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Riding the storm out



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Shovel brigade: Mary Ziobro (foreground, in hood) and her husband, Wayne (right), dig out her father Tony Topolsky's car Monday at the Holiday Estates mobile home park. Topolsky, 86, complained of the lack of maintenance at the park, and the additional snow plowed up against his car.

Unplowed roads make commute a nightmare

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Township and Wayne County officials will meet "as soon as possible" to solve snow removal problems brought to light by last weekend's storm.

According to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, other municipalities will join the meeting because of dissatis-

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faction with the county's speed, or lack thereof, in clearing snow.

"It's not acceptable that two days after the storm we see (the first) orange truck," he said. "They had a new snow removal plan that didn't work well at all."

Many businesses closed

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Snow fun: Elizabeth Gable (front) and Beth Wargin, both of Canton, race down the hill at McClumpha Park in Plymouth Township Monday.

Businesses buoyed, bullied by blizzard

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Canton residents weren't the only ones that had difficulty battling the blizzard of '99.

Local businesses felt the icy effects of the storm, too. Some shops gained more work than they could handle while others were closed because employees couldn't make it in.

Johnson's, a Canton landmark for nearly two decades, fell into the latter category. The restaurant closed four hours early Saturday and didn't open at all Sunday.

"It's the first time I've had to close for a snowstorm," manager Charlie Johnson said.



Slow go: Drivers cautiously make their way across the Warren-Lilley intersection Monday. Wayne County snow plows were a rare sight in Canton even two days after the storm.

Only three of 15 employees made it to the Ford Road restaurant Saturday. The disruption was a significant loss, Johnson said.

"Those are our two busiest days," he added.

Central City Diner, which sits on Canton Center south of Warren Road, had similar problems. Co-owner Randy Blayock said his

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Course addition angers some

■ The woods they were promised weren't golf-related, say some residents whose homes back up to the planned expansion of Pheasant Run Golf Course.

BY LILLEY A. EVANS
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Canton residents who say they were promised a wooded view behind their homes would remain pristine are upset by a change in plans that may have them shagging balls from the 15th green at an expanded Pheasant Run Golf Course.

Several upset residents attended Monday's planning commission meeting armed with letters from their builders, at least one of which alluded to a commitment from the township that the wooded view behind their home was protected wetlands on Stonebridge Way Court in Canton. Ten homes in Pheasant View at Pheasant Run subdivision off Beck Road south of Cherry Hill back up to a woods that the township may develop into the two holes of the Pheasant Run golf course.

Land for two additional holes (bringing the total to 27) will be deeded to the township as part of a proposal by Robertson Brothers to build 125 condominiums on an adjacent site.

The commission voted 5-2 to recommend approval for a 49-acre planned unit development district, provided residents are involved in the golf course planning process. An additional seven holes for Pheasant Run had already been approved as part of the Central Park residential project.

Robert Wade and Karl Zarbo voted against the proposal.

The Canton Township Board of

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Man kills self in New Year's overpass leap

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A 19-year-old Inkster man jumped to his death from an I-275 overpass New Year's Day in Canton.

Arthur Lee Chavarria reportedly committed suicide by throwing himself from Warren Road on to the northbound lanes of the interstate at about 2:30 p.m., according to Michigan State Police. It was a drop of about 25 feet.

"He landed head first," said Trooper John Sosa of the Metro South Post. "He suffered a broken neck and a fractured skull."

State and Canton police responded to the scene. EMS transported Chavarria to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Sosa declined to speculate on why the teenager may have killed himself.

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Holiday travelers

A Canton couple spent the holidays in Hawaii after winning a sweepstakes sponsored by a soft-drink company.

Jim and Rose Gail were winners of last summer's Faygo Ohana Hawaiian Sweepstakes. "We don't normally go anywhere during the Christmas holiday. We would like to thank Faygo for making this happen this year," Rose Gail said in a prepared statement.

The free trip is actually the couple's fourth visit to the islands.

The sweepstakes drew 48,000 entries, a Faygo Beverages spokesman said.

Homeowners' guest

John Sullivan, newly-elected Democratic Wayne County Commissioner for the 11th District, will be the special guest speaker at the Canton Home-

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owners Advisory Council meeting 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11 at the administration building.

Anyone who is interested in hearing Sullivan's plans for the commission or who would like to ask questions or share ideas with Sullivan, is welcome to attend. The meeting, which is free and open to the general public, will be held in the lower level meeting room. For more information, contact Nancy Spencer, Homeowners Advisory Council president, at (734) 397-8975.

Top performer

Canton's finance department has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in

Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada.

Tony Minghine, township finance director, was also cited by the organization.

Lockdown draws crowd

Some 250 youths attended the fourth All-Night Bowling Lockdown co-sponsored by the Canton Public Safety Department and Superbowl lanes.

Children age 9-15 paid \$15 each on Dec. 4 for a night of bowling, dancing, pizza, pop and other giveaways. The event drew participants from Canton, Westland, Livonia, Brighton and other communities, said Canton Police Officer Leonard Schemanske.

The next Lockdown is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 19. Call the Public Safety Department at 397-3000 for information.

Golf course from page A1

Trustees has final approval. Senior Planner Judy Bocklage said after the developer looked at earlier plans, they discovered there were constraints because of the Rouge River. Now they plan to add two of the nine new holes adjacent to Stonebridge Way Court.

Residents speak out

On Monday, residents said they felt slighted by the change. When we moved in we signed a contract that these were protected wetlands. I am opposed to a golf course, when I was buying I wanted a woods in my back yard not golf balls."

Bocklage explained, "Some of it may be wetlands, there may be two holes of expansion of the golf course; it may be a part of the wooded view."

We paid an extra \$8,000 for a premium lot with a wooded view," Boucher said.

One of the residents commented that between the letter and the vague plans they received in the mail the new proposal bordered on fraud.

Another resident, Tim Marsh, said he received a map of the new development in the mail

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Bob Boucher
—Pheasant View resident

and it was misleading. It looked like the woods were going to be untouched, he said. Then he started seeing surveyors and pink and blue tags marking trees and limbs cut down, he said. After he saw plans at the township offices, he said he could clearly see that the golf course was going to be in his view.

He then went door-to-door to his neighbor's homes so they could join in force at the township meeting.

Marsh said he would like to get an attorney on the case. "We all know we don't own the land, but if I knew it was going to be zoned for future development, I wouldn't have bought here," added Marsh.

Bocklage said, originally, a golf course was not anticipated at that site. Robertson Brothers will develop the parcel and deed

a portion of the land to the township for the golf course expansion.

Resident Gordon Jones suggested dog-leashing the 15th hole to the right so it wouldn't be in his back yard.

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Attorney Bryan Amann, who lives on Stonebridge Way, but is not affected by the golf course reminded the committee that the hearing was to deed the land back to the township not to plan the golf course. Amann was at the meeting to represent the developers of Electrophon.

Commissioners Karl Zarbo and Ron Lieberman suggested

that deeding of the land should be tabled until there were more concrete facts and so the developers could get the resident's input.

The developers said there was a meeting held Dec. 21 for the residents of Stonebridge Way and not many people showed up.

Lieberman added that the deeding of the land is important because it ties in with the planning of the golf course.

McLaughlin and Commissioner Catherine Johnson disagreed with tabling the matter because they said it would be unfair to the developers.

Commission Chairman Vic Gustafson added, "The only absolute protection you have from something like this happening is if you buy the lot adjacent to you. And, you should always visit the municipality to find out what the master plans may be."

Marsh urged the commission hold the recommendation. "I was promised in good faith by the township, developers and builders. I don't want preliminary infrastructure going into the golf course that we can't change," Marsh said.

K of C free throw contest is Saturday

All boys and girls 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship 9 a.m. Saturday.

The free local competition will be held in the gym at St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Warren Road in Canton.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually with winners progressing through local, district, and state competition.

International champions are announced by the K of C International headquarters based on scores from the state level competitions.

Contestants compete in divisions grouped by age. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact the Knights of Columbus or pick up a form at the Country Deli located at the corner of Warren and Lilley roads.

Suicide from page A1

He said the case is still under investigation.

"We have (suicides) periodically," Sosa added. "They seem to be more prevalent during the holidays when depression sets in."

A pair of Canton residents committed suicide a few days after Thanksgiving last year. Sumet Chen, 39, jumped in front of a train on Warren Road near Lotz on Nov. 29. A 50-year-old man shot himself to death,

ironically, at about the same time that day in an unrelated suicide.

As for Chavarria, Sosa said witnesses saw him on the overpass on northbound I-275 "contemplating doing something." He jumped before police could arrive, however.

As many as five people may have seen the incident, Canton Officer Leonard Schemanske said.

Roads from page A1

and thousands of residents were rendered homeless Saturday. Sunday and part of Monday because of unplowed primary roads.

"Some of the roads were basically impassable," Yack said. "It was a tremendous inconvenience to the community and its businesses."

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Chuck Little said that while the cold weather was a factor in canceling classes for a second straight day Tuesday, much of the decision was made because of poor road conditions.

"I was out in the western part of the county along Ridge, Gyde and Warren roads, and they hadn't been plowed yet," said Little. "I was in a four-wheel drive vehicle and it was difficult. Our buses might be able to make it, but we have a lot of people who drive to school and it would be dangerous. I certainly don't understand why many of the roads haven't been plowed."

Voicing concerns Several Canton residents and area drivers called or e-mailed the Observer Monday to complain about snow-covered streets.

"I'm not going to make it past my driveway, and even if I do, when I get to Joy Road, it's a mess," said Wendy Frazier, who lives in the Holiday Park subdivision off Joy near I-275.

"We pay enough in taxes to have our roads cleared," she added.

Brian Jatzek said main roads in Plymouth, Garden City and Ann Arbor were all passable early Sunday morning.

Wayne County Road Department spokesman John Roach said the delay in clearing township roads was caused by several factors.

The rate of snow fall, which was as heavy as 2 inches per hour at times, made it impossible for salt and plow trucks to keep their heads above water, he said.

"We can keep up with 1 inch per hour," Roach said. "This storm was like nothing we've seen in 25 years."

In a storm such as last weekend's, which saw Canton receive a foot of snow, the county's top priority are freeways, he added.

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Roads that provide access to the freeways, such as Ford and Michigan Avenue in the township, are next.

Most of the county's 131 snow removal trucks were limited to freeway work over the weekend, Roach said. Normally, each truck has a specific route that it continually maintains during a storm.

"It has been an incredibly difficult process," Roach said, noting the rate and amount of snow plus the very low temperatures. "Warmer weather would've made our job easier."

Setting priorities Primary county roads, which include, among others, Lilley, Sheldon, Hagerty and Canton Center from north to south; Michigan, Cherry Hill and Ford from east to west, were expected to be substantially cleared by Tuesday, Roach said.

Primary roads are third on the county's priority list, he added. Roach acknowledged that removal was slower than the county would've liked.

"I'm sure there were areas that could use improvement," he said.

Michigan and Ford, which are near the top of their list, didn't receive the attention they needed until Monday, he said.

The supervisor said county service varied greatly from area to area.

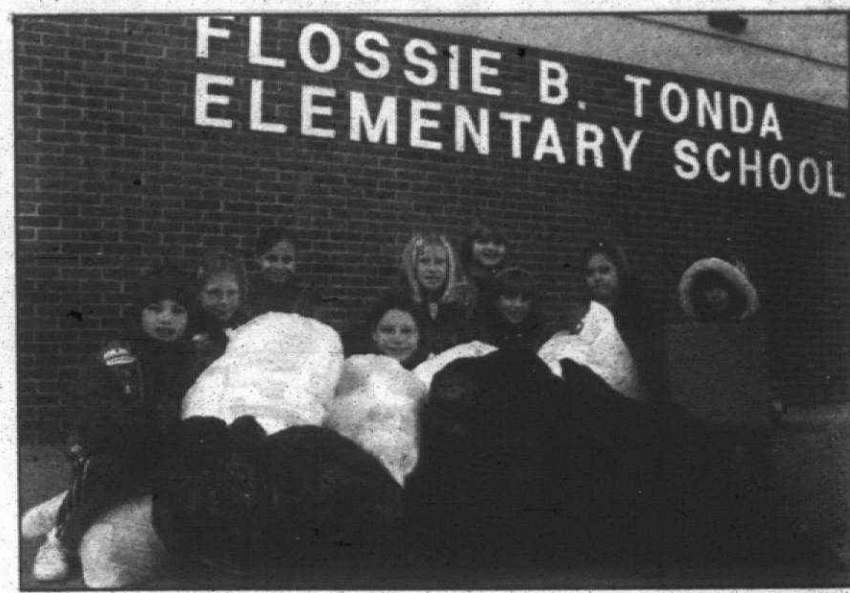
Canton is one of eight communities served by the county's Wayne Yard. The City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township, which fall north of Joy Road, are served by the Norton Yard in Northville.

"There was a tangible difference on Sheldon Road north and south of Joy Road," said Yack. "There was a great disparity."

Angry phone calls from residents

Group seeks help getting supplies to 'Mitch' victims

BY LILLY EVANS
STAFF WRITER



Good deed: Tonda Girl Scouts who collected toys, shoes and other items for victims of Hurricane Mitch (not all pictured) included Sarah Anthony, Sarah Minsky, Brianna Jahn, Kristen Atwell, Rhianon Hall, Rachel Koelzer, Christina Davey, Lisa Foster, Nicole Legel, Katie Lebiada, Lindsey Pomazal, Nikki Mersch, Melissa Miller, Jessica Molnar, Katie Eldridge and Heather Quinlan. They were spurred to action by parents Sharon Hall and Jan Legel.

After reading a newspaper account detailing hardships of Hurricane Mitch victims, Sharon Hall of Canton sat nearly in tears thinking about the homeless children of the storm-devastated community.

The mother of three and leader of two Girl Scout troops decided to take action. She thought: "How can I help the hungry, homeless, and poor children of Honduras?"

Hall and another Canton resident, Jan Legel, have taken up a collection of items to donate to hurricane victims. But they need help to complete their good deed.

The pair is looking for someone to ship the items — or donate shipping costs — to Honduras.

The November hurricane left 6,500 dead, 1.5 million people homeless and a damage bill of more than \$4 billion to date. The newspaper account said that many Honduran children are in need of basics like shoes.

Legel read the same front-page article and agreed help was needed.

She explained the situation to her 9-year-old daughter, Nicole, so Nicole went to her closet and picked out shoes to donate.

Nicole said she thought the children may be injuring their feet without shoes.

On Dec. 4, she wrote an announcement for the "Tonda School Times" newsletter and put up collection boxes for shoes, baby items, clothes and toys in the elementary school where her two daughters attend.

By Dec. 18, she had collected 11 garbage bags and two boxes

filled with items to donate. Then, she pulled out the original newspaper article and started calling the donation agencies listed that were collecting just three weeks prior.

She was out of luck. They weren't sending any more supplies to the victims; they were on to different drives and causes.

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If you can help by donating, shipping or know somebody who can get supplies to the Honduras storm victims, please call The Canton Observer at (734) 459-2700.

When Hall was in the midst of planning her own family's Thanksgiving meal, she said she thought, I am going to start a collection of shoes, baby supplies, toys and clothes.

"My kids get happy meal toys all the time and they don't think anything about it; these kids would love a happy meal toy," Hall said.

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FRANCES URSC

Services for Frances Ursic, 102, of Canton were Dec. 23 in St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly Jr. officiating. Local arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

She was born Nov. 22, 1896, in Austria. She died Dec. 19 in Livonia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Ursic. Survivors include her daughter, Frances Quinn of Canton; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the St. Thomas a Becket Building Fund.

THOMAS R. WESTFALL Services for Thomas R. Westfall, 38, of Northville were Dec. 30 in First United Methodist Church-Northville with the Rev. Dr. Douglas W. Vernon officiating. Burial was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville. Local arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home, Northville.

He was born Feb. 26, 1960, in Livonia. He died on Dec. 25 in Northville. He was a communications-radio technician. He was

a member of First United Methodist Church in Northville, and assistant fire chief of Northville City Fire Department.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sherrie Ann (Atherton) Westfall; mother, Mrs. Luree (Gary) Moon of Plymouth, Susan (Kevin) Kacmark of Plymouth; one brother, Bradley (Carol) Westfall of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to Providence Home Care.

JEAN SCHULTHEISS Private services were held for Jean Schultheiss, 76, of Plymouth. Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born Jan. 23, 1922, in Madison, Wis. She died Dec. 25 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She also worked as a library secretary at East Middle School, retiring in 1975. She came to the Plymouth area in 1956. She was a very active member of First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

She was formerly active as a Scout leader with the Girl Scouts. She earned an associate degree from Schoolcraft College. She loved family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl. Survivors include her two sons, Wade (Judy) Schultheiss of Franklin, Mark Schultheiss of Wading River, N.Y.; one daughter, Gail Luise (Walter) Scherer of Plymouth; sister-in-law, Luise Schultheiss Jordan of Eau Claire, Wis.; one sister, Joap (Ted) Dahlberg of Fort Meyers, Fla.; and nephews and nieces.

NORMAN B. SCHECK Services for Norman B. Schreck, 72, of Canton were Dec. 28 in R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating.

He was born Dec. 4, 1926, in Detroit. He died Dec. 21 in Canton. He was a meat store manager at Byrd's Meats.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon; one son, Robert; four daughters, Marion Anderson, Cynthia Flevaris, Barbara Booth, Linda; four stepchildren, Craig, Steve, Stacey, Delaine; and 10 grandchildren.

CESAR R. FIGUERAS Services for Cesar R. Figueras, 58, of Canton will be held Jan. 4 in St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charney officiating. Burial will be in St. Hedwig Catholic Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

He was born Feb. 25, 1940, in the Philippines. He died Dec. 27 in Ann Arbor Hospital. He was a doctor.

Survivors include his wife, Nilda Figueras; one son, Cesar Figueras Jr.; two daughters, Jeanette Len, Odette Loreza; one brother, Josefine Figueras; six brothers; and three sisters.

LENNON W. BUNDON Services for Lennon W. Bundon, 85, of Canton were Dec. 23 in the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel with the Rev. Rudy Shankle officiating. Burial was in Knollwood Cemetery, Canton.

He was born April 7, 1913, in New Tazewell, Tenn. He died Dec. 20 in Ypsilanti. He was a retired forklift driver for Ford Motor Co.

Survivors include his wife, Elnora Bundon; three sons, Link Bundon, Bill Bundon, Rick Bundon; seven daughters, Lenore Walker, Georgianna Ford, Mary Rose Hurst, Rena Dombrowski, Nema Coffey, Jane Von Voigtlander, Dixie Kingsbury; 31 grandchildren; 64 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

ELVIN LEE COOK Services for Elvin Lee Cook, 74, of Garden City were Dec. 28 in Agape Family Worship Center, Canton with the Rev. Mark B. Moore and the Rev. J. Earl

Moore officiating. Burial was in Knollwood Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

He was born Feb. 12, 1924, in Christian, W. Va. He died Dec. 22 in Garden City Osteopathic Hospital. He was a supervisor for a manufacturing company.

During the last five years he was the girls' varsity basketball coach at Agape Christian Academy, Canton, finishing this year's season with a 21-2 record.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; one daughter, Sandy (Larry) Major; mother, Elsie Cook; one brother, Jerry (Donna) Cook; one sister, Emilene Watkins; and two grandchildren, Matt and Allie.

HELEN LAURA WERTANEN Services for Helen Laura Wertanen, 86, of Novi were Dec. 23 in Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington with the Rev. Jonathan Bomgren officiating. Burial was in Bruce Crossing Cemetery, Bruce Crossing, Mich.

She was born Nov. 21, 1912, in Calumet. She died Dec. 21 in Novi. She worked briefly for the United States Post Office. She graduated from Ewen High School in Bruce Crossing. She enjoyed going to Florida and the upper peninsula to visit her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William. Survivors include her son, Edwin Wertanen of Novi; one daughter, Elaine (Michael) Latila of Canton; and five grandchildren.

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County, Northwest to re-examine snow removal plan

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Northwest Airlines and Wayne County officials will meet today to discuss last week's winter storm and the county's snow removal plans. Northwest was expected to be operating on a full schedule Wednesday (yesterday).

Airport Director David Katz said county officials will review the plans. "Let's examine it carefully. We're all accountable."

When asked why airlines at Chicago's O'Hare Airport resumed 100 percent of its operations earlier than Detroit, Andrea Newman, vice president of state and local affairs for Northwest Airlines responded: "People need to remember they got hit a day earlier than us. We'll get back, too."

"This is the storm of the decade for us."

Northwest and county officials spent the early part of this week defending their efforts in the aftermath of a weekend snowstorm that left many planes containing scores of holiday travelers sitting in planes on taxiways for several hours Sunday.

And there was finger-pointing, too.

Northwest officials complained that the snow wasn't cleared by Wayne County in airport taxiways and near concourses, while county officials said the delays were due to Northwest's lack of help at the airport.

Robert Ball, Northwest vice-president for customer service, was critical of snow-removal, stating in one published report, "The snow was going to take a 'good, hard look' at the county's snow removal plan. I don't know why the county couldn't handle the snow."

Runways apparently were



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Jammed: The airport was still crowded Monday with passengers hoping to catch a flight. Many travelers were still stranded as of Monday morning when this picture was taken outside the Northwest terminal at Metro.

cleared at Metro, but parking areas for planes near concourses and taxiways were not.

"There's always problems with removing snow from the taxiways," said. "We had a couple of planes that were stuck to the ground and problems with jetways freezing and breaking down. It was 30-below. You have freezing temperatures and ice people have to work on."

Katz and Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara believe the county did all it could to clear the airport of snow.

"It seems to me to hear the criticism when we have a snow storm like this once every 25 years, it happened once a weekend and a holiday and it came quickly, and we did all the things we

should have done," McNamara said.

"You have the (Northwest) president complaining when the first day, half of Northwest's people couldn't get to work. A number of them were baggage handlers."

McNamara believed Northwest could do a better job of alerting their help of the impending snowstorm and delaying or cancelling flights when they have a shortage of employees to accommodate the passengers.

McNamara said airport officials could have dispatched a bus to help unload passengers from planes.

"Many passengers waiting in planes were elderly and had no

coats. Northwest felt it was too dangerous with the cold weather and slippery conditions. It probably was not a wise decision."

Newman called the runway delays "unacceptable."

"You try to figure out what you can do better," Newman said. "There's always things you can improve on."

Katz said county crews and contractors were responsible for clearing 500 acres of cement or 2 million square feet. It takes crews 24 hours to remove 4 inches of snow.

"Our guys did a miraculous job," Katz said. Wayne County planned on the snow storm and had 98 percent of the crews reporting for work.

"Contrast that with Northwest, where they had half of their people show up," Katz said.

Katz also challenged a claim that crews didn't start clearing snow until 5:30 p.m. Monday. Katz said he inspected every

gate at 4 p.m. Sunday. "Northwest had 37 gates in our opinion that were usable. At that same time, Northwest was only pushing six or eight planes an hour."

"We had 12 inches of snow. They busted their humps with a Hercules effort every minute of the day. It pains me to see that kind of criticism." Two years ago Wayne County won a national award from an airline association for snow and ice removal. "That same plan now is no good," Katz added.

Crews also alternate which concourses will be cleaned, depending on the day of the week. That plan is agreed to by the airlines. But a private contractor did not clear the Northwest concourse areas until Monday.

Crews also must be "environmentally-friendly" while clearing snow. With the airlines

using glycol to de-ice planes, snow must be pushed into the middle of the airfield, then scooped onto a truck and disposed, not just pushed aside.

It was clear that passengers were frustrated over the delays. With many flights canceled or delayed, thousands of passengers spent Saturday and Sunday night at the airport, hoping for flights out of town. With Detroit acting as Northwest's hub, travelers on that airline were particularly impacted.

"If you shut down a hub, you automatically switch to alternative routes. When Metro was hit with flooding last year, passengers were re-routed to Minneapolis," Newman said.

"But this time, all three hubs experienced weather problems. That ability to do that (re-routing) was lost."



Weary: This is how many travelers slept throughout the weekend and Monday at Metro Airport.

High court rules Unions win in court employee case

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The Legislature constitutionally stepped on the judiciary's toes when it shuffled members of two unions from Wayne Circuit Court control to county government control, the state Supreme Court ruled.

The power of each branch of government within its separate sphere necessarily includes managerial administrative authority to carry out its operations," Chief Justice Conrad Mallett Jr. wrote in a 6-1 decision.

Winners were 27 members of the Judicial Attorneys Association, who work for the Wayne Friend of the Court and as research attorneys, and 180 members of the Government Administrators Association, who are psychologists, social workers and administrators for 64 Wayne Circuit judges.

Losing were Gov. John Engler and retiring Attorney General Frank Kelley. They were blocked from implementing part of the Legislature's 1996 Public Act 374 combining Wayne Circuit and Detroit Recorder's courts. Sec. 593 of that act made county government rather than the

county the employer. The Supreme Court declared that section unconstitutional but left the rest of PA 374 intact.

Court visitors and users would have seen little difference — at first — if the change had taken place. "But over the long term, operation of the courts would have been adversely affected," said Mark Heinen, the Detroit attorney for one of the unions.

Mallett agreed, noting that "employment issues concerning all the state's 241 trial courts were in an increasingly unstable condition."

The section making county government the employer would have given it "authority to establish policies and procedure relating to compensation, fringe benefits, pensions, holidays and leave."

That section would have left the chief judge with authority over "work schedules, discipline, grievances, personnel records, probation, hiring and termination practices."

The high court's ruling affirmed a Court of Appeals panel which called the act "a usurpation" of court authority that is "a dangerous incursion into the judicial realm" by the Legislature.

Mallett, in what was one of his last opinions before resigning, cited a 1975 Livingston County case in which the Supreme Court "relied on the inherent powers of the judiciary in holding that the circuit court was the employer of court personnel for purposes of salary negotiations."

And Mallett quoted founding father Alexander Hamilton in *Federalist* No. 51 when he argued that security for the balance of powers "consists in giving to those who administer each department (branch) the necessary constitutional means and personal motives to resist encroachments of the others."

But Mallett warned judges against becoming too headstrong. He noted that many county officials had complained to legislators that judges had "thwarted the counties" and "frustrated relations with the funding units' own employees, to the detriment of the public."

Mallett counseled a course of "cooperation, communication and accommodation between trial courts and their funding units."

Mallett's opinion was signed by Justices Michael Cavanagh, Patricia Boyle, James Brickley, Elizabeth Weaver and Marilyn

Kelly. Dissenting was Justice Clifford Taylor, who said he wasn't convinced the 1996 act violated the separation of powers doctrine. Rather, the act created a "co-employment relationship" between local units and the courts.

Taylor, who frequently derides "judge-made law," said "legislative enactments enjoy a presumption of constitutionality." He cited U.S. Chief Justice John Marshall, who said in 1803 that "legislators, having taken the same oath as we take, surely are as committed to fidelity to the constitution as we (judges) are."

Taylor said the act carefully delineated the duties of the chief judge and the county: "(The employer (county) retains authority with respect to listed fiscally related subject matters, and the chief judge retains authority over all other personnel matters."

But Mallett and the majority found the grant of power to the county so broad that there is "no set of circumstances" under which the act "does not violate the separation of powers doctrine."

County road crews battle winter storm

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Saturday's winter storm that dumped up to a foot of snow that county road crews just could not clear.

Even on Monday, several roads, particularly portions of I-96 and I-75, remained covered with snow and difficult for motorists to drive.

John Roach, public information manager for the Wayne County Department of Public Services, said the county's roads division sent 131 trucks to plow and salt county primary roads, state highways and freeways and township residential streets.

Wayne County road crews normally assigned to main primary — or "mile" — roads were dispatched to freeways and state highways to clear those first, Roach said. "We had to pull them off of the primary roads," he said.

Roach said the biggest problem facing road crews was the sheer amount of snow that fell over about a 24-hour period on Saturday and early Sunday. Winds blew between 20 and 30 mph.

"Moving that much snow, it is hard to find a place to put it," Roach said. "Moving it from the center lane is one thing, but that is a whole lot different when it is blowing on the road."

"We had reports from some of our drivers that they would plow a road, then when they came back, the whole road would be covered again."

Road salt also loses its effectiveness once the temperature dips below 20 degrees, Roach said. The weekend temperatures ranged between sub-zero and 20-degree temperatures.

On Monday, county road crews were working to continue to clear surface streets.

"It will take a lot more work," Roach said. "Some are still in rough shape."

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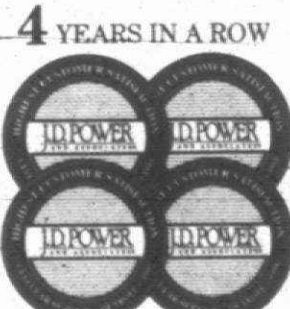
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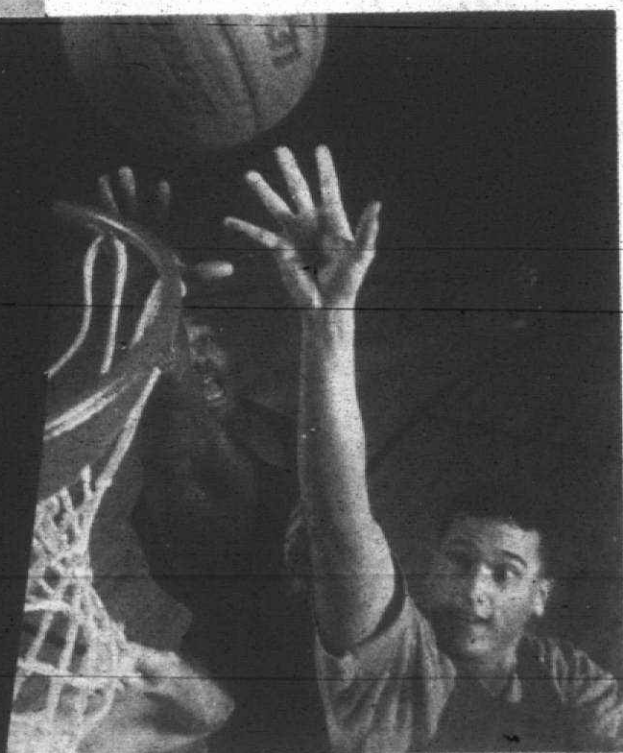
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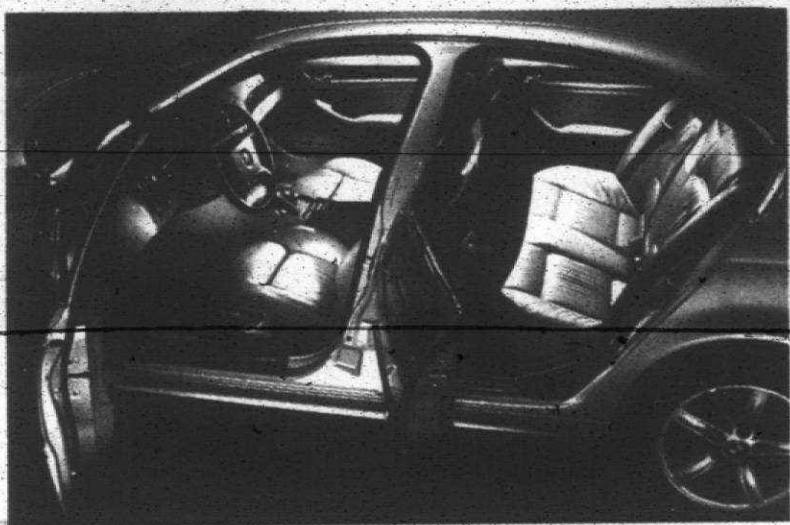
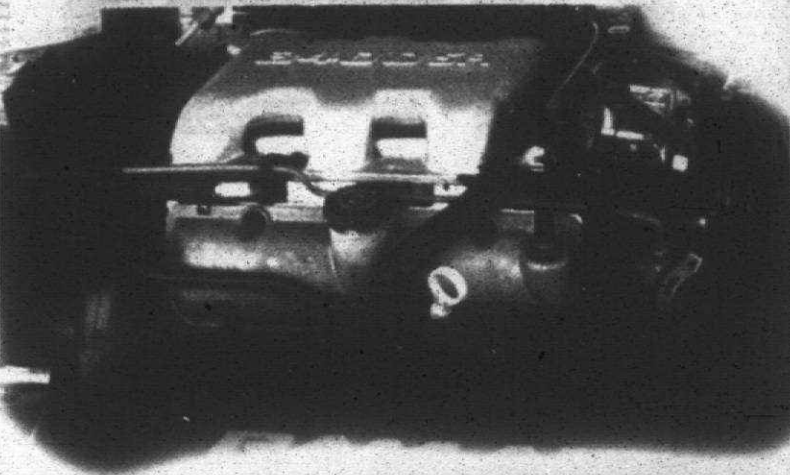


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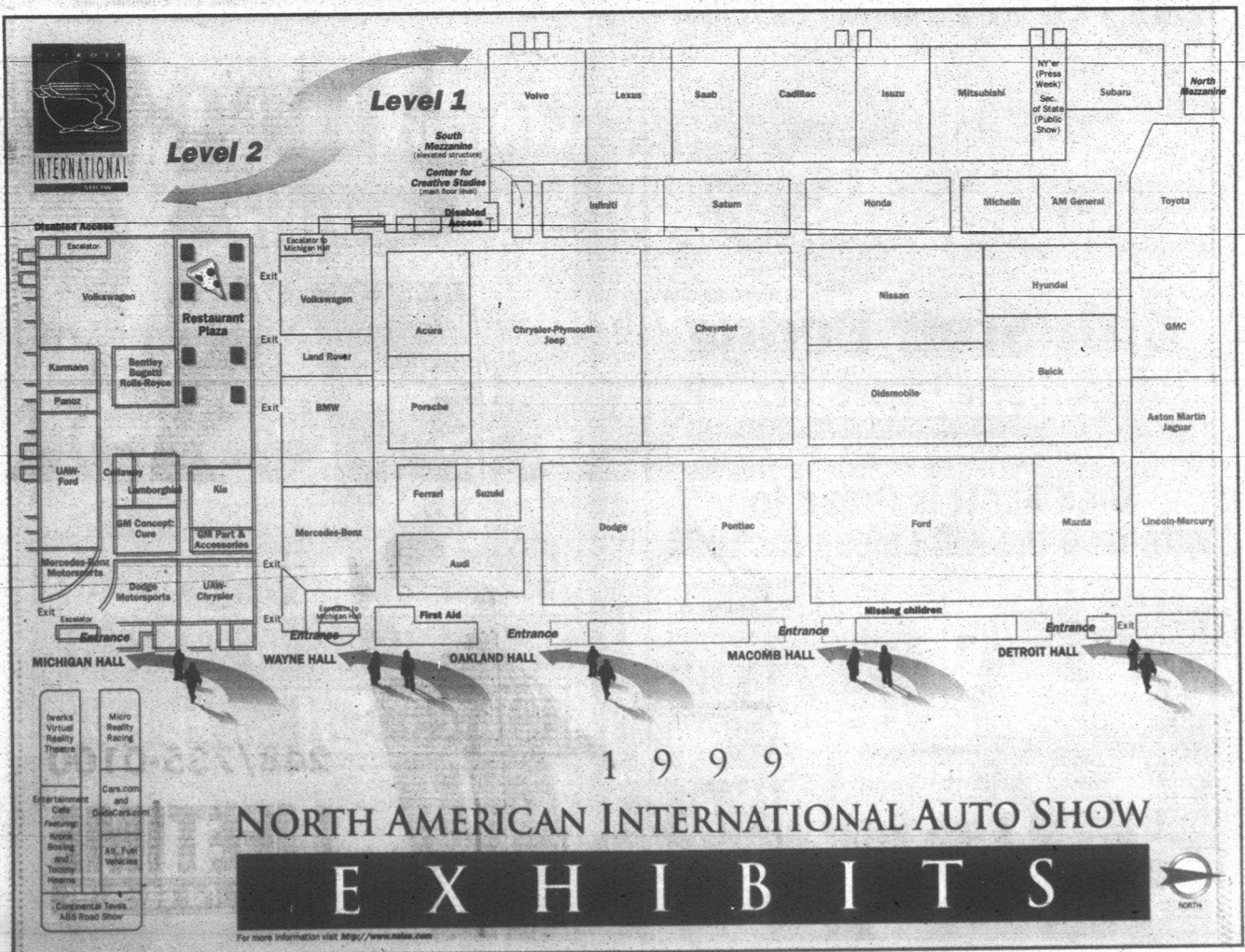
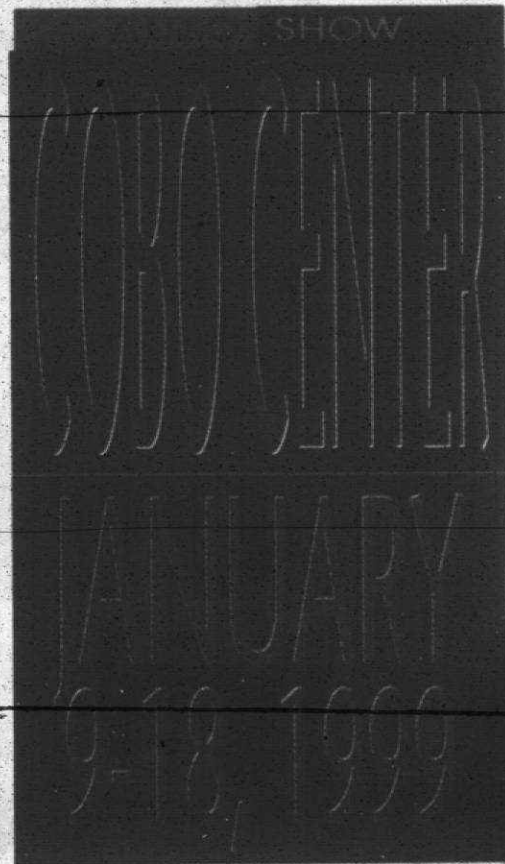
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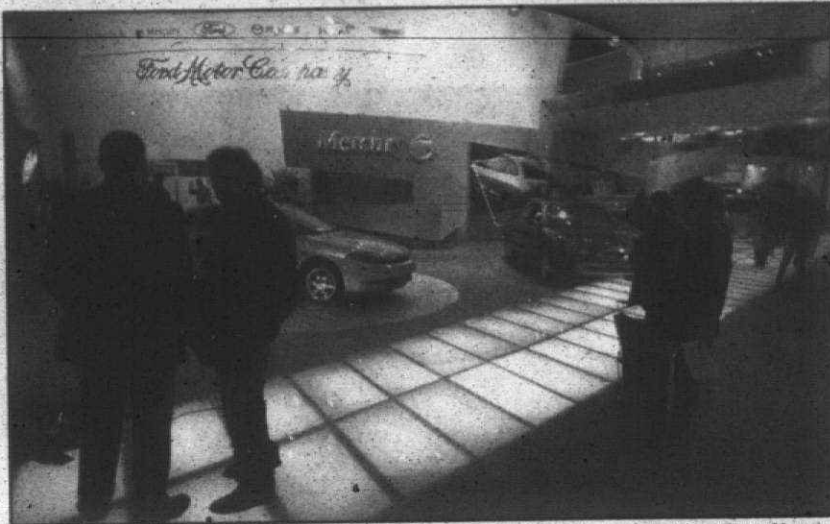
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Regular visitors to the North American International Auto Show will find few surprises if they've come to expect an ambitious, flashy, eye-catching array of cars, trucks, SUVs and "concept" cars that defy categorization.

Like the producers of the old James Bond movies, the officials of the Detroit Automobile Dealers Association try to outdo themselves with every offering.

A bigger idea

The Ford Motor Co. contributed a lot toward that goal this year by commissioning the construction of the biggest-ever exhibit for the nameplates under its aegis: Ford, Mazda, Lincoln, Mercury, Jaguar and Aston Martin.

Livonia-based Exhibit Works is finishing the Ford (et al.) exhibit this week. Exhibit Works owner Dominic Silvio, a Northville resident, watched his employees swarm over the exhibit Monday as they struggled to recover from the setback of a weekend power outage at Cobo Center. Silvio reported that he and David Dekker, vice president of design, plus many other Exhibit Works employees had been up all night working.

Auto show visitors should be careful coming down the steps in the Lincoln exhibit as this reporter almost fell as the hard-to-see steps took him by surprise. Handicapped visitors will have some difficulty around the Ford exhibit and others as well. Many of the automakers' exhibits feature steps, and wheelchair-bound visitors may have difficulty getting as close to everything as others can.

Ready, set, go

The manufacturers seem to be in competition to have the flashiest display and some succeed better than others. But, of course, it's a subjective business. For the most part, the exhibits seek to convey an ultra-modern, futuristic feeling.

Subaru appears to be the only exception. The Japanese automaker has created a bucolic setting complete with real trees and tape-recorded birds and frogs. Lisa ("It's not a stage name") Ferarri of Birmingham is one of Subaru's tour guides at the

show. She likes the outdoor atmosphere of the exhibit. "I feel like I'm in my environment," she said. "I'm a mountain type of girl."

Some of the manufacturers have created extracurricular attractions to keep visitors interested. The Dodge section downstairs features an array of race cars, including one of Richard Petty's old cars, and a figure-eight slot car track.

Volkswagen has a similar, albeit smaller, track and will run three miniature radio-controlled Beetles around it.

Other manufacturers, like Subaru and Volvo, have cafes where visitors can rest a spell and have a cup of coffee. Many have opted to include video presentations in their displays. Cadillac has created a huge, segmented, eccentrically-shaped screen with a sound system to rival a modern movie theater.

Attire will vary

However, manufacturers haven't gotten away from the use of attractive women to greet visitors and explain the products. Their attire tends to match the message each manufacturer seeks to convey. In an appeal to younger buyers, Toyota has dressed models and actresses from Birmingham-based Productions Plus in mini-skirts, go-go boots and tight-fitting tops. Subaru's spokeswomen look like they're up for a hike in the woods, while the young women representing Ford and Kharman are tastefully attired in business suits or a reasonable facsimile thereof.

Local women

The majority of these women have been hired specifically to work the auto show. Livonia resident Lisa Shkreli said she was hired by Ford for two weeks of work as a "narrator/model," as her name tag identifies her. Shkreli's father, Larry, is the owner of Larry's Kitchen of Redford on Eight Mile between Inkster and Beech Daly. Shkreli works there as a waitress when she's not touring the new Fords.

Other local women working the show are Amy Meeker of Beverly Hills and Aaron Frazier of Taylor, both wearing the Toyota mini-skirt.

Kathi Colli of Rochester Hills will pitch products at the Kharman exhibit, where she wears a gray business suit.

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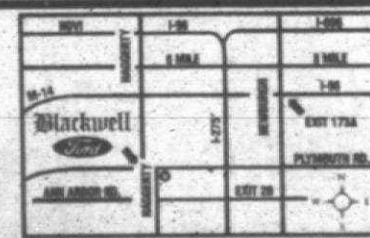
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More than 60 vehicle introductions are planned for this year's North American International Auto Show, including the 2000 Jaguar S-Type, the 2000 Mercedes-Benz S-Class and the 2000 Audi TT at the high end of the spectrum.

At the opposite end, small cars with a more global flavor are being unveiled, including the 2000 Dodge and Plymouth Neon, Ford Focus, Toyota Echo and three new Volkswagens, the Golf, Jetta and Cabrio.

All-American entries include Chevrolet's reborn Impala and Buick's redesigned LeSabre.

As has been the case the past few years, a number of sport utility vehicles will be unveiled for the first time in Detroit, including entries from BMW and Nissan.

Here's a rundown on just a few:

Buick LeSabre

Buick seeks to improve on the popular six-passenger LeSabre sedan for 2000. The best-selling, full-size car for seven straight years, the LeSabre has been restyled inside and out to maintain its classic flavor. The body structure, earlier praised when it was used for the Buick Riviera and Park Avenue, is supposed to provide more responsive handling and a more comfortable ride. The LeSabre continues to be powered by GM's venerable 3.8-liter V6 and contains a long list of safety and convenience features.

BMW X5

BMW hopes to set new standards with a four-wheel drive passenger car it calls a "sport-activity" vehicle. The X5 will be built at BMW's plant in Spartanburg, S.C., which also builds the Z3 roadster.

Chevy Impala

Although Chevy is reviving the Impala name and hopes the car's appeal matches that of its predecessors, this is one new car with an old name that doesn't look much like its older self. Once you get past the round tail lights and chrome center-bar in the grille, there's not much here to bring the old Impala to mind. Under the hood is a 3.4-liter V6 with 180 ponies. An optional 3.8-liter will be developing 200 horses is available.

Audi TT



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Oh mama! The Audi TT is powered by a 180-horsepower, 1.8-liter, turbocharged, five-valve engine coupled with a five-speed manual transmission. A Quattro coupe will go on sale in late summer.

The two-seat Audi TT coupe, first shown as a concept car in 1995, is powered by a 180-horsepower, 1.8-liter, turbocharged, five-valve engine coupled with a five-speed manual transmission. A Quattro coupe will go on sale in late summer.

Ford Focus

The focus is currently available in Europe in three-door, four-door, five-door and station wagon versions with a wide range of multivalve engines. Focus comes with a fully-independent rear suspension system and sports a stiff, lightweight body to improve fuel economy. Its relatively long wheelbase and high roofline provide a spacious interior.

Jaguar S-type

Jaguar's new S-type luxury sports coupe will go on sale this spring as a 2000 model. S-type buyers may choose between two available powertrains: the new 3-liter AJ-V6 (240 horsepower) and the 4-liter AJ-V8 (281 horsepower). Both engines have aluminum cylinder blocks and heads and are paired with a new five-speed automatic transmission.

A double-wishbone suspension supports the rear-wheel drive car. Forged aluminum control arms keep weight low, and a speed-sensitive, variable

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Smooth move: Exhibit Works employee Craig Cheedie laminates the wooden column enclosures for the Mazda section of the Ford exhibit. The exhibit is the biggest ever built for the North American International Auto Show and required the efforts of more than 250 finish carpenters.



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Livonia company creates mammoth Ford exhibit

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Livonia-based Exhibit Works has created a new 101,000-square-foot display for Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Mazda, Jaguar and Aston Martin products that debuts this weekend at the North American International Auto Show.

The exhibit contains 200 tons of structural steel,

eight semi-truck loads of plywood, 3,000 square feet of brushed and stainless steel, 2,800 square feet of rusted metal (for the flooring in the truck section), tiered maple seating for 350 people, 2,000 square feet of mountain green river and gray honed slate, 6,000 square feet of European beech, 6,000 square feet of tinted green glass and 1,170 square feet of glass flooring.

The two-story exhibit features a bridge the size of a football field, a 90-foot diameter theater, an Internet area and two elevators.

It's not only the biggest car exhibit Exhibit Works has ever built but the biggest exhibit ever to be built for the Detroit auto show.

The exhibit is meant to have a lifespan of at least four years, said Dave Dekker, vice president of design. "This exhibit will do four cities a year for at least four years."

Exhibit Works employed more than 200 finish carpenters on the project. "Our carpenters are the cream of the crop," Dekker said. "By all means give them the credit." Part of the exhibit was built at the Cobo Convention Center where the auto show will be held. And part of it was built in the company's headquarters on Merriam Road south of I-96.

Building exhibits is a tricky business because a company only builds one example of each product. "It really is prototype work," Dekker said. "You hardly ever build the same exhibit twice."

Therefore, the need to get it right the first time (or at least the second time) is tremendously important if a company like Exhibit Works expects to stay in business.

The Ford exhibit will consist of computer screens at first, but problems in the construction process inevitably crop up and must be dealt with.

"As of today," Dekker said in the middle of December, "we've got a boatload of stone out in the middle of the Atlantic that's late."

Even the crates that the display will be shipped in are specially designed. "The crates are as much an art and science as the exhibits are," Dekker said. Unlike most crates, Exhibit Works crates are meant to be packed and unpacked many times. They're each designed to hold a particular piece of the display and often cost \$300-\$400 each.

When Exhibit Works has to get an auto show display ready for the North American International Auto Show, unionized carpenters get plenty of overtime, and engineers work 12 hours a day, seven days a week for three months.

"In this business there isn't much of a Christmas holiday," Dekker said. "You just plain work the hours that are necessary over the Christmas holidays to get it done."

Neither Ford or Exhibit Works would say what the exhibit costs, but Dekker said it's only a small part of the automaker's advertising budget. Yet the Ford account is about 30 percent of Exhibit Works' business.

Auto show visitors will likely see the same exhibit at the 2000 Detroit auto show, but not necessarily after that, Dekker said.

"Sometimes (a display) gets to be inappropriate, or obsolete because the marketing changes."

In that case, the automaker hires Exhibit Works to build yet another one.

Show has long history

Celebrating its 11th year as an international event, the North American International Auto Show is owned and operated by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association.

The first DADA-sponsored show, called the Detroit Auto Show, was held at Belle Isle Bridge in 1907. At that first show, there were 17 exhibitors displaying 33 vehicles.

As the years passed, the show became increasingly popular as the demand and interest for automobiles grew.

In 1965, the show moved to its present location at Cobo Center, which offers one of the largest single-floor showrooms in the world.

In 1989 the show was renamed the North American International Auto Show.

The 1999 NAIAS is the 83rd show in Detroit, making it the longest running auto show in the country.



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Encore: Chevrolet will reintroduce the Impala as a 2000 model this year.

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ratio rack-and-pinion steering system delivers nimble cornering and excellent response.

Among the options available is a voice-activated control system, enabling operation of the primary climate control functions, the audio system and the telephone by voice commands.

The S-type is built at Castle Bromwich near Birmingham, England.

Mercedes-Benz S-Class

Rolled out for the first time at the Paris Auto Show, the S-Class makes its U.S. debut at the North American International Auto Show.

The new S-Class, which has shed about 600 pounds by using aluminum and lightweight steel, will arrive at U.S. dealers in the spring as a 2000 model.

The lineup will consist of two V8-powered sedans; the \$430 and \$500. Both are loaded with bells and whistles, including distance-monitoring cruise control and keyless operation. A console with a fiber-optic data connection incorporates navigation, radio, TV, compact disc player and telephone functions on a color screen.

Nissan Xterra

Designed to appeal to young people who can't afford upscale SUVs, the Xterra will be built at Nissan's Smyrna, Tenn., plant.

Saab 9-5 Wagon

After launching two new models last year, the 9-3 and 9-5, Saab introduces a station wagon version of the 9-5 in the U.S. this spring. Saab seeks to offer station wagon owners the same performance-oriented driving characteristics and high levels of safety and comfort as the 9-5 provides but with more room and versatility. The new wagon is powered by either a 3-liter V6, or a 2.3-liter, four-cylinder light pressure turbocharged mill.

Volkswagen Cabrio

The Cabrio, which traces its roots back to the classic Beetle Cabriolet, has new styling for 1999. The car comes in two versions: a value-packaged GL priced under \$20,000 and a better equipped GLS. Both come with a new 2-liter, four-cylinder engine rated at 115 horsepower.

Volkswagen Golf

The fourth-generation Golf has been redesigned inside and out. Exterior and interior dimensions have grown slightly, and the overall structure has been made more rigid. The car is powered by a new 2-liter, four-cylinder engine rated at 115 horsepower, or an optional 1.9-liter, turbo direct injection diesel.

Volkswagen Jetta

The fourth-generation Jetta was expected to go on sale by the end of 1998. Available in three versions - GL, GLS and GLX - the Jetta comes standard with a new 2-liter, four-cylinder engine rated at 115 horsepower. GLX buyers can get an optional 174-horsepower VR6 engine. Later this year, Volkswagen will offer the Jetta with a turbo-diesel engine that gets up to 49 miles per gallon.

Honda VV

Honda is calling the half-gas, half-electric, 70-mpg VV a proto-

type, but plans to put it on sale in the U.S. later this year. The car uses a 1-liter, three-cylinder, gas-powered engine in combination with an electric motor and five-speed manual transmission to achieve the phenomenal fuel economy. Weight-saving measures have kept the car's weight under a ton. Although the VV is small, it will incorporate automatic climate control, anti-lock brakes, electric power steering, dual air bags, radio-cassette stereo system, digital instrument panel and a security system.

Honda S2000 roadster

This lightweight two-seater is powered by a 2-liter, four-cylinder, 240-horsepower mill and incorporates technological advances developed by Honda engineers in 40 years of racing around the world. Features include double wishbone front and rear suspension, a six-speed manual transmission, contoured leather seats, cruise control, air conditioning, a power soft top, anti-lock brakes and a roll bar. The car will be built in Japan and is expected to be on sale here in the fall.

Ford Focus

The trend in small-car design nowadays is to incorporate more luxury features, and the Focus is Ford's contribution. The automaker hopes the Escort's replacement will appeal to single people under 35, young couples and empty nesters.

Already available in Europe, where it won the car of the year award for that continent, the Focus goes on sale here in the fall. Three body styles are available: three-door hatchback, four-door sedan and station wagon.

Focus has a fully-independent rear suspension system and a high roofline to provide more headroom. Powerplant choices are a standard 2-liter four-banger and the more-powerful "Zetec" version of the same engine. Manual and automatic transmissions are available.

Dodge Neon

The new Neon incorporates many standard features not traditionally found on small cars, including a radio-cassette stereo with six speakers ("home sweet-home" even), Big Gulp size cup holders, split rear folding seats, intermittent wipers with mist feature and a rear-window defroster.

Optional equipment includes four-wheel disc, anti-lock brakes, keyless entry, security system, tilt steering, cruise control, power windows and air conditioning. "We're out of the base car business," said Neon planning executive Walt Battle in a press release. "We've made many traditional options standard because the compact customer demands more."

The Neon is built at Daimler-Chrysler's Belvidere, Ill., plant and will go on sale early this year.

Toyota Echo

"Echo is the first in a line of vehicles being developed by Toyota to target the specific, unique demands of young new-car buyers," said Toyota Vice President Don Emond as the new car was rolled out Monday.

Toyota even coined a word to describe these young buyers

Bug, Cherokee win awards

The Volkswagen Beetle and Jeep Grand Cherokee were named winners of the North American Car and Truck of the Year awards, respectively, by the organizing committee Monday at the North American International Auto Show.

The Beetle finished with 292

points over two other finalists, Honda Odyssey and Chrysler 300M. The Cherokee got 300 points, beating out Chevrolet Silverado and a made-in-Japan independent jury of 48 journalists who cover the auto industry.

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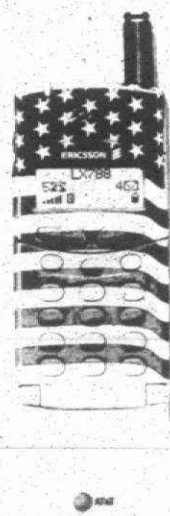
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Concept cars steal the show, as usual

The 1999 North American International Auto Show promises to be another blockbuster year for concept car and truck introductions.

In the last 10 years, more than 200 concept cars and trucks have made their worldwide or North American debut here.

This year Detroit's automakers are all introducing concept vehicles—some as many as six.

This year's offering of more than two dozen concept vehicles range from high-performance, luxury sports cars to environmentally-friendly vehicles that produce high fuel economy and low emissions.

A definite theme of this year's concept vehicle offering is "category busters," vehicles that defy pigeonholing into any of the traditional categories, but rather straddle two or more segments.

The following is not a complete list of the concept cars on display at the auto show, but a representative sample.

Ford Thunderbird

This car, slated for production as a 2001 model, drew more attention from journalists at the auto show Monday than any other Ford product. Unlike the last Thunderbird, this one follows the recent nostalgia trend in that it looks a lot more like the Thunderbird of the 1950s, right down to the porthole windows in back. Like the original, the concept Tbird is a two-seat, rear-drive, V8-powered coupe with a removable hard top. "The unbridled optimism and the confident attitude of the 1950s comes through in an absolutely modern design," said Ford Vice President J. Mays in a press release. Oddly enough, Ford press releases say nothing of the

car's engine other than it's a V8.

Cadillac Evoq

This luxury V8-powered roadster is the first true Cadillac concept car in more than 10 years. The rear-wheel drive, two-seater comes with a three-piece, retractable hardtop. The Evoq (pronounced evoke), "is envisioned as a flagship model that defines the soul of Cadillac," as the press release has it. "The name is derived from the fact that the car is intended to evoke the power, emotion and innovation that has long been a Cadillac signature through time."

Mitsubishi Mad Max

The Mad Max is intended to be a category buster, combining the attributes of the Japanese company's 3000GT VR-4 grand touring sports car and Dakar Rally-winning Montero luxury sport utility vehicle. Built at Mitsubishi's design center in Cypress, Calif., the four-door, four-wheel drive vehicle has flexible seating, a twin-turbo, 300-horse V6 mill and a console-mounted computer that incorporates the audio system and climate control.

Nissan Z

Nissan plays on nostalgia with the unveiling of a concept version of its famous Z sports car. As Nissan focuses on a sporty image and performance across its product line, the Z car, which resembles the original 240Z and is being considered for production, would serve as the flagship for the charge.

Jaguar XK180

Jaguar brings this car to the U.S. for the first time. The XK180 is Jaguar's new vision of a classic roadster. Inspired by



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Car star: The Ford Thunderbird concept car, scheduled for production as a 2001 model, seems to attract more attention than any other Ford offering this year.

the Jag roadsters of the '50s and '60s, the XK180 was created to showcase the skills and talents of Jag stylists, craftsmen and engineers and is not intended for production. The car is based on a shortened version of the supercharged XKR convertible, introduced in 1988. The AJ-V8 mill is modified to produce 450 ponies. The brakes, wheels and suspension are upgraded to match engine performance. The speedometer goes up to 200 mph.

Buick Cielo

The Cielo is a four-door convertible with a segmented, retractable hardtop, roof rails and many voice-activated systems. Controls and gauges are hidden from view until needed. Rear doors are hinged at the back and open from front to back. (What they used to call "suicide doors.")

Pontiac Aztec

The Aztec is a crossover con-

cept that combines the attributes of a midsize sedan, a van and an SUV to accommodate the lifestyle of young people. The yellow Aztec at the auto show is displayed with a matching yellow personal watercraft on a trailer behind.

Chevrolet Nomad

The Nomad is another crossover vehicle, combining the performance and handling of a sports sedan with the access and flexibility of a sports utility vehicle. Its looks are futuristic yet reminiscent of the old Nomad, a Chevy station wagon from the 1950s based on that era's Corvette. The new Nomad is equipped with a small-block V8, independent rear suspension, shift-by-wire transmission, retractable roof and an extended load floor.

Chrysler Citadel

The Citadel is similar to the Chevy Nomad in that it's intended to combine the driveability of a sports sedan with the cargo room of a minivan. Unlike the Nomad, however, the Citadel draws power from two sources. A 3.5-liter V6 gas engine propels the rear wheels. An electric motor drives the front wheels.

The car has dual power sliding rear doors (like a van) and a retracting cargo door that slides under the floor.

Jeep Commander

This concept SUV closely resembles the familiar Jeep Cherokee but features electric power to complement the usual four-wheel drive. It carries an on-board chemical factory that theoretically could produce hydrogen from methanol for the fuel cells, which generate electricity for the vehicle's power. The technology is unlikely to see production until 2010, according to DaimlerChrysler officials.

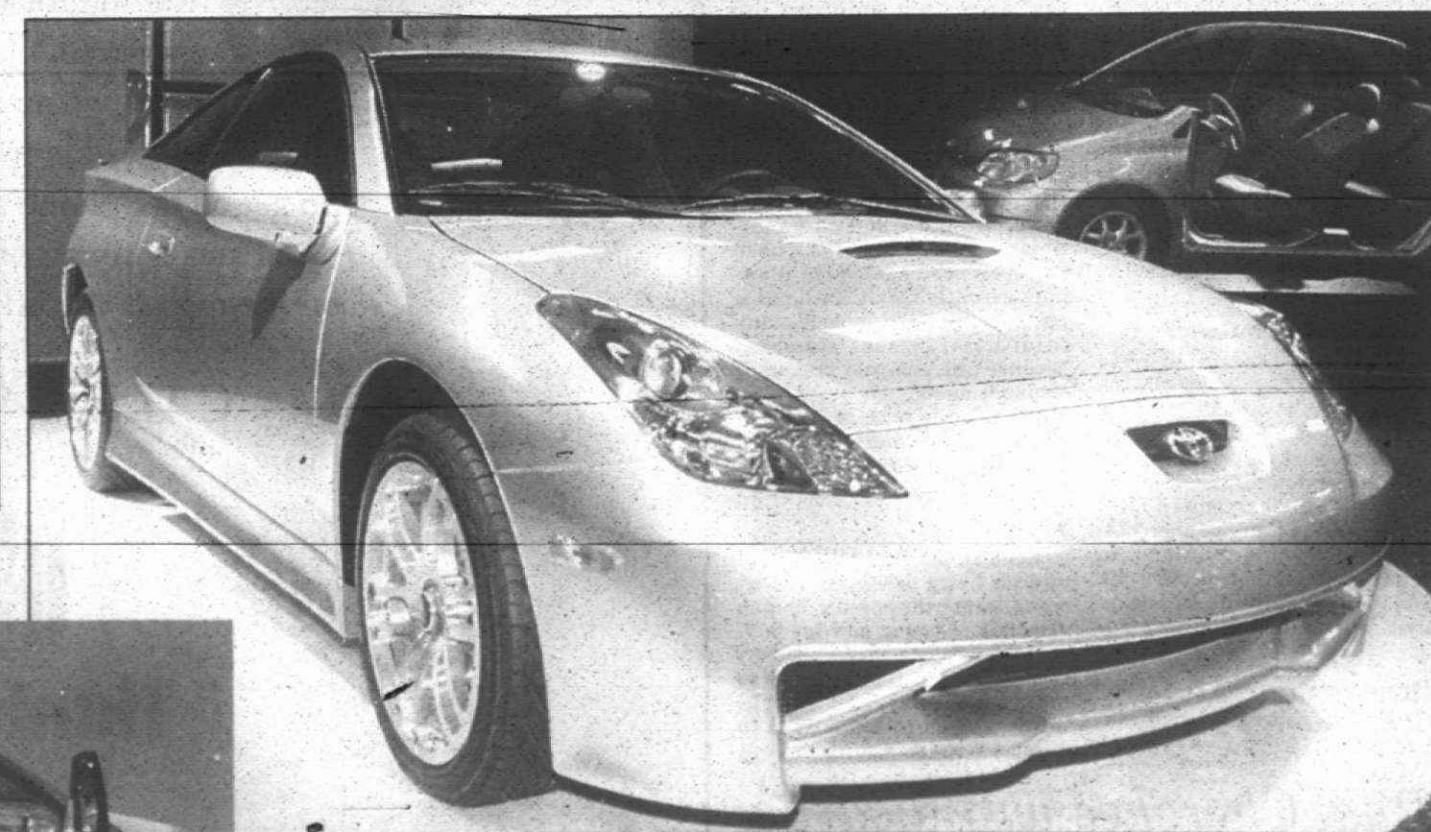
Oldsmobile Recon

The Recon is a compact SUV that looks like nothing you've ever seen, unless it's the Ford P2000, which is quite similar (in appearance at least). The Recon features a two-panel, power sunroof that extends over front and rear-seat passengers, interactive cluster control, Internet access and a reconfigurable interior.

Ford P2000

This one resembles the Olds Recon on the outside, with remarkably similar styling, and

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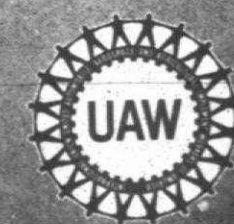
Vast array: Expect to see dozens of concept cars at the North American International Auto Show as manufacturers showcase the visible evidence of what they're considering for production in the future. Shown here, clockwise from top left, are the Chevrolet Nomad, a sporty station wagon, Cadillac Evoq, a two-seat roadster, Toyota XYR, an outright sports car, Pontiac Aztec, a miniature SUV, and Dodge Power Wagon, a pickup truck meant to pick up where a similarly names truck left off in the 1940s.

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the Jeep Commander on the inside, where it also features an experimental methanol-to-hydrogen-to-electricity powerplant.

Chrysler PT Cruiser

This concept car is different from the others in that it's intended to go into production in time to be introduced as a 2001 model in early 2000. The front-drive Cruiser will be built in Mexico and feature a new 2.4-liter engine with a choice of automatic or manual transmission. To look at the PT Cruiser you'd probably say it's a cross between a 1950s hardtop hot rod and one of today's SUVs. DaimlerChrysler calls it "a segment breaker too cool to categorize."

Dodge Charger

The Charger, expected to go into production for the 2004 model year, looks a lot like the old Charger, right down to the gas cap on top of the right-rear fender. It's powered by a 4.7-liter supercharged V8 but has extremely low emissions because it runs on compressed natural gas. Though the original Charger was a two-door coupe, this one is a four-door sedan, albeit with performance bucket seats front and rear.

Dodge Power Wagon

This futuristic-looking pick-up truck is meant to recall the workhorse Dodge truck introduced in 1946. It's equipped with a 7.2-liter six-cylinder, turbocharged diesel. Standing taller than the original Power Wagon, the concept's 35-inch tires place its overall height at 77 inches, three inches taller than today's Dodge Ram.

Pick-ups have come a long way in luxurious accommodations in the last several years; so much so that a press release refers to the original Power Wagon's interior as "crude." The new version features "Cognac leather" as the primary interior color and "blonde European ash" wood lining the bed.

Toyota XYR sports coupe

This lightweight (2,500 pounds), high-performance (180 horsepower), front-wheel-drive vehicle is powered by a new aluminum alloy 1.8-liter, twin-cam engine, co-developed with Yamaha, featuring continuously-variable valve timing and continuously-adjustable valve lift, depending on rpm. The vehicle follows Toyota's renewed emphasis on appeal to younger auto buyers. Toyota Vice President Don Esmond stressed the automaker's goal to "re-establish our connection with the young new car buyer" at the company's press conference Monday.

Bugatti EB 118

In creating the EB 118, Italdesign, headed by Giorgetto Giugiaro, harkened back to the classic Bugatti touring cars. Therefore, like many concept vehicles this year, the EB 118 looks like something old and something new at the same time. The biggest topic of conversation surrounding the EB 118 will probably be the 6.3-liter, 18-cylinder, 550-horse engine, the first of its kind in automotive history. Three banks of six cylinders are coupled into a W shape. Four-wheel drive assures good traction when you put the hammer down.

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The trend in pickup trucks continues to move away from pure utility and toward luxury as buyers clearly prefer the latter as much as, if not more than, the former.

Just check out the new full-size truck offerings from Dodge, Ford, Nissan and Toyota. All feature short beds and large cabs seating four or more people. Indeed, Ford President Jim O'Connor told reporters Monday that 70 percent of full-size truck buyers are looking for "super-cabs" with front and back seats.

Ford

With that in mind, Ford is bringing out two similar vehicles: The 2001 F150 truck with a large cab and 5.5-foot bed and the 2001 Explorer Sport Track, which is nearly identical to the F150. Both are expected to be in the showrooms in early 2000. Asked what the difference is between the two vehicles, an industry analyst who requested anonymity, pointed to the Explorer and said, "Big Bucks," pointed to the F150 and said,

"Huge Bucks."

Not to be outdone, Dodge and Toyota introduced supercab pickups this year, too.

Dodge

The Dodge Dakota Quad Cab is the same length as its predecessor, the Dakota Club Cab truck, but features full-size rear doors, roll-down windows and a roomy back seat. The cargo box was shortened to reflect Dodge research indicating that 98 percent of truck buyers choose the short-bed option anyway.

Dodge calls the new Dakota a "compact pickup," but there's nothing compact about the 3.9-liter V6 and 4.7-liter V8 engine options.

Expect to see the new Dakota in dealerships late this year.

Toyota

Toyota will beat Ford and Dodge to the punch by shipping its full-size truck, the Tundra, to dealers in May. The new "Access Cab" features large double doors and "one of the most expansive entry areas in the segment," or so says the press release. And it's the only four-door pickup to feature an exterior handle on each

door.

Amenities include cup holders, a hidden storage compartment, dual contoured captain's chairs, cassette or CD storage space and an eight-way power seat adjustment for the driver.

Tundra locomotion comes from a 4.7-liter V8, or a 3.4-liter V6. It will be built exclusively at a new factory in Princeton, Ind.

Nissan

Nissan's Frontier Crew Cab truck is billed as "the first compact truck with four full-size forward-hinged doors offered for sale in the United States." Like the Tundra, this Nissan specimen goes on sale in May.

Nissan press releases tout the Crew Cab's passenger carrying ability — two in front, three in back — and freely admit that the bed is 18 inches shorter than the standard Frontier truck. The double-wall bed features inner bed rope hooks, single-handle rear gate operation and a removable tail gate but is 9 percent smaller in volume than competing extended-cab trucks.

The standard engine is a 3.9-liter V6. No optional engine is listed in the company's press kit.

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VIRGINIA BAILEY PARKER

Good manners ... GW style

Natalie and Phil still laugh about their standard lesson in table manners when they were small children. We used to correct them by saying, "Would you eat like that at a state dinner at the White House?"

Of course, rules of civility have changed since 1801 when John Adams took up residence as the first president to live in the White House. Good behavior was a complicated and formal matter. It was so important that Adams' predecessor, George Washington, had taken the time in his early life to record his version of decent manners.

A lot had to do with how to position yourself and others, according to social rank, whether sitting at the dining table or walking in public — their aristocratic mindset was well-ingrained. Those aside, here are a few other intriguing rules — paraphrased — that you would need to know to get along in Washington's day.

- Don't spit in the fire.
- Don't warm your feet at the fire, especially if there's meat there.
- Don't clean your teeth with the tablecloth napkin.
- Don't make loud noises when breathing.
- Don't gnaw your nails.
- Don't talk while you're yawning.
- Don't blow your nose at the table unless you have to.
- Don't eat off the blade of your knife.
- Don't comment on someone's blemishes.
- Don't dip into the salt dish with a greasy knife.
- Be discreet about picking lice off yourself or others. Thank them for doing you the favor.
- Don't get close enough to people that you spray in their face while talking. (I think that means, "Give them their personal space.")

Tough rules for today

Several of Washington's standards might prove difficult for us to adjust to:

- Don't joke with people who are sick; it will only make them feel worse. (They hadn't yet discovered that laughter is the best medicine.)
- Don't hum or sing to yourself in public. (My husband, Don, would be in trouble.)
- Don't wear dirty or torn clothes. Don't roll your eyes. Don't go out of the bedroom half-dressed. (Teenagers would never survive.)
- Don't fuss with your appearance after leaving the house. (That etiquette was still in place in the 1950s; reapplying lipstick at the table in a restaurant was a definite no-no.)
- Don't laugh at your own jokes. (I'd be in trouble.)
- Don't mock anything serious or make biting jokes. (Letterman and Leno would be in trouble.)
- Don't believe disparaging stories about others. (The tabloids and their faithful following would be in trouble.)
- Don't read in front of others without asking their leave to do so. (This was the 18th- and 19th-century version of channel surfing. Males dominated that arena, too, it seems.)

Rules Washington's mom must have written

There are bits of universal, maternal wisdom that apply to all generations. The following advice must have come from Washington's mother:

- Don't stuff your mouth with food or talk with your mouth full.
- Don't put on airs or act superior with people who don't have the same advantages as you.
- Don't hand out free medical advice when you're not an expert.
- Don't pretend to be an expert on a subject when talking with someone who is an expert. The corollary is: Don't embarrass people by engaging them in conversations about which you know they are knowledgeable.
- Keep good company since bad company will reflect on your own reputation.
- Be gentle in your corrections of o

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Listen here: Pete Knoop portrays a modern-day version of Ezekiel the Prophet in a skit during a recent meeting of the Novi-Northville Young Life chapter. More than 100 teens crowded into the family room and kitchen of Pam Karaisz' parents home in Novi for the Christian fellowship get-together.

Young Life attracts youths

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As a teenager growing up in Bloomfield Hills, Julie O'Brien couldn't relate to the Scriptures and lessons she heard in church.

"Basically, I didn't see the applicability of anything in the church, nothing spiritually toward me, my life or people my age," O'Brien explained.

The youth group at Kensington Community Church in Troy offered insight into religion.

"They took the time to spend time with me so I could look at my life and see how the message of Jesus Christ can be relevant to

me," said O'Brien, a 1994 graduate of Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills.

Now, at age 23, O'Brien is taking her feelings as a teenager and using them to help renew teenagers' faith in God. She is starting a Young Life branch in the Plymouth and Canton areas.

Young Life is a nationwide, nondenominational Christian organization committed to reaching the adolescent youth of the community with the message of Jesus Christ.

She is hoping to formally begin a group with students at Plymouth Salem and Canton high schools in the spring. Soon,

O'Brien explained, groups should pop up in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Walled Lake and Farmington and Farmington Hills.

For now, kids who are interested in Young Life in those cities meet with others in neighboring groups in, for example, Novi and Northville.

"The primary goal of Young Life is to connect with kids in a way that's relevant to them and introduce them and walk with them as they learn about Christ and learn about God," said O'Brien, the assistant coach of Plymouth Canton High School's cross country team. "The thing that makes it unique is it ends up being a school thing. It's targeted toward public schools."

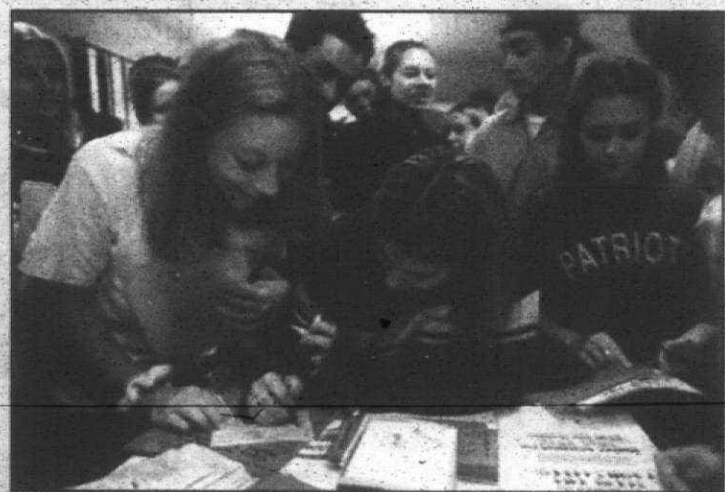
"The way it becomes a school thing is kids are able to experience it with all sorts of their friends who go to church, who don't go to church, kids that are in their biology class, everyone."

O'Brien, the director of Young Life in Plymouth and Canton, has met interested students through networking, other Young Life leaders, spending time at high schools and going to the schools' sporting events.

She encourages kids to visit the club, a weekly meeting held at members' homes. The kids get together and talk, play games and share in a short message at the end of the meeting.

"It has a big 'everyone's invited' party time kind of atmosphere,"

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Signing up: Christa Knoll and Lauren Bowdell add their names to the list for future meetings following a meeting of the Novi-Northville Young Life chapter.



Reaches out to teenagers

Young Life is a nationwide, nondenominational Christian organization committed to reaching the adolescent youth of the community with the message of Jesus Christ.

The organization will be reaching out into Plymouth, Canton, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Walled Lake, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills.

Young Life's activities include weekly club meetings and visits to Young Life Camp.

Julie O'Brien works out of Young Life's Farmington Hills office. For more information about the group, write to the group at P.O. Box 269, Plymouth 48170-0269, or visit the office at 37630 Interchange Drive, Farmington Hills. She can also be reached by calling (248) 477-5001.

'Community' helps First Step deliver services

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When the members of St. Aidan's Church in Livonia provided food baskets and toys at Thanksgiving and Christmas for a 10th straight year, First Step was thankful.

When members of Phi Theta Kappa at Schoolcraft College delivered 33 food baskets packed to the brim with everything a family could need for their holiday dinner and more, First Step was thankful.

When a 10-year-old Girl Scout made 30 Christmas stockings and cataloged by age and gender the contents, collected by fellow Girl Scouts, again First Step was thankful.

For more than 20 years, the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence has been relying on "the community" and grants to support its many programs.

"We have a lot of ongoing support from the community — large workplace agencies like Ford, churches and individuals too numerous to mention," said Judith Barr, associate director of the

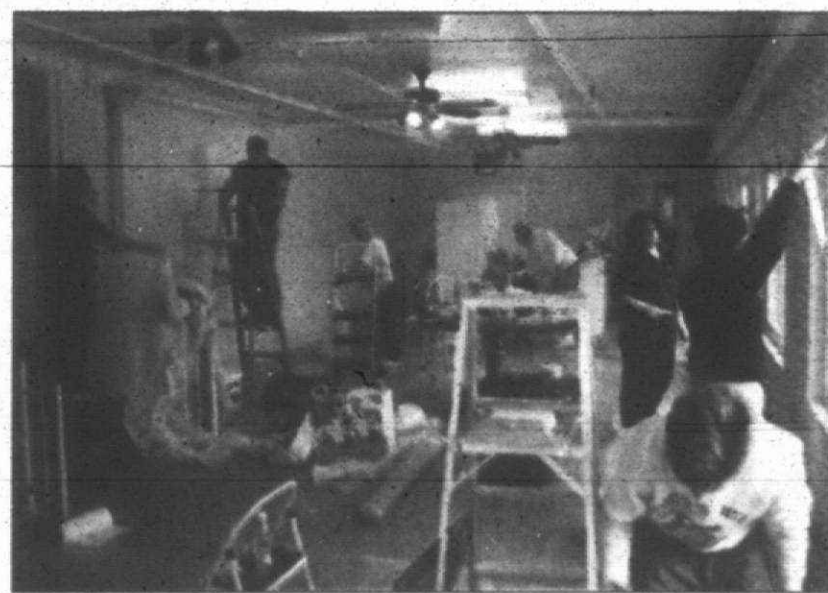
First Step Shelter, which provides a safe place for 43 women and children forced to leave their homes because of domestic violence. "The community is very generous. There's a lot of tears around here this time of the year. It's an amazing time to work at an agency like First Step."

Donations are especially important at the shelter. A former nursing home, the facility has its fair share of maintenance and repairs, so it was a blessing when members of Suburban West Business and Professional Women's Club came in and remodeled its 40-by-14-foot dining room.

For the third consecutive year, members and family members and friends went to the shelter for the one-day workathon. In the previous years, club members made over two bedrooms at the shelter.

"We went to see them and asked what room needed the most help and they said this room; everybody uses it," said Karen Wilmering, who organized the project. "People think it's a wonderful thing we're doing and everyone in

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Hard at work: Helping make over the dining room of the shelter were Marie Lamberg (from left), Bob St. Clair, Sandy Arrow-smith, Karen Wilmering, Chelsea Lamberg, Dan Lofgren, Denise Allen, Sherri Rogin and Judy Lofgren.

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The group likes it because they feel they're doing something other than giving money."

Colorful scheme

Drawing on her talents as interior designer/owner of About Interiors in Livonia, Wilmering came up with the color scheme for the room, based on a light blue, yellow, mint green and white checkered wallpaper border.

The four walls were painted in each of the different colors, and a cabinet near the kitchen was painted white with its inlaid panels on the doors and sides done in yellow, blue and green.

Wilmering relied on the talents of John Anderson Paint to custom mix the paint to the match the border, and found bed sheets that were banded in yellow and green and transformed into window curtains, tiebacks and valances by member Mah-noush St. Clair.

"Mah-noush made three-quarters of the curtains white and was there," Wilmering said. "She brought her equipment with her and did a wonderful job. They fitted like a glove."

To maintain privacy and with durability in mind, McDonald Wholesale in Detroit, working on a tight schedule, custom made the six roller window shades and delivered them the night before the scheduled makeover.

The installation of the shades and window treatments was handled by veteran volunteer Cliff Lamberg who "has every tool known to man and the know-how to do what you ask," Wilmering said. "Nothing he puts back isn't better than before. The shades were put up for life and the window treatments were put in to stay because we knew the children would play with them."

In all, the club members kicked in \$600 for the dining room project and spent close to 12 hours working at the shelter.

Manning the paint rollers, wallpaper stamers and sprays were Lamberg, his wife, Marie, daughter Chelsea and son Connor. St. Clair, her husband Bob and daughter Rona, Wilmering, her husband Richard and daughter Courtney, Judy and Dan Loggren, Denise Allen, Sheri Rogin, Sandy Arrowsmith,

Kelly Procalio and Vicki Elster.

Welcome sight

Such work at the shelter doesn't go unnoticed by the women and children who stay there or First Step itself. The residents were excited the group was coming by and First Step Executive Director Judy Ellis, in a letter to the club, pointed out that Suburban West's "contribution increases our ability to reach out to those in need and meet the growing demands for services."

"Community support helps us move one step closer to ending domestic violence and sexual assault in our community," she said.

But the agency's needs don't end there. There's a need for things like painting and building repairs, lawn maintenance, rubbish and snow removal, even nonperishable food.

At one time, a company provided rubbish-removal, but it stopped when it moved out of Wayne County. First Step no longer receives funding for food purchases.

"We want the community how much we appreciate what they

do for us and gently remind them that it's an ongoing need all year long," Barr said.

Volunteerism — "people power" — also helps First Step meet the growing demand for services. More than 300 active volunteers do everything from clerical work and providing transportation to counseling clients and working on the 24-hour response team for sexual assault victims.

"The whole area of people power is huge for First Step," said Barr. "It's impossible to put a dollar amount on the donations and volunteerism, but the clients, especially the shelter clients, are overwhelmed by the giving and the feelings behind it."

With ending domestic violence one of its projects, helping redecorate the shelter is a natural for Suburban West. And yes, the members will be back again this year to do more.

"Our members are very dedicated to this," said Wilmering. "Domestic violence is one of the things this group is working to overturn."

'In the midst of turmoil, kids need unconditional love and they can find that in this organization because of the caring adults in Young Life and how they reach out to kids.'

Kathy McGlone
—Canton

tionships with them. As they build those relationships they communicate how Jesus can make a difference in their lives. Young Life is nothing new to the United States. It was started 60 years ago by Jim Rayburn, who is quoted in Young Life literature as saying "Christ is the strongest, grandest, most attractive personality ever to grace the earth. It is a crime to bore anyone with the gospel."

O'Brien said there are several active Young Life branches in the western part of Michigan and in Washtenaw County. She should know. O'Brien got her start as a University of Michigan student volunteering with the Pioneer High School Young Life group in Ann Arbor. She earned a degree in psychology and economics from U-M in 1998.

In June 1998, she was hired to gather a team of volunteer leaders and to facilitate the direct ministry with the kids at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem High Schools.

Getting started

To get the ball rolling, a group of teenagers from the area attended Young Life's summer camp, Castaway Club, in northern Minnesota, in the summers of 1997 and 1998.

"There's been like nine or 10 boys from Plymouth that have gone to camp," Kathy McGlone explained. "They said it's fun to tell about all they learned when they were at camp. They had just a blast. On the other hand, they really learned what a difference Christ can make in their teen lives."

O'Brien's goal is to begin weekly club meetings by the end of the 1998-99 school year. She sees several benefits to joining Young Life.

"First of all, it's not like a club where you have mandatory participation," she said. "It's not like a club where you pay dues. It's very informal. The benefits are kids have a ton of fun. That's any kind of kids — the athletic ones, the super academic ones, the arty ones, the popular ones. They all have a great, great time."

"Also, kids get to learn about what I think is a vastly important part of life. They get to do that in a nonthreatening way and in a way that's relative and applicable to their life. They get to do that with their friends. That's a huge plus."

And it's a two-way street and a plus for the leaders, like O'Brien.

"They (the kids) get to develop a mentor relationship with someone who's older than them and not out-of-touch older than them; that's really neat to see," she said. "Those leaders walk with those kids for four years of their high school life and beyond."

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Carlson-Kluthe

Brian James Carlson and Catherine Marie Kluthe were married Oct. 31 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lexington, Ky. The Rev. Dan Noll officiated.

The bride is the daughter of William and Mary Kay Kluthe of Edgewood, Ky. The groom is the son of Michelle Carlson of Livonia and the late Gerald Carlson.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Centre College in Danville, Ky. She is a molecular biologist with Transduction Laboratories.

The groom is a 1986 graduate of Catholic Central High School and Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He is a controller at Book Wholesalers in Lexington.

The bride asked Kara Daniel to serve as maid of honor, with Sara Platt, Beth Kluthe, Joanna Kluthe, Karen Kluthe and Tessa Kluthe as bridesmaids.

The couple received guests at a costume party at the Bell House before leaving on a tour of the northern states. They are making their home in Lexington.

Brazin-Kuchar

Gary and Susan Stinner of Howell and James and Susan Brazin of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Ann Brazin, to Vincent James Kuchar, the son of William and Rita Kuchar of New Lopham and Jim and Sally Sewekis of Ft. Pierce, Fla.

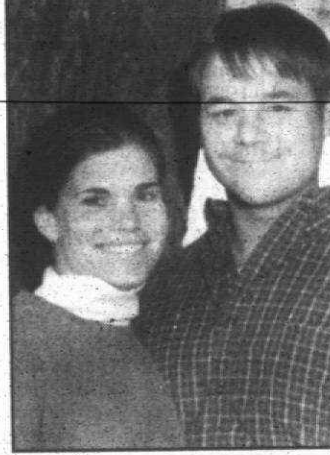
The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. She expects to graduate from Michigan State University in May with a master's degree in clinical social work.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of New Lopham High School and a 1994 graduate of Ferris State University. He is employed at Heller Appraisal Service in



The groom asked Steve LeChance to serve as best man, with Mike Moylan, Dave Carlson and Don Carlson as groomsmen and Tom Kluthe as usher.

The couple received guests at a costume party at the Bell House before leaving on a tour of the northern states. They are making their home in Lexington.



Farmington and as a cash crop farmer in Chesaning. An August wedding in Flushing is being planned.

Artuso-Cowden

Robert and Sheena Kliza of Livonia and Maria Artuso of Pinckney announce the engagement of their daughter, April Anne Artuso, to Dr. Daniel Joseph Cowden, the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Cowden of Columbia, Mo., formerly of Bloomfield Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 1994 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in audiology and speech and a 1996 graduate of Wayne State University with a master of arts degree in speech pathology. She is employed by the Detroit Medical Center at Grace Hospital as a speech-language pathologist.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Brother Rice High School, a 1993 graduate of Michigan State University's College of Business with a bachelor of arts degree in economics and a 1998 graduate of Wayne State University



School of Medicine with a doctor of medicine degree. He is employed by the University of Missouri Hospitals as a surgical resident.

A January wedding is planned at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church in Bloomfield Hills.

WRC offers divorce support group

People contemplating, in the process or having difficulty adjusting to divorce are invited to join the divorce support group, sponsored by Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center.

The group meets 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, January through April, in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on the college's Livonia campus, Hagerty north of Six Mile.

There is no fee to attend and registration isn't required. For

more information, call the resource center at (734) 462-4443.

On Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 9 and April 13, there will be group discussions facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

On Jan. 26, attorney Sandra Larson will discuss the legal aspects of divorce, while Jacqueline Gold, a certified divorce planner and financial consultant, will discuss money matters and the financial aspects of

divorce in "The Dollars and Sense of Divorce" on Feb. 23.

Attorney Theodore Johnson will provide an overview of the process of filing for divorce and what to expect on March 23, and Ellen Slutszky, a clinical psychologist, will focus her April 27 presentation on helping divorcing individuals to develop more self-confidence as they face the challenges of a new life.

People also can take advantage of "Ask an Attorney," a free

walk-in program offered 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at the Women's Resource Center. The program is being offered through May.

An attorney from the firm of Woll & Woll will be available to answer questions about divorce and family law. Clients will be served on a first come, first served basis. Sign-in will start at 4:30 p.m.

Workshop helps kids in dealing with grief

An eight-week workshop for children dealing with the loss of a loved one and for the adults who care for them is being offered by Angela Hospice's "My Nest Is Best" pediatric program.

"Growing Through Grief" will be offered 6-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 21 through March 11, at Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia.

The workshop will provide

children ages 5-18 with creative and supportive activities to help them explore their thoughts and feelings about their losses. It also will help them learn about grief.

It will give parents the opportunity to discuss the challenges of helping a child through the grieving process, often while dealing with their own grief.

According to Leslie Feret, a

pediatric social worker for "My Nest Is Best," some workshop participants at first are hesitant about attending, but can hardly wait to return after being part of the group discussion.

"Peer support allows children to realize, to their relief, that their fears and feelings are normal and that other children are sharing their same experiences," Feret said.

The classes will be guided by a specialized pediatric team, including a psychologist, social worker and nurse.

The workshop is open to the public. Confidential free will contributions will be accepted. For more information or to register, call Angela Hospice at (734) 464-7810.

ANNIVERSARIES

Miller

Frank and Wathena Miller of Dexter, formerly of Plymouth, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a surprise family gathering and garden party, given by their eight children.

The couple married Aug. 1, 1938, in Armada. She is the former Wathena May Burk.

The couple has eight children — Wathena Jane Ferris and husband Walt of Livonia, Dawnery Menary and husband Earl (Skip) of Potter, Wis., Suzanne Thaxton and husband Hobart (Butch) of Canton, Nancy Comstock and husband Robert of Whitewater, Wis., Douglas and wife Janet of North Bend, Wash., Virginia

Cruzen of Princeton, Ky., Kathy Bourget and husband Paul of Dexter and Deborah Hults and husband Tim of Addison. They also have 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He retired 17 years ago after



working for Tishken Products for 29 years. She retired 15 years ago from Sears where she worked for 19 years.

Their hobbies and interests include gardening and traveling to visit their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Kaledas

Leonard and Helen Kaledas of Garden City celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at a lunch with family and friends at daughter Carol's home.

The couple married Nov. 24, 1938, at Shenandoah, Pa. She is the former Helen Ziegistowsky.

The couple has seven children — Connie, Leonard, Carol, Donna, Bill, Ronald and Richard. They also have 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A World War II veteran, he was employed by the Ford Motor Co. for 42 years before retiring 17 years ago. She is a homemaker.

They are former members of the Moose and American Legion. Their interests include working out three times a week at Fitness USA.



Read Taste on Sunday

Careful aim: Marie Lamberg holds a plastic sheet as a shield while her husband, Cliff, applies white spray paint on a railing to stairs leading into the dining room.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL TO DEVELOP PROPERTY AS SITE CONDOMINIUMS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from David and Shirley Cantors For Approval To Develop Property as Site Condominiums, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83, as amended. The subject is located South side of Powell Road, west of Beck Road and east of Woodward Hills Subdivisions. Application No. 1554/1098.

Public Hearing is required by Ordinance No. 83 and/or Subdivision Ordinance No. 32, of the Charter Township of Plymouth. (Application No. 1554/1098) Tax I.D. No. 049-99-0035-000.

Questions regarding the application may be directed to the Community Development Department, Department of Public Services Building, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the application at its regular meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 1999, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. 734-453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address of Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

MARCIA SAYLES, Secretary Planning Commission

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Public Hearing: January 7, 1999

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR USE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from Johnson Stamping, Inc., to grant a Use Subject to Special Conditions to allow outdoor storage, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The subject property is located at 9120 General Drive. The property is located on the East side of General Drive between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Road. Application No. 1557. Tax I.D. No. 062-01-0018-002.

The Planning Commission seeks input to determine if approval of the Use Subject to Special Conditions should be issued under Section 15.2 of Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The land is currently zoned IUD, Industrial District.

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR USE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from William J. Pulis/Adam Cardinal Maide, to grant the Use Subject to Special Conditions to allow a Conference Center—pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The subject property is located at 44011 Five Mile Road. The property is located south of Five Mile Road and east of Sheldon Road. Application No. 1553. Tax I.D. Nos. 013-01-0001-000, 013-99-0001-001, 013-99-0075-001.

The Planning Commission seeks input to determine if approval of the Use Subject to Special Conditions should be issued under Section 6.2 of Zoning Ordinance No. 83, as amended. The land is currently zoned R-1-E, Single Family Residential District.

Questions regarding the request may be directed to the Community Development Department during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the request at its regular meeting on January 20, 1999, commencing at 7:00 p.m. Written comments concerning the request will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 734-453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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"There's been like nine or 10 boys from Plymouth that have gone to camp," Kathy McGlone explained. "They said it's fun to tell about all they learned when they were at camp. They had just a blast. On the other hand, they really learned what a difference Christ can make in their teen lives."

O'Brien's goal is to begin weekly club meetings by the end of the 1998-99 school year. She sees several benefits to joining Young Life.

"First of all, it's not like a club where you have mandatory participation," she said. "It's not like a club where you pay dues. It's very informal. The benefits are kids have a ton of fun. That's any kind of kids — the athletic ones, the super academic ones, the arty ones, the popular ones. They all have a great, great time."

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SINGLES' EVENTS
■ Single Place holds a walk in the park 10 a.m. every Saturday at Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.
■ Single Place holds the following social events every Sunday: worship 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary; brunch 12:30 p.m. at Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, Northville; coffee and cards 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center, Northville.
■ Suburban Singles holds a single mingle dance 8 p.m. every Wednesday in the Bonnie Brook Country Club located on Telegraph Road, south of Eight Mile, Redford. Proper attire, no jeans. Ages 21 and up. Admission is \$4, \$3 before 8:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 842-0443.
■ Suburban Singles holds an after-dinner dance 7-11 p.m. every Sunday in the Bonnie Brook Country Club, south of Eight Mile, Redford. Proper attire, no jeans. Ages 21 and up. Admission is \$4, \$3 before 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 842-7452.

VARIETY SHOW
■ The Plymouth Canton Chiffettes will hold a variety show at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased from any Chiffette or at the door. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students.

AROUND TOWN

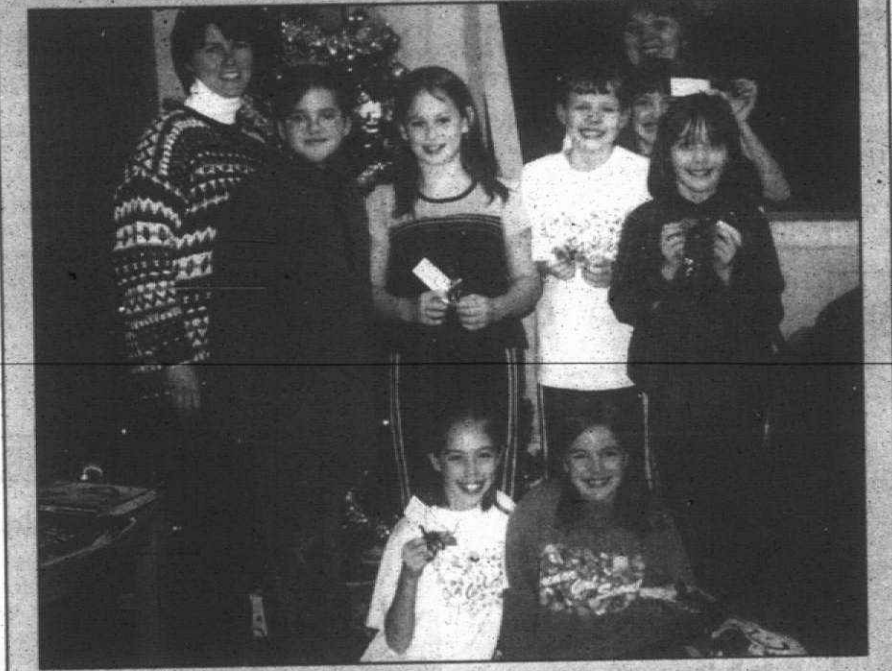
CRAFTERS NEEDED
■ Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 14th annual Spring Arts & Crafts Show, to be held 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, in the Activities Center on campus in Livonia. The show will feature a variety of handmade arts and crafts, including pottery, jewelry, paintings, textiles and woodworking. Booth space is available for \$50. Booths with electricity are limited and are an additional \$5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. Crafters will receive a \$5 discount if their form is received before Feb. 1. For an application or information, call (734) 452-6620.

TRAIN & TOY SHOW
■ The Plymouth "Model Railroad & Toy Train Show," with operating train display, returns 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, and the collectible toy show Sunday, Jan. 17, in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, during the ice show. Cost is \$4 for adults, and \$1 for kids 4-12 years old. For more information, call (734) 455-2110.

DANCING CUCKOOS
■ The "Dancing Cuckoos," will hold the next meeting 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, in Mamma Mia's restaurant, 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Dinner will be available at 6 p.m. (at your own expense), and the meeting for business and movies will begin at 8 p.m. For more information, call (734) 951-2795.

FIGURE SKATING
■ Skating classes for children ages 4 years old through adult, including figure skating and hockey skills, are offered in Computare Sports Arena, 14900 Beck, Plymouth Township. Lessons will begin on Jan. 14 and Jan. 16. No experience necessary. For more information, call Carrie Brown (director) at (734) 459-6686, Ext. 1.

Girl Scouts make holidays brighter



Hospital visit: Junior Girl Scout Troop 827 from Gallimore Elementary School in Canton visited the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor recently. They delivered handmade Christmas ornaments to men and women in the nursing unit. Seated (left to right): Emily Kelly, Joslyn DeViney. Standing (first row, left to right): Vicki DeViney (co-leader), Joanna McLean, Sarah Johnson, Julie Miller, Maggie Kelly. Standing (in back): Stephanie Romano, Nancy Kelly (leader).

PLYMOUTH YMCA
■ The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is offering classes for preschool-age children through adult. Classes include: Active Older Adults (ages 55 and up) Water Exercise, Youth and Girls' Basketball Instructional League, Youth Instructional Floor Hockey League, Youth Instructional Indoor Soccer League for ages 5-12, Bumper Bowling for ages 4-6, Flute Classes for beginning through advanced, Youth Golf Lessons for ages 5-11, Introductory Dance for ages 5-8, Ballet & Jazz Combination, ages 8-10, Karate for male and female, ages 8 through adult, Driver's Education, Bumble Bee Indoor Soccer for ages 4-5, Y Pucks and Y Hoops for ages 4-5, Yoga classes for teen to adult, dance or advanced practitioner, Step & Sculpt Fitness Class, and Aquatics classes for ages 6 months through 12 years. The YMCA is also offering a Basketball Travel League for ages 8-9, 10-12, and 13-15 years of age plus a Hockey Travel League for ages 9-12. Call Plymouth Community YMCA at (734) 453-2904 for further information or to register with Visa or MasterCard.

YOUTH SOCCER
■ The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking spring youth soccer registration the entire month of January at the recreation office, during business hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. All registrations require a birth certificate. The fee for 6-, 7- and 8-year-olds is \$40 for city of Plymouth residents and \$60 for nonresidents. For children 9 and older, cost is \$45 for city of Plymouth residents and \$75 for nonresidents. For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

DROP-IN BASKETBALL
■ The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will hold open gym for basketball 6:45-9:45 p.m. Mondays in Central Middle School. The cost is \$4 per person for a full three-hour session. City of Plymouth residents will receive a discount of \$1 with identification. For more information, contact the City of Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620.

CHOIR ADDITIONS
■ The Schoolcraft College Community Choir will hold auditions for new members at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12 and 19, in the Forum Building on the Livonia campus. All voice parts are welcome. To schedule an audition or for more information, contact their President Shari Clason at (248) 349-8175 or Schoolcraft's Liberal Arts Department at (734) 462-4435.

SEMINAR
■ Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is sponsoring a free seminar 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The seminar will be on the causes of memory loss and ways to regain and retain the ability to remember. The presentation will be "Remarkable Memory: Retaining and Regard Your Memory." Dr. Bharati Srivastava, M.D., a board-certified internist who specializes in geriatrics, will lead the seminar. Refreshments will be served. The presentation is part of the Senior Health Series offered by Saint Joseph

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SCHOOL OPENINGS
■ Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in all classes for 18 months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Canton, Plymouth and Westland. Quality education offered with parent involvement. Low tuition rates. For more information, contact Michelle at (734) 421-6190.
■ St. Michael Christian School on Sheldon Road in Canton will be accepting applications for fall classes 1999-2000 morning and afternoon kindergarten and elementary grades one-through-five. Applications are also being taken for grade four. For more information, call (734) 459-3720.

LIVING TRUST SEMINARS
■ There will be an "Advanced" Living Trust Seminar 1-3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, in Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. The seminar is open to the public and free. The seminar will include saving taxes with your living trust, strategies for reducing risk and maximizing, and returns with your living trust assets. Guest speaker will be Paul Leduc, financial consultant. For more information, call (248) 694-1020.

COURTS
■ Schoolcraft College offers handball, paddleball, racquetball and wallball courts available for evening play Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Friday at Schoolcraft College. A \$35 fee reserves a court and equipment for 15 weeks. Enrollment is limited and courts are scheduled for doubles play. Participants must furnish their own locks and towels. For more information, call Continuing Education Services Physical Fitness at (734) 462-4413.

YMCA-YOUTH
■ The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is accepting registrations for classes. The classes are youth travel basketball league for grades three-eight; girls' instructional basketball league for grades three-six; introductory dance, ages 5-8; creative movement for preschoolers, ages 3-5; active older adult water exercise, youth travel floor hockey for ages 9-12, and step aerobics fitness class and aquatics. For more information, call the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

SKI TRIP
■ Schoolcraft College EdgeRunner Ski Club is sponsoring a Blue Mountain, Ontario, skiing trip Feb. 5-7. The trip includes two-night on-site accommodation, two day/night lift passes, two breakfasts, one dinner, hot tubs, saunas, and more. The club offers this trip at a price of \$159 for members and \$189 for nonmembers. Trip participants must be 18 years or older to attend. For more information, call EdgeRunners at (734) 462-4422.

KIWANIS
■ Plymouth-Canton Morning Kiwanis invites those interested to 7 a.m. Tuesday breakfasts at the Water Club Grill, Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275 in Plymouth Township. For more information, call (734) 453-1373.

MEDLODGE GROUP
■ The Medlodge Group Inc. has made available to local clubs and organizations a representative to assist living, long-term care, services available, reimbursement under Medicare and other topics. If interested, contact the administrator or admission director at West Trail Nursing Center at (734) 453-0983.

ARTS COUNCIL
■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council has a full winter schedule of classes and workshops for all ages: sculpture, watercolor, dance, decorative painting, pottery, fine appreciation, drawing and sketching, children's theater, paper art, creative writing, live model drawing session, batik, art lectures, yoga, Tai Chi, etc. For a complete schedule or for more information, call (734) 416-4278.

PCAC
■ Plymouth Community Council on Aging monthly meeting will be 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Guest speaker will be Mike Prater from Michigan Municipal Risk Management on "Learn How Not To Be Scammed." All seniors welcome.

EUCRE TOURNAMENT
■ The Novi Lions Club will hold a Euchre Tournament 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 23, in Novi Civic Center, 45175 Five Mile, between Novi and Taft. Pizza and pop will be available. Games begin at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Cost is \$10 per person at the door. For extra points, you can donate an item of warm clothing. For more information, call (248) 344-4633.

HEALTH FACILITIES
■ The Schoolcraft College Sunday Health Club is an excellent way to keep those New Year's resolutions to be fit and trim. For \$44 a week, individual membership fee of \$32 or a family membership fee of \$70, you can enjoy 13 weeks of unstructured activity in a fully equipped physical education facility. Club members can use three courts, weight machines, the pool and the sauna. An adult must accompany children under 16, and non-swimmers must be 45 inches tall at the shoulder to use the pool. The Health Club continues until March 28. For more information, call Continuing Education Services Physical Fitness at (734) 462-4413.

ACT
■ ACT college entrance examination workshop is offered by Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences. Workshop meets on Saturdays for three weeks starting Jan. 16 on the Oakland University campus in Rochester. Cost is \$145. For a brochure and to register, call (248) 370-3125.

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will be holding free practice, full-length SAT and ACT tests starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16. The tests will finish at 12:30 p.m. The tests will be held in the following locations: The Princeton Review, 1220 S. University, Suite 209, Ann Arbor; Marian High School, 7225 Lahser, Birmingham; Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe. Each student should bring pencils and a calculator. Students must call the Ann Arbor office at (734) 663-2163 to register for the test.

LSAT
■ Prepare for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) with a workshop offered by Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences. Workshop meets on Saturdays for three weeks starting Jan. 9 on the Oakland University campus in Rochester. Cost is \$300. For a brochure or to register, call (248) 370-3125.

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FRIENDS FIRST

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SEARCHING FOR LOVE

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MONOGAMOUS

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Outgoing, professional SWM, 34, 5'9", who enjoys outdoor activities and good conversation, is in search of a SF, under 40, who enjoys life. Ad# 378

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Financially secure, fun DW dad, 38, 6'4", 215lbs., whose hobbies include baseball and boating, seeks a SWF, 28-40. Ad# 7234

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SEARCHING

SWM, 60, 5'5", 165lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys long walks, movies, flea markets and art galleries, seeks a medium-built SWF, 54-62. Ad# 2526

ON THE LEVEL

If you want to know more about me, respond to my ad. I'm a SWCM, 42, 5'6", with dark hair and eyes. I enjoy a variety of interests. I'm seeking a SWF for friendship, and companionship. Ad# 5245

FOCUS HERE

I'm a well-built SWM, 27, 6'3", 240lbs., with brown hair and eyes, who enjoys quiet times, I'm seeking a loving, humorous SWF, 23-35, for possible relationship. Ad# 5150

SOMEONE SPECIAL FOR ME

He is a fun-loving, sincere, passionate, romantic, athletic SWM, 26, 6'2", who enjoys movies, dining out and spending time with friends. He is searching for a slender SWF, 22-45. Ad# 2222

JUST YOU AND I

Catholic SWM, 44, 6', who enjoys youth ministry, seeks a slender, Catholic SDWCF, 25-40, who is marriage-minded, fun-loving and sincere. Ad# 4232

IT HAS TO BE YOU

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IT COULD BE YOU!

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OLD-FASHIONED

Friendly DWCF, 42, 5'7", 6'4", who enjoys singing in church choir, Bible study, sports and good conversation, seeks a family-oriented, honest SBM, 36-48, who puts God first. Ad# 1115

Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 581-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

NEW BEGINNINGS

"Morning On" will be the topic when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3750.

NEWSBURGH NIGHT OUT

Newburg United Methodist Church's midweek evening of education, fellowship, drama and music for all ages, Newburg Night Out, will meet Thursdays, Jan. 7-Feb. 25, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Dinner, costing \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 10 years and younger, will be served 5:30-6:30 p.m.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The nationally recognized men's trio, Spiritbound, from Nashville, Tenn., will perform 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton. Spiritbound will present an inspirational and adult contemporary sound. For more information, call the church at (734) 465-0022.

ALPHA COURSE

The program will run 6:30-8 p.m. and include Noah's Ark for preschoolers through second-graders, Mysteries of the Bible, That the World May Know, Dealing with Change, Moving through Grief and Loss, quilting, Cherub Choir for kindergartners through second-graders, Children's Choir for grades three-six, Youth Choir for grades seven-12, youth drama for grades seven-12 and children's drama for grades three-six.

DON'T PASS ME BY

Understanding, professional, Catholic SWM, 29, 6'2", 180lbs., with light brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys sports, biking, music and would like to meet a slender SWCF, 23-32, who has good values. Ad# 8868

STILL LOOKING

SBC dad, 20, 6', who enjoys basketball, is seeking a compatible SBM, 22-40, preferably never-married and childless. Ad# 1470

OUTGOING

This friendly SWCM, 58, 6', 195lbs., brown hair, green eyes, would like to meet a slender SWCF, 50-65, who's interested in a long-term relationship. Ad# 1546

BORN-AGAIN

Outgoing and friendly, he's a professional DWCF, 42, 5'9", 180lbs., who enjoys Bible study, travel, golf, music and seeks an attractive, fit, mature SCF, 28-40, without children, for fellowship which may lead to more. Ad# 1204

BACK TO BASICS

Outgoing SBC dad, 20, 6', who enjoys music, movies and family activities, seeks a SWF for friendship and fun. Ad# 1564

COMMON BOND

Outgoing and friendly, he's a professional WWCM, 59, 6'2", whose interests include Bible study, golf, reading, theater, dining out and lots of laughter. He's seeking a special SWCF, 50-60, for companionship. Ad# 5845

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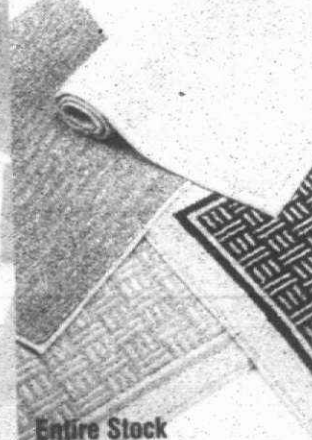
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Ambassadors lift USA

Eight members of the North American Hockey League-leading Compuware Ambassadors and their coach, Mike Vellucci, were the backbone of the USA Junior Selects team that captured the five-team USA Freedom Challenge tournament, held Dec. 27-31 in Lake Placid, N.Y.

The Junior Selects posted a 3-0 record in claiming the gold medal in the inaugural tournament, competing against other all-star teams from the Czech Republic, Finland, Sweden and the U.S.

The Junior Selects opened the tournament with a 5-2 triumph over the Swedish squad, thanks to two goals by Mark Mink of the Ambassadors. They followed that with an 8-4 victory over Finland, with goalie Craig Kowalski of the Ambassadors making 33 saves and teammate Pat Brush scoring a goal.

The Czech Republic and the Junior Selects played to a 3-3 tie in the next game, with Brush again getting a goal and Compuware's Troy Milam getting two points. In the gold-medal match, the Junior Selects scored the game's first four goals and coasted to a 4-2 triumph over the U.S. National Under-18 team.

It was the second gold medal captured by this team in six weeks; last November, they won the USA Hockey King of the Hill Tournament.

"This group of guys played very well together and deserved to be champions," said Vellucci, who also had John Shouneyia, Jack Redwood, Pete Broccoli and Andy Burnes from the Ambassadors on the Junior Selects squad.

CCJBBSA registration

There will be two ways to register for the 1999 Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association season — by mail and in person.

Mail-in forms completed by Registrar Bob Bilkie will be sent to past participants in what was previously known as the Plymouth Canton Junior Baseball League.

The mail-in registration forms will also be available soon at the Plymouth and Canton Township offices plus Plymouth city offices.

In-person registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Canton High School Cafeteria.

Birth certificates will be required of all first-time league participants.

CCJBBSA meeting

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will hold its regular monthly meeting from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the Plymouth District Library.

Persons interested in helping set up and run the coming season in any on- or off-field capacity are invited to attend.

Soccer sign-up

The city of Plymouth's Recreation Department is taking registrations for spring youth soccer 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday all through January at the Recreation office (525 Farmer in the Plymouth Cultural Center).

All registrations require a birth certificate. Cost for 6, 7 and 8 year-olds is \$40 for city of Plymouth residents and \$60 for non-residents; for 9 year-olds and above, the cost is \$45 for residents and \$75 for non-residents.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

Family Ice skate

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is hosting a family skate night from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21 (weather permitting) at Heritage Park Pond, located behind the Canton Administration Building.

The ponds will be lighted for evening skating and refreshments will be available. No registration is necessary, there is no residency requirements and there is no charge. Call the Parks and Rec office at (734) 397-5110 for skating conditions or information.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 38251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Whalers bid to host Memorial Cup



The premier event in junior hockey — the Memorial Cup — could be coming to Compuware Arena in May. Plymouth Whaler officials will present their Cup bid to hockey officials later this month.

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The Plymouth Whalers are among four Ontario Hockey League teams putting in a bid for the North America's most prized junior tournament — the Memorial Cup, held annually in

May.

Whalers general manager and coach Pete DeBoer confirmed that Compuware Arena, which seats 4,300 in Plymouth Township, will make a presentation for the tournament on Jan. 20.

Other OHL division-leading teams in the hunt include Ottawa, Barrie

and Guelph.

Bids will also be considered by teams in the Western Hockey League and Quebec Junior Majors.

If the Whalers were awarded a bid, they would automatically gain the right to play in the four-team tournament along with the OHL, WHL and Quebec playoff winners.

Last year's Memorial Cup was played in Spokane, Wash.

"The last time we had a chance to bid on it we passed, but now with our new facility and with our community support, we feel we can make a strong

bid," DeBoer said.

"Our location, being in a major metropolitan area with Windsor and Detroit airports close by, we feel we have all the elements in place," said DeBoer, who will help make the presentation on behalf of the Whalers. "We'll be going before an arm's-length committee, totally independent of any league."

A factor working against Plymouth is that the Memorial Cup was just hosted by a U.S. city and it may return to Canada, which would make Ottawa the frontrunner.

Whalers struggle on trip

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One of the Ontario Hockey League's hottest teams was snowed under during its latest road swing.

Playing four games in five days, the Plymouth Whalers returned home Sunday night from Oshawa a bit weary, bruised and battered, going 0-3-1.

The West Division leaders (27-8-3), playing without five regulars — all competing at the World Junior Championships in Winnipeg, Manitoba — lost 2-1 to the host Generals in the final game of the trip.

The Whalers finished 3-4-1 during the eight-game stretch without defenseman Paul Mara (U.S.) and Nikos Tselios (U.S.), along with forwards David Legwand (U.S.), Harold Druken (Canada) and Tomek Valtonen (Finland).

All five are expected to return by Friday, including Druken, who played in Tuesday's World Junior Championship final against Russia.

"The whole way was bad travel — bad roads, bad trip," Whalers coach Pete DeBoer said. "But I feel the team played a little above expectations given the fact that we were missing five impact players — all at once — and we played close to .500 hockey."

In the Oshawa loss, rookie goaltender Derek Dolson stopped 21 shots, while Whaler counterpart Robert Holsinger turned away 32.

Andrew Peters scored the game-winner for Oshawa (19-14-3) with 8:43 to go in the final period.

Each team tallied a goal in the opening period.

Oshawa's Kevin Colley notched his 21st of the year, while Plymouth's Rick Smith tallied a power-play goal, his 14th of the season.

On Saturday, Central Division-leading Barrie and the Whalers played to a 2-2 draw before 4,092.

Whalers backup goaltender Rob Zepp turned away 34 of 36 shots, while Barrie netminder Ben Vanderklok made 22 stops.

Adam DeLeeuw scored his 13th and 14th goals in the first and second periods, respectively, for Barrie.



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Goal-scorer: The Whalers' Eric Gooldy got a first-period goal to tie last Friday's game with Belleville at 1-1, but the Bulls skated off with a 6-3 victory.

rie.

Troy Smith scored a short-handed goal for Plymouth in the second and Mark McMahon tallied the equalizer from Adam Colagiaco and Shaun Fisher at 6:16 of the third period.

On Friday, East Division opponent Belleville

skated to a 6-3 win over the Whalers.

It was 1-1 after one period as Derek Campbell scored for the Bulls and Eric Gooldy (from Smith and Randy Fitzgerald) countered for the Whalers.

Although outshot 36-31 on the night, Belleville scored five of the next six goals — Kevin Baker (his 23rd), Michael Jacobsen, Randy Rowe, Justin Papineau (his 27th) and Kelly Paddon.

Fisher scored his fifth for the Whalers in the second period from Colagiaco and Fitzgerald. Smith scored in the second period from Colagiaco and Gooldy.

Holsinger stopped 19 of 25 shots, while the Bulls' Cory Campbell turned back 30 of 33.

Belleville defenseman Jason Lawmaster (Westland John Glenn) was penalized three times.

The four-game swing began Wednesday before 2,402 in Owen Sound with the host Platers winning 4-2, despite being outshot, 35-24. Owen Sound goaltender Curtis Sanford made 33 saves.

After a scoreless first period, Owen Sound outscored Plymouth 3-1 in the second on goals by Wes Goldie (his 15th), Chad Woolard (his 20th) and Joel Ward (his 15th). Platers leading scorer Dan Snyder also beat Holsinger in the third period.

Rick Smith scored for the Whalers from Colagiaco and Fitzgerald in the second. Left winger Jamie Lalonde added a goal in the third from Smith and Kevin Holdridge.

"I thought all of our rookies stepped it up, starting with Zepp on up," DeBoer said. "We have an older, experienced team and a lot of them (rookies) haven't had an opportunity to play as much, but once they got thrown into the fire, they more than held their own."

The Whalers return to action Friday night at Midwest Division-leading Guelph before coming home for a weekend home stand Saturday with Belleville (7:30 p.m. start) and Sunday against Sault Ste. Marie (6:30 p.m. start).

"We have another tough stretch, three games in three nights," DeBoer said. "We gave them Monday off and we were back at it today (Tuesday). Everybody is pretty much returning to health."

Pointing the way Madonna follows Cushman's lead

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When Katie Cushman arrived at Madonna University, she was almost immediately christened as the offensive savior for the women's basketball team.

That was more than three years ago. Cushman lived up to that early designation by leading the Lady Crusaders in scoring.

But that was then, when she was a freshman. Cushman is no longer Madonna's designated scorer. Indeed, after leading the Crusaders in scoring her first two seasons on campus, she has tapered off; now, as a senior, she's just one of five players with an average scoring rate in double figures, behind team leader Chris Dietrich.

Has her status diminished? Not a chance.

Madonna coach Marylou Jansen summed it up quite succinctly: "Katie's doing everything better. She's a much better player now than she was two years ago."

Cushman's numbers provide proof. She's ranked in the top 10 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference in three categories, but while her scoring average (13.3 points) is just 10th she leads the league in assists (6.1) and ranks second in steals (2.3).

That last figure best verifies where the 5-foot-5 senior



Katie Cushman
Madonna's point guard

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point guard has improved most. "Katie's been an impact player every year she's been here," said Jansen, who is in her third season as coach of the Crusaders. "But when she first got here, Katie just didn't concentrate on defense. She'd score 26 points, and the two girls she'd be covering would score 36."

"She's gone from being our worst defensive guard two years ago to our best defensive guard this year."

It hasn't exactly been a sudden defensive turnaround. Cushman's performance against players she was assigned to check was markedly better last season. This season, she's taken that a step further by upgrading her help defense — one reason her steal average is so high.

"I think my defense is what I've had to work on most," Cushman said. "I realized you have to play at both ends of the court. I've really worked hard at that, and I think I've come a long way."

Last week, Cushman was named WHAC player of the week for the second time this season after being selected as the Taylor University Tournament's most valuable player, scoring 24 points in the championship game, a 79-74 Madonna victory. Cushman totaled 39 points and seven assists in the two tournament games.

"She's gone from setting up Katie's offense to setting up everyone else," said Jansen. "She's worked very, very hard. Katie doesn't do anything half way."

Cushman's motivation is easy to pinpoint. "The fact that it's my senior year has come into play," she explained. "I

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BASKETBALL

Borgess cools off Shamrocks to open league

BY RICHARD L. SNOOK
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It's tough to be hot when you're rusty and cold.

Redford Bishop Borgess chilled — literally — Redford Catholic Central, 71-67, Tuesday night in their Detroit Catholic League season opener.

Both teams had limited practice time since their last games Dec. 30. Borgess had a half-hour of floor work plus some film time in an unheated gym — it's own — on Monday while Catholic Central worked out Saturday and Monday.

So that made for a certain amount of rust Tuesday. What made it worse was that the Borgess gym (there was no school Tuesday) was only at a temperature of about 60 degrees by game time.

The visiting Shamrocks hit a frosty 29.7 percent on 22-of-74 shooting. The host Spartans also made 22 field goals, but only took 45 shots to do so.

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Playoff coach sacked

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Chuck Donaldson, the only coach to guide Livonia Clarenceville to a state football playoff berth in school history, has been fired.

First-year Clarenceville athletic director and assistant principal Chuck Sorentino made the decision during holiday break.

The 31-year-old Donaldson, who was 26-20 during his five-year tenure, said the move came as a "total shock."

"I really had no idea," Donaldson said. "The only reason I received is that they were looking at the long-term range of the football program. He (Sorentino) said without a JV or freshman team, he could see it collapsing in two or three years because of the numbers."

Despite the Trojans going 7-3 and qualifying for the first time ever for the state playoffs, Sorentino, with the apparent blessings of Clarenceville principal Dave Simowski, decided the program needed to go in a different direction.

Simowski was unavailable for comment Tuesday night.

"Although it's unpleasant, I feel it's the right decision and the right thing to do," Sorentino said. "Evaluating coaches at the end of each sports season falls under my job. Did I consult others? Yes. Hiring and dismissing coaches is my job."

Sorentino believed the program was in danger of becoming extinct within three years if Donaldson continued.

Clarenceville, a member of the Metro Conference with an enrollment of 468 students, carried only 26 varsity players with no junior varsity or freshman squad.

"We really don't have a program," Sorentino said. "We had a successful (varsity) season, but I'm worried about the big picture."

"There was really no off-season training. We don't really have all the basics of a long-term program. We need somebody with some fresh or creative ideas of building a program because you can't survive with 25 kids. You have to bridge the gap with the middle school program and build bridges with the varsity. We need to take steps. I know it hurts Chuck and it hurts me as well."

Donaldson, who teaches at Clarenceville, contends he made attempts to establish a total program.

"Every year I had meetings at the middle school, two or three times during second semester to draw up interest," Donaldson said. "I called kids during the summer. But when it comes to football time and they don't show up, I don't know what else I could have done."

"You can't force a kid to play football. The kids who want to play will play. I actually had JV coaches hired, but it doesn't justify a JV team. But I was hoping making the playoffs would breed some interest."

Donaldson's final game at Clarenceville was a 48-28 playoff loss to Capac. The Trojans earned a berth in Class CC-Region IV by leapfrogging four teams on the final weekend.

They were the talk of the state tournament and Overland.

Donaldson's story of coaching from a wheelchair also came to light in both Detroit daily newspapers.

Hired in the spring of 1993, Donaldson was left a quadriplegic just two months later in a car accident. Michigan State Police reports revealed Donaldson, who collided with a Canton police officer during the early morning hours, registered a high blood-alcohol content.

After spending five months in the hospital, Donaldson, though unable to walk along with limited use of his arms, began his

first season in 1994.

This past season culminated in him being named Class CC-Region IV Coach of the Year.

"I could see if I was cheating, stealing or abusing kids, or even losing. I would have resigned," said Donaldson, a former Livonia Stevenson High quarterback and Central Michigan University graduate. "We haven't won any state titles, but we've been competitive. And people who know me know that I can't stand losing."

Does Donaldson believe that being handicapped played a factor in his dismissal?

"I'm kind of thinking that now the more people mention it," he said. "I'm saying to myself, 'God, maybe it's me being in a chair. It's been known to happen.'"

Sorentino said Donaldson's removal was "nothing personal." "I've tried to treat Chuck with the utmost respect," the athletic director said. "He's a tremendous individual and a courageous person. If everybody is as courageous as him, the world would be a better place, but we felt it was time as far as making a change."

Sorentino, who came to Clarenceville after serving as a counselor for nine years at Dearborn Divine Child, also reopened the varsity boys basketball job, replacing five-year coach Rick Larson in favor of DC assistant Bill Dyer.

The Clarenceville A.D. said he



Last hurrah: Chuck Donaldson shakes the hand of standout Walter Ragland after an October victory. Donaldson led the Trojans to their first playoff appearance ever this fall; last week, the decision was made to fire Donaldson.

has no particular candidate in mind.

"What we're looking for is somebody with varsity experience," Sorentino said. "We'll post

it tomorrow (Wednesday) and see what happens."

Meanwhile, Donaldson is not sure about his future in coaching.

"I can't see coming back. I have some bitter feelings right now and I'm really livid," he said. "It doesn't seem like due process."

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Friday, Jan. 8 Westside at Agate, 6:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Liggett, 7 p.m. Luth. W. at Luth. North, 7 p.m. Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m. Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Allen Park at Garden City, 7 p.m. Fordson at Redford Union, 7 p.m. Trenton at Thurston, 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 DeLaSalle, 7:30 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Thursday, Jan. 7	Madonna at Aquinas, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 Madonna at Cornerstone, 3 p.m. Schoolcraft at St. Clair, 3 p.m. Macomb at Oakland CC, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Thursday, Jan. 7 Aquinas at Madonna, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 Cornerstone at Madonna, 1 p.m. Schoolcraft at St. Clair, 1 p.m. Macomb at Oakland CC, 1 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, Jan. 8 Ply. Whalers at Guelph, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 Ply. Whalers vs. Belleville at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10	Ply. Whalers vs. Sault Ste. Marie at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 Ply. Whalers vs. Belleville at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. PREP HOCKEY Thursday, Jan. 7 Redford Unified vs. Stevenson at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8 Franklin vs. Dearborn at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Churchill vs. Farm. Unified at Farm. Hills Arena, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 Redford Unified vs. Troy at Redford Ice Arena, 1 p.m. Farm. Unified vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Arena, 5:20 p.m.	Redford CC vs. Cabrini at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Jan. 7 St. Agatha at Benedictine, 7 p.m. A.A. Greenhills at PCA, 7 p.m. Hamtramck at Luth. W. at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8 Agape at Macomb N. Point, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 UM-Dearborn Invitational, 8 a.m. Salem Invitational, 8:30 a.m. PCA Eagle Tournament, 9 a.m. Macomb CC Invitational, 9 a.m. USA Volleyball Invitational at Grand Rapids, 9 a.m. TBA — time to be announced
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Shamrock coach collects 700th dual-meet win

Redford Catholic Central's wrestling team has a 3-2 record in dual meets, giving coach Mike Rodriguez 701 career wins.

Rodriguez, 66, is 701-207 in 42 years, 31-at CC. His teams have won seven state championships, the last in 1988. It's been as long since the Shamrocks have won their own wrestling invitational, which celebrates its 34th year this Saturday.

Wrestling starts at 10:30 a.m. Fourteen teams are coming, including state powers Clarkston and Temperance Bedford.

Bedford is the favorite after finishing second at last week's Goodrich Tournament behind champion Rochester Adams.

The Shamrocks were sixth there

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despite having one champion, heavyweight Casey Rogowski, and a runner-up: Brock Naysmith at 215 pounds.

Mitch Hancock was third place at 160 pounds and Chris O'Hara third at 103.

"If God smiles on us, we might (challenge for first place)," Rodriguez said. "We're better than last year but still got a long ways to go."

Rodriguez has been in coaching so long, he's now coaching his grandchildren: Brock Naysmith and freshman Brandon Naysmith, a 160-pounder.

His son, Dave Rodriguez, is one of his assistant coaches.

Former CC wrestlers frequently stop

by the room to see their former coach. Jeff Pascol, a 1998 graduate, stopped by at Tuesday's practice.

He was easy to recognize because of his long hair at a school that has an ear code. He wouldn't dare wear earrings around Rodriguez, though.

"No earrings, just long hair," said Pascol, a 160-pounder last year, who looks like he could compete two weight classes up, especially after the holidays.

Rodriguez prepped at Ann Arbor Pioneer and was an All-America wrestler at the University of Michigan.

He was an alternate for the 1960 U.S. Olympic Team but was denied entry to the Games, held in Rome, Italy as a last-minute substitute. Rodriguez said the Russians, dominant in the sport at the time, had a large say in refusing

him. "I had my Visa, was packed and ready to go," Rodriguez said. "At that time, they had all the say."

Here are results of recent matches:

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 35

Dec. 21 at Portage Central

103 pounds: Chris O'Hara (CC) defeated Kyle Greenberg, 2-0; 122: Curtis Trinkle (PC) pinned Tom Buddenberg, 2-5; 128: Corey Fuller (PC) vs. Chris Peterson, 5-5; 135: Ed Lendrum (CC) vs. Eric Bouck, 0-4; 130: Kyle Sparks (PC) won on disqualification; 138: J.D. Meising (PC) vs. Jeff Wheeler, 3-4; 140: Mike Hoppingarner (PC) vs. Jay Abshire, 12-4; 146: Troy Miller (PC) vs. Ryan Rogowski, 1-2; 152: Mitch Hancock (CC) won on pin, 3-18; 160: Ryan Zigel (CC) vs. Chris Kordella, 3-47; 171: Ryan Matheson (CC) dec. Dan Randy Slide, 7-4; 189: Andy Conlin (CC) dec. Dan

Hogg, 7-4; 215: Brock Naysmith (CC) dec. Eric Fisher, 13-5; heavyweight: Casey Rogowski (CC) dec. Jim Klayne, 12-2.

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Dec. 21 at Portage Central

103: Nate Roersma (R) dec. Chris O'Hara, 6-4; 112: Craig Shutch (R) pinned Tom Buddenberg, 3-43; 118: Joe Swendrowski (R) vs. Chris Peterson, 1-13; 128: Joe Aspharian (R) vs. Ed Lendrum, 5-0; 130: Brandon Cook (R) dec. Peter Mazzarese, 10-4; 138: Jeff Wheeler (CC) dec. Tom Nichols, 6-5; 140: Nathan Vanoset (R) dec. Jay Abshire, 9-2; 146: Jeremy Johnson (R) pinned Ryan Rogowski, 5-3; 152: Ryan Zigel (CC) vs. Travis Chipwell, 5-55; 160: Mitch Hancock (CC) pinned Chris Olson, 0-44; 171: Paul Kerekes (R) vs. Ryan Matheson, 2-34; 189: Ryan Kerekes (R) dec. Andy Conlin, 10-1; 215: Brock Naysmith (CC) vs. Ben Miller, 4-46; heavyweight: Casey Rogowski (CC) vs. Sean Czarnopis, 0-43. CC's dual meet record: 3-2.

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This is the second time the teams met in a week. The Spartans beat the Shamrocks, 75-74, in the second-round of the Motor City Roundball Classic on Tuesday, Dec. 29 at U-D Jesuit.

"They were in the same boat as we were," Coach Rick Coratti of Catholic Central said. "They played well. They hit a lot of free throws."

Indeed, Bishop Borgess went to the line 45 times and sank 30 while Catholic Central was 18-for-23 in free throws. Curtis Allen of the Spartans protected the margin by making 7-of-12 free throws in the fourth quarter.

"We did a good job down the stretch," Coach Roosevelt Barnes of Bishop Borgess said. "We ran our play and Curtis Allen and Kendrick Jones both went to the basket and made a couple of key baskets."

Allen's three-point play with 58 seconds left gave the Spartans a 67-62 lead. Jones made his with 1:52 to play to make it 62-58.

Bishop Borgess went into its delay clinging to a 55-54 lead with 5:05 to play and more than a minute off the clock before Catholic Central started fouling Allen.

Allen wound up with 20 points, center Marcus Young had 18, Jones scored 15 in his first start and Justin McClain scored 10.

Nick Moore led Catholic Central with 20 points but it was a quiet 20 as he had a nippy night shooting. So did Dan Jese, whose six points came off two of the many threes he shot.

Matt Loras scored 15 for the Shamrocks, Rob Sparks had 13 and Anthony Tomey 10.

Bishop Borgess started strong, holding a 20-14 lead after one period, but Catholic Central dominated the second period and led, 36-32, at the half.

"We had a chance to pull away in the third quarter," Coratti said, "but we turned the ball over too many times. That's what killed us."

The Shamrocks made up, 45-37, after Moore hit a triple with 4:43 left in the third quarter. But they committed five turnovers and made just one basket the remainder of the quarter as the Spartans hauled themselves into a 48-48 tie.

Missing their first eight shots of the final quarter put the Shamrocks in a 54-48 hole. They came back to force a 58-58 deadlock with 2:32 left but Kahili

Mims knocked down a shot from inside the free throw line and the Spartans never trailed from there.

Sparks fouled out with two minutes to play "and that hurt us," Coratti said. Borgess scored on every possession after that.

"Allen is showing good leadership," Barnes said. "He's a smart young man. Academically, too. I think he'll make somebody a good point guard in college."

Barnes mixed his defenses effectively, switching between full-court pressure to double-teams to half-court man-to-man.

His Spartans also did a good job of keeping the Shamrocks from exploiting their zones. Catholic Central got some effectiveness out of disguising its zone by having its guards play man-to-man or having the man on top chase the ball-handler.

Catholic Central held a 44-41 rebounding edge but was dominant in the second half, although it had problems making even the chippies.

"You've got to score," Coratti said after his team sank to 4-3 overall following its Catholic League opener. Barnes' team is 3-3, with two wins over Catholic Central (the first a one-point win in a holiday tournament).

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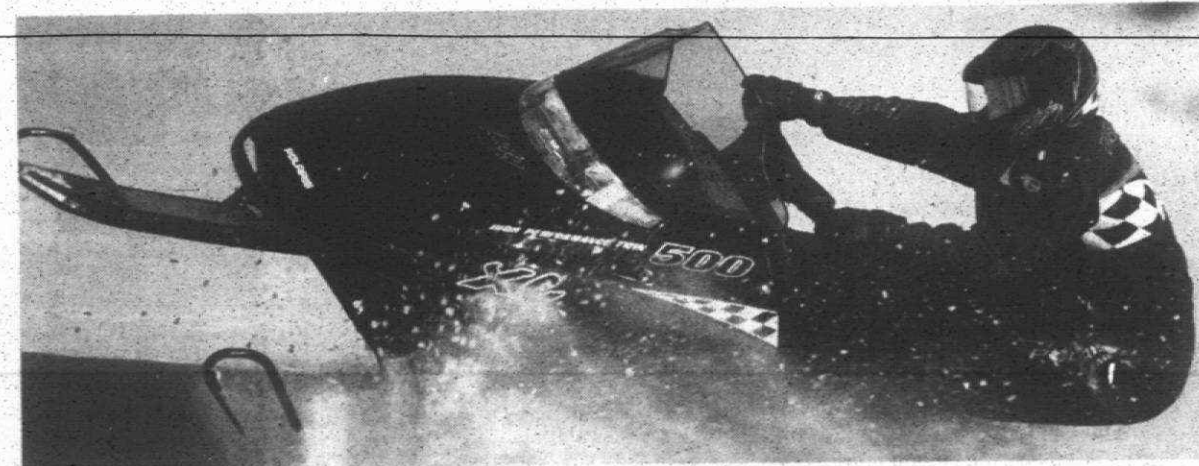
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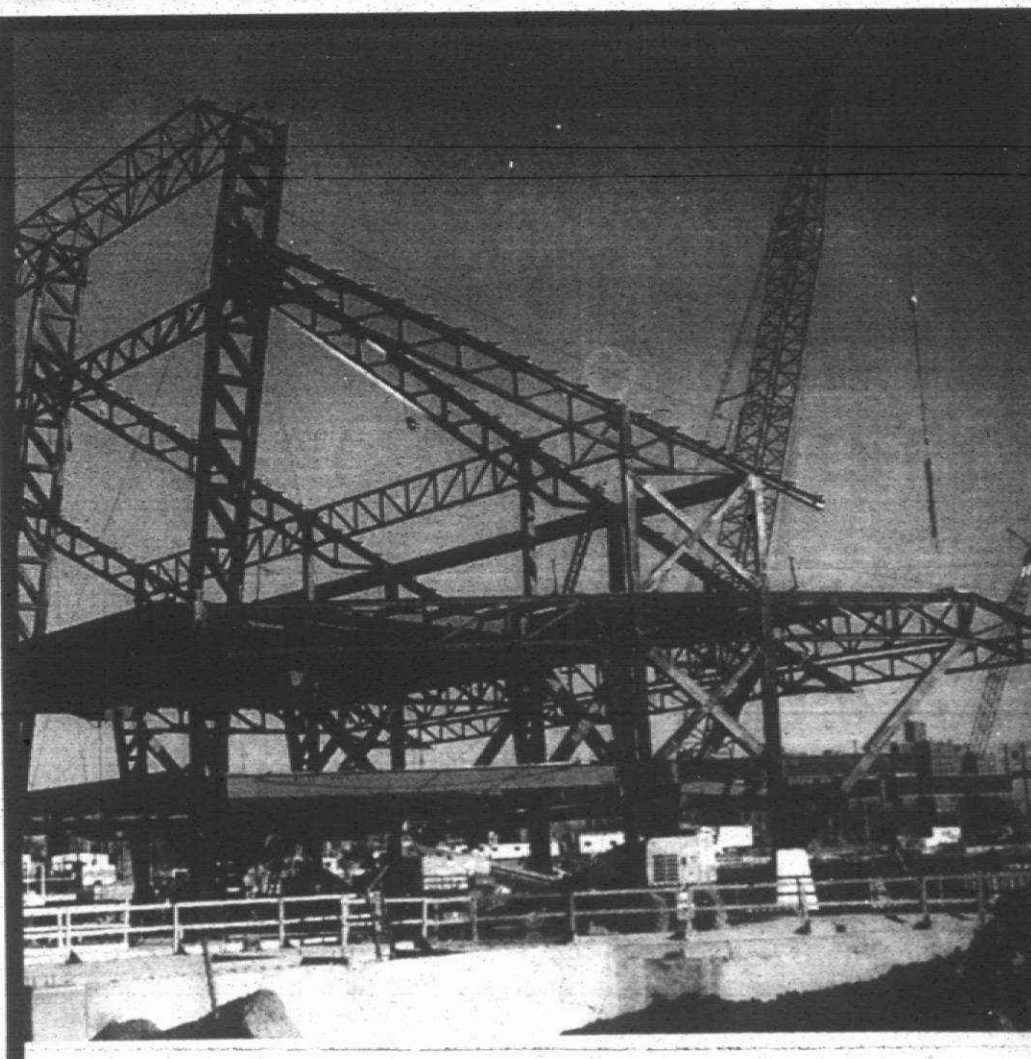
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Absent Druken relinquishes scoring leadership

The leading scorer in the Ontario Hockey League is no longer the Plymouth Whalers' Harold Druken, but at least it's still a Whaler.

Druken has missed eight

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games while playing for Team Canada at the World Junior Hockey Tournament in Win-

ipeg, Manitoba. When he left his 64 points, on 38 goals and 26 assists, were best in the league. Now, while Druken's 38 goals are still tops in the OHL, his point total is fourth. The new league-

leader is Whaler teammate Adam Colagiacomo, with 71 points on 22 goals and a league-high 49 assists.

The Whalers have six players with at least 11 goals. Last season's leading point-producer — David Legwand, who was the second overall selection in last June's NHL entry draft — has missed 13 games this season while at the Nashville Predators pre-season camp and playing for Team USA at the World Junior Tournament. Legwand is third on the Whalers with 39 points, on 15 goals and 21 assists.

Also ranked among the OHL

leaders is goalie Robert Holsinger, who is fifth in goals against average (2.42). Holsinger has a 14-6 record with one shutout and a .911 save percentage.

The worst is over for the Whalers. Now all they need to do is rediscover that unbeatable status they so often displayed during the first 30 games of the season.

After going 24-4-2, Plymouth slumped during the holidays, going 3-4-1 — mainly due to an overjammed schedule (six games in eight days, five of them on the

road) with five of the team's best players participating in the World Junior Hockey Tournament.

Those five players (Druken, Legwand, Nikos Tselios, Paul Mara and Tomek Valtonen) have returned and will be in the lineup this weekend. And they'll be needed, because the Whalers must play three games in three days, starting with a road match Friday at Guelph, the OHL's Midwest Division leader.

But after the game at Guelph, Plymouth has just nine regular-season road games remaining, with 19 games at home.

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Hammerhead Sharks: (Front row from left) Bryan Davison, Kyle Bero, Joe Fava, Joel Majszak, Roman Kahler, Adam Powers, David Onorato; (second row from left) Shaun Simanacas (standing), Ryan McKigney, Nick Bargowski, Harrison Hall, Ian Barnaby and Jeremy Caisarelli; (back row) assistant coach Steve Reno, team member Austin Kronig, assistant coach Rick Bagnoli, head coach The Division and assistant coach Frank Majszak. Not pictured: Sam Ott and David Swierczak.

Sharks, JAWS capture hockey titles

The Plymouth-Canton Mite BB Hammerhead Sharks captured the championship trophy last month at the fourth annual Farmington Hills Holiday Tournament in the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

The Hammerhead Sharks posted a 5-0 tournament record winning 3-0 against the Ice Cats, 3-0 against the Ice Dogs, 4-3 versus the Hurricanes, 4-2 against the Coyotes and 6-0 against the Ice Cats in the final game.

Strong goaltending by Adams Powers and playmaking by David Onorato earned them COYP honors for the tournament. Onorato led the Sharks scoring attack with 9 goals and 5 assists. Other Sharks gathering points were: Jeremy Caisarelli with 4 goals and 5 assists, Roman

Kahler with 1 goal and 4 assists, Joel Majszak with 3 goals, 3 assists, Sean Simanacas, Bryan Davison and Austin Kronig each scored one goal.

Additional helpers were Harrison Hall, Ryan McKigney, Kyle Bero and Joe Fava. Anchoring the defense were Nick Bargowski and Ian Barnaby.

Team members Sam Ott and David Swierczak did not play in the tournament.

The team is coached by Tim Davison, Frank Majszak, Rich Bargowski and Steve Reno.

JAWS wins PeeWee B

The Plymouth-Canton JAWS, members of the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association, were champions in the PeeWee B Division at the Farmington Hills

Ice Arena Holiday Tournament Dec. 26-27.

JAWS reached the final with a 2-1 overtime win over the Novi Tigers in the semifinals, with Kyle Blakey scoring the game-winning goal.

In the finals against the Livonia Panthers, JAWS won going away, 5-1. Culpis scored two goals; Blakey, Chris Green and Ben Laurin also scored. Culpis was the tournament MVP.

Other team members are David Bak, Brian Ford, Keith Jourdan, Tadas Kasputis, David Leslie, Jay Lupinacski, Phillip Marsh, Jay Pawlowski, Ian Phillips, Ryan Stamm, Jesse Truan and Scott Weber. Coaches are Keith Laurin, Bill Stamm, Nick Caiscedo and Curt Estes.

Bennett boosts Chargers

By BRAD EMONS
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John Bennett's favorite player is Grant Hill.

And for one quarter, Livonia Churchill's 6-foot-4 junior forward put on a performance like the former Duke star and Detroit Pistons, scoring 19 points Tuesday night to lift the host Chargers to a 62-57 boys basketball win over Garden City.

The win improved Churchill's record to 3-2 overall, while GC slips to 2-3.

Bennett, who went inside and outside en route to a game-high 27 points, helped stem a Garden City 26-10 third-quarter run.

He connected three shots beyond the three-point arc in the fourth.

"We were just breaking the press and the team was giving me good passes and I was making cuts to the open spots," said Bennett, who played half of last season on the varsity. "When you get into a flow it just suits me better."

And why is Hill his favorite?

"He's a team player who likes to score and get others involved," Bennett said. "Junior guard Randall Boboige, who added 18 points for the Chargers, made three of four free throws during the final 31.6 seconds to seal the victory."

And Eric Lightie's block of a Garden City shot in the final minute proved to be a piv-

BASKETBALL

But it was the play of Bennett, who was eight of nine from the floor over the final eight minutes of action, that had Churchill coach Rick Austin excited. (Bennett's previous high was 25 against Dearborn.)

"John hit some 'threes,' but actually most of his points came from the inside paint area," Austin said. "John struggled in the first half from the wing, but then we moved him to the low post. That turned out to be a key move because when he gets the ball in there, he knows only one thing — score."

And he does so many things for us inside. He gives us some size and he's learning to rebound. And he knows how to get open."

Churchill led 26-14 at halftime as Garden City made just six of 25 shots from the floor (24 percent).

"We were not ready to play," Garden City coach Greg Williamson said. "You can't turn it on and off. You have to do it consistently. That's the mark of a good team."

But the third quarter was a different story. The Chargers came out red-hot, hitting 10 of 13 shots from the floor to take a 40-36 advantage.

Junior guard Brian Harnos scored 10 of his team-high 17 points during GC's 26-10 run.

Snowstorm forces a cancellation of hoop games

School closings due to frigid temperatures and snow played havoc Tuesday with scheduled area high school basketball games.

One postponement, however, did not result in either.

Failure to reclose a main door to Livonia Franklin's gymnasium caused the school officials to cancel the Patriots' non-league game with Milford.

Among other games postponed and yet to be rescheduled: Plymouth Canton at Ann Arbor Huron; Westland Huron Valley Lutheran at Flint Valley; Harper Woods Lutheran East at Livonia Clarenceville; Redford Union at Livonia Stevenson.

Westland John Glenn's non-league with visiting Ypsilanti will not be made up according to Glenn athletic director Gerald Szukatis.

The Riverview at Wayne

SCHEDULE CHANGE

Memorial game was replayed Wednesday. Results of that game will appear in Sunday's Observer.

The Grosse Pointe University-Liggett at Lutheran Westland Metro Conference game has been rescheduled for 3:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16.

In men's college basketball, the Flint Mott at Schoolcraft College game will be replayed sometime in February. Madonna University's game with host Aquinas is scheduled for 7:30 tonight.

In women's college basketball, Mott at Schoolcraft will be rescheduled for February. Madonna, meanwhile, opens its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference schedule at 7 tonight against Aquinas.

Both the Madonna men's and women's games were originally scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 6.

Cushman from page C1

won't get any of these games' back, so I give it my all every night."

Putting points on the scoreboard aren't a necessity any longer, thanks to the Crusaders' improved depth. "The team we have now, it's hard for (opponents) to focus on just one of us," said Cushman. "We have so much depth, it's hard to open a team up at home against Aquinas College (game time is 7 p.m.)."

All of which adds up to more fun and more wins. Madonna takes an 11-4 record into Thursday's WHAC season-opener at home against Aquinas College (game time is 7 p.m.).

"This is the most fun team I've been on," said Cushman. "The personnel bring more to the table than any other (Madonna) team. When we're hot, we're really hot. The momentum picks up and we feed off that."

Cushman and her Crusader teammates would both like to prolong that feeding frenzy, with the ultimate aim to take them to a WHAC title and into the NAIA Tournament.

Madonna's men's team will play at Aquinas College at 7:30 p.m. tonight, while the Madonna women host Aquinas at 7 p.m. tonight.

more season. "I definitely want to win the league," the team co-captain said. "That would get us back to nationals, and that's an experience that's hard to explain to people."

Cushman's doing all she can to paint a clear picture to her teammates. Said Janssen: "That's been a big thing with her, her leadership. This year she's been a total joy. She's such a positive force."

"She's low maintenance and high fun. I always respected her as a player, but now I respect her as much as a person. I wouldn't change anything she's done this year."

A player with that kind of inspirational leadership qualities can carry a team a long way. But for Cushman and her teammates, it's nice to know she won't have to do it alone.

HOOP NOTES: Poor weather conditions forced the postponement of both Madonna basketball games. Originally scheduled for last night (Jan. 6), the Crusaders men's and women's teams will now open their Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference seasons tonight. Madonna's men's team will play at Aquinas College at 7:30 p.m. tonight, while the Madonna women host Aquinas at 7 p.m. tonight.

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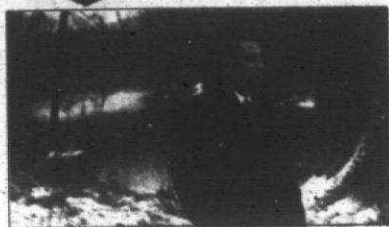
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



John Travolta stars as personal-injury attorney Jan Schlichtmann in "A Civil Action," opening today at metro-Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



Susan Calloway celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guest Michelle Penn, 8 p.m. at Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets are \$6 at Ticketmaster outlets for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit <http://www.themagicbag.com>

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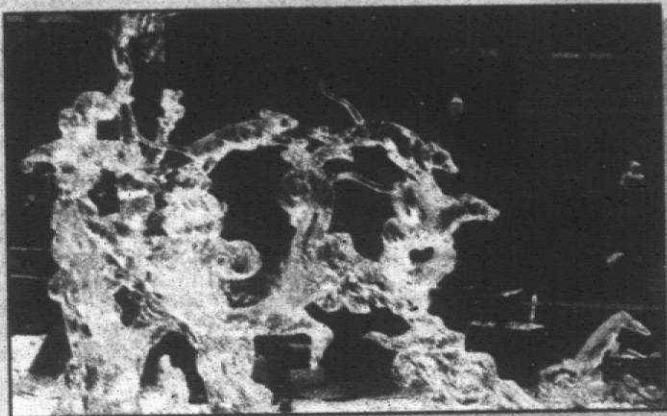


Audrey Morgan (top) and Sylvia Carter perform as two wit and wisdom-filled centenarian sisters, Bessie and Sadie Delany in "Having Our Say," 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University. Tickets \$26.50 (2 p.m.) and \$24 (6:30 p.m.), call (248) 377-3300.

HOT TICKET



There's lots to see and do at the 1999 North American International Auto Show. Chevrolet's Tonka Truck will be one of the many concept vehicles on display. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, through Sunday, Jan. 17, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at Cobo Center in Detroit. No one will be admitted after 9 p.m. (or 6 p.m. on the last day). Tickets are free for people age 12 and under (when accompanied by parent or guardian), \$9 for people age 13-64 and \$4 for people age 65 and up. Tickets can be purchased at the door or through the show's Web site at www.naias.com.



Judges favorite: "Riding the Grey Winds," an ice sculpture carved by Peter Slavin and Marty Long of Philadelphia, won a Gold Medal in the 1998 Professional Team Competition at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. It featured a female figure and four hounds.

ICE CARVERS

GO FOR THE GOLD

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, by its very nature, will never grow old. New ideas by award-winning and emerging carvers insure the art of creating sculptures from ice remains an exciting spectator sport for the 750,000 visitors who come annually to watch everything from sea creatures to abstract sculptures take form.

The oldest and largest ice carving event in North America, the Spectacular pits more than 100 U.S. and Japanese carvers against each other in Plymouth's Kellogg Park and the Central Parking Structure Jan. 15-17. Sanctioned by the American Culinary Federation, the competitions award \$10,000 in prize money and scholarships. In addition to amateur and professional carvers, students from Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills; Schoolcraft College, Livonia; Henry Ford, Macomb and Monroe Community Colleges, and local high schools will compete.

"The show is really all new every year," said Mike Watts, Spectacular coordinator. "The medium being what it is, it's a fleeting material which is around, depending on the weather, for a brief time."

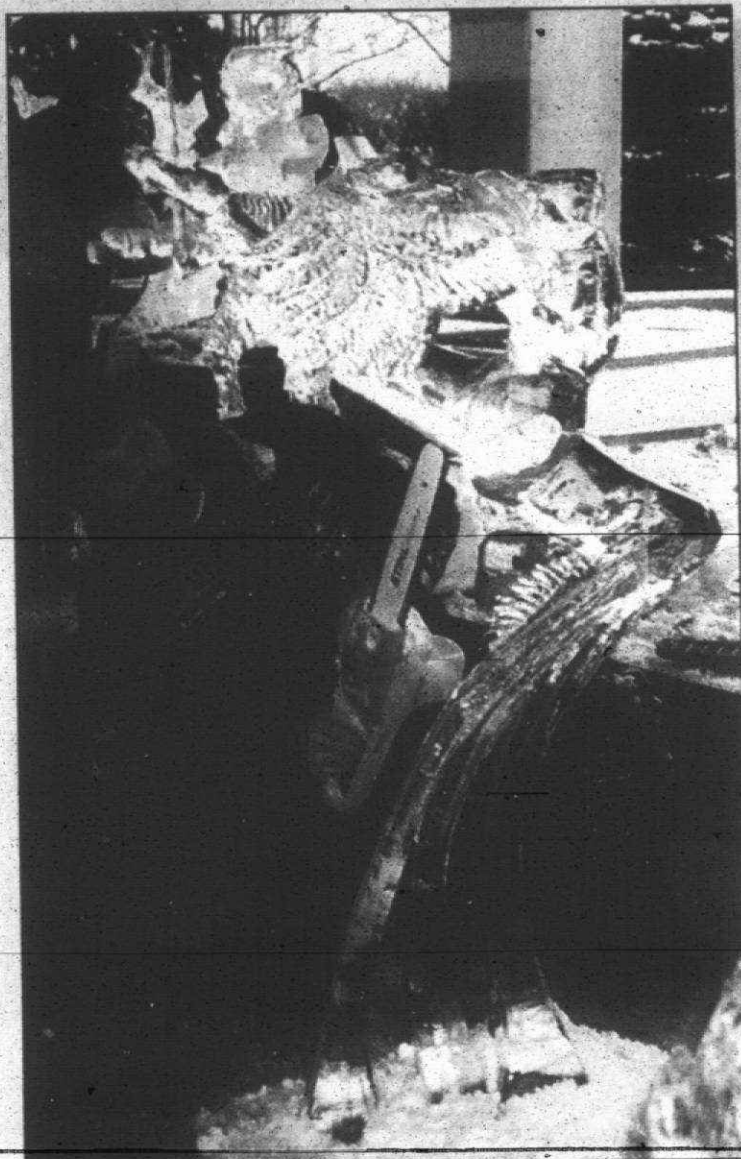
Using a power saw to cut a large circle from a slab of ice, Canton carver Ted Wakar warms up for the competitions by creating dozens of sculptures to be placed in front of businesses during the Plymouth International Ice Spec-

PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE SCULPTURE SPECTACULAR

WHAT: A free winter festival featuring ice carving competitions for professionals, amateurs, and high school and college students, a Fantasyland displaying dozens of wild and crazy bugs carved from ice, celebrity charity carving event, a 24-hour light show, a Plymouth Whalers ice skating party, and a warming area in the Masonic Lodge on Penniman. Virtual Engineering and Frozen Images Studio of Plymouth will create a working timepiece from ice. Have Train, Will Travel, a Farmington Hills business, will provide the electric trains running through some of the displays in Fantasyland in The Gathering.

WHEN: Open 24 hours a day from Wednesday, Jan. 13 to Monday, Jan. 18 in downtown Plymouth. For more information or directions, call (734) 459-9157 or <http://www.oeonline.com/plymouthice/>

WHERE: Kellogg Park, The Gathering and Central Parking Structure in downtown Plymouth.



Figurative fantasy: Ohio carver Aaron Costic took top prize in the professional individual category at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular in January 1998.

gle digits, Lorentz, Wakar and Bur, Jr. work to fill the refrigerated truck parked behind Wakar's Frozen Images Studio in Plymouth's Old Village with the street sculptures. Bur, Jr., a manager at Bozell Worldwide in Southfield, competes in the professional individual category.

"Winning is only a part of it," said Wakar, a product manager at Ford Motor Co. and former executive chef at World Headquarters in Dearborn. "For many of us, it's an escape from our day to day lives. It's a way to express an inner part of ourselves. It's baring your soul and opening yourself up for criticism."

Spectators never seem to tire of watching competitors chisel and chainsaw their way through the 300 pound blocks of ice. In the early years, most of the carvers who competed were chefs. A percentage of the competitors still work in the culinary field but more and more professional ice carvers and those who just like to compete are taking part in the

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POPULAR MUSIC

Al Hill takes his time for 'Willie Mae'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Blues singer/boogie woogie pianist Al Hill has been told for years that he should put his music to CD.

"I just kept saying, 'soori,'" Hill said with a laugh.

Then when he and the Love Butlers' debut CD "Willie Mae" was released late last year, he realized what a good idea it was.

"When you make a record, when it takes that long to make, you lose perspective. There were times when I loved the record, times when I thought this was no good, and times when you put it out and you just don't know anymore," Hill explained.

The response that I've gotten has gone way past what I would have hoped for. Maybe I should hope higher.

More than 500 people showed up to his CD release party at the Cavern Club in Ann Arbor and he sold 120 CDs that night.

"The people have been just so cool with it. I think it's sincere. It's not just your friends saying, 'Nice job.'"

Public radio stations including WDET-FM and WEMU-FM have added songs from "Willie Mae" to its playlist. The same for a blues and jazz station in Los Angeles.

It's been a long road for Hill, a life-long Ann Arbor resident. He attended Pioneer High School before transferring to the first alternative school in Ann Arbor, the Free School, which has since been known as Earth Works and Community High School.

As a sophomore in high school in the early 1970s, Hill and his brothers, who played guitar and bass, collaborated with a drummer friend to perform at roadhouses and honky-tonks in and around Ann Arbor.

"I haven't really done my own thing until this band," Hill said of the Love Butlers. "I've been in a ton of different bands. The one that had the most notoriety is Jeanne and the Dreams."

In the mid-80s, Hill treated Jeanne and the Dreams as a side project to his Al Hill and the Headlights. But before that project got off the ground, Jeanne and the Dreams took off.

"I ended up doing that band for a number of years. It was only when that folded that I decided to get started doing my own thing and doing some writing. This band is the closest I've ever come to realizing my own musical vision," he explained.

Starting his own band, Hill explained, was also due to technological advances.

"I've always played blues and boogie piano and it wasn't until sometime in the last 10 years that the technology was there to have a decent 88-key piano that I could feel comfortable playing music on. Maybe that's why I played guitar so much."

In the meantime, Hill's voice was frequently heard on WCSX-FM, the clas-

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Boogie down: Al Hill and the Love Butlers are celebrating the release of their debut CD "Willie Mae."

MUSIC

Livonia Philharmonic continues 40-year tradition

The Livonia Philharmonic of Michigan is open to students through age 18. It is requested that members take private lessons, demonstrate competency and who a deep personal interest in music. Rehearsals continue 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, January through May at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Auditions will be held Saturday, Jan. 16. Call (734) 591-7649 or (248) 476-6341 to schedule an audition appointment.

By THERESA CAVANAUGH
SPECIAL WRITER

On most Saturdays from September to May, 120 families from 22 communities, travel to Livonia to participate in the weekly rehearsal with the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan. By 8:55 a.m., the family car curls along the drive in front of Churchill High School on the corner of Newburgh and Jey Road. Car doors open and passengers ranging in age from four through 19 step out. Juggling a music case in one hand and sheet music in the other, they hurry up to glass doors and maneuver their way inside.

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is based on a youth orchestra program that was founded in Livonia 40 years ago. The non-profit organization is designed to further the music

education and talent of its members. Participants audition for placement into one of three orchestras or the Flute Choir.

Unpacking their instruments, students in the Concert Strings Orchestra, leave their cases scattered about the floor. By 9 a.m. the students find their seat in the traditional arch of an orchestra and they face their conductor, Timario Wilkins.

The Concert String Orchestra is rehearsing the "Canon in G" composed by Pachelbel. There is a big of boggle in the second violin section and Wilkins counts out, "2 and 3 and 4 and," he paces them, then, "stronger seconds" he encourages. Responding, the second violins catch up and return a bigger sound.

"Great job to third violins on the C sharp, but you guys," Wilkins points to the first violin section with his baton, "you're rushing at 36, take it a little slower."

Instruments and bows are poised; the cue is given, play resumes. The students play a few measures and Wilkins stops them. Addressing the first violins, Wilkins reminds them, "you are playing as one person, stay together."

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan strives to teach students to listen and watch each other. To react to each other and communicate to

each other across the orchestra. While it is important to read music, to learn what the symbols are, the students are encouraged to get their heads out of the score. It is important to instill in the students the need to play beyond the notes and find the real music in the piece.

In room G-16, Derek Weller, conductor of the Philharmonic Orchestra, makes a dramatic lunge to his left. The movement prompts the first violins into action. Student eyes dart back and forth, from conductor to music. Quickly, they scan the notes, transposing spots on a page into sounds that harmonize and become a melody.

Weller has some definite ideas about how students learn music. "It's a lot like learning to speak," he said. "When you were very little no one sat you down and said, 'this is a verb or that is a noun; you just grew up hearing the words. Eventually, your words become sentences and you are communicating. The real study of language comes years after you begin using it. Music is like language, in that a person can play or sing musically years before understanding that those black dots on a page are symbols for a sound."

The orchestra plays the opening strains of Verdi's "Aida" with a vigor that belies the early morning hour. The sound is big. One would suspect an adult orchestra is playing. Instead, the Philharmonic includes students whose ages range from 10 through 18 years.

Weller is quick to underscore the importance of music education for very young students. "Not every child who studies music will become a professional musician," he said. "But every child who studies music will grow to understand something about it and support it as an adult."

Weller is the principal bass and performs with the Michigan Opera Theater. He also teaches the double bass at Eastern Michigan University, a sub in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and gives private instruction to students studying the bass, but he keeps Saturday morning open for the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan.



Strings: Conductor Julia Kurtyka works with students in the Advanced Strings Orchestra, including Trae McMaken, Maureen Case and Tara Stanley.

Julia Kurtyka is Executive Director of the Plymouth Symphony and conducts the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan's youngest participants in the Advanced Strings Orchestra. Some of these children began music lessons at the age of two, and some are preteens just discovering music, and are beginning string studies.

"It is important to provide a solid foundation for young children studying music right from the start," she said. Kurtyka advises parents to provide the best teachers they can in an attempt to avoid their children learning improper techniques and bad posture.

"As most parents of small children know, it is difficult to break a bad habit," she said. "If children learn the wrong fingering techniques it can be very frustrating for both the child and the teacher to reestablish the correct

form." Linda Ignagni the organization's string specialist agrees, "as important as quality instruction is, another key factor in music education is the instrument." With small children the size of the instrument is everything, not necessarily the grade of the instrument. It should fit the child and not be too large or too small for the student."

Ignagni visits each string orchestra every Saturday. She spends her time adjusting and tuning the younger student's instruments.

Often working at the direction of the conductors, Ignagni will coach students individually or in small groups. "It can be very intimidating for students to come into a group like the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan and be given a large, imposing piece of music to read,"

Wilkins points out. "At the first run through the piece is awful and the students insist they can't play it. What is wonderful about music is how it is studied. We break it down into smaller pieces and study it measure by measure. Not only does difficult music become manageable, but the students get an immediate boost of confidence. They and the rehearsal feeling better about themselves because they know even though the piece is hard they can work it out."

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is an independent youth music organization designed to complement existing school programs by developing ensemble performance skills.

Theresa Cavanaugh is immediate past president of the board of the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan.

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Spectacular.

This year's judges are Dean Carlson of Florida, certified executive chef Roland Czekielos, Vermont, and Dan Hugelier and Joe Decker, chef instructors at Schoolcraft College.

"As an art form, ice carving is in its youth," said Wakar. "I try to utilize the knowledge other artists use while creating something that's challenging to us. If we can perform it properly, we hope the judges will find it as interesting as we do."

Lorentz carves ice for a living. J.R.'s Ice Sculptures provides ice punch bowls, sculptures and carving blocks for weddings, bridal showers, banquets, parties and corporate promotions in the tri-county area. A 1995 graduate of the ice carving program directed by Richard Teeple at Henry Ford Community College, Lorentz shows dozens of photographs taken of a bronze sculpture on which he and Wakar will pattern their carving. As with most of the competitors, they want to keep the design a secret.

"It's real daring because most of the weight of the sculpture is off center," said Lorentz.

Dueling planes

Dan Hunsbarger will be practicing his carving techniques in front of the Moveable Feast in Ann Arbor. Hunsbarger owns the restaurant so no one can complain about the whirring power saw as he carves two World War I bi-planes from 20 blocks of ice. Formerly executive chef and general manager of the Gandy Dancer, Hunsbarger first learned the art of ice carving while a student at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde

Park, New York. He's competed in Plymouth for more than 10 years and this year enters the professional team competition with partner John Hosford. He'll practice cold and warm weather designs in front of the restaurant home on weekends until the Plymouth competition.

"Ice carving was done originally for buffet use," said Hunsbarger. "Then they started to compete and that's when the level of ice carving skills increased. Now, there are competitions all over the country and lots of talented carvers. I do it because it's quite relaxing, and for the fun of carving. If you enjoy art at all, it's an interesting medium to work with."

While the competitions last only three days, the Spectacular offers six days to view ice sculptures, including a Fantasyland display, and electric trains from Have Trains, Will Travel of Farmington Hills add to the excitement of the free winter festival. There's free parking in the Central Parking Structure and Central Middle School's lot but be prepared to walk a few blocks.

Family fun

Watts proudly displays the letters and drawings he received from a class of third graders from Westview Elementary in Warren after they attended the

Spectacular in January.

"Seeing the families come out and the kids get excited, is the most rewarding part of the festival for me," said Watts, who is currently in negotiations with the 2002 Winter Olympics Committee in Salt Lake City to bring ice carving to the event. "It's the most interesting and unique family festival in the U.S. in winter. I don't know of any major family activity today that's free. We have to start three to four weeks in advance with the street carvings. The carvers usually surprise me with the subjects they choose to carve. We really want people to be surprised."

Michigan residents aren't the only ones interested in the festival. Last year, the Spectacular's internet site received over 50,000 hits from the United Kingdom, Australia, Japan, Germany, Canada, France, South Korea, Israel, Denmark, and the rest of the U.S.

"The internet's a boon for us because we can give people directions and a schedule of the competitions and events," said Watts. "We had a couple of freak warnings, and were trying to keep it alive. We've been fortunate to have cold weather the last eight years, and support from the community and sponsors but ice has gotten more expensive, labor has gotten more expensive. We're going to have to raise more money. We're going to be scouring the countryside for new sponsors, and we hope to increase the donations we receive from the public in the boxes in Kellogg Park and The Gathering so we can keep the festival free."

Exhibit on Detroiters at work

The Detroit Historical Museum is presenting the first 200 years of the city's history in a whole new way with "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901."

"No one else tells this story of Detroit's history," said Maud Margaret Lyon, director of the Detroit Historical Museum. "This new exhibit is a dramatic improvement of what has been shown previously."

The Detroit Historical Museum, on the corner of Woodward and Kirby in Detroit's Cultural Center, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Admission is \$5 adults, \$1.50 for seniors and children ages 12-18, and free for children under 12.

"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work" includes the following sections:

■ Introduction - A new interactive map of the Great Lakes region illustrates major exploration routes into the area with emphasis on the route used by Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac when he founded Detroit in 1701.

■ The First People - Story of the Native American people in the Detroit area before Cadillac, and how they lived. It includes artifacts from the museum's collection.

■ Furs, Forts and Fire - Covers the period from 1701 to 1825 and addresses Cadillac's arrival, the growth of the village of Detroit, the first of 1805 and the Woodward plan to reshape the city, the Moran Trading Post, and french farming techniques. An interactive video presentation "Early Detroiters," features a cross section of settlers from the era.

■ City of Commerce, 1825-1865 - This section illustrates the growth that took place from 1825 to 1865, as improved transportation via steamship and train brought more people from a variety of cultures to Detroit. A touch-screen interactive called "From Many Places" explains why and when people from many ethnic backgrounds settled in the city. The first industries in the city and the people responsible for them are also profiled.

■ City of Industry - Displays the stories of prominent industrialists and their companies. It

also features a new interactive video "Working in Detroit." The viewer selects a character and sees a short story on the individual's role in late 19th century Detroit. Roles of men and women of various ethnic backgrounds are presented.

■ Heavy Industry - Using photos, graphics, large photographic backdrops and artifacts, this section shows the national impact and prominence of Detroit's industries in the 1890s, including the manufacturing of railroad cars, ships, and stoves. A video theater in this area shows an overview of the entire exhibit.

■ Making Goods for Detroiters - Sanders, Kresge's, Strohs, Hudson's and Parke-Davis, are all Detroit institutions that came into prominence in post-Civil War Detroit. This display explains how these and other famous Detroit products and businesses were born.

■ The City Where Life is Worth Living - This was the slogan for Detroit in the 1890s. This section features an interactive street map of the era in which viewers push buttons to light a picture of a Detroit landmark and see a corresponding light at its location on the map.

■ Ready to be the Motor City - As the 20th century dawned, Detroit poised to become the Automotive Capital of the World. This display looks at the connection between Detroit's 1890s industries and automobile manufacturing, as well as the innovators who helped move the city into the "car culture" - Henry Leland, Henry Ford, and Ransome Olds.

■ In Business for a Century - This section of the exhibit is devoted to Detroit businesses that have been in continuous operation for 100 years or more.



Stove capital: Workers at the Michigan Stove Company in 1872 pose for a photograph. This image tells just one of many stories in the new "Frontiers to Factories" exhibit, now open at the Detroit Historical Museum. Before it was known as the Motor City, Detroit was known as stove making capital of the world.

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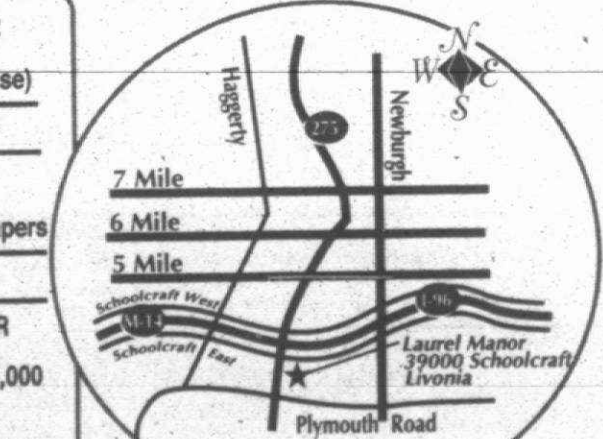
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Soprano performs with pianist Helen York, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$14, \$26, \$30 and \$40. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

VIDA MILMANTOS
Opera singer performs with pianist Tatyana Zet, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Free. (248) 967-4030

COLLEGE

WSU HILBERY THEATRE
"Scapin," in rotating repertory to Feb. 3; Charles Dickens' classic "A Tale of Two Cities," runs in rotating repertory to March 4, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATRE

THE ACTORS' COMPANY
"Agnes of God," John Pielmeier's gripping adult drama, Jan. 8-10, 15-16, and 22-23, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, between I-275 and Haggerty, Livonia. \$15. (248) 988-7032

BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS
"Deathtrap," a mystery thriller, Jan. 8-10, 15-17 and 22-23, 8 p.m. evenings, 2 p.m. Sunday matinee, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$12, \$10 children ages 18 and younger. (248) 644-2075

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SPECIAL EVENTS

BEANIE BABY SHOW
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 505 Farmer St., Plymouth. \$5, \$2 kids ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

DETROIT SOCIETY FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH
Presents a special program consisting of a tour through the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at the museum, Warren and Frederick Douglass avenues, Detroit. Limited to 100 people, pre-registration is required. (734) 722-6305

MARTIN LUTHER KING BREAKFAST
With guest speaker Anthony Luezo, son of slain civil rights worker Viola Luezo, and a children's choir, 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15, The Student Center Arena of Highland Lake campus of



All-wheel drive: The 1999 Chevrolet Astro, the official vehicle of the U.S. Ski Team, is just one of the vehicles on display at the 1999 North American International Auto Show. The show is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, through Sunday, Jan. 17, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at Cobo Center in Detroit. No one will be admitted after 9 p.m. (or 6 p.m. on the last day). Tickets are free for people age 12 and under (when accompanied by parent or guardian), \$9 for people age 13-64 and \$4 for people age 65 and up. Tickets can be purchased at the door or through the show's Web site at www.naias.com

Oakland Community College, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. \$8, (248) 360-3186

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7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17 in advance, \$19 day of show; \$22 for reserved seating. First show all ages, second show 18 and older. (313) 961-5451

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Silent and live auctions of Schoolkids Records memorabilia, hosted by Matt Watroba and Mr. B, 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$5, All ages. (734) 761-1451

FAMILY EVENTS

DOUG COTLER
The singer/songwriter and Grammy Award winning composer performs insightful and humorous songs about Jewish events and heroes for families, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. \$5, \$8 non-members. (248) 661-7649

"GREASE ON ICE"
Starring Nancy Kerrigan as Sandy, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$40, \$27.50 and \$17.50. (248) 645-6666

MAGICAL WALT SMITH
Performs feats of magic for the Kids Concert (ages 4-10 years old), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24390 Southfield Road. \$3.25. (248) 424-9022

CHAMPIONS ON ICE
Features Michelle Kwan, Todd Eldredge, Elvis Stojko, Oksana Baiul, Philippe Candeloro, Brian Boitano, Surya Bonaly, Elizabeth Punsalan & Jerod Swallow, Rudy Galindo, Viktor Petrenko, and Nicole Bobek, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 24, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. Tickets \$55, \$40 and \$25, (248) 645-6666, (313) 983-6606 or www.ticketmaster.com

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALS
Presents "National Federation of Music Clubs Day" with performances by soprano Kaye Rittinger, pianist Maria Siatczynski, and an instrumental trio of Sylvia Starkman, oboe, Patricia Snyder, bassoon and Claudia Hook, viola, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at The Community House, 36C South Bates Street, Birmingham. \$2. (248) 475-6978

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Pianist Boris Berman begins the DSO's complete cycle of Beethoven Piano Concertos with a performance of the composer's Fifth Concerto for piano, subtitled the "Emperor," DSO concertmaster Emmanuelle Boissert, principal second violin Geoffrey Applegate, and acting principal cello Marcy Chantoux will be featured in Handel's Concerto Grosso, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$13 to \$63. (313) 576-5111

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
An ensemble of seven orchestra members perform classical chamber, jazz and pop music, LSO president Robert Bennett gives a short talk on orchestra operations, conductor Volodymyr Scheslik talks following the program, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. Free for Friends of Livonia, all others by purchasing a \$5 membership. (734) 464-2741

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Winter Movie Series begins with Sean Connery and Robert Shaw in "From Russia With Love," 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8 (organ overture by Ron Reseigh at 7:30 p.m.), and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 (organ overture start 30 minutes earlier), at the Historic Reformatory Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50, (313) 531-4407

POPS/SWING

CANTOR STEPHEN DUBOV
With pianist Marty Mandelbaum, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Jaffe Hall, Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Luncheon at noon. \$2.25, reservations by Friday, Jan. 15, (248) 967-4030

"GERSHWIN SUNG AND UNSUNG"
With American soprano Dana Hanchard and Broadway musical

theater star Ted Keegan, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, Lydia Mendelsohn Theatre, 911 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$20 and \$35. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, as part of the Detroit Rockers game, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Admission charge. (248) 645-6666; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free, 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (western swing)

AUDITIONS /CALL FOR ARTISTS

AVON PLAYERS
Open auditions for five women, nine girls and one male for Lillian Hellman's adult drama "The Children's Hour," 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10 and 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, at the playhouse, 1185 Trienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. For performances March 5-7, 12-14 and 18-20. (248) 280-0206

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Invites all adult musicians from southeastern Michigan "to get your instruments out of storage and start playing again." All instruments welcome, but there is a special need for clarinets and flutes. Rehearse Monday evenings in the social hall of Franklin Community Church on Franklin Road, (between 13 and 14 Mile Roads) just west of Telegraph, Call Bill Priek (248) 474-8869 or Bob Zimmerman (313) 535-4119 for details.

BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP

Invites women to read music and enjoy singing to join the group. Founded 40 years ago, group members are women who enjoy rehearsing and performing a variety of music including light classical, show tunes and seasonal favorites. Rehearse Monday evenings February-June in Southfield. Call Jane Miller (248) 642-3216 or Katie Parsons (313) 640-0123.

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

Auditions for two casts for the musical "Jack and the Beanstalk," be prepared to sing and read from script, no appointment necessary, auditions will be taken as they arrive, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, January 10, at the Historic Players Club, 3321 East Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougall, Detroit. For performances Saturdays-Sundays from Feb. 27 to May 24 at the Historic Players Club. (810) 662-8118

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC OF MICHIGAN

Open auditions for the orchestra 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, the Livonia Youth Philharmonic provides orchestral instruction and performance opportunities for all wind and

string music students from elementary through high school, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. (734) 591-7649/(248) 476-6341

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY
Rehearsals 7:15 p.m. Mondays, First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, "Mass in G" by Schubert, and "Chichester Psalms" by Bernstein will be performed. Scores may be purchased for \$7 and \$9, respectively. No auditions required. (734) 455-8353

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Auditions for experienced singers of all voice parts, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 12 and 19, in the Forum Building, Room 530 on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. To schedule audition, call (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS

Auditions for ages five and up for the music "The Fabulous Fable Factory," 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday, Jan. 10-12, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 North Sheldon, at Junction, Plymouth. Participation fee due upon casting, \$100 members, \$125 nonmembers. (734) 416-4278

ZAMIR CHORALE OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT

The independent Jewish choir holds auditions for all voice parts during open rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the Agency for Jewish Education, 21550 W. 12 Mile, Southfield. (313) 861-8990/(248) 851-8560

WORLD MUSIC

IMMIGRANT SUNS
With The Hentchen and Fez, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (European/rock)

IMMUNITY

10 p.m. to 12 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 15-16, Bachelor's, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Free, 21 and older. (248) 682-2295 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

CRY, CRY, CRY
Featuring Dar Williams, Richard Shindell and Lucy Kaplansky, with special guest Cliff Eberhardt, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$21. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

THE GRUNTYONS

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, the Student Center Arena of Highland Lakes campus of Oakland Community College, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. \$10, \$8 - students and seniors. (248) 360-3186

JAN KRIST

10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 8-9, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free, 21 and older. (313) 886-8101

RFD BOYS

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, 9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 (bluegrass)

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

JIM CARROLL
Author of "The Basketball Diaries" does a spoken-word performance, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance, 18 and older; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50 in advance, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com>

"MARK TWAIN AND THE LAUGHING RIVER"

Featuring storyteller Jim Post as Mark Twain, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

DANCE

COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS
Contra Dance with live music by Peter Baker and Donna Baird, all dances taught, no partner needed, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16 (open jam for stringband musicians of all levels 4-6 p.m., free), at Pittsfield Grange, 333 Pines, Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241

9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (acid jazz/rock)

TAMMY RAFFERTY
Ann Arbor County for Traditional Music and Dance presents a workshop and dancing with live music by David West and Donna Baird, all dances taught, previous experience and partners not required, 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5, (734) 662-5158

GARY SCHUNK TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Jan. 14, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

HARVEY THOMPSON TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays, Jan. 8 and 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax and vocal/piano/bass)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUSON
With Dan Koltun, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free, 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

BARBARA WARE & THE MATT MICHAELS TRIO
Part of the Birmingham Vespers series 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, First Baptist Church, corner of Willis and Bates St., one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward Ave. Free-will offering. (248) 644-0550

COMEDY

"HIT MEN OF COMEDY"

Featuring D.C. Curry, Arnez J., Sheryl Underwood and hosted by Schucky Ducky, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 and \$35. All ages. (248) 433-1515

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Kevin McPeck, Alyce Faye and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 7-9 (12); Moody McCarthy, Jamie Lissow and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 14-16 (12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (15). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Maryellen Hooger, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 8-9, \$12, \$24.95 dinner show package, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); Will Durt, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 15-16 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

SECOND CITY

"Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective; 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through Feb. 7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, "The Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Media Roundtable" with a panel of African American journalists including Chuck Stokes of WXYZ-TV, Gerald Smith of Detroit Public Television, Nkegwa Zola of WDET-FM, and Michael Goodin of the Michigan Chronicle, discuss the impact of Dr. King more than 30 years after his death, free with museum admission; "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactions, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from the "Motor Capital of the World" to the "Motor City," the mobile capitol of the world; "The Fantasy World of Doll Houses," through Jan. 31; "Remembering Downtown Hudson" at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby). Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

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TETHERBOAT RACING ON BELLE ISLE
Lecture and movies, these small gasoline-powered boats which ran on a thin wire were long associated with Belle Isle; the newest exhibit "Racing on the Great Lakes," a historical look at competitive and recreational sailing with hands-on activities, continues 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, in the museum on Detroit's Belle Isle. \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18. (313) 852-4051

THE ALLIGATORS
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free, 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

ATOMIC NUMBERS
With Catherine and Papa Vegas, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or <http://www.alvins.xtcom.com> (pop)

GORDON BENNETT
9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free, 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (rock)

BERGHEIM 34

9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge: 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (rock)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"

With Sleeping on Silver, Sinehead's, Law Frequency, Sapphire and The Z's, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free, 19 and

DINING

P.F. Chang's China Bistro balances Yin and Yang

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Dining at Somerset Collection South in Troy uncovers Yin and Yang at P.F. Chang's China Bistro that opened late November. Formerly occupied by Sebastian's, P.F. Chang's has a dramatic new menu and decor, both inside and out.

On the exterior, bonsai trees and two eight-foot Ming horses greet diners: Entering from within the mall, the feel is like an art gallery.

P.F. Chang's specializes in dishes from five major regions of China (Canton, Szechwan, Shanghai, Hunan and Mongolia). Before getting into the moderately-sized menu, there's plenty of eye candy to admire for 215 diners at booths, tables and the semi-circular, contemporary bar inside the front entrance.

High energy is the hallmark of P.F. Chang's with its open kitchen and exhibi-

Specialty dish:
Chef Roy's Favorite Chicken with oyster sauce and scallions, served on a bed of fresh steamed rice, is one of the items you'll find on the menu at P.F. Chang's China Bistro.



tion wok cooking. Yet hardwood dark mahogany and slate flooring sets a quiet, relaxing mood. Shades of gold, brown and deep red are warmed by

P.F. Chang's China Bistro
Where: Somerset Collection (South), 2801 W. Big Beaver, Troy (248) 816-8000.
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday until midnight.
Menu: In a casual, yet upscale atmosphere, dishes from five major regions of China balance the Yin and Yang principles of fan (rice, noodles, grains and dumplings) and t'sai (vegetables, seafood, poultry and meat) dishes.
Cost: Moderate with lunch \$6-8 and dinner \$8-13.
Reservations: not accepted except for two captain's tables, seating 8-18, that can be reserved at 5, 7 and 9 p.m.
Parking: Complimentary valet
Credit cards: All majors accepted.

large back-lit disks and custom hand-blown lighting fixtures.

Back-lit terra cotta soldiers, replicas from the Ming Dynasty dating back to the 11th century B.C. flank the walls. Two hand-painted 12th century B.C. narrative murals depict life in that period. Contemporary music says new-age.

P.F. Chang's merges authentic Far-Eastern Chinese cuisine

deliberately chosen," noted Operating Partner Dean Wood. "We believe P.F. Chang's concept is unusual and complements the unique stores in the mall."

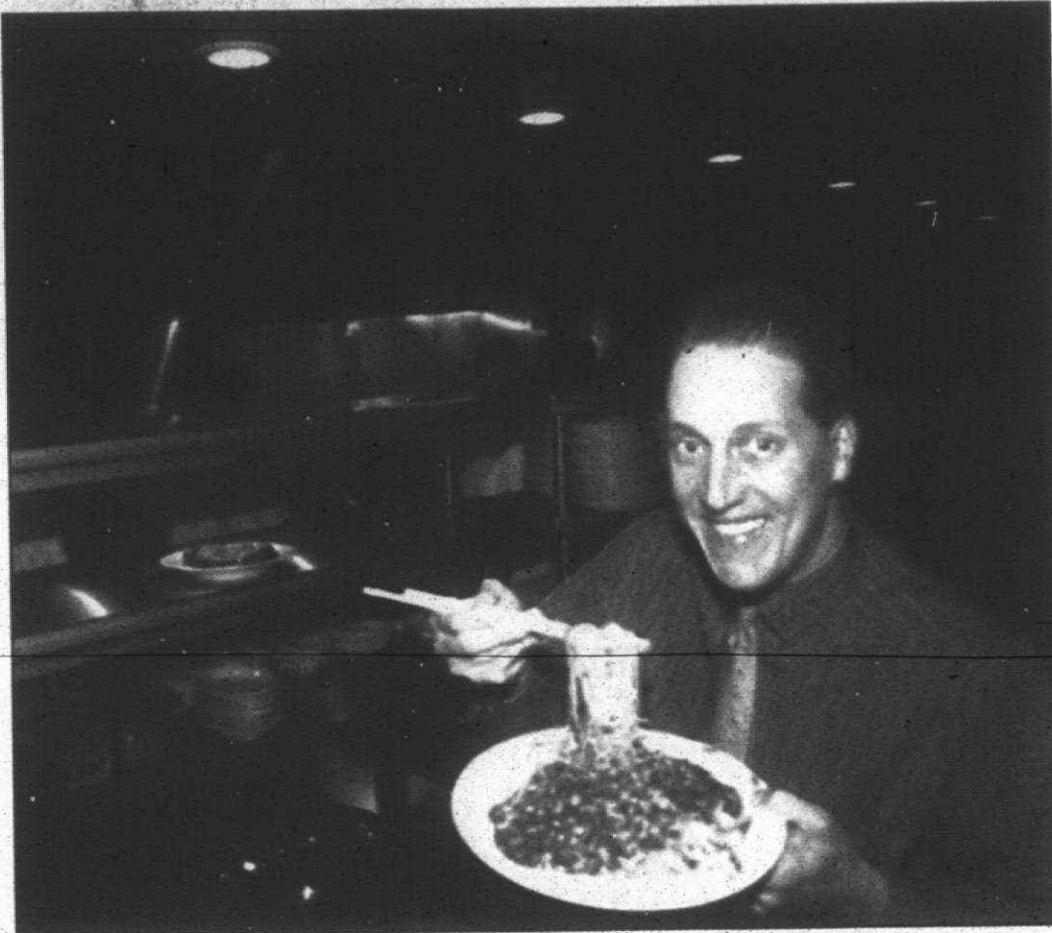
Wood, now a Rochester Hills resident, was raised in Troy and before joining Chang's was Food & Beverage Director for the Palace of Auburn Hills.

P. F. Chang's China Bistro is the brainchild of Paul Fleming (P.F. in the name) who consulted with Philip Chiang of Beverly Hills, California, to develop the authentic Chinese menu served first in 1993 at its original location, Scottsdale, Arizona. There are now 22 locations nationwide.

Wood is front-of-the-house complement to Executive Chef Ted Teeter, a 1982 graduate of the culinary department at Oakland Community College. He was restaurant chef at Bo's Brewery & Bistro in Pontiac, before leaving to train at P.F. Chang's in Las Vegas for his current position.

Teeter is responsible for chefs working four double wok stations and a host of other kitchen staff who cut, chop and plate fresh, uncooked ingredients for each wok station. There are no steam tables. Each dish is cooked to order - even the fried rice. That's really unusual.

Your dining experience begins with a server, who not only takes your order, but is skilled in table-side service. Servers learn your preferences with a few brief questions, then begin by introducing you to P.F. Chang's and



Taste of China: Operating Partner Dean Wood at P.F. Chang's China Bistro at Somerset Collection South in Troy.

Trio Sauce, a medley of rice wine vinegar, chili oil, soy sauce, garlic and scallions. To this bowl at the table, the server adds chili paste, hot Chinese mustard and perhaps a little plum sauce to suit your taste.

To experience more tableside service, order the signature Chang's Chicken in Soothing Lettuce Wrap appetizer or the Dan Dan Noodles as a main dish.

Among other appetizers are Northern Style Short Ribs, no sticky sauce, and more like dry rub which can be accented with house-made five-spice powder.

Shrimp dumplings are steamed tender and served with ginger chili soy sauce.

Lemon Pepper Shrimp and Beef a la Szechwan are winners. For the latter, beef is twice cooked with celery and carrots, resulting in a crispy texture and true to the menu billing "unlike anything you're used to."

There's no kid's menu at Chang's, but lots of things kids like to eat such as noodles and five chicken choices.

In addition to a full-service bar, Chang's has an ambitious wine list organized by the latest concept, a progressive wine list

that makes wine more friendly and easy to choose. Wines are listed from light and easy-to-drink to bolder, more robust styles. Most wines are served by the glass and there are a number of very good choices at \$25 and under per bottle.

When you've chosen to eat Chinese in the past, you probably chose a small owner-operated eatery. Selecting a chain operation has not entered your mind. That's the Yin and Yang. P.F. Chang's China Bistro is out to change your mind with both its atmosphere and food, literally under the spotlight at each table.

WHAT'S COOKING

■ **A Southwest Feast** - 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27 at Morels (248) 642-1094 and Thursday, Jan. 28 at No. VI Chophouse & Lobster Bar, (248) 305-5210. Cost \$34.95 per person, not including tax and gratuity. Call for reservations/information.

■ **Pick-A-Bone Rib House & Saloon** - 30325 Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 762-RIBS or (734) 762-2063, celebrates its one-year anniversary on Jan. 28. Restaurant hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, closed Sunday.

■ **Panera Bread** - Has opened two new bakery-cafes in Livonia and Troy. The new bakery-cafes and meeting places offer more than a dozen varieties

of fresh-baked bread, along with bagels, fruit-filled croissants, cinnamon rolls, muffins, desserts, plus hot and cold espresso beverages. The Livonia store is in the Newburgh Plaza, 37133 Six Mile road (at the intersection of Newburgh), (734) 542-0532, and in Troy at the Troy Commons, 823 E. Big Beaver Road (on the corner of Rochester Road), (248) 526-0822. Hours are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. Other metro-Detroit Panera Bread Bakery-Cafe locations include 27651 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village; 6399 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; and 25875 Novi Road, Novi.

■ **Little Caesars** - Complete an entry form at participating Little Caesars restaurants to

win a chance to attend a special pizza party with Detroit Red Wings Captain Steve Yzerman at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. One winner will be chosen from every Little Caesars Pizza restaurant in the metro-Detroit area. You can also enter the contest by hand-printing your name,

address, phone number, the name of the participating Little Caesars nearest you, and writing "Little Caesars Pizza! Party with Steve Yzerman" on a 3-by-5-inch card. Mail to 1000 Town Center, Suite 1500, Southfield, MI 48075. All entries must be received no later than mid-

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