dowedit, "Boldog Karacsonyt."  
Irish Republic: Nodlaig Go Sona Duit Agus Bliaidan Nua Gan Snail Agat.  
Italian: Buon Natale e Felice Capo d'Anno/Buon Natale e buon Anno.

Japanese: Tenoshii Christmas to Shin Nen wo oiwai mooshimasu.  
Latvian: Priecigus Ziemsvetkus un laimigu jauno gadu.  
Lithuanian: Linksmu Kaledu svenčiu ir laimingu Naujuju Metu.

Norwegian: Gledelig jul, Godt Nytt-taar/Guds rike velsignelse over eders julefest.  
Polish: Wesołych Świąt Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku/Wesołych Świąt i pomyślnego Nowego Roku.  
Portuguese: Boas Festas do Natal e Flix Ano Nova/Feliz Natal e Boas Festas.

Rumanian: Sarbatorii Pericite, Si La Muiri Ani Craciun, si an nou fericit.  
Russian: S Rejdvestem Christovim i Novim Godem/Veselyja Svjatki i scaslivijs Novy j Hod.  
Slovak: Vesele Vianoce a stastivy Novy Rok.  
Slovenian: Sretan Bo i Vesela Nova Godina.

Spanish: Feliz Navidad y Ano Nuevo.  
Swedish: God Jul ock Gott Nytt Ar.  
In any language, 'tis time to raise a glass and wish good cheer, Happy Holidays, peace and good health for all.

## Life throws former S'craft chief lucky curve

WHEN C. NELSON Grote disappeared over the Rockies in 1981 to become president of the Community College of Spokane, he was 54 years old, as a park. We also must remember that the school district is in the education business, not recreation. Parks and recreation is a function of municipal government, i.e. Canton Township Board of Trustees.

At the twin campus of Spokane, Grote was voted "CEO of the year" by the American Community Colleges Trustees group — in a region covering Hawaii, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada and Arizona. His grown daughters and the grandchildren were nicely settled in Seattle, and son Mark is a senior at the University of Washington.

That looked like the top of the heap.

THEN THE ONE opening this side of the Divide that interested Grote opened up: president of Morehead State University, "the college of the mountains" in eastern Kentucky.

That was like going home — like a magnet, Grote said in a phone conversation. On the first of July, he will become president of Morehead.

Morehead, with 6,000 students, is a comprehensive regional university, something like Eastern Michigan. It was started 99 years ago as a Christian "normal" school, as teachers colleges used to be called.

Nelson and Wilma Grote's roots are in southern Illinois, but the area 60



Tim Richard

miles east of the I-75 freeway at Lexington is "like going back home."

AT SPOKANE, Grote heads a 19,000 student system with three units: Spokane Community College, Spokane Falls Community College and the Institute for Extended Learning. His experience at heading a multi-town institution at Schoolcraft was an important factor in winning the Spokane bid.

The "CEO of 1986" award was based on an elaborate set of criteria, he said. One factor was a cooperative effort with private Gonzaga University and 24 business firms to set up SPOCAD — the Spokane Computer Aided Design program. "The focus was a sophisticated technology center for Gonzaga's engineering students and community college students," he said.

State support of community colleges, however, has been a disappointment, dipping from 21 percent of the Washington state budget in 1979 to 15 percent currently. "We've had difficult economic times, but we've bottomed out," Grote said.

(Another former Washingtonian, James Davis, president of Oakland Community College's Southfield and Royal Oak campuses, is blunter. State government in Michigan sees communi-

ty colleges as a tool of economic redevelopment; Washington officials see it as part of the problem, Davis said.)

THE GROTES have traveled — lots. "All of Washington is interested in the Pacific rim. Wilma and I went to Japan for eight days and then to China for seven."

"The college test marketed export workshops (for businesses seeking to export to the Orient). It was hugely successful."

"We set up an acculturation program, 'So You Want to Do Business in Japan.' It was hugely successful."

"We offered the Japanese language. It's particularly useful for electronics technicians. It was hugely successful."

"This fall I hired a Japanese-born young man as my special assistant for Japanese relations — he's interpreter, he hosts visiting dignitaries, he writes materials in the Japanese language."

"We were visited by four officials from the Jilin Province of Manchuria. Wilma and I hosted them at our house. The agreement was signed in my home," he said.

The agreement covers some trade, technology transfers, a "sister city" agreement, faculty exchanges, the groundwork for sports and performing arts exchanges.

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# Local congressmen view 'arms scam' probe

By Teri Banas  
staff writer

U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, is opposed to granting immunity to two top presidential advisers believed to know the most about the diversion of money from Iranian arms sale to the Nicaraguan contras.

Although not opposed to the idea "at some point in time," Democratic legislators William D. Ford and Sander Levin believe it's premature to offer immunity at this time.

Lt. Col. Oliver North and Vice Adm. John Poindexter each refused to answer questions last week based on their Fifth Amendment Constitutional right not to incriminate themselves. They appeared in an open hearing before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee.

"I don't know why they need immunity," said U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, whose district includes Livonia. "If they've broken the law, they should be prosecuted."

U.S. Rep. William D. Ford, D-Taylor, said: "It's premature. The appropriate committees investigating this will consider when, if necessary, to offer immunity." Ford's district includes Garden City, Westland, Canton Township and part of Livonia.

U.S. Rep. Sander Levin, D-Southfield, whose district includes Redford, said: "It's probably too early to decide whether immunity should be granted."

Levin said he's not opposed to granting the two immunity, however, it should be done by the special prosecutor. Levin said he hopes that White House chief of staff Donald Regan's appearance Tuesday before the House committee will answer a lot of questions about who knew what and when. Regan agreed to testify after President Reagan waived executive privilege to permit him to appear.

**SOME LAWMAKERS** believe that unless immunity is granted the country will never know the details of what happened. Among those in favor of granting immunity is U.S. Rep. William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, ranking Republican on the House foreign affairs committee. Broomfield has stated that national concerns are more important than any crimes North or Poindexter may have committed.

Who's responsible? What could be the political fallout? And how will U.S. foreign policy be regarded and affected by the recent controversy?

While Republican Pursell, a party supporter of Reagan's, was convinced the level of blame stops at Donald Regan, the Democratic representatives from this area argued that the blame shouldn't stop with the president's chief of staff.

"I've never felt comfortable with Don Regan as chief of staff," said Pursell from his Washington, D.C., office last week. "He was from Wall Street, and I don't think he understands the communication process like James Baker (Reagan's original officer in that post) did."

## Circuit bench replacement announced

Gov. James J. Blanchard's press secretary, Richard Cole, will take over as chief of staff and chief of staff Phillip Jourdan will become a Wayne County Circuit judge, when Blanchard begins his second term next month.

Blanchard announced the shuffling of top administration aides Dec. 10. Jourdan, who served as a key member of the governor-elect's transition team in 1982, will fill the judicial post vacated by Judge Patrick Duggan. Duggan, a Livonia resident, was appointed to the U.S. District Court.

Cole, who has been credited by most observers with polishing the governor's public image since taking over as press secretary in 1983, will assume the highest ranking staff position in Blanchard's second term, when the changes become official Jan. 6.

Jourdan spent seven years as staff director for former Congressman William Brodhead, D-Detroit, before setting up Blanchard's financial crisis council in late 1982 to determine the depth of the state's fiscal problems.

"Phil Jourdan is a man of great integrity and ability," Blanchard said. "He has been a vital part of my administration . . . and has demonstrated his ability, intelligence and diligence in every duty he has performed."

Jourdan earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit and a law degree from the Detroit College of Law. He has previously served as press secretary to Detroit Mayor Roman Gribbs and deputy director of the Detroit Recreation Department.

Cole, who was deputy director of the Commerce Department before assuming his current post, was chairman and co-founder of Publiccom Inc., a Lansing-based public relations firm. He has a doctorate in administration from Michigan State.

"If I were the chief of staff and didn't know then I'd shake up my staff, but if I did know, then (he) should resign."

Pursell said even congressional members have had difficulty in reaching Regan, and Pursell himself has only once received "a return phone call from him, and I had to threaten him. . . n. Yes, I think he should be out but for reasons other than Iran."

**PURSELL SAID** he recognized that Ronald Reagan's foreign policy is now in a state of "disarray" as aides "go in different directions" to publicly comment. He added, though, "that's inherent in all presidential administrations."

"My personal observation is that the National Security Council made judgmental mistakes, possibly violated the law, but got a little arrogant and went off on their own."

Ford said the "responsibility lies with the president; he's got to take the good and the bad when his people mess up."

Ford said he found it hard to be-



Rep. Ford

Rep. Pursell

Rep. Levin

lieve that North could remove large volumes of weapons from U.S. arsenals and ship them to a foreign country without high-level approvals. "Yet, the White House is trying to deceive us into believing they (the NSC) did it on their own. You can't even check out an \$800 claw hammer that easily."

"These guys are cowboys. They've broken every rule and law on the

books and the president tries to call one (North) an American hero."

Ford called on the president to "fess up that these guys talked him into the plan."

The congressman, who recently returned from a two-week tour of Italy, Greece and the United Kingdom, said American credibility has been blown, facing a lambasting in the European press. And Reagan policy

allies like Britain's Margaret Thatcher are getting a thrashing for their support.

And in Washington, he said: "They (the Reagan Administration) haven't got a friend in town. Under the law, they should have advised the foreign affairs committees in the House and Senate. They didn't even inform the Senate chairman who's a Republican."

Equally disturbing, he said, is what he described as a perceived "\$2 million bounty" on the heads of American government workers, travelers and business people overseas because of the action to trade arms for the release of American hostages. He said it now places a greater risk on their safety.

**FORD'S OWN** trip there last month was carefully guarded on the advice of the State Department. Because of it, he made no public disclosure here of his plans to travel to Europe beforehand. His trip was arranged as a multipurpose information-gathering mission to learn about foreign pension system

plans in Britain and visit with students of American-run schools in Greece. "These people are right in the middle of all this; they all swarmed around me to ask what's going on."

Congressman Levin called Reagan's foreign policy "out of control. One hand didn't know what the other hand was doing. That's a recipe for disaster."

He said the president, "who clearly was aware of the sale of arms, the question is when," will now need to reassess his foreign policy, predicting that "at some point, there will be a major shake-up."

"It's pretty clear that they didn't have a hand on the till, that at some times six or seven mates were guiding the ship," Levin said.

He said that illegalities of arms shipments, violating Congress' expressed direction not to supply covert aid to the contras, will be sorted out when Congressional hearings begin in January.

Staff writer Susan Rosiek contributed to this story.

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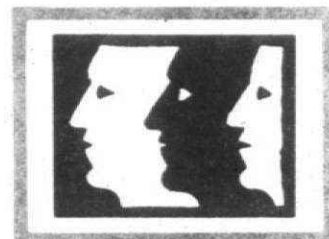
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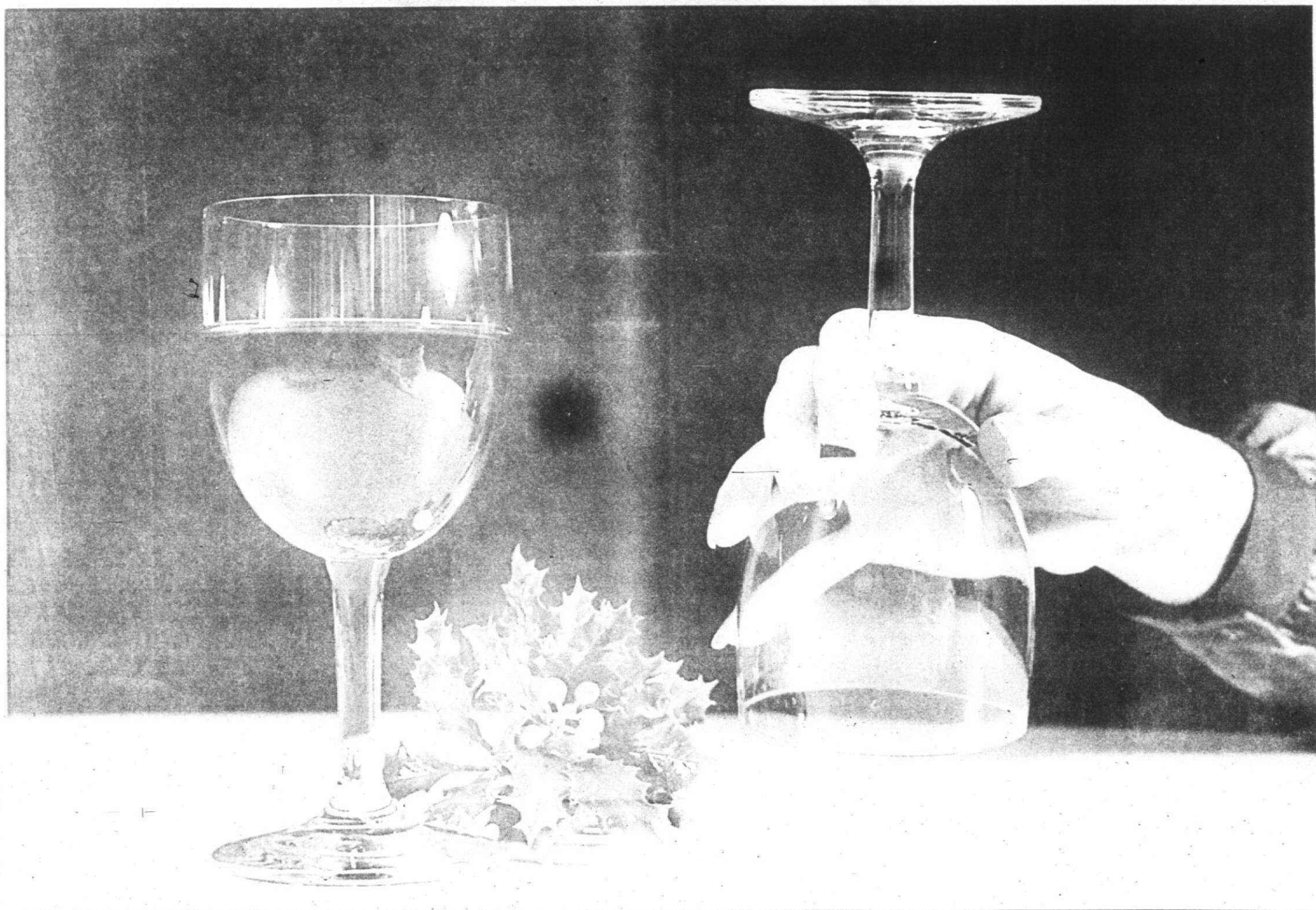
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Thoughtful hosts and hostesses of holiday parties keep the needs of non-drinkers in mind.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

# Celebrating the sensible way

By Julie Brown  
staff writer

**T**HE HOLIDAY season can be a difficult time for recovering alcoholics.

Friends and family members may expect the recovering alcoholic to be able to enjoy "just one drink" at holiday gatherings.

And they don't realize how much they're hurting the person," said Judith Darlington, substance abuse specialist social worker at Plymouth Family Service.

There's no other holiday associated with consumption of alcohol the way the Christmas-New Year period is, said David Breeden, director and social worker at Plymouth Family Service.

The length of the holiday season can also make it a difficult time of

year for recovering alcoholics.

"It's a long one, it's not just one day," Breeden said. The time off from work that many people have during the holidays also means they're more likely to drink excessively.

**THE FIRST** season in which a recovering alcoholic is trying to maintain sobriety is a particularly difficult one, according to Darlington.

It's helpful for recovering alcoholics to spend time with others who are also learning to adjust to a holiday season without alcohol, she said.

The Alano Club at 33344 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland (421-9790) will be open throughout the holiday season. The club is a good gathering place for recovering alcoholics and members of their families,

Darlington said.

"It's a place to be when you need some extra support."

Recovering alcoholics may find it helpful to leave potentially stressful family gatherings for a while to go to the Alano Club, she said. The support of other recovering alcoholics who have made it through earlier holiday seasons is helpful.

Attending more Alcoholics Anonymous meetings during the holidays is also a good idea, she said. Recovering alcoholics should plan ahead for the holiday season, thinking of how they'll handle stressful situations in a way that's effective and not offensive to others.

Recovering alcoholics and their families should understand that it's OK to break old traditions and to establish new ones.

"You have a choice," Breeden

said. "You can change your traditions."

**WHETHER IT'S** watching television shows, attending a late-night church service or taking a walk in the woods, new holiday traditions — without a trace of alcohol — can be established.

"Spend time that is pleasurable that doesn't involve alcohol in any way," Darlington said. "Your replacement can be even more pleasurable things because you don't have the pain at the end of it."

Recovering alcoholics and people in general also need to manage their stress level during the holidays. It's important not to have unrealistic expectations about the season.

"Not every house is going to be Norman Rockwell perfect," Darlington said.

Overdoing it in one area, such as drinking, can set up a tendency to overdo it in other ways, she said. Overspending and the worries that it creates can also be a source of holiday stress.

"Things can get out of control in a hurry."

Sharing the season's workload and taking time out for fun activities are essential.

"Just something that can kind of undo that stress," Darlington said. "You allow yourself time to relax and have fun."

Those who are hosting holiday gatherings also have an important role to play in seeing that the holidays are happy ones. Thoughtful hosts and hostesses plan ahead to make sure their parties won't end in tragedy.

ONE-THIRD of the population

doesn't drink alcohol, Breeden said. Some people have health conditions or take medications which prohibit them from drinking. The needs of non-drinkers should be kept in mind by thoughtful hosts and hostesses.

Serving a tasty non-alcoholic punch is a good idea. Coffee, tea and soft drinks can also be provided for guests who don't drink.

Non-alcoholic beverages should be presented so that they're as accessible and attractive as alcoholic drinks.

"That is really being very gracious to your guests," Darlington said.

Other tips for holiday hosts and hostesses include:

- Serving plenty of food with drinks. High-carbohydrate foods are particularly good for slowing

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# Drinks get no kick from champagne

Non-alcoholic drinks don't have to be dull.

AAA Michigan's "The Great Pretenders Party Guide" is a good source of recipes for tasty non-alcoholic drinks. The booklet also includes recipes for appetizers and helpful tips for holiday hosts and hostesses.

Recipes in the booklet are based on AAA Michigan's statewide contest in which participants created tasty non-alcoholic drinks. The "Great Pretenders" competition is part of AAA Michigan's "First a Friend, Then a Host" program.

Copies of "The Great Pretenders Party Guide" are available at all AAA Michigan offices statewide. Those who would like a copy may

also request one by calling 336-1500.

"We'll mail it out to them," said Nancy Cain, AAA Michigan spokeswoman. There's no charge for the booklet.

This is the seventh year for the AAA Michigan program, Cain said. "Every year it gets bigger and more popular." The holiday booklets are popular with Michigan residents, she said.

"I think people are more aware."

**CONCERN ABOUT** alcohol abuse, its harmful effects on health and liability concerns are on the increase, she said.

The holiday season is one traditionally associated with heavy al-

cohol consumption. The "First a Friend, Then a Host" program is designed to keep the holiday season from being one full of too much drinking — and the tragedy it can create.

"We're trying to cut that down," Cain said of the traffic safety program's purpose.

The "Golden Stirrer" winner of this year's "Great Pretenders" competition was a Fuzzy Noel drink, created by Charles Pantely and Brian Kritzman, amateur bartenders from Detroit. The drink was judged the best among 141 statewide entries.

**Fuzzy Noel**  
¾ cup peach sorbet  
¾ cup orange juice

**1 cup sparkling water**  
¾ tsp. almond extract

Blend sorbet, orange juice and almond extract until smooth. Stir in sparkling water. Pour over crushed ice in a tall frosted glass and serve.

Cathy Fsadni of TGI Friday's in Southfield and James E. Williams of The Money Tree in Detroit tied for second place in the competition. Here is Fsadni's recipe:

**Blue Ribbon Winner**  
2 oz. blueberries with juice  
1 pineapple ring  
1 tsp. cream of coconut  
¼ oz. grenadine  
¼ oz. pineapple juice  
1½ cups crushed ice

Blend ingredients at medium speed. Makes one 12-ounce serving. Garnish with pineapple slice and coconut flakes.

Here is the award-winning recipe from The Money Tree's Williams:

**Golden Friendship**  
8 oz. cranberry juice  
1 pint fresh blueberries  
1 pint fresh strawberries (pureed together)  
½ pint cream of coconut  
½ pint crushed pineapple  
10 oz. orange juice (pureed together)

To parfait: Place ½ of blueberry mixture on bottom. Top with thin slices of pineapple. Fill rest of

glass with orange juice. Garnish with fresh fruit. (Makes ½ gallon.) Kimberly Thomas of the Machus Red Fox in Bloomfield Township was the fourth place winner with this recipe:

**Too-Fee Coffee a la Mode**  
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
¼ cup softened butter  
¼ tsp. cinnamon  
¼ tsp. nutmeg  
¼ tsp. ground cloves  
¼ tsp. vanilla

Blend ingredients. Add 1 rounded teaspoon to cup of coffee or tea. Let cool; add four scoops of French vanilla ice cream.

Blend. Pour into large wine glass. Top with toffee candy or slivered almonds.



## Club offers scholarships

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will honor some of the Plymouth-Canton community's outstanding high school seniors at the club's Invitational Scholarship Ball.

The annual project is supported by the Mayflower Hotel and by the Observer Newspapers of Plymouth and Canton.

Eligible students are high school seniors with a minimum 3.25 overall grade point average. There is no fee for applying.

The Woman's Club will invite a selected number from among the applicants to be the club's guests at the benefit event, scheduled for 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth. Each student's escort will also attend the Invitational Scholarship Ball as a guest of the club.

From among those honored that evening, some will receive scholarships from the Woman's Club of Plymouth. Last year, the club awarded five \$500 scholarships, four \$250 scholarships and four \$100 mer-

it awards. The division of funds is different each year.

The club raises money for the project through its benefit programs during the year, including funds raised through community support of the Invitational Scholarship Ball.

**INDIVIDUALS AND** professional groups combine as sponsors in the souvenir program or attend the March 14 event to assist in the club's efforts.

Parents, grandparents and friends of the honored applicants are encouraged to attend the March 14 event.

If attending the March 14 event would present a financial hardship for the parents of honored applicants, the co-chairwomen, Carole Hackett and K.C. Mueller, should also be contacted at 455-0074 or 455-0075 if there is difficulty in finding the proper attire for the evening.

Applicants will be judged on the basis of academic achievement, service to school, religious and community service, letters of recommendation submitted with the application and the neatness of the application form.

Deadline for returning applications is Feb. 6. Applications should be returned to the Woman's Club of Plymouth, P.O. Box 670, Plymouth 48170.

Letters of recommendation should be written by two adults who are not related to the applicant.

Application forms are available at the office of the Observer Newspapers of Plymouth and Canton, 499 S. Main St., Plymouth, during business hours Monday through Friday.

**APPLICATION FORMS** are also available at the guidance offices of Plymouth-Canton High School, Plymouth Salem High School, Plymouth Christian Academy and Catholic Central High School.

The Woman's Club of Plymouth

first held the scholarship event in 1983, marking the 90th anniversary of the local club.

The scholarship competition is open to high school seniors whose parents live or have a business in the Plymouth-Canton community. Both public school and private school students are eligible.

"Financial need is not a requirement," said Mueller.

Although Woman's Club members work hard to organize the event, community support is also essential to its success, she said.

"It is the community's project."

Last year the club invited 31 outstanding high school seniors to the Invitational Scholarship Ball and awarded a total of \$3,900 in scholarship funds.

"We've had more and more applications each and every year," Hackett said.

Additional information is available from Hackett or Mueller at 455-0074 or 455-0075.

## engagements

### Gotberg-Etienne

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gotberg of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Marcia Lynn, to Michael Clinton Etienne, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Clinton Etienne of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Harrison High School and University of Michigan. She is employed as business manager for WDIV-Channel 4, in Detroit. Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and University of Michigan.

A February wedding is planned.



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## clubs in action

### 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, 2938 S. Latta 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.

### YULE PARTY

The Canton Newcomers' Moms and Tots and Morning Play Group will hold a Christmas party 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Dec. 19, at the Faith Community Church, 46001 Warren Road, Canton. Price is \$2. Santa Claus will be at the party to hand out gifts brought by children to the mothers. For reservations, call Kendra, 981-0331.

### 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, 3117 Plymouth Road, just east of Merriam 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.

### YULE DANCE

Phoenix I will host a Christmas dance 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at Roma's of Garden City, 32460 Cherry Hill Road at Venoy. Music will be by Chico. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Price is \$4. For additional information, call Ruth or Jill, 471-1248.

### 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. Price for candles is \$2.50 for a set of 10 candles with white bags. Individual candles and bags are 25 cents each. Candles and bags for the Christmas Eve display may be purchased 3-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18,

and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at 12008 Tall Tree Drive in Plymouth Township. For additional information or directions, call Mary O'Connell, 459-1999.

### HOLIDAY DANCE

Westside Singles will hold a Christmas dance 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Dec. 26, at Roma's of Livonia, on Schoolcraft Road west of Inkster Road. The dance is for those age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn. Music will be by Eddie Rogers of WOMC-FM. For additional information, call the hotline, 562-3160.

### NEWCOMERS MEET

The Plymouth Newcomers will meet Thursday, Jan. 8, at Charley's of Northville. Hospitality hour will be at 11:30 a.m. lunch at noon. The program on "Keeping Humor in Your Marriage" will be presented by Barbara Schumard, a clinical social worker. Deadline for reservations is noon Monday, Jan. 5. Price is \$9.50. For reservations, call 459-8858 or 453-0745.

### WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 W. Church St., Plymouth. Guests may attend the monthly meeting.

The program, "Kids on the Block," will feature life-size child-like puppets.

### 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.

### WIDOWED

WISER (Widowed in Service) will meet 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, in Room B-200 of the Liberal Arts Building of Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. The speaker will be Judy Swart of the Dale Carnegie Institute, who will discuss "Discovering Yourself Again." Reservations are not required. The organization provides self-help and information sharing for widowed people. For additional information, call the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, 591-6400 Ext. 430.

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## Few toys enjoy staying power

By Richard Lech  
staff writer

**W**ILL POUND Puppies still be found under Christmas trees in the year 1990?

Or will they have long since gone off their tails between their legs, to join the great toy scrap heap?

It's hard to say. Toys come and go every year - mostly go. Very few have the staying power to be popular year after year.

The toy advertisements in the back issues of the Observer show just how changing America's tastes in toys has been. What follows is a nostalgic look at some of the toys of Christmases past, as featured in our back pages and in several national magazines.

### 1950

**THE FIRST** of the postwar Baby Boomers had entered the scene.

But the toy industry itself apparently was just gearing up for this ever-growing moppet bonanza.

Issues of the Livonian (the Livonia Observer's predecessor) from that era had very few toy advertisements as Christmas approached.

One of the few was from Jahn's Livonia Hardware and Lumber Co., which advised readers to "See The Joe DiMaggio Television Show" featuring Lionel trains every Saturday 5:30 to 5:45. See Lionel trains at our store."

Secor Appliances in Rosedale Gardens was pushing the toy of the age, "Give the family television for Christmas," said their ad. Bunk's Inc. in Plymouth advertised a Motorola TV at the "down-to-earth price" of \$479.95. The set included an AM/FM radio and a three-speed phonograph.

### 1956

**BY NOW**, the toy industry was linking the Baby Boomers with the other phenomenon of the age, television.

Toys that were tied to the Tube were extremely popular.

A Life magazine advertisement, for instance, extolled the virtues of Jackie Gleason's And Away We Go game, featuring eight Gleason characters, including Ralph Kramden of "The Honeymooners." (Thirty years later, another generation of Gleason fans can buy a new Honeymooners game.)

Mohawk Lumber in Livonia was selling the Dragnet Patrol Bike for \$18.88, while Merchandise Mart in Livonia had the Wyatt Earp gun-and-holster set for \$5.39.

But not every toy was TV-oriented. Merchandise Mart was offering the "exciting new mystery game" Clue for \$12.15. Kresge's was selling a battery-operated train for \$1.98 - complete with batteries. (Today, the batteries alone probably would cost more than the whole train.)

Barbie's predecessor was a baby-faced doll name Ginny "who leads the fashion parade with her new fashions for 1956." Ginny herself is so beautiful too, with her peaches-and-cream complexion." The Bamby Shop in Livonia offered Ginny, clad only in panties, shoes and socks, for \$2.

Other toys that could be seen in advertisements were Foto-Electric Football, Jon Gnagy's Learn to Draw, the Daisy Frontier Scouting Kit ("by Daisy Manufacturing of Plymouth, Mich.") and the old standby Monopoly, \$3.50.

### 1961

**NEWSWEEK** magazine was decrying the "frightening new breed of toy - the promotional item."

"Ingenious, slick and often short-lived, promotional toys are the gimmicky items the industry is pushing this year with \$20 million worth of TV spots."

The magazine cited one example of such a toy - the Great Garloo, a green, battery-operated doll monster that would roam around the room, picking things up and setting them down.

The Great Garloo was indeed short-lived, but another, much prettier doll was well on its way to becoming a toy classic. Barbie - minus her elaborate outfits and clad only in swimming trunks - could be had for \$3.69 (regularly \$5) at Jahn's.

The store also offered a toy showing the influence of TV's "The Untouchables." The Tommy Burst Detective Set consisted of cap-firing machine gun, shoulder holster with "official snub-nose 38" and official badge. This G-man's arsenal was a bargain at only \$4.49.

Another popular item of the day was the Blue and Gray Battle Set of rubber toy soldiers. The set included a record of battle scene effects and instructions on how to stage a battle scene using talcum powder to simulate puffs of smoke.

Pape's House of Gifts in Plymouth had toys for grownups. Hummel figurines, "imported from western Germany," at prices ranging from \$9.95 to \$17.95.

Other advertised toys included the Hasbro Think-A-Tron Electronic Computer (\$5.88), Kenner's Bridge and Turnpike Building Set (\$6.66) and the Eagle Pro-Hockey Game with electric goal lights (\$12.88).

### 1965

**WITH THE** United States' involvement in Vietnam

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ROB REED/staff photographer

Nine-year-old Jamie Tomatti of Livonia loves her Pound Puppies (from left) Smoky, Taft and Spots. Pound Puppies are one of the hottest toys this holiday season, but, as the accompanying article shows, this Christmas's fads may well be forgotten in future yules.

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Santa train

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Santa Claus will ride in by rail this weekend aboard CSX Transportation (Chessie System Railway) trains. Kids will get the chance to climb aboard the engine and caboose, blow the whistle and meet Santa. The Santa train will be in Livonia 12:30-5:30 p.m. Friday (at the tracks at Levan Road, south of Schoolcraft), in Plymouth the same time Saturday (at the tracks on Main Street) and in Wayne at the same time Sunday (at the main office on Michigan Avenue).

## clubs in action

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### • \$100 OFFERED

It's time to start going through your photographs to take new ones or to get out your palette. The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering \$100 for the winning 5-by-7 inch color photo or watercolor of a familiar Plymouth winter scene. The winning picture will remain the property of the PCAC and will be used for a Christmas card project. Entries may be delivered or mailed to the PCAC office at 332 S. Main St., Plymouth 48170. The office is open 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Deadline for entries is March 1.

For additional information, call 455-5260.

### • 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.

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## Celebrations call for caution

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the absorption of alcohol, Darlington said. Foods loaded with salt and sugar should be avoided.

- Eating a substantial meal early in the evening.
- Limiting the duration of the cocktail hour.
- Not serving intoxicated guests.
- Hiring a bartender for the evening to limit the amount of alcohol in drinks.
- Not pushing drinks on guests.
- Calling a taxi for an intoxicated guest or allowing the guest to stay overnight.

HOLIDAY REVELERS should understand it's not possible to

speed up the process of eliminating alcohol from the body. Coffee, exercise or cold showers won't reduce intoxication.

Party-goers may also choose to have a designated driver who doesn't drink at all during the evening's festivities.

Hosts and hostesses need to keep their liability in mind when they're holding parties, Breen said. They could be held liable for accidents caused by their intoxicated guests.

"You really need to be legally sensitive and concerned," Breen said. "Parents also need to think about being good role models for their teenage children, Darlington said. It's important to check on who teenagers are with, who will be



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Not all holiday revelers choose to drink alcoholic beverages. For those guests, a variety of tasty non-alcoholic beverages can be served.

driving and the likelihood of drinking or drug use occurring.

As a parent of teenagers, Darlington let her children know they could call home for a ride — no matter what the hour.

Plymouth Family Service is providing pamphlets with tips on being a good host or hostess during the holidays. The pamphlets include recipes for non-alcoholic drinks. The pamphlets also include a

test that measures a person's blood alcohol level through the saliva. It is 99.3 percent accurate, Breen said.

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## clubs in action

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### • TOPS MEETING

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

### • SWEET ADELINES

Midwest Harmony Chapter of Sweet Adelines rehearses 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 a 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, 455-1535.

### • MAYFLOWER-LT. GAMBLE POST VFW

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

### • CANTON ROTARY

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

### • WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY

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

Early deadline for club items

Due to the holidays, early deadlines will apply for "Clubs in Action" items.

- Those deadlines will be:
- Noon Friday, Dec. 19, for the Thursday, Dec. 25, edition.
- Noon Wednesday, Dec. 24, for the Monday, Dec. 29, edition.
- Noon Friday, Dec. 26, for the Thursday, Jan. 1, edition.

No "Clubs in Action" material will be taken over the telephone. Forms for club items are available at the Observer office, 489 S. Main St., Plymouth 48170.

Club items should be typed or printed and should include a name and daytime telephone number for a contact person. Items may be mailed or delivered to the newspaper at the above address during weekday business hours.

The Observer office will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day to allow employees to enjoy the holidays with their families.

For additional information, call 459-2700 during weekday business hours.

## new voices

Brian and Julie Odom of Livonia announce the birth of a son, Dallas Charles, Nov. 14 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Howard and Nancy Odom of Northville, Antoinette and Ralph Chapman of Plymouth and Bruce and Judy Butler of Neosho, Mo.

## Tracking toy trends through time

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just beginning, war toys were reaching their peak in popularity.

Montgomery Ward's at Wonder-land Center in Livonia advertised the Johnny Seven One-Man Army Gun for \$5.44.

"It's a rifle, Tommy gun, automatic pistol, fires play grenade, anti-tank rocket, armor-piercing shell, anti-bunker missile," said the ad. Amazingly, despite all that firepower, this 36-inch-long dandy "requires no battery."

G.I. Joe was around too, on sale for \$1.99 at Alan Jay's Juvenile Center in Livonia.

Not every toy required training on the firing range. The Easy-Bake Oven, with 12 mixes, was \$9.97 at Kresge's Wonderland store. Little girls — and boys too — are still cutting their baking teeth on that light-bulb-powered toy oven.

Hardware Sports Center in Garden City had "the surprise toy of the year," the Get-Away Chase Game, for \$7.70. The battery-operated race came complete with buildings, landscape and controls.

Other toys included the new Schwinn Sting-Ray bike ("the one all the kids want" for \$49.95 and up) and the 17-inch tall Singing Cathy doll (\$7.44), "pull the magic ring — she sings" 10 different songs.

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THE YEAR was a bit of a down year for the toy industry, according to Time magazine.

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# McNamara calls for county study of jail cell needs

Wayne County Executive-elect Edward McNamara said this week that assuring adequate detention facilities and programs for the County must be a principal objective of his new administration.

"Space and programs for juvenile delinquents and adult defendants awaiting trial or convicted of crimes are the responsibility of county government and the State of Michigan," said McNamara. "Every year about this time, scores of violators who should be behind bars are permitted to roam the streets of the cities of our county because the Youth Home and the county's jails are full. That must stop."

TO PREVENT the recurrence of this problem next year, McNamara announced that, as soon as he is inaugurated, he will form an eight-member action committee whose job will be to recommend approaches to assure maximum county use of existing facilities, and to propose alternatives.

Sheriff Robert Ficano said there is "no doubt" that shortages in jail space will continue to be a problem for the county, adding that the committee is a good step toward finding some solutions.

Ficano noted that at present the county has 1,610 jail cells, compared to 2,400 cells available in 1971. Over time the supply was reduced because of a class action suit brought by prisoners in 1971 and later the closing of the Detroit House of Corrections.

He said needs continue to grow even though the new county jail opened in 1983 and with double-bunking legislation made available 576 new cells there.

"Detroit is 14th in the nation in jail (space) per capita versus fourth in population. So, we're way below our proportionate share," he said.

Ficano said he also is appealing to the governor's office this week to assist legislation that could make more funding available to run his department. In recent weeks, Ficano has locked horns with county commissioners and other officials over what he calls inadequate funding.

He says he plans to seek legislation allowing for designated judgment fees, ranging between \$1-\$25, to help solve short-term funding crunches. "It (the amount) would be indexed depending on the severity of the offense; it would be a user fee (for jail space) and would raise \$5 million to \$7 million a year for the shortfall."

TOGETHER WITH McNamara, the following public officials will be invited to serve on the committee:

John O'Hair, Wayne County Prosecutor  
Richard Kaufman, Chief Judge, Wayne County Circuit Court  
Samuel Gardner, Chief Judge, Detroit Recorder's Court  
Adam Shakoor, Chief Judge, 36th District Court  
Roger LaRose, In-coming president, Wayne County District Judges Association

Robert Ficano and the chairman of the Wayne County Commission.

It is anticipated that the committee will be given a reporting deadline of April 1, so that new arrangements can be in place before late fall of 1987, when emergency overcrowding typically occurs.



## Pets of the Week

The Westland Kindness Center of the Michigan Humane Society is offering these two pets for adoption. This gray-colored male cat is an unclaimed stray. He is about two years old. The female afghan, named Crystal, has blonde fur. She is about three years old. To contact the Westland Kindness Center, call 721-7300.



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logical, psychological and social changes the elderly may experience. The fee is \$267 for college credit or \$130 for continuing education credits.

Activity Therapy in Gerontology will be 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan.

6 to March 17, in Room 166. Topics to be covered include stress management, self-concept development and environmental limitations. The fee is \$178 for college credit or \$85 CEUs.

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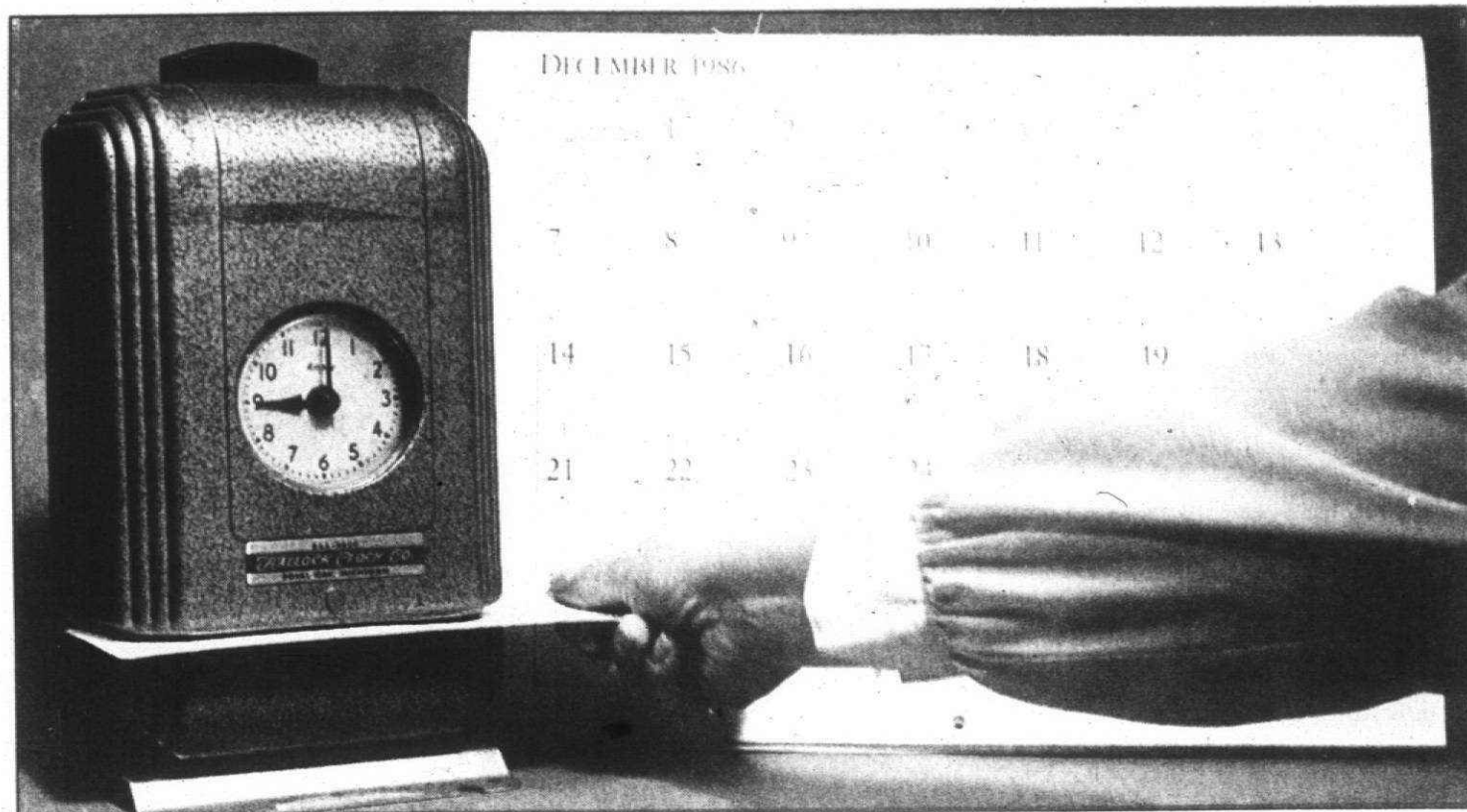
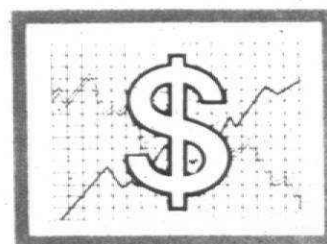
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## Temporary help turns to specialization

By Pat Walsh  
special writer

If your image of a temporary worker is that of a woman clutching a steno pad, think again. Not only are some of today's "temps" unable to type, some of them are men.

The mainstay of the industry still is clerical workers. Light industrial workers and marketing services workers are next in demand. But there is a growing trend toward agencies specializing in supplying temporary workers who are trained in one area of expertise.

Engineers, accountants, medical billing personnel and technical workers are finding their way to temporary help agencies.

Livonia-based Acro Service Corp. specializes in engineers for the auto industry. Ron Shahani, Acro president, sees several benefits for companies to enlist in temporary help in the engineering field.

He describes his engineers as "experts, not interested in corporate politics."

"They like to be considered consultants. They can become very experienced very quickly. In a corporation, an engineer advances himself by becoming a supervisor. While the company gains a supervisor, it loses a highly trained engineer. We offer engineers greater engineering challenges."

He also sees some accounting benefits.

Particularly in an economic downturn, "companies have to find a way to reduce fixed cost or convert fixed cost to variable cost. Temporary workers are a variable cost."

GALE COUSINS incorporated Temporary Professionals of Southfield in 1984. The former director of patient accounts at Sinai Hospital, she now provides supervisors and clerical workers experienced in medical billing for hospitals, clinics, HMOs, doctors' offices and home health care agencies.

"We provide trained individuals to come in and clean up a backlog, cover vacations or supervise a staff in

implementing a new type of billing format," Cousins said.

She offers her employees training classes in medical billing which includes information on medical terminology procedures, insurance benefits and claim filing, and computerized billing.

"Our staff needs to be able to pick up a diagnosis and recognize procedure discrepancies," Cousins said. "They need to know, for example, if a patient has a hysterectomy she isn't going to have a local anesthetic."

Accountants One in Southfield supplies bookkeepers and accountants to smaller firms as well as Ford and General Motors. Office manager Carolyn Howard says her greatest demand is for degreed junior accountants with one to two years of experience.

"Often men take advantage of the exposure, wide range of duties, and time off to build up their own businesses or just pursue their own interests," Howard said. Her experience is echoed by Judy James, manager of

Accountemps.

"We have a lot of people who do other things on the side but need some fairly steady work for fewer hours over the year."

Accountemps has a number of semi-retired workers and has the most call for bookkeepers with computer experience.

"NUCLEAR physicists to fixture builders" are what Lawrence Winnie supplies as president of Diversified Technical Services in Livonia. He finds work for people in the auto companies, in the petroleum chemical field and in computer systems.

They build "army tanks, cars, aircraft and industrial plants" and work on "nuclear power plants, rocket propulsion systems and moon shots."

He says his employees like "varied experience, quicker experience, and lots of overtime." His greatest need is for draftsmen who are CAD (computer assisted drafting) operators.

## Trend is toward 'temps'

Revenues in the temporary help industry have been growing at the annual rate of 20 percent in recent years, making it the third fastest growing industry in the country.

Nora Schroeder, regional manager for Kelly Services, calls the use of temporaries a way for companies to manage better.

"Temporary help is budgeted into their strategic plans to accommodate business surges," Schroeder said. She called temporary workers the new "margin of safety" against unforeseen economic conditions.

The advantages of temporary help are many: no administrative headaches to recruit, screen and evaluate; savings in the benefits cost of a permanent employee; no complications in dismissing a temporary worker; the availability of skilled workers during peak business cycles; and a try-before-you-buy advantage should the employer decide to make the temporary employee a permanent one.

Companies vary in how they compensate their temporary employees. Some companies offer only an hourly wage. Others offer the option of buying into a benefit package. Acro Service Corp. offers its employees the chance to "move their dollars around cafeteria style" between wages and benefits. Kelly Services offers benefits and paid vacations. All companies charge clients a base wage that includes taxes, workers compensation, Social Security, unemployment insurance and a profit.

AS THE COMPETITION increases to attract qualified workers, benefits are expected to improve. But there are concerns about employees being taken advantage of in temporary help situations.

Pat Berkope is division manager of Myriad in Southfield, a subsidiary of AMC Renault. Myriad was launched five years ago primarily to handle AMC's temporary clerical staffing needs. Berkope is moving to reactivate the Michigan chapter of the National Association of Temporary Services.

"Currently two out of 200 employees are temporary employees," Berkope said. "In five years, those numbers are expected to jump to one in 40." She recognizes the possibility that as temporary work force grows, "people may be taken advantage of and forced into a type of employment that offers little or no benefits."

NATS is pushing for a universal benefit program for all temporary workers. By regulating itself, the temporary help industry hopes to maintain a professional image rather than an exploitive one requiring federal legislation.

— Pat Walsh

## Help wanted; training provided

While temporary agencies have been expanding their scopes, office workers are still the mainstay of the field.

But the introduction of the personal computer has changed the way many offices operate, resulting in an explosive demand for word processors and data entry personnel.

"In Detroit, we need temporary workers. Regardless of skill, we welcome them all. We will train them to the PC level," says Judy Allen, senior director of Kelly Girl Division of Kelly Service.

Pat Gray, owner of Uniforce in Birmingham, says typing skills of 40 to 50 words per minute and four to six weeks of on-the-job training will put you into a high-tech office servicing one of Uniforce's 200 accounts, which include IBM and Comshare.

"Good secretaries are much in demand," Gray said. An executive secretary with shorthand, typing and word processing skills can make up to \$25,000 annually. The hourly pay range for skilled clerical personnel in data entry and word processing is \$7.50 to \$11 at Uniforce.

Temporary staffing companies do extensive testing of their personnel. Kelly's KEE Tutor/WP is a computer simulator imitating the operation of different word processing equipment. The simulator can be used in three modes: prompting, guiding and test. Operators work at their own pace learning to input, format and edit. Training packages for word processing, spread sheet and database software include IBM DisplayWrite, MultiMate, Wordstar, WordPerfect and Easy Writer II.

Training is backed by what Kelly refers to as PCAS or Personal Computer Administrative Support. PCAS includes take-along reference guides for the most popular word processing software and an 800 hotline number staffed by experts to assure temporaries on the job.

MANPOWER'S Skillware consists of a diskette and a training guide designed to teach word processing in eight to 12 hours. Packages are available for Wang, IBM DisplayWrite and Lotus 1-2-3.

— Pat Walsh

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## Kelly Services turns 40

By Pat Walsh  
special writer

It was 40 years ago that William Russell Kelly began to supply temporary office personnel to businesses in the Detroit area. Today, the Troy-based company has 650 branch offices here and abroad.

It employs 430,000 people in 120 job classifications to service 170,000 accounts and paid \$6 billion in wages to its temporary employees in 1985. Kelly Services had record earnings of \$33 million in 1985. Its growth reflects the growth of the temporary workforce.

The Kelly Girls Division still represents the majority of Kelly's employees. But in the '60s, the company began to offer technical, light industrial and marketing services, broadening the base of its business, according to group director Cathy Banas.

The health care operation offers assistance to the elderly, enabling them to remain in their homes. Medical care is supplied by registered nurses, nursing aides or orderlies. Domestic chores are handled by persons who provide extended family type services such as companionship, shopping and meal planning.

Marketing is one of Kelly's fastest growing fields. A typical task includes "setting up pharmaceutical display in 300 cities across the country," according to Banas, or "mailing out 1,000 free samples a day, 24 hours a day,

for a promotion that lasted 19 days."

Another job: "The manufacturer of a linoleum product enlisted Kelly people to reward floor covering sales people with \$50 in cash if they cited three of five special qualities when presenting the manufacturer's product."

MARKETING PEOPLE are mystery shoppers, bill-board checkers. They offer you sausage or ginger ale at your local supermarket; they register guests at seminars and do surveys at malls.

Kelly trains its workers in approach and interviewing skills to make a positive contact with potential customers. Not all telemarketing consists of interrupting the dinner hour to offer lawn spraying services or window installations. Many manufacturers use telemarketers to interview customers who have expressed previous interest in a product and are looking for more detailed information.

Light industrial workers assemble jewelry, pick and package mail orders, count inventories, do binding and product line assembly. The diversity of jobs draws a diversity of people.

"One warehouse worker is a high school coach who likes to stay in shape during the summer months," Banas said. "Another worker is a retired purchasing director who sometimes takes assignments on a receiving dock."



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# Children can be provided for under tax law

Most provisions of the New Tax Law become effective on Jan. 1, 1987. Income shifting is an exception, since it affects all Clifford Trusts created after March 1, 1986.

Under the new law, a child's (under 14) unearned income over \$1,000 resulting from the transfer of funds to the minor will be taxed at the parent's top marginal rate. Consequently, Clifford and Spousal Remainder Trusts for income shifting to children under 14 have been rendered obsolete.

Here are several strategies which might work under the new law:

- For children under 14 who have money in UGMA (Uniform Gifts to Minors Act) accounts or other sources of unearned income over \$1,000, try restructuring their investment portfolio. Consider investing in growth, tax-free and tax-deferred investment products. Appropriate investments will be municipal bond funds, single premium whole life (such as Taxation) and variable life insurance, and



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**Sid Mittra**

deferred annuities (like Government Securities annuity).

- Consider CDs which will mature after the child reaches age 14.

- Pay special attention to growth stocks and growth stock mutual funds. These issues min-

imize current income and generate minimum taxable income until sold.

- Only unearned incomes are affected by the new law. Earned income, no matter how large, will be taxed at the child's rate. So consider hiring your child and

paying a legitimate wage.

- If a child is very close to 14 — say 13 — the answer might be the purchase of a one-year treasury note that matures after the child's 14th birthday.

- For younger children, consider United States savings bonds. With these you have to option of deferring taxes on the interest until the bond is redeemed. In addition to their being tax-deferred, interest on these bonds is exempt from state and local taxes.

Consult your financial planner for income shifting strategies suitable for you.

Educational seminar: Main Topic "1987 — a year of unprecedented opportunities". The seminar, sponsored by Observer and Eccentric Newspapers and Coordinated Financial Planning, Inc. will be held 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20 at the Birmingham Public Library, 300 W. Merrill Birmingham. For more information or reservations, call 643-8888.

Sid Mittra is director of certificate program in personal finance at Oakland University and president of Coordinated Financial Planning Inc.

## 'Free' land offer wins industry

AP — Indiana was able to step around the state Constitution when it offered two Japanese automakers 896 acres of land for a rental price of just \$10 to \$15 a year.

Lt. Gov. John M. Mitz said a 1982 law that created the Indiana Employment Development Commission allowed the state to get around constitutional bans against borrowing money or giving away land.

The loophole was created because the IEDC, like a handful of other state agencies, is not legally a part of state government.

"We've worked out a system we think will meet the Constitution," said Mitz.

Under terms of the deal, Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd. and Isuzu Motor Co. Ltd. will lease the land near Lafayette and will have an option to buy it at a later date, Mitz said.

Several agencies such as the State Facility Building Commission, Port Commission and Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission have a similar ability to get around constitutional provisions against borrowing. Like the IEDC, they were set up to be independent from the state.

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bonds and make land offers to corporations that bring jobs to the state. Even though it is not a state agency, the IEDC does handle money appropriated by the Legislature.

Mitz, who led the campaign to attract the plant, concedes the deal is unusual but legally sound and necessary.

Fuji-Isuzu considered Indiana and six other Midwestern states for the new plant. At least one of the competing states, Illinois, offered Fuji-Isuzu free land.

"It was a competitive matter," he said. Under the deal, Indiana will pay up to \$10 million in tax dollars to acquire 896 acres near Lafayette.

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## Unemployment costs down, governor says

Michigan businesses will save \$166 million in unemployment insurance costs next month, on top of savings of \$290 million the past two years, according to Gov. James J. Blanchard.

The U.S. Department of Labor has approved his request to waive the 1986 federal unemployment penalty tax assessment which all Michigan employers would otherwise have had to pay in January 1987. The state's economic resurgence and strengthened unemployment insurance trust fund enabled Michigan to qualify for the waiver.

"This waiver will provide additional relief from the unemployment insurance tax burden that Michigan employers have carried during the past several years," the governor said.

"With this waiver of the 1986 penalty tax, the state will have saved Michigan employers approximately \$456 million over the past three years through limiting and waiving the federal unemployment penalty tax."

The penalty tax would have been 0.8 percent of the first \$7,000 in taxable wages paid to each employee, which amounts to \$56 per worker. The waiver means Michigan employers will not have to pay the penalty tax for 1986 and will realize a savings of \$166 million.

It also is the second straight year that Michigan employers have not had to pay the federal penalty tax. Last year, the state qualified for its first waiver and Michigan employers saved \$152 million on their federal unemployment taxes.

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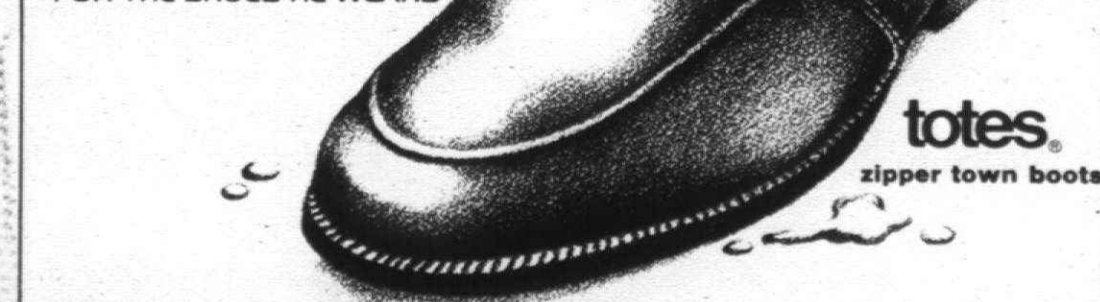
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# Area economy shows strong improvement

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 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.

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.

IN OCTOBER, the composite PMAD index stood at 53.0 compared with 53.1 in September. Strongest components of the sur-

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vey 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 brads (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.

## Consumer falls into credit trap

(AP) — Muriel Brown won't be giving Christmas presents this year. She's not buying anything until she works off more than \$12,000 in debt. Credit cards were the downfall of Brown, 33, a single mother of one who makes \$28,000 a year as a telephone company service representative.

"She fell into the cycle of debt when the charges on her credit cards and the additional interest costs were more than she could afford," said Brown. "When I was married, I had no expenses, a good job, and the stores and banks gave me all the credit cards I wanted," says Brown, who at the time had a good credit rating.

SOON SHE had collected 11 credit

cards. "As long as you pay the minimum charges each month they keep extending your credit line. It's very tempting to spend," she says. But the payments keep accumulating "and you can never catch up."

When Brown separated from her husband two years ago, she was left with thousands of dollars in bills for a television set, video cassette recorder and other household items they had purchased together. She was solely responsible for the \$466-a-month rent on her New Jersey apart-

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ment, phone and electric bills, and her daughter's \$75-a-month parochial school tuition.

SHE ALSO used credit cards to splurge on new clothing so she'd feel better about her new single status. "If I had had to pay cash I wouldn't have bought so much," she says. "Plastic is what got me in trouble. It didn't seem real."

You know you have to eventually pay for everything, but you figure, why worry until the bills arrive.

With the help of a counselor she

will work out a payment program for her \$12,000 in bills. The counselor will write to her creditors to explain that she will pay them off in installments during the next couple of years.

SOME MAY even drop the finance charges as an incentive for her to pay up. Every month she will give BUCCS a check from which her counselor will parcel out individual payments that were negotiated with each of her creditors. The service will cost her \$20, plus minimal monthly fees. When she returned home from her first session, Brown ceremoniously cut up all of her credit cards and threw them away.

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Along with other state agencies, the Michigan Lottery fiscal year ended in September. The fall season summary shows the latest record-breaking year in responding to various questions.

**Q: What are annual sales for the Michigan Lottery?**

**A:** Last year sales from all Lottery games were more than \$966 million, which represented a 12.6 percent gain from the previous year.

**Q: How much did players win last year?**

**A:** Prizes paid to winners exceeded \$480 million, up 12.6 percent from the previous year.

**Q: Does the State make money on Lottery sales?**

**A:** No. For each \$1 million prize paid over 20 years, the Lottery invests approximately half that amount. All the principal and all of the interest combine to pay the full prize to the winner. This system helps increase the amount of prize money that can be won in a given year.

**Q: How much did the Lottery provide for schools last year?**

**A:** Well, all net revenues from the Lottery are earmarked for the State School Aid Fund. Last year's contribution grew past \$417 million, or about 22 percent of the total fund.

**Q: How is this money distributed?**

**A:** All money in the School Aid Fund is distributed according to the State-School Aid Formula which was developed by the Legislature. To maintain the same level of support to schools without Lottery funds would have required another \$130 per Michigan household last year.

**Q: How many Lottery millionaires were created last year?**

**A:** There were 91 players or Lottery Clubs winning prizes of \$1 million or more during the year. Included was the second highest award, \$10 million, ever won by an individual in the Michigan Lottery.

**Q: How many cash prizes were awarded?**

**A:** More than 17 million cash prizes were won during the year, the equivalent of nearly two for every resident of the state.

**Q: Didn't you announce record payouts in one of the daily games?**

**A:** Actually, record payouts were recorded for both daily games. The June 30 payout of nearly \$5 million in the Daily 3 was equal to 480 percent of the amount played in that day's game. The record setting 96 percent payout on the Daily 4 on November 1, 1985, already has been broken with a 668 percent payout on October 13 of this year.

**Q: Because her name was led to this column, Helen Alfred of Wellston will receive 50 free Holiday Cash instant game tickets.**

**A:** If you have a Lottery question not yet covered in these monthly columns, send it to: "Winners Circle," Michigan Lottery, P.O. Box 30077, Lansing, MI 48909.

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# Profits declining for most major industries

I have heard that for some period of time most of the businesses in this country have been getting less profitable. Would you tell me first, how does anyone judge whether a group of businesses are getting less profitable? And if businesses are getting less profitable, what ones are suffering the most? I would only want to buy stock in areas where profit prospects are good?

The nation judges the profitability of its businesses by calculating how the total corporate profits are, compared to the

Gross National Product. It is a discouraging fact that corporate profits as a share of the Gross National Product have been lower ever since the end of World War II.

They hit their low point during the oil crisis of the early 80's but have not recovered much since then. The investor uses a different approach to figure how profitable a company is. The percent of profit on each dollar of sales is a widely accepted way of measuring.

In a recent study on this subject, the David L. Babson Com-



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pany said it was the preferred method. Babson reports on the decline in profitability of major industries in the 20 years since 1965.

It notes that six industries saw their rate of profit decline by more than 50 percent over that period. These were chemicals, forest products, machinery, metals, oil and tires and rubber.

The industries with the next biggest decrease in profits were automobile manufacturing, broadcasting, cosmetics, electric utilities, household furniture and appliances, paper and tobacco.

Of course, some industries always manage to buck the trend. Aerospace defense, brewing, drugs, food, hospital supplies and restaurants have raised their

profits over the past 20 years.

The later industries have been more profitable for investors, but there are always exceptional companies even in the least profitable industries.

For instance, in spite of the fact that profit margins have fallen so drastically in the tobacco industry since 1965, many investors have nearly quadrupled their money in Philip Morris. It is well to look at major trends, but remember that money is made or lost by investing in

an individual company, not a market or an industry. It's the record of that company which is most important.

Mr. O'Hara welcomes questions and comments but will answer them only through this column. Readers who send in questions on a general investment subject or on a corporation with broad investor interest and whose questions are used, will receive a complimentary one-year subscription to the investment magazine Better Investing.

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## clarification

A stock price was incorrectly listed in "Today's Investor" in last week's business section. Cheeseborough-Ponds was selling for 7 1/4 on Tuesday.

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That's why we're currently involved in the prosecution of Rocky's former owner. Through the efforts of our cruelty investigation team and staff legal counsel, that person has been charged with three separate counts of animal cruelty.

We're determined to make certain Rocky didn't die in vain. That's why we're turning to you in this season of giving. Please find it in your heart to make a donation, no matter how large or small, to the Michigan Humane Society.

Because it's your contribution that helps us feed and shelter neglected dogs and cats. It's your contribution that helps us find many of these animals a new home. And, it's your contribution that helps the Michigan Humane Society prosecute people who do things like this to dogs like Rocky.



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# Entertainment

Ethel Simmons editor/644-1100

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## Ring in the new year at parties, games, shows

By Ethel Simmons  
staff writer

NEW YEAR'S EVE — it can be a blast, at a really big party that goes from cocktails and hors d'oeuvres to dinner, dancing, an overnight hotel stay and brunch, or it can be a night out for just drinks and dinner.

There are other choices, too. Many clubs have special shows, where you can sit back, relax and enjoy a featured entertainer. Or you might opt for the theater on New Year's Eve, or a rock concert. It's all happening.

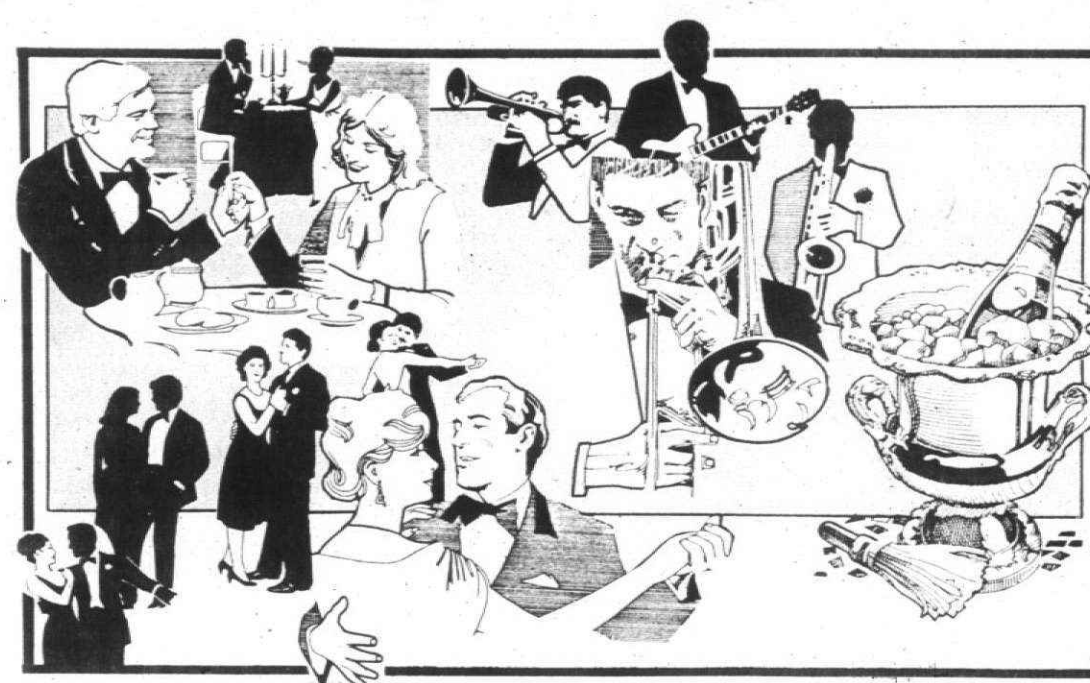
Most of the major hotels are scenes of lavish celebrations. Again, many of the hotels also have shows in their entertainment rooms and dinners in their restaurants. You can spend a little, or a lot.

AT THE TROY Hilton Inn, the biggest bash is highlighted by Hugh Borde's Trinidad Trippoli Steel Band, playing in the Gordon Ballroom. Tickets at \$55 per person include a buffet, five drinks, dancing and continental breakfast.

Other New Year's Eve festivities at the Troy Hilton include Top-40 band Rumpelstiltskin at Fanny's, with hors d'oeuvres, midnight champagne and continental breakfast, at \$24.95 per person for reserved seating and \$19.95 per person for standing room only, or a complete six-course dinner in the Haymarket Restaurant, with entrees priced from \$17.95 to \$34.50, and jazz entertainment by the Jim Dixon Trio.

For advance tickets and further information, call 585-9000.

THE SOUTHFIELD Hilton is where rockers and rollers are being welcomed for the fourth annual party hosted by Honeyradio. WHND's Ron Tavernit will be the host, and music will be provided by Citizens and Mondo Cane. A cash bar and continental breakfast complete the offering. Guests are being asked to wear evening attire. Tickets are \$15 per person. For more information, call 644-1400.



more information, call 557-4800.

THE KINGSLEY Inn in Bloomfield Hills has an optional black-tie party, for the 48th straight eve of toasting in the new year. The party at the grand ballroom includes individual chilled hors d'oeuvres platters, dinner with a choice of lobster tail, tenderloin of beef or filet of Norwegian salmon, dancing to a big band, and brunch, for \$65 per person.

An overnight stay with champagne, continental breakfast, swimming in the new indoor atrium pool and 4 p.m. checkout is also included, for \$198 per couple.

Those who wish only to have a meal may order from a special menu available in the Kingsley dining rooms. Charlie Dubin at the piano will entertain diners. For more casual celebrating, Ronny Phillips will play at the piano bar in the lounge. Call 644-1400 for more information.

HOTELS IN downtown Detroit are planning a variety of parties on Wednesday, Dec. 31. Detroit's newest, the Omni International Hotel, will hold a New Year's Eve Gala at 333 East, its restaurant, which has just been lauded by Esquire magazine. Dancing to the Angie Smith Group will be offered, as well as a five-course meal with wines and a champagne toast.

The Buddy Budson Band with vocalist Ursula Walker provides the music for dancing in the Landmark Ballroom. A four-course meal with wines and champagne toast is part of this package.

Each of the two parties includes overnight accommodations and use of the Omni/Millender Fitness Center. For 333 East, it's \$180 per couple, for the Landmark, it's \$198 per couple. Call 222-7700 for reservations.

AT THE RECENTLY renovated Hotel Pontchartrain there's a choice of a gourmet dinner with Alaskan king crab legs and filet mignon, cabaret show, dancing to

the Troubadors, and bottle of champagne for two at midnight, at the Top of the Pontch, for \$250 per couple, or a Top 40s party in the Versailles Ballroom with dancing to nostalgic rock 'n' roll by Rave, buffet dinner and midnight champagne, for \$140 per couple.

The optional black-tie party at the TOP is \$250 per couple. The Versailles party \$140 per couple. On New Year's Day, breakfast buffet in Elaine's is priced at \$7.75 per person, and a Champagne Jazz Brunch with Larry Nozaro and Friends at the TOP is \$18 per person for adults.

For reservations, call 965-0200.

THE WESTIN Hotel offers something for everybody who wants to party. The "New Year's Eve 9th Annual Magic at the Westin," co-sponsored by WMJQ-FM, goes until 3 a.m. in the Renaissance Ballroom. A live radio broadcast with Tom Force and Kasey, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and champagne toast are priced at \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door.

A four-course dinner and champagne will be served at the 71st floor Summit restaurant. Cost is \$45 per person for early seating, \$65 for the later seating at 9 p.m.

The Summit Lounge on the 73rd floor will give New Year's Eve revelers opportunity to drink in the spectacular view, as well as have hors d'oeuvres and a champagne toast included for \$19 per person. Northern Lights, a Top 40 band, will perform on the 72nd floor, playing for dancing for both parties.

A pre-set dinner menu — five courses of French cuisine — will be offered at La Fontaine on the hotel's Promenade Level. Early seating is \$99 per couple. Second seating at 8:30 p.m. is \$149 per couple and also includes a champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception in the Galleria Bar and champagne with dinner. The Dennis Tini Quartet will make music at La Fontaine.

Delays Lounge on the Promenade Level will entertain guests with a disc jockey, hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, a champagne toast and a breakfast buffet, all for \$35 per person.

The informal Cafe Renaissance will be serving a regular dinner menu but there also will be live entertainment and party favors. Reservations are not required. Champagne and piano music will be available in the Lobby Bar.

For more information or reservations for the hotel's New Year's Eve parties, call the Westin Holiday Hotline at 567-XMAS.

A DOWNTOWN Detroit party with a difference is on tap at the Joe Louis Arena for New Year's Eve and includes the Detroit Red Wings game with 1986 Stanley Cup finalists the Calgary Flames. After the game, a party in the arena's Olympia Club will feature an open bar, hors d'oeuvres and Top 40/rock 'n' roll music by Detroit's Wild Katz. A champagne fountain will ring in the new year, followed by a buffet breakfast.

Tickets are \$60 per person for game and party. For information, call 567-7500.

MEANWHILE at Cobo Arena, Ted Nugent will be performing for fans in a 9 p.m. concert. Tickets are \$16.50. For more information, call 567-6000.

OVER AT THE Music Hall Center, Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo opens its eighth engagement at 8 p.m. New Year's Eve. The all-male, comic ballet troupe, which satirizes classical ballet and modern dance, also will perform Friday-Sunday, Jan. 2-4. For tickets at \$20-\$16, call 963-7680.

JIM MOUTH, "The Motor City Stuntman" who has moved to Los Angeles, will be back in town for what's billed as "a wild New Year's Eve Party" with comedy, dancing, a contest, Baby 87, a hot buffet, champagne and one drink for \$40 per couple, at the Plymouth Rock Saloon in Plymouth. Call 455-9800 for reservations.

TALBERT GLASIER, "the Amazing One-Man Band," who is appearing at Uncle Louie's Dining Saloon in Redford, will be there on New Year's Eve. He sings and plays an electric digital piano, organ, synthesizers, drum machine, harmonica and bass pedals. His music ranges from 50s to 80s. For more information, call 937-8220.

A CHANGE of pace is the Tennessee Williams classic, "The Rose Tattoo," which will have a preview showing at 8 p.m. New Year's Eve at Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. Cocktails and champagne supper at Meadow Brook Hall are part of the evening, priced at \$95 per couple, or \$47.50 per person. Tickets for the performance only also are available at \$10.

To order tickets for the play and party, call 370-3316. Tickets for the play may be ordered by calling 377-3300.

AT THE Birmingham Theatre, where the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" opens its run Saturday, Dec. 27, an 8 p.m. New Year's Eve show is priced at \$27.50. For ticket information call 644-3533.

## upcoming things to do

### JAZZ DISCONTINUED

Larry Nozaro and Friends, a jazz group, no longer will be appearing at Hunter's Run in Livonia. Saxophone player Nozaro, a Farmington Hills resident, performed there with a

weekly, revolving group of musicians. Nozaro said, "The restaurant is in the midst of a transition period, which resulted in the decision." He continues to play 5-8 p.m. Fridays at the Ann Arbor Holiday Inn West and

every Sunday for brunch at Detroit's Hotel Pontchartrain.

### ACTOR'S TRUNK

The children's classic, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," presented by Henry Martin's Actors

Trunk Company, returns at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, to the Cleary Auditorium in Windsor. Tickets are available at South Shore Books in Windsor in

advance and at the Cleary Box Office one hour prior to show time. For

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## upcoming things to do

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9102: Martin is a Bloomfield Hills resident

### DEPOT TOWN

The sixth annual 1987 Depot Town Winter Jazz Series will be presented the second Saturdays of January, February and March at Ypsilanti's Depot Town. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dinner music, a cash bar and a meal begin at 7 p.m. The evening's headline presents a 90-minute concert at 8 p.m. Then, there's dance music till midnight. Tickets are \$8 for one evening, \$20 for all three shows. Headliners include the Austin-More Big Band, Roy Brooks and

the Artistic Truth, the Joe LoDuca Group with Rayne Biggs, Valerie Wellington, and a dual appearance by blues singers Robert Penn and Juanita McCray. The series is offered by radio station WEMU and the Depot Town Association. For more information, call WEMU at 487-2229 anytime.

### SINGING PLUMBER

"Fat Bob" Taylor, "The Singing Plumber," will perform with the Dearborn Heights Citadel Songsters and Band at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Salvation Army Church in Dearborn Heights. There is no admission charge. For more information, call 398-0993.

### HOLIDAY SHOWS

In six holiday vacation shows, the Emmy-Award-winning Prince Street Players will perform in their new musical "A Pocketful of Rhymes" presented by Detroit Youtheatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The special performances are at 11 a.m.

and 2 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 26-28. Tickets are on sale at the museum ticket office and at the door. For more information, call 832-2730.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Westin Hotel Renaissance Center and WMJC-FM will host "The Greatest Magic Christmas Party" from 3 p.m. to midnight Friday, Dec. 19, in the Westin's Renaissance Ballroom. Live entertainment will be presented by Steve King and the Ditties and also by Allure. For more information, call the Westin Holiday Hotline at 567-XMAS.

### MUSICAL COMEDY

The Princeton University Triangle Club, the country's oldest musical-comedy troupe, will present its production of "Star Spangled Banter" for a single performance at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Lydia Mendelsohn Theater on the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students. To order tickets, call Bruce

Wallace at 662-4426.

### UNION STREET

Mary Gail and her band (John Dana on bass and Leonard King on drums) will perform Saturdays, Dec. 20 and Jan. 24 and 31, at Union Street in Detroit.

### FOR CHILDREN

The Detroit Center for the Performing Arts will present a performance for Detroit-area children at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20. The program includes "Children's Magic," a presentation allowing children to become involved in singing songs, solving the problems of the play and creating some "magic" of their own, and "Christmas Dance and Sing Along," a singalong with professional dancers and singers. General admission is \$2. For more information, call 925-7138.

### FILM SERIES

The fifth annual Adat Shalom Jewish Film Festival featuring motion picture views of Jewish women opens at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, in the Youth Lounge of the synagogue in Farmington Hills. Shown will be two early film shorts by D.W. Griffith, "Romance of a Jewess" and "A Child of the Ghetto," and the Universal Pictures' 1927 feature, "Surrender." Dan Greenberg of the Adat Shalom Adult Study Commission, who is also the Observer & Eccentric film critic, will introduce the films and comment on them. The series second program on Sunday, Jan. 11, will feature the 1939 American film "Miracle Eros" and the third program, Sunday, Jan. 28, presents Molly Picon in "Yiddle with His Fiddle." The film series is open to the public without charge. For more information, call 851-5100.

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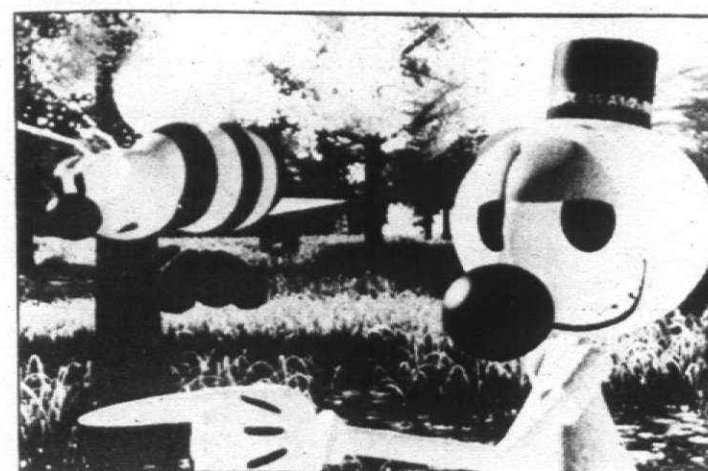
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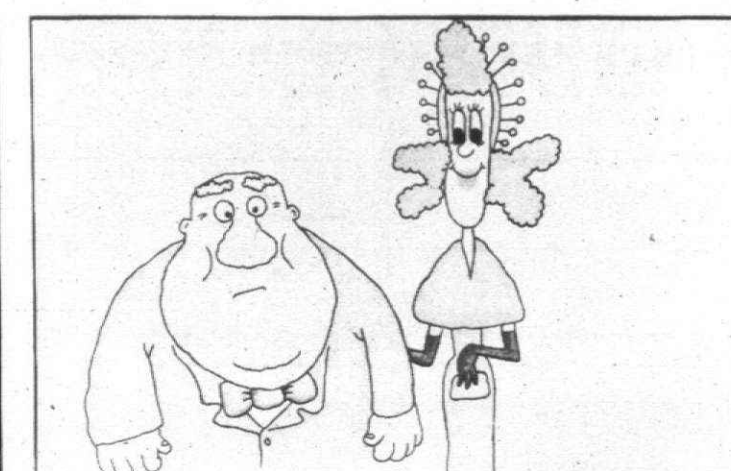
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"The Adventures of Andre and Wally B." (above) and "Every Dog's Guide to Complete Home Safety" (below) are among the films shown in "The Animation Celebration."



## second runs

One of the mystic laws of the holiday season seems to dictate that no matter how well organized one is, there are inevitably a few last-minute presents to wrap.

For those of us who aren't organized, last-minute wrapping is a way of life. As with any such chore, a little background noise can be appreciated. Come on, we all know someone who uses the tube as background noise.

For those who want to avoid MTV or VH-1 and don't want to burn out too early on holiday music, TV movies offer a nice alternative.

"Enemy Mine" (1985) isn't too bad if you're not hanging on to every word uttered by the movie's stars, Dennis Quaid and Louis Gossett Jr. It's the story of two warriors from opposing cultures who learn to overcome their hatred of each other to survive on a harsh planet.

Gossett's bogged down by his makeup in his role as a Drac, a lizardman-type creature. He's forced to gurgles a few lines in the character's native tongue. As mindless entertainment goes, this is alright, but if you find something else to fill the

background, don't regret ditching this. Shown in prime last-minute wrapping time, noon Tuesday, on HBO.

"If I Ever See You Again" (1978). Perfect mindless movie-making. Script so inane it makes MTV VJs sound like Rhodes Scholars. Joe Brooks and Shelley Hack rekindle a college romance. That's it. That's the plot. Don't say you weren't warned. Better to turn to MTV. Shown at 2 p.m. Tuesday, HBO.

"Funny Girl" (1968). Barbra Streisand picked up an Oscar for her portrayal of Fanny Brice. This isn't realism; this is an old-fashioned rousing musical with great songs from La Streisand. Even if you've never heard of Baby Snooks, Brice's famed comic radio character, this movie will have you humming as you wrap. Shown at 8 p.m. Tuesday, on Cinemax.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" (1952). Michael Redgrave and Dame Judith Evans are wonderfully stiff-upper-lipped in this movie based on the Oscar Wilde play. A sat-

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searching the New England countryside for the perfect place before finding the Waybury.

photos by JUDY COLBERT



Jim and Betty Riley are the real owners of the Waybury, and although Bob Newhart has never visited their inn, he sent a photo that hangs in the lobby. If you look closely on TV, you can spot the Rileys as two of the people walking in and out of the Stratford (Waybury) on the "Newhart" show.

## Vermont inn was perfect for 'Newhart' show

By Judy Colbert  
special writer

"Okay, where's Bob?" is the most frequent question people ask when they come in to the Waybury Inn. "They know they're asking a ridiculous question," say Jim and Betty Riley, the inn's owners. "That's a way of breaking the ice."

The Bob they refer to is Bob Newhart, proprietor of the Stratford Inn on the very popular Monday night television show called "Newhart." The Waybury was famous because its facade was filmed for the opening of the show.

It's said a producer spent 10 days driving around New England with a list of inns looking for "the perfect inn." The Waybury was selected and the exterior was filmed on two different occasions. The crew left the Stratford sign in the basement of the Waybury.

People know Bob Newhart isn't going to be at the Waybury. He's been invited, and what he's done is send an autographed picture to Claudia, one of the Waybury's chefs. It hangs unobtrusively in the lobby. Larry and the two Darryls have visited, though, and left an autographed photo, which hangs under Newhart's.

THE RILEYS haven't been invited to California to be in the show, but they do appear, with Jim's older son, in some of the outdoor scenes. When the film crew came by a second time, they needed some people to go in and out of the inn, so the Rileys were selected. Fame is fleeting, and you'd better look quickly or you won't see the Rileys.

There's little similarity between the show and reality. CBS's Stratford Inn supposedly was opened in 1774. The real-life Waybury, sitting on

three acres of land in East Middlebury, Vt., was built in 1810. It was a stagecoach stop at Middlebury Gap, one of four passes through the Green Mountains. As stagecoaches came across or prepared to cross the gap, the horses would be changed at the inn.

It also was a stop for the passengers. It has been in continuous operation as a boarding house or inn since then, with the exception of two years during World War II because of gas rationing. Because of that historical connection it has been declared a National Historical Place, one of a few in Vermont still in existence from that era.

An observant eye will notice other differences. The film footage of rural Vermont country roads leading to the Stratford Inn at the opening of the show is reported to have been shot in New Hampshire and is supposed to be outtakes from the movie "On Golden Pond." If you relied on those visual roads, you'd get lost on the way to the Rileys.

PEOPLE OFTEN come into the Waybury saying, "Hey, the exterior color's all wrong. It should be white with black shutters." To some extent they're right. That's the way the Waybury looked three years ago when it was filmed for the show. Betty points out the white pigment was too expensive to use when the inn was constructed and probably came along around the 1930s.

The Waybury needed repainting so the Rileys scraped down layers and layers of paint to the original color; it was something paint companies now call Old Salem Gray, so that's what it is today.

Another difference people notice are the hedges. When you study the opening shots closely, the front porch is overwhelmed by overgrown hedges. They've been torn out and replaced by more proportionally sized flowerbeds. They're visible in

the few seconds of spring footage shot the second time the camera crew came to film the inn.

There is one strong similarity between the Stratford and the Waybury. Both sets of innkeepers, the Loudons at the television Stratford and the Rileys at the Waybury, share a basic interest in people and a concern for their comfort and well-being. The Waybury is warm, friendly and charming and guests feel comfortable putting their feet up on a coffee table, taking a nap on the living room sofa or answering a late night phone call at the registration desk in robe and slippers.

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riser heights lead to a wide hallway and the 12 rooms. Each guest room is individually decorated. A special feature in each guest room is a stuffed animal personally selected by the Rileys. That may sound corny, but the animals are so carefully chosen to make the room feel homey that they frequently "leave" with the guests.

You won't find a television, telephone or writing desk with stationery in the guest rooms, or a swimming pool on the premises.

Equally as comfortable is the dining room (dinner \$38-\$16). Light airy classical music fills the background. Jim feels "music in the dining room is every bit as important as the food.

You can't have one out of kilter. People listen and relax, mellow out."

Seafood, beef, veal and lamb are menu specialties, "the kinds of things you would have found in New England in 1810. We are challenged to make a menu compatible with tourists and local residents, who represent a large number of our dinner guests."

The story of the Rileys and their inn could be the story of any number of people who dream of leaving the rat race for a nice quiet place out in the country.

Jim came from the McDonald's corporate world. Betty Riley is a native of St. Louis and worked as a guidance counselor in Indianapolis.

BOTH DECIDED they didn't want to work for someone else. They wanted a historic inn in New England.

"Betty and I had a tradition of going to the grocery store for our Friday evening dinner, which was special because we spent the entire week apart on our jobs. In checking out we picked up a magazine of commercial real estate property available around the country. The Waybury Inn was in there long with four or five others."

For more information, contact the Waybury Inn, East Middlebury, Vt. 05740. (802) 388-4015. Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Rate for two \$56-\$86.

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But when daylight disappears and nightfall arrives, we close the cur-

tains on another day's activity at the feeder. That may not be the end of activity at the feeder, though.

SOUTHERN FLYING squirrels are very active and feed from dusk until dawn. Some researchers feel they may be the most active nocturnal animals.

Southern flying squirrels are one of two species of flying squirrels in Michigan. Northern flying squirrels, as their name implies, are found in the northern half of the state.

The species are similar. Their heads and bodies are only about six

inches long. They have white under parts. And they both have a membrane of fur covered skin that extends between the fore and hind legs.

This membrane acts like a sail to help the squirrel glide through the air. Flying squirrels do not flap the membrane like a bird flaps its wings. They climb to the top of a tree, push off and descend to as far as two feet away.

There is a spur of cartilage on the fore limb that is extended to support the membrane when gliding. By changing the position of the membrane, they can change direction

while gliding as much as 90 degrees.

FLYING SQUIRRELS spend the daylight hours in old woodpecker holes, or natural cavities.

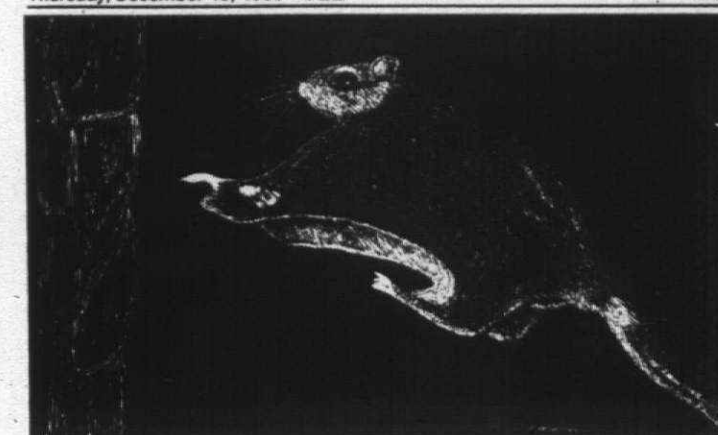
In winter, there may be as many as 20 individuals in a cavity all huddled together trying to stay warm.

Some friends of mine living in Dearborn had to remove a flying squirrel from their bedroom one night. How the squirrel got in the house is still a mystery, but it does illustrate that flying squirrels are in our area.

If you check your feeder at night, you may get a surprise, too.

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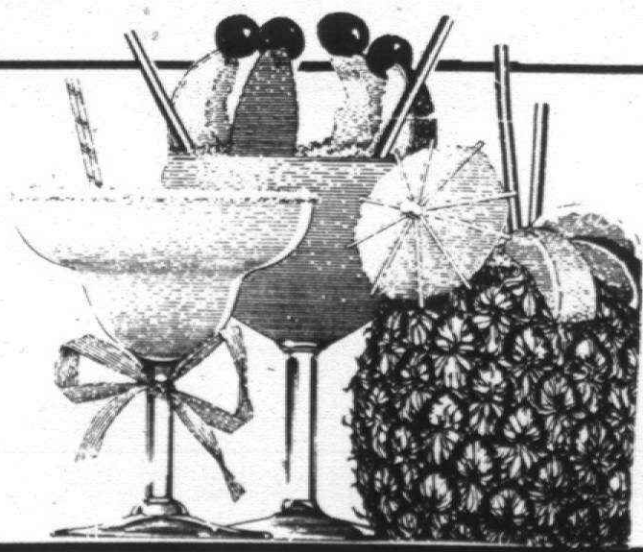
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## State tough with polluting companies

Environmental concern is aim

AP — Companies or government agencies that pollute Michigan's environment would be barred from receiving any form of state aid under a draft policy requested by Gov. James Blanchard.

But state environmental experts say it's tough to spell out a policy that would block state loans, grants, contracts and other aid from polluters, without stalling worthwhile projects, damaging the economic climate or risking harm to innocent companies.

Blanchard in May asked for a report by year's end "on whether the state may legally withhold various forms of state assistance from violators of state environmental law who have not agreed to comply with such law, and... whether and how a policy of withholding state assistance should be carried out."

DAVID DEMPSEY, Blanchard's environmental aide, said the policy would encourage business, industry and local governments to comply

with Michigan's pollution-control laws. "Nobody would want to be listed so it would deter potential violators," he said.

"It's only effective if they want some state assistance, but many do. We should be providing these privileges to those with an environmental conscience."

"The goal isn't to embarrass or punish anybody," Dempsey said. "We don't want to be destructive... Our goal is to attract businesses which are willing to comply."

"This policy should be directed at those who consistently and willfully refuse to comply with environmental laws."

A SUBCOMMITTEE of the Michigan Environmental Review Board, which advises the governor on environmental issues, is wrestling with the idea and will meet this week to try to hammer out a proposal.

The full board will review the policy later this month before public hearings are held. An initial version called for legislation to be drafted to block grants, loans, contracts, bonds, financial guarantees and leases to anybody who violated environmental laws.

"The general concept is a good one — the state doesn't want to give money to polluters," said Janis Bobrin, chair of the subcommittee. "But it's difficult to avoid injuring innocent parties... (and) we don't want to impede economic development."

"We're going to explore alternatives and come up with another recommendation."

THE IDEA has met with mixed reactions on the Environmental Review Board, where some members informally call it a "blacklist."

Several members have warned that affected companies must have a procedure to challenge the sanctions and to be removed from the list

when they end their misbehavior. Other experts say stricter enforcement of environmental laws could make the policy unnecessary.

Assistant Attorney General Stewart Freeman said a rational relationship should exist between the environmental violation and the assistance denied. In other words, a city shouldn't lose an arts grant because it violated air pollution laws, he said.

"I don't think there is any basis to have a flat rule to apply to everybody," Freeman said. "You have to do this on a case-by-case basis."

State Natural Resources Director Gordon Guyer also has doubts about blacklisting companies. He said he prefers "incentive programs rather than vindictive."

A "VINDICTIVE" program, he explained, risks angering companies, irritating legislators and damaging communications between the Department of Natural Resources and business.

## Crops hit by heavy floods

AP — Michigan farmers were able to produce just more than 2.7 million hundredweight of dry edible beans, about half of last season's crop, because of fall flooding, says a report.

Yields for all dry beans averaged 800 pounds per acre, far below last season's yield of 1,320 pounds per acre, the federal-state Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service said Friday.

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The Plymouth Family Support Group for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month and 7-9 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the Arbor Health Building at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey in Plymouth. The next meetings will be 1 p.m. Nov. 5 and 7 p.m. Nov. 10. Meetings are in the conference room and free to the public.

### DRUG USE ASSESSMENT

A new substance abuse assessment service is being offered by the chemical dependency program at Catherine McAuley Health Center. For the assessment a trained counselor meets with the parents and their child. If the child has a drug or alcohol problem, the parents and the child will be given assistance in se-

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### FOCUS ON LIVING

Focus on Living (with cancer) meetings are at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital, Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. The self-help group is to bring together patients and family members who are experiencing problems as a result of living with cancer. A nurse consultant and other resource people lead discussions of mutual problems. The meetings are on the fourth floor of St. Mary Hospital.

### MOTHER-BABY EXERCISE

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### 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. For information call 459-7383.

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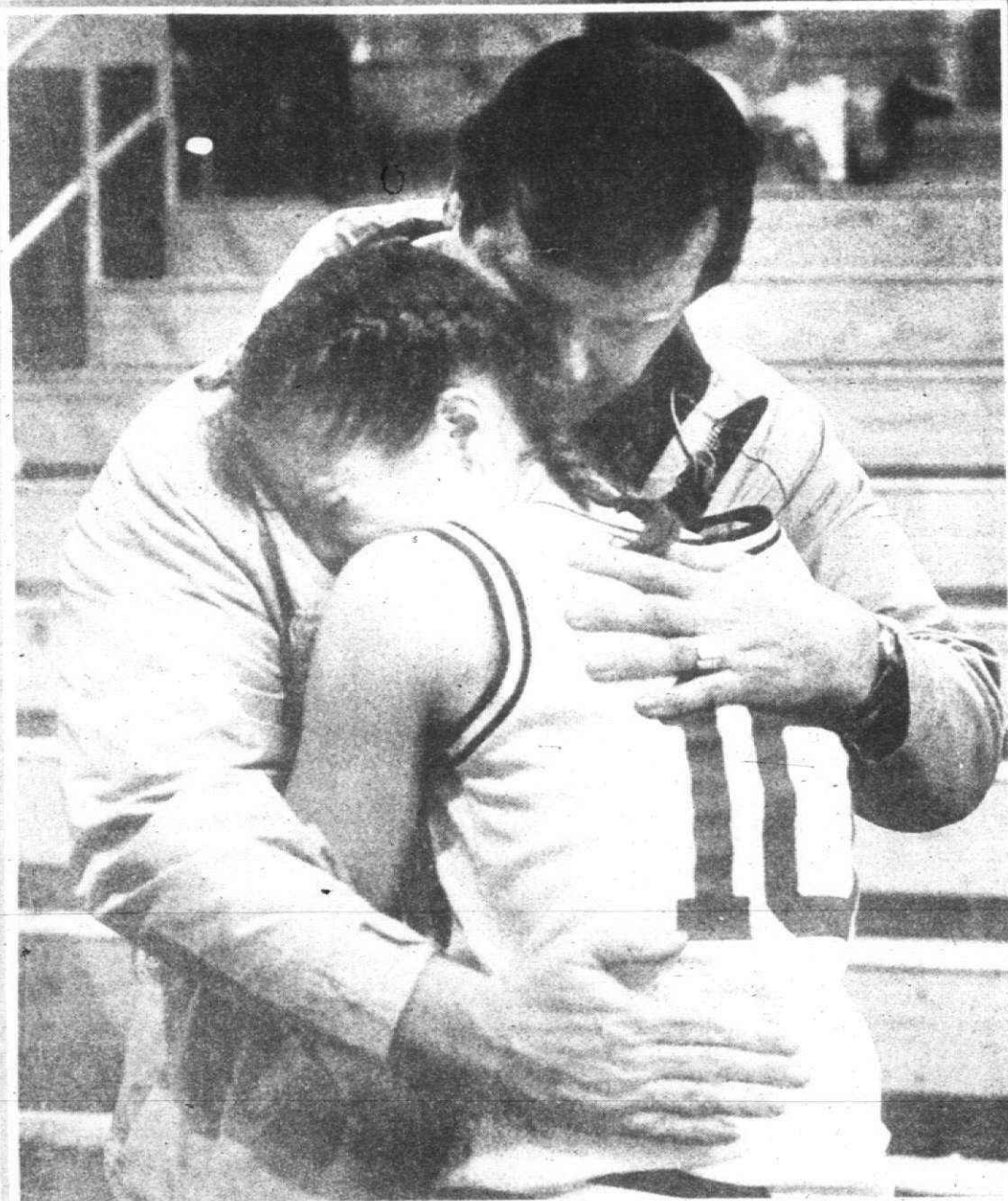
# Sports

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Keri McBride seeks solace in her father's arms Friday night after Plymouth Salem lost to Detroit King in the Class A semifinals at Grand Valley.

## Hurt, frustration give way to a surge of Rock pride

**B**ILL BRESLER'S photograph captured the moment magnificently. That's the beauty of photojournalism. In a flash, a photo can capture what may take 1,000 words to describe.

Plymouth Salem's Keri McBride, who had just spent every ounce of energy she could muster trying to avert the Rocks' 64-58 loss to Detroit Martin Luther King Friday, collapsed into her father's arms. The tears were unstoppable, her grief inconsolable.

It's an awful feeling when you perform beyond your ability, like Keri McBride did in the Class A semifinal game, and still lose. It's an intense hurt. The hurt is accompanied by a feeling of frustration, of oh-what's-the-use hopelessness.

Bill Bresler's photograph froze, for all time, Keri McBride's pain at that moment.

His photo also captured the other side. Look at Digger McBride's eyes as he comforts his daughter. If I may take some liberty with Digger's thoughts, his eyes seem to be saying, "Keri, there is nothing I can say right now to make you feel better. Go ahead and cry. In a while you'll realize all the good things you and your teammates have accomplished and you will feel very good about yourself."

Indeed, I'm sure that if Bill Bresler could have taken Keri's picture two or three hours later, the look on her face would be far different. A trace of pain would still be there, but with it would be some sign of self-satisfaction.

"I sure hope so. Same for every player on Salem's team. The final goal was not met this season. The Rocks didn't get the opportunity to play for the state championship. But they did take the entire program one huge step forward. The Rocks went from one of the premier programs in the region to one of the best in the state."

Don't sell short the importance of that leap. There are many outstanding basketball programs that are waiting to make that step. Birmingham Marian comes to mind. So does Trenton, Dearborn Fordson, Garden City, South Lyon and Westland John Glenn. These are programs that rack up 17 to 20 wins a season and are still waiting to crash into the state's elite bracket.

Another reason for Salem to hold its head up: The Rocks played the hell out of the game Friday night. The team shot 68 percent from the floor, making 25 of 37 shots. The Rocks outrebounded King 21-18. The Rocks didn't choke. They didn't play below their capabilities. King won. That's it. It was a no-shame defeat for Salem.

My guess is the Rocks will be back in the final four next year. You heard it here first. And if they don't make it, I'll deny ever saying they would.

**SUPER SUPPORT:** At first, when I saw all the lumbaries from the Plymouth-Canton Community School District in attendance at the last few Salem games, I



Chris McCosky

snickered. Fair-weather fans. Where have you been the last two or three seasons?

But that's wrong. That's a cynic's attitude. The important thing is, Superintendent Dr. John Hoben and other members of the school board and administration were there supporting the program. And that is terrific.

It was also exciting to see how the parents, and the community in general, rallied around the program this season. The parents, forever boisterous and enthusiastic, decked out in their matching blue sweatshirts, had as much fun this season as the players and coaches. Super.

But the fan of the year award goes to Salem building AD Gary Balconi. Despite pulling a muscle in his back and being in obvious pain, Balconi made the 2½ hour drive to Allendale to watch the Rocks. He sat in a wheelchair at the end of Salem's bench, a human symbol of Rock pride.

**OOOPS:** There is absolutely no truth to the rumor that I'm trying to erase Bob Blohm's accomplishments from the Salem history books. Although it may seem like it at times.

Two years ago, before the Salem-Canton Western Lakes championship game, I wrote that the Rocks had yet to win the league championship. Wrong. Bob Blohm's Salem team won it in the league's first year.

Prior to Salem's game with King Friday, I wrote that this was Salem's first appearance in the final four. Wrong. 1980. Bob Blohm's Salem team lost in the semifinal round.

So to Bob, Jacque Merrifield, Eileen Moore, Jan McKenzie, Cheryl Sobkow and all others involved with that 1980 team, I'm sorry. I screwed up. Forgive me.

**IT COULD HAPPEN:** Here's something to think about while we're putting the 1986 girls hoops season to bed.

It looks like Livonia Ladywood will be stepping up into Class A next year. Enrollment is up. That means, Ladywood could end up in a district tournament with either Salem, Farmington Hills Mercy, or Glenn and Garden City, or all of the above.

Wouldn't that be something? The top five teams in Observerland in the same district. It would be a disaster.

## Intensity Rock charge buries Western; Chiefs buried by free throws

By Bill Parker  
staff writer

### basketball

Bob Brodie wanted his team to play with a little intensity.

The Plymouth Salem coach thought his team had been having trouble with intensity in the past and hoped the Rocks could overcome the problem against Walled Lake Western.

And overcome they did, storming to a 76-54 victory Tuesday night over the visiting Warriors.

"The kids played with a lot of intensity right off the bat," said Brodie. "That's what we wanted to do. We've been having problems with that in previous games but we were there tonight."

Salem's tough zone defense forced the Warriors into seven turnovers in the first quarter alone. When the Warriors did get off a shot it was usually from long range. The result was a dismal four of 10 from the floor.

Meanwhile, the Rocks, led by Jeff Justice's six points, were busy rolling to a 15-8 lead. A lead they would never relinquish.

**IN THE SECOND** quarter Salem's intensity again caused Walled Lake some problems. The sizeable Rocks controlled the boards, particularly on the defensive end.

Midway through the quarter Bryan Kears led Salem on a 10-2 run. The senior guard hit six straight points and moments later connected on a pair of free throws to push Salem ahead, 31-13.

But the Warriors got hot from the

perimeter. Mike Berling hit two jumpers from way outside to spark Western's comeback. Erik Hall added a pair from underneath as a spark of hope began to glow on the Warrior bench.

Near the end of the quarter Salem seemed to stumble. Three Salem turnovers allowed Western to run off six unanswered points as the Warriors closed the gap to 11, 36-25.

"**WE WENT** into a little lull there at the end of the second quarter," said Brodie. "Fortunately we came back after that and played well. We seemed to lose our intensity a bit."

"We were forcing them to shoot from outside but then they started hitting the shots. In the second half we started to put a little more pressure on their shooters and I think it took its toll."

Mike Hale took charge for Salem in the third quarter. The 6-foot-5 senior forward dumped in eight of the Rocks' first 10 points as Salem increased its lead to 46-31. By the end of the quarter Hale had meshed in 14 points as the Rocks breezed to a commanding 61-42 advantage.

In the final quarter Brodie went to his bench. Keith Smith fired in five points and Bill Anderson added four more to keep Salem's lead intact. The Rocks outscored the Warriors 15-12 in the quarter to seal the victory.

"**OFFENSIVELY** WE played OK. Defensively we didn't do the things we've been working on," said Walled Lake coach Ken Connor. "We're a young team. We only have three seniors on the team. We're still learning."

"Bob has a real good team. He's got good athletes and an excellent program. He has a better bench too. He's got good depth coming into the game. We're only seven men deep."

Hale led all scorers in the game with 18 points. Kears finished with 11 while Justice ended with 10.

The Warriors were led by Scott Spencer, Hall and Berling who each netted 13 points.

**W.L. CENTRAL 79, CANTON 53:** Here's the telling statistic: Host Walled Lake Central made 33 of 49 free throw shots. Plymouth Canton made 9 of 15.

"We were never really in the game," Canton coach Tom Niemi said. "We showed up but that was about it. We didn't play very well defensively."

Kevin Harrel scored 23 points to lead Central (1-2). Mike McNutt added 17.

Roger Trice scored 15 points and Tyrone Reeves 12 for the Chiefs (1-3).

**PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 72, LUTHERAN NW 49:** Pat McCarthy went wild Tuesday night. The Plymouth Christian senior scored 18 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked 10 shots. Not bad.

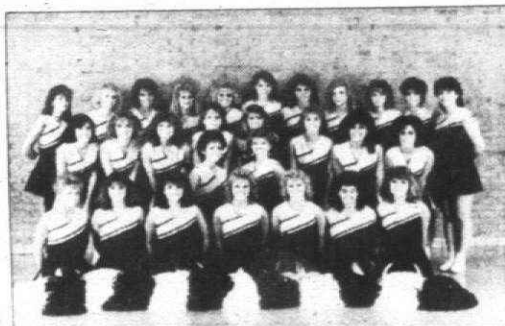
Andy Stephens scored 18, Steve Windle 16 and Jim Stroh 14 for the Eagles (4-0).

# Dick Scott

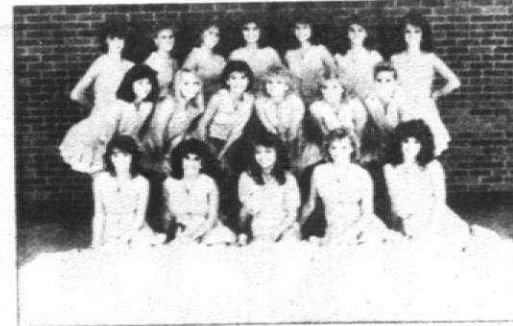
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### A PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL FLASHBACK

One year ago the Plymouth Salem Rocks Wrestling Team took 1st Place at the prestigious Westland John Glenn Invitational Tournament.

The Rocks succeeded, besting a star-studded 16-team field in the 20th annual mat gathering at Glenn.

The Rocks amassed 154 points in the evenly balanced meet. Salem's Dave Dameron stole the show. Wrestling in the 132-pound weight class, Dameron pinned all four of his opponents in a cumulative time of 4:20.

For his efforts, Dameron was named the meet's most outstanding wrestler—his second such honor in two consecutive weeks.

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## All-Area swimmers — 5D



# Initial splash

## Rock boys win WLAA Relay title

By Chris McCosky  
staff writer

If the Western Lakes Relays is the pace-setter for the 1986-87 boys swim season, as it so often is, then the pace this year ought to be break-neck.

Plymouth Salem, in a wild meet Saturday, snatched the Western Lakes Relay title, nipping Livonia Stevenson 245-230. Plymouth Canton, impressively, was third with 214 points, edging North Farmington (197).

Both Salem, which hosted the meet, and Stevenson scored in every event — with one major exception. Stevenson's 400-yard freestyle relay team was disqualified after winning the event. It cost the Spartans 32 points and, eventually, the title.

"I'm very glad to get the victory, but Stevenson is still the team to beat in this league," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "That disqualification cost 32 points. But it's like anything else: if you don't have it, you don't get it."

The tone of the meet was set in the

## swimming

first event. In the 400 medley relay, the first three teams finished within six-tenths of a second. Stevenson's team of Joe Saunders, Steve Taormina, Greg Jubeville and Duane Flippo won the race with a time of 3:58.49. Salem was second (3:58.53) and Westland John Glenn third (3:58.55).

TWO MEET records were established. Salem's 200 backstroke team (Mark Dunn, Brian Barbee, Don Harwood and David Miller) won in 1:50.70, breaking Northville's 1983 mark of 1:51.9.

North Farmington's 200 butterfly team (Bruce Goins, Andy Fretz, Marc Swartzberg and Mike Tumej) won in 1:43.85. The old record, 1:47.37, was set in 1984 by Farmington.

Salem and North each won three events.

Besides the backstroke winner, Sa-

lem's 400 individual medley team (Phil Bocketti, Geoff Taylor, Scott Fitzgerald and Don Harwood) won in 4:09.1, and its 200 freestyle team (Rob Moore, Pat Sturdy, Rob Shimmel and Jeff Musson) won in 1:40.15. North, in addition to the win in the 200 butterfly, took the 200 breaststroke (Dan Knipper, Kevin Lee, Steve Tumej and Jordy Greenstein in 2:04.22) and the 500 crested relay (Goins, Fretz, Greenstein and Mike Tumej in 4:28.08).

STEVENSON WON two events and placed second in five. Its lowest finish was third.

In addition to the 400 medley relay, Stevenson won the 200 medley relay. Joe Murphy, David Adzima, Jubeville and John Kochanek finished in 1:49.70.

Plymouth Canton won the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 3:58.49. Frank Wisniewski, Mike Lustig and Tom Hone going 3:55.73.

Glenn's Mark Miller and Mark Shevly won the diving, amassing 424.75.

## sports shorts

### INDOOR KICKS SIGNUP

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting team and individual registrations for its indoor soccer season beginning Jan. 5 at the new Canton Soccer Dome (Canton Softball Center).

There are leagues for all ages, youth to men over 30. Call 397-1000, Ext. 212, for more information.

### CSC SIGNUP

The Canton Soccer Club will hold registration for the spring 1987 season from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 10 through Jan. 17 at the Canton Township Hall.

Registration fee is \$20 per player (\$30 for Bonanza League players) with a maximum fee of \$70 per family.

Players may also sign up from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Canton Parks and Recreation Department office through Jan. 16.

### YOUTH FLOOR HOCKEY

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department and the Wayne-Westland YMCA are sponsoring their eighth annual floor hockey program for boys and girls grades one through six.

The clinics will be held at the following sites and times: From 3:50-4:45 p.m. and from 4:45-5:45 p.m. Mondays at Field School. From 3:50-4:45 p.m. and from 4:45-5:45 p.m. Tuesdays at Hulsing.

A six-week clinic will begin the week of Jan. 19. A four-week clinic will commence Saturday, Feb. 7. All games will be played Saturday mornings at Miller School.

The cost is \$17 per child and registration begins after Jan. 2 at the Canton Parks and Recreation office through Jan. 16.

### PCA FALL AWARDS

Plymouth Christian Academy recently honored its top athletic performers from the fall season. Among the award recipients were: Todd Gentry (Most Valuable Player in soccer), Elaine Priebe (MVP in girls basketball), Chris Snider (MVP cross country) and Pat McCarthy (MVP in golf).

Coaches awards were given to Kris Mavin (soccer), Kris Southward (basketball) and Andy Allmand (cross country).

Mark Dains was named to the first-team Michigan Independent Athletic Association soccer team. Snider was all-conference in cross country.

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# On a roll

## High-flying Engineers win 3 straight

By Chris McCosky  
staff writer

Don't look now but the Hennessey Engineers are on a tear.

After hovering at or below the 500 mark for the first 16 games of the season, Plymouth's Junior A hockey club has suddenly won three in a row and four of its last five. Two of the wins have come against North American Junior Hockey League Power Compware.

"We're talking about a red-hot hockey team right now," said Engineers coach A.J. Baker. "We're starting to hit full stride."

It began with an impressive 4-2 victory over Compware Nov. 28. The following weekend, Hennessey split two games in Buffalo, losing 5-3 and winning 9-6 against an improved Buffalo franchise that is expected to rejoin the NAJHL next season.

Last Friday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, the Engineers blasted the Allied Senior League team 11-4. Saturday, the Engineers went into Oak Park and stung Compware 5-1.

"WE'RE STARTING to click. We have three lines that are playing great and Doug Brown has played exceptionally well in the nets," Baker said. "The main thing is, we're finally finishing the plays. We've got some guys starting to put the puck into the net."

The team seemed to jell when Bob Mylerek was added to the roster. Mylerek, an original draft choice of the Engineers, had been playing on the St. Clair Shores Junior B team until Baker summoned him.

"He had been just tearing up in Junior B," Baker said. "He's not exceptionally quick. But he has a knack for putting the puck in the net. He has tremendous hockey sense. The other guys saw that."

## hockey

Mylerek was doing it (putting the puck on the net), and it just spread."

Mylerek got two goals against Allied, and he opened the scoring against Compware Saturday.

LARRY PILUT remains the team's leading scorer with 13 goals and 15 assists. He scored three times against Allied.

Southfield's J. Jewett also has gotten untracked. He notched five assists against Allied. Bryan Krygiel and Canton resident Eric Kapelanski each had a goal and three assists.

Against Compware, Plymouth's Chris Belhart scored twice while Krygiel and Jeff Gustafson each scored once. Here's how Baker described Gustafson's goal:

"It was a 'Titanic' blast, he just drilled it. When they pulled the puck out of the net it was an inch smaller."

But the Engineers' No. 1 star Saturday was Brown. He kicked out 35 of the 36 shots on the night.

"He made the difference, especially in the first period," Baker said. "I don't know how many shots he had in the first period but he made a bunch of great saves. He seems to have Compware's number with a 11-9-1 mark. The Detroit Falcons are in third, 7-8-1."

The Engineers will host the Junior B All-Star team at 8:20 p.m. Friday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

LINE DANCE: Part of the reason for the Engineers recent success has been the solidification of the three forward lines.

The No. 1 line always has included Pilut and Gustafson. Recently, Jeff Smith has replaced Kapelanski on the line and the results have been positive.

On line No. 2, Jewett, Mylerek and Krygiel have settled in. But the big improvement has been in the third line. Darrell Sattler, Belhart and Gary Scott struggled early in the year. But recently, the trio has turned it around and has been as productive as either of the top two lines.

And give credit to Kapelanski. He didn't let the demotion affect his game. He came up with a four-point game against Allied.

LEADING SCORERS: Pilut (13 goals and 15 assists) and Krygiel (12 goals and 15 assists) are 1-2 for the Engineers. Gustafson has 11 goals and 13 assists. Jewett has six goals and 18 assists. Defenseman Tom Madden has three goals and 16 assists.

Compware continues to dominate the NAJHL's scoring stats. Mike Boback, Jim Ballantine, Todd English, Dave Szymanski and Mike Jorgensen were ranked one through five in total points through Nov. 28. Boback has scored 16 goals.

Here's a look at how some of the Observers players were doing through Nov. 28: Brian Baldrice (Plymouth-Canton), six goals and 12 assists for Compware; Sean Worden (Plymouth-Canton), six goals and 10 assists for the Falcons; Tom Yockey (Plymouth-Canton), three goals and eight assists for the Falcons; Matt Wiljanen (Livonia), three goals and five assists for Compware; Steve Dawson (Plymouth-Canton), two goals and four assists for the Falcons.

# Bench perks up Lady Ocelots

It was the bench that proved the difference Saturday evening as the Schoolcraft women's basketball team held on to post a 68-63 victory over host St. Clair Community College.

The triumph improved the Lady Ocelots' record to 3-3 in Eastern Conference play and 5-3 overall. Leading by a 35-33 count at halftime, the Lady Ocelots built a seemingly comfortable 13-point lead with eight minutes to go. But the lead dwindled rapidly as St. Clair took advantage of three Schoolcraft starters being whistled for their fifth personal foul.

SUE LUBBE, Sharon Miller and Debbie Georgevich stepped in to pick up the slack offensively and defensively for the Lady Ocelots as they thwarted any hopes St. Clair had of a comeback effort.

Georgevich bagged the decisive points with a basket and free throw on consecutive possessions to make it a 66-62 Schoolcraft lead with 30 seconds to go.

St. Clair netted a free throw to close to 66-63 with eight seconds left before Schoolcraft's Kelly Watson iced the contest with her only basket of the game with three seconds remaining.

Lubbe paced the winners with 19 points, including 12 in the second half, and hauled down seven rebounds. Miller was next in line with

16 points, 10 of which came in the second half, and Tammy Adams and Tracy LaDouceur tossed in 11

points, all in the first half. Lisa Klein and Tammy Adams also contributed five each.

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# Romulus grapplers rule

## John Glenn Invitational

By Brad Emons  
staff writer

Romulus High proved Saturday that it has more than just a basketball team.

The Eagles showed why they could possibly win a state wrestling championship this season after dominating the 20th annual Westland John Glenn Invitational. They were state Class A champions in basketball last year.

Romulus gained at least a fourth-place finish or better in nine of the 13 weight classes to score 191 points, outdistancing second place finisher and defending champion Plymouth Canton 124 points.

"I knew coming in that Romulus had a good club," said Salem coach Ron Krueger. "They have a lot of good kids."

Glenn coach Tom Buckalew was also impressed. "Romulus was just too much for all of us," he said. "They score points by getting their kids with lesser records into third and fourth place."

"We're going to keep working, but you've got to have 13 kids to beat them."

THE ROMULUS WINNERS included Tony Venturini (98 pounds) and Jim Schlegler (138). The Eagles' second place finishers included Charlie Crosby (105), Craig Stewart (119) and Mark Dubyak (155).

The sole winner for Canton was Dean Roberts, who captured first place in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:00.60.

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Salem, wrestling without three starters, gained nine places and boasted a pair of individual champions.

Senior heavyweight Richard Johnson, seeded No. 3, pulled out a pair of squeakers, beating Plymouth Park's Tony Ruelle and Romulus' Steve Anderson by identical 1-0 counts (the win over Anderson came in overtime). Ruelle pulled an upset in the semifinals with a 3-2 win over Chris Zimmerman of Glenn.

Salem's other champion was 126-pounder Dennis Dameron, who, as expected, won his division to raise his record this season to 12-0.

The Rocks' Tim Ott (132), meanwhile, settled for second place as he was beaten by Livonia Churchill's Mike Krause in the final. Other Salem wrestlers scoring points included Jeff Delbeck (98), third place; Sean May (112), fifth; Scott Contini (119), Bill Atwell (138), Lem Young (155) and Chuck Graczyk (198), all sixth.

"WE WENT IN with the idea to do the best we possibly could individually," Krueger said. "I knew Glenn would be good, but Churchill and (Livonia) Stevenson were surprising and Garden City is decent. We had

some people coming up and sniping."

Churchill was sixth overall in the 16-team field with 92½ points. Brian Clemens was the Chargers' other individual champion, capturing the 167-pound with a 5-2 decision against Garden City's Tim Howell.

Garden City, seventh in the team standings with 91, sent Don Giese to the winner's circle. He won the 190-pound crown with a pin against Plymouth Canton's Jim Crews in 47 seconds. (GC's Ken Pichman was third at 132.)

Wayne Memorial, ninth in the team standings with 71½, had 112-pound champion in Rob Eeles. Stevenson, 10th with 70½, had a pair of third place finishers — Tom Tokarz (138) and John Economou (185).

HOST GLENN failed to gain a berth in any of the championship finals, but secured four third place finishes: Zimmerman, Rob Krazel (105), Roger Okurowski (119), Rob Matigani (126) and Chuck Lauber (167).

The meet's MVP was Monroe's Cliff Johnson, who captured the 145-pound final against Wayne's Scott Lapere with a pin in just 28 seconds. Johnson pinned all four opponents, taking a total of just three minutes and 57 seconds to finish the job.

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## rankings

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### BOYS BASKETBALL

1. Bishop Borgess
2. Westland John Glenn
3. Catholic Central
4. Wayne Memorial
5. Plymouth Salem

### BOYS SWIMMING

1. Catholic Central
2. Livonia Stevenson
3. Plymouth Salem
4. Plymouth Canton
5. North Farmington

### HOCKEY

1. Catholic Central
2. Livonia Stevenson
3. Livonia Franklin
4. Livonia Church

### WRESTLING

1. Catholic Central
2. Plymouth Salem

## the week ahead

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Thursday, Dec. 18  
Liv. Stevenson at Ply. Salem, 7:30 p.m.  
Wald. John Glenn at N. Farmington, 7:30 p.m.  
W.L. Central at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.  
Wayne Memorial at Lincoln Park, 7:30 p.m.  
Redford Union at Edgewood, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 19  
Liv. Franklin at W. Western, 7:30 p.m.  
Liv. Church at Ply. Canton, 7:30 p.m.  
Garden City at Woodhaven, 7:30 p.m.  
Bishop Borgess at Divine Child, 7:30 p.m.

**PREP HOCKEY**  
Friday, Dec. 19  
Liv. Franklin vs. Liv. Stevenson  
at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
Liv. Church vs. Wyandotte Roosevelt  
at Rly. Gabriel Richard Tournament, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 20  
Catholic Central vs. Liv. Stevenson  
at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.  
Gabriel Richard Tournament, 6 and 8 p.m.

## CC icers romp, eye next foe

Redford Catholic Central exploded for six goals in the second period to crush St. Clair Shore Lakesview, 11-3, in a Michigan Metro High School Hockey League game played Saturday at the Redford Ice Arena.

Chris Peters, Dann Feenstra, Mark Johnson and Chris Homycki each tallied two goals for the winners, now 4-1 overall. Jim Hunschmidt, Mike Sullivan and Todd Johnson rounded out the CC goal scorers. Johnson also collected three assists.

The Shamrocks led 2-1 after one period and then exploded for the six goals in the middle period to gain an 8-2 advantage.

CC returns to action Saturday against Livonia Stevenson in a game at Redford. Game time is 8 p.m.

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**WESTERN LAKES BOYS SWIM RELAYS**  
Saturday at Salem  
Team results: 1. Plymouth Salem, 245 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 230; 3. Plymouth Canton, 214; 4. North Farmington, 197; 5. Westland John Glenn, 142; 6. Livonia Church, 136; 7. Northville, 129; 8. Farmington Hills, 123; 9. Livonia Franklin, 113; 10. Farmington, 58; 11. Walled Lake Central, 56; 12. Walled Lake Western, 42.

**400 medley relay:** 1. Stevenson (Joe Schmitt, Steve Taormina, Greg Jubenille, Duane Pippio), 3:58.49; 2. Salem, 3:58.53; 3. Glen, 3:58.55; 4. Canton, 4:05.4; 5. North Farmington, 4:18.71; 6. Harrison, 4:22.02.

**400 freestyle:** 1. Canton (Jim Walker, Frank Wawerski, Mike Lustig, Tome Honey), 3:35.73; 2. Church, 3:35.77; 3. Salem, 3:35.78; 4. Northville, 3:41.12; 5. Harrison, 3:54.36; 6. Glen, 3:55.96.

**200 butterfly:** 1. North Farmington (Bruce Goins, Andy Fritz, Jordy Greenstein, Mike Turney), 4:28.06; 2. Stevenson, 4:38.15; 3. Salem, 4:38.53; 4. Harrison, 4:43.88; 5. Canton, 4:44.83; 6. Church, 4:45.01.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Stevenson (Joe Murphy, David Adzima, Greg Jubenille, John Kogel), 1:48.70; 2. Farmington, 1:51.41; 3. Canton, 1:52.70; 4. North Farmington, 1:53.04; 5. Salem, 1:53.31; 6. Franklin, 1:53.90.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Salem (Rob Moore, Pat Sturdy, Rob Shimmel, Jeff Mason), 1:40.19; 2. Stevenson, 1:42.72; 3. Canton, 1:43.64; 4. Church, 1:50.12; 5. Glen, 1:50.18; 6. W.L. Western, 1:51.14.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Salem (Phil Booketti, Geof Taylor, Scott Fitzgerald, Don Harwood), 4:08.1; 2. Stevenson, 4:10.56; 3. Northville, 4:23.16; 4. Canton, 4:33.09; 5. Franklin, 4:38.37; 6. Church, 4:42.08.

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## wrestling

**CLARENCEVILLE INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Harper Woods Lutheran East, 188 points; 2. Dearborn Anderson, 153; 3. Milford, 149; 4. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 65; 5. Springfield Christian, 62; 6. Livonia Clarenceville, 57; 7. Redford Union, 56; 8. Detroit Country, 54.

**CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS**  
Heavyweight: Joe Barkewicz (Crestwood) pinned Brian Wilson (RU), 1:24.  
98 pounds: Dean Landoni (Southgate) pinned Terry Mevin (Springfield), 1:33.  
105 pounds: Eric Egots (Milford) pinned Jason Howes (Springfield), 3:00.  
112 pounds: Rick Wilson (Southgate) pinned Bill Hampton (Springfield), 0:58.  
119 pounds: Larry Ferguson (Southgate) defeated Associated Rocknesses (Lutheran East), 8:2.  
126 pounds: Dan Wellman (Lutheran East) def. Mark Redman (Country Day), 7:0.  
133 pounds: Chris Ferretti (Lutheran East) def. Bryan Eastman (Southgate), 11:2.  
140 pounds: Mike Lambrecht (Lutheran East) def. John Eiden (Milford), 5:2.  
155 pounds: Cliff Johnson (Monroe) pinned Scott Lapere (Wayne), 0:28.  
167 pounds: Eric Shipley (Lutheran East) def. Aaron Strand (Milford), 5:4.  
185 pounds: Frank Gonzalez (Cville) pinned Ed Sparks (Southgate), 2:30.

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**  
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Romulus, 191 points;

2. Plymouth Salem, 127; 3. Westland John Glenn, 124; 4. Monroe, 103; 5. Lincoln Park, 101; 6. Livonia Church, 92; 7. Garden City, 91; 8. Birmingham Brother Rice, 85; 9. Wayne Memorial, 71; 10. Livonia Stevenson, 70; 11. Southfield Lathrup, 53; 12. Mount Clemens, 58; 13. Farmington, 45; 14. Plymouth Canton, 40; 15. Warren Woods Tower, 31; 16. Birmingham Seaham, 17.

**CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS**  
Heavyweight: Richard Johnson (Salem) defeated Tony Ruelke (Lincoln Park), 1:0.  
98 pounds: Tony Venturini (Romulus) pinned Ron Naravus (Lathrup), 3:27.  
105 pounds: Jerry Muhane (Tower) def. Charlie Crosby (Romulus), 5:3.  
112 pounds: Rob Eeles (Wayne) won by default over Kevin LaBel (Monroe).  
126 pounds: Dennis Dameron (Salem) def. Jason Horowitz (Lathrup), 1:14.  
132 pounds: Mike Krause (Church) def. Tim Ott (Salem), 7:2.  
138 pounds: Jim Schieler (Romulus) pinned Jeff Sharrell (Wayne), 4:45.  
145 pounds: Cliff Johnson (Monroe) pinned Scott Lapere (Wayne), 0:28.  
155 pounds: Dean Moscovitz (Rice) def. Mark Dubak (Romulus), 1:45.  
167 pounds: Brian Clemens (Church) def. Tim Howell (Garden City), 5:2.

185 pounds: Ron Ruelke (Lincoln Park) def. Craig Line (Monroe), 3:1.  
198 pounds: Don Gese (Garden City) pinned Jim Crews (Canton), 2:47.

**CONSOLATION FINALS**  
Heavyweight: Chris Zimmerman (Glen) def. Steve Anderson (Romulus), 6:3.  
98 pounds: Jeff Deboke (Salem) def. Casey Krause (Church), 8:4.  
105 pounds: Rob Krause (Glen) def. Gary Francis (Lincoln Park), 6:3 (overtime).  
112 pounds: Chris Snooks (Rice) def. Dave LaGrew (Lathrup), 10:3.  
119 pounds: Roger Ourawski (Glen) def. Kevin Kline (Rice), 10:2.  
126 pounds: Rob Mangian (Glen) def. Steve Pichner (Monroe), 6:1 (overtime).  
132 pounds: Ken Pichia (Garden City) def. Ricky Champagne (Romulus), 11:0.  
138 pounds: Tom Tokaz (Stevenson) pinned Hung Kim (Church), 4:48.  
145 pounds: John Bergman (Romulus) pinned Jered Wilkins (Stevenson), 0:41.  
155 pounds: Ray Boortz (Lincoln Park) def. Pete Terman (Seaham), 5:3.  
167 pounds: John Economou (Stevenson) pinned Hills Andover's Amy Charnes, followed by a two-second win in the 100 butterfly (57:02).

Sheila also won both events at the WLAA meet. She was also Western Lakes Activities Association champion in those two events.

Sheila Taormina, Livonia Stevenson, 200 individual medley: The 5-year senior stood tall during her final period, breaking state records in the 200 IM (2:05.1), by upsetting Bloomfield Hills Andover's Amy Charnes, followed by a two-second win in the 100 butterfly (57:02).

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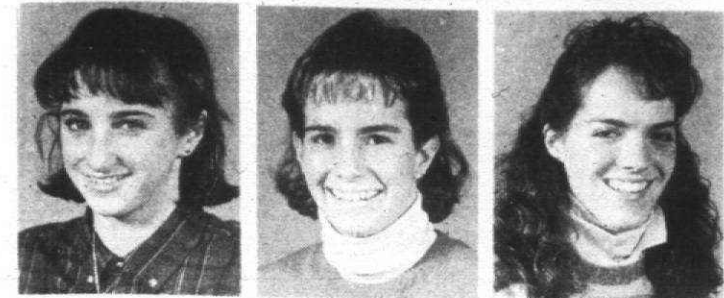
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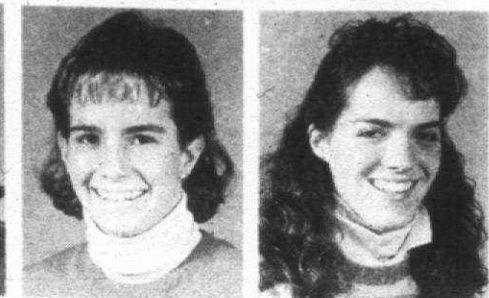
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## Power region

## Observerland swimming gains state's respect

By Brad Emons  
staff writer

**all-area swimming**  
WHEN IT COMES TO girls swimming statewide, Observerland schools won't take a back seat to anyone.

The 1986 season was no exception, as almost 20 percent of the state Class A qualifiers came from Observerland.

Three area schools — Livonia Stevenson, North Farmington and Farmington Hills Mercy — finished among the top 10 in the team standings at the state Class A meet, held earlier this month in East Lansing.

Observerland also boasts the state's top swimmer in Stevenson's Sheila Taormina, who broke two individual records and was a member of the Spartans' record-setting 400-yard freestyle relay team.

Several other area swimmers figured prominently in the final results. Area coaches gathered recently to select the area's best.

### RELAY EVENTS

Sheila Taormina, Ann Bollinger, Maureen Sudek and Michele McKenzie, Livonia Stevenson, 400 freestyle: This foursome put together their best effort at the state meet, upsetting Ann Arbor Pioneer with a state-record time of 3:32.5. They shattered the old record set by the Stevenson foursome of Sherrie Sudek, Taormina, Bollinger and McKenzie in 1985.

Marge Cramer, North Farmington, 100 freestyle: Sapped at the end of the season by a bout with pneumonia, Cramer missed the WLAA meet and was less than full strength for the state meet. Her best time in the 100 freestyle was 54.9, set at the Oakland County Championships. She was also second in the 200 freestyle at the Oakland County meet.

A senior and four-time All-Area swimmer, Cramer is one of the top 100 swimmers and two varsity relay records.

Jennifer Rowe, North Farmington, 500 freestyle: Capping a fine four-year career, Rowe finished second in the state in the 500 freestyle (5:00.9) and sixth in the 200 freestyle (1:56.9), both North varsity records.

### FIRST TEAM

Sheila Taormina, Livonia Stevenson, 200 individual medley: The 5-year senior stood tall during her final period, breaking state records in the 200 IM (2:05.1), by upsetting Bloomfield Hills Andover's Amy Charnes, followed by a two-second win in the 100 butterfly (57:02).

She also won both events at the WLAA meet. She was also Western Lakes Activities Association champion in those two events.

Maureen Sudek, Livonia Stevenson, 50 freestyle: A senior, Sudek recorded one of the area's best times (25.6) in the 50 freestyle.

She was second in the WLAA and was a member of the league champion 200 medley relay squad.

### AT-LARGE BERTHS

Jenny Morton, Farmington Mercy: At the state meet, Morton finished fifth in the 500 freestyle (5:12.12) and 11th in the 200 freestyle (1:59.69). She won both events at the Catholic League championships, won by Mercy for the 24th consecutive year.

Julie Cox, Plymouth Canton: A second-year swimmer from Alabama, Cox holds four Canton varsity records. She was in the top six in both the 100 breaststroke and 200 IM at the league meet. At the state meet, Cox took ninth in the breaststroke with a time of 1:10.09. She is a senior.

Ann Bollinger, Livonia Stevenson, 100 backstroke: A senior, Bollinger finished second in the state in the 100 backstroke (1:00.14) and fourth in the 50 freestyle (24:7.1). She was league champion in both events.

Cindy Cramer, North Farmington, 100 backstroke: In the state Class A meet, Cramer took third in the 100 breaststroke (1:08.1) and fourth in the 200 IM (2:12.7). She also won the 50 freestyle at both the Oakland County and WLAA meets.

### HONORABLE MENTION

Livonia Stevenson: Carolyn Schwedt, Amy Harrison, Lisa Campos, Nicole Hempelman, North Farmington: Amy Menellie, Laurie Oswald, Alice Jewell, Liz Worthen, Farmington Hills Mercy: Lisa Kelly, Amy Cetnar, Becky Wajust, Kate Westoff, Westland John Glenn: Kelly Taylor, Sandy Anger, Kelly Erickson, Jerry DeBarrat, Mary Lawson, Plymouth Canton: Cassie Cummins, Lisa DeJong, Kelly Daley, Lynn Parkland, Michele Stackpole, Amy Schmitt, Danielle Dickinson, Jean McLenaghan, Sarah Schmitt, Kristy Brugler, Kelly Rasche, Plymouth Salem: Erin Olson, Tina Aquino, Shannon Murphy, Tracy Meszaro, Livonia Stevenson: Kendra James, Lynn Looile, Angie Neville, Redford Thurston Tonya Halsek, Tracy Graves, Farmington Hills: Catherine Tucker, Livonia Clarenceville Karen Couch.

Julie Cox Canton

Sheila Taormina Stevenson

Michele McKenzie Stevenson



# Elk hunt keeps hunters happy

THE 1986 Michigan elk hunt was an overwhelming success with 93 of 95 hunters filling their tags. Overall, 39 adult bull elk, 50 adult cows and four calves were harvested during the six-day season which ended Dec. 14.

Of the six Observer & Eccentric area hunters, four returned home with bulls — including the state record for the heaviest elk ever taken in the state — while the remaining two harvested cows.

"All in all it was a pretty successful hunt," said Joe Vogt, staff biologist with the Department of Natural Resources. "There were a lot of large animals taken this year. Hunters seemed to be a little more selective."

"The hunt itself isn't such a rarity anymore. Hunters seem to be putting in a little more time and hunting longer to get to the bigger animals," he said. "There were quite a few bulls taken that dressed out at over 600 pounds. This means their live weight would exceed 900 pounds."

Prior to the start of the season the estimated size of the Michigan elk herd was near 1,100 animals. To keep the herd at a manageable size the DNR has held a special elk hunt each of the past three years.

The purpose of the hunt is to control the herd to the degree where we can suffer the least amount of damage to crops and agriculture, but still ensure a large enough herd for tour-

ist viewing," Vogt said. "Our agricultural interests have been suffering damage. We have to limit the size of the herd so that it doesn't get out of hand."

FARMINGTON HILLS resident Paul Chism set a new state record when he dropped a 7x7 (14 point) bull on Dec. 12. Chism's trophy, which was shot in Otsego County, dressed out at 682 pounds. That exceeds the old mark by 18 pounds. (To estimate the live weight of an elk, divide the dressed weight by two and add the sum to the dressed weight total.)

Before filling his tag with this 6½-year-old record bull, Chism passed by two spikes, a 2x2, a 4x4 and a 5x5. "I told my guide, Bob Lindbert, that I wanted a 7x7," Chism said. "It took a little more time but we finally found one."

Through the guidance of Lindbert, Chism spotted two bulls grazing on the edge of a stand of hardwoods at the back of a field of cut corn. They asked the land owner for permission to hunt on his property then proceeded to bag the state record.

"We walked straight through the corn field," Chism said. "When we got to within about 100 yards they turned and ran into the woods. (Lindbert) said to freeze and they'd come back out. That's exactly what they did. Actually there were four of them but we hadn't seen the other two."

"It took five of us to get it out to the cornfield. Then we drove a pick-



Bill Parker

up truck out and threw it in the back."

Chism said he feels the DNR is doing a fine job with the hunt and is excited about the resurgence of elk in Michigan.

"I think (the hunt) is fantastic. The DNR is doing a great job with it. It's fantastic to be able to hunt elk in your own state," Chism said.

SCOTT WETZEL of West Bloomfield also took home a trophy bull. Wetzels dropped a 6x5 (11 point), 6½-year-old, 570 pound bull in Otsego County around 3 p.m. opening day.

"It was excellent," said the 18-year-old Wetzels. "It was the best hunting I've ever done. We had a blast. My guide (Keith Huff) found a set of tracks and we followed them through the snow for about two miles. We came upon a herd of seven bulls in some hardwoods and that's where I got him."

"My dad got the letter (of selection for the hunt) in the mail and didn't tell me about it. When he showed it to me the paper was folded in half and all I saw was Mr. Wetzels. I thought he got a license, not me. Then he unfolded the paper and I saw my name on it. I went crazy. It was great. I prayed for it. I've applied for a license each year and finally got one."

Wetzels' bull set an unofficial state record for width of the rack at 44½ inches. Before the hunt had ended, however, John Alsop, of Beulah, bagged a 650 pound 5x5 which had a width of 47 inches. Official measurements will be made 90 days after the hunt by Commemorative Bucks of Michigan.

IT TOOK THE "shot of a lifetime," but Redford's Gerald Manus returned home with 6x6 (12 point), 5½-year-old bull which dressed out at 630 pounds.

Hunting in Montmorency County, Manus, his son Keith, and their guide, Vern Bishop, found a fresh set of tracks opening morning and began following them. Around 1 p.m., after following the tracks for seven to eight miles, Manus finally got a shot.

"We walked and walked. Up hills and down hills. To be honest I was ready to quit a couple of times," Manus said. "Finally we came to the top of a hill and saw two bulls about 350-400 yards away. It was a shot I'll probably never equal again in my life. I know it was 90 percent luck. The elk were at the bottom of the hill. As I was aiming my 308 (Remington) I tried to remember everything I could about trajectory."

Manus must have remembered correctly because minutes later he was trudging down the hill to tag his trophy elk.

"I was glad to get it but I was kind of sad too," said Manus. "They're so beautiful. I couldn't believe it when I first saw them. They're really beautiful animals."

"My guide was really fantastic. I couldn't have done it without him. In fact, everyone up there (Atlanta) was very helpful and friendly. It was a great experience all the way around."

West Bloomfield's Joe Dillahun dropped a 2½-year-old 3x5 (eight point) bull Dec. 10, in Montmorency County. Dillahun's trophy dressed out at 328 pounds.

Matt Selewski, Jr. of Troy, was successful in bagging a 3½-year-old cow on Dec. 12. Selewski's elk was shot in Montmorency County and tipped the scales at 312 pounds.

Farmington Hills resident Gary Sobek filled his tag on opening day with a 1½-year-old cow. Sobek's elk dressed out at 255 pounds and was also found in Montmorency County.

Ann Arbor's Jim Hoeft made history this year being the first hunter to fill his license with a bow and arrow. Hoeft scored with a 355 pound cow.

## Dearborn wins title

Dearborn High School captured the second Farmington Harrison Invitational Volleyball Tournament last Saturday.

Dearborn topped Ann Arbor Pioneer 15-5, 15-12 in the finals of the 10-team tournament.

"Dearborn struggled a bit in pool play, but they really got it going in the finals," said Harrison coach and tournament director Ron Shortt.

Harrison placed fourth in the tournament losing the consolation game to West Bloomfield 18-16.

Dearborn had ousted Harrison in the semifinals, 15-13, 15-10. Pioneer knocked off West Bloomfield in the other semifinal match, 7-15, 15-7, 15-11.

Janine Whittemore was the top performer for the Hawks. She posted 29 kills, 15 service aces and 30 digs. Katie Doll had 29 kills and Theresa Spisz 23. Setter Heidi Reyst had 47 assists.

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## basketball standings

The following are the standings for the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association as of Dec. 13.

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American Division			
T-Birds	5-0	Pacers	3-0
Dolphins	4-1	Knicks	2-1
Blues	3-2	Bulls	2-1
76ers	3-2	Kings	2-1
Angels	3-2	Suns	2-1
Nets	2-3	Celtics	2-1
Wings	0-4	Pistons	1-2
Magics	0-5	Jazz	0-3

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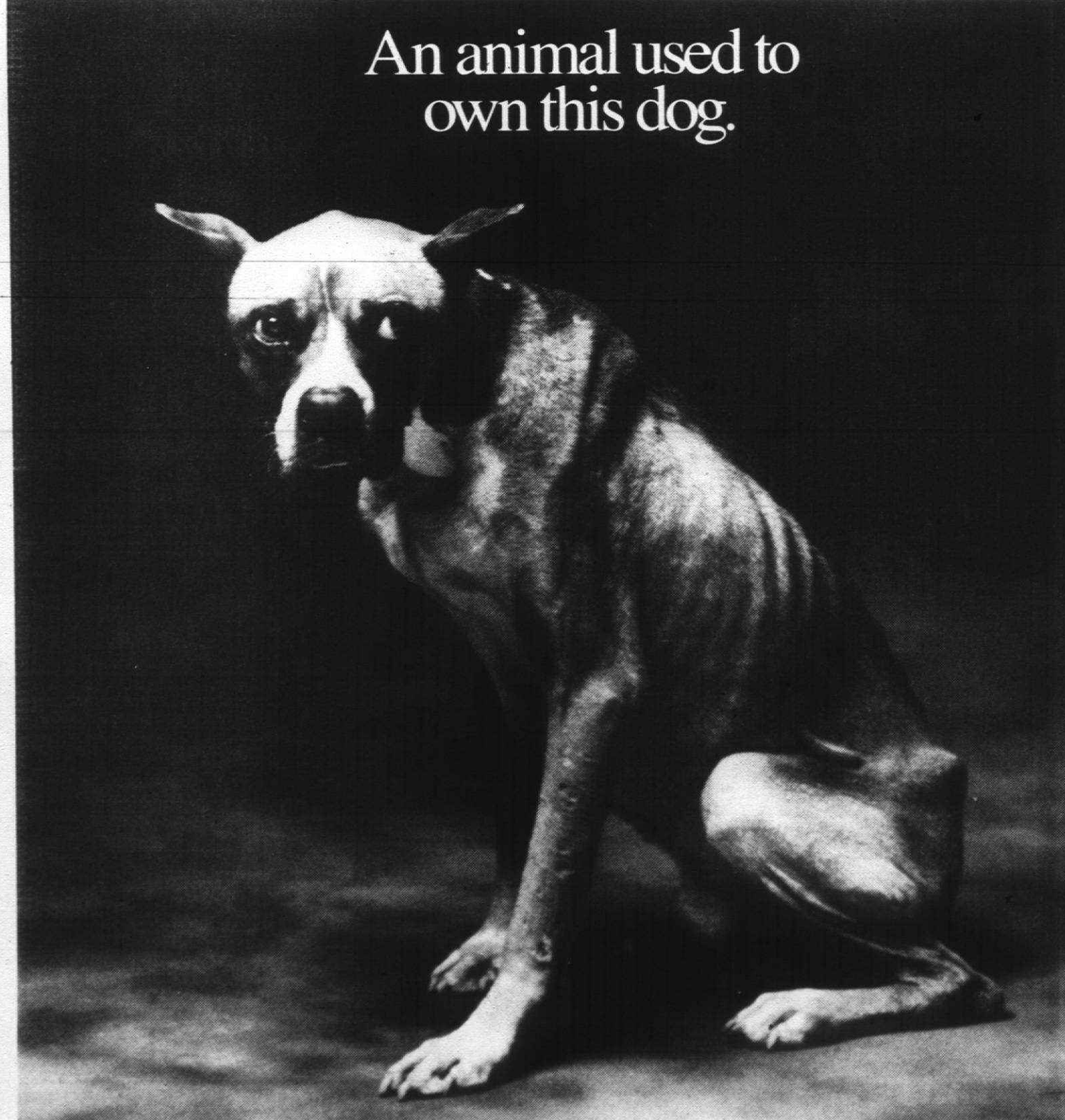
#### CANCELLATION OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, scheduled for Monday, December 22, 1986, has been canceled.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 12, 1987, at the Board of Education Offices, 454 South Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m.

DEAN SWARTZWELTER, Secretary  
Board of Education

Published December 18, 1986



An animal used to own this dog.

You wouldn't want to meet the man who used to own this dog.

The Michigan Humane Society had that unpleasant task Oct. 9, the day we responded to a call from a concerned citizen in northwest Detroit and found a young boxer chained to a fence without any sign of food or water.

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The kind of apathy and abuse this dog experienced isn't just sad. It's illegal.

That's why we're currently involved in the prosecution of Rocky's former owner. Through the efforts of our cruelty investigation team and staff legal counsel, that person has been charged with three separate counts of animal cruelty.

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# Why chimneys must be cleaned

**H**OW OFTEN should a fireplace chimney be cleaned? Why do they need cleaning?

A. When wood burns, it gives off volatile gases. These gases cool and condense as they travel up the chimney, forming creosote.

With subsequent use, the creosote is reheated and can ignite, causing a fire up inside the chimney. In 1978 some 40,000 chimney fires in the U.S. caused \$23 million in damage.

A chimney fire that burns at up to 3,000 degrees can melt the mortar between bricks or send flaming meteorites out over the roof and yard, setting fire wherever they land.

CREOSOTE build-up varies with the type of burner used, type of wood burned and how the fireplace or stove is operated.

Woodburning stoves, because of their high energy efficiency, form a quicker build-up than traditional fireplaces.

Soft wood, such as pine or cedar, produce more creosote than hardwoods, like oak or birch.

Slower burning fires result in more creosote. Build-up can be reduced by operating your fireplace at high volume for a short time at the beginning and end of use.

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CHIMNEY FLUES should be inspected annually. The chimney needs cleaning if bricks appear black or "furry."

The rules of thumb are: annual cleaning for frequently used (4-5 times weekly); one cleaning every three to five years for occasionally used (1-2 times a month) fireplaces or wood stoves.

Chimneys can be cleaned either professionally (check your local Yellow Pages) or by renting the equipment and doing it yourself.

Creosote cannot be cleaned away by the powder products on the market. These products contain aluminum sulfate that is of little use against creosote and may corrode metal chimneys and cause a fire hazard itself.



**Terry Gibb**

CHIMNEY CLEANING is not hard — just messy. It can be done by one person in about three hours.

A cool day (40 degrees) is the best time to clean because the draft will be pulled up the chimney and reduce the dust from the opening into the room.

Basically, chimneys are cleaned by pushing a snug-fitting wire brush up and down the chimney flue until all the creosote has been brushed off the bricks and the brush remains clean. This can be done from the firebox or the roof. However, if it's drift into the room.

After the dust has settled into the firebox, a metal hand brush is used to scrub the walls inside the firebox and up into the flue. The damper and smoke shelf should also be dusted free of creosote ash.

Rather than vacuuming up the creosote, you might want to sweep it up and save it. Creosote makes an excellent garden fertilizer.

Always wear goggles and a face mask during chimney cleaning.

ECO-TIP: EMEAC, the East Michigan Environmental Action Council, is again selling its holiday cards on recycled paper. They have two pen and ink designs: a chickadee on a green pine bow and a rickshaw playing with a red-ribboned Christmas package. These cute cards are \$4 per dozen (\$3 of which is tax-deductible).

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## volunteers

**Beaumont Day Rehabilitation Program.** 746 Purdy, Birmingham, provides out-patient rehabilitation services to adults recovering from major illnesses or injuries. Volunteers who can interact with the elderly and disabled will assist with activity programs and help supervise and assist patients. After training, a three-hour weekly commitment is requested for one month. For information, call Sandra Alexander, 248-3795, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

**The Holiday Project, Centerline,** needs volunteers from now to January 15 in a variety of positions in the Detroit area. Phone team members will call people interested in a visit to institutionalized residents. Visitors will be working with residents, helping make or wrapping gifts to be distributed during the Christmas and Hanukkah holiday season. Call Rich Williams, 585-8659, evenings.

**Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield,** wants volunteers, 21 and older, for 5:30-8:30 p.m.

commitments. Critical care information desk people provide information to visitors to cardiac and intensive care units. Radiology volunteers transport patients and take messages to other departments. Gift shop helpers sell and stock merchandise. Nursing unit aides deliver specimens to the lab. Call Jeanne Federspill, 424-3300, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

**The Optometric Institute and Clinic of Detroit, 3800 Woodward, Detroit,** needs volunteer receptionists with good writing, typing and speaking skills to juggle phone and reception work, research patient inquiries, and prepare new files. For information, call Barbara Murray, 832-2088, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

For more information on other opportunities, or if your organization needs volunteers, call The Center for Volunteerism, United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit, 833-0622, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., or write 51 W. Warren, Detroit 48201.

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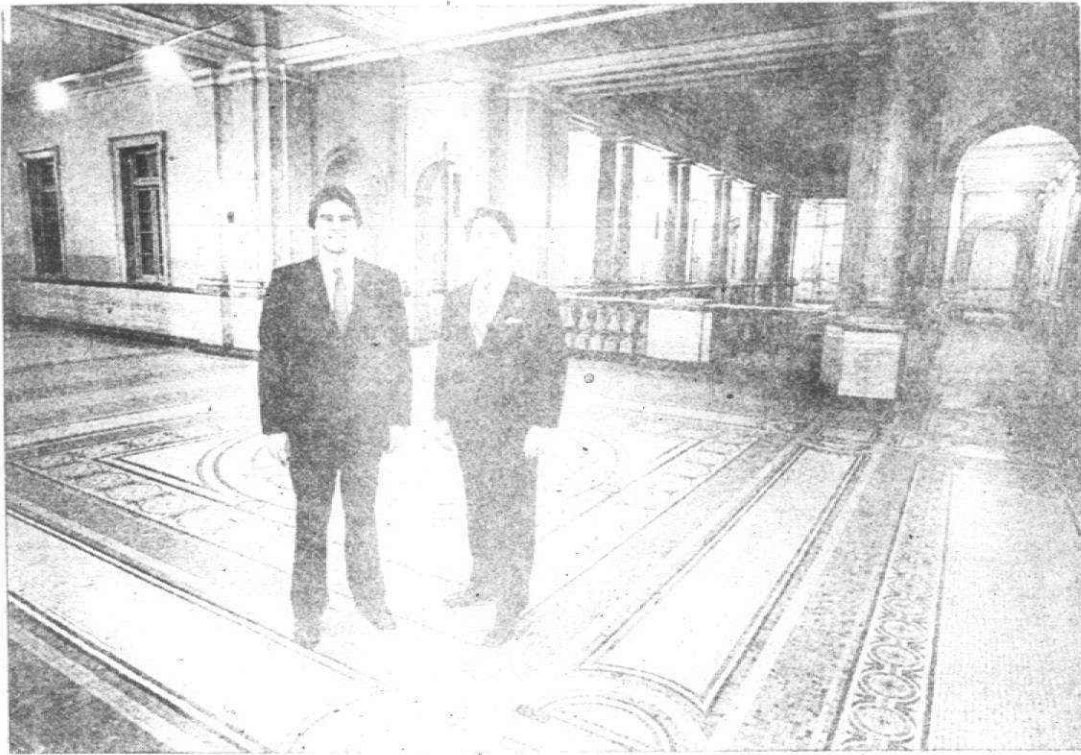


Marie McGee



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## It's a comeback for historic site

By Teri Banas  
Staff writer

At one time it symbolized the area's affluence and optimism, a crowning feature built out of gray granite and sandstone located in a bustling downtown Detroit. Taking up a square city block, bordered by Randolph, Brush, Fort and Congress, it was designed to complement in design — and face — the city's original Cadillac Square Park.

Built in the popular Italian Renaissance architecture of the time, the County Building became a showplace with its gleaming statuary of hammered copper

and interiors decorated with marble, Tiffany stained glass, mosaic floor tiles, mahogany and other rich woods and ornate ceilings in sculptured plaster.

It was planned for the seat of county government, and held that purpose from its opening in 1897 until new county offices opened in the City-County Building of the late 1950s. For the next 30 years, until it was vacated in 1985, the building was used as a courthouse.

TODAY, RENOVATION is underway to return the 89-year-old building to its intended use.

Construction and renovation began in June and is expected to

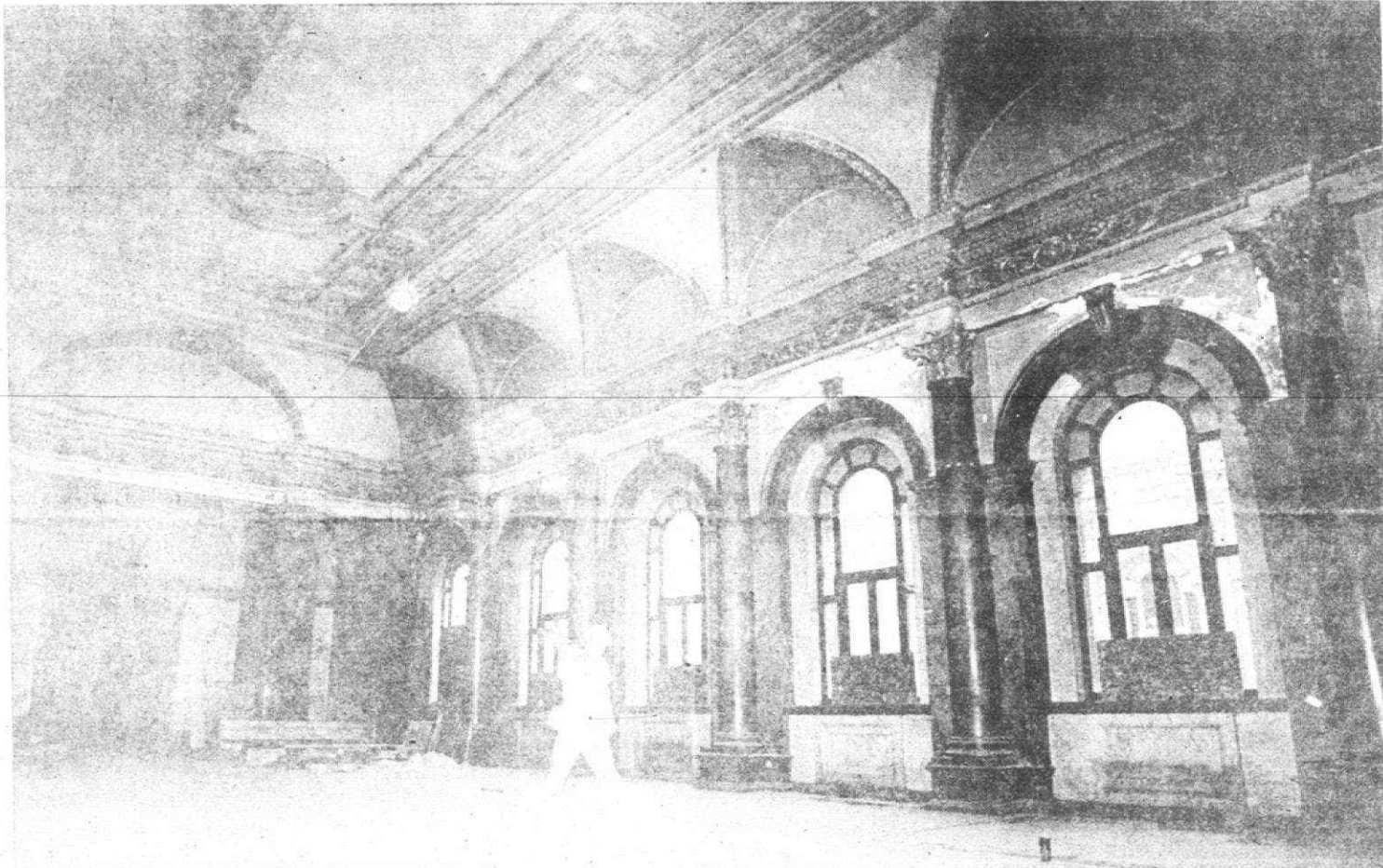
be completed by October, 1987, with most county offices moved in and operational by December 1987.

James Conway, curator of architectural history for the Detroit Historical Department, calls the building "one of the finest remaining of the century buildings remaining in the city," and in Michigan, its historical value is second only to the state capitol building in Lansing.

"It was one of the biggest and most important buildings of that style," he said. "Finding the money to restore it will be a great boost for the preservation move."

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The main floor lobby of the Old County Building (above), now undergoing renovation for office use someday, shows detailed workmanship in its mosaic tiled floor and marble columns. Pictured is project architect Jeff Hausman and company publicist Larry Burns. One of the most ornate rooms inside the building is (right) the former board of supervisor's meeting room. Paint colors, matching those used when the building opened in the late 1800s, are being tested for use here. Decades of pollution and grime have been scraped off the exterior stone masonry of the building, which will regain its status of the county seat in 1987.

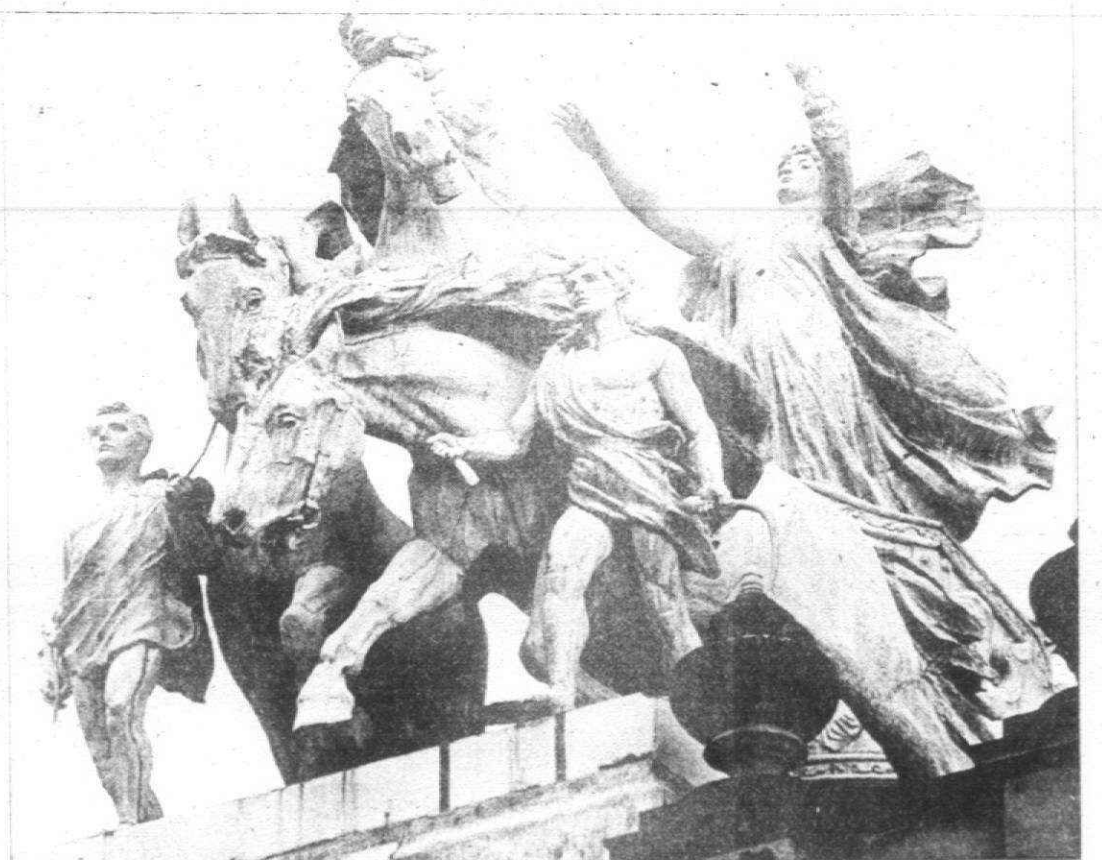
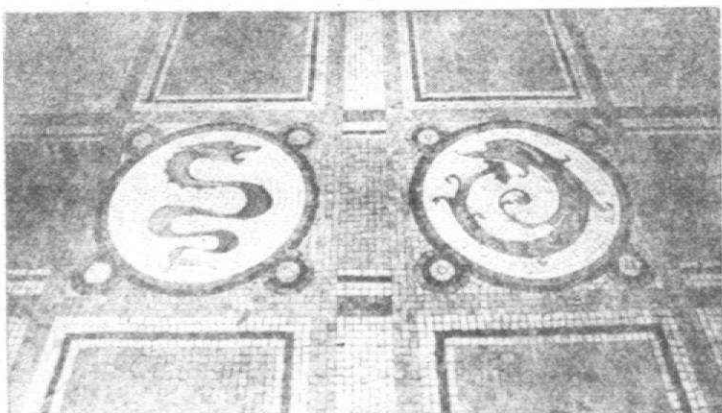


Chubby cherub faces are found in plaster cornices along north and south stairways of the building.

Staff photos  
by Steve Fecht



Snakelike creatures are recreated in the mosaic tiled floors of a main meeting room.



One of two identical sculptures cast in brass stand guard at the building's tower. The sculptures are entitled "Progress." On this

one, a worker placed protective plastic wrap over the female figure's arm during the renovation.



# Craftsmen return building to past glory

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UNDER A lease agreement between Wayne County and a venture group called the Old County Building Restoration Venture, Ltd., the project was undertaken by the Detroit-based Smith, Hinchman and Grylls Associates, which at 134 years is the country's oldest architectural firm, and Quinn-Evans Architects of Ann Arbor and Washington, D.C.

Smith, Hinchman and Grylls is noted for designing other Detroit landmarks like the Penopscot Building and the Guardian and Bull Buildings. Quinn-Evans, a specialist in historic preservation, is noted for its major exterior restoration project at the Executive Office Building in Washington, D.C., as well as work at the nation's Treasury Annex Building across the street from the White House. The general contractor is Walbridge-Aldinger Co. of Livonia.



The third floor county executive suite has a balcony looking to the east.

Architect David Evans said the County Building's original designers "went first-class" in putting in place a public building noted for "more than just the materials used but for its craftsmanship."

"This was constructed in the pre-automobile days. There was a lot of pride in the cities and the states, and buildings reflected that. It was very important to make that statement to the world," Evans said.

While the building's exterior holds historical novelties, its interior is equally ornate. Its wide hallways, surrounding what's to become a skylit atrium, hold mosaic floor patterns and marbled walls and columns. More than seven different kinds of natural woods were used inside office and meeting rooms, including panels of mahogany and oak. The building's treasures also include marble-like scagliola columns made of plaster. Used as an economy measure then, scagliola today is considered almost a lost art because of its craftsmanship.

According to Hausman, the restoration work is planned to "save as much as the historical value as possible but we need to make it functional."

New heating and electrical systems are being installed, as well as new washrooms and fire exits. Because of the building's age, its electrical system will be located in chambers running along the floors under carpeting. Though much of the mosaic floor tiles will be kept exposed, some of the work must be covered for acoustical purposes, he said.

THE BUILDING will house high-public-use offices, with the county clerk's office on the first floor, the personnel and legal departments on the second, the county executive's office on the third floor, the county commission's offices and meeting rooms on the fourth floor and finance department offices on the fifth floor. A showplace, center-court atrium will be used as a public gathering place and employee cafeteria.

The former "hall of supervisors" located on the fourth floor is a main feature and will be converted into a meeting room for the modern-day commission. From its colorful mosaic floors of reptiles and birds, to its mahogany paneling and scagliola marble work, detail is being preserved to include a "historic matching" of original paint colors.

For those who look closely, messages of another era speak out. According to Evans, ornate cornices and plaster reliefs throughout the hallways represent the popularity of the turn-of-the-century. Besides chubby-faced cherubs found in the plaster work, there are cornices containing the unsightly faces of skulled animals. According to Evans, these skulls are really bison heads and represent a major industry of Detroit during the 1800s — that of reprocessing buffalo bones.

Thirty German-made antique clocks, discovered by project architect Jeff Hausman in a basement closet, will be used to decorate the government offices when repaired.

Along two wide north- and south-facing stairwells are the original Tiffany glass windows, standing eight feet in height, made in New York in the late 1800s. Also being restored are 40-50 Tiffany glass panels fitted along doorway arches in the building.

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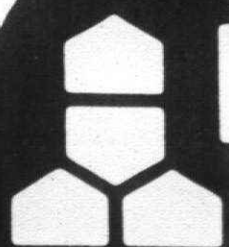


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