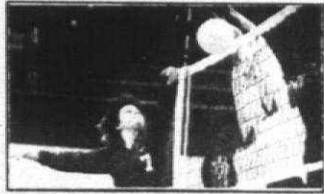


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VETERAN TO HONOR: The newly-organized Canton Veterans of Foreign Wars post is asking Canton residents to submit the names of veterans who were killed in combat. The post would like to honor a Canton resident who died in the line of duty by naming the new post after him or her. To nominate someone call John Spencer at 397-1000, ext. 224.

WINS LOTTERY: Esther Sprengel, 63, of Canton Township won \$60,000 recently by spinning a lottery wheel in a contest conducted by the Michigan Lottery Bureau. Mrs. Sprengel qualified to spin the wheel with a winning ticket from the "Fall Fiesta" instant game. She said she planned to use her winnings to help her two children and buy lunch for all family members who accompanied her to Lansing for the spin of the wheel.

DRUG HELPLINE: Straight, Inc. of Michigan, a non-profit drug treatment program headquartered on Arbor Road near I-275, is now operating a 24-hour drug helpline at 453-2610. The new service is being offered free by Straight, which treats chemically dependent people age 12-22 and their families. Matt Murphy, director, says: "We see drug abuse affecting an even younger group of people each year. The younger a person is, the quicker they can become chemically addicted. Maybe if a family friend calls early enough, they can prevent it from becoming serious or from happening at all. This 24-hour hotline is our way of trying to combat the epidemic drug problem in Michigan's young people."

HELPING SANTA: Gay Toys in Canton Township donated toys to help Santa throw a party for some 235 youngsters from Oakland County Children's Village, an organization which helps abused and neglected children. The party featured gifts, pizza, candy, a magician and musician. The party was organized by a citizens group calling themselves the Cass Lake Santa Bears. Domino's Pizza franchisee RPM Pizza donated pizza. Tom Monaghan made a cash donation and party stores provided candy.

CHAIRS AUTO SHOW: For Dick Scott, serving as 1987 Detroit Auto Show chairman is the highlight of exactly 30 years in the automobile business. "I categorize the position of auto show chairman as an honor and a privilege. That your peers would select you as auto show chairman is one of the ultimate goals of dealers but particularly in the Detroit area." Scott, 49, owns Dick Scott Buick, Dick Scott Dodge and Dick Scott Leasing — all on Ann Arbor Road between Mill and Main. He began his automotive career in 1957 as a salesman for White Oldsmobile in Detroit, then moved to Shalla Chevrolet, also in Detroit, in a sales capacity. His next move was to a management position at Randy Wood Pontiac in Mount Clemens where he served as sales manager for seven years. In 1974 he purchased a Buick/Pontiac/GMC Truck dealership in Albion. In 1979 Scott returned to the Detroit area with the purchase of the Buick dealership in Plymouth from Jack Selle. In 1983 he opened the Dodge dealership followed by the leasing company. He is director of the Buick Dealers' Advertising Association and serves on the board of trustees of the Livonia Heart Fund. He attended William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa, and Eastern Michigan University.

Canton law to curb pollution

By Diane Gale
staff writer

An ordinance requiring residents to ensure that rain run-off doesn't seep into the sanitary drains was adopted last week. After the ordinance is published — which is expected within two weeks — all buildings must have downspouts discharging rain water at least 30 inches away. Also the ground around the building must be

graded allowing drainage at least 36 inches from the perimeter. Failure to comply with the rule is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum \$500 fine or 90 days in jail or both. Information about the ordinance will be printed on the township's water bills. Violation citations will "probably begin by the start of the rain season," according to Supervisor James Poole.

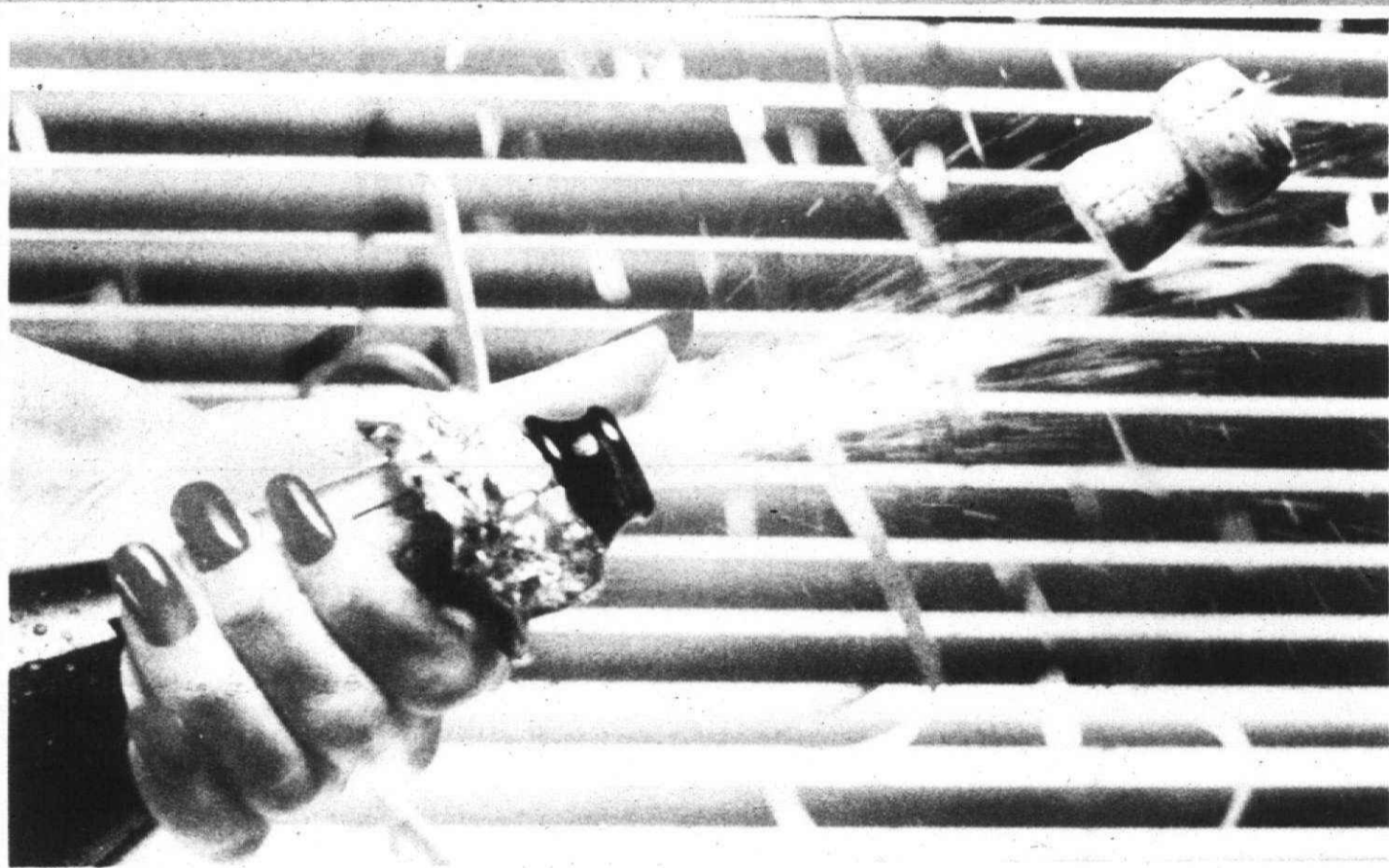
COMPLIANCE IS expected to re-

duce basement flooding and reduce pollution from the sanitary sewer system. Building owners without gutters will be affected the most by the ordinance, because they will have to install all the equipment. The ordinance is in reaction to state Department of Natural Resources' hard line against excess flow in the sanitary sewer system, which was targeted during recent Wayne County attempts to convince

Canton to join the massive Super-sewer program. When Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships opted out of the plan and committed to joining the Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority (YCUA), Supersewer was shelved for the remaining 13 Wayne and Oakland county communities. Denial of sewer tap-ins for two Canton developments — Midas Mufflers on Ford Road west of Haggerty and the 12 screen AMC Theatre com-

plex on Haggerty between Ford and Cherry Hill — earlier this month is the most recent DNR action against the township for sewer and pollution problems. TREASURER GERALD BROWN said the requirements might seem tough but compliance is really for the "good of the people" because it is expected to reduce basement flooding.

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JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

Champagne may be a traditional New Year's Eve drink to offer a toast of best wishes for the coming year, but too much of a good thing is not a good thing anymore. A non-alcoholic New Year's Eve is safest, but if you join in a toast, limit your well-wishing, as local police still will be enforcing the law against those who drink too much and then drive. Plan your evening accordingly.

Alcohol alert

Restauranteurs ready for New Year's revelers

By Susan Buck
staff writer

Local restaurants and nightclubs plan to pull the rug out from patrons who drink too heavily on New Year's Eve — just as they do any other day of the year. Most of the Plymouth and Canton Township establishments informally surveyed say they take a hard line when dealing with patrons who become intoxicated or who are headed down that path. "We will not serve anyone who

is above, over or getting there (intoxicated)," said Anant Patel, manager of Lucille's on Michigan Avenue in Canton Township. "We will have three floor men who will keep an eye on them and no one will walk out intoxicated. We serve a 35 and older crowd."

Lucille's plans a hot buffet dinner at 11 p.m.

AT THE ROMAN Forum restaurant on Ford Road in Canton Township, cabs will be called for

the tipsy, according to manager Anthony Gatto. The restaurant plans to serve dinners until 1 a.m. but plans no New Year's Eve party. "If we notice someone is drinking too much, we will try to cut them off or slow down service as soon as possible. We're telling all the waitresses to keep track of how many drinks they drink per hour. If someone drinks two double whiskeys in 20 minutes, it's a good indication they will try to get drunk."

The Hillside Inn on Plymouth Road in Plymouth will be serving dinners until midnight, but no party or entertainment is planned. "Many of our patrons have a glass or two of wine and then go on to a house party," said owner Sam Messina. The restaurant plans to serve 1,000 people throughout the day, he said. At Mr. Steak at Ford and Shelton in Canton Township, the management will ensure that cabs or friends will be called to escort those who imbibe too much, said Norma Patton, the day cashier.

POLICE IN Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township plan to stringently enforce drunk driving laws and promise that drunk drivers will be arrested. "We're doing routine work and changing shifts as the need arises," said Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry. Canton Police Lt. Alex Wilson reminds motorists that Canton officers will be alert and watchful. He reviewed the penalties for drunk driving. The first offense is a misdemeanor up to 90 days in jail with fines from \$50 to \$100 plus court costs or both. The second offense is a misdemeanor with imprisonment of not more than one year with fines of not more than \$1,000 plus court costs or both. The third or subsequent offense, a felony, is punishable by any number of days in a state prison set by the court, but not more than two years, said Wilson. In each of the convictions, the driver license is suspended. Wilson added that a person who refuses to submit to a preliminary breath test can be charged with a civil infraction and a penalty of up to \$100 fine.



ROB REED/staff photographer

Plymouth Township police officer Shawn Corbett conducts a finger to nose sobriety check.

Rape suspect charged again

By Sue Mason
staff writer

New charges have been filed against a 22-year-old Dearborn Heights police cadet in connection with a string of robberies and assaults in Westland, Canton and Livonia. Jeffrey Duncan was arraigned Tuesday in Livonia's 16th District Court on four charges stemming from attacks on women during two robberies in Livonia. Duncan stood mute when arraigned before 16th District Judge Robert Brzezinski. He was charged with rape and armed robbery in an Aug. 27 holdup of a Livonia convenience store and larceny from a person and rape for a Sept. 10 incident at a service station. In both instances the victims were working alone. Judge Brzezinski entered a plea of not guilty on Duncan's behalf. Bond was set at \$200,000 for each offense. DUNCAN was returned to the Wayne County Jail, where he has been held in seclusion from other inmates since his arraignment Dec. 21 on charges of unarmed robbery and first-degree criminal sexual conduct for a Sept. 24 incident in Westland. An examination on the Livonia charges has been scheduled for Jan. 20 in 16th District Court. Duncan is a suspect in a series of robberies and assaults that took

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Early Deadlines

Due to the holiday, we will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1, 1987. Our New Year's issue will be available on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1986. To place your classified ad in the Wednesday edition, please call Monday, Dec. 29, before 5:00 p.m.

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obituaries

JOHN H. ROGERS

Funeral services for Mr. Rogers, 61, of Plymouth were held recently in St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Robert S. Shank Jr., with arrangements made by Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society.

Mr. Rogers, who died Dec. 19, moved to Plymouth from Ferndale in 1972. He was working as a consultant for Detroit Edison at the time of his death and was involved with communications. He served with the Army Air Corps during World War II and earned a bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism and public relations from Indiana University, Bloomington. Mr. Rogers was past president of International Association of Business Communicators.

Survivors include: wife, Joan; daughters, Susan of Plymouth and Martha of Plymouth; son, Scott of Sterling Heights; sister, Claribel Fitzpatrick of Indianapolis; and two grandchildren.

HOMER A. PARKS

Funeral services for Mr. Parks, 67, of Canton were held recently in Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home in Westland with burial at White Lawn Cemetery, Troy. Officiating was the Rev. H. Dalton Myers.

Mr. Parks, who died Dec. 20 in Heritage Hospital, Taylor, was born in Detroit and was a clerical worker in the automotive industry.

Survivors include: wife, Helen; sons, Michael of San Diego, Richard of Canton; daughters, Julie Asta of Canton, Margaret Anderson of Clackamas, Ore.; sisters, Mary Dingman of Sun Valley, Calif., and Doris Conway of Sand Point, Idaho; 12 grand-children and 5 great-grandchildren.

EILEEN CANUELLE

A memorial service for Mrs. Canuelle, 67, of Plymouth will be held at 10 a.m. Jan. 10 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 1160 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth, with arrangements made by the Schrader Funeral Home.

Mrs. Canuelle died Dec. 22 in Livonia.

Survivors include: daughters, Doreen of San Antonio, Alice Wykle of Madison, Ontario, Canada; sons, Daniel of Issaquah, Washington, Robert of Austin, Tex., and William of Issaquah; sister, Harriet Woods of Ft. Myers, Fla.; brother, Bernard Coffey of Dearborn; and seven grandchildren.

JACK A. ENGLAND

Funeral services for Mr. England, 53, of Plymouth were held recently in the Schrader Funeral Home with burial at Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. Officiating was the Rev. Joseph Ferens.

Mr. England, who died Dec. 22 in Livonia, was a retired master plumber who owned and operated England Plumbing in Plymouth for 12 years. A lifelong resident of Plymouth, he served with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

Survivors include: wife, Roberta; daughters, Sandra, Christian of Plymouth, Linda Martin of Marquette, sons, Charles and Robert, both of Plymouth; brother, Gerald of St. Cloud, Fla.; sisters, Joyce Johnson of Plymouth and Patsy Gillis of Canton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Association.

CHARLES FRANKLIN

Funeral services for Mr. Franklin, 69, of Plymouth were held recently in Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating.

Mr. Franklin, who died Dec. 21 in Madison Heights, was born in Detroit. Survivors include: wife, Edith; sons, Stephen of Waterford, Larry of Livonia; mother, Laura O'Brien of Redford; sisters, Edith LaBoissiere and Helen Gerow, both of Redford; and two grandchildren.

BLAINE E. HARADON

Funeral services for Mr. Haradon, 69, of Plymouth were held recently in Schrader Funeral Home with burial at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Officiating was the Rev. James T. Spilos. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Association or to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Mr. Haradon, who died Dec. 21 in Plymouth, was born in Early, Iowa, and moved to Plymouth 22 years ago from Beloit, Wis. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Beloit and Disabled American Veterans, Livonia.

Survivors include: wife, Maxine; daughter, Barbara Pelkey of Plymouth; son, David of Plymouth; sister, Leola White of St. Beloit; one niece and four grandchildren.

JOHN F. SCHMIDT

Mr. Schmidt, 61, of Plymouth was held recently in Schrader Funeral Home with burial at Riverside Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Douglas J. McMunn. Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Salvation Army.

Mr. Schmidt, who died Dec. 21 in Livonia, was born in Ravenna, Ohio, and moved to Plymouth in 1960 from Brenfield, Ohio. He was a graduate of Kent State University. Survivors include: wife, Charlotte; sons, Karl of San Antonio, John of Park Ridge, Ill., and Fred of San Antonio; two brothers; and four grandchildren.

LOUISE R. PARADIS

Funeral services for Mrs. Paradis, 71, of Redford Township were held recently in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth, with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. George Kowalski and the Rev. Regis Peletier, with arrangements made by Schrader Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Mrs. Paradis, who died Dec. 18, is survived by husband, Francois; daughter, Marguerite Venn of Redford; brothers, Albert Lebel, John Lebel, and Ernest Lebel, all of California.

Funeral services for Mr. Wauldron, 60, of Hartland, Mich., were held recently in Our Lady of Good

Counsel with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Joseph B. Brady with arrangements made by Schrader Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Association or Green Peace.

Mr. Wauldron, who died Dec. 19, was a former resident of Plymouth who moved to Hartland in 1979. He retired from Chrysler Corp. in 1986 after working with the company for 36 years. He was an executive. Mr. Wauldron was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel and served with the Navy during World War II.

Survivors include: daughters, Mary Wolfe of Clearwater, Fla., Kathleen Drefts of Canton, Therese Miazgowski of Dearborn; sons, James of Plymouth and Thomas of Hartland; brothers, Norman, Art and Ross; and six grandchildren.

LLOYD W. BUSHA

Funeral services for Mr. Busha, 87, of Westland were held recently in Schrader Funeral Home with burial at Riverside Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Philip Rodgers Magee.

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6 p.m. ... Coffee Craft With Me — Host Kay Micallef demonstrates wreath making.

6:30 p.m. ... Masters of Dance — 9th annual dance concert.

7 p.m. ... Beyond the Moon — Host Mike Best discusses Mars.

7:30 p.m. ... Omni-Report — Local news, community events, business briefs, sports and government news.

8 p.m. ... Puttin' On The Ritz — Winter fashion show sponsored by Plymouth BPW.

9 p.m. ... Grace Notes — Christmas musical by a local church.

9:30 p.m. ... Omniscience Live! — Host Dave Daniele and Jim Leinbach. Call 459-7381 to request your favorite local band video.

TUESDAY (Dec. 30)

4 p.m. ... Northville Bluegrass Music.

4:30 p.m. ... Puttin' On The Ritz — Baaske's Ritz With Love.

5:30 p.m. ... Giving Thanks Parade — Thanksgiving Parade in

Man caged in DPW fire

An 18-year-old Canton man was arraigned last week in connection with an arson at the Canton Department of Public Works yard.

Daniel Harvey was charged Dec. 23 with the burning of a real property and was arraigned in 35th District Court before Judge James Garber.

The felony charge carries a maximum 10 years in prison. Judge Garber set bond at \$10,000 personal bond and entered a plea of not guilty.

The Dec. 7 fire at the DPW caused an estimated \$3,000 in damage. No one was injured during the incident.

A preliminary examination to determine if there is sufficient evidence to hold a trial is scheduled Jan. 2.

Thieves nail dealership

Sixteen wire wheel covers, valued at \$1,600, have been reported stolen from four new Buicks by the manager of Dick Scott Buick, 200 W. Ann Arbor Road.

The trunk lids of the vehicles, which were parked in the west side rear lot area, were pried open with a screwdriver sometime between Dec. 19-22, according to the police report. Damage was listed at \$1,000.

Also reported stolen from the J.B. Holden Co., 295 W. Pearl, sometime between Dec. 18-24 was a \$1,600 Reynolds Metal Co. gun scope holder. The owner reported a fence was pulled away near a storage area.

Downtown Plymouth sponsored by Plymouth Chamber of Commerce features Santa, Girl Scouts, and Community Sing-along.

Sports View — Hosts are radio sports personalities Ron Cameron and Bob Page.

7:30 p.m. ... High School Sports — Western Lakes boys swimming relay at Plymouth Salem pool.

9:30 p.m. ... Cross Triv — Contestants compete for prizes in this baseball trivia, crossword challenge.

WEDNESDAY (Dec. 31)

(No community access local programming Wednesday through Saturday because of the New Year's holiday.)

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Handgun

Sales are up, cops worried

By Tedd Schneider
staff writer

While suburban residents are purchasing weapons in increasing numbers, suburban police departments are unsure of just how many handguns exist in their communities.

A survey of western Wayne County by the Observer & Eccentric revealed that few department's surveyed had exact numbers for the last six years.

And although they agreed more residents were buying guns, police officers in the six communities offered conflicting opinions on the effect the growing number of guns has had on the way they perform their jobs.

Some, like Redford Township patrolman John Jarrell, don't feel their jobs will be a great deal tougher even though an increasing number of law-abiding citizens have purchased firearms.

But others, including Garden City's Mark Byars, feel differently. Byars, who has been patrolling Garden City streets for 12 years, said one of the biggest problems police officers now face is not knowing when and how they will encounter guns.

"A HOLDUP or some other violent crime, that's a given," Byars said. "Cops know they'll probably be dealing with someone who is armed in those situations."

"But more and more I run into them in other situations, like when a person reports someone breaking into their house. We get to the scene and the burglar is gone, but the victim is waving a pistol around like he couldn't wait to use it."

One thing police officers do agree on was that, with more people arming themselves, the number of accidental shootings is apt to skyrocket right along with the crime rate.

Westland police estimate there are between 28,000 and 32,000 registered handguns floating around that city, or about one gun for every three residents.

A veteran Garden City patrolman said answering a "B-and-E" (breaking and entering) complaint and finding the homeowner waving a pistol in the air "wishing he had the chance to use it" has become a common experience.

About 16 new handguns are registered each week in Livonia, according to police officials.

Local politicians and law enforcement officials are quick to point out that the proliferation of handguns in their cities is nowhere near that of

Dope, guns are easy mix

By Sue Mason
staff writer

Police Sgt. John Reddy has spent several years working the seamy side of life in the suburbs. As an undercover officer in Westland, he has learned to include handguns in search warrants for raids on dope houses.

The two, he said, go hand in hand.

"Dope and handguns are synonymous, especially with cocaine," he said. "If it's a significant dope dealer, he has guns in the house, not necessarily to protect himself from the police, but to keep from being ripped off."

Law enforcement officials agree that handgun sales are increasing in the suburbs, but for every gun legally purchased and registered, an unknown number are illegal, either stolen or non-registered.

Police said it isn't residents who purchase and register guns they must worry about; it's those who have illegal guns.

"Most armed robberies, shootings and other felonies in which guns are used involve stolen guns," Redford Police Officer John Jarrell said.

"About the only time legal ones are used are in domestic fights," said Livonia Police Lt. Bobby Duren.

DUREN ESTIMATES that in 85 to 90 percent of the cases handled by Livonia police, illegal guns are used. Livonia's figures are consistent with those obtained from the Michigan State Police Records and Guns Division, which is responsible for destroying confiscated guns. Of the 6,295 guns destroyed by the division as of October 1986, 75 to 80 percent were illegal.

Some police officers believe Americans' love affair with handguns is tied to the country's Wild West days. They also believe that the increase in legal gun purchases is related more to an improved economy than a paranoia tied to the increase in gun-related deaths in Detroit this year. They also admit that there's a perception that the police aren't doing their job.

"A lot of the arguments for owning handguns are legitimate, but we can't have an armed society," Westland Police Lt. Wayne Craft said.

Cost is the primary reason for the illegal handgun market. A decent handgun can cost between \$250 and \$600 when bought through a gun dealer. On the street, a handgun can be purchased for at least 50 percent less. But that figure is dependent of the situation. A convicted criminal, who can't legally buy a gun, may be willing to pay even more to get one, Reddy said.

Handguns, along with jewelry and video cassette recorders, are the items being stolen in burglaries and the same network used to peddle narcotics is used to fence the guns, Reddy said.

A check of six Wayne county cities and townships covered by the Observer revealed handgun registration was up slightly in 1986, following a pattern of small increases in each of the last several years.

More than 2,000 guns were registered by residents in Plymouth, Livonia, Westland and Garden City during the first 11 months of the year, according to figures provided by police.

A WAYNE County Sheriff's department official reported 324 permits were issued in Redford Township through the first half of December. (Township residents were required to register guns through the county until last fall when state laws were amended to allow township police departments to issue permits.)

Figures for Canton Township and Plymouth Township were unavailable, but officials in those municipalities said the number of gun permits issued was up slightly in 1986 and they said they expected another increase in 1987.

While officials cited the crime rate in neighboring Detroit as a factor in increasing suburban sales, they said a solid economy and more lenient gun laws were equally responsible.

Psychologists and other mental health professionals see problems brought on by the rising popularity of handguns as well.

WHILE THE gun craze is a relatively new phenomenon, several studies have shown that handgun ownership creates an increased tolerance for violence, according to Dr. Michael Abramsky, a Birmingham psychologist.

"They (gun owners) often experience a lower threshold when it comes to courting danger, because with the gun, they feel they have found an effective way to deal with it," Abramsky said.

Not only are more people buying guns, but the types of firearms they are choosing are more sophisticated than ever before. The small (usually .22) caliber "Saturday Night Special" is declining in popularity, according to Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry and other top-ranking police officers.

Berry said his officers are encountering everything from .38 caliber revolvers to .357 Magnums while on the job.

"Usually, we don't come across top-grade firearms," said Capt. James Frank, a Garden City police detective.

OWNERS of gun and sporting goods stores who were willing to be interviewed — many gun shop owners are wary of negative publicity — said their clientele is still divided fairly evenly between hunters and people buying guns to protect themselves and their property.

Pat Sweeney, owner of Northwest Gun Shop in Redford Township, also said he doesn't sell exotic weapons out of his store, although he will sell "assault rifles" and other military-style firearms by special order.

Reporters Bill Casper, M.B. Dillon, Mary Klemic, Diane Gale and Sue Mason contributed to this story.



This .22 caliber revolver is, according to police, a better than average version of the well-known Saturday Night Special.

Handgun regulation triggers reactions

By Tedd Schneider
staff writer

Handguns: Do we regulate? How?



—STEVE FECHT/staff photographer

Westland Police Lt. Wayne Craft looks over a few of the more than 200 confiscated guns his department turned over to the Michigan State Police in November to be destroyed.

much do we regulate? And who does the regulating?

Western Wayne County political leaders will probably spend a good portion of their time and energy in 1987 reacting to a pair of controversial measures aimed at curbing the use of handguns in Michigan.

In Lansing, legislators are considering a bill that would prevent local governments from controlling or banning the possession of handguns.

The bill was passed by the state Senate last summer and state representatives are slated to consider the measure when the House reconvenes in January.

Supporters of the bill claim a uniform measure at the state level will be far more effective than dozens of differing local ordinances.

But leaders in some cities and townships see the proposed measure as an unnecessary intrusion of state government into an issue that they are better equipped to handle.

GARDEN CITY Mayor Vince Forde has informed state Rep. Bill Keith, D-Garden City, that council members in that community would like to see the bill rewritten so that municipalities are given some choices on the gun control issue.

And while Livonia hasn't voiced formal opposition, City Council President and incoming Mayor Pro Tem Robert McCann said last week he sees problems ahead if cities are forbidden from adopting anti-gun laws.

"In some areas, state legislation is the best way to go," McCann said. "But this may not be one of them."

The other law drawing attention from area political leaders is the Detroit ordinance requiring mandatory jail terms or community service work for people convicted of carrying a concealed weapon without a license.

The ordinance, signed into law by Mayor Coleman A. Young earlier this month, has drawn criticism from county officials and others because of a lack of jail space to house offenders.

However, some local leaders, including Canton Township Supervisor James Poole, believe the Detroit move is a step in the right direction.

"We haven't really discussed it at the township level, but I think it's a great idea," Poole said last week.

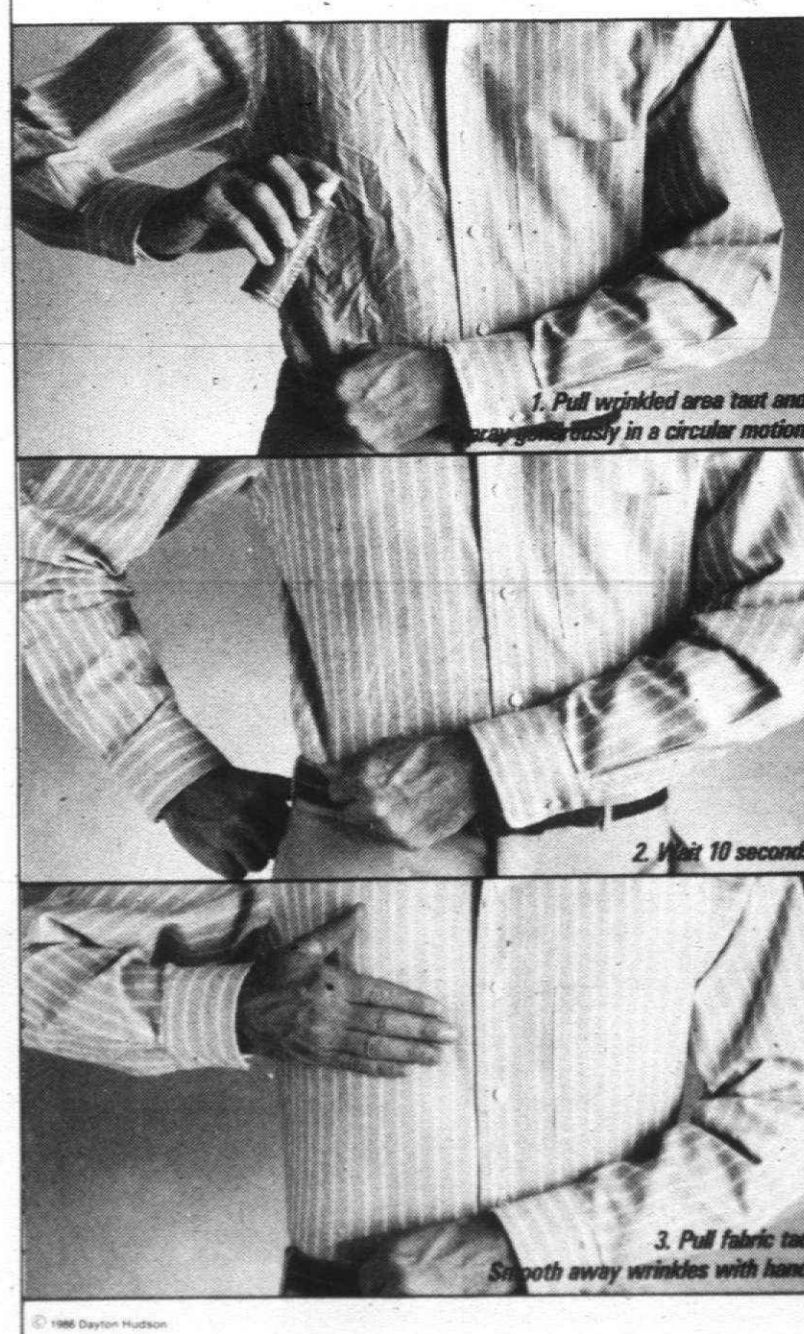
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New law will usher in cable rate increase

By Diane Gale
staff writer

On Jan. 1, 1987 municipalities are stripped of their power to control cable television rates and Omnicom Cablevision plans to ring in the new

year with price increases. Basic-only monthly rates will rise in Plymouth Township from \$8.75 to \$10.95; City of Plymouth from \$9.95 to \$11.99 and Canton Township from \$10.45 to \$11.99. Subscribers can expect a 5 to 6

percent annual increase, according to Frederick Collman, Omnicom general manager. The difference in rates between Canton and Plymouth Township is expected to shrink and finally disappear, Collman said.

FIVE MORE channels will be included in the basic only service. M-TV, Video Hits One, CNN headline news, The Weather Channel, and Lifetime. These channels were in the \$7.95 satellite tier, which also included remote control. Remote control

will remain optional and cost \$6. Subscribers 65 and older will be given \$1.50 monthly rate discounts. Letters explaining the changes were mailed to Omnicom subscribers which includes 17,000 households in western Wayne County.

The Communications Act of 1984 deregulation law allows cable companies for the first time to increase basic rates without getting approval from local governing bodies. However, cable companies must fulfill contract agreements. "Omnicom still has some commitments in terms of programming, service extensions and local programming," said Canton Cable TV Committee Chairman Stephen Larson. Larson said deregulation will give operators "a lot more profit than in the past," and he predicts this will also increase services.

Rain water ordinance adopted

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Supervisor James Poole said: "DNR wants to know what we've done to cut down on the water in the sanitary system. I'll put my program up against any township or city in the state."

The township has adopted more programs to address the problems than any other community, Poole said, adding that DNR seems to be picking on the township.

Department of Public Works television cameras that could spot leaks and the ordinance are among recent plans spearheaded by the township to reduce the inflow to the sanitary system.

Canton pays an annual \$350,000 to the sanitary system, Poole said. These programs should reduce the costs. "A good part of that is from surface water that gets in the drains from the houses," Poole said.

Paul Blakeslee, DNR chief compliance officer for the western portion of the state, said: "In general terms on efforts to control storm water infiltration inflows in the sanitary system, Canton's action seems to address the problems. It may not be a complete solution, but in many cases it's a beginning of the process of addressing the sources."

DNR officials handling sewer tap-ins for Canton were unavailable for comment by deadline.

Police cadet faces charges

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place since August in Westland and Canton as well as in Livonia.

He was arrested by Westland police Dec. 19 while working at the Dearborn Heights police station for the Sept. 24 holdup of a Clark Gas station and the sexual assault of a female employee.

An examination on those charges has been set for Jan. 5 in Westland's 18th District Court.

WESTLAND police also will be seeking warrants against Duncan in three other robberies and sexual assault incidents.

Canton police plan on seeking a warrant charging Duncan with first-degree criminal sexual conduct and armed robbery for the Nov. 11 holdup at Sparr's Florist.

The assailant, said Canton Police Detective Robert Sidor, ordered a dozen roses and then left the shop apparently to get his wallet from his car. He returned with a handgun and ordered the employee to give him

the money from the cash register before ordering her into a back room, where she was assaulted.

A Plymouth woman, who was working alone in the shop, was among several of the robbery/assault victims to identify Duncan in a police lineup held in Westland on Dec. 20.

POLICE had been stymied in their investigation until a Dec. 3 holdup of the Quik Stop store in Westland. The robbery was recorded by a wall-mounted video camera.

A portion of the tape was shown on television and was seen by a Dearborn Heights police officer, who provided police with information that led to Duncan's arrest.

Duncan, who became a police cadet in February, has been suspended without pay by the Dearborn Heights police. He has been described by his attorney, Michael LeBow, as "the typical boy next door," lived with his

mother and attended Henry Ford Community College.

Reporters MaryBeth Dillon and Mary Klemic contributed to this report.

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Agency begins training for airline employment

More than 200 jobs created by Northwest Airlines' expansion in metropolitan Detroit will be filled by the Private Industry Corporation serving Wayne County in a joint business-government venture.

The venture is similar to an earlier program that brought 1,000 new Republic Airline jobs to this area.

A \$500,000 contract between Northwest and the Livonia-based nonprofit PIC calls for a coordinated recruitment assessment and training program for 207 job seekers over the next six months.

PIC Executive Director Barry T. Hawthorne said the openings will occur on a staggered basis, with the first training segments getting underway this month.

Job openings include ticket agents, baggage handlers, mechanics, flight attendants and reservationists. Low-income or laid-off workers can determine their eligibility by calling PIC's, 800-JOB-HIRE hotline or sending resumes to P.O. Box 51085, Livonia 48150.

Training will be administered by PIC Classroom instruction will be provided by Schoolcraft College's Business Development Center, Hawthorne said.

He pointed out that the overall program builds upon the previous PIC/Republic Airlines joint venture which was one of many PIC programs recognized by the National Alliance of Business in September as being the most innovative and best-run training initiatives in the nation.

In that project, PIC helped convince Republic Airlines to expand its reservation center in Livonia and assisted in placing 1,000 Wayne County workers who were eligible for federal training assistance.

Since the initial joint venture, Republic Airlines has been acquired by Northwest Airlines and integrated into its operations. The new training contract with Northwest continues the business-government partnership.

Wayne County PIC works closely with business in developing jobs for low-income and dislocated workers. In its initial three years, PIC has trained and placed more than 16,000 eligible residents in private-sector jobs, Hawthorne said.

Wayne State psychology unit offers clinic help to the public

Everything from career uncertainty and shyness to problem drinking and family squabbles is tackled at the Wayne State University Psychology Clinic.

"We offer a wide variety of services," said Margaret Florsheim, graduate clinic coordinator of the clinic. "We have group sessions as well as family and individual consultations."

The clinic, formerly located on main campus, is now housed at 71 E. Ferry, just east of Woodward in Detroit.

Group sessions are scheduled on demand. Those wishing to sign up for a group session or to make an appointment for a private or family consultation should call the WSU Psychology Clinic at 377-2840.

"In our group sessions, which are usually held in the evening," Florsheim said, "we address weight problems, smoking, assertiveness training, relationships, drinking, parenting and coping with illness and disability."

"But we approach them in a different manner from other clinics." For instance, she said, the weight group discusses changing the life-style and eating habits. "Instead of putting people on low-calorie diets, the group leader tries to educate the group members about basic nutrition."

"They learn to look at eating as a series of behaviors, including increasing activity levels and beginning a program of exercise."

THE DRINKING problem groups are different. While the ultimate goal is abstinence, any reduction in drinking is applauded, said Linda Forsberg, the director of training for the clinic's Alcohol Study Center.

"Not everyone wants to abstain. We offer an eight-session program which has the purpose of changing drinking behavior," she said.

Each session consists of a discussion period followed by skill training. "In one session, for example, we talk about the anxieties that prompt the group members to begin drinking. In the skill portion, we teach the participants how to reduce anxiety in themselves without resorting to alcohol," Forsberg said.

THE CLINIC's newest group offers support and skills training to persons coping with chronic illness and disability.

"Assertiveness training, attitude change, techniques, guided imagery and self-hypnosis training are but a few of the skills taught as part of the

chronic illness and disability group," said Florsheim.

For college and high school students, the clinic offers career planning and vocational interest assistance.

On a parental or school official's recommendation, the clinic will also work with younger children who have problems learning or getting along with their classmates.

"The clinic is for people who want to develop new skills or enhance other skills, not necessarily for people with problems," Florsheim said.

Charges for clinic services are based on a sliding scale dependent upon income and number of dependents. In general, Florsheim said, individual sessions cost between \$5 and \$45. Group session costs vary.

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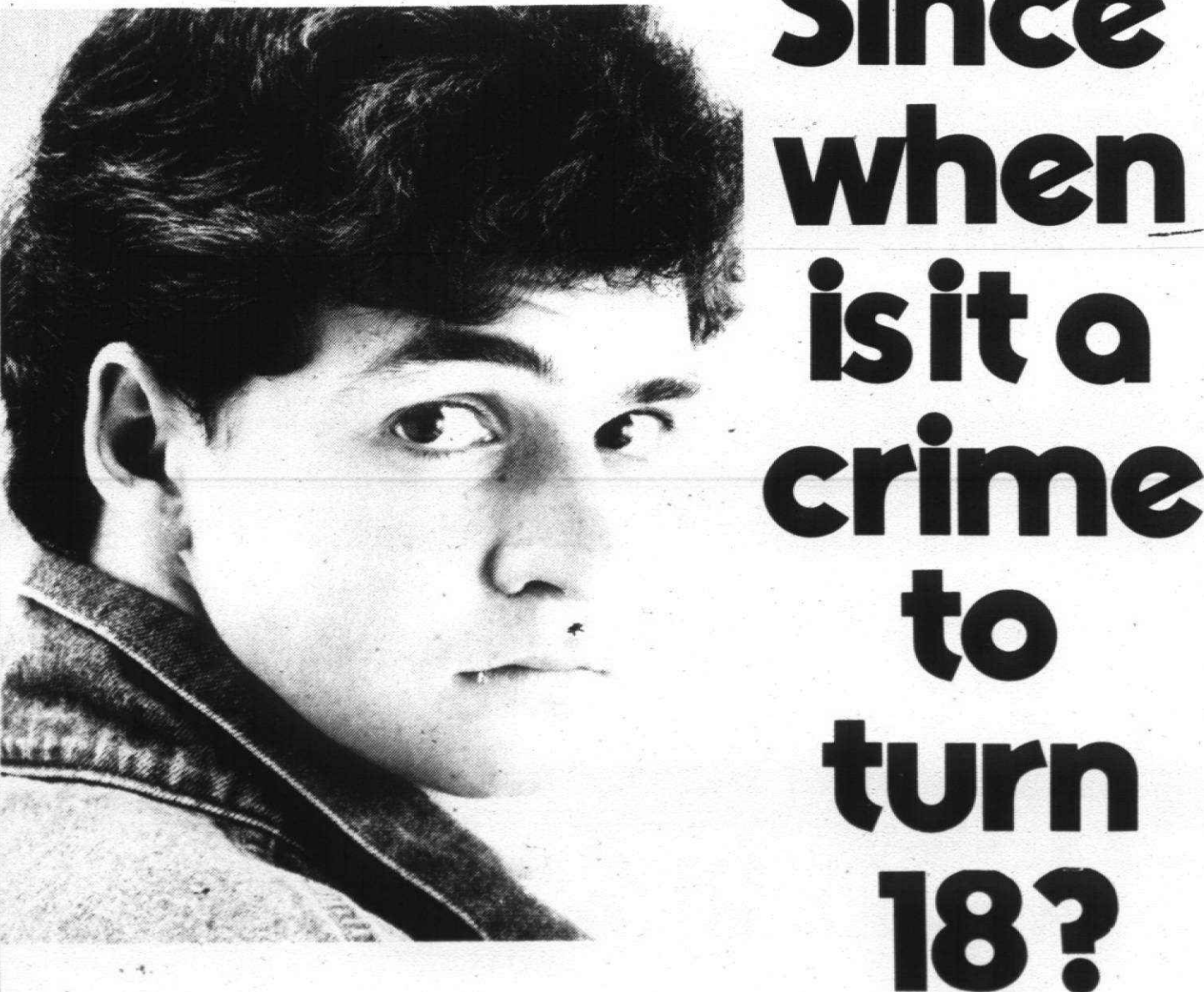
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LIBRARY STORYTIMES

Monday, Tuesday, Jan. 5-6 — Plymouth District Library is holding registration for its storytimes, both of which will begin the week after registration and run for four weeks. Registration for the toddler program for ages 2-3½ will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, and for the preschool program for ages 3½-5 at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, in the library. The toddler program will last 20-25

minutes. The preschool storytime will run 30-35 minutes and mothers must remain somewhere in the library.

FATHERS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

Tuesday, Jan. 6 — The Western Wayne County Committee of Fathers for Equal Rights will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Livonia Public Library, 32901 Plymouth Road one block east of Farmington Road.

CEP PARENT COFFEE

Thursday, Jan. 8 — A CEP Parent Coffee will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room of Plymouth Canton High School. Hosts will be Canton principal Tom Fattan, Salem principal Gerald Ostoin and area

coordinator Ethel Hazelwood. Parents of high school students at the CEP are encouraged to attend.

CANTON CRICKETS

Saturday, Jan. 10 — Registration will begin at 10 a.m. in the lower level of the Canton Township Township Administration Building for the Canton Crickets preschool program for ages 3 and 4. Times for the state-licensed program are 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays through Fridays and 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 19 weeks from Feb. 2 to June 12. The charge is \$60 per child for one day session. Class is limited to Canton residents only and to 13 preschoolers per class. Activities will include crafts, low-organized games, story time, special events, field trips and snack.

neighbors on cable

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CHANNEL 15

MONDAY (Dec. 29)

Noon... Celebration on Ice — Ice skating competition.
2 p.m. ... Christmas in Canton — Visit with Santa at Canton Township Administration Building and learn the winner of the "Guaranteed White Christmas" Contest.

2:30 p.m. ... Yesua & The First Christmas — Animated Christmas story.

3 p.m. ... Mustard Monthly.

3:30 p.m. ... Game of Week — Boys basketball features Plymouth Canton Chiefs vs. Livonia Churchill.

5 p.m. ... Holiday Fashions — Fashion show in Plymouth Cultural Center sponsored by Old Village Merchants Association.

5:30 p.m. ... Sports at the SAL — Men's floor hockey and basketball.

6:30 p.m. ... Plymouth Community Chorus — A performance in the Plymouth Salem High auditorium.

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In their book, 'adoption' is a good word

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Two big social changes have occurred, and Don Marengere and friends are trying to do something about the result.

"We started a group called the Adoption Option," said Marengere, a Bloomfield Hills resident and salesman for a surgical supply company in Livonia.

"Our members are birth mothers, adoptees, adoptive parents, social workers, health professionals — and any others who want to tell the public about 'the beautiful option.'"

"ADOPTION," AS he sees it, has a bad name in mythology (the wicked stepmother), the news (child abuse cases involving foster parents) and even state government.

"The state used to have an adoption handbook. They don't have it any more. So we're putting together

an adoption resource director," Marengere said.

"It will have three parts: pregnancy services, adoption services and support groups."

The big social changes:

- Out-of-wedlock births have leaped to 20 percent of the total.

- In the 1960s, 80 percent of white, teenaged mothers placed their children for adoption, but by 1980 only 4 percent were placing them for adoption.

Meanwhile, 10-20 percent of "baby boom" couples — like Don and Jo Marengere — are unable to have children. In Wayne and Oakland counties, their average wait to adopt is five years; in Macomb, seven years.

So desperate are some couples that they are paying "surrogate mothers" \$10,000 to bear babies for them by artificial insemination. The Michigan Legislature, however, has

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failed to legalize or regulate the practice.

ACCORDING TO the national Child Welfare League, pregnancy counselors aren't telling young, unwed mothers much about adoption, perhaps feeling the girls don't want to hear it.

Marengere credits Catholic Social Services of Oakland County, which he and his wife used, with promoting adoption through panels of adoptive parents who speak to clients.

Adoption Option identifies several other reasons why adoption isn't being chosen:

1. The legalization of abortion provides many unmarried women an

outlet. In Michigan, there are something like 60,000 abortions for every 100,000 births.

2. The 1972 federal education act amendments, known as Title IX, and a 1970 Michigan act require school districts to "mainstream" the education of pregnant girls. Under the influence of immature friends and peers, the young mothers are finding it unthinkable to return from the hospital without the baby.

3. The stigma of out-of-wedlock childbirth has been reduced by the publicized examples of movie stars.

4. The number of female-headed households has increased, both due to out-of-wedlock births and a high

divorce rate. In addition, young mothers feel less and less stigma about accepting welfare.

5. Many comprehensive maternity homes have closed. These settings apparently tended to encourage adoptions.

Adoption Option doesn't deplore the trends — just calls them facts of life.

"WE'RE A volunteer group," said Marengere.

Adoption Option maintains an answering service at 583-8940 and a postal presence at PO Box 7052, Huntington Woods 48070-7052.

It meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month in room 106 of St. Mary Grade School, 628 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak.

Less than two years old, Adoption Option also is planning a speakers

bureau to meet with any interested group.

Its goal is to get young, unwed mothers to consider about adoption — through information, counseling and getting people to use "positive terminology" in discussing adoption.

FOR EXAMPLE, "negative" words about adoption include "real parent," "given away," "unwanted child," "their real children" and "illegitimate."

They prefer such words as "birth-parent" or "biological parent," "an adoption was arranged," "he/she was placed" and "born outside of marriage."

Adoption Option has collected a series of first-person stories — from a counselor, birth mother, an adoptee looking to adopt, a foster mother and adoptive mother.

Schoolcraft winter sign-up ongoing through Jan. 6

Schoolcraft College will continue its in-person registration from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Jan. 5-6 at the Registration Center on the main campus at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Classes for the winter semester begin Jan. 9.

The College is offering over 950 classes for the winter semester. Day

and evening classes are held at the main campus in Livonia as well as at centers in Garden City and Plymouth-Canton.

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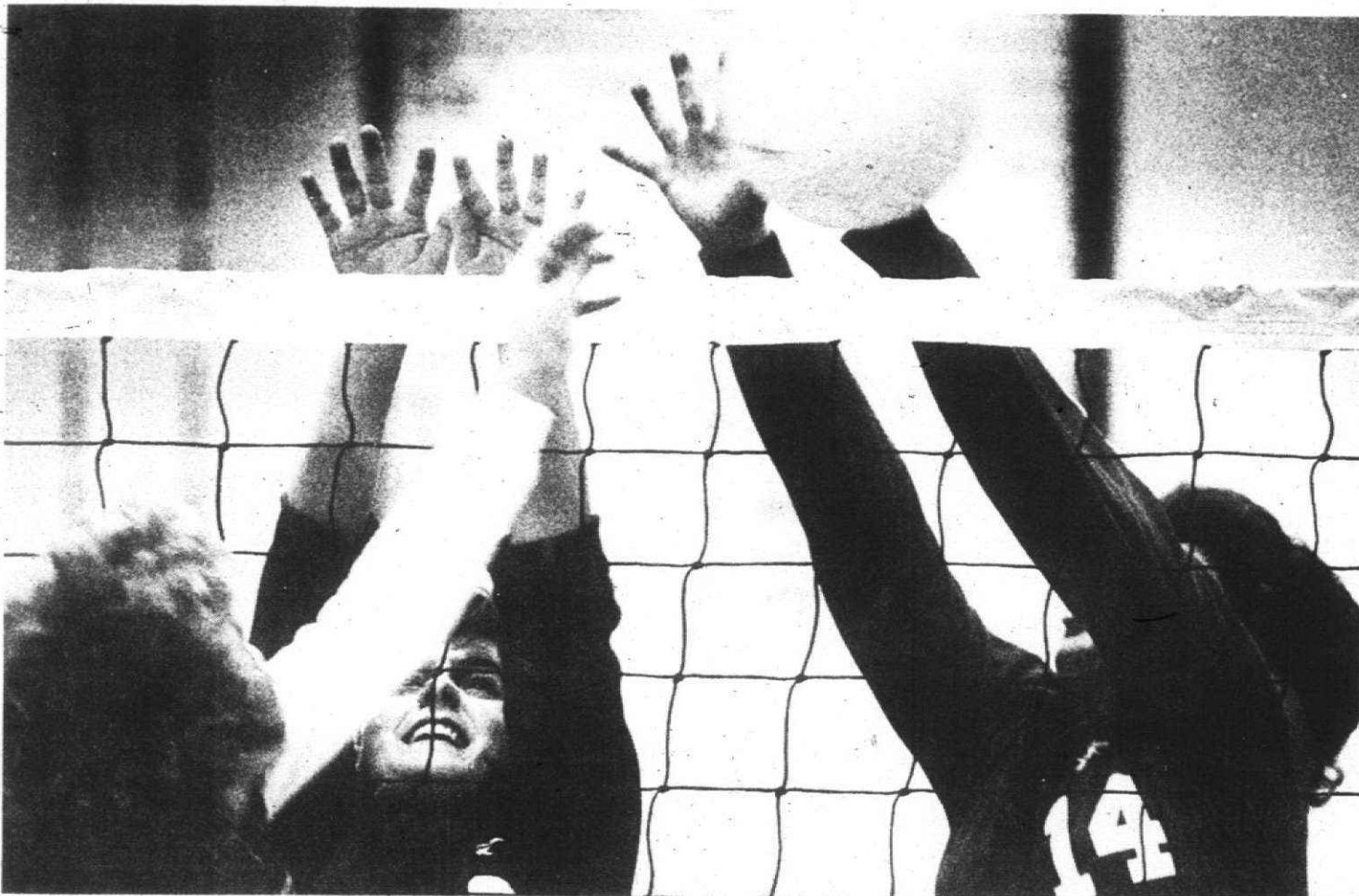


Sports

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A Wayne County study recently gave an indication that female high school athletes are reaching an equal stance with the boys. Total equality, the study says, has not yet been reached, espe-

cially in the coaching ranks where female coaches remain few and far between.

You've come a long way. . .

Girls near equality with boys on sports scene?

By Bill Parker
staff writer

IMAGINE A school year with little or no female athletics. No girls volleyball, basketball, softball or field hockey. No girls track, cross country, tennis, swimming, soccer, gymnastics or golf. It doesn't seem very likely, does it?

Well believe it or not, it wasn't that long ago when there weren't many female athletic programs offered. Oh sure, there was a gymnastics program here and a tennis program there, but the overall picture on female athletics was pretty bleak.

Today, however, thanks to the enactment of Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, there are a multitude of athletic programs available to female participants throughout the country.

Title IX protects students from sex discrimination in every school and college program receiving federal money. It guarantees equal treatment, access and counseling both inside and outside the classroom. It's the only federal law which prohibits sex discrimination in academics and athletic activities carried on by educational institutions and it applies to students and employees as well.

A RECENTLY PUBLISHED report from the Wayne County Project on Equal Education Rights (PEER) indicated that female participation in athletic programs is increasing in most Wayne County school districts. Twenty-nine of the 34 Wayne County school districts participated in the survey.

All of the Observerland school districts which participated in the survey ranked above the state average in progress toward participation equity. The only Observerland district not included in the report was Garden City. According to GC athletic director Bill Pinnell, the reason Garden City didn't participate was simply miscommunication.

"Unfortunately I just didn't get the information in time. I would have been more than happy to answer any questions about our athletic programs. I feel we have a pretty good girls athletic program and I know we would have at least fit in with the county average," said Pinnell.

New Mercy volleyball coach wins debut

Farmington Hills Mercy opened the 1986-87 volleyball season with an impressive 10-15, 15-11, 15-1 win against Royal Oak Shrine last Monday.

The win marked the coaching debut of Tim DeBeliso, Mercy's fourth volleyball coach in five years. De-

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—Bob Atkins
RU athletic director

The PEER report indicated that 15 of the 29 Wayne County school districts responding to the report were above the state average of 37 percent female participation in high school athletics. Hamtramck showed the highest level of female participation at 45.8 percent. South Redford was the second highest with 41.9 percent. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools were third with 41.8 percent. Redford Union was seventh with 40.6 percent. Wayne-Westland was 11th with 38.6 percent and Livonia ranked 13th with 37.3 percent.

OF THE RESPONDING districts, 68 percent stated they saw a noticeable increase in female participation in interscholastic athletic programs. Most indicated that the biggest increase has been in the past three to five years.

"There's no doubt the impetus was provided by Title IX," said Redford Union athletic director Bob Atkins. "I think the attitude of society dictated a change, a need for more female participation in athletics. Title IX just made it happen a little sooner."

According to the report, the greatest inequity in high school athletics in Wayne County (and across the country) is in coaching. At the high school level 83 percent of the coaches are male while just 17 percent are female. This figure includes head coaches and assistant coaches for both boys and girls programs.

Some of the reasons given for this inequity include lack of qualified women applying for coaching posi-

tions, female coaches not being as demanding or intense, the fact that girls sports and coaching is relatively new to females and there's simply a lack of interest.

Atkins agrees. He would welcome the addition of more qualified female coaches at Redford Union but has a hard time finding them.

"A LOT OF people don't understand the amount of time an individual has to put into interscholastic coaching. There is a big difference between interscholastic coaching and recreation league coaching. The difference is commitment and people don't realize this."

"I would love to have more women coaches. We want women to coach girls programs but a lot of women don't have the time for the commitment. They have other obligations. I haven't talked to one athletic director who doesn't want women coaches. If we could get men to coach boys and women to coach girls, now we've died and gone to heaven. It's not that we don't want women it's just that there is a lack of quality women who have the time for the commitment."

Paul Cummings, AD of the Plymouth-Canton Community School District (Canton and Salem), thinks this inequity in coaching will even itself out in the future.

"The most important thing now is that we are starting to have girls, who have already competed, come back to the programs. Girls who have gone through high school and probably college programs are now coming back to coaching and re-

fereeing. This will really be a big plus for the overall picture. I see the imbalance balancing out in the future."

THE PEER REPORT states that another source of inequity for girls sports stems from the current Michigan High School Athletic Association scheduling practices. For example, Michigan is one of only four states in which girls basketball is played out of the traditional winter season. In Michigan, girls basketball is played in the fall and volleyball is played in the winter.

The PEER report indicates that this scheduling practice limits opportunities for females to participate.

In Wayne County, in the 1985-86 school year, only 975 girls participated in winter sports (gymnastics and volleyball) compared to 2,426 boys who competed in basketball, swimming and wrestling. The report states that the MHSAA should provide opportunities for more female participation in the winter months.

This alleged inequity seems to even out in the spring, however, when there are more opportunities for girls. In the spring boys compete in track, baseball and tennis. Girls have the opportunity to participate in track, softball, golf and soccer. Despite the additional opportunities provided by the spring season, 2,910 girls and 3,614 boys participated in spring sports in 1984-85.

SOME OF THE major inequities indicated in the PEER report include that the girls sports budget is only 36.7 percent of the total athletic budget; only 29 percent of the junior varsity programs are for girls; there is little opportunity for students to participate in coed athletics; and male teams receive more benefit from high school support services (booster clubs, cheerleaders, pep rallies and band support).

Some general recommendations suggested in the report include more active recruitment of girls for coed sports; increased efforts to recruit more qualified female coaches; equitable expenditures in the athletic budget; and equitable use of support services.

hind victory," DeBeliso said. "I told them if we could get our serving going we had a good chance of winning the third game."

That the Marlins did, convincing-

Mercy will compete in the Saline Tournament Saturday, Jan. 3.

CEP spikers seek respect

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

The goal is the same for both the Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem volleyball teams this season: establish respectability.

The two programs will tackle the goal from different starting points, however.

New Plymouth Canton head coach Allie Suffety must start from scratch.

"We have the nucleus to start a good new program and that's what I want to work for," Suffety said. "I'd like to establish a new, revamped program. Something like what Cyndi Burnstein had going here when she was head coach."

Indeed, since Burnstein left the Canton program wins have been hard to come by. The team won only two matches last season.

But Suffety, a long-time Plymouth Salem assistant football coach, has been encouraged by the team's progress in recent weeks.

"I have seen a lot of good things in the last two weeks," Suffety said. "They have improved steadily. I'm optimistic. The thing we have to do is establish a new spirit. We have to get the kids fired up for volleyball again."

SALEM WILL begin the season very near its goal. The program has improved steadily since hard-working head coach Betty Smith took over three years ago. Last year the team finished 5-8 overall in the Western Lakes conference.

"I told the girls that I would not build them up too much before the season started, but I really think this could be the most successful volleyball season Salem has had in a long time," Smith said.

There are several reasons for Smith's optimism. Three of the players competed on a Junior Olympics team over the summer (Kara Cummings, Aimee Hayden and Roseann Sumpter), there are five solid senior returnees and there are several other intangible factors working in Salem's favor.

"This is a very hard-working team," Smith said. "I see a lot of desire and spirit. Plus, these are my kids now. They've been with me for three years and they have a better understanding of how I work and what I want out of them. They've seen the good and the bad."

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We're closer now, almost like a family."

And another thing: Smith's assistant coaches, Brian Gilles and Cathy Foust, are both former Salem varsity volleyball coaches. In fact, they both took Salem teams to league championships.

"Hopefully some of that will rub off," Smith said.

IF SALEM were to start the season today, Smith would floor the following six players: seniors Jessica Handley, Denice Tackett and Jane Klaes, juniors Cummings, Hayden and Sumpter.

Klaes, who sports the best verticle jump on the team, and Tackett are the team's heavy hitters. Cummings and Handley will handle the setting. Sumpter and Hayden are terrific back row players.

Others expecting to see action this year are seniors Sarah Dupret and Kris Kolka, and juniors Meg Foley, Renee Levay, Laura Porterfield and Nancy Rekuc.

"I think we will be a very strong hitting team," Smith said. "We're taller than we have been in the past. The kids block well, too."

FOR CANTON, five seniors, eight juniors and two sophomores make up the roster.

"Our juniors play very close together in terms of ability," said Suffety, who has played volleyball extensively and was an assistant volleyball coach at Salem in 1978.

Three that have stood out thus far are Carrie Pyhtila, Veenu-Aulakh and Heather Eudis.

But the group that will make or break the Chiefs this year will be the seniors: Stephanie Knowlson, Kelly Moeller, Vicki Ferko, Peggy Najarian and Jennifer Mantooth. Knowlson and Ferko are strong hitters and Moeller is an experienced and soft-handed setter.

Sophomores Shannon Meath and Michelle Fortier will also contribute to the team this season.

The Chiefs open the season Wednesday, Jan. 7 at home against North Farmington. Salem opens Tuesday, Jan. 6 at Walled Lake Western.

Area is tough again

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Observerland is building a tradition for outstanding volleyball and this season should be no exception.

It's a good bet some team from the area will return to the state Class A final four, which is scheduled Saturday, March 21, at Flint Carman High School.

Last year, it was Redford Bishop Borgess' turn to shine. The Spartans, led by All-Stater Debbie McDonald, reached the championship match before falling to Portage Northern.

McDonald went on to Purdue University this fall where she was named Big 10 Newcomer of the Year and second team all-conference. She was fourth in the conference in hitting efficiency and sixth in kill percentage as the Boiler-makers finished 19-16 overall and sixth in the conference (8-10).

In 1985, Livonia Stevenson, led by Lisa Bokovoy (now at the University of Kentucky), reached the state finals before losing to East Kentwood. In 1984, the Spartans lost in the semifinals to Flint Kearsley.

In 1983, Wayne Memorial, led by the Hayes sisters, Laura and Lisa, captured the coveted crown. The coach of that team, Doris Busuiko, has returned after a two-year sabbatical.

SEVERAL AREA schools look strong for 1987 including Borgess, Stevenson, Wayne, Westland John Glenn, Garden City, Livonia Ladywood and Livonia Churchill.

During the early going, Churchill, led by veteran coach Mike Hughes, who once took his team to the final four, is somewhat of a surprise.

The Chargers finished second

last week to Birmingham Marian in the Ladywood Invitational.

Another team to watch is Ladywood.

The Blazers have moved from Class B to A and have a new coach, Tom Teeters, who led Garden City to 44-6 record last season.

Which team will be the heir to the throne? That answer lies in the weeks to come.

Here is a preseason look at the area schools.

REDFORD BISHOP BORGESS

The Spartans may be hard-pressed to duplicate last year's accomplishments, but veteran coach Jerry Abraham says, "We want to get used to winning."

Last season, Borgess captured the district, regional, Catholic League playoffs and Central Division crown enroute to a 39-5 record.

"We have one of the toughest leagues in the state — Marian, Ladywood, Gallagher, Mercy and Regina — there are some good teams," Abraham said. "We'll have a lot of people on the floor. Some will be playing different positions and that will take time, but I think we'll progress."

"We have a good nucleus with good work habits. It's a close-knit team."

Gone are starters McDonald, Anne Terski (Hillsdale College), Cheryl Livingston and Kathy Stabler.

The returnees include senior setters Beth Zacharski (second team All-Area) and Stephanie Kielb, along with middle hitters Lisa Droske and Cherie Johnson (third team). Also expected to contribute

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Chris McCosky

Swimmer pays for All-Area oversight

CATHERINE TUCKER was a Class B all-stater in two swimming events in her four years at Farmington Harrison, she has eclipsed two long-standing school records. She is a superb swimmer.

Catherine Tucker did not make our All-Area swim team.

How come? Let Tucker explain it: "It was basically my coach's fault for not attending the meeting."

Because of my coach's lack of responsibility, I lost the 50-yard freestyle position on the All-Area team."

Perhaps Tucker would not have been able to knock Maureen Sudek or Ann Bollinger out of the 50-free-style spot, but without question she would have gained an at-large berth on the team.

But Harrison coach Chuck McClune missed the All-Area selection meeting. The accomplishments of Catherine Tucker went unused. As Tucker said, "Many of the other coaches who know me assumed that I did poorly, since my coach did not show up. But that was not the case."

I feel bad for Catherine Tucker. She worked very hard to become one of the best swimmers in the area. But instead of basking in the glow of All-Area recognition, she sat down to write a letter to the newspaper expressing her disappointment at being overlooked.

THE POINT of this is not to laminate McClune. He certainly isn't the only coach ever to skip an All-Area meeting. In fact, only four head coaches showed up for the swim meeting last month.

The point of this is to illuminate, through Catherine Tucker's misfortune, the importance of the coaches' role in our All-Area selection process.

As hard as Brad Emons and I may try, we are not omniscient. As sports editors covering 21 high schools over the course of a school year, we cannot possibly determine whether Catherine Tucker is a better swimmer than Maureen Sudek. We might be able to tell you which swimmer competes on the better team, or which events are their specialty, but to flat tell you who is the better swimmer — we need help.

So when the time comes to make those talent judgments, for the purpose of selecting and recognizing the area's best, we call in the coaches.

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Since cheddar cheese is so versatile and compatible with other foods, it can be used to make even the simplest vegetables a culinary delight. In the Vegetable Basket, the cheese is cut in half diagonally, or cubed and then

placed in a wicker basket alongside colorful vegetables. An array of thinly sliced bread, cheese, meat and condiments are beautifully combined to create a European-style "sandwich-board."

Party snacks

Cheese appetizers are simple yet healthy for holiday guests

Americans are becoming increasingly more concerned with the old adage "you are what you eat." The desire to maintain a well-balanced and palatable diet in our fast-paced society has resulted in changes ranging from the addition of salad bars to restaurants, to the growing popularity of low-calorie gourmet T.V. dinners.

The way we entertain is also being challenged. The traditional candy dish left out for guests who drop by unexpectedly is no longer the perfect solution to last minute get-togethers. Attractive, simple, and healthy items that are easily retrieved from the refrigerator or pantry can be a viable entertaining alternative.

Cheese has always been a staple member of most household menus, as well as a consistent party buffet item. The recipes shown here combine cheese with various other items found in most kitchens to create festive party ideas that can be prepared with a minimal amount of time and fuss.

Since cheddar cheese is so compatible and versatile, it can be used to make even the simplest vegetables a culinary delight. In the first recipe shown, Vegetable Basket, the cheese is cut in half diagonally, or cubed, and placed in a wicker basket along side colorful vegetables. A dill

dip is served on the side to add zest to this basic, yet elegant serving idea.

An array of thinly sliced bread, cheese, meat, and condiments are beautifully combined in the second recipe to create a European-style "sandwich-board." Party pumpernickel, party rye, and whole wheat bread rounds are topped with thinly sliced meat and cheese and appropriately garnished.

The key to successful entertaining is resourcefulness. With a little imagination and know-how, any number of left-overs and odds and ends can be displayed in an imaginative manner such as the two recipes illustrated here.

VEGETABLE BASKET

Sharp natural cheddar cheese, cut in 3/4-inch cubes
Sharp natural cheddar cheese, sliced, cut in half diagonally
Pea pods
Green beans
Baby carrots
Asparagus spears
Broccoli florets
Summer squash slices
Cherry tomatoes

Arrange ingredients in decorative basket. Serve with dill dip, if desired.

SANDWICH-BOARD

Party pumpernickel bread slices
Horseradish sauce
Roast beef slices
Extra sharp natural cheddar cheese, sliced

For each appetizer, spread bread slice with horseradish sauce. Cover with meat and cheese. Top with cherry tomato wedges and parsley, if desired.

Variations: Substitute party rye bread slices for pumpernickel slices, Dijon mustard for horseradish sauce, prosciutto for roast beef, sharp natural cheddar cheese, and red onion slices for cherry tomatoes and parsley.

Substitute whole wheat bread slices, cut into rounds, for pumpernickel slices, turkey for roast beef, mild natural cheddar cheese for extra sharp cheddar cheese, and alfalfa sprouts for cherry tomatoes and parsley.

Cherries add splash of color

The holidays are here and cherries can add that festive splash of color that goes well at any meal, any time of the day.

People generally think of cherries as a special occasion fruit, and while the holidays are certainly a special occasion, the following recipes can be enjoyed throughout the year.

Michigan leads the nation in tart cherry production, and also accounts for about 25 percent of the nation's sweet cherry crop. The 1986 crop was better than anticipated, meaning consumers should be able to find ample supplies of canned or frozen cherries to accent their holiday meals.

Let's take a look at just a few ways you can brighten up your holidays with cherries.

A CHERRY BOWL

1 quart vegetable oil
10 6-inch flour tortillas
2 tsp. sugar
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
2 (21-oz.) cans tart cherry pie filling
1 tsp. almond extract
1 quart vanilla or chocolate ice cream
1/4 cup toasted slivered almonds, optional

Heat oil in deep fat fryer or deep sauce pan to 325°. Place one tortilla in hot oil and immediately place metal soup ladle on tortilla. Fry about 2 minutes or until light golden brown and crisp. Remove from hot oil and drain on paper towels. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle

over hot tortillas. Heat cherry pie filling and almond extract. To serve, place scoop of ice cream in tortilla bowl and top with warm cherry mixture. Sprinkle with almonds. Makes 10 servings.

NO BAKE CHERRY-RUM BALLS

1 lb. 4 oz. vanilla wafer crumbs
1 cup finely chopped nuts
1 cup flaked coconut
1/4 cup light corn syrup
1 (16-oz.) can dark sweet cherries, finely chopped, well-drained
1/4 cup dark rum or 1 tsp. rum extract
2 cups powdered sugar

Thoroughly mix all ingredients except powdered sugar. Using level measuring tablespoon of cherry mixture, shape into balls. Roll in powdered sugar. Store refrigerated in airtight container. Roll again in powdered sugar before serving. Makes 36 Cherry-Rum Balls.

CHERRY-HONEY RELISH

1 lb. frozen, pitted tart red cherries*
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup honey
1/4 firmly packed brown sugar
1/4 cup cider vinegar
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground cloves
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1 tsp. cornstarch
1 tsp. cold water

*Dark sweet cherries may be used. If canned, drain cherries and

decrease honey to 1/4 cup.

In 2-quart saucepan, combine cherries, raisins, honey, brown sugar, vinegar, cinnamon and cloves. Heat over medium heat until mixture starts to boil. Lower heat; simmer, uncovered, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes. Stir in pecans. In small bowl, combine cornstarch and water until smooth. Gradually stir into cherry mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, for 3 minutes. Remove from heat; chill. Serve with roasted turkey, duck, goose or baked ham. Makes 2 1/2 cups.

CHERRY CREAM PUFF WREATH

Cream Puffs:
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup margarine or butter
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
2 eggs, room temperature

Chocolate Cream Filling:
1 cup sugar
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 tsp. salt
3 oz. unsweetened chocolate, broken
2 cups milk
2 egg yolks
2 tsp. vanilla flavoring
1 cup flaked coconut
3 drops green food coloring
1 cup whipped cream or thawed, frozen whipped topping
1 (16-oz.) can tart cherry pie filling

Place water and margarine in heavy saucepan. Heat over medium heat until mixture begins to boil.

Add flour all at once, stirring vigorously with wooden spoon until dough leaves sides of pan and forms a ball. Remove from heat and let cool about 5 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating until smooth. Shape dough into 6 cream puffs on a greased baking sheet at least 4 inches apart. Bake in moderate oven (375°) about 30 minutes or until puffs are golden brown; cool thoroughly.

To make filling place sugar, flour and salt in heavy saucepan, mixing thoroughly. Add chocolate and milk, stirring until flour mixture is smooth. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture starts to boil. Continue cooking and stirring 1 minute longer. Add about 1/4 of hot mixture to egg yolks, mixing quickly. Return egg mixture to remaining hot mixture, stirring quickly. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, 1 minute longer. Do not boil mixture. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Refrigerate until thoroughly chilled.

Carefully slice off top of each cream puff. Remove soft dough from centers. Spoon cold chocolate filling into cream puffs and place top on pudding filled puffs. In plastic container, shake coconut and green food coloring until evenly colored. Place coconut on serving plate to form a wreath. Evenly place filled cream puffs on coconut. Spoon whipped cream on top of puffs and evenly place cherry pie filling on cream. Makes 6 servings.

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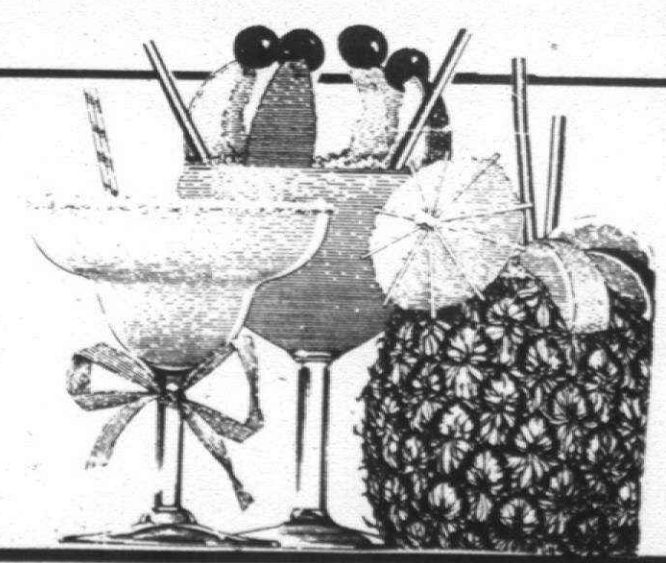
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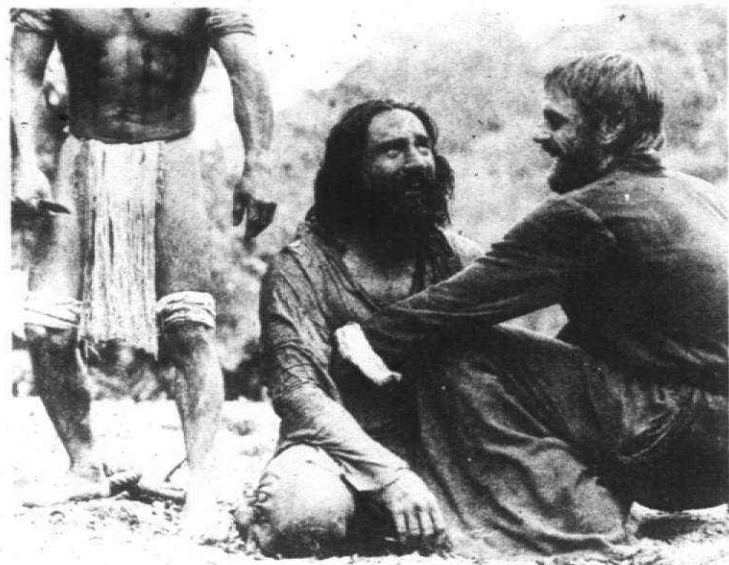
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'Mission' not impossible but comes close

"The Mission" (PG) is a magnificent failure but worthy of your attention in spite of its shortcomings. Its downfall is particularly distressing since very little is needed to salvage this beautiful, inspirational epic of church-state conflict in mid-18th century South America.

It was a time and place of Portuguese-Spanish colonial hostilities. "The Mission" tells of economic interests conquering the spiritual concerns of Jesuit priests who operated seven missions up-country, above the Iguazu Falls, where Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina meet.



After suffering overwhelming remorse and climbing his own Calvary, slave trader/mercenary Rodrigo Mendoza (Robert De Niro)(left) finally achieves a cathartic moment of spiritual conversion with the help of Jesuit priest Father Gabriel (Jeremy Irons) in the powerful drama, "The Mission."

The Guarani Indians who inhabited that jungle rain-forest had been pacified and converted to Christianity by the Jesuits. They lived peacefully, productive lives in these missions. Their woodworkings, particularly violins, were much prized in Europe.

Portugal, in the 1750s, still condoned slave-trading, although Spain, at least technically, had outlawed such practices. In spite of the Jesuits' protection, the Guarani Indians were captured by slavers. Hence the conflict between Spain, Portugal and the Jesuit order.

Into the midst of this dilemma, the Vatican dispatched a noted churchman, Cardinal Altamirano (Ray McAnally), to adjudicate the various charges and counter charges.

MEANWHILE, slaver-mercenary Rodrigo Mendoza (Robert De Niro) kills his brother, Felipe (Aidan Quinn) in a fight over the widow Carlotta (Cherlie Lunghi). In remorse, Rodrigo seeks redemption helping Father Gabriel (Jeremy Irons) build a mission for the Guarani Indians above the falls. Rodrigo becomes a Jesuit as a natural outgrowth of his spiritual rebirth.

Ultimately, however, as should probably be expected, economics outweigh spirituality, and Portuguese soldiers massacre the Indians and their Jesuit priests.

What has taken these few paragraphs to describe is not clarified

until well into "The Mission's" two hours. This structural defect could have been easily remedied with a five-minute explanatory montage as the film opened.

While that suggestion may seem clichéd, it would have been far superior to the garbled intercutting of slaver Mendoza at work and the Jesuits pacifying Indians while Cardinal Altamirano begins to narrate the story, through the device of dictating his report to the Vatican.

As the film's narrator, hypocritical conscience and participant in the action, Cardinal Altamirano through his commentary could — and should — have clarified the story. That would have made "The Mission" a completely successful film.

SUCH VOICE-OVER narration also would have helped make Father Gabriel's conversion of the Guarani Indians credible. As it was, Gabriel merely sits fearlessly playing his flute for a few moments after his arduous climb up the face of the falls. Somehow, in this cynical age, no one will believe that ferocious Indians are so easily subdued.

Another structural anomaly develops as the cardinal visits the missions above the falls with relative ease. If he could circumvent the face of the falls, why did the Jesuits and the Portuguese soldiers have to strain so?

While Father Gabriel ascended the face of the falls several times in



the movies

Dan Greenberg

breathtakingly beautiful scenes photographed by Chris Menges, it is strange that the cardinal had such an easy trip. True, rank has its privileges but...

Two other complaints: First, the blood squibs — those small plastic envelopes filled with stage blood that cost-effects technicians plant in the costumes and make-up of actors to be stabbed or shot — just didn't look right. They were a bit too bright red and too geometrically perfect for the eyes of well-trained contemporary viewers who are quite expert in the attributes of violence.

Second: The audio-track of "The Mission" features low-level dialogue apparently intended to establish an aura of confidentiality. But it was merely difficult to hear certain conversations. Unfortunately, as well, the print screened last week at the Prudential had several frames missing at a key point in Mendoza's redemption and conversion.

Director Roland Joffe ("The Killing Fields") and producers Fernando Ghia and David Puttnam ("The Killing Fields," "Chariots of Fire" and "Midnight Express") have assembled an all-star, internationally renowned cast and production team whose work, with the exceptions noted, is superb.

IT'S HARD TO believe accomplished filmmakers could make such easily corrected errors that, however simple, serve to detract from an inspirational epic with hauntingly beautiful panoramas of the idyllic, natural life.

"The Mission's" story has all the ingredients of a great film. The photography is breathtaking, the acting excellent. The music has a sensuous spirituality befitting the conflict between church and state. It is a shame they came so close and missed, but close doesn't count in filmmaking.

upcoming things to do

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● NIGHT OUT

Bugs Beddow, trombonist, flutist and band leader, will perform with

his band throughout the evening at the Bates Street Night Out monthly gathering from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at The Community House in Birmingham. There will be dancing and carriage rides (weather permitting). Tickets are \$5 per person. Wine, beer and liquor are available as well as simple snack food. Tickets may be reserved by calling Joanne Heimstadt at The Community House, 644-5832. Tickets also will be available at the door.

● LASER SHOW

"Ornaments," a laser-light concert, is being shown daily at 2:15 p.m. and weekends at 3:45 p.m. through Sunday, Jan. 4, at the planetarium of the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills. "I Robot," featuring music from the Alan Parsons Project, will continue to be shown at 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. Friday and 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday. The holiday classic, "The Christmas Star," a planetarium demonstration, will be shown at 1:30 and 3 p.m. daily; at 1:30, 2:15 and 3 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, and at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays. Live performances of "Mr. Wizard's World," presented by John Love, is being given at 12:45 and 2:15 p.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 30. Laser fee is \$1.50 in addition to regular museum admission of \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and senior citizens. Added planetarium show fee is 50 cents. "Mr. Wizard's World" presentations are included in regular museum admission. For more information, call 645-3230.

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● CONCERT BAND

The Detroit Concert Band, under the direction of Leonard B. Smith, will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at Varner Recital Hall at Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Selections include Sousa's music composed for the great fairs and exhibitions of his time. Tickets are \$10

general admission and \$5 for OU students and senior citizens. Tickets are available from the Center for the Arts box office at 370-3013 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

● OPEN AUDITIONS

Avon Players will hold open auditions for "Nuts," a drama by Tom Topor, 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, and 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at the Avon Playhouse in Rochester Hills. For more information, call the assistant director Sheila Lyle of Rochester at 651-4346.

● THEATER WORKSHOPS

Workshops for beginners through accomplished professionals in theater will be offered starting in January at Oakland University in Rochester Hills. The workshops, open to people of all ages, include one in Improvisation and Theatre Games, taught by Blair Anderson, 4-6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays from Jan. 17 to April 20, and another in Mime, taught by T. Andrew Aston, 3-4:45

p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from Jan. 6 to April 17. Fee for each workshop is \$225.

● ONE-RING CIRCUS

The Oakland University Mime Ensemble, performing as the Dingleberry Circus, will perform at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14; at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, and 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at Varner Recital Hall on campus in Rochester Hills. The performances are part of the Concerts-for-Youth Series offered by the Center for the Arts. The circus combines actual circus skills and magic acts with mime illusions for youngsters. Among the five members of the Mime Ensemble are two area residents, William J. O'Connor of Troy and T. Andrew Aston of Rochester Hills. Tickets at \$3 are available by calling 370-3103 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

● JAZZ CLUB

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● FAMILY THEATER

Ann Arbor Goodtime Theater will present a live production of "Sleeping Beauty" at the Family Dinner Theater on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City. Pizza and a drink will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the musical, a humorous version of the classic tale. The play is geared for children 4-12 and their families. Tickets are \$3.50, available in advance only. For more information, call 525-8846.

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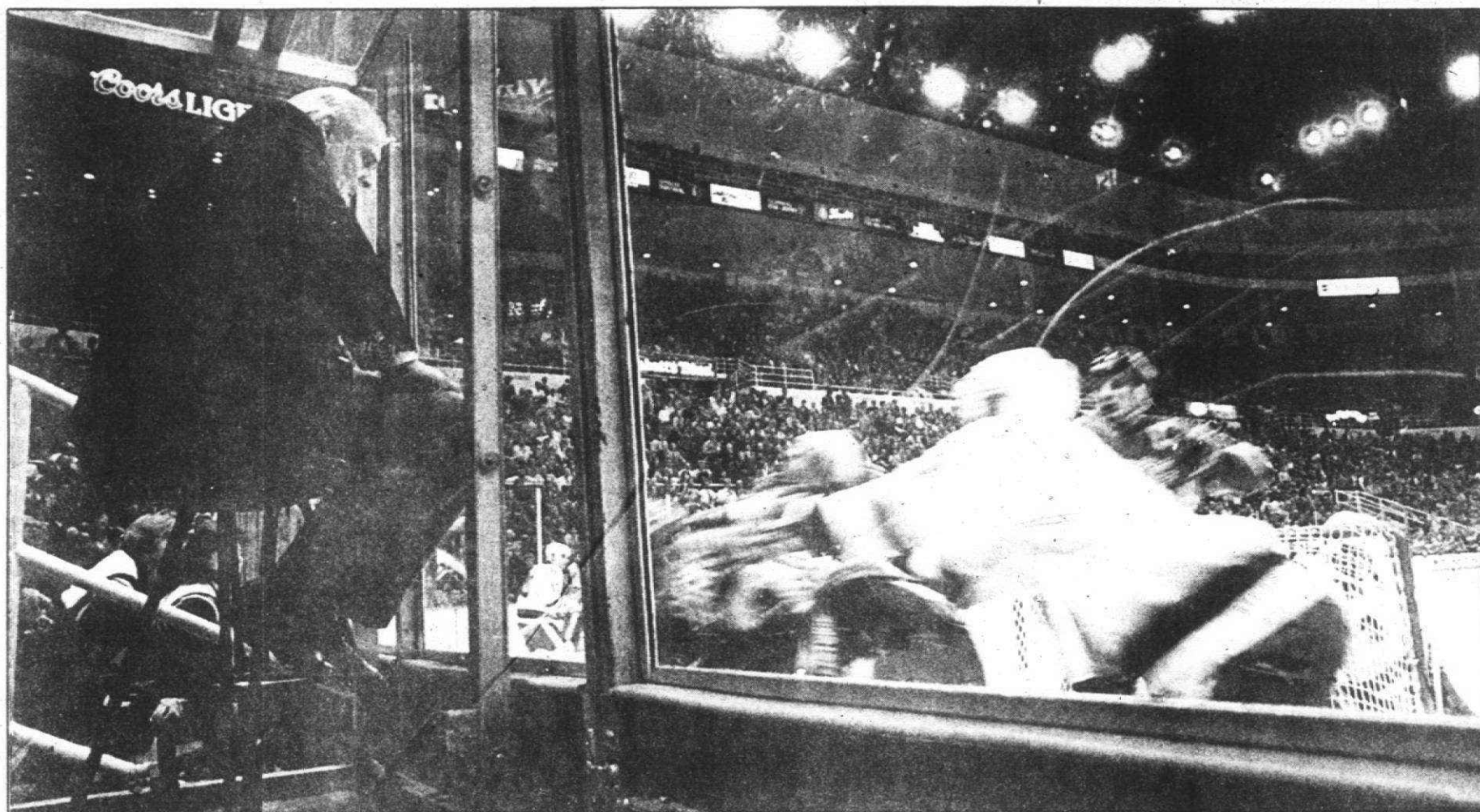
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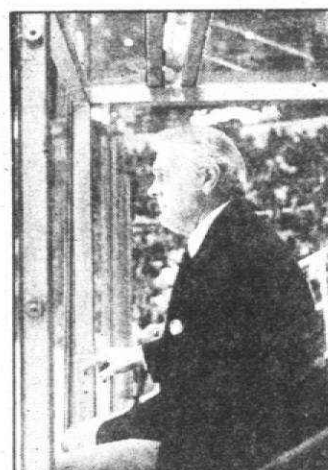
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Goal judge Jack MacRobert keeps a close eye on the action.

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Jack MacRobert flicks the switch after a goal is scored.

Efficiency is this team's goal

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

Ice Man

TO WORK for the Detroit Red Wings, a person has to either have a nose for the ice, an eye for the puck or the ability to put some numbers on the board.

But playing hockey isn't necessary.

Joe Louis Arena manager Al Sobotka of Redford Township, goal judges Chuck Sneddon of Plymouth and Jack MacRobert of Livonia, and organist Dan Greer of Westland all fill the bill. Yet they don't even so much as lace up a skate.

In fact, the six players on the ice in pursuit of a black rubber disc are only a fraction of the personnel it takes to present a hockey game at Joe Louis Arena.

An array of behind-the-scenes workers, including ticket-takers, ushers and concessionaires, are the real team behind the team.

And while the squad that plays the games haven't had many all-stars in recent years, the workers at the JLA are considered some of the best in the National Hockey League.

If it wasn't for guys like Al Sobotka, the Red Wings would be playing on a frozen pond in someone's back yard.

One of Sobotka's tasks as arena manager is to oversee the ice at Joe Louis, considered one of the best surfaces in the league.

Sobotka, who started out as a floor sweeper on the midnight shift at Olympia Stadium, has even worked as a Zamboni driver in his 15 years with the Wings.

"It's kind of hairy out there," said Sobotka about resurfacing the ice between periods. "People throw things at you or yell things at you like, 'Hey, you missed a spot.'"

"They throw stuff like pennies, ice cubes, bullets — you name it. Ice cubes are a favorite."

Sobotka can throw more than a cube of ice together on the floor of Joe Louis Arena. The ice, which is an inch thick, is put in once a year.

The process, which takes roughly a day to complete, includes flooding the area and then painting the frozen surface white with a special latex paint. Pipes under the arena

floor freeze the water.

Another coat of water goes on before the lines are applied. "There are a lot of ways to make it," Sobotka said. "The temperature and thickness are important. We use a water softener so (the ice) doesn't get brittle."

When a concert or some other non-ice event comes to the arena, the ice is covered with insulated boards. It's the non-ice events, though, that have Sobotka running for cover.

"Truck pulls are bad because there is mud being thrown all over the place," said Sobotka, who is in charge of the overall maintenance of Joe Louis Arena. "The circus is pretty bad with smell of the animals and the kids with their cotton candy and sno-cones, which is tough to clean up. Plus, after the concert, you have to clean up the puke."

Hockey is more Sobotka's cup of tea. A longtime fan of the Wings, he's had a chance to make friends with some of the players through the years.

"Not as much as before," said Sobotka, who plays hockey himself on weeknights. "They have all new players now. We were good friends

with (Reed) Larson, Woodsie (Paul Woods) and Perry Miller when they were here."

Music Man

When the play stops on the ice, organist Dan Greer starts to play.

And the Westland native has a musical number to fit the situation. If there is a play stoppage because of a fight, the nimble-fingered Greer might let out with a love song like, "Put Your Arms Around Me," or the pugilistic anthem of the theme from "Rocky."

When the Wings win a game, numbers such as "Celebration" and "Happy Days Are Here Again" are the most played tunes.

Needless to say, hockey has a music all its own. Even the referees have their own tribute of "Three Blind Mice."

"We're not suppose to play that," said Greer, who's been an organist for the Wings for approximately eight years. "What I'll do is play

the middle verse, or I'll play the first verse of the national anthem. 'Oh say can you see . . . — do you get it?'"

Fans usually get it, which is most important to a hockey organist. Greer said an organist has to be creative and come up with the right ditty to fit the situation.

And in hockey, where things are as unpredictable as the flight of a bat in a strobe-lit room, cleverness is needed.

"A lot of it comes to the top of your head," Greer said. "You don't plan it."

"They allow you to be creative in hockey. They like things to be happy, with an up-beat tempo . . ."

Greer has a lot to compare hockey to. He's also been organist for the Tigers and the Pistons over the years.

He's even the source of a trivia question: Who played for the Tigers, the Pistons and the Red Wings in 1972?

But playing the organ is a little more than a trivial pursuit to Greer. To go along with his athletic playing, Greer has been organist at Wayne First Baptist Church for 25 years.

Justices of the Nets

If there is a light left on in a goal judge's house, it usually doesn't take a grand jury investigation to figure out the culprit.

Goal judges are adept at flipping the switch at hockey games when a goal is scored. The red light that comes on lets the goalie know he goofed.

Chuck Sneddon, who's been an NHL goal judge for 27 years, and Jack MacRobert, an NHL goal judge for 12 years, would rather look at flipping the switch as signaling the accomplishment of a goal well scored.

Both have done it for a multitude of NHL stars through the years, such as Gordie Howe, Bobby Hull, Bobby Orr and Wayne Gretzky, to name a few.

Goal judges at Red Wing games sit behind the goal in enclosed protective-glass booths. When there is

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As part of her job, Kathy Best sorts autographed pictures and answers questions concerning the team's records.

She gives the job her best each day

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

IT'S NOT a snarling, toothless defenseman from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, who greets people at the offices of the Detroit Red Wings.

Kathy Best's warm smile, which could disarm even the most fearless high sticker, welcomes people to the team's headquarters.

So, to say the least, the Redford Thurston High School graduate and Plymouth resident would seem a bit out of place behind the desk of a professional hockey team. No less a team which led the National Hockey League in penalty minutes last season.

But being public relations coordinator for the Detroit Red Wings is what Best does best.

And while she can't take a slap shot or win a face-off, Best's value to the Red Wings certainly goes beyond the measurement of goals and assists.

"SHE'S ONE of the most loved persons in the National Hockey

League," said Bill Jamieson, director of public relations for the Red Wings. "She's a very kind, caring person. She's always concerned about others."

Jamieson and others who've worked with her say it's the little things she does that make her special.

Her regular duties include handling the media, setting up interviews for television newscasters and making sure a writer has a place from which to send stories. She also helps edit the team's publications.

It's more than enough to keep the average human busy.

To go along with the paper work, though, Best's desk might be littered with pennants, pucks or pictures. A player who comes into the office finds getting past her desk as formidable as moving by five defensemen at the blue line.

Best or Marilyn Rowe, the team's secretary, will have a player sign each item, which will go to children in the hospital or to charitable organizations to raffle off.

When more than a signature is

needed, Best also arranges player appearances for civic functions.

It's those small tasks, which some would consider a nuisance, that helps keep the Red Wings endeared to the public. And it's part of the reason the Wings were in the top 10 in the NHL for attendance last season, despite finishing dead last in the standings.

But Best would skate around taking any credit for the feat. Instead, she would prefer to pass it on to everyone else in the organization.

She just loves her job, thank you.

"I LIKE the people," she said about her job. "Even the fan who calls up and is mad. They've had their reasons to be mad . . . but they're still fans."

For that, the Red Wings are grateful. But they're even more grateful to have Best in their fold.

To many, she's been a source of inspiration.

Best, who has a congenital spinal disorder, has had to work on crutches and now is confined to a

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Team works hard

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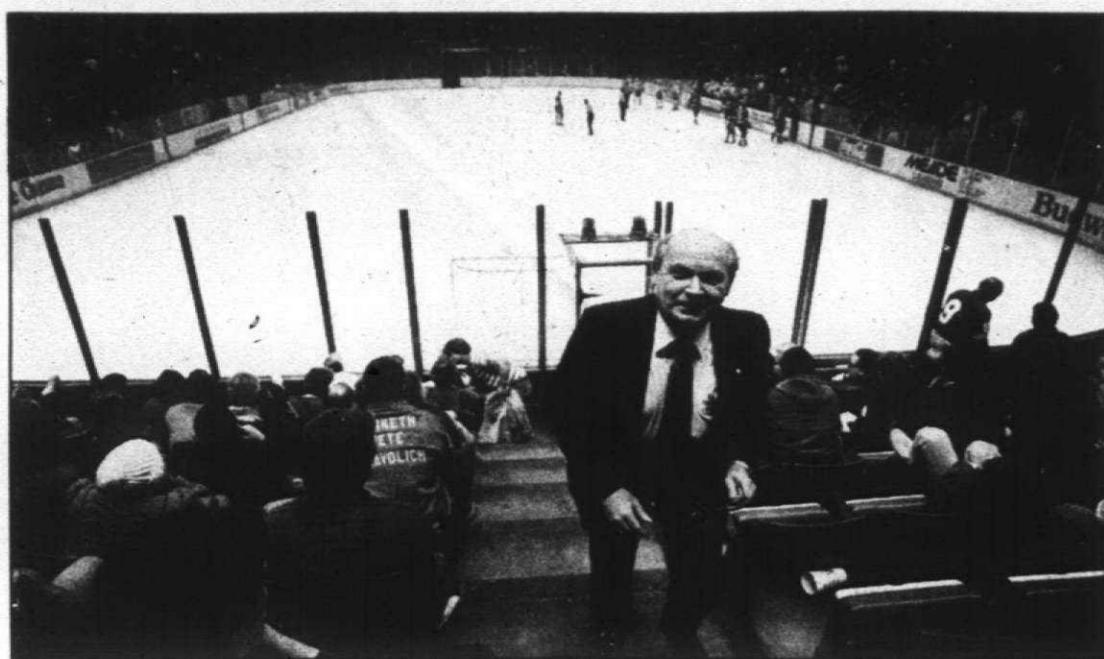
a disputed goal, they get their fair share of abuse from both fans and players.

And those who sit in glass houses don't have to worry as much about stones as pucks.

One time, a slap shot by a player shattered the supposedly non-breakable glass in front of Sneddon at Olympia Stadium.

"It was a heavy shot," Sneddon said.

Aside from the occasional occupational hazards, both Sneddon and



STEVE FECHT/staff photographer

Goal judge Chuck Sneddon makes his way through the stands between periods at a Red Wings game.

MacRobert enjoy their jobs.

"I really enjoy the game," said Sneddon, who also works for Detroit Edison as a marketing service

representative. "I can have a rough day at the office and then come and be a goal judge and be really relaxed."

"It's the excitement of it," said MacRobert, who is a wooden floor contractor. "Plus I have the best seat in the house."

She brings her best to the job

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wheelchair. Yet, to watch her work, her handicap limits her about as much as a hangnail.

"The only thing I can't do is reach the copy machine," she said.

And while the Red Wings have been a shoot-and-miss proposition on the ice, Best's perpetual enthusiasm is something the team can bank on. It's been a perk to those who've worked in a front office which has had a turnover rate second only to fast-food restaurants.

"She is the most wonderful person I have ever worked with," said Al Coates, director of marketing for the Calgary Flames and former Red Wing public relations director.

"She gives everybody a lift."

"She's a real go-getter," said Alex Delvecchio, former Red Wing player and general manager who was one of Best's first bosses. "It's like nothing is (physically) wrong with her."

"Nothing's stopping that girl," added Budd Lynch, NHL Hall-of-Fame broadcaster. "She's had a lot of setbacks, but she still keeps going strong."

According to Lynch, former Red Wings general manager Ted Lindsay thought so much of Best that he installed an electric lift chair so she would have easier access to the team's second-floor offices in Olympia Stadium.

Those in the media, who've been sharp critics of the team in the

past, have been especially appreciative of Best's cheery outlook.

"You would write something about the team that some people in the front office would take personally," said Tom Henderson, Observer staff writer and former Detroit Free Press sports writer who covered the Wings from 1978 to 1979. "She didn't. No matter what you said about the team or her bosses, she was gracious and friendly as ever."

When a coach or general manager does get fired, though, Best said it's been difficult.

"When you lose a coach, it's tough because it's such a shock," said Best, who lives in Plymouth with her husband, Mike Best. "But then you realize they're making the

change to hopefully improve the team."

Best has seen plenty of coaches and general managers come and go in her 12-year tenure with the Red Wings. She started out with the Red Wings as a secretary to the scouting department when Ned Harkness was general manager.

She's also experienced a change of owners. Mike Ilitch bought the club in 1982 from Bruce Norris. Best said things are a bit more relaxed since Ilitch has been owner. He's improved the interior of the front office, making for better working conditions at Joe Louis Arena.

But not even a change of owners can stop the phone from ringing. Lately, with the Wings doing well, a majority of calls have been favorable.

"They want to tell you you're doing a great job with the hockey team," Best said. "When the team is not going well, they call and suggest ways to improve the team."

"They call to suggest trades or to confirm them."

One thing is apparent, the Wings won't trade Best.

Helpful hints to save time

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

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

2. Need extra ice cubes for the hol-

idays, use muffin tins.

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

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

5. To get Brazil nuts out of the shell unbroken, freeze them until the shells crack.

6. Cranberries grind very neatly when frozen.

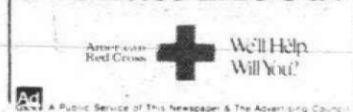
7. For a quick salad, freeze an unopened can of fruit cocktail. Open both ends, push out the frozen fruit and slice.

8. Buy bananas when they are cheap. You can mash and freeze the over-ripe ones in portions for banana bread, cookies or cakes.

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

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THREE CITIES

The Three Cities Art Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, at the meeting room of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 E. Ann Arbor Road at Lilley, Plymouth. Slides on impressionists Renoir and Gauguin will be shown. The theme for the painting competition is "Best Winter Pastime." Guests may attend. For additional information, call Dorothy Koliba, club president, 455-5159.

LOCAL HISTORY

The Plymouth Historical Society will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, Main and Church in Plymouth. The monthly meeting will be followed by the "Greenmead Ambassador Program," a slide presentation tracing the development of Greenmead, the Hill House Museum and Historical Village in Livonia. Guests may attend. For additional information, call 455-8940.

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.

LEGAL TOPICS

A panel of three attorneys will discuss legal topics of interest to women at the Friday, Jan. 9, meeting of the Professional Women's Network of Farmington. The meeting will be at the Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Topics to be covered are wills/probate, domestic rela-

tions and employment rights. The organization holds 7:15 a.m. breakfast meetings the second Friday of each month. Reservations and advance payment must be received at the Farmington Community Center by Wednesday, Jan. 7. Price is \$5 for members, \$6 for non-members. For reservations or additional information, call the Farmington Community Center, 477-8404.

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.

DIVORCE GROUP

The Women's Divorce Support Group will meet 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the conference room of the Lower Waterman Campus Center of Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. The group discussion will focus on positive ways to deal with ongoing problems. Reservations are not required. The support group is for women who are separated, divorced, in the process of getting a divorce or considering divorce. For additional information, call the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, 591-6400 Ext. 430.

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Then watch the classified section every Monday and Thursday. When your name appears, you're a winner! Enter soon and as often as you like.

500 Help Wanted

ELECTRICIAN
Metals Processor, primary Steel Tubing Mechanical Maintenance background. A Plus must be able to understand Electrical Schematics. Located in western Wayne City. Send resume, including pay requirement, to: Box 150, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, Michigan 48150.

EMPLOYEE CONSULTANT
Excellent ENTRY LEVEL position in the growing temporary help services field. Sharp, responsible individual (male or female) needed to start immediately. Must be available for Sat. and willing to work flexible hours.
525-9191

EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANT
If you have sales ability, strong communication skills and excellent telephone technique, you have what we are looking for! Excellent training, good compensation package and benefits are just part of our package. Send resume to: Mr. J. J. Smith, 3270 W. Big Beaver, Troy, MI 48064 or call 649-5900

ENGINEER - ENTRY LEVEL
Call Today! \$18-\$20,000/yr.
Job Network 557-1200

FACTORY WORKERS for molding and fabrication plant in Plymouth Canton area. Steady full time jobs for strong, healthy people with no experience. Heavy lifting required. Applications accepted in person, 8AM-4:30PM at 8454 Romble Dr. located 1/8 mile west of Hagerty Rd., turn south directly off Joy Rd.

FARMINGTON YMCA is accepting applications for youth basketball coaches & referees. \$4 per hour. Weekdays, afternoons & Sat. Apply Farmington YMCA 28100 Farmington Rd., Farmington, MI 48334. For more information call 553-4020

FAST GROWING national wholesale company opening 10 new offices in area, earn \$250 plus per week. Must enjoy energetic atmosphere & have own car. Will train for various management & staff positions. Income & advancement unlimited. For personal interview call Mr. Anthony 421-6966

FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS
ACCOUNTANT: CPA, management, open salary.
ASSISTANT MANAGER: residential loan, to \$22K.
COST ACCOUNTANT: open salary.

EXPERIENCED ONLY FEES PAID
Personnel Services 459-1166

FIREFIGHTER City of Livonia
Must be in excellent physical condition, at least 18 years of age, have current basic EMT certificate or have completed approved basic EMT program and be eligible for State certification, have visual acuity of no less than 20/30 uncorrected, correctable to 20/20 and possess valid Michigan motor vehicle operator's or chauffeur's license. COMPLETE details on announcement. Apply no later than 5 p.m. Mon., Jan. 5, 1987, Civil Service Dept., 33000 Civic Center Dr., Livonia, MI 48150. Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/H/V

FULL TIME maintenance person needed for large Farmington Hills apartment complex. Air conditioning & plumbing.
Call for interview, 471-6800

GARAGE DOOR INSTALLER
EXPERIENCED, & service person for garage door opener. For information call Delet Door 355-2742.

GARAGE SUPERVISOR
We are seeking a second shift Garage Supervisor at our Plymouth Food Distribution Center. The qualified applicant will have 15 years of previous mechanical background in diesel-truck and trailer experience. Previous supervisory experience a must. Plus an ability to relate well with people. Qualified applicants may apply Tues., Fri. or Sat. and a resume between 9 AM - 3:30 PM.

SPARTAN STORES INC.
9075 Hagerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170
An Equal Opportunity Employer

GENERAL HELPERS
\$9.50-\$12.50 hour
Our new building is finally completed. National company now hiring 25-35 people to fill various positions. No experience necessary. New division needs Managers, Assistants, Supervisors, Collection, Supervisors & Marketing Personnel. If you're not making \$10 per hour and would like to, call for appointment. Ask for Dennis.
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

GENERAL HELP
Full or part time work available in Farmington Hills machine shop. Some experience preferred. Send resume, call 9-3
471-2300

GENERAL SERVICE TRAINEE
Change oil, Mount & dismount tires, minor mechanical work. \$4 per hour to start. Full benefits.
GOODYEAR TIRE CENTER
Call Bob 353-0450

500 Help Wanted

GREEN PLANT
Maintenance Person, experienced, to work for interior plantscaping company. Must be reliable and have good transportation. Full or part time. Experienced only, need call. Call Janet 559-5828

LANDSCAPE PERSONNEL desired for development corporation in S. Oakland county. Duties include lawn maintenance, snow removal, landscaping & some construction. We help the position to develop into foreman.
Call Joe, 9am-5pm, 642-8686
An Equal Opportunity Employer

HAIR CARE CLINIC hiring full time licensed cosmetologists. Advance training, salary, paid benefits. Don't delay! Call John Ryan Associates today.
1-800-552-4870

HAIR SALON needs Shampoo girl, full time, benefits, also need receptionist, 13 Mile & Telegraph area.
626-9253 Or 358-0991

HAIR STYLIST - experienced, clientele preferred. Apply Mon thru Sat 9am-5pm, 312 Main St., Rochester, MI 48306

HAIR STYLISTS & Manicurists - Clientele preferred but not necessary. Commission or both retail. Call Paul 544-2243 or 356-7350

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS
Use your health care skills to help someone who really needs you by becoming a foster parent for a non-abusive teenage with mental retardation. Work in your own home and earn over \$800 per month. Prefer home with first floor bedroom. Call Homefinder
Oakland County, 332-4410
Wayne County, 455-8880

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING Service Technician. experience only. Full time, benefits, also need experienced installer who can make sheet metal. Call Mon-Fri 8-5, 541-7007

HELP WANTED to deliver magazines and advertising pieces on a delivery basis. 1-3 per hour. Must be more to residents in Plymouth, Livonia, Redford, Inkster & Westland. Possible earnings \$25-\$50 per week. Will train. Call for more information. Call 471-7149

HOME FOR THE AGED
Seeking dependable people to work in residential care facility. Experience preferred but will train. Apply between 9am-1pm Leisure Village, 31720 Van Born Rd., Wayne County, 455-8880

HOUSEKEEPERS needed. Great benefits. Full and part time day shift positions. Apply in person Red Roof Inn, 175 & 14 Mile Road, Madison Heights

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500 Help Wanted

LATCH-KEY DIRECTOR
needed immediately 12-6pm Mon-Fri. Must have 60 credit hours from college or university with 12 in education or recreation. Apply Livonia Family Y, 14255 Stark Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

LATCH KEY RECREATION WORKER
Experienced with children & child development classes preferred. Apply Farmington area YMCA, 28100 Farmington Rd., Farmington, MI 48334

LAUNDRY AIDE - full time, all shifts available. Experience preferred but will train. Please apply Plymouth Ctl. (formerly Henry Convalescent), 105 Farmington Rd., Plymouth, MI 48550

LAUNDRY - PART TIME
Apply, Mon. thru Fri., 9am-3pm, University Nursing Home, 28550 Five Mile, Livonia, MI 48150

LEARN HEATING & COOLING
Willing to train right person, must have own transportation. Interviewing now.
537-1617

LIBRARIAN
202-359-2070
Applicants must have a Master's Degree in Library Science from an accredited institution. This position will develop special programs for library patrons, assist patrons, prepare exhibits and displays. Apply to: Civil Service Dept., 33000 Civic Center Dr., Livonia, MI 48150

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
For growing precision metal machine company. Mechanical ability a must - also some electrical background can be a plus. Degree helpful but not necessary. Recent employment in this field is a requirement. Call between 9-5, 553-0858

MECHANIC needed for state of the art Mobil location on Telegraph. Certification needed. Please contact Thomas Devenny, 26355 Telegraph, Southfield, MI 48075

MODERN CUT-OUT OPERATORS
Metallic Process. Prefer experienced individuals. T-1 Training, A Plus. Located in western Wayne City. Send resume to: Mr. J. J. Smith, 3270 W. Big Beaver, Troy, MI 48064 or call 649-5900

MOTEL AUDITOR
Third shift, weekends. Light accounting & computer experience helpful but not necessary. Apply in person, Red Roof Inn, 14 Mile at I-75, Madison Heights, MI 48070

NEWSPORTS PUBLICATION
looking for Sports Fans to work in advertising and subscription sales. Sales experience helpful but not necessary. Call for more information. Call 471-7149

Oil CHANGE ATTENDANT
Full time. Experience preferred, but willing to train. Call 553-0013

OPTICIAN
Full time. Experience preferred. Call 488-8000, Ext. 325

OPTICIAN
Dispensing bench or servicing experience preferred. Full time. Excellent opportunity for right person. 565-5000

PAYROLL BOOKKEEPER
Immediate opening for full time payroll bookkeeper. Duties include processing payroll on main frame, computer for 100 employees, payroll related duties & related bookkeeping. Prefer candidate with experience in dealing with people. Send resume with salary requirements or apply in person. Walsh County, 3838 Livernois, Troy, MI 48064

PHARMACY TECH - PART TIME
Experience preferred. Apply in person only. Mr. Rosenblatt, 6033 Plymouth Rd., Garden City, MI 48134

PHOTOGRAPHER - Experienced. Marlon - Carrel or Forx operator for free lance work. Call Mr. Johnson at 642-0640

PRINTER
Career-minded, with 2 years experience on either Letra 975 or A B Dick 360. Please call 459-6195

PRODUCTION LINES - precision injection molding firm in Troy is seeking production line workers to operate equipment in the manufacturing of plastic parts. No previous experience necessary. Very pleasant work environment, regular schedule overtime, good wages, overtime pay, benefits package. Send reply to: Production, P.O. Box 4451, Lathrup Village, MI 48076
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PROGRAM AIDES
Full or part time working in human services field. \$4.75 per hour. 476-0170

PROPERTY SURVEYOR
For greater Detroit metro area. Measuring homes & property for insurance purposes. Must have dependable transportation, flexible work hours. Call Hank 443-5151

REAL ESTATE BROKER
An aggressive and honest broker looking to run a new small office in Troy area. The individual must have at least 5 years experience as a Broker/Associate Broker in Troy/Westland area. Send resume to: Box 166, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, Michigan 48150

RECEIVING PURCHASING
Aggressive person for full time position for a fast growing dental supply in Farmington Hills. Please contact Ann for interview. 478-1300 ext 43

REGISTERED PHARMACIST
wanted to own percentage of new small Pharmacy in Oakland County. Reply to: Box 170, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, Michigan 48150

RESPONSIBLE PERSON needed in our 24 hour manned alarm center in Troy. Secretarial skills helpful. Full time. Send resume to: Walsh County, 3838 Livernois, Troy, MI 48064

SECURITY GUARDS
Security Hecton is now hiring part time night security. Must have previous experience. Apply in person only, 14707 Northville Rd., Northville, Mich.

SECURITY GUARDS - full or part time. Must be 18. Have home phone & car. Conductor International, 30633 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

SECURITY GUARDS
Contingent positions available for experienced security guards on various shifts. For details, contact: GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL
6245 N. Inkster Rd.
Garden City, MI 48135
421-3300, Ext. 277

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Immediate openings available in Oakland County & western suburbs in the specialized areas of hospitals & industrial security. \$6.00 per hr. Retirees & college students welcome. Apply Mon. thru Fri. 8:30-3:30 at National Wide Security Office near you. 275 Franklin Rd., Regency Office Center, Southfield, MI 48075
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MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN - Troy manufacturing firm is seeking an individual for entry level position on afternoon shift to perform daily clean up & routine maintenance on production equipment. Must have a basic knowledge of hand tools & some knowledge of electrical. Send resume to: Attention: Engineering Director, P.O. Box 502, Wixom, MI 48180

SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT
Full time evenings. Good wages, insurance, paid vacations. Apply 9AM-3PM, Amoco Station, Orchard Lake & 15 Mile, Farmington Hills, MI 48334

SHEET METAL INSTALLER - minimum 15 yrs. experience with some commercial experience. Wages & benefits negotiable. 476-2626

SHIPPING & RECEIVING
Experience preferred, will train. salary commensurate with experience. Call Ms. Pasternak 525-6200

SOCIAL DIRECTOR - Part-time. Needed for large Farmington Hills Apartment Complex. Duties will include writing the monthly News Letter & supervision of Clubhouse operations & arranging social functions for the residents. For accurate call 471-6800

SOUTHFIELD financial planning office seeks to hire persons with minimum of an Associates degree in business & some business experience to help in house CPA attorney with work load, computer experience helpful but not necessary. Send resume to: 3001 Town Center, Suite #2750, Southfield, Michigan, 48075, attention: Pete.

SPECIALIZED FOSTER CARE Case Worker wanted for fast growing in-home foster care agency in Wayne counties MSW required & experience with foster care system and child abuse. Send resume to: Wayne County, 3838 Livernois, Troy, MI 48064

STOCK HANDLER
Stock, inventory control, neat, accurate. Call Robert or Bill Livonia area. 591-6601

STOCK-PRODUCE & Deli Help - \$6 per hr. plus benefits with experience only. Full/part time. Birmingham Market, 130 W. 14 Mile. 644-6060

Store Merchandisers
Part Time
We are a national distributor of family books and videos seeking individuals to merchandise our products in retail stores. We currently have openings in the following areas:
• Work 20-23 hours a week in retail stores in family books and videos in Farmington Hills area retail stores.
• Work 15 hours a week merchandising family books in Northville area.
• Work 12-15 hours a week merchandising family books in Bellevue/Garden City area retail stores.
Starting salary is \$5 per hour, and no experience is necessary! Flexible day/evening hours. Call necessary. Apply in person or by mail. For consideration, call Scott Bates. 552-8663

TEMPORARY PERSONNEL
Ground floor opportunity at body tinting clinic. Need enthusiastic outgoing person. Management and retail sales experience desirable. Rapid advancement. 552-8663

100 PACKAGERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY
for the Livonia area. Must be able to work 8 hour shift for over 18 years of age & have reliable transportation. Come in and apply between the hours of 9am-3pm or call:
312-547-4444 collect

C.B.S. Subsidiary of CHAS. LEVY COMPANIES
Temporary Help
19203 Merriman (Village Fair Mall) (7 miles from Livonia) 477-0900

SWIM COACH & LIFEGUARDS
Kendallwood Swim Club is now taking applications for Swim Team Coaches. Must be 1987 Season. Please mail letter of interest to: Kendallwood Swim Club, P.O. Box 2021, Birmingham Hills, MI 48018

SWIM INSTRUCTORS & LIFEGUARDS
Days, evenings & weekends. Must have current W.S.I. Advanced Lifeguarding & C.P.R. 476-8010