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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Local government: The Canton Planning Commission holds its first regular meeting of 1999. Items on the agenda include a public hearing for Electropolitan, a comedy/club entertainment complex planned for Haggerty Road. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

WEDNESDAY

Newcomers: Canton Newcomers has its regular monthly meeting 7 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford Road, west of Canton Center. A casual evening of pizza and games is planned. For information, call 451-5426.

THURSDAY

Summit programs: Registration begins for general and aquatic fitness programs at Summit on the Park. For information call the community center, 397-5110.

SATURDAY

Ice time: The Plymouth Whalers host the Belleville (Ontario) Bulls in an OHL game at Compuware Arena, Beck Road north of M-14. Game time is 7:30 p.m. For ticket information, call 453-8400.

Variety show: The Plymouth Canton Chieftettes will hold a variety show at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased from any Chieftette or at the door. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students.

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Bonds to be sold; Vorva to appeal



Backed by a state Supreme Court ruling, Plymouth-Canton school officials will sell bonds for construction of new elementary and high schools. Jerry Vorva will take his 1997 election lawsuit to the federal courts.

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Plymouth-Canton school officials will be back in their Harvey Street offices this week, contemplating how to proceed with the construction of new ele-

mentary and high schools after another court victory against Jerry Vorva, this time in the Michigan Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, Vorva, who has battled to keep the district from spending the money for those schools, vows to continue his fight to the highest court in

the land.

The Michigan Supreme Court last week voted 6-1 to reject Vorva's claims there were irregularities in the March 1997 bond vote, despite his allegations that 716 votes were disenfranchised in an issue which won by only 96 votes.

The school administration is expected to get word from its attorneys sometime soon, allowing the district to sell \$79.6 million in bonds for the two schools, new buses and computers.

"The first steps will be to sell the bonds and take a look at details of the

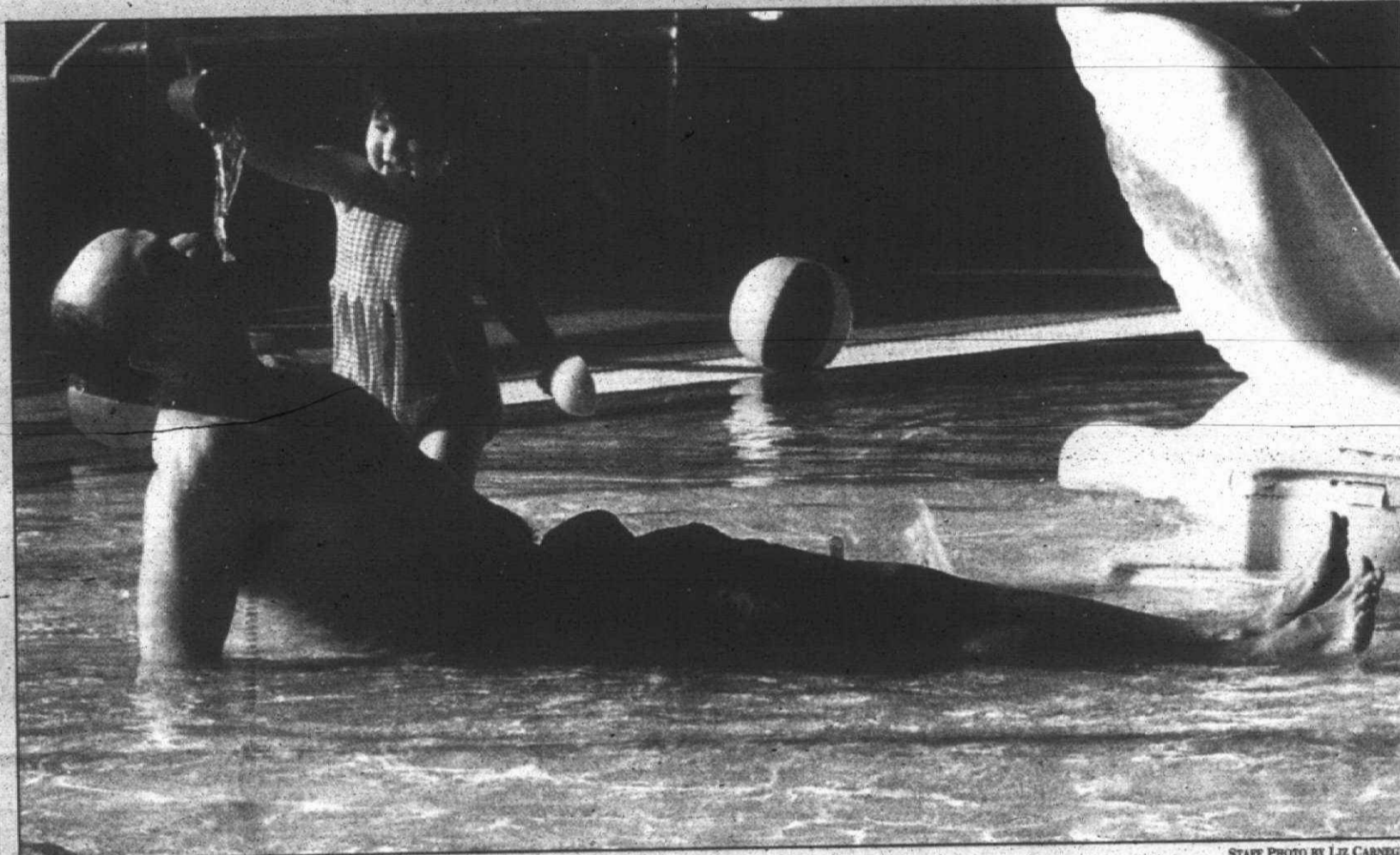
projects," said Superintendent Chuck Little. "The appeals process has been used, and now it's time to move on with the bond sale. This has always been our plan, and it's not a departure from what we've previously said."

While school officials are moving forward, the court battle still isn't over for Vorva.

He and his attorney, Stephen Boak of Plymouth, have until late March to file an appeal with the U.S. Supreme

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Turning winter into summer at the Summit



STAFF PHOTO BY LIZ CARNegie

Unseasonal hijinks: The plunging thermometer outside doesn't deter Jack Palazzolo from a wading pool frolic with his daughter, Alessandra, 2. The Palazzolo's were taking a break from winter Monday at the aquatic center at Summit on the Park.

Goodfellows' take is \$4,000 and counting

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Dozens of township families and seniors had a better Christmas this year thanks to the Canton Goodfellows.

Some 125 baskets of toys and food were delivered to needy families while 49 seniors also received help. Goodfel-

lows President Nancy Spencer said \$400-500 was spent per family.

Donations from Canton businesses and residents helped make deliveries possible. Spencer said donations as small as \$5 make all the difference.

"Those are the things that, put together, make the backbone of our organization," she added. "It isn't just

the big-buck donations."

The Goodfellows conducted a number of fund-raising activities prior to Christmas.

About \$3,700 was raised in the annual paper sale on Dec. 5. Sales were somewhat curtailed because of a shortage of staff.

"If we had had more paper-sellers,"

Spencer said, "I think we would've been over \$4,000."

A quilt raffle is still under way. The quilt was made by Canton resident Maggie Van Hoeck and will be raffled off Jan. 15 at the township library.

Spencer said sales for the raffle have

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Senior power Celebrity profiles are her Conquest

BY LILLY EVANS
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Reaching for the stars is no problem for Carrie Young of Canton.

The 34-year resident has featured a national celebrity on the front of Conquest, the bimonthly newspaper she publishes for southeast Michigan senior citizens since the mid-1980s. The publication is now in its 18th year.

"It's very easy to get a hold of an entertainer," Young said.

She interviews stars over the phone from her home office or when they're in town for performances.

"I have interviewed so many, Henny Youngman, Shari Lewis, Leslie Nielsen, Don Rickles, Jerry Lewis, Jimmy Stewart, George Burns, Dennis Day, Dom Deluise, Buddy Greco, the McGuire Sisters, Rosemary Clooney, Betty White, Pat Boone, Sid Caesar, Perry Como, Mel Torme, Don Knotts, The Lone Ranger (aka Clayton Moore), Orville Reddenbacher and Phil Stiller," she said.

Young writes about senior celebrities for her senior readers.

"Seniors are active and vibrant people they want to read about other active and vibrant people," she said.

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

No sweat: Canton resident Carrie Young says the celebrities she interviews are usually cooperative.

Cops, kids strike up better understanding

BOWLING LOCKDOWN

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Township police raised more than \$500 for its Explorer program at a recent bowling "lockdown."

About 250 teenagers from Canton, Plymouth, Westland and a host of other nearby communities participated in the annual event Dec. 18 at the Superbowl on Ford Road.

According to officer Leonard Schemanske, the lockdown was a complete success.

"This is the biggest one we've had," he added. "The kids had a great time and were very well-behaved."

The event was such a success, in fact, the department has scheduled two more, Feb. 19 and April 16. While the extra funds are nice, Schemanske said it isn't the purpose of the lockdown.

"The main goal isn't to generate money," he commented. "The purpose is to have law enforcement officers meet with youths in a positive way."

More than a dozen Canton offi-

cers and about 10 Explorers served as chaperones. For \$15, teens were allowed to bowl as much as they wanted, received pizza, pop and a continental breakfast.

"We had 2,700 games bowled," Schemanske said.

The lockdown went from midnight to 7 a.m. Children, which ranged in age from 10 to 14, were not allowed to leave the bowling alley without a parent. No smoking or drinking was allowed in the building.

Gifts were awarded. Police gave six sports memorabilia plaques while Superbowl handed out more than two dozen gift certificates.

Schemanske said the lockdown may change or add to its format. The event may begin earlier and include a movie at a local theater.

"There's a million things we can do with it," he said.

Funds from the event goes to the Explorers.

The program is an effort coordinated by Canton Public Safety in cooperation with the Boy Scouts of

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been solid. "It's largely because of the support of chamber members," she said. Hoben and Eriksson Elementary schools held "Pennies from Heaven" campaigns for the Goodfellows as well. Nearly \$400 worth of pennies were collected at Hoben. Spencer expected even more from Eriksson since the pennies are counted. "They filled three 5-gallon jugs," she added. The Goodfellows "Friends" program also raised significant funds. In its first year last Christmas, 23 local business or individuals became friends by donating at least \$100. This year, Spencer said, that number jumped to 40. "It's a worthy organization doing good things," said Bryan Amann of the law firm Brashear, Tangora & Spence, which gave \$500. "We're beneficiaries of this community. I think it's important for all people that do business in Canton to give something back."

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-local attorney

Raising money is key to the Goodfellows operation. Spencer said it'll cost more than \$10,000 this season to help families and seniors.

While monetary donations are important, other types of donations are critical, too. For the fourth straight year,

Matt Adams collected clothing and toys in his trailer parked in front of Kohl's. He collected items from Thanksgiving until mid-December, said Spencer. Canton's needy families and seniors were the beneficiaries of the Goodfellows' hard work. Spencer said deliveries went right up until Christmas Eve. Bikes, dolls, and trucks were among the toys delivered. Spencer said none of the toys or clothing given were used. "We don't feel that's right at

Christmas time," she added. Families also received complete Christmas dinners, including a turkey. Extra nonperishable foods and gift certificates to local grocery stores were given, too. While the holiday season is drawing to a close, the season of need continues all year. Those wishing to make donations of food, clothing, toys or money may take them to township hall at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

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Court. And both say they're ready. "The U.S. Supreme Court doesn't choose to hear many cases," admitted Boak. "But, if you look at constitutional law decisions made by the court, many are in low impact cases."

And Boak is hoping that a case which, on the surface, appears to be just Vorva against Plymouth-Canton Schools, will end up as a landmark case for voting rights issues. "If we frame our arguments

A U.S. Supreme Court clerk in Washington, D.C., said when the appeal is filed, the court will rule within six to eight weeks whether to hear the case.

oral arguments will be scheduled sometime between October 1999 and April 2000. All of the Supreme Court rulings are handed down in May or June, meaning Vorva and Boak don't know until the middle of 2000 if they've successfully argued their case.

Vorva says the court battle with Plymouth-Canton Schools has cost him nearly \$15,000, with an equal amount pro bono (no charge) from Boak. "I've also received support from people who don't want their names out," said Vorva. "They've contributed about \$3,000."

Boak said filing the next appeal will cost about \$4,000, with the costs to double if the case is actually heard. "I've appealed cases to the U.S. Supreme Court, but I've never argued a case in front of the justices," said Boak. "I will welcome the opportunity."

Township Clerk Terry Bennett was pleased that Chahine followed the Canton's wish of not having any form of dancing in

LaShish is latest addition to Canton's dining district

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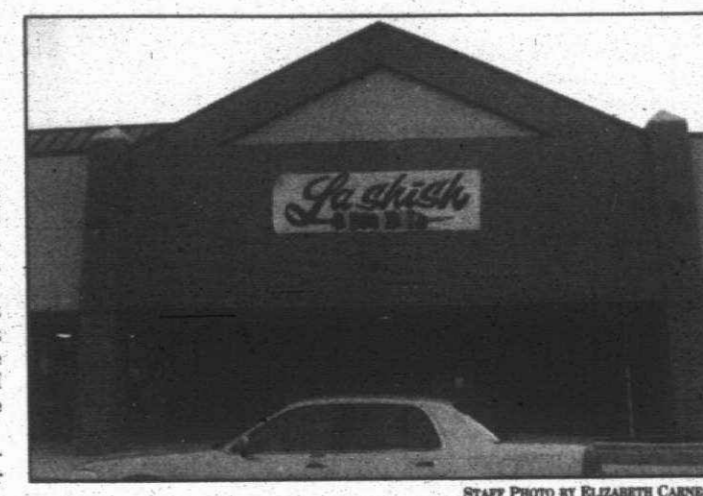
Canton's dining lineup will soon take on a Middle Eastern flair. And Livonia may be next. LaShish Restaurant is shooting for a mid-January opening at the corner of Canton Center and Ford. It will be the seventh LaShish in the metropolitan area. "I look forward to being a part of Canton," restaurant president Talal Chahine recently told the township board of trustees. "I feel we'll bring an honorable organization to the community."

The board unanimously granted LaShish a Class C liquor license in late November. Supervisor Tom Yack said the board's subcommittee came away favorably impressed with the restaurant on a recent visit. "The food is magnificent," he said. "I think it will be a great addition to the community."

The eatery has a good reputation in communities it's already in, he added. "I think they'll do very well here," Yack said.

Dearborn, Warren and Farmington Hills are among the communities where LaShish currently operates. Chahine said he plans to expand to Livonia as well as Canton.

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STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Opening soon: Middle Eastern-style dishes are a mainstay at LaShish, which plans for a mid-January opening at Canton Center and Ford roads.

selection is available, too. Baba ghanouj, baked eggplant and tahini, is a popular vegetarian entrée. LaShish makes a number of sandwiches and fresh juice drinks, too. Drinks are about \$2, and sandwiches range from \$2.50 to \$5.99.

Chahine hopes to open the restaurant, which will be adjacent to Bailey's Pub and Kroger, by Jan. 12.

"That's my and my son's birthday," he said. "That'll be 10 years anniversary of our grand opening."

Police: Mom struck child

A 14-year-old Canton girl was the victim of child abuse Monday.

According to police reports, the girl and her mother were in a family van when an argument about a key erupted at about 5:15 p.m. The woman allegedly hit her daughter with a closed fist in the right eye, reports said.

An officer taking the report noted redness and swelling in the child's eye.

Purse stolen
A 23-year-old Grosse Ile woman had her purse and a make up bag stolen from her car Tuesday between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., reports said.

She went into a Canton Center Road office and upon returning to her car found the items missing. After looking around the area, the woman discovered some of the missing items in the parking lot and by a nearby creek. The purse was valued at \$100 and make up bag at \$200.

Rape
A 23-year-old Livonia woman was the victim of rape Dec. 23 at a construction site near Lilley and Palmer roads, police said.

The woman was working in a model home in the 1900 block of Woodbine at the Woodwind subdivision when the incident occurred at about 3 p.m., according to police reports.

A man, who is described as being in his early 30s, 6-foot tall, 170 pounds with a reddish-blond beard, entered the model home and asked the woman questions. He then grabbed the 23-year-

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old and sexually assaulted her in a bedroom, reports said. The victim suffered minor injuries trying to get away from the man. She was treated at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia.

The man was wearing a black stocking cap, large wire-rimmed glasses, a black sweatshirt with writing on it, dark jeans, a belt with a silver buckle and dirty white tennis shoes.

Anyone with information about the incident may call Canton Police at (734) 397-5344.

Larceny
A resident in the 45000 block of Indian Creek reported a Baby Jesus stolen from a nativity scene in their side yard in the early morning hours of Sunday.

It was the second time in two weeks the wooden figure had been taken from a 50-year-old man's home. Police have no suspects. The piece is valued at \$150.

Domestic violence
A 34-year-old Canton man and his mother were the victims of domestic abuse late Sunday.

The man's brother, police reports said, had been drinking and "got angry" because neither he or his mother had rented movies for him to watch. The man snatched his mother with an open hand and pushed his brother.

The man was later arrested by township police and placed into custody.

B&E
About \$700 worth of equipment was stolen from a 19-year-old Canton man's apartment sometime Saturday or Sunday.

Police reports said that the man left his apartment at about 11 a.m. Saturday and returned Sunday at about 8:30 p.m. Upon arriving, he found his bedroom window open.

A television and a pair of video game systems had been stolen. Reports said a neighbor heard someone dragging something out of the apartment at about 1:45 Sunday morning.

Police have no suspects.

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America. It introduces young adults, ages 14 to 21, to career opportunities in law enforcement.

Explorers also take an active role in Canton. Each month, members from the group act as decoys in the

department's efforts to stop sale of alcohol and tobacco to minors. Explorers often have other duties, such as directing traffic, Schemanske said.

Funds from the lockdown buy Explorer uniforms and some-

times pay for their participation in law enforcement seminars and training sessions.

For more information on the Explorers program, contact Canton Officer Mike Steckel at (734) 397-6451.



Chat session: Carrie Young (left) interviews singer-songwriter Buddy Bireco and the McGuire Sisters (from left), Christine, Phyllis and Dorothy, for her senior publication, Conquest.

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The remaining articles contain information about health, exercise and travel.

"It's very well done and informative. I read it before I read the regular paper," said Canton resident Sue Dodson, who works in Garden City's building department and is a Canton planning commissioner.

Dodson said her position in Garden City involves helping seniors and Conquest is a good source.

Young's source for connecting with celebrities was a film star book, now the Internet is her gateway to the world.

"The Internet has opened so many doors for me," she said. One of her most memorable interviews was with George Burns.

The late vaudeville/movie star had her in stitches, she said.

Young said if she was to say one thing about the actors she interviewed, it would be they're down-to-earth.

After they preview Conquest, they see it is no threat and they speak to me one-to-one, she said. Young said that the only celebrity who rejected her interview was Dick Van Dyke.

'The Internet has opened so many doors for me.'

Carrie Young

Next, she is going to connect with John Glenn for her spring edition.

The idea of featuring an entertainer came from her parents, who own Talent Live, a recording studio adjacent to Young's home on Michigan Avenue.

Young, 42, is a former reporter for The Canton Eagle weekly newspaper. Her beat, in her early 20s, was senior citizen issues. This sparked her interest. So, with a few thousand dollars and what she said was a junk car, she put herself in business.

"As long as I can keep it (the newspaper) functioning, I have a purpose in life," she said.

Her publication is inserted into several area newspapers in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties. She found it to be cost-effective to do most of her circulation by insert. And, she mails copies and distributes at

businesses and senior centers. You can read Conquest on line. Her circulation is 285,000 plus Internet links.

She keeps her business simple. Young said. She writes, researches and sells ads out of her home via phone, fax, computer and mail. She doesn't have a photographer, she has photos sent to her. Young has one part-time assistant, Joe Prigun, who sells ads and trains her to surf the Net. Young belongs to the Senior Publishers Media Group, which also connects her with ads. She contracts out printing and layout. And of course, advertisers support the publication.

Young is from a close-knit family with home business history. The home she shares with her parents is on a 3/4-acre lot and her brother lives 500 yards away. The family runs a used car lot, recording studio, graphic arts business, video productions and they use to have a restaurant. Young joked that the mailman is very curious.

If you would like to view Conquest, visit <http://www.seniornews.com/conquest> or you can call the office at (734) 397-0812.

Holiday Pounds Erased With Sensible Eating Habits, Exercise.

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Holiday excesses mount an annual attack on the waists of American women, adding 12 lbs. Many resort to "quick fix" fad diets—pills, powders, temporary solutions—as a means of holding the battle lines during the season of national overindulgence.

But experts say there's no shortcut to maintaining a healthy figure; sensible eating habits and regular physical activity alone will curb the effects of party food & drink that precede the new year.

Enter **Inches-A-Weigh**, the national fitness and nutrition center for women, recently opened locally in Livonia.

"Our program hinges on the idea that permanent fitness requires 'real' grocery store foods prepared the way our clients like to eat," says Barbara Horowitz, owner of the bustling business.

"Our behavior modification program builds the foundation for a healthy lifestyle our clients can enjoy indefinitely, through sensi-

ble menu planning and selective use of dietary supplements."

Inches-A-Weigh supplements are a satisfying buffet of snack bars, puddings, delicious drinks and multi-vitamins. They ensure that all clients enjoy a balanced diet on the program, including nutritious between-meal snacks that calm urges for "junk" food.

Of course, good health requires more than good eating habits. Inches-A-Weigh completes the cycle of good health with a low-impact exercise program. "Our clients get cardiovascular and isometric exercise 3 days a week," says Julie Roach, the Exercise Counselor at Inches-A-Weigh. "We help maintain prop-

er levels of exertion in each hour-long session." She adds, "What sets us apart is the combination of support, nutritional counseling and our shaping equipment."

Many Inches-A-Weigh clients have had trouble with other programs due to existing medical constraints. "It's great because it works gently enough for women with back problems, diabetes, or even arthritis," says Julie. "What I love most about my job is helping clients achieve goals they thought insurmountable. That happens all the time around here."

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ARTHRITIS AND THE BOWEL
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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE

JOHN M. CHASE, JR., as Personal Representative of the Estate of ELYS SMITH ALFORD, who E. S. ALFORD and ELYS S. ALFORD, Deceased Plaintiff.

File No. 88-815-751-SE

VS.

EVA ROUSE, CLARK KENT PIKE, JEAN PIKE, JAMES LEE PIKE, DAVID PIKE, JONELL PIKE, JANE PIKE, ORVILLE LEROY WINFIELD, INA ALMEDA DORSE-ELDRIDGE and ROBERT L. ELDRIDGE, JR. Defendants.

ORDER TO ANSWER

On this date an Amended Complaint was filed by John M. Chase, Jr., as Personal Representative of the Estate of Elys Smith Alford, who E. S. Alford and Elys S. Alford, Deceased, Plaintiff against Eva Rouse, Jean Pike, Jean Pike, Jean Lee Pike, David Pike, Jonell Pike, Jane Pike, Orville Leroy Winfield, Ina Almeda Dorse-Elldridge and Robert L. Eldridge, Jr. Defendants, in this Court to Quiet Title to Real Property located in Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

Upon hearing and consideration of the verified Petition of Plaintiff for Authority to Publish Notice to Defendants, Eva Rouse, Ina Almeda Dorse-Elldridge and Robert L. Eldridge, Jr. Pursuant to MCR-9.106, attesting to the fact that whereof the above-named Defendants are unknown, as well as there being potential Defendants whose identity is not known and being potential unknown claimants, unknown owners, or unknown heirs, devisees, or assignees of a named Defendant, that therefore service upon Defendants, Eva Rouse, Ina Almeda Dorse-Elldridge and Robert L. Eldridge, Jr. whose identity and whereabouts is unknown of the Summons a copy of the Amended Complaint in this action cannot be otherwise effected, and it appearing to the Court that the potential Defendants whose identity is unknown, being unknown claimants, unknown owners, or unknown heirs, devisees, or assignees of a named Defendant, and whereabouts is unknown can best be ascertained of the pendency of this action by publication of this Order in a newspaper.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendants, Eva Rouse, Ina Almeda Dorse-Elldridge and Robert L. Eldridge, Jr. as well as any other Defendants whose identity is unknown, shall serve their answer on John M. Chase, Jr., Personal Representative of the Estate of Elys Smith Alford, et al. Deceased, whose address is 648 Griswold Street, P.O. Box 100, Canton, Michigan 48103, on or before the 10th day of February, 1999. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against these Defendants, and any other potential Defendants whose identity is unknown, the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once each week for three consecutive weeks for the fourth time as the Court may require in The News Leader, located in Springfield, Missouri, and the Canton Observer, located in Livonia, Michigan.

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Heart attack triggers crash

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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All of them were wearing seat belts," he added. "Each of their air bags deployed. It saved their lives without question."

Scheek's vehicle hit another car in the rear. That set off a chain-reaction, said Wolons, with that car eventually getting hit a second time by a fifth vehicle.

"Two or three of the cars were totaled," the detective said. Scheek was a longtime Canton resident. He worked as a meat

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department's efforts to stop sale of alcohol and tobacco to minors. Explorers often have other duties, such as directing traffic, Schemanske said.

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New Year's resolutions focus on the traditional

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

'Twas a few nights before the New Year and your neighbors were out, talking about resolutions to be better people and much less stout.

Some were philosophical and planned to improve their character and others had grand ideas of spreading goodwill. Losing weight topped the scales as the most common response.

Krystal Fisher of Farmington Hills, Angie Albana, visiting from San Francisco, and Livonia residents Pauline Grunick and Adeline Riegel said they hoped to shed pounds in 1999. Riegel said she also has her eyes on a casino win.

The experts say that the chances of maintaining an exercise regime after making a New Year's pact, are as slim as winning the jackpot. No one knows that better than Jason Wooley, a Canton resident and Fitness USA manager with a kiosk in a corridor of Livonia Mall. He lured passers-by with a display of pictures showing rate between January and April.



Getting in shape: Jason Wooley of Canton, who manages Fitness USA at Livonia Mall, will see a crush of customers between now and spring.

Family affair

While some shoppers pined for personal improvement, others hoped to maintain strong family lives. Livonia resident Bill Relias strolled through the mall with his arm draped over his son, Jeff, an Observer carrier. Rustling Jeff's hair, Relias said his resolution is to be more patient.

Kurt Smith, a Livonia resident who works at Thomas and Thomas Sound Entertainment in Garden City, puts a high premium on family life, too. "I would try to concentrate a lot more on my health and spend more time with my family," Smith said.

Family relationships were top on Livonia resident Lynn Miller's list. She plans to spend the next 365 days working on "improving communication skills with my spouse. And I'll try to be a lot more patient with my kids."

If the price of cigarettes rises to \$5 a pack, Miller said, she will also quit smoking. Alexander J. Kosidlo of Plymouth follows the philosophy that the more you give the more

you receive. "I really don't have any (resolutions)," he said. "But, the most important thing to a senior like myself is, I feel, staying busy. I thank the good Lord for good health, and that I'm able to stay busy, and for my wife, six children and 13 grandchildren. I'm always giving and it comes back to me 100 fold."

Mary Koehler of Livonia and Sarah Artish have similar high goals. Both women, who were stopped at different ends of the mall, said they have the same thing: "I'd like to become a better person."

"I love being with people," Artish said. "I love the public."

Not for everyone

Some people, like Raene Kemp of Redford and Tracey Hrubak of Livonia, haven't had time to think about next year, yet. And others, like Ralph Alcala of Redford and Janet Marshall of Garden City, definitely won't break their resolutions, because they don't make them.

"I never keep them anyway," Marshall added. And others keep on trying. Like Dan Petersmark, a Macomb Township resident, who has made the same resolution for the last 10 years.

Quitting smoking is probably my No. 1 problem and my No. 1 resolution for the 10th year in a row," Petersmark said.

Canton man faces charges in prescription fraud case

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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A 37-year-old Canton man was scheduled for arraignment Thursday on prescription fraud and assault charges.

The former police officer was arrested Monday at a township pharmacy after attempting to fill a bogus prescription. He was held at the Canton Police Department pending arraignment.

Upon arraignment, the man will face three felony counts and one misdemeanor.

Two of the felonies are for obtaining a controlled substance by fraud, which carries a four-year sentence and/or fine up to \$30,000 fine. Among the sub-

stances were an antihistamine/sedative and an anti-anxiety medication, reports said.

The third felony is attempting to buy a controlled substance, which is also punishable by four years in prison. It's the second time since 1995 the man has faced such charges, police reports said.

The suspect faces an assault charge as well. It carries a 90-day jail sentence and/or a \$500 fine.

Reports allege that the man had been passing false prescription forms at a Lilley Road Rite Aid since early November.

Pharmacy staff became suspicious of the man in late December and called a number on the

prescription form. After checking with the doctor whose signature appeared on the form, Rite Aid workers discovered the prescriptions to be fraudulent.

The man allegedly turned in his last prescription request on Dec. 21, reports said. On Monday, he came into the store at about 7:20 p.m. to pick it up and was confronted by an employee.

He was able to escape by allegedly assaulting the employee, a 47-year-old Canton woman. Reports said that he struck her in the chest and arms then ran westbound, towards Cherry Hill Road, out of the store.

The man later called Canton Police and arranged to turn himself in at the Rite Aid Pharmacy.

State grant decision delayed

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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Schoolcraft College, along with 26 other agencies vying for grants from the Michigan Jobs Commission, will have to wait to learn who will receive \$30 million in grant money.

Kathy McMahon, spokeswoman for the Michigan Jobs Commission, said the decision is turning out to be more difficult than expected.

"I think it's just taking a little longer than expected," McMahon said. "Hopefully we'll make a decision by mid-January."

A busy holiday season is partially to blame for the delay, she added.

With agencies such as Schoolcraft College, Focus:HOPE, Oakland, Macomb, Henry Ford and Oakland community colleges and many others competing for \$113 million worth of projects, the competition is stiff.

So far the commission has reviewed all 26 of the applications.

"I just think there's some really good proposals out there," McMahon said.

The Michigan Jobs Commission visited Schoolcraft in October. During the visit, Schoolcraft officials received some positive feedback from Michigan Jobs Commission officials, who dubbed the plan a "strong proposal."

Schoolcraft is asking for \$6 million to build a 32,000 square foot technology center on the Waterman Campus Center.

The center is designed to be a hub where business, students, faculty and the community can access and apply information technology.

The proposal outlined six major goals for the multi-phase project:

- To increase information technology competencies as applied to local and regional manufacturing operations
- To increase the number

of workers with information technology skills in the current and future workforce.

- To redesign instructional methods in an effort to offer open-entry, open-exit learning

- To create a state-of-the-art facility focusing on certified skill set instruction in information technologies
- To improve the ability of companies and organizations to compete locally, nationally and globally.

The jobs commission completed site visits in the fall. Awards were initially expected to be made in December.

The commission expects groundbreaking to occur in spring. Funding for the projects will come from the Michigan Renaissance Fund which collects a portion of Indian gaming money.

AAA offers cold weather emergency tips

Cold air and snowy conditions across the state continue to cause an increase in emergency road service calls, according to AAA Michigan. Motorists are advised to use extra caution when they travel during cold weather.

To help motorists avoid unnecessary delays, AAA Michigan offers the following cold weather car care tips:

- Park your car in the garage.
- If you have no garage, or if it's

full of lawn equipment or another car, put a tarpaulin over the car or put a plastic tarpaulin between the door (or window glass) and the frame.

- To avoid frozen door or door locks, buy a lubricant that is available in most auto supply stores.
- Heat your key (a pocket lighter works nicely), but remember to wear gloves or hold the key with pliers.
- Use a hair dryer, but make

sure the extension cord is one graded for outdoor use and the wall socket is grounded.

- Fill a plastic jug or bag with hot water. Hold it against the door panel or lock area. But don't throw hot water on the car. It, too, will freeze.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid fuel-line freeze-up.
- Test your battery load strength to determine its cold weather cranking power.

Kelley blasts PSC's decision on Edison rate requests

BY TIM RICHARD
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Frank Kelley's battle against public utilities went down to the wire. In his final days as attorney general, Kelley blasted the state Public Service Commission for a \$76 million gift to Detroit Edison, the largest electric utility.

The PSC ordered Edison's rates reduced by nearly \$94 million or 2.8 percent. It also approved Edison's request to accelerate depreciation costs on the Fermi 2 nuclear plant, a change Edison sought because PSC soon will let customers choose electricity suppliers.

PSC chair John Strand said one effect will be to reduce Edison's stranded (unrecoverable) costs \$500 million and promote competition.

"Now," said Kelley, "when customers are entitled to rate reductions of \$170 million effective Jan. 1, 1999, the commission is cutting rates by only \$94 million per year and allowing Detroit Edison to increase its revenues from customers by \$76 million per year."

Kelley said his testimony stated, hence it had less need for accelerated depreciation.

Kelley gave this background: In 1988, Edison made a settlement that permitted it to recover billions from customers for the Fermi 2 plant. Edison was permitted to increase rates for 10 years. After that, Edison's rates were to be reduced by \$53 million a year in 1998 and by \$170 million in 1999.

But on the first day of 1998, the PSC let Edison recover storm damage costs from 1997. So it reduced rates by \$38 million instead of \$53 million.

And on the first day of 1999, Edison will reduce rates by just \$94 million instead of \$170 million.

The PSC's Strand said the latest order requires a \$496 million rate reduction in 2008, when the

Fermi 2 plant is fully depreciated.

In other business, the PSC on Dec. 28:

- Granted licenses to two telephone companies to provide basic local service in Michigan. United States Telecommunications (TelComPlus) and DIECA Communications Inc. of McLean, Va., join more than 50 companies licensed to provide basic local service.

- DIECA's license covers these areas in Ameritech Michigan's zones: Birmingham, Clarkston, Commerce, Farmington, Holly, Lake Orion, Livonia, Northville, Oxford, Plymouth, Rochester, Southfield, South Lyon, Troy, Walled Lake and West Bloomfield, among other communities.

- Approved expansion of MediaOne's license to provide basic local service in: Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills, Franklin Village and Wayne. MediaOne is headquartered in Plymouth.

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Avoiding 'winter skin'

When Old Man Winter starts blowing, seniors need to pay particular attention to their skin.

"Older skin tends to be thin and dry," said William R. Silverstone, D.O., CMD, medical director of Botsford Continuing Health Care Center. "The lack of humidity in the air further dries the skin, making overexposure to the sun, wind and cold problematic."

The best defense to protect your skin is to use consistently a skin lotion with a high-linolein, low-alcohol content," suggested Silverstone. "Your lips also need extra care." Don't forget about the food factor. "Good nutrition helps put skin in a better physiological state to improve its defense mechanism," explained Silverstone. "This includes drinking at least eight glasses of water per day, which rehydrates the skin and helps it create a protective layer of oil."

Bone density-cancer link

Doctors investigating whether bone density is linked to breast cancer risk are seeking females to participate in a research study at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Females ages 40-85 who are newly diagnosed with breast cancer may be eligible to participate in the study. Females from the same age group with no history of breast cancer are also being sought for the study.

Participants will be asked to complete lifestyle questionnaires, have a painless bone density measurement and a small blood sample drawn. "This study is intended to provide doctors with more information about genes that may determine a woman's bone density, and how those genes may play a role in breast cancer," said Karmanos investigator Dorothy Nelson, Ph.D. The national study is sponsored by the U.S. Army's Department of Defense.

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Latex allergy

Exposure can create sensitivity in health-care workers

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON • STAFF WRITER

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A Providence Hospital employee for the past 19 years, Maureen Sage has worked in a variety of departments including labor/delivery, medical surgery and, most recently, the operating room as a Laser Surgery Officer. Over the last two decades she's donned thousands of pair of exam and sterile gloves due to the nature of her work.

Ironically it's the exposure and contact with natural rubber latex that has virtually forced Sage from the OR into a position where she has no contact with latex products and subsequently limited patient interaction.

In September 1997, after extensive testing, Sage was diagnosed to be suffering from Latex Allergy (immediate hypersensitivity) — having become sensitized (gradually made allergic) to latex due to long-term exposure.

Compared to other types of reactions, Sage almost instantly experienced sneezing, watery eyes, scratchy throat, shortness of breath and respiratory problems that in some cases could lead to anaphylactic shock. "I can no longer do the job I went to school for and that's very frustrating," said Sage. While Sage falls under the "hypersensitive" category, it is estimated some 8-17 percent of health care workers suffer from natural rubber latex sensitization or allergy and 1-6 percent of the general public.

David E. Cohen, MD, M.P.H., assistant professor of dermatology, New York University School of Medicine, speaking at the American Academy of Dermatology's Derm Update '98, approximated that more than 5.6 million American health care workers use more than seven billion pairs of gloves each year.

Who's at risk? Health care workers have a greater chance of sensitization due to the frequency of use and exposure to latex gloves and medical supplies that contain latex. However, persons in the field of dentistry, housekeeping, food service, landscaping, and cosmetology are also at risk. At even greater risk are atopic individuals (those with other allergies or asthma). It is estimated that as many as 25-30 percent of atopic health care workers may become sensitized.

According to Anthony Burton, M.D., medical director of Employee Health - St. Joseph Mercy Health System, individuals who have hypersensitive reactions to latex have systemic antibody formations to proteins in products made from natural

rubber latex. Harvested from the rubber tree, *Hevea Brasiliensis*, products can contain up to "240 potentially allergenic proteins," according to the American Nurses Association. Latex is tapped from the latex ducts of the tree and sent to processing facilities.

The allergy is to a protein that naturally occurs in the rubber tree," said Burton. "The cornstarch powder found in the gloves acts as a vehicle for the protein that irritates the wearer via skin contact or inhalation when the gloves are removed and the powder is dispersed into the air."

Increasing incidents The rising occurrences of latex allergies has been attributed to the 1987 mandate by the Centers for Disease Control to establish "universal precautions," — a set of precautions designed to prevent transmission of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B virus (HBV), and other bloodborne pathogens when providing first aid or health care.

Coincidentally, the United States Food and Drug Administration, between 1988 and 1992, received more than 1,000 reports of adverse reactions to natural latex rubber.

Burton said the quality of latex gloves produced worldwide varies greatly from manufacturer to manufacturer depending on the degree of processing the product has undergone.

The employee health medical director from St. Joe's described two "major kinds of latex products" dipped and hard rubber latex.

■ Dipped latex products, such as gloves, are fashioned when the latex sap is poured into porcelain molds. While the gloves remain on the molds they undergo one or more rinses to leach out protein and residual chemicals. The liquid eventually solidifies and the gloves are peeled away.

The quality of the glove, as well as the protein and chemical content is vastly different and thus one brand of gloves could create a dramatically different reaction in an allergic person than another.

■ Hard rubber latex products are found in things such as erasers, the back of carpeting, and rubber tips from step stools.

Prevention measures

While avoidance is the key to decreasing reactions, that presents a personal and professional

challenge for some allergy sufferers, particularly those like Sage. She found herself having to change jobs to avoid contact with the protein.

In the health care field alone there are more than 40,000 regularly used products that contain natural rubber latex including mattresses found on stretchers, adhesive tape, exam/sterile gloves, rubber tourniquets, elastic bandages and medication vial stoppers.

Personal items such as condoms, pacifiers, toys, teething rings, erasers, rubber bands, sports equipment, balloons, goggles, and dishwashing gloves can also produce a wide range of reactions from individuals suffering from the allergy.

Sage's employer, Providence Hospital, introduced a latex allergy questionnaire to all of their employees in a proactive attempt to identify persons who may have the illness or are likely to become latex sensitive. Burton, representing St. Joseph Mercy Health System, added that most hospitals have taken steps similar to St. Joe's, Providence, and Henry Ford by establishing latex allergy committees and various screening opportunities.

"In my opinion hospitals really should be using powder-free gloves," said Burton, who added individuals with the allergy can minimize their exposure by wearing powder-free latex-free gloves.

Most recently the administrative staff of Providence Hospital made the decision to go powder-free, hospital-wide. "It's a good dream hospitals would be able to go latex-free but in reality powder-free will significantly improve the working conditions for many people."

removal of the word "hypoallergenic" from products that contain reduced levels of latex. The FDA ruled this is a misleading claim since even small amounts of latex can trigger allergic reactions.

"This was a big step in identifying the supplies I was working with and exposed to that contained latex as an ingredient. There are literally thousands of products you would never expect to contain the protein that do and this will make identification and the creation of latex-free environments easier," said Sage.

If you suspect you are experiencing symptoms related to latex exposure (dermatitis, hives, congestion, asthma, itching, watery eyes, swelling, etc.) seek medical attention from a physician, allergist or dermatologist who can properly diagnose you. There are countless resources for allergy sufferers such as:

■ E.L.A.S.T.I.C. (Education for Latex Allergy/Support Team & Information Coalition), (610) 436-4801.

■ A.L.E.R.T. (Allergy to Latex Education & Resource Team), (414) 677-9707 or 888-97ALERT, alert@excep.com.

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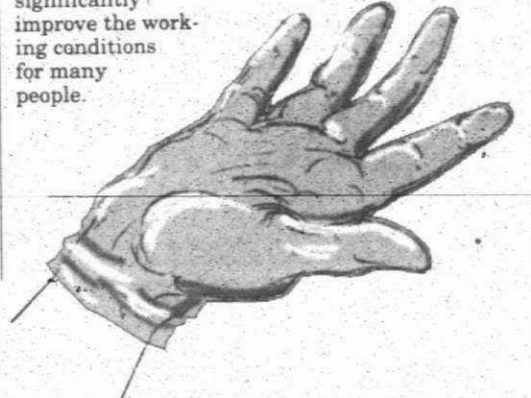
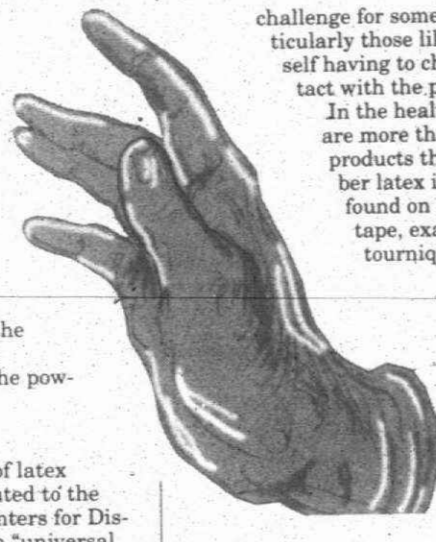
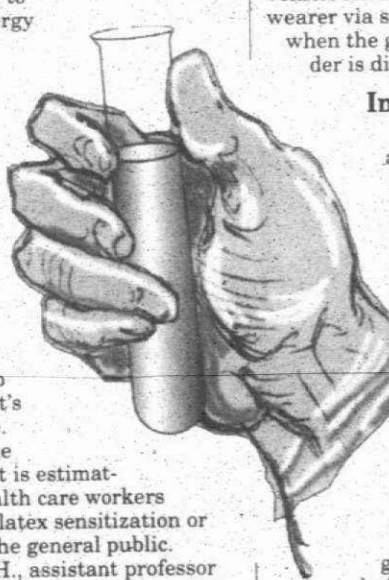
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New computer? Follow these tips to save setup time

Judging by all the gushing PR news releases and the exuberant sales figures from the PC industry, this past holiday season was one of the best ever for computers and peripherals.

For proof, look at all the red eyes you've been encountering among friends, family and co-workers who have been up the wee hours trying to get those new Christmas gadgets working.

It's like this every year at this time. Despite all the talk about Plug 'n Play, about how easy computers are now supposed to be, they still can be buggers to figure out. Personally, I spent about four frustrating hours Christmas Eve ... until 2 a.m. Christmas morning in fact ... trying to get a new CD-R burner working in my son's computer.

Even though I've done it before, even though I'm supposed to know my way around a

motherboard, installation and configuration of new devices seldom go as easy as they're described on the outside of the boxes they come in.

So, for all of you who have similarly suffered, let me pass along some PC Mike setup suggestions from someone who's been there. While these six steps won't solve every problem, they will, I believe, help most of us, most of the time.

Step No. 1 - Work no more than 30 minutes at a time. Then, no matter how close you think you are, take a break. Re-think. All the big mistakes usually result from carelessness or desperation. If you haven't solved it in half an hour, get up, walk around, watch some TV, go to bed. Get away from the problem for at least a half an hour. A fresh mind does wonders.

Step No. 2 - Return everything to the original condition. Start over. Unplug. Uninstall. Remove. Then, step by step, slowly reinstall the hardware and software. Read the instructions again, especially the little "Read Me" text files that come on the install disks. Very often,

these text files correct problems found after the manual was printed or make things clearer than the printed instructions.

Step No. 3 - Go online to the manufacturer's Web site. This is how I solved my installation problems with my son's CD-R. Every manufacturer now has a website. And almost all have online support areas where you can download new and updated drivers or find FAQ's (frequently asked questions) dealing with specific problems and troubleshooting help.

Step No. 4 - Go to Newsgroups. With nearly 30,000 Newsgroups now on the Internet, chances are you'll find one dealing with your device or similar problems. Search through the groups for comments related to your issue. If worst comes to worst, post a question. I've had some answers in as little as five minutes. Newsgroups get results.

Step No. 5 - Post questions on discussion lists or BBS's. I have

a Computer BBS on my website (www.pcmike.com). There are always people lurking around ready to help. Again, read through previous posts or use the site's search engine to see if the issue has already been discussed. If not, post your problem and ask for help. Most discussion group regulars love helping out.

Step No. 6 - Call the manufacturer's help desk. expect a busy signal. Expect to be put on hold. For a long time. Help desks are jammed from Christmas through Valentine's Day. When you call in, listen to the recording to see if there's a Fax Back service. If you have a basic installation or configuration problem, there's often a printed tip sheet that can be instantly faxed to you. Usually, these faxed instructions are easier to understand than the manual.

The six steps above won't solve every problem. But they offer a sound starting point.

If you have Windows 98, be sure and use the "Update" feature found in the Start bar at the lower left part of your screen. This connects automatically to the Microsoft website and alerts you to new fixes, patches and updates that can smooth out your whole operating system.

Microsoft's Web site also offers a very comprehensive online help resource. Go to the main Web site (www.microsoft.com) and look under "Support." You type in your question and a powerful search engine kicks back a list of various articles and suggestions for dealing with it.

And if all the geek-speak gobbledegook has you confused, one of my favorite sites for translating the technobabble is the "what's" site (www.whatis.com). You'll want to bookmark this site.

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CONVERSATIONS



FRANK PROVENZANO

The poetic genius of Shakespeare

The long lines of ticket buyers at the Birmingham Theatre weren't waiting for the latest high-tech, action-adventure film.

They waited to hear the words of the 16th-century English bard of Stratford whose work they probably studied in high school and college, and whose poetry may have seemed more suited to the ivy-covered walls of academia than the rawness of real life.

OK, OK, maybe they waited to see the plucky Hollywood version of the man whose passion, artistry and inventiveness transcends the ages. (Yes, there are sword fights, bawdy repartee and sex scenes.)

With the star appeal of Gwyneth Paltrow, and an utterly engaging screenplay co-written by playwright Tom Stoppard, "Shakespeare in Love" has accomplished what crusty British literature professors could only imagine.

William Shakespeare has gone mainstream without reducing iambic pentameter to a senseless slogan.

In Hollywood's best year ever at the



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Blockbuster: Todd Cochran, general manager of the Birmingham Theatre, moved "Shakespeare in Love" to one of the theater's larger venues because of overflow crowds.

box office with 1.46 billion tickets sold (a 5 percent increase from 1997), "Shakespeare in Love" is an encouraging sign that movie-making can reverse the literary past and enlighten contemporary sensibilities.

The movie is arguably the surprise hit of the year, according to Todd Cochran, general manager at the Birmingham Theatre.

Overflow audiences

"Audiences are more sophisticated and want well-written, well-acted movies," said Cochran, who compares the instant appeal of "Shakespeare in Love" with last year's endearing hit, "Good Will Hunting."

After the initial showings in L.A. and New York drew sold-out crowds, Cochran realized that he'd better make room for overflow audiences. The movie, scheduled to be shown in one of the smaller venues, was moved to one of the larger screens at the downtown Birmingham complex.

Based on unexpectedly high ticket revenue for the film, theaters in Livonia, Westland, Madison Heights and Southfield are most likely making similar adjustments.

Layers and layers

A slow grin spread across Cochran's face as he conceded that more people will learn about Shakespeare through "Shakespeare in Love" than by any college course.

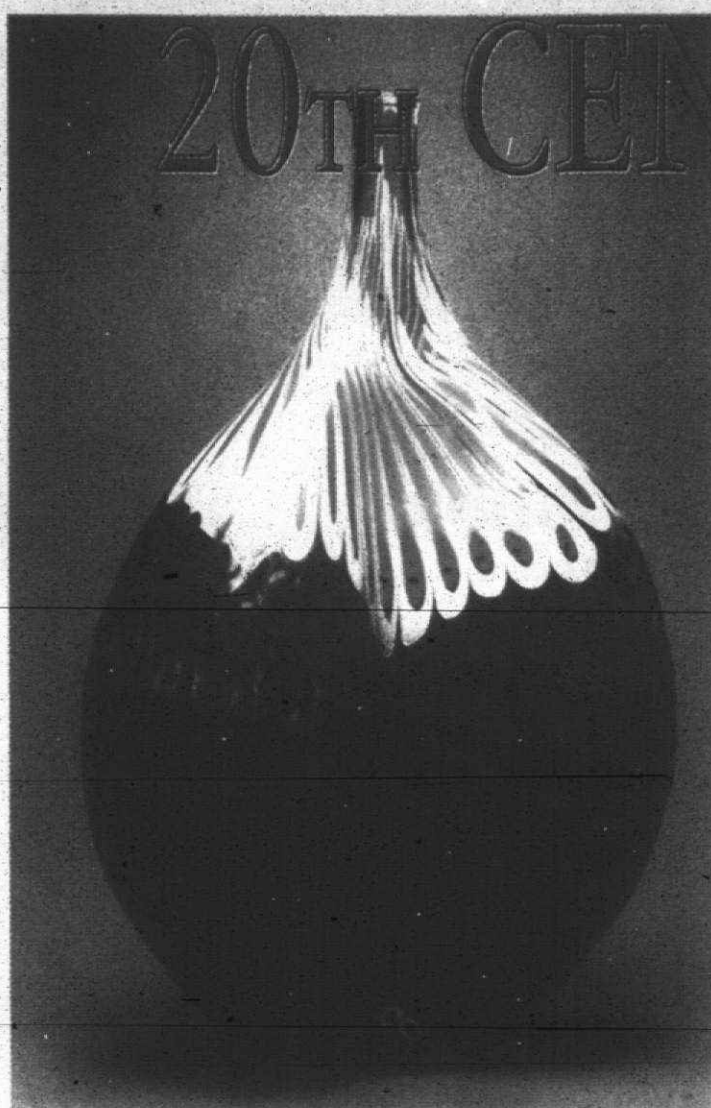
Of course, Hollywood has had other successes when translating Shakespeare to film. Sir Laurence Olivier's "Hamlet," and "Richard III," along with Liz Taylor and Richard Burton in "Taming of the Shrew," and Kenneth Branagh's string of recent films come readily to mind.

But arguably, these films didn't have the lasting power of "Shakespeare in Love," said Cochran. Why? Technology.

With videos and DVDs, the life of a film is being redefined because movies are watched over and over again.

"Accessibility is the key," he said. "Audiences want to laugh, but they also want a good story that stands up

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Studio glass: This vessel by Stephen Powell is on display through Feb. 14 in the Jack and Aviva Robinson Gallery.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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With the touch of a computer screen, Mary Ann Wilkinson demonstrates the impact Salvador Dali's Surrealism had on Alfred Hitchcock's films, in particular the dream sequences in "Spellbound." Wilkinson touches the screen a second time and Dali's imagery appears in a vintage Porky Pig cartoon.

One of six computer stations installed in the newly renovated Modern and Contemporary Art Galleries at the Detroit Institute of Arts, this interactive program is part of a plan to lure visitors into spending more time studying the work of Warhol, Picasso and Matisse.

"What characterizes the 20th century is that artists started looking at art in a different way,"

said Wilkinson, who was named curator of 20th century art in the midst of renovations in August 1997. "It was during the surrealist period, film was beginning to be used as a medium by artists. Looking at Hitchcock's 'Spellbound' and a Porky Pig cartoon, you really realize the impact of Surrealism on artists and culture in America."

Walking through the 20th century galleries, visitors begin to learn there is more than one way to look at art. Wilkinson and education director Nancy Jones planned the galleries with that concept in mind. Both were instrumental in bringing about changes in interpretive labels and instituting computer stations and a hand-held audio tour in the 22,000-square-foot space. The changes didn't come about by accident or a curator's whim. Even before the first brush of paint transformed the 20th century galleries into a well-lit space for viewing the works of Christo, Georgia O'Keeffe and Robert

Rauschenberg, the museum polled the public for ideas on how to make the galleries user friendly.

Renovations

"It's been an exciting process," said Wilkinson. "We did a visitor's evaluation before and during renovations because we were committed to making this space something people would like to use. So many people are intimidated by modern art because it's so hard to look at. It makes you think. Just as it has done for centuries, people want art to tell a story. So many people are afraid that they won't understand."

Unlike special exhibition audio tours, INFORM, a hand held audio tour, tells visitors about the artist and work of their choosing after entering the number located near a symbol on the work's descriptive label.

"Some people don't want to read, some

people only want to listen," said Wilkinson. "People learn in a variety of ways. As far as for INFORM, this is the first try to have a hand held audio tour for the permanent collection. In the next several months, we hope to add the rest of the museum."

"It's very experimental," added Jones. "Most museums don't do what we've done. Most audio tours are like listening to an art history lecture. We want to let people know there is more than one way to look at a work of art. On the audio tapes, I give my interpretation, Mary Ann gives her's and then there's a formal analysis."

For visitors who want to go beyond what they see and experience in the galleries, there's an education room stocked with books, tables and chairs, and a computer station. A casual area in the corner of one gallery is for anyone who wishes to read or just sit and contemplate the works of Oldenburg and Warhol.

Working together

"It was a very collaborative effort," said Jones. "We wanted to create the kind of an environment that's inviting. We want to give insight into what visitors are looking at and to provide opportunities for them to explore the art. There's more and more research being done on the art experience to make it more exciting, more engaging. We know people like inter-activity, to have the works of art communicate to them."

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Unleashing raw emotion: This Abstract Expressionist gallery features works by Franz Kline (left to right), Barnett Newman and (center) Mark DiSuvero.

BOOKS

'On a Good Day' author wrings humor from the mundane

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At times, Gay Rubin admits she wonders if she's crossed the line into her own fictitious literary universe, a place populated by the type of eccentric characters straight from an Anne Tyler or John Irving novel.

For a disciplined writer like Rubin, who explained her need to write is a practice on the level of religious worship, there's a renewed urgency.

What: Book signing by Gay Rubin, author of "On a Good Day," a collection of short stories
■ 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, Borders Books, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills
■ 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Borders Books, 5601 Mercury Drive, Dearborn

"Right now, I feel more compelled than ever about my work," said Rubin of Birmingham. "I want to have an eye-to-eye, heart-



Author Gay Rubin

to-heart relationship with my readers." After decades as a "secret writer" - known as a fiction writer only by a few friends - Rubin has emerged in the last several years as a talented, often-published short-story writer who blends taut, well-crafted plots with rapid-fire prose.

Rubin's latest collection of short stories, "On a Good Day," reflects the playful, stream-of-consciousness swirling narrative breeze that also makes her a charming conversationalist.

In January, she'll begin a book-signing tour that will include appearances at Borders Books in Rochester Hills and Dearborn, and visits to book stores in Boca Raton, Boyton Beach, Fla., and Los Angeles.

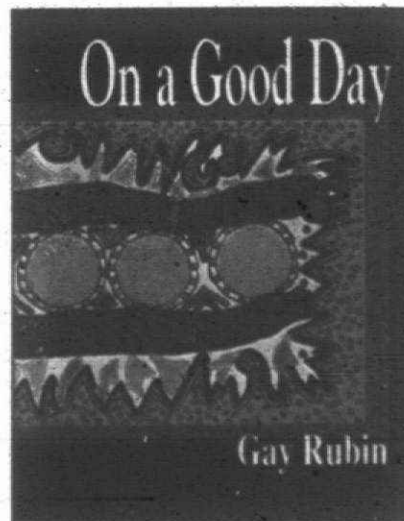
Pursuit of story

From an unlikely cigar-chomping contributing writer to "Cigar Lifestyles" who wanted to be a singer - but couldn't sing - to a mother of two grown daughters, Rubin's perspective draws on "those special moments" when you can feel the magic of life, she said.

"I want to answer questions that people have about life." And that, for Rubin, means wringing humor from the mundane.

For instance, a clerk at one of Rubin's

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Heart-to-heart: Gay Rubin's newest book has a playful, stream-of-consciousness breeze that will likely settle gently with readers.

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The 20th century galleries are much like a work of art in progress. The education department is creating more interpretive labels, but also developing new tools for interpreting art. Currently in the works is a curiosity cabinet for the pop art galleries. The hands-on activity will help viewers experience a variety of pop art. Brochures are also being written that concentrate on a single piece of art.

"Mary Ann was excited about this being a laboratory," said Jones. "We learn so much from what we've done. I haven't seen anything like this in other museums. It's very special."

Disseminated 18 months ago to make way for the "Splendors of Ancient Egypt" exhibition, the modern and contemporary art galleries lead viewers through a variety of styles from Abstract Expressionism to Picasso and Cubism, Matisse and the School of Paris, Minimalism, and Abstraction after 1950. Among the newer works is Martin Puryear's wire mesh and tar sculpture. The 1997 work, acquired two months ago, is at once delicate and sturdy.

"We never had the opportunity to take everything out and put everything in again," said Wilkinson. "We wanted to make the collection understandable and approachable. We realized early on that we couldn't do it."

chronologically so we've grouped art works in clusters. The hard part to doing this was not putting out everything I wanted to."

Visitors will find Kandinsky's work incorporated with art by Adolph Gottlieb and Detroit artist Ed Fegala. More than ever, Michigan-made art can be seen in the galleries. Ellen Phelan, Ann Mikolowski and Brenda Goodman are a few of the locals being shown. Tyree Guyton's "Caged Brain" from 1990 is created from rope, a bird cage and other found objects. The last contemporary art gallery deals with narrative painting. Here, visitors are treated to works by Mike Kelley, who grew up in Michigan and now lives in California, and Peter Williams, an instructor at Wayne State University.

"It's a good way to learn about artists in the state," said Wilkinson. "This gallery will change often so people will understand how deep our collection is. The contemporary gallery shows the return to figurative painting that happened in the late 1980s. A video kiosk will eventually feature performing artists. That's why people have to keep coming back."

Passion for Glass
The exhibition, "A Passion for Glass: The Aviva and Jack A.

Robinson Studio Glass Collection," is one of the highlights of the 20th century galleries. It continues through Sunday, Feb. 14 in the large scale, well-lit showcases. William Morris, Dale Chihuly and Ginny Ruffner are among the contemporary studio glass artists in the collection. The Robinsons donated to the museum in 1996.

"The Robinsons gave a donation to transform the gallery into a space where you can display decorative arts," said Wilkinson. "We've never had that before. Decorative arts will end up in this gallery once the Robinsons glass collection exhibit closes."

Wilkinson plans to rotate work in the 20th century galleries in six months. Warhol portraits on loan to the Kalamazoo Museum will be displayed upon their return. A special project space will host installations, art and video such as Bill Viola's "Nine Attempts to Achieve Immortality" created in 1996.

"It's more of a work in progress," said Wilkinson. "Seeing where it works, what doesn't work. Now that galleries have been reinstalled we can go back and fine tune. We can start thinking about acquisitions and bringing in exhibits such as Ben Shahn in July."

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ARTISTS OF THE MONTH SHOW
The Livonia Arts Commission presents needlepoint, photography and mixed media in its three venues for the month of January. John Copa of Orchard Lake exhibits his photography Jan. 30 in the Livonia Civic Center Library's Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

In the second floor showcases next to the gallery, the Livonia Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild display handcrafted items Jan. 4-28.

Library hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, and 1-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

The Schoolcraft College and Visual Art Association of Livonia students of Westland artist Sandra Weed exhibit 90 mixed media works Jan. 15-29 in the lobby of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Road, east of Farmington Road. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT OPENS
Canton Project Arts hosts a photography exhibit produced by Focus:HOPE Jan. 16 to Feb. 1 at Summit on the Park in Canton. There will be 117 images from student photographers that "Focus on the Mission" of the nonprofit organization. Images will be on display during a Jan. 23 Storytelling Festival at the Summit.

For more information, call Kathleen Salla at (734) 397-6450.

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presents pianist Arthur Greene noon Wednesday, Jan. 20 in the Forum Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Greene, a faculty member at the University of Michigan School of Music since 1990, has performed in concerts throughout the U.S., Europe and Far East. He has appeared as a soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, RAI Orchestra of Turin, the San Francisco, Utah and National symphonies, the Czech National Symphony, the Tokyo Symphony, and in recital at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, Tokyo Bunka Kaikan, Lisbon Sao Paulo Opera House, Hong Kong City Hall, and concert houses in Shanghai and Beijing.

For more information call Schoolcraft College's music department at (734) 462-4000, ext. 5218.

Books from page B1

favorite bookstores told her about how he once set out to "live on the street, but found it so hard that he had to get a job."

That line set Rubin in pursuit of a story. She invited the store clerk to lunch.

As a result of conversations with the clerk, Rubin penned "Howie the Bum," one of the short stories in her recent collection.

But the road from epiphany to finished story, for Rubin, can hardly be called facile.

"Writing is about heart, and knowing storytelling as a craft is how you get to heart," she said. "It's a tireless process."

Rubin rewrites endlessly, then cuts, cuts, cuts until all that remains is the essential spine of the story.

In between, however, it's not unusual for her to put aside a story. A 100-page story set in a driveway for a decade before Rubin said she resurrected it because "I finally knew what it's about."

And an expansive draft of a novel — which measures in pages about three-feet high — is all finished, according to Rubin;

except, of course, it just needs new words, she said.

As her finest short stories demonstrate, understatement is Rubin's finest literary tool.

A sense of play
A regular lecturer at local writing conferences, Rubin also teaches creative writing at the University of Michigan, where she earned a master's in fine arts.

In the spring of 1997, Rubin translated her love of books into a cable show, "Writers' Roundtable," which aired in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area. The show, which ran for four months, featured discussions with writers, including Charles Baxter and Judith Guest.

For a gregarious person who is relegated to the sedentary writer's life, Rubin sees the irony as a lesson for her own life and for her readers.

"I want people to see ironies and paradoxes in my stories that teach them something about life," she said. "But I want to write about serious things in a way that's playful."

True to her credo, Rubin

already has a working title for her next collection of stories. She refers to her new work as "How to be a bitch."

"It's autobiographical," she laughed. "I used to be a nice person. There's already one story, it's called, 'How to out-bitch the bitches.'"

Of course, Rubin laughs. Then, she wonders whether she should have said what she did. When she's told that it's a "provocative title," she's apparently convinced to stick with her quote.

But before Rubin continues to work on her next collection of stories, she'll travel to promote her new book, and meet many of the readers who she keeps in mind as she writes.

While it may all seem like play, there's no mistaking Rubin's sense of urgency. "Let me know what you think of my book," she said. Then, she quickly adds: "Only tell me if you love it. If you don't, I'm unavailable."

Don't believe it. Rubin is just past the pages in her book. Readers will find her eye-to-eye. Heart-to-heart.

AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ARTISTS

ANN ARBOR STREET FAIR

Original juried art fair now accepting applications for 1999. Artists should send self-addressed stamped envelope to the Ann Arbor Street Fair, P.O. Box 1352, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Or call (734) 994-5260. Applications must be received by Feb. 5.

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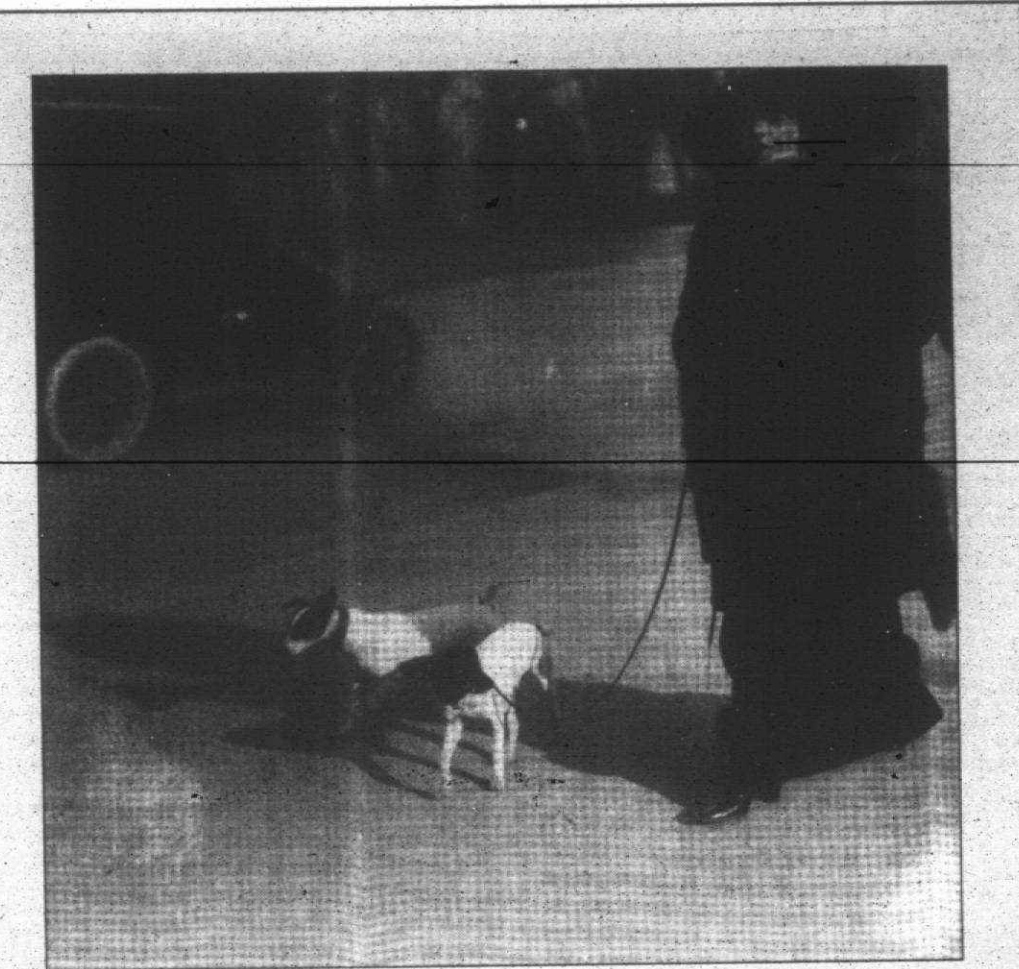
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Jan. 9 - "Michael Mahoney: Paintings and Works on Paper," through Feb. 6, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.

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Jan. 12 - "Japan Revisited," an exhibit by Yoko Hirose Cronin and Emi Kumagai Watts, through Feb. 10. Reception 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; (734) 416-4847.

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TRAVEL

Legacy of the Hohokam seen everywhere in Arizona

BY THERESA L. MCFARLAND
SPECIAL WRITER

I cruised south out of Phoenix on U.S. 10 toward Tucson. It was straight and flat and brown and dry. My delight at seeing the sun in the winter was slightly offset by the lack-luster scenery dotting the highway.

Whenever I'm on vacation my sense of direction and map reading rallies. Perhaps by some divine intervention, I can find obscure places with minimal of no signs. Back in the Detroit-metro area, I have to really concentrate to find downriver.

What seemed like only minutes later, I was already 40 miles south of Phoenix and wandering a course through desert land to the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument in Coolidge, Ariz.

Weathered, tawny monoliths of the prehistoric Hohokam Indians glowed with majestic reverence against the cowgirl blue sky. Named by the Spanish explorers, Casa Grande means "the Great House." This incredible technological feat used a mud mixture of sand, clay and limestone applied on top of a wooden frame, in courses that were as thick as four feet near the base. Casa Grande, deemed the largest existing Hohokam ruin structure, is a splendid example of their final architectural style; their Classic Period (H00 to 1450 AD).

This was my introduction to

the Hohokam, a mysterious ancient people who left behind evidence of an advanced civilization and technology, similar to the more popular Anasazi culture to the north. Strolling the compound ruins and the Great House aroused heart and mind questions about these highly evolved people who date back to 300 AD, according to archeologists. Some believe that the Great Halls, like the Great House at Casa Grande, were astronomical observatories. The people gathered in these reflective arenas to examine their world through strategic openings in the walls and also to give thanks.

For a small fee, the visitors center offered exhibits and artifacts reflecting the Hohokam lifestyle, a desert farming community with well-developed canal and irrigation systems. They were also keen hunter-gatherers, traders and artisans. Unique to the Hohokam were the traditional, decorative red-pigment paste on buff pottery.

In the late 1600s, missionaries visiting this site found the Pima Indians living in brush huts nearby the ruins. The Pima claimed their ancestors were the "ho-ho-KAHM," which translates into "all used up." The disappearance of the Hohokam remains a mystery today.

Traveling south on U.S. 10, I exited toward the Tucson Mountain district - or Saguaro

National Park. Remote signs, rugged terrain and saguaro desert giants beckoned. Native to southern Arizona, the saguaro cactus can grow up to 50 feet tall, live for 150 to 200 years and weigh up to eight tons. I had just enough time to drive the nine-mile dirt road known as the Bajada Loop that winds through majestic saguaro, barrel cactus, teddybear cholla, prickly pear cactus and mesquite trees.

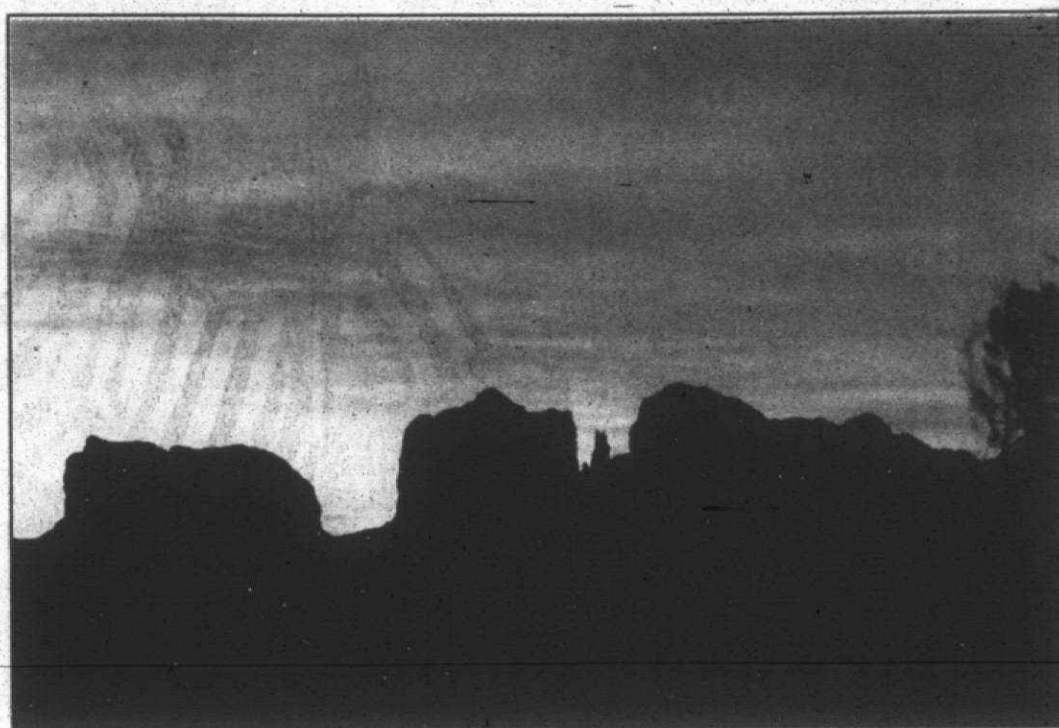
I parked my rented brilliant orange Mustang near a scenic path at the base of a small desert mountain that led up to preserved petroglyphs. I was delighted by the prospect of these ancient drawings. Then my mind conjured some crazy people lurking at the mountain's top, waiting to knock me out and rob me, or worse. I realized the horrid influence of TV and started down the path. However, still a city girl, I kept the pepper spray in my vest pocket. Emphatic signs to stay on the trail prompted my search for desert wildlife, like roadrunners and gila monsters and the western diamond-back rattlesnake. All I spied were a few cactus wrens making holes in spiny cholla cactus.

The handiwork of the Hohokam, the petroglyphs were spectacularly arranged at the small mountain's crest, as if an open-air chapel. I couldn't interpret their designs, but it felt like a happy and thankful story. In silent unison with an elderly gentleman and his companion, we stood in awe.

I exited the park and witnessed striking pink blue magenta rays piercing gauzy clouds layering a limitless sky. Caught up in the beauty, I nearly crashed that brilliant orange Mustang. My destination was north to Scottsdale.

The following day I traveled east out of Scottsdale toward the quaint, historic town of Globe, a charming example of the Golden Age of Mining (1870-1920), not to mention the home of the oldest Woolworth store of the west. I visited the local ruin of Besh-Ba-Gowah Archaeological Park, attributed to the Salado Indians who also unexplainably disappeared around 1450 AD.

The Salado are well known for their incredible and highly decorative utilitarian pottery. I



PHOTOS BY T.L. MCFARLAND

All aglow: A luminous sunrise shrouds Castle Rock, one of several vortices found in Sedona, Arizona.

lurked through rooms (some reconstructed) and climbed the two-floor structures of the prehistoric Indian settlement. Near the compound's edge stood an enigmatic sunken chamber. Similar to the kivas of the ancient Anasazi, it was a room dug deep in a pit with an altar against the wall and a small hole to allow the spirits smoke to enter and leave. I envisioned their sacred ceremonies. Prior to the Salado (between 900 and 1100 AD), evidence suggests that the Hohokam inhabited these same grounds in their pit houses.

My plans to continue about an hour and a half farther east to the Kinishaba ruins located on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation were thwarted. It was simply too late. I returned to Scottsdale.

Time limitations forced choices. The next morning I headed

north toward Sedona but detoured to visit what is perhaps one of the best preserved structures in the Southwest, Montezuma's Castle. Ochre cliff mountain dwellings fronting an azure sky, this magnificent accomplishment by the Sinagua Indians dated back to 1125 AD.

I found myself wondering about their daily lives in these cliff-side dwellings. Never mind the obvious questions of hauling all their provisions up those steep walls, how did they keep their toddlers from walking off the edge and dropping to their death?

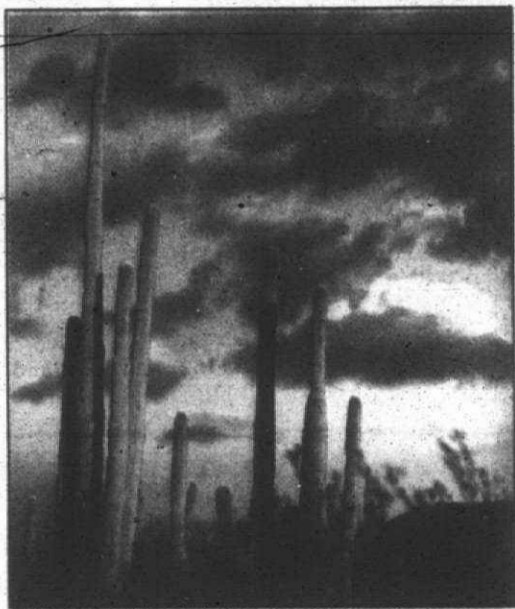
Prior to dwelling in cliffs, these farming people had lived in the surrounding valley area, which I discovered had also previously been occupied by those mysterious Hohokam. In fact, it is believed that the Sinagua lifestyle was dramatically

altered when they adopted the Hohokam irrigation system.

It was obvious that the prehistoric Hohokam had influenced the Sinagua, the Salado, the Pima and more than likely many other Native American people. Actually, I found myself becoming intrigued by their mysterious existence that was technologically advanced yet simple and spiritual. I wanted to visit other obscure ancient ruins throughout Arizona, to learn more about their lifestyle. But the reality of a plane to catch in Phoenix, baby-sitters to relieve and responsibilities awaiting me, loomed. I knew that my time, like that of the ancient Hohokam, was "all used up."

Theresa L. McFarland is a freelance writer living in Farmington Hills.

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YMCA soccer signup

The Livonia Family YMCA will be conducting open registration for its spring 1999 soccer program. Teams are available for boys and girls aged 3½ to 16.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4 and continues until leagues fill. Registration is first come, first served and there are no residency requirements.

New participants must have birth certificate to register.

Parent volunteers coach at all levels.

Registration fee is between \$55 and \$95 per child, depending on the age group.

For more information, call (734) 261-2161.

Churchill, South tie

Livonia Churchill and Grosse Pointe South played to a 2-2 tie Wednesday night in a non-league hockey game played at Detroit City Arena.

Chris Galatis scored unassisted and Justin Charnock had the other Churchill goal, assisted by Adam Krug and Dan Cook.

Sophomore Ryan McBroom kept South off the scoreboard after allowing two first-period goals.

The Chargers are 3-3-4 overall, South is 5-3-1 overall.

'Skate With Us'

The Plymouth Figure Skating Club is offering figure skating and hockey skills classes for children over 4 and any adults at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

No previous skating experience is necessary. Lessons will begin on Jan. 14 and 16.

For more information, call director Carrie Brown at (734) 459-6686, ext. 1.

Buddenborg aids OU

Garden City graduate Brad Buddenborg helped the Oakland University men's basketball team end 1998 on a winning note, scoring 12 points in the Golden Grizzlies' 81-80 win Tuesday over visiting Loyola (Chicago).

OU, which hadn't played in eight days, improved to 4-8 overall.

Buddenborg joined three others in double figures. Jason Rozycki came off the bench to score a game-high 21 points, 15 coming on 3-pointers.

Meteors win indoors

The Under-11 Livonia Meteors boys indoor soccer team, joined by a pair of free agents, Lauren Trosell and Wendy Hoots, from the U-11 Livonia Meteors girls team, won the England Division at the Novi Soccer Zone.

Members of the Meteors, who were 7-0-1 overall, included Peter Barlovich, Nick Biskelonis, Alex Bokas, Shane Budlong, Jason Clemens, Ben Czerniawski, Joshua Ferraro, Brian Gassen, Luke Knochel, Steve Minicilli, Ryan Muzzell, Nick Reed, Sean White and Sherrick White.

Steve Barnas is the coach and Mimi Barlovich the manager.

AAU girls basketball

The West Metro Cougars 13-under AAU girls basketball program is having tryouts 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10 at Livonia Ladywood High School (Newburgh Road between Schoolcraft and Five Mile roads).

Call (313) 563-6340 (after 5 p.m.).

AAU boys basketball

■ Basketball City, located at 15100 Northline Road in Southgate, has a pair of openings to work with the 11 and 12 boys AAU travel teams (experience preferred but not mandatory if knowledgeable in the game and can teach youth).

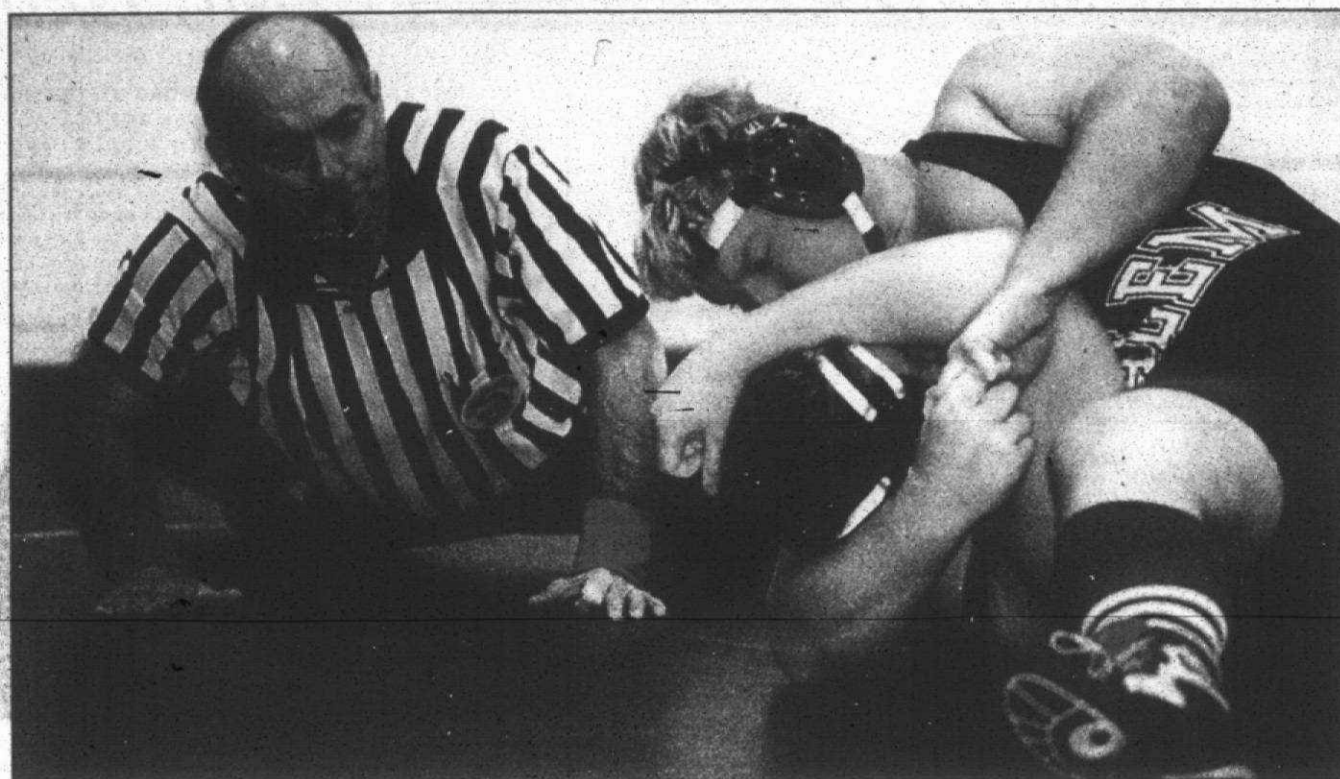
For more information, call (734) 285-1120 or (734) 283-2974 (after 5 p.m.).

■ Basketball City also has openings for on the 11-12, 13- and 15-and-under teams.

Open tryouts will be 5:15-6:30 p.m. Thursdays and noon-1:30 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 7 through Jan. 21.

For more information, call Mike Cashin at (734) 283-2972.

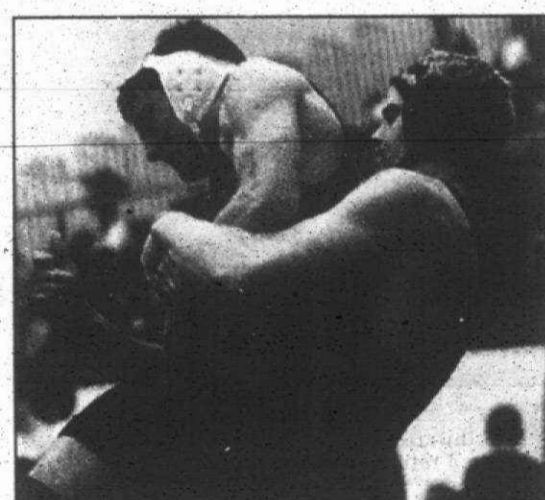
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Rock runner-up: Plymouth Salem's Charlie Hamblin (top) pinned Howell's Matt Beck in 1:04 of the opening round of the Salem Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Hamblin went on to finish second overall in the field, which attracted 22 schools. Trenton captured the team championship, while Belleville finished runner-up.

Trenton rules Salem Invitational



Bear hug: Churchill's Mike Carter (right) won the 145-pound class. He pinned Henry Lumbard (left) Pioneer in the 1st round.

Trenton, with four individual wrestling champions and 174 1/2 team points, took home the championship trophy of the Plymouth Salem Invitational Wednesday.

The Trojans, who were third last year behind Holt and Salem, had a pair of repeat winners in Mark Straub (160) and Keith Scott (152).

Straub won last year at 152 and Scott at 130. Trenton's other winners were Jason Saineghi (140) and Mike Zack (189).

The tournament was dominated by non-Observerland teams as seventh-place Salem had the best finish of any area school.

Garden City tied with Mount Pleasant for 11th place, but area teams filled five of the last six places in the 22-team field.

Observerland had six wrestlers in the championship finals, producing a pair of winners.

Garden City's Brian Hinzman was a repeat champion at 171 pounds, winning on injury default over Justin Gessner of Monroe Jefferson.

Livonia Churchill's Mike Carter captured the 145-pound title with a 4-2 decision over Belleville's Derrick McCarter in the finals.

Salem heavyweight Charlie Hamblin was the runner-up again, losing in the championship round to

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the tournament's most valuable wrestler, Brett Faulkner of Novi.

Faulkner won all four of his bouts by pin and spent a total of nine minutes and eight seconds on the mats.

Nearly half of that total (5:50) was registered in the finals as Hamblin was 10 seconds short of going the distance.

Faulkner pinned Garden City's Brad Tinney (0:33), Jefferson's Jon Ferguson (1:10) and Belleville's Calab Hatfield (1:35).

The other area wrestlers in the finals were Livonia Stevenson's Joe Moreau (103), Churchill's Brandon LaPointe (152) and Westland John Glenn's Pete Langer (160).

Also winning titles were Adrian's Dan Duncan (103), Monroe's Ryan Nowitzke (112), Novi's Dan Jilg (119), Brighton's Leif Olson (125), Mount Pleasant's Jason Borrelli (130), Brighton's Pete Bordenkircher (135) and Jefferson's Kurt Kleinon (215).

See statistics, C2.

MSU veteran stars in GLI

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COLLEGE HOCKEY

As much as Jeff Kozakowski prides himself on playing defense for the Michigan State University hockey team, it's no wonder he went parts of three seasons without scoring a goal.

Kozakowski broke out of his slump in a big way, and at a very opportune time, scoring two goals in the Great Lakes Invitational at the Louis Arena.

The Spartans won their second-straight GLI title with a 3-1 win over the University of Michigan in last Sunday's championship game after beating Northern Michigan University, 5-3, in Saturday's semifinal.

Kozakowski, a senior defenseman and a Garden City High graduate, scored six goals as a freshman and three as a sophomore but none as a junior.

His goal at 6:05 of the second period against NMU tied the score 2-2 and broke a personal 61-game streak without goals. He also scored the first goal in the win over U-M.

His unexpected offense, combined with his usual steady defense, earned him GLI all-tournament honors.

"I'll tell you what, he keeps scoring like that and I'll have to put him in front of the net (on offense)," MSU coach Ron Mason said. "But he does an excellent job defensively. He blocks

shots. I don't think I'll take him away from the blue line."

Kozakowski's goals couldn't have been more different.

The one against Northern came when he picked up a loose puck in the slot after an MSU rush and blasted a 25-foot slap shot past the NMU netminder.

"It came to the slot, my eyes got big, I put my head down and buried it," said Kozakowski, nicknamed 'Kozy'.

On the goal against U-M, Kozakowski found an open space, rushed the net and scored from close range after receiving a pass from teammate Rustyn Dolyn with 18:41 left in the first period.

Maybe it was just his turn.

Last year, MSU defenseman Mike Weaver won GLI Most Valuable Player honors, scoring two goals, including the game-winner, along with two assists in the championship game.

Kozakowski, who plays the point on power plays, also has three assists for the Spartans, who are 13-3-2 overall and 7-2-2 in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

"Anyone can score these goals, like last year when Weaver was MVP," said Kozakowski, before joking about his role. "There's too much skating

involved (playing offense). I think I'll stick to playing defense."

Kozakowski also was on the ice when U-M's Mark Kosick missed a wide-open net after MSU goalie Mike Gresl went behind his net to chase down an errant puck.

Kozakowski provided just enough interference for Kosick's shot to go wide.

Gresl was starting in place of Livonia Churchill graduate Joe Blackburn, who was playing for the U.S. National Junior Team at the World Junior Championships.

"They dumped it in, the puck came off the boards funny and fortunately they didn't score," Kozakowski said.

Kozakowski is not only a leader because he's a senior but because he's the second oldest on the team, turning 24 last Halloween.

He played three years of junior hockey after graduating from high school in 1992, including an all-star season with the Dubuque (Iowa) Fighting Saints of the United States Hockey League in 1994-95.

Kozakowski, who leads all active Spartans with 141 career games played, has a 2.8 grade point average and anticipates graduating in the summer with a communications degree.

He'd like to pursue a career with one of the many professional hockey leagues before stepping into the work



Kozy surroundings: MSU defenseman and Garden City native Jeff Kozakowski scored a pair of goals in the GLI Tournament, won by the Spartans.

world.

"I can't believe there's only a half a year left now," Kozakowski said. "I've met a lot of great friends I'll have forever."

Lady Crusaders capture Taylor Tourney crown

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Things were looking up Wednesday night for the Madonna University women's basketball team in Upland, Ind.

The Lady Crusaders lifted their overall record to 11-4 by beating host Taylor University in an invitational tournament final, 79-74.

Chris Dietrich led the winners with 25 points, nine rebounds and four assists, while tournament MVP Katie Cushman added 24 points, four assists and three steals.

Both were named to the all-tournament team along with teammate Lori Enfield, who finished with 14 points.

Kathy Pangonis also grabbed nine rebounds. Tara Shellabarger and Carrie Fields led Taylor,

which led 41-40 at halftime, with 19 and 18 points, respectively. Melissa Simms added 12.

Shellabarger, Jen Peak (Taylor), Kacy Davidson (Albion College) and Dana Cummings (Ohio Dominican) also made the all-tourney team.

On Tuesday, Madonna jumped out to a 14-2 during the opening four minutes of the game and were never tested the rest of the way in an 84-62 triumph over Ohio Dominican.

The Lady Crusaders shot 37 of 53 from the floor (69.8 percent), missing just eight of 38 two-point

attempts. Pangonis, nine of 10 from the floor, finished with a game-high 22 points. Cushman contributed 15 points and 10 assists.

Carissa Gizicki added 13 points and seven rebounds, while Dietrich chipped in with 12 points, six rebounds and three assists.

Julie Mueller paced Dominican with 17 points. Taylor defeated Albion in the other first-round game, 86-65.

In the consolation final, Albion downed Dominican, 74-70.

The Lady Crusaders open their Wolverine Hoosier Conference schedule Wednesday, Jan. 6 at home against Aquinas. (Game time is 7 p.m.).

WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
 Tuesday, Jan. 5
 Huron Valley at First Valley, 6:30 p.m.
 Litchfield at Claremont, 7 p.m.
 Litchfield at Litchfield, 7 p.m.
 Garden City at Garden City, 7 p.m.
 Redford Union at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Ypsilanti at John Dwyer, 7 p.m.
 Canton at A.A. Harris, 7 p.m.
 Riverview at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Thurston at Troy-Lewis, 7 p.m.
 N. Farmington at Lakeland, 7 p.m.
 Redford CC at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
 Agate at Oak Creek, 7:30 p.m.
 Toledo Emerald at PCA, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 8
 Westside at Agate, 6:30 p.m.
 Claremont at Litchfield, 7 p.m.
 Litchfield at Litchfield, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Western at John Dwyer, 7 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Garden City, 7 p.m.
 Forston at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
 Thurston at Troy-Lewis, 7 p.m.
 N. Farmington at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Northville at Farmington, 7 p.m.
 Harrison at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
 Redford CC at U-D Javits, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Wednesday, Jan. 6
 Midland at Agate, 7:30 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Macomb, 7:30 p.m.
 Oakland CC at Agate, 7:30 p.m.
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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Cruise control

Pilots stop Borgess' tourney run, 72-31

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Detroit Murray Wright is where former University of Michigan star Robert Traylor attended high school. Picture two players nearly the size of Traylor and you get the idea of what the Pilots had in store for Redford Bishop Borgess on Wednesday night.

Murray Wright, which combines nice guard play with awesome size, spotted Borgess an 8-0 lead and still won 72-31 in the championship game of the Motor City Roundball Classic at U-D Javits.

The Pilots' 6-foot-8 senior center Douglas Whittier, who has signed with Youngstown State, and 6-9 senior center Mark Maxwell took turns dominating.

Whittier, who scored a team-high 15 points with seven rebounds and several blocks, was named to the all-tournament team. Maxwell, being recruited by Eastern Michigan and Kent, had eight points and six rebounds.

Their teammate, 6-3 junior forward James Davis, was named tournament Most Valuable Player, largely for what he did in the tournament's first two games in wins over Kettering and Redford.

Davis had four points against Borgess as 10 of the 11 Murray Wright players that saw action scored.

Borgess, whose tallest player is 6-foot-5 sophomore center Marcuz Young, lost for the third time in five games while the Pilots improved to 5-1 overall.

Young, an all-tournament selection, was the only Spartan in double figures with 11 points and eight rebounds. Senior Justin Gleaton had seven points and sophomore Mario Peoples six.

The Spartans scored the game's first eight points and led 10-8 early before the Pilots scored 12 of the next 14 points to lead 15-12 after one quarter.

The Pilots started the second quarter on a 15-2 run and scored the last 11 points of the half to lead 43-18 at the break. The lead grew to 63-28 after three quarters and with 4:38 a running clock was achieved as the lead reached 40 points, summoning the new mercy rule adopted by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

"They were far more aggressive than us," Borgess coach Roosevelt Barnes said. "After we hit them early, they hit us twice, we backed up and it was over with from there."

Barnes wasn't embarrassed by the margin of defeat. "A loss is a loss, I don't care if it's by one or 50," he said. "We go from a high yesterday (a 75-73 win over Redford Catholic Central) to a low today. That's basketball. On top one minute, down the next."

Murray Wright coach Earl Moore hopes the tournament championship prepares his players for the wars of the PSL, where perennial state powers Pershing, Cass Tech and Cooley reside, among others.

"If we can keep up the intensity on defense we could have a chance to make a run for it," Moore said. "I watched Borgess play twice and I thought they did a magnificent job defensively."

Traylor, without a job while the NBA endures a players' lockout, sat down at the end of the bench during the game. He's shown up at a few workouts and practices, lending tips to the Pilots' centers.

"He shows them a little something now and then," Moore said. "They haven't proven anything to me yet. I can't put them ahead of anyone yet. If they work hard, down the line

away from Wayne, they're a fine basketball team."

The Zebraws (1-3), who have two players injured and four ineligible because of grades, hung with the Technicians for the first 10 minutes.

Michael Zielinski's three-point play with 6:09 left in the half gave Wayne a 17-15 advantage.

Cass, using a full-court zone trap to throw off the Zebraws, then reeled off 19 unanswered points during a 4:38 span to grab a 34-17 lead.

"I called a 20-second and a full timeout, but it still didn't help," Wayne coach Chuck Henry said. "We just didn't handle the ball well or have people in the right place."

Five straight points by Wayne's Shane Nowak to the half cut the deficit to 34-22

at intermission, but the damage had been done.

Clark then scored 10 points to lead a 15-5 Cass run in the third quarter to put the Technicians comfortably ahead going into the final period, 49-26.

"Their perimeter people are very quick, even with the big guy (Bateman) on the floor," Henry said. "And Bateman gives them a strong inside game."

Joan Davis, who returned sooner than expected after suffering a broken arm (on Dec. 5), returned to the lineup share team-high scoring honors with Nathan Wade (11 points apiece).

"Joan did that well with just two practices—he had to be a little fatigued," Henry said. "I probably played him more than I wanted him to play."

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They may not have developed the ability to sense the small time units, like minutes and seconds, but they have developed internal mechanisms to accurately time longer events.

Migrating birds can compensate for the movement of the sun from the eastern horizon to the western horizon as they maintain a bearing either south in fall or north in spring.

This also illustrates another interesting point, they know the difference between heading north and heading south in which way to compensate for the sun's movement.

Many other experiments have been conducted to demonstrate their sense of time as we think about our next year on the way to the millennium.

The program instructors are Mike Lucette, Chris Sand and Kurt Pilson. Stop by this booth to sign up for the tournament or the Summer program to improve your bowling skills.

There will be some excellent buys on bowling equipment of all kinds with special show prices. For those who purchase a ball on the spot, the Bowlers Aid Pro Shop will have a "drilling set up" in their booth and will feature professional fitting and drilling while you wait.

They will also have one of the most complete inventories in the sport on site. Bowlers Aid has been hailed by "Bowling this Month" magazine as "One of the highest volume pro shop operations in the country."

During this show I.B.P.S.I. certified technicians will be on hand to diagnose and solve all your bowling related difficulties. Among their show specials will be ball and bag packages, shoes and wheeled carriers for one, two or more bowling balls and all sorts of other items for you to buy.

A special bonus: The two top ladies touring pros, Aleta Sill and Marianne DiRupo, will be on hand to visit with the fans and autograph pictures. Still in the all-time leading money winner on the LPBT, and will be the first woman bowler to top \$1 million in earnings sometime this year.

There will be representatives on hand from most manufacturers, including Columbia 300, Fabal (Hammer), Track, Inc. Storm Products, Ebonite, Dexter Shoes and Turbo 2-N-1 Grips. They will be there to discuss bowling products with the attendees. Stop in and visit their booths.

Contemporary awards will feature collectible sports pictures and corporate awards. Celebrating 25 years in the awards business, Contemporary has two locations in Farmington and Waterford. They will have such celebrity pictures on display as Steve Yzerman, Brian Griesse, Kris Draper, Sergei Fedorov, Gordie Howe, Darren McCarty, Bob Probert and the famed Production Line, all available for purchase.

Unlimited Pro Shop/Ballistic Bowling Ball Company will feature a new "Boomerang" ball, just now reaching the market. Scott Williams will have his full service pro shop on site to attend to all of your immediate bowling needs. A complete line of products will be available for purchase and take home that day.

Show director Mark Martin says, "There will be lots to see and do at this great show."

There will be many other exhibitors, including the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, Detroit Women's Bowling Association, Pontiac Tri-City Women's Bowling Association, Bowling Centers Association of S.E. Michigan, Mid-States Masters, Great Lakes Bowling Centers, Community Bowling Centers, and DiLaura Brothers Bowling Supply.

The regular admission fee is \$5 with free parking. It also includes the Health, Fitness and Lifestyle Show. Be sure to mark this event on your calendar for one of the biggest retail bowling shows in the USA and plan to be there and enjoy the show.

Good news from the National Senior Bowling Association. It held its December event at Thunderbird Lanes in Troy and John Wesley of Utica came away with the championship and first place money, rolling a perfect game along the way.

In the first final match he beat Roy Biggs of Canton, 508-464.

Wesley took home \$1,100 and the trophy for his efforts. The next NSBA event will be held on Jan. 9th at Super Bowl in Canton. For information on the NSBA or entry forms, call (248) 932-LANE.

Good things come to those who wait.

In this instance, Alvar Freden of Farmington Hills was finally rewarded with a 300 game last Wednesday in the Mayflower Senior Men's Classic League. He is a marvelous bowler at the age of 77 (and a half) and this is his first perfect, after 63 years in the game.

Freden is a retired math teacher from Detroit Codi High and he figured it took him 21,097 games to get the job done. Every shot was right on until the 12th which was a wide Brooklyn that swept the pins away. The game was also 113 pins over his 187 average, and a grand way to end the old year.

The latest action on the Metro Bowling Tour took place Dec. 27th at Airway Lanes in Waterford. In the first stadiaplend final match, the tournament director Roy Akers had some fun with his game after opening with a gutter ball.

He won the first match, 257-142.

The first woman bowler to make the finals came up next, and Akers felt to Susan Roze as he missed some crucial spares, 206-188. Roze could not take advantage when her next opponent, Dan Kurzwass, left two open spits and she fell by the wayside, finishing third after losing 205-188.

Todd Baker of Lake Orion was the top seed and final match opposition for Kurzwass, and it was Baker, striking in frames 6 through 11 to post a 246-193 victory and his first MBT title.

Next MBT stop is at Collier Lanes in Oxford, call Roy Akers at (248) 673-7407 for more information.

Holiday break key for Eagles

The Redford Thurston wrestling team has a 2-2 record through the holiday break. Coach Ken Meinschein's team finished 11th of 14 teams at the Gibraltar Carlson Tournament in early December but says it's not a reflection of the team he'll bring to the ObserverLand Meet, at Livonia Churchill.

Several wrestlers missed the Carlson tourney to take the ACT.

"We are in the middle of a winter break which will determine if the win was good or bad for the team's psyche, knowing both teams are likely to meet again in the Class A district. Redford beat CC two years ago when it advanced to the state championship game and the Shamrocks won last year's meet—ing."

"I asked (CC assistant coach John) Mulroy 'either you're setting us up for the districts or they didn't seem interested,'" McDowell said. "We shot well from the start and Nick (Moore) seemed a little drained."

Moore, the Shamrocks' star guard who has signed with Toledo, was held to three first-half points and finished with 14. CC junior guard Rob Sparks added 11 points and junior forward Matt Loidas had seven.

Darrell Evans led Redford with 19, including 16 in the second half. Wayne Redmond had 15 and Benwan Foster 12.

Redford, 52 overall, led 34-24 at halftime and 45-33 after three quarters. CC fell to 4-2.

GROSSE ILE 50, ST. AGATHA 44: Grosse Ile jumped to a 13-7 lead after one quarter and held on to beat Redford St. Agatha on Wednesday for third place in the Riverview Gabriel Richard Tournament.

The Aggies fell to 3-2 overall. Grosse Ile, which lost to the host school in overtime in the opening round Monday night, won for the first time in five games.

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Preserving rights key agenda in '99

Sportsmen and women across the nation had plenty of time to celebrate this year in terms of preserving our hunting and fishing heritage.

Although there was no threatening ballot proposal here in Michigan—like the one we faced in 1996 that threatened to limit bear hunting—voters in six other states were faced with ballot proposals centered around hunting, fishing and trapping issues.

The good news is that pro-hunting forces reversed the trend of losses by winning five of the six issues that went to public vote in 1998.

In Ohio, voters defeated a proposal that would have banned dove hunting in the Buckeye state by a landslide margin of 60 percent to 40 percent.

The Michigan Bear Hunters Association, which took a leading role in this state in the fight to preserve bear hunting at the ballot box in 1996, was a major contributor to the pro-hunting campaign in Ohio. MBHA made a \$10,000 donation to the Wildlife Legislative Fund of America, which spearheaded the pro-hunting campaign.

"The animal rights movement affects all of us," said Bloomfield Hills resident Bill Walker, past president and current director of MBHA. "The loss of hunting privileges in Ohio is a loss to us here in Michigan, too. A loss in Ohio makes us more vulnerable to losing in Michigan."

Voters in Minnesota approved Amendment 2 (77-23 percent), which established hunting and fishing as "a valued part of our heritage that shall be forever preserved for the people and shall be managed by law and regulation for the public good."

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The 1999 F150. Talk About Aggressive.

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By Anne Fracassa
Avanti News
Features

I thought the redesign of the Ford F150 a few years back made it so much more masculine — in the Tim Allen sense — and much, more attractive than the boxy model it replaced.

Take a gander at the 1999 F150 now. Talk about aggressive. Talk about meatier. Talk about sportier. It's a powerful statement for the truck crowd.

You have to understand, here. I didn't drive the bare-boned, basic "here-you-go" work-truck-type F150.

I drove the 4x4 Flareside supercab Lariat edition F150 with all the trimmings and a bit of cranberry sauce on the side. Sorry — still thinking about the holidays and all that scrumptious food.

Anyway, with this much comfort and convenience features thrown into a truck that topped out at about \$33,000, you can see why I would be a tad impressed by this substantially powerful vehicle.

Let's talk about the power first. Standard on a normal F150 is a 4.2-liter V6 split-port-induction engine mated to a 5-speed manual overdrive transmission that will net you about 205 horses. Sounds reasonable.

Now plop the optional (of course) 5.4-liter Triton V8 engine under the hood and you'll see what I'm talking about. You fire this engine up and you know it's ready to rock and roll. As Scotty would say: There "beez" power under this "hair" hood, cap'n, and she stands ready at your command.

OK, Commander Scott. Let's see what she's got.



The versatility in the Ford F-150 is more than any truck owner would want to have.

With torque that's better than any other V8-powered half-ton pickup on the market, the Triton V8 outputs a respectable 260 horsepower. Not that IT'S respectable, mind you. I'm suggesting that YOU better respect it.

I mean, this is no 300-horsepower diesel, here. But you know what? It's got all the power anyone needs in any given situation in normal, everyday driving. Whether you use this handsome truck for the construction site or to take your children to hockey practice, you'll feel at home. The versatility in this truck is more than any truck owner would want to have.

Let's step inside for a minute. Did I mention it has four doors? Yep. All four doors swing open wide to let adult-sized passengers in with ease. Got a month's worth of groceries? No prob. It'll easily fit back in the extended cab area with room to drive down to the local lumber yard for a few supplies.

The fourth door is standard this year, by the way. As it should be.

The door trim panels have been changed and look cleaner this year. Leather seating is very comfortable. Instrumentation is centered around

the driver and all controls are easy to use and operate. There are two power points up front to provide power to the cell phone and any other gizmos you travel with.

Between the driver and front passenger is a large console/armrest that can provide storage for anything from a cell phone to CDs and cassettes. The top of the console has two places for a cup/can for a beverage and the top can double as a writing surface in a pinch.

One thing that amazes me about construction/repair/workman-owned trucks is that the top instrumentation panel seems to be the most important place to put everything from the morning paper to paperwork for the next job. No one will be disappointed in the front dash. Lots of room to jam whatever you need to jam up there.

Don't count on the glove compartment, though. There's just enough room for the owner's manual and warranties. But it's questionable whether you can jam your registration and certificate of insurance in there, it's so tight.

If you're really a pack rat, you'll be happy to know that under the seats —

both up front and in back — there isn't a ton of electronic gadgetry, so you can jam some more paperwork under there, if you need to.

I stuck my laptop under the rear of the extended cab seats to hide it and nobody was the wiser. That's because the rear seats are full bench seats without the dumb supports underneath. Rather have the extra room, actually.

I don't think I have to mention that the 4x4 models are shift-on-the-fly or that cab steps are standard this year, but I will. The anti-theft system is also standard this year on all models.

Also new this year is an optional factory-

installed tonneau cover — a first for Ford. The tonneau cover is snap-free and installs in a matter of seconds. The most prominent benefit is fuel economy, of course, but the cover always adds a finished, classy look to a truck.

I have to mention the comfort level of this truck is outstanding. Although you are way up high, like a truck should be, you aren't bouncing all over the road. You're planted firmly on the ground and there's comfort and control feedback from everything from the seating surfaces to the steering wheel.

The F150 is a good choice when looking at a work truck or an all-around family truck. A bit on the pricey side, but then again, what isn't?

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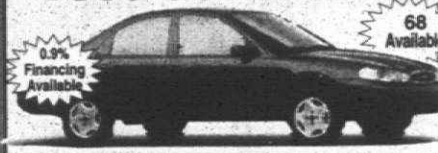
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