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THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY

Local government: The Canton Township Board of Trustees holds its regular meeting 7 p.m. in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Kiwanis: Plymouth-Canton Morning Kiwanis has 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.

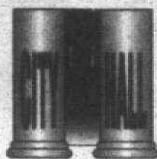
WEDNESDAY

Get fit: Schoolcraft College offers handball, paddleball, racquetball and wallyball courts available for evening play Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Friday at Schoolcraft College. A \$35 fee reserves a court and equipment for 15 weeks. 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.

THURSDAY

Exhibit: Focus:HOPE presents "Focus on the Mission Photography Exhibit" 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, through Sunday in Summit on the Park, Canton. The program involves students from across the metropolitan area in a series of photography seminars held at Focus:HOPE. The free exhibit features at least one photo from each student. For more information, call (734) 397-6450.

Seven on short list for DDA job



BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Canton's search for a downtown and community development coordinator is down to seven candidates.

More than 40 people applied for the position, which will provide administrative support to the Downtown Development Authority and assist the

The list of candidates for a downtown and community development coordinator has been sliced from more than 40 candidates to seven. Township officials won't release names or hold public interviews for the finalists.

township supervisor with economic development of Canton.

The position will likely be filled by mid-February, Supervisor Tom Yack said at a Wednesday meeting of the DDA.

"We're looking for someone with a high energy level," he told the DDA board, "a self-starter that can work with very little direction."

Township Personnel Manager David Medley declined the Observer's request for names and information about the seven finalists. He said the information didn't fall under Michigan's Open Meetings Act of 1976.

Under the act, a "public body" means any state or local legislative or governing body, including a board, commission, committee, subcommittee, authority or council.

The DDA is as such a public body. Its purpose is to oversee a state-designated district within a municipality where tax revenues are used for improvements in that district.

A three-person panel, including Can-

ton Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, Public Safety Director John Santomauro and Administrative and Community Services Director Dan Durack, will whittle the final seven candidates down to a group of one to three, Medley said.

The supervisor, who also acts as a DDA board member, and DDA Chair Ralph Shufeldt will have final say on the position, Yack said. The DDA Board will not vote on a selection for the coordinator, he added.

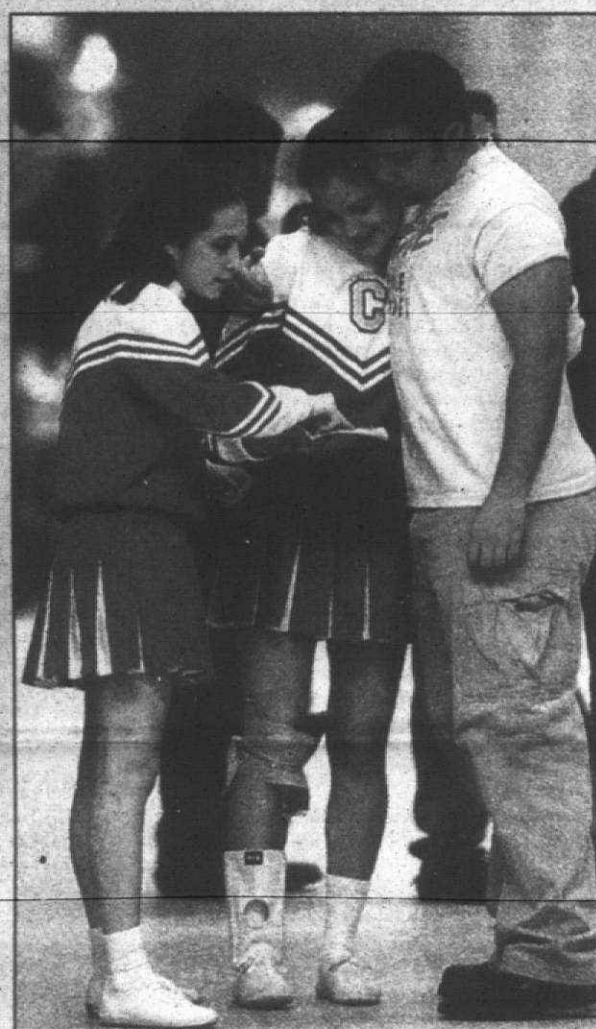
The position will range in pay from \$36,300 at the bottom end to \$42,300

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Checking in with Katie Tolbert



Her year: Katie Tolbert of Canton (above) has fun with two of her charges, Allison Munday, 5, (left) and Sarah Driscoll, also 5, at her part-time job at the Kids Corner at the Summit. At left, Katie responds to a co-worker as she reads to Alex Reed, 15 months. At right, Katie gets a hug from Chad Stidham while looking over the program with Brandy McGrew during a break in the Chiefettes' recent Variety Show. Katie has an ice pack on her knee after spraining it during practice the previous day. For a photo update on The Observer's "Year in the Life" project, please turn to Page A3.



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Charter school will take 'basics' approach

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Parents who attended Wednesday night's organizational meeting for a new charter school in Canton believe there is a need for "back to basics" education, where academic excellence is expected, and character is being developed.

And that's what they were promised by representatives of American Heritage Academies, which is planning to

build Canton's first charter school by Aug. 1.

"I like the idea of strong academics, and their emphasis on moral character," said Marilyn Thomas of Canton, who is considering moving her child from Bentley Elementary in the Plymouth-Canton school district. "They don't emphasize those two areas as much as I would like in the public schools. This is something I'm willing to try."

Parents representing nearly 140 area

families attended two meetings Wednesday at the Canton Public Library. Organizers say it was the best-attended informational meeting since National Heritage Academies began in 1985.

"We are at a crossroads in the education of children," Todd Avis, director of curriculum, told parents. "This is as important a decision you'll make in the education of your children, right up there with where they will go to college."

Public education has been criticized, at times, for trying to make students feel good, even in the face of failure.

"Many of our teachers believe that in some traditional schools too many warm fuzzies and smiley faces are doled out to children, giving out a false sense of esteem," said Avis. "Self-esteem is earned through dedication, hard work and perseverance."

Charter schools receive a state foundation grant, just like public schools.

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Center roof collapse leaves stores reeling

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A dozen shops at Golden Gate Shopping Center on Lilley Road could remain closed for up to a month.

The shops were forced to shut down after a section of the roof collapsed Jan. 19. An estimated \$500,000 worth of damage was done to the center's southern end, including nearly complete destruction of a coney island and electronic repair shop.

According to a Golden Gate spokesman, an engineering report will determine exactly how long the shops will remain closed. It could be as little as a week or up to a month in a "worst case scenario."

If it's a month, the spokesman said the entire roofing system for the center's southern end would be replaced.

It was originally thought that the shops would reopen this week. But an inspection found cracked roof trusses in five other southern end shops. More than a foot of snow and ice had built up on the roof and caused the collapse.

UPDATE

"It's a bad situation," the spokesman said. "But it could've been much worse."

Things are bad enough for several of the closed businesses.

Cheryl Bias, owner of C.J.'s Hair Stop, rented three chairs from a Lilley Road salon to try and take care of her customers.

"It has been a living hell," she said, "trying to run my business out of another salon."

Bias is receiving some insurance money to help tide her over. But it may not be enough to survive.

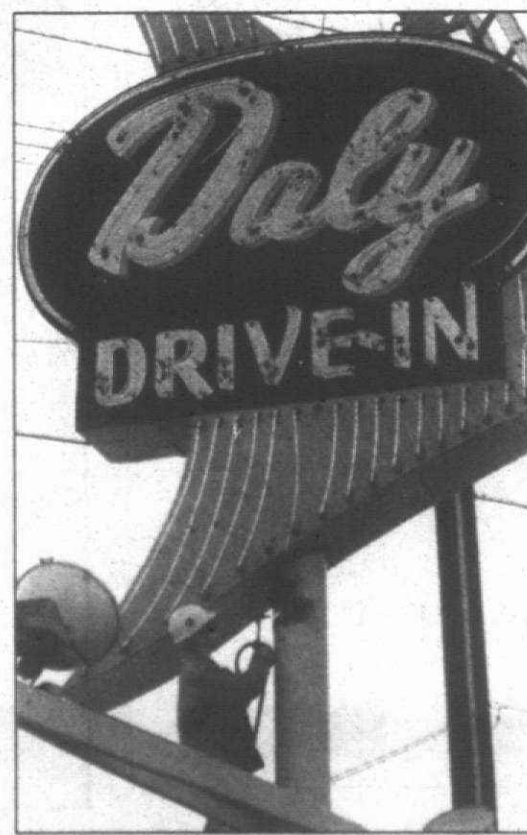
"It doesn't replace a business you've worked 10 years to build," she added.

It's not easy for Bob's of Canton grocery, either.

The store, which has been open for more than a decade at Golden Gate, was having financial problems prior to the roof collapse, Manager Katie Car-

Please see ROOF COLLAPSE, A2

An icon comes down



Landmark decision: Matt Wilson of Integrated Fabrications and Illuminations uses an acetylene torch to cut down the Daly Drive-In sign in front of the closed restaurant on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Friday. The Canton company donated its services to preserve the sign for an area collector. To find out where the sign is headed, please turn to Page A4 in today's Observer.

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Heinz Prechter to speak at Economic Club Feb. 3

Detroit area business and civic leader Heinz Prechter will be the keynote speaker at the Canton Economic Club luncheon Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the Summit.

Prechter has built an international reputation for more than three decades as the founder of American Sunroof Corp. of Spouthgate, an auto supply firm. In addition, his Heritage Network Inc. publishes a chain of weekly newspapers in Downriver communities and controls several related communication, transportation, hospitality and real estate businesses.

While studying as an exchange student at San Francisco State College, he began installing sunroofs in automobiles, a virtually unknown feature on this side of the Atlantic. The small business that Prechter started in his garage in 1965 today has more than 22 facilities worldwide and employs some 2,000 people.

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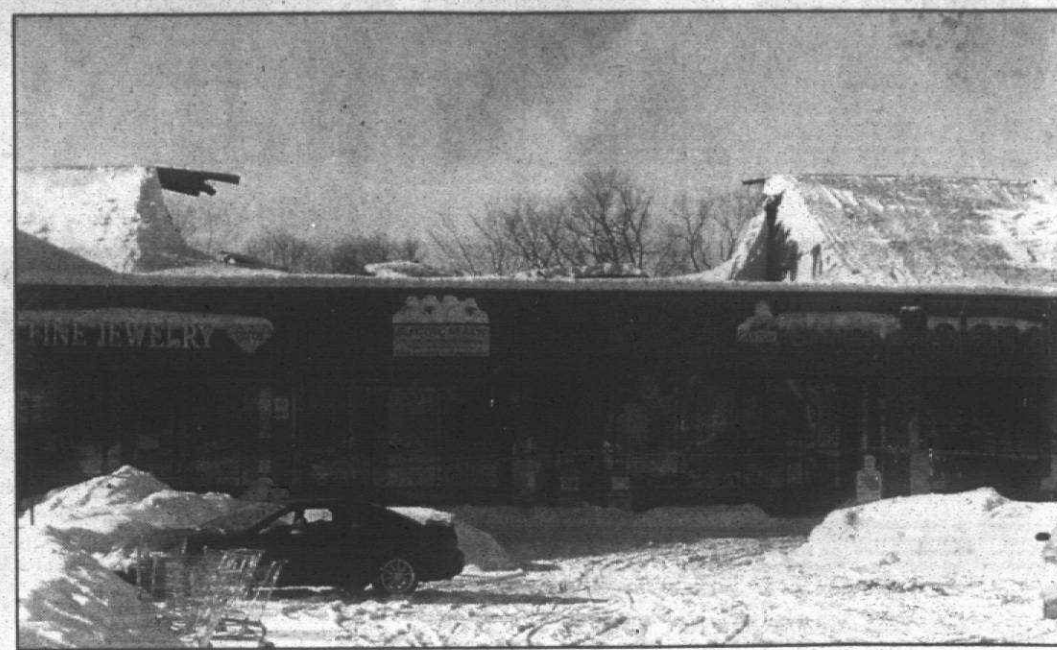
-Heinz Prechter



pared biography

Prechter, who immigrated to the U.S. in the early 1960s from his native Kleinheubing, Germany, has earned a reputation as a Detroit booster and a prominent Republican both in Michigan and nationally. He has traveled to Mexico as part of a presidential delegation with President George Bush and serves on the board of trustees for the George Bush Presidential Library.

Closer to home, Prechter serves on the boards of Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit Economic Growth Corp., United Way of Southeastern Michigan and the Michigan Jobs Commission,



FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HERSCHMANN

Costly repairs: Canton Coney Island restaurant and an adjacent electronics store were the hardest hit when the roof at the Golden Gate Shopping Center collapsed under heavy snow and ice on Jan. 12. About a dozen stores have yet to reopen and business has dropped at others that have reopened, tenants say.

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body said. Unless they're forced to stay closed for months, she said Bob's will be back.

"Our plan at this point," Carmody said, "is to stick it out."

The grocer has been helped by increased business at its Westland store, which is located at the intersection of Warren and Merriman roads.

"A lot of our customers have followed us," Carmody said. "I've seen a lot of faces from Canton in here."

George Krikorian, owner of George the Tailor, said he's missing out on his best season. He worries that the customers

he has cultivated for four years won't come back.

"Everybody's mad because we can't do anything," Krikorian said.

While Golden Gate's southern end shops are closed, shops in the northern section are open. Frank Messana, owner of Pro Golf Discount, said his business has been cut by about 30 percent because of customers assuming the entire center is closed.

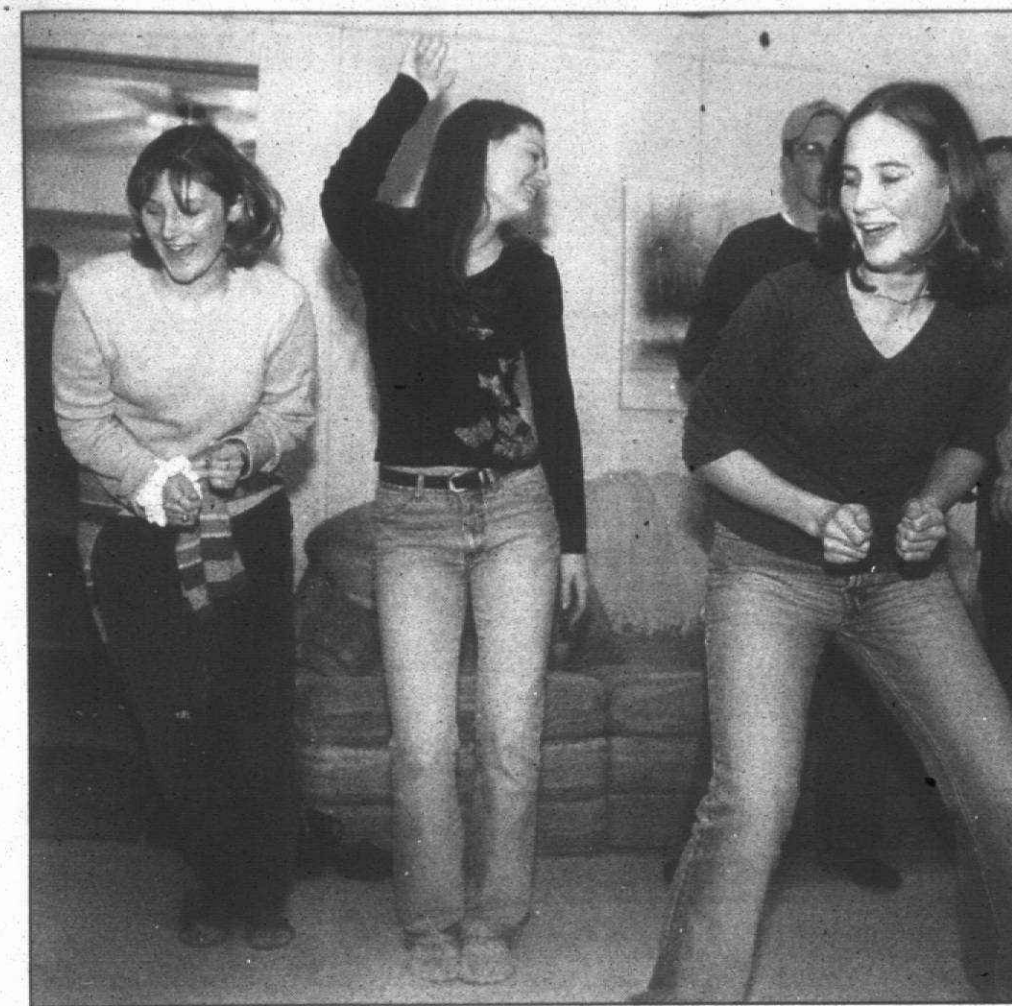
"Unfortunately our business has slowed down because the traffic isn't coming through," he said. "But being down 30 percent in January isn't as significant as

June because such a small amount of my business is done in January."

Prior to the roof collapse, 30-35,000 vehicles went through Golden Gate on average each week, according to the center spokesman. That figure has been cut in half.

Gary Patel, owner of Discount Beverage in the center's north end, said his business has also been affected.

"We've been down about 10 to 15 percent," he commented. "But it's getting better now."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HERSCHMANN

Birthday bash: Katie (center) dances with best friend Beth Wargin (left) and Heather Sonntag at her 18th birthday party Dec. 27 at her house in Canton.



Family support:

Katie gets a hug from her mom, Marnie Holdefer, during a break in the Chieftettes Variety Show. At right, Katie performs with the Chieftettes in a routine at half-time of the Canton boys basketball game on Dec. 18.



Showstopper: Katie (center) and the other Chieftettes seniors perform their routine during the Chieftettes Variety Show on Jan. 9 at the Plymouth Salem High School auditorium.

Full schedule Canton senior leads hectic life

A YEAR in the life

If those Franklin Covey folks are looking for a teen-age spokesperson, Katie Tolbert could be their ticket.

The Plymouth Canton High School senior needs a daily planner the size of an atlas to keep on top of her busy schedule.

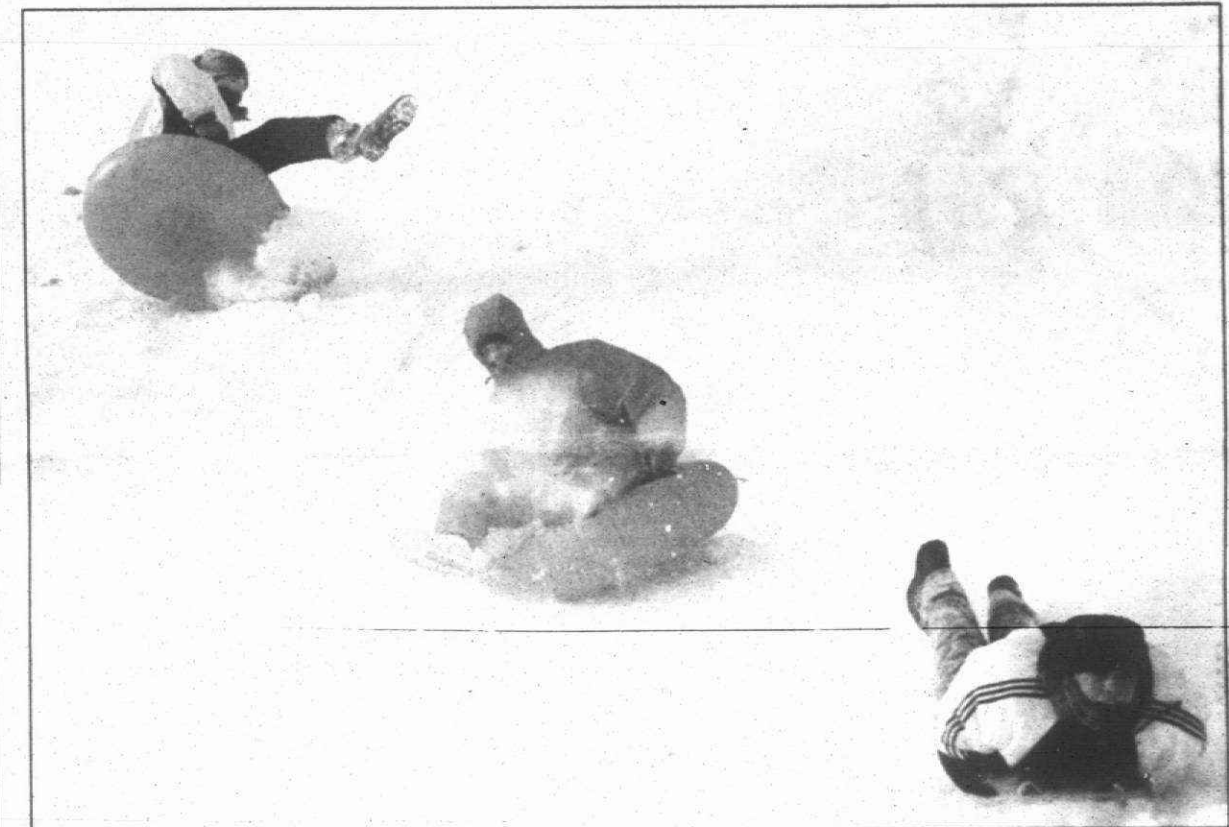
The Observer has been following the Canton resident through a myriad of activities this fall as part of the newspaper's "Year in the Life" project. The series is tracking two PCEP students as they go through their senior years.

In addition to being an honor student, Tolbert is a member of the Chieftettes pom-pom squad, part of the Student Senate and Students Against Driving Drunk.

Tolbert is also on the All-

Stars pom-pom squad, an independent, 200-member team made up of teens from Michigan, Indiana and Illinois, that performs at events including the Michigan Thanksgiving Day Parade and presidential inaugurations.

She works part-time in the child care facility at Summit on the Park and - as these photos show - still finds time for family, friends and just plain goofing around.



Snow fun: Katie (center) takes advantage of the 14 inches of snow and extended Christmas vacation as she sleds at McClumpha Park with some friends on Jan. 4.

CANTON CONNECTION

She's our queen

Wheatley Snow Coleman of Canton was selected as a finalist for Michigan's 19th annual Homecoming Queen competition in March.

Coleman, daughter of Steven and Deborah Coleman, is the current Plymouth Canton High School Homecoming Queen.

The winner of the state competition will receive a cash scholarship plus an expense-paid trip to compete with queens from other states for the title of America's Homecoming Queen in July in California.

Estimated water bills

Due to the heavy snowfall in recent weeks, many residential water bills will be estimated.

"The deep snow and dangerous conditions have made it extremely difficult for Canton's water meter readers to obtain readings," said a prepared statement from the township finance department.

Estimated water bills will be indicated by an "E" following the number in the usage column.

When a resident's bill has been estimated, an adjustment will be made based on the next bill's actual reading. Weather conditions may result in estimated bills through the winter months.

Grand opening

Brackney Chiropractic Health Care Center is now open at 8512 Canton Center, across from Plymouth Canton High School.

The center is operated by Michael Brackney. Usual office hours are 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday; 8-11 a.m. Tuesday; and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday. Emergency appointments are available seven days a week. Call 455-4444 for information.

New member

The Canton firm Koll & Company was accepted as a member of the Institute of Valuation Advisors, said managing partner Scott Koll.

The IVA is a national organization of trained valuation professionals for all types and sizes of businesses.

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The new hire will act as a liaison to the business community, government and public sectors.

same duties that will be handled by the new coordinator, but on a scaled-back basis. The rest of Wolosiewicz's time is spent providing support to the planning department.

According to the township's job description, the coordinator will have a host of responsibilities. The position will oversee DDA operations and make recommendations to the DDA board on issues related to its short- and long-term plans.

The coordinator will also carry

out special projects as directed by the supervisor. The new hire will act as a liaison to the business community, government and public sectors.

Shufeldt said the coordinator will take the lead on road projects, oversee beautification projects and routine maintenance issues.

"Anything that will enhance the overall appearance of the district," he added.

Shufeldt said the coordinator should be someone who can secure grants to fund such projects. That will require a person with the right governmental connections.

"We're looking for somebody who'll have access to the state Legislature," said Shufeldt.

Beanie donations part of Salem student effort

The Plymouth Salem High School Rock Shop Marketing students have, through the year, donated rare Beanie Babies to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in an effort to help with raising funds for this charitable cause. Students chose to support this organization when they learned a PCEP staff member had a

child with Cystic Fibrosis.

The class donated several Beanie Babies throughout the year and were recently notified by the Detroit Chapter that from the donations, the foundation was able to auction them at several events and the bids raised nearly \$2,000.

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Utility: Clear snow from furnace area

SAFETY

Consumers Energy urges natural gas customers with high efficiency furnaces to keep intake and exhaust areas clear of snow and ice to eliminate safety hazards.

Snow and ice can pile up and plug high efficiency furnace intake and exhaust vents, which exit homes one to three feet off the ground, and cause serious furnace malfunctions.

The utility also urges customers living in mobile homes to keep the area around rooftop chimney vents clear of snow and ice.

"Snow and ice can often hide potentially hazardous situations," said Richard E. Johnson, gas operations manager for Consumers Energy.

Johnson also asks customers to keep meter reading safety in mind by clearing ice and snow from outside gas and electric meters and from sidewalks, stairs and gate areas leading to indoor meters.

"A clear path and barrier-free meter location helps meter readers do their job efficiently and safely," said Johnson.

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Daly double: Sign gets 2 new owners

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The Daly Restaurant sign, an icon at the corner of Main and Ann Arbor Road for 35 years, will continue to be a part of Plymouth's history. Thanks to a Plymouth businessman, a Canton lighting company and the Plymouth Historical Museum, the 1950s-style porcelain and neon Daly sign will have a home. And, it could be operational for the first time in ages.

Pat Gallagher, owner of Restoration Station in Plymouth, across from Daly, bought the sign.

"It's a Plymouth landmark, and I didn't want anything to happen to it," said Gallagher, who specializes in restoring furniture, not signs. "It's one of those things you hate to see go."

Gallagher wanted to get the sign working, and somehow be able to keep one side of the sign to put in his shop, with the other half donated to the Plymouth Historical Museum.

That's where Glen Whittaker of Integrated Fabrications & Illuminations Inc. of Canton steps in.

"Electrical signs are our specialty, so we're going to attempt to slice it in half so each of them can have a side," said Whittaker. "We'll attempt to get the historical society's part of the sign working so they can display it."

Whittaker's company took down the sign without charge and will donate its restoration



In the dough: Jerry Sprague (right) has reconstructed old family recipes for his new venture, Canton Bread Company. When he's not behind the counter, you might find him jamming with his band, Jerry Sprague and the Reminders. Business partner Scott Taylor is pictured at left.

Shake and bake

Rock and roller finds crusty new career

By LILLY A. EVANS
STAFF WRITER

As a young boy, Jerry Sprague's grandmother gave him dough to play with while he watched her make home-baked bread.

Now, 15 years after his grandmother's death, Sprague, who shared his grandmother's birthday, decided to keep her legacy alive by opening the Canton Bread Company on Canton-Center Road.

"I had been thinking of doing this a long time; my grandmother had this awesome bread recipe," he said.

He said what sets his grandmother's bread apart from the rest is its texture and sweet tang.

Unfortunately, his Irish grandmother didn't leave her

recipe behind. Through other family members' recollections, Sprague has been able to piece the recipe back together.

"I learned posthumously, I asked my mom and aunts what they remembered," Sprague said.

Sprague, 44, formerly of East Lansing, now residing in Belleville, has worn many hats and you may have even seen him singing on stage. He's a former painter, contractor, Realtor, plumber and has been a musician for many years.

He single-parented at 22 and became a grandfather at 36. Currently, he is juggling the Canton Bread Company in between gigs at night clubs.

When he formed his band, he had his teen boys jam with him. They called themselves Jerry

and the Juveniles. They performed at college campuses and college bars. The band traveled to Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Michigan.

Today, the band has changed members and Sprague changed the name to Jerry Sprague and the Reminders. Sprague performs at Woodbridge Tavern in Detroit and Four Green Fields in Royal Oak, among other places.

Being leader of a retro/alternative music band in night clubs, Sprague meets a lot of people. That is where he met his new business partner, former pizza maker Scott Taylor of Rochester.

"I let him come up and sing, we became friends and I told him about my plans to open a bread bakery and he said he wanted to join me," Sprague said.

The Canton Bread Company makes daily breads, specialty, grain, sourdough and sweet breads. Sprague also boasts of his grandmother's toll house and oatmeal raisin cookies he makes from scratch. He also sells a variety of muffins and plans to add bagels and scones in the future. He said he uses King Arthur Flour, which he says is the best and his bread doesn't contain preservatives or sugar.

In addition, he says he has added an excellent baker, Chuck Bertram of Northville, who was formerly at Great Harvest and the Holiday Market.

The bakery hours are 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call (734) 354-8837.

Commissioners seek committee posts to help districts

By KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Western Wayne County commissioners have received their committee appointments for the next two years from Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon.

Newcomer John Sullivan, D-Wayne, whose district includes Canton Township, received four standing committee appointments. Lyn Banks, R-Livonia, who represents cities and townships of Plymouth and Northville, and Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, received three.

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, received two appointments, but as vice chair of the entire commission, she will chair the meetings in Solomon's absence. Beard also will chair a subcommittee on veterans services and serve as vice chair of a task force on E-911.

Banks was appointed to the serve as vice chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services, and a member of committees on Ways and Means and Economic Development. Banks also will chair a task force on transportation.

Banks was pleased with her vice chairmanship appointment, since she, as a state legislator on the House Appropriations Committee, helped write budgets for Family Independence Agency and public health budgets in Lansing. That experience also will aid her on Ways and Means. Banks was involved in discussions regarding funds for the two

bus systems in the Detroit area - Detroit Department of Transportation and Suburban Mobility Authority of Regional Transportation.

"Economic development also is one that is important in my district," Banks said, in reference to the with the county's sale and development of the county's properties in Northville Township between Five Mile and Six Mile roads.

A disappointment

Banks was disappointed she was not appointed to Committee on Roads, Airports, and Public Services and complained about it to Solomon, since roads are so important to her district, particularly in townships. "I hope we will have a subcommittee in Ways and Means for parks and roads. What's good for Wayne County is not necessarily so for Northville and Plymouth. You have to remember who brought you to the dance."

"For Plymouth and Northville, it's real important. Townships are very dependent on that committee. The chairman knows this and we'll work on it."

Beard will chair the Committee on Audit and will be a member of the Committee on Public Safety and Judiciary. Beard recently reflected on what's in store for commissioners this year.

"For the first time, there will be seven women commissioners - five Democrats and two Republicans," Beard said.

But in some ways, 1999 won't be much different than 1998. "Much more road construction and repair will be major priorities again in 1999 as well," she said. One of the other important projects over the next year will be park improvements, Beard said.

"Continued upgrading of the Wayne County Park system will offer many more opportunities for families and groups to participate in," she said. "All of these things and more have major impacts on my district (Garden City, Inkster and Westland)."

Husk pleased

Husk was happy with her appointments. Husk will serve on committees on Audit, General Government and Environment, Drains and Sewers, and chair the E-911 task force and task force on youth at risk.

"The appointments will help me meet the needs of my communities," Husk said. Husk expects General Government will discuss the new mental health director appointment proposed by County Executive Edward McNamara.

"I expect E-911 discussions will heat up periodically," Husk said.

Husk anticipates the Committee Environment, Drains and Sewers will discuss Rouge projects and bonds to finance them. The Audit Committee will

work to save taxpayers money through Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy's reports on county departments and subsequent commission action.

Sullivan received appointments to committees on Roads, Airports and Public Services; Audit; and General Government. Sullivan also will serve as vice chair of the Committee on Public Safety and serve on the task force on youth at risk, and

In a recent interview, Sullivan said roads and airports were a top priority in his district, which includes the townships of Canton, Van Buren, Huron and Sumpter and the cities of Romulus, Wayne and Belleville.

"I think the top priorities for people (in my district) are getting roads repaired," Sullivan said.

Because his district has more miles of roads and includes two airports, Sullivan wanted the appointment to the Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services. "I should be on that committee more than anyone," he said.

Sullivan wants to become more known throughout the district and to get to know people in his district.

"I'll need to get out to as many events as possible," Sullivan said, adding he might also send out a mailing informing people about their commissioner.



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COMBINATIONS OF DRUGS IN ARTHRITIS
Traditionally in treating rheumatoid arthritis, physicians begin with a single medication such as aspirin. When this medicine, called a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug, does not succeed, physicians add another class of medication called a disease modifying antirheumatic drug. Examples of this class are gold compounds and methotrexate. In the past, if addition of a disease modifying drug proved unsuccessful, the physician would stop the drug, and go to another one in the same class, such as immunosuppressants or sulfonamides. As an alternative to the disease modifying drugs, some physicians turn to slow acting medications such as plaquenil or mircogel.

Evaluations of these different approaches indicated that none alone work very well. Such results lead doctors to start combining medications. Now it is reasonable therapy for a patient with rheumatoid arthritis to receive a nonsteroidal such as aspirin, plus a disease modifying drug like methotrexate, and in addition take a slow acting medicine like plaquenil.

In the attempt to improve treatment further, physicians have begun to combine disease modifying drugs so that a patient may receive both methotrexate and sulfonamides. Whether the increase in cost, complexity and possibly greater toxicity will be worth the results, is still in the testing stage.

SPOTLIGHT ON Orthodontics

by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.
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There are some orthodontic problems that, if left uncorrected, can adversely impact dental health. For instance, crowded and crooked teeth are more difficult to clean, which makes them more susceptible to tooth decay and gum disease. Such malocclusions as overbites and open bites may cause lip incompetence and mouth breathing, both of which may lead to excessive accumulations of plaque. Again, the result is greater likelihood of tooth decay and gum disease. Other orthodontic problems may lead to uneven tooth wear, which places stress on the tissues, periodontal ligament, bones, and joints of the jaw to create headaches and facial pain.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE 1999 CDBG FUNDS: PROPOSED USES AND PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Plymouth is announcing its objectives and possible uses for developing project using 1999 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide benefits directly to persons of low/moderate income, and/or areas in which at least 43% of the residents are of low/moderate income.
2. To provide benefits to senior citizens.
3. To provide benefits to handicapped citizens.

PROPOSED 1999 PROJECTS

The City anticipates receiving approximately \$61,000 in CDBG funds for 1999, and has identified the following potential projects for use of these funds:

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| 1. Senior Programs: | |
| a. Senior Citizen Van Driver | \$22,000 |
| b. Senior Citizen Van Dispatcher | \$ 4,000 |
| c. Senior Citizen Nutrition Program Delivery | \$ 3,000 |
| d. Senior Citizen Chore Service | \$ 1,500 |
| e. Senior Citizen Newsletter | \$ 1,500 |
| | \$32,000 |
| 2. Old Village Improvements | \$18,000 |
| 3. Recreation Master Plan | \$11,000 |
| TOTAL | \$61,000 |

PUBLIC HEARING:

Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed projects listed above, and Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed uses of 1999 CDBG funds, and additional suggestions for use of said funds, will be held by the Plymouth City Commission on Tuesday, February 16, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Main St.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AEE
City Clerk

Published: January 24, 1999

Charter school from page A1

Steven Wisneski, director of human resources, said he expects the Canton charter school to receive about \$6,000 per student from the state, which is approximately the same amount given the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Parents will not have to pay tuition for their children to attend.

National Heritage Academies is a for-profit organization, and hopes to show a profit at the new school within five to eight years.

The school will cost approximately \$2.5 million. The 40,000-

square-foot building will hold kindergarten through fifth grade the first year, with the school adding a grade each year to eventually make it a K-8 school.

"In the second year we will add a gym, expand the library, add a technology lab, and an area dedicated to art and music," said Wisneski.

The charter school will have two classes of each grade. Kindergarten will be capped at 18 students, with the other grades to have 24 children.

While no location was announced, Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said that

"someone had asked for an application for a special land use permit for a charter school." He believes the location is at Beck and Hanford roads. School officials say they're negotiating for property in the general location of Ford and Beck.

Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva, who has been critical of the Plymouth-Canton school district, filled out an application for his 6-year-old son, who currently attends New Morning School in Plymouth Township.

"I'm always looking at options for my children," said Vorva, who said he's also considering

Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth. "With the crowd that was here tonight, this means the growth numbers projected (by the Plymouth-Canton schools) will go down again."

Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Chuck Little knows the charter school will take away some of his students, and money.

"We knew this was coming, and we need to meet the challenge," said Little. "It's now more incumbent on our employees to give our customers the treatment they deserve."

Seniors can get free tax help beginning Feb. 1

Free income tax assistance for seniors will be available in Canton, Northville, and Plymouth from Feb. 1-April 15. The service is available through the Tax-Aide program of AARP.

Volunteer Tax-Aide counselors

trained by the IRS will operate at the sites listed below. Canton Recreation Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays. By appointment, call 397-5444.

Northville Senior Center, 215

W. Cady, 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays. By appointment, call 349-4140.

Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays. By appointment,

call 453-1234, Ext. 236. Home visits for shut-ins is available by calling Canton-397-5444 for Canton residents, 349-4140 for Northville residents and 453-1234, Ext. 236, for Plymouth.

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OBITUARIES

ROMAN J. MLYNEK

Services for Roman J. Mlynek, 87, of Canton were in St. Theodore Church. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.

He was born Nov. 8, 1911, in Detroit. He died Jan. 16 in HCR Manorcare Nursing Home. He was a tender operator.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Stella. Survivors include his son, Ronald (Susan); daughter, Patricia (Phil) Todor; and three grandchildren.

RAYMOND J. ROBLE

Services for Raymond J. Roble, 82, of Plymouth were Jan. 16 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. Fred Hall officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Saline.

He was born March 9, 1916, in Schenectady, N.Y. He died Jan. 13 in Livonia. He was a refrigeration technician.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara E. Roble of Plymouth; two sons, Glen (Paula) Roble of Coral Springs, Fla., Ray (Patti) Roble of Lansing; one daughter, Suzanne Roble of Madison Heights; two sisters; two grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth Region, 744 Wing, Plymouth, MI 48170-3446.

DOROTHY JANE RICKARD

Services for Dorothy Jane Rickard, 77, of Howell, formerly of Plymouth, were Jan. 16 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Charles Jacobs officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born Aug. 12, 1921, in Nankin Township. She died Jan. 13 in Holt. She was a switchboard operator at General Motors Corp. She retired in 1976. She worked for GM for 26 years; besides being a switchboard operator, she worked in the export department. She had been married for 34 years. She came to the Plymouth community in 1976 from Wayne. She was a member of the General Motors

Retirement Club. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Howell. She loved working with flowers in her garden and greenhouse. She also enjoyed traveling and family gatherings.

She was preceded in death by her brother, William. Survivors include her husband, Harry (Howell); two sons, Ronald Klann of Howell, Donald Klann of Florida; one daughter, Susanne (Joseph) Filipek of Iowa; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association of Michigan.

EDNA A. SCHEANS

Services for Edna A. Scheans, 89, of Hale, formerly of Plymouth, were Jan. 16 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

She was born Oct. 22, 1909, in Detroit. She died Jan. 13 in Tawas City. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1962 from Detroit. Her hobbies included gardening, sewing and crocheting. Her family was her passion. She and her late husband, Charles, enjoyed traveling.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Walter. Survivors include her two sons, Alvin (Barbara) of Hale, Daryl (Mary Ann) of Illinois; one brother, Norman (Kay) Burkhardt of Detroit; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

ROBERT S. GOODWIN

Services for Robert S. Goodwin, 68, of Plymouth were Jan. 18 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born Sept. 23, 1938, in Detroit. He died Jan. 16 in Farmington Hills. He was a chemist for Hite Photo of Detroit for 26 years. He worked 12 years for Gil-Mar Manufacturing Inc. in Canton. He was a life member of Boy Scouts of America - leader, commissioner and trainer. He was past vice president of Plymouth-Canton Junior Athletics. He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothea Fee. Survivors include his wife, Dorothea Fee. Survivors include his wife, Dorothea Fee. Survivors include his wife, Dorothea Fee.

Court, and executive director, Hazel Park Youth Assistance. He worked as a casework supervisor for the Department of Mental Health for the state of New Mexico. He was also in private practice for marriage, family, individual and group therapy. Mr. Goodwin also served as executive director for the Center for Human Development Inc. He has been a representative of several professional organizations, including the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, National Association of Social Workers, Michigan Association for Emotionally Disturbed Children, Institute for Rational Living, Michigan Association for Mental Health, National Council on Family and Michigan Society for Group Psychotherapy. He came to the Plymouth community in 1979 from South Lyon. He lived in Northville from 1966 until 1976.

Survivors include his wife, Sofia of Plymouth; two daughters, Teri (Earl) Underwood of Salt Lake City, Utah, Kathy (Tim) Hyland of Traverse City; one son, David (Terri) Goodwin of Traverse City; one stepson, Jason Tzafarogiu of St. Clair Shores, stepdaughter, Olivia Goodwin of Plymouth; one sister, Joan (Paul) Jones of Florida; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

GLENN WILLIAM FEE

Services for Glenn William Fee, 60, of Redford were Jan. 18 in the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

He was born Sept. 23, 1938, in Detroit. He died Jan. 16 in Farmington Hills. He was a chemist for Hite Photo of Detroit for 26 years. He worked 12 years for Gil-Mar Manufacturing Inc. in Canton. He was a life member of Boy Scouts of America - leader, commissioner and trainer. He was past vice president of Plymouth-Canton Junior Athletics. He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothea Fee. Survivors include his wife, Dorothea Fee. Survivors include his wife, Dorothea Fee.

Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth Region, 744 Wing, Plymouth, MI 48170-3446 or Boy Scouts of America, 1776 W. Warren Ave., Detroit, MI 48208.

JIMMIE J. SINGLETON

Services for Jimmie J. Singleton, 65, of Plymouth were Jan. 18 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

He was born Jan. 16, 1933, in Fulton, Ky. He died Jan. 15 in Plymouth. Mr. Singleton was a millwright at Precision Spring Co. in Detroit for 10 years. After that he worked for Bathey Manufacturing in Plymouth and earned a journeyman's card from the United Auto Workers after 23 years of employment. He moved to Plymouth from Kentucky in 1945. He was a member of the U.A.W. He enjoyed fishing and was on the Bathey Manufacturing bowling team. He also was a pitcher on the Bathey baseball team. He liked being with his grandchildren and family.

He was preceded in death by her sister, Truda Simmons; and two brothers, William (Bud), and Chester Singleton. Survivors include his wife, Barbara of Plymouth; two sons, Steven (Kathy) Singleton of Canton, Scott (Sere) Singleton of Traverse City; two sisters, Betty Hees of Plymouth, Sarah Enoch of Dyersburg, Tenn.; one brother, Roy (Doris) Singleton of Northville; one sister-in-law, Nancy Singleton of Mancelona; and two grandsons, James Singleton, Darren Singleton.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Washtenaw.

Services for Helen Marie Vettease, 96, of Plymouth were Jan. 15 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John Ortmann presiding. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born Oct. 7, 1912 in Canada. She died Jan. 12 in Charlevoix. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church since 1942. She enjoyed her children and grandchildren and playing cards and bingo.

Survivors include her husband, Walter T. Melin; one

daughter, Judy (James) I. LeForge of Plymouth; one son, Andres (Karla) Melin of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Richard (Jane) Beal, Paul (Lorette) Beal; one sister, Caroline Grill; and two grandsons, Justin Perkins, Jacob Melin.

Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth Region, 485 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170-3446.

WILMA L. BURNS

Services for Wilma L. Burns, 85, of Canton were Jan. 17 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton with the Pastor Richard A. Mastzoff officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery.

She was born Dec. 28, 1913 in Marshall, Ill. She died Jan. 13 in Holland Community Hospital. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh S. Sr.; and one daughter, Barbara (Ray) Ehle. Survivors include his son, Hugh S. Jr. (Sharon K.); five grandchildren, Donna, Gail, Dan, Tanya, Stuart; and five great-grandchildren, Julia, Clarissa, Joshua, Cassandra, and Alexandra.

Memorials may be made to Christ the King Lutheran Church.

JOHN W. "JACK" SELLE

Services for John W. "Jack" Selle, 81, of Cornelius, N.C., formerly of Plymouth, were Jan. 23 in the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Peter Berg officiating. Burial was in Riverside Mausoleum, Plymouth.

He was born Aug. 13, 1917, in Huntington, Ind. He died Jan. 19 in Cornelius, N.C. He was a longtime Plymouth resident. He was a graduate of Plymouth High School in 1936, a community leader, and owner of the Jack Selle Buick Dealership for 30 years. He served on the board of the National Bank of Detroit and then helped with the First National Bank of Plymouth. He was a former Plymouth Rotarian and a charter member of the Round Table Club. He was a big game hunter and had many trophies. He was a conservationist, avid boater, and avid hunter, having been on two safaris to Africa. His wife "Jackie" of 58 years was his high school sweetheart.

Survivors include his wife, Jacquelyn "Jackie" Selle of Cornelius, N.C.; one son, Dr. Jay G. (Sheila) Selle, of Cornelius, N.C.; one daughter, Kay (Andy) S. Krukltis of Valparaiso, Ind.; four grandchildren, Dr. Robert J. Krukltis, Jennifer Krukltis, Michael Eric, Maureen Selle; and two great-grandchildren, James, and Grayson.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association or to a hospice of choice.

Survivors include his wife, Jacquelyn "Jackie" Selle of Cornelius, N.C.; one son, Dr. Jay G. (Sheila) Selle, of Cornelius, N.C.; one daughter, Kay (Andy) S. Krukltis of Valparaiso, Ind.; four grandchildren, Dr. Robert J. Krukltis, Jennifer Krukltis, Michael Eric, Maureen Selle; and two great-grandchildren, James, and Grayson.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association or to a hospice of choice.

Firefighter injured in fall

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER
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Canton has lost one of its best firefighters - at least temporarily.

Lt. Bill Grady, a fixture in the township department since its founding in 1972, suffered a severely broken leg Saturday. He was injured after he fell from his roof at home.

"He's a very integral part of what's going on," Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher said. "We're anxious to get him back."

Grady was apparently trying

to clear snow from the roof of his home about noon. Rorabacher said Grady suffered an open fracture of the tibia, meaning bone was sticking through the skin.

Canton EMS responded and transported Grady to St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti where he underwent surgery. Rorabacher said he'll need several more operations.

Grady, 49, was released from the hospital Monday. He had no other injuries.

Rorabacher was unsure when Grady would return to duty. The

chief, who suffered a similar injury a decade ago, said Grady faces a long road back.

"There's a lot of rehabilitation involved," Rorabacher added. "But Bill's a hard worker."

Grady serves as a shift commander. His responsibilities include running both fire stations and administrative duties.

Rorabacher said Grady's work will be divided up among eight command officers, including himself. Taking up the slack won't be easy, though.

"Bill has carried more than his fair share of work around here," said Rorabacher.

Nankin Mills hosts program on the stars

Constellations like the Big Dipper, Little Dipper and Pegasus fill the night sky.

Learn how to identify these beautiful cosmic creations and other celestial star formations with guest astronomer Mike Best 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

Best, a planetarium demonstrator at the Volbrecht Planetarium in Southfield, has been an astronomy enthusiast for 50 years. Participants can expect an informative evening beginning with an indoor slide presentation and discussion followed by outdoor star viewing, weather permitting.

Hot cocoa will be available following the presentation. Best suited for ages 8 and above, the fee is \$1 per person and advance registration is required. The program has been made possible through parks millage funds.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off Hines Drive, and can be reached even if the road is barricaded for flooding.

For information on this event or any other Wayne County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

Take precautions to avoid water damage to your home

Homeowners should take precautions now to protect basements and contents, AAA Michigan advises.

Homeowners should check sump pumps to make sure they are operational. To check, lift the float to turn the sump pump on. After pump is on, the water should evacuate the hole through the discharge pipe. Homeowners should make sure that the discharge pipe is free of any obstructions.

Basement floor drains should

also be cleaned, so that excess water can run into drains.

Clear snow away from the bottom of down spouts and make a path away from the house for excess water, if possible. Clear snow three feet away from the house where flooding has previously occurred.

Move all valuable items at least six and twelve inches from the basement floor. Remove carpeting, if possible. If items are valuable, consider bringing them upstairs.

Class tells how to track animals

Youngsters can learn about animal tracks and create "animal track" T-shirts at a class 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

Students are encouraged to bring lightly colored T-shirts for this activity. This class also includes a short hike to search for tracks in the Holiday Nature Preserve.

The fee is \$1 per person and advance registration is required. This program has been made possible through parks millage funds. The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

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lege, graduated from the FBI Academy and studied as an ROTC officer at the University of Michigan. He is co-founder of a building company in Brighton.

Rogers in 1994 succeeded Fred Dillingham, who retired from the Senate under withering business criticism for his pro-labor votes on worker's comp and other issues.

Among Rogers' predecessors as floor leader: Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, 1995-8, now Senate majority leader; Phil Arthurs, 1984-94, later chair of the Liquor Control Commission; David Plawecki, D-Deerborn Heights, an unsuccessful candidate for governor and later a congressional aide ... and in the mid-1960s, William G. Milliken, R-Traverse City, later lieutenant governor and governor.

The majority floor leader is the traffic cop of the Senate's agenda, calling up bills and resolutions for votes and sometimes arguing the GOP position on partisan issues.

A former FBI agent, Rogers likes crime bills. But his major work the last four years has been chairing the Human Resources, Labor and Veterans Affairs Committee. Signed into law have been his bills raising fees for mechanical contractors, electricians, plumbers; providing exemptions for nonprofit groups working on charitable construction projects; and expanding the definition of racketeering to cover gaming.

He is highly protective of the trucking industry, referring to its members as "family men" and its critics as "special interests."

Rogers studied sociology and criminal justice at Adrian Col-

When will the petition drive start? "Labor Day has a nice ring to it," answered Hanley.

The immediate bills would raise the minimum wage from the current \$5.15 an hour to \$5.65 on Labor Day 1999 and then to \$6.15 on Jan. 1, 2000, and to \$6.44 by 2002.

McDonald's fast food restaurants are offering \$8 an hour responding to worker shortages, Rep. Kwame Kilpatrick, D-Detroit, said increasing the minimum wage will affect 100,000 who work as cooks, child care workers and nursing home workers. They're service jobs where employers won't skip out of the state if costs rise, he said.

"Forty-six percent of minimum wage earners are full-time workers," said Hanley, "and contribute more than half of the family income."

He added: "I can take a position on the governor's pay hike once he takes a position on a 19.4 percent hike in the minimum wage."

Be an expert

You, too, can be an instant analysis expert on Gov. John Engler's State of the State speech, scheduled for broadcast at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28.

Here's how: When Democrat Jim Blanchard was governor, he frequently got applause from Republicans by borrowing their ideas and advocating them in his speech. Republican women, in particular, used to squeal with

delight when Blanchard advocated their child protection bills.

President Bill Clinton did the same thing in his State of the Union message last week, supporting GOP bills.

In eight years, Engler has almost never borrowed a Democratic bill for endorsement in his January message. The result has been that Democrats sit in stony silence for an hour.

Watch the left side of the aisle, where Democrats sit in the House chamber. If you see occasional ripples of applause, it will mean Engler, now 50, is mellowing agenda. If Democrats are silent, it will be partisan business as usual.

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What happened to ...?
■ Kirk Profit - term-limited state rep from Ypsilanti who sponsored more than 100 bills in his last term; joined Governmental Consultant Services Inc., a Lansing multiple-client lobbying firm. His boss is his famous predecessor, former Speaker Gary Owen.
■ Susy Heints - now Mrs. Lance Avery after her Jan. 9 wedding to a Grand Rapids golf pro. Gov. Engler named her director of Travel Michigan, the state's tourism agency. She's a former Wayne County commissioner and Northville Township supervisor. The board leaves as director of the governor's South-eastern Michigan Office.

compiled by Tim Richard

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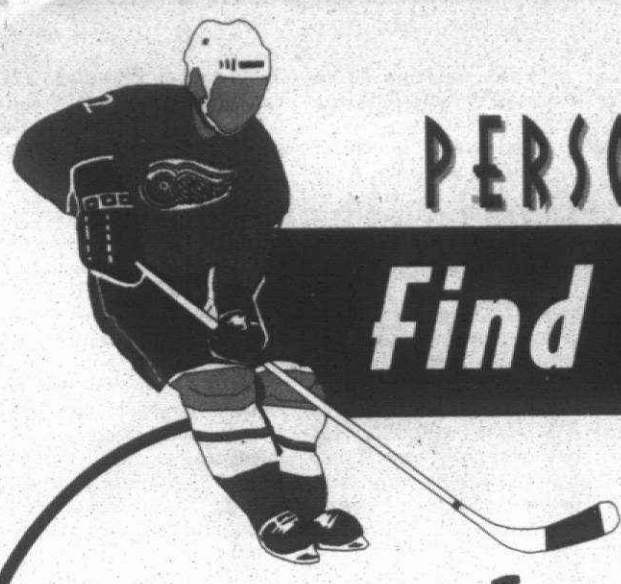
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MISSING INGREDIENT

DWF, 29, 5'4", HW proportionate, blonde/green, likes animals, snowmobiling and keeping active. Seeking handsome, fit S/DWM, 27-33, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎2537

UNCHAINED MELODY

Slim, attractive DWWF, 51, N/S, seeks professional S/DWM, 50-60, 5'10", for C&W dancing, rollerblading, hanging out. Lavinia area. ☎2534

STARTING OVER

Rubenesque SWF, a young 50, 5'5", autumn/green, N/S, N/D, seeks SWM, 40-60, N/S, for companionship, LTR. No games ☎2533

NO COUCH POTATOES

DWF, 33, 5'4", blonde/blue, slim, mother of three, smoker, social drinker, enjoys theater, hockey, darts, star gazing, and travel. Seeking SWM, 32-42, with similar interests, HW proportionate, honest, faithful, trustworthy. ☎2410

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Happiness makes life better. Funny, free-spirited, successful SWF, 30, 5'7", blonde/blue, two sons, seeks humorous, truthful, free-spirited SWM, 35-50, for eternal happiness and LTR. ☎2204

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Ambitious, athletic, attractive, college-educated, goal-oriented, optimistic SWF, 31, 5'2", slender, red/green, N/S, enjoys music, movies, theater, hiking, rollerblading, ice skating, skiing, cuddling. Seeking soulmate with similar background/interests, for friendship leading to future. ☎1814

WHAT A COMBINATION

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STOP LOOKING

Cute SWF, 28, 5'5", blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys dining in/out, theater, golf, playing cards. Seeking honest man, 58-64, with good sense of humor, to share the golden years with. ☎2500

FLY ME TO THE MOON

Attractive SWF, 30, social drinker, enjoys snowmobiling, sports, boating, travel. Seeking attractive, fit SWM, 28-35, for LTR. ☎2262

VERY EXOTIC

Very romantic, sincere, caring, fit, attractive, small SBF, 150lbs, college graduate, enjoys working, outdoor activities, reading, going on outings. Seeking tall, very intelligent, marriage-minded SM, 28+, race unimportant, no games. ☎2174

WOMAN WITHOUT BAGGAGE

Attractive, fit, degreed, honest SWF, 30, 5'2", no dependents, rarely drinks, N/S, enjoys animals, sports, outdoors, humor, the zoo, romance. Seeking similar qualities in a SWM, 28-40, for LTR. ☎1193

ROMANCE, PASSION,...

Honesty and laughs are what I have to offer. Smart, beautiful, successful, well-educated female, 30s. If you are a successful, kind, sincere doctor. You should call me. ☎2081

LET'S GET

TO KNOW EACH OTHER
Attractive SWF, 35, 5'4", black/brown, thin to medium build, seeks attractive, tall, physically fit SWM, 30-40, enjoys the arts, movies, bookstores, road trips, working out, outdoor activities, friends first. LTR. ☎2052

TEACH ME SOMETHING NEW

Attractive SWF, 27, N/S, social drinker, a little heavy, enjoys travel, movies, theater, more, seeks attractive financially/emotionally secure SWM, 28-38, N/S, with similar interests. ☎1967

SWF - BUILT TO LAST

1963 limited edition, Shapely, sporty model, enjoys romantic, spontaneous excursions, or kicking back in neutral. Trunk contains: tennis racquet, books, cd's, yoga mat. Seeking ambitious SWM, to pilot across life's roads. ☎1718

BEST FRIEND

Attractive, easygoing, slender SWF, 42, 5'7", 135lbs, seeks educated, secure, humorous WM, 38-45, N/S, for life's adventures. North Oakland county. ☎2594

LEGGY

Slender, and stylish
Blue-eyed, honey blonde, 40s, 5'8", active, independent. Birmingham resident, looks 30s, intelligent, attractive, seeks professional, witty, fit, handsome, unencumbered male counterpart, 6', for romance, adventure. ☎2538

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

Easygoing SWF, 31, 5'7", medium build, dark/hazel, never married, two daughters (4 and 9). Seeking clean SWM, 25-35, for friendship, possible more. Must enjoy being around children and animals. ☎2456

BEST FRIEND AND MORE

College-educated, financially secure SWF, 32, 5'4", 115lbs, N/S, never married, no kids, seeks sincere, marriage-minded, intelligent, college-educated, financially/emotionally secure gentleman for serious LTR. N/S, no kids preferred. ☎2452

READ THIS

SWF, 32, 5'2", brown/brown, full-figured, likes movies, reading, dancing, birds and writing letters. Seeking a SWM, 32-44, under 5'10" and 250lbs. N/S. ☎2358

5'7" AND PRETTY

Pretty, fun-loving, easygoing, brown-haired, green-eyed girl, 34, medium build, full-figured, would like to start exercising, enjoys many things in life. Seeking attractive SWM, financially/emotionally secure, HW proportionate, Dexter Pinchney Area. ☎2171

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Attractive, fit, fun-loving, outgoing SWFF, 27, enjoys Red Wings, quiet nights, much more. Seeking confident, average/average SWPM, 25-35, with sense of humor. ☎2086

SLEEPLESS IN LIVONIA

DWF, 27, 5'3", fun-loving, caring, loves movies, dining, bowling. Red Wings. Seeking a fun-loving, caring gentleman, 24-33, for a relationship. ☎1709

ANSWER MY AD

You'll be glad you did. Looking for educated, fun-loving, happening, N/S part, 53-68, for wonderful times together. I'm adventurous, attractive, worldly, considerate, fit, smart, sincere. Please call. ☎2443

CLASSY LADY

Blonde-haired, blue-eyed, petite SWF, 43, honest, sincere, enjoys dancing, traveling, dining, walks, romantic evenings at home, seeks gentleman, 30-50. ☎2332

LITTLE RED

Spontaneous SWF, 5'3", 130lbs, red/green, smoker, looking for honest relationship with SM who doesn't want to play games. Dark eyes and long hair a plus. ☎2323

COULD CONNECT...

with tall, HW proportionate, secure, ethical, nice-looking guy, 47+, with hair. Pretty, dark-haired SWFF, 40ish, 5'4", 115lbs, with varied interests, great legs and good heart, would like to talk with you. ☎2271

LET'S START WITH COFFEE

Widowed WF, 60, 5'1", blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys dining in/out, theater, golf, playing cards. Seeking honest man, 58-64, with good sense of humor, to share the golden years with. ☎2500

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

DWF, 44, financially secure, professional musician, sexy, classy, blonde/blue, romantic. Seeking an outgoing, secure, college-educated S/DWM, 35-50, passion for life, for a possible LTR. ☎1660

HUGGABLE AND LOVABLE

Attractive SF, 44, 5'3", blonde/blue, medium build, with passion for life, seeks kind-hearted SWPM, 40-55, with good sense of humor, who is ready to enjoys life. ☎2412

VINTAGE WINE

Visionary dreamer, optimist, music is sweeter shared, slim, blue-eyed, blonde, with distinctive qualities, 5'7", educated, nifty 50s and financially secure. Seeking active, gentleman who is sweet and warm, 40-50. ☎2089

RN SEEKS

HEALTHY RELATIONS
Classy, slender, youthful, playful, intelligent, professional SWF, 5'4", blonde/brown, homeowner, no dependents, N/S, social drinker, seeks educated PM, 45+, emotionally/financially secure. Let's meet for coffee and see what happens. ☎1469

FIRST TIME AD

DWF, 38, 5'2", 105lbs, blonde/blue, mother of one, enjoys movies, dining in/out, loves to laugh. Seeking attractive, humorous, loving, honest DWM, 38-42, with children/friend of hair, friendship first. LTR. ☎1897

TEDDY BEAR WANTED

SWF, blonde/brown, 5'6", medical professional, looking for lady, 40s, 45+, with good communication skills, who is an athletic event watcher, enjoys winter sports. Good sense of humor a must. ☎1804

YOU'VE GOT MAIL

Chemistry-seeking, attractive, family-oriented, emotionally/financially secure, blonde SPF, 40, 5'9", with traditional values, good moral, enjoys nights out, quiet evenings at home. Seeking SM for friendship, possible LTR. ☎2414

HELLO, FRIEND

I'm pretty, slender, tall, very intelligent, refined, fun, smoker, 52. Seeking intelligent, tall, articulate, classy, confident, gentleman, 50-65, wanting someone for cozy dinner dates laced with good conversation. ☎2320

BLUE-EYED BLONDE

Fun-loving DWF, 44, blonde/blue, curvy size 14, enjoys movies, dining, dancing, music. Seeking DWM, 40-55, financially stable, with similar interest. Friendship first, possible LTR. ☎2267

BEAUTIFUL NATURE LOVER

SWF, 44, 5'7", 134lbs, studying alternative medicine, into self growth, woods walking, singing, natural health, laughing, speaking truth, life. I'm spunky, unique, loving. Seeking N/S, soul connection SWM, 38-48. ☎9723

BLUE-EYED BLONDE

Young, attractive WF, 50, 5'7", medium build, seeks down-to-earth, romantic, commitment-minded WM, 45-60, for LTR. ☎2444

WAITING FOR LIGHTNING...

to strike! An appealing DWF, 50ish, seeks a gentleman, 50-61, to enjoy dancing, dining out, casual, not a good friendship leading to a possible relationship. ☎2445

DRAWN TO WIDOWERS

Real, pretty, smart, attractive female, 51, red/blue, educated, values family, honesty, morals, dignity interests: sports, dining, gardening, reading, walks. Seeking family-oriented male. ☎2446

DELIGHTFUL

AND DOWN-TO-EARTH
Catholic SWF, 38, 5'7", brown/brown, smoker, social drinker, mother of three, enjoys camping, fireplaces, dancing and dining. Seeking a Catholic SWM, 38-46, with a love for family lifestyle and partnership. All calls answered. ☎2448

ARE YOU READY TO SOAR...

on wings? Do you believe all things are possible including finding that special someone? If you do believe God call and let's fly together. Seeking SBCM, 40-60. ☎1099

COFFEE, TEA, OR ME?

Tall, attractive lady, HW proportionate, with great sense of humor and lots of TLC to share. Seeking tall, intelligent, romantic, quality male, 55+, with high standards, who enjoys various activities. ☎2726

FIRST TIME AD

Attractive widowed BF, 41, 5'7", N/S, enjoys movies, concerts, dinner and travel. Seeking honest, dependable BCM, 40-49, for friendship. ☎1821

SINGLE WHITE MAN

Independent SWF, 38, 5'3", 115lbs, smoker, N/D, enjoys the simple life, rock music, comedy clubs, movies, fitness, outdoors, hunting, fishing. Seeking confident, emotionally/financially stable SWM, 38-45, N/D, for LTR. ☎1802

PROVERBS 3:15

41, 5'8", 150lbs, N/S, non-drinker, Christian, brunette, seeks company of quality gentleman, for sharing and caring. Bloomfield area. ☎1719

GREAT PERSON/FUN

Black female, a young 50, affectionate, employed, N/S, social drinker, wide variety of interests. Seeking mature male, who's fun and affectionate, 46-54, N/S, with no hang ups. ☎1720

PRETTY BROWN-EYED ITALIAN

Outgoing single mom, 38, brown/brown. Likes movies, theater, dancing, long walks, good conversation. Seeking handsome male, dark hair/brown, 35-45, who is romantic, sincere, honest, with a sense of humor. ☎1721

ARE YOU? I AM...

healthy, happy, spiritually fit and emotionally available. Very attractive, petite SWF, 40ish, N/S, N/D, loves nature, the arts, reading, writing, laughing, hiking, travel, and having good conversations about it. ☎2269

LOOKING FOR YOU

Easygoing, overweight DWF, 43, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys swimming, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, South Lyon area. ☎1713

INCURABLE ROMANTIC

Energetic, perky, kind-hearted DWF, 43, 5'2", 125lbs, brown/brown, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys walking, tennis, cooking, dining out, movies. seeks SWPM, late 30s to 40s, for best friend first. LTR. ☎2263

PRETTY BLONDE LADY

Refined, going, loving, educated, European-born young 60ish, 5'5", good figured, N/S, many interests, seeks gentleman, 65-72, with sense of humor, caring, intelligent, secure, N/S, for lasting relationship. ☎1297

THRILL SEEKER WANTED

Adventurous nurse, DWF, 46, 5'4", brown/brown, Seeking adventurous fireman, 40-50, for fun times. N/S preferred. ☎2170

LOVE IN THE NEW YEAR

Attractive, financially/emotionally secure DWF, young 50, 5'4", blonde/blue, N/S, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel and romance. Seeking handsome, sincere, caring, financially secure, compassionate SWM, 45-55, for friendship, leading to LTR. ☎2083

COWBOY WANTED

DWF wants a financially secure cowboy, over 50 over 5'9", weight unimportant, smoker, 40s, 50s, must be a two-stepper. ☎2053

SEEKING SENSE OF HUMOR

DWF, 43, medium build, N/S, seeks a S/DWM, 43-50, N/S, employed, who likes children, outdoors, sports, for a possible LTR. ☎1996

GOOD THINGS/ SMALL PACKAGES

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TALL, ATTRACTIVE

DBF, 38, 5'9", enjoys dancing, jazz, attention seeking SM, 40-45, who is a gentleman just the physical, for LTR. Serious replies only please! ☎1993

52 YEAR-OLD PROFESSIONAL

Pretty, successful, humorous, charming, interesting, giving female, 52, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, fine dining, posing, boating, loves people. Seeks someone in a similar situation. WM, 45-75. Please reply. ☎1162

GENTLY USED

Blonde lady, late 50s, 5'5", 125lbs, enjoys life. Seeking gentleman, mid-50s-60s, to enjoy life with, friends first. ☎1906

SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT

SF, 36, loves intimate, adventurous, spectator sports, laughing, seeks SM, N/S, who is a free start, possible LTR. ☎1689

PASSION FOR LIFE

Classy, spirited, poised DWF, 55, 5'2", seeks man of integrity, 55-65, N/S, romantic and trim, to share interests which include: dancing, traveling, movies, dining out. For friendship, leading to LTR. ☎1908

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STARGAZER

Shapely WF, 48, brunette, no dependents, seeks intelligent, educated WM, who enjoys looking at the stars, escaping on weekends, and lively conversation. Friends first, Rochester area. ☎1772

HONOR AND CHERISH

Never married, attractive, tall, sensitive, committed, Christian SWPM, enjoys hiking, travel, skiing, adventure, fun. Seeking attractive, sincere, committed, never married SWCF, 30-40, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. ☎2539

SEEKS

CONFIDENT, SECURE MAN
Pretty, classy, slim, secure, open, hip gal, 5'7", no children, seeks SWPM, average/average, trustworthy, emotionally/financially stable, fun

CHEERS FOR BEER



CHEF JOSEPH STYKE

Roast a ham and think of summertime

How about the weather this month - jeez. What I like to do on snowy days off is bake or make beer. Tommy Stawarz was over a couple of weeks ago, and we were making a really nice porter. While playing cribbage as the mashing was going on, we started to reminisce about summers past when he asked me if I remembered the big pig roasts we used to do.

As I counted up my double run and fifteens, a slow smile spread across my face. We kept playing, and I kept thinking about those pig roasts. I looked at Tommy, and told him, "be over next week. We'll make that rye beer, and I'll have a surprise snack for you when we get done."

Now, I can't cook whole pigs in my oven, but I can buy a fresh ham from my local meat market. It's a great pair with porter, and I always made some buttermilk bread for the pig roasts too.

There are still a few family run meat markets left, and it is worth your time and effort to find one near you, and check it out. They will order a fresh ham for you, no problem. I have gotten fresh hams from four different meat markets near my house with a one week wait.

Porter

Now, a little bit about porter. In the early 1700s in England, there were basically three kinds of beer - small, a strong pale ale, and a strong brown ale that were brewed to be strong and high hopped to preserve the beer from spoilage. The beers were often mixed and called "three threads." It became a favorite of the market porters of east London.

In 1722, Ralph Harrowed brewed a beer in his pub to taste like the mix. He called it entire, but everybody called it porter after the porters who made it their beer. Eventually, the style died out, and only as recently as 1978 was it revived.

In 1982 one of my favorite British breweries, Samuel Smith, the old brewery, tadcaster introduced their renowned "taddy" porter. It was malty, and chocolaty with some fruit in the finish. It was truly a world class beer.

In the U.S. there are three that I like - Black Hook Porter and Grants Perfect Porter from Washington State, and Sierra Nevada Porter from Chico, Calif. Sierra and Black Hook are classic American porters that are nutty with a slightly dry finish, while the Grants are closer to an English style porter, not as dry as American but not as malty and fruity finish as an English.

British style ham

Since the beer is a British one, the ham is cooked in the British style with the rind in place. A fresh ham should be cooked about 20 minutes a pound, or until a meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the roast, without touching the bone, reads 165°F.

Scottish buttermilk bread is kind of like Irish soda bread, but a little richer. Mrs. Fogarty, bless her heart, turned me on to Scottish buttermilk bread many years ago.

A mustard sauce for the ham is nice. Mix your favorite mustard and a little mayo, and there you are. My favorite mustards are the whole grain country style ones.

Make the ham, and think of summer, and the great leftover sandwiches you will have.

Chef Joseph Styke is sous chef at the Water Club Seafood Grill in Plymouth, and an award-winning home brewer. Look for his column on the last Sunday of the month in Taste. See recipes inside.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- What's cooking at Schoolcraft College
- "Slow But Sure," how Sandra Dalka-Prysky lost 170 pounds

Ostrich

THE RED MEAT THAT ISN'T

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Certified as poultry by the United States Department of Agriculture, ostrich, because of its robust flavor, is referred to as meat. In Michigan, it is the New Age red meat and available at all Kroger stores.

Ostrich began appearing on America's elite restaurant menus about five years ago. About then, we tasted it for the first time in Seattle. Ostrich has come down in price since then due to more efficient farming, processing and marketing.

With the texture of steak, ostrich is the best of both worlds - satisfying flavor with one-third the fat and less than half the cholesterol of beef. It offers the high nutrition of skinless chicken or turkey breast, but it doesn't taste like either.

If your eating preferences tend toward no or less red meat in your diet, don't stick your head in the sand like the flightless, graceless ostrich - give it a try.

Nutrition expert's opinion

Diane Reynolds, a registered dietitian who works for Kroger in Michigan, said the serving portion for ostrich is 3 ounces or the size of a deck of cards. "In addition to low fat and cholesterol, another bonus of ostrich is no shrinkage," she noted.

"If you need 3 ounces of cooked beef for a recipe, you need to start with 4 ounces due to shrinkage. This is true for most red meats.

"Ostrich is poultry that functions in eating like a red meat. It's a guilt-free meat-like food. Another advantage is that it cooks safely to pink or medium in one-third the time of red meat or pork."

Reynolds, the mother of a 6-year-old, acknowledges that her son likes ostrich and she uses the ground version in spaghetti sauce.

Ostrich facts

An ostrich is the biggest bird extant, standing about 7- to 8-feet tall and weighing an average of 250 pounds. It is herbivorous, feeding on commercially manufactured alfalfa pellets or grass, just like cattle.

Ostriches destined for food are an organically-farmed product, without growth hormones or antibiotics.

Ostriches require 2-1/2 pounds of feed for every pound of weight gain. When compared to the 8 pounds of feed necessary for a beef cow to gain a pound of weight, ostriches rank high in the environmentally conscious use of the world's limited food resources.

They are processed for food between 10 and 16 months of age and yield about 70 pounds of meat. The remainder of the bird provides leather and feathers for highly



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Quick dinner: Caribbean-Seasoned Ostrich Steak can be prepared as a complete dinner in 15 minutes.

prized dusters.

Packaging

Kroger is selling pre-packaged ostrich meat from Organic Foods Inc. based in Little Rock, Ark. Packages are, on average, about half a pound, but we found some in the case a little larger, yet all under one pound.

Organic Foods Vice President Kyle Santor noted that ground ostrich meat at \$3.99 per pound is priced similarly to nearly fat-free

ground turkey. And let's be honest, ground turkey, while a healthy alternative, is bland. Remove the fat from traditional meat and you've removed the taste. Not so with ostrich.

Marinated ostrich steaks either Italian seasoned or Caribbean are \$7.99 per pound. Buy Black Angus beef already marinated and it's the same price. Marinated ostrich steak comes two to a package. If

Please see OSTRICH, B2

| SPECIES | FAT GRAMS | CALORIES (KCAL) |
|---------|--------------|--------------------|
| Ostrich | 3.0 | 142 |
| Chicken | 7.4 | 190 |
| Turkey | 5.0 | 170 |
| Beef | 9.3 | 211 |
| Pork | 9.7 | 212 |
| Veal | 6.6 | 196 |
| Duck | 11.2 | 201 |

When you're feeling left out in the end zone, serve this fruity salad

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER
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If you're beginning to feel like a football widow, you'll enjoy this story and recipe from Karen Fichtner of Plymouth. Her recipe to share, Ann's Cranberry Jell-O salad, is a favorite that brings back happy memories of her dear friend Ann.

"She was my next door neighbor when we lived in Green Bay, Wis., for the four years my husband coached for the Green Bay Packers football team," wrote Fichtner via e-mail. "Ann was the type of unaffected warm woman who would show up at my door in the morning for a chat - without makeup, wearing her comfy robe with the worn elbows and carrying her cup of coffee.

"When my husband was in training camp or working seven days a week, or until late at night during the season, she and her husband would have me over for popcorn. Our bedroom windows faced each other and for a long time after we moved, she found herself, upon retiring at night, still looking to see if my bedroom lights were on.

"She died of cancer several years ago, only in her 50s. This recipe is a delicious connection to her."

Fichtner isn't a big fan of Jell-O molds, but says this one is irresistible. It has a deep, sweet and tangy flavor. She usually serves Ann's Cranberry Jell-O on Thanksgiving and Christmas, but there's no reason why you couldn't serve it on Valentine's Day.

Made with raspberry Jell-O, burgundy wine, cranberry sauce, crushed pineapple and sour cream, Ann's Cranberry Jell-O is a festive salad to serve anytime you feel like celebrating.

ANN'S CRANBERRY JELL-O

- 6 ounce package of raspberry Jell-O
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1/2 cup of burgundy wine
- 1 can (16 ounces) whole cranberry sauce
- 1 cup crushed pineapple, drained
- 1/2 cup sour cream

Dissolve Jell-O in boiling water. Blend the sour cream with the burgundy wine - either in a blender or with a whisk. This gets the sour cream blended in

smoothly and avoids tiny lumps.

Mix all the ingredients together and blend well. Pour into a 6-7 cup Jell-O mold and chill until firm.

Everyone has a good recipe to share. Send us yours, and if it's chosen to be featured in Taste on the last Sunday of the month, we'll send you a cookbook and apron along with our thanks.

Please print or type your recipes, and include can and package sizes. Send recipes for consideration, along with a daytime phone number, to:

Keely Wygonik, Taste Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. E-mail recipes to kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net or fax (734) 591-7279.

JELL-O

Try low-fat ostrich instead of red meat

See related Taste story on page 10.

HERB MARINATED OSTRICH

2 pounds ostrich filets
Marinade
2 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
1/4 cup olive oil
2 tablespoons finely chopped garlic
1 tablespoon rosemary, crushed
1 tablespoon thyme (leaves)
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Combine marinade ingredients in a plastic bag; add meat, turning to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator one hour, turning occasionally.

Remove meat from marinade; reserve marinade for basting or reduce to half in a small saucepan. Broil 3 minutes per side, basting once for rare to medium rare (pink).

Carve into slices and serve with reduced marinade if desired. Serves 8.

Recipe adapted from *Spice Islands Good Harvest test kitchen*

OSTRICH AND SHRIMP IN ROASTED GARLIC SAUCE

12 pieces of ostrich, sliced medallion size from filets and then pounded into scaloppini
8 jumbo shrimp
15-20 medium sized whole

garlic cloves, peeled
1 cup dry white wine (preferably Chardonnay) or substitute chicken stock
1 1/2 pints heavy whipping cream
1 medium sized red onion, finely chopped
1/2 stick lightly salted butter
Salt and pepper to taste
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/2 cup chicken stock
Preheat oven to 400° F.

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In sauce pot, melt butter and saute onion until onion is fully

cooked (about 5 minutes).

Add wine (or chicken stock) and allow to cook over medium heat until most of the liquid evaporates. Add roasted garlic and puree. Place back on heat and slowly add cream, salt and pepper. Bring to slight boil and set aside.

In separate pan, heat olive oil, add ostrich, sear on both sides and set aside. Add shrimp and 1/2 cup chicken stock to oil; saute until cooked. Return ostrich and sauce to the pan and heat through. Serves 4

Adapted from recipe courtesy of American Ostrich Association.

RING AROUND THE OSTRICH

1 pound ground ostrich
8 ounces tomato sauce
1 package taco seasoning mix
2 packages crescent roll dough
1 bell pepper
salsa
2 cups shredded lettuce
1 medium tomato, diced
1 small onion, diced
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
Sour cream for garnish
Preheat oven to 375° F.
Brown ostrich meat and combine with tomato sauce and seasoning mix.

Arrange crescent roll triangles in a circle on a 13" round baking stone (or pizza pan), with bases overlapping in center and points to outside.

Spoon meat mixture over dough. Fold points of triangles over filling and tuck under base at center.

Bake 20-25 minutes until golden brown.

Remove top and seeds from the bell pepper; fill with salsa and place in center of ring.

Surround pepper with lettuce, tomato, onion and cheese. Garnish with sour cream. Serves 4

Adapted from recipe by Terri Harlan, Green Ridge, Missouri, first place winner—Missouri State Fair Ostrich Contest 1997.

Roast a ham, make buttermilk bread

See related Cheers for Beer column on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Chef Joseph Styke.

ENGLISH STYLE ROAST OF HAM

1 bottle of Taddy porter

Divide oil (to rub ham with) salt and pepper to taste

Water - to cover bottom of pan

1 fresh ham, as big as you want. Ask the butcher to remove the skin, bone, and to trim off any loose fat from the butt end

Preheat oven to 400° F.

With a really sharp knife, score the ham lengthwise from top to bottom without going

down to the flesh. Now score the rind across on either side of the middle cut, again, without cutting down to the flesh.

Place the ham on a rack in a roasting pan and rub with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper and rub it into the cuts.

Add about 2 inches of water and porter to cover bottom of pan. Place in 400° F oven for 10 minutes, then reduce temperature to 325° F.

After 1 hour start basting every 15 minutes until done. Fresh ham should be cooked 20 minutes a pound, or until a thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the roast, without

touching the bone, reads 165° F.

As the water and beer cook away, add water to the pan to prevent charring. When the ham is done, remove from the pan and place on a cutting board and slice down the center. Cut and you can slide a knife just under the skin and it will lift off right away, and away you go.

Happy carving.

BUTTERMILK BREAD

2 cups all purpose flour, more or less

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar

Ostrich from page B1

It's easy to overlook ostrich. Because it contains so little fat, it will get dry and less appealing. When kitchen testing the Caribbean seasoned ostrich steak, the recipe called for 8 minutes grilling time. It was done medium in 6 minutes. An internal temperature of no more than 140° F. achieves succulence.

For cyber menu makers, ostrich recipes are available on the American Ostrich Association web site www.ostriches.org. Organic Foods, Inc. has a hotline (888) 456-6463 or you can reach Kroger Registered Dietitian Diane Reynolds by phoning (800) KROGERS and pressing the correct number for registered dietitian on the automated system.

Kyle Santor said "be creative" in your use of ostrich. Sometimes that's not easy on a busy day, so use the recipes on the wrapper or the ones inside to start using this heart-healthy new-age meat that really isn't!

To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

Each vacuum package of ostrich has a paper wrapper with recipe suggestions for easy preparation. Medallions of Ostrich with Rosemary and Red Wine (using the filets) is superb.

Put it with baked potatoes or potato gratin and a bottle of red wine such as 1996 Chateau St. Jean Merlot \$17 or 1995 Robert Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon from Napa Valley \$25, both available at Kroger, and you have a gourmet feast, fully prepared in 45 minutes.

Again, because there is so little fat, ostrich meat absorbs the full flavor of any marinades. Use your favorite or the recipe for Herb-Marinated Ostrich that follows inside and notice that marinade flavors are fully detectable in the center of the steak.

Form into a round about 7 to 8 inches round, and pat down a little. With a sharp knife cut an x in the top and bake for 30 to 35 minutes, or until the top is a nice golden brown, and when the bottom is tapped, it sounds hollow.

Do not knead dough, just mix.

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Perk up meals with a medley of mushrooms

BY MELANIE POLK
SPECIAL WRITER

Once considered nutritional lightweights, mushrooms are now recognized as a source of a wide array of nutrients and health promoting properties. There are more than 35,000 varieties of mushrooms, including the well-known white button mushrooms most commonly found in American supermarkets.

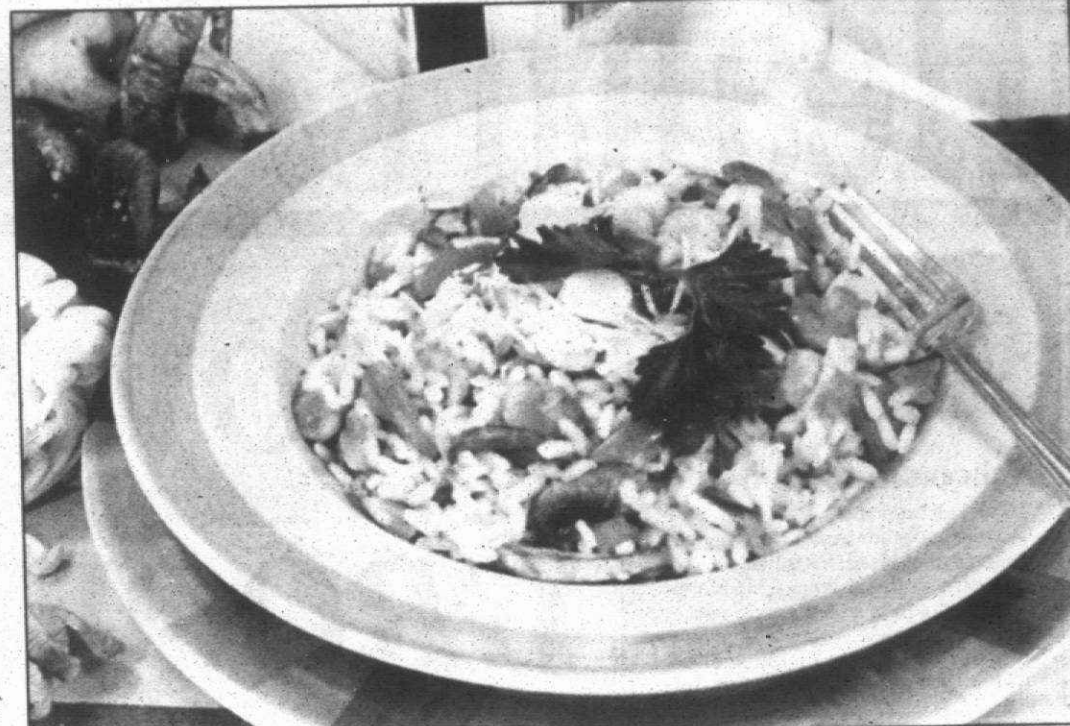
While nutrients vary from one kind of mushroom to the next, many contain protein, vitamins A and C, B-vitamins, and minerals including iron, selenium, potassium and phosphorus. Phytochemicals found in some mushrooms are being studied as possible cancer-fighting substances.

It's best to cook all mushrooms within a day or two of purchase.

added to hearty soups and stews. Even though some may look quite unusual, the same rules apply for selection of most all types of mushrooms. Choose those that look plump and fresh, with rounded caps folded around the gills. It's best to cook all mushrooms within a day or two of purchase. They should be stored in paper bags in the refrigerator. Clean them gently with a soft damp paper towel before using.

absorbed and rice has swelled to double its size and is tender but still a little firm, about 20 minutes. Stir in remaining margarine, and extra stock if necessary to make risotto creamy and moist.

Season with salt and pepper to taste. Spoon into warmed pasta bowls and sprinkle with onions, parsley and cheese. Nutrition information: Each of the 6 appetizer servings contains 229 calories and 7 grams of fat. Melanie Polk is a registered dietitian and Director of Nutrition Education, American Institute for Cancer Research.



Magnificent mushrooms: For something different, try Mushroom Risotto made with arborio rice, freshly sliced mushrooms, and a sprinkle of Parmesan cheese.

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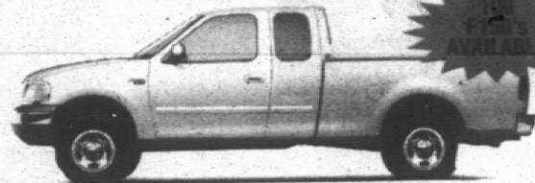
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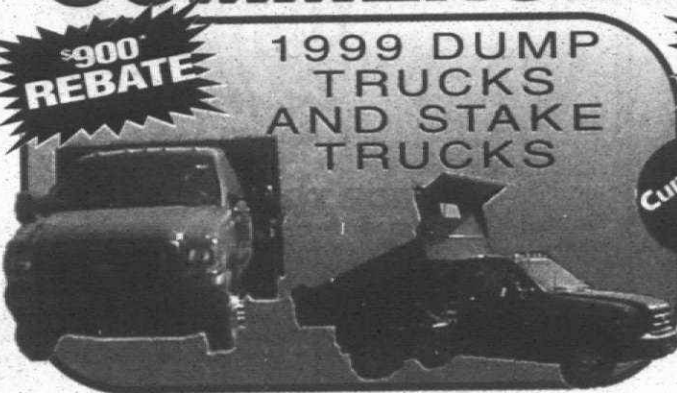
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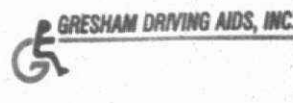
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Young dancer sets sail for experience

Next to surviving a hurricane in the middle of the Caribbean, Melissa Carron's most anxious moments came while waiting 2-1/2 hours on the tarmac for her plane to disembark at Detroit's Metropolitan Airport. This was the first time the 19-year-old dancer was returning to her Canton home since signing a contract to dance professionally on Premier Cruise Line's Big Red Boat in October.

Arriving home at the tail end of one of the worst snow storms in almost 25 years, Carron talked about her new dance career. Who would have guessed it would involve waiting out a hurricane because the ship she was on had lost radar? All Carron could see out her port hole during the November storm was alternating sea and light. Her stomach queasy from



What a life: Melissa Carron (left) dances her way to the Caribbean islands on the Big Red Boat.

the boat's rocking motion, Carron ventured on deck only briefly.

"We hear so many Titanic jokes, but I don't worry about the ship going down," said Carron. "Now, I don't even feel the boat rocking anymore but during the hurricane it was eerie. It happened around seven in the evening. I went down to the dining room and no one was there. It was like a ghost ship. The passengers were all in their rooms."

Home away from home

Most of Carron's experiences, unlike the hurricane, were fun. Since Carron only works 1-1/2 hours a week, the rest of her time is spent snorkeling or exploring the islands. Between cruises, Carron has five hours in Port Canaveral, Fla., to buy shampoo and run other errands; by 3:30 p.m. she's back aboard for boat drills.

Even though the six people in the cast, and the rest of the staff, are like a big family, the holidays were difficult for Carron because they were her first away from home.

"Thanksgiving was worse than Christmas because there was no turkey dinner. Christmas I knew I was coming home in 12 days," said Carron. "My aunt and uncle came on Christmas day. It was nice to see a familiar face. It wasn't snowing and we sat on the beach."

All in the family

Mom Carol Jackson teaches dance so it's no wonder Carron began taking lessons at age 2. Jackson and Jan Sickle own the Dance Connection in Canton. Carron started taking tap, jazz and ballet lessons from Sickle at age 10. By 15, Carron was teaching at the studio. After seeing the dancers at Disney World five years ago, Carron knew a career in dance was in her

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Held hostage: Richard Kozlow painted this blindfolded man (above), arms grasping in terror, as part of his "Victims" series. The smokestack in the background and corpses in the foreground of this haunting painting (below) a reminder of the Nazi's solution for the existence of Jews.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

BREAK SILENCE IN BLACK AND WHITE

By LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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The atmosphere in the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery at the University of Michigan-Dearborn is intense. Surrounded by the stark black and white paintings from Richard Kozlow's "Victims" series, Sidney Bolkosky talks about the 175 Holocaust survivors he's interviewed in the last 18 years.

Grim figures crying out from the dark, smokestacks spewing human remains, Kozlow's paintings seem to compound the sufferings the University of Michigan-Dearborn professor talks about.

Be prepared to spend some time here after touching the screen of the interactive computer station bearing witness to the atrocities. A simple question from Bolkosky is all the survivors need to pour out their stories about life in Nazi concentration camps during World War II. For years, survivors kept their silence. Bolkosky breaks through that by studying a map of the area where



Richard Kozlow

Bolkosky. "It's not cathartic or therapeutic. For nights before and after talking to me the survivors have nightmares."

One survivor, who entered Auschwitz at age 14, could find no words for the hard wood slats they slept on. Bunks could be misconstrued as those found at summer camps. Beds would not do either. There was nothing soft at Auschwitz. Words were not what they seemed. Gas chambers masqueraded as bath houses.

"One of the reasons survivors didn't talk for so long is because no one

survivors once lived. He mentions the name of a street in Krakow, releasing the memories that freely flow in waves of emotion.

"It's very painful, wrenching for them," said

"Diversity: Victims & Survivors"

WHAT: Paintings from Richard Kozlow's "Victims" series, and selected interviews from the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Holocaust Survivor Oral Histories, an archival collection assembled by history professor Sidney Bolkosky.

WHEN: Through Sunday, Feb. 14. For hours, call (313) 593-5400.

WHERE: Alfred Berkowitz Gallery, third floor of the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Mardigian Library, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn.

RELATED ACTIVITY: Kozlow will discuss his paintings, Bolkosky the Holocaust survivor oral histories in the gallery 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. A reception follows. The public is invited to attend the free program.

would understand what they say," said Bolkosky. "That's part of the problem, there is no language to tell it."

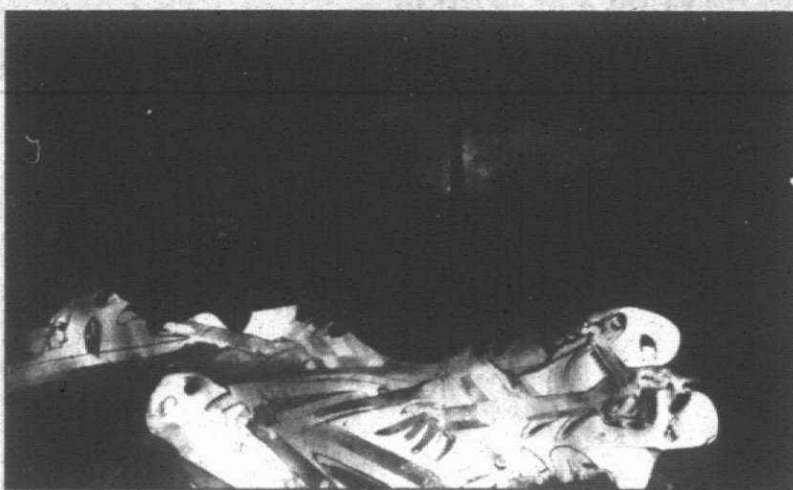
For nearly 20 years, Bolkosky's life has been consumed with listening to survivors. Everywhere he goes, they come up to him to talk. An hour or more later he's still listening to how they were forced to labor under starvation conditions. Kozlow's paintings show the victims' emaciated bodies. An angel of death is nothing more than a skeleton with wings. Vicious dogs sound the alarm for anyone attempting to escape.

"What you learn is how random everything was. I don't think that you can really understand what the Holocaust was about. You have to hear the survivors. They're still trying to figure out why it happened to them."

Bolkosky first uses audio tape to record interviews of survivors like Agi Rubin, who as a girl was sent to Auschwitz where her mother and brother were killed. Later, he video tapes a concise version. For Bolkosky, listening to the survivors' stories has become an obsession.

"It gets overwhelming sometimes,"

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MUSEUM EXHIBIT

Songs from a sacred place

WHAT: "Wade in the Water: African American Sacred Music Traditions"
WHEN: Through Sunday, March 14
WHERE: Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit
HOURS: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Call (313) 494-5800 for information.

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"Every man prays in his own language, and there's no language that God does not understand."

- Duke Ellington

Popular American music emerged early this century, carving a tradition of catchy melodies, clever lyrics and a common man's wisdom.

But there was an entirely different musical world beyond Irving Berlin, Cole

Porter and mainstream American standards.

A world of resonating songs sung by Americans, segregated because of their skin color and African cultural roots, who were more concerned with spiritual survival than record sales.

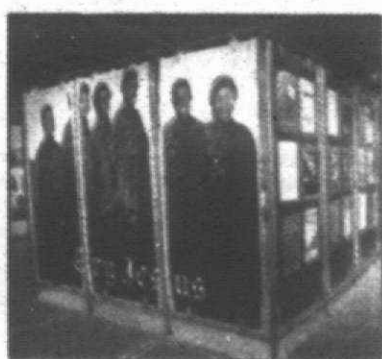
Today, the songs sung in cotton fields, while riding the Underground Railroad, black churches and Civil Rights marches have left an indelible

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Royal sounds: Duke Ellington's constellation of sounds incorporates and transcends many musical genres.



Overcoming: "Wade In the Water" documents the evolution of spirituals, gospel music, quartet singing, rhythm and blues, and jazz.

Young artists solo with symphony

By LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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You'd think Faith Scholfield's soloing with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra might not be such a big deal. After all the Plymouth Salem High School junior is principal oboist with the Detroit Civic Symphony Orchestra and a French horn player with the Michigan Youth Orchestra in Ann Arbor.

According to Scholfield, it's the best part of winning first place in the Plymouth Symphony's Youth Artist Competition.

She and second place winner Ross Huff will perform as guest soloists with the orchestra on Saturday, Jan. 30. In addition to winning the opportunity to perform with the orchestra, Scholfield and Huff won cash prizes. A total of \$1,000 was donated by the Japanese Business Society of Detroit Foundation.

"I was excited about winning," said Scholfield. "I've never played solo with an orchestra before."

As Scholfield says, music is her fun. Every Saturday she rehearses with the Detroit Civic Symphony Orchestra, every Sunday with the Michigan Youth Orchestra. In between she studies oboe with Shelly Heron of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and teaches seven beginning students.

When Scholfield didn't place in the competition two times before, she kept trying. Along with first place in the Plymouth Symphony competition, her determination was responsible for the Plymouth Council Arts Council awarding her a scholarship to study in a music program with the principal oboist

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Chamber Concert

WHAT: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents the winners of its Youth Artist Competition. Guest conductor is Margery Deutsch, director of orchestra at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30.

WHERE: Plymouth Canton Little Theatre, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, at Joy Road. Afterglow at the Willow Brook Inn, 44255 Warren Road, east of Sheldon Road, Canton.

TICKETS: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/college students, students K-12th grade free. Call (734) 451-2112.

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of the New York Philharmonic in North Carolina last summer. Schofield plays the first and second movements of Cimarosa's concerto for oboe, the composition with which she took top honors in the December competition.

Plymouth Symphony bassoonist William Hulsker was one of the judges along with violinist Victor Hickman, violinist Kyo Moriz and conductor Russell Reed. For Hulsker, choosing only two winners is the most difficult part of judging the competitions.

"We want to encourage developing talent and keep that fire in the students," said Hulsker. "Maybe some day they'll come back and play with the orchestra."

The judges were looking for raw talent and a feel for the music in the promising young artists. They weren't expecting a finished product from high school students.

"It's not just technique," said Hulsker. "It's the music, the kind of expression, the feeling they have for the music and that they

convey that to the audience. Faith has that. Oboe is a difficult instrument. Even before making a sound you have to learn how to make reeds and oboe is a double reed instrument."

Margery Deutsch, who guest conducts the Jan. 30 concert, is one of seven in contention for the position. Applicants audition with the orchestra either at a rehearsal or concert.

Deutsch is director of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Orchestra.

"There's a lot of good candidates, but it's difficult to get their dates and ours together to arrange the auditions," said Hulsker. "When the applications came in I couldn't believe how many we had. There's something good about all of them. It's going to be hard."

Young talent
This is the second year that Ross Huff has won second place in the competition. A senior at Plymouth Canton High School, Huff has studied trumpet for seven years, currently with Jean

Moorehead Liba. He also plays with the Michigan Youth Orchestra in Ann Arbor.

Huff is section leader of the Plymouth Canton Educational Park Wind Ensemble and the award-winning Plymouth Canton Marching Band. During marching band season in fall he spends nearly four hours rehearsing weekdays, then competes throughout the state on weekends. Huff's received many awards and scholarships. He's a six-year veteran of the All State Band Program sponsored by the University of Michigan at Interlochen Center for the Arts. He performs the first movement of Hummel's trumpet concerto with the Plymouth Symphony.

"I'm excited," said Huff. "It's a chance to perform. I put in a fair share of time rehearsing and it's nice to let people know what I do."

Huff will attend Ohio State this fall. He's unsure if he'll major in music but loves it nonetheless.

"It's kind of like an addiction," said Huff.

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mark on what has become the pantheon of American music.

Indeed, the heritage of spirituals, gospel music, a capella quartet harmonies, rhythm and blues, and jazz evolved from centuries of struggles of African Americans who carried on amid the oppressive conditions of slavery, persecution of Jim Crow laws and other superstitious forms of discrimination.

Many of these songs of salvation, celebration and moral triumph have been gathered in "Wade In the Water: African American Sacred Music Traditions," on exhibit through mid-March at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit.

"Wade In the Water" is curated by Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon, curator emerita at the National Museum of African American History.

According to Rita Organ, curator of exhibits at the African American Museum, Reagon's collection is considered the most comprehensive and critical exhibit of sacred music ever assembled.

Common chords
By no means does "Wade In the Water" exclusively reflect pervasive conditions of woe.

The melodies may emanate from pain, prayer and lamentation, but the emotional impact soars to the level of Mahalia Jackson's stirring "Move on Up Little Higher," and has the irresistible sing-along appeal of Edward Hawkins' "O Happy Day."

Whatever societal obstacles were placed in the way of assimilation for African Americans, clearly the variety and depth of the musicianship in "Wade in the Waters" proves that the most stirring way to overcome hatred and prejudice is by appealing to the common chords of music.

Great expression emanates from deep places. And the amazing talent of Duke Ellington, Mary Lou Williams, John Coltrane, Rosetta Tharpe, Thomas Dorsey, Marian Anderson, Paul Robeson, Jesse Norman and Mahalia Jackson reveals that the painful travails of preceding generations ran through their veins. As these breakthrough artists transcend-

ed societal roadblocks, another brick in the wall of prejudice was chipped away.

Diversity of forms
Collectively, the music cataloged in "Wade In the Water" has risen to the sacred level because Reagon contends it illuminates the spiritual journey from slavery to segregation and the ongoing conflict of holding on to one's ethnicity while becoming part of the American cultural melting pot.

And clearly, the spirit of the music is inseparable from the sounds that have defined America.

If there are any doubts, one need only speculate about the sound and soul of African American music without the contributions of the Duke, Coltrane, the myriad of capella groups and the Motown sound.

It's worth remembering that regardless of the tons of recorded vinyl output from the 1930s to the 1960s, popular music didn't reach the point of fervency until Aretha Franklin gave it a soul with her blend of gospel, rhythm and blues and yelping vibrato.

Perhaps more than any other 20th century performer, Franklin's compelling presence and voice personifies the strains of music documented in "Wade In the Water."

"This exhibit provides clarity for non-African Americans about the musical genres, and celebrates the diversity of forms," said Organ.

While diversity is certainly on display, all musical roads lead to a common meeting place — the church. The place, according to Organ, that has inspired the blending of social conscience with irresistible, soul-swaying rhythm.

"This music comes out of the churches where a community gathers, worshipping under one roof with one mind," said Organ.

"The sacred music comes from reflecting what's going on with African-Americans on a day-to-day basis."

The exhibit has a local touch with large posters of choirs from Detroit's Second Baptist Church, St. Matthew Episcopal and Bethel AME Church.

Heart of humanity
All men may pray in their own language as the Duke noted, but sacred music gives hope that there's a common expression for that swelling spirit that lies at the heart of humanity.

A place where the doors remain open and the soul sounds a lot like Aretha Franklin.

Along with the message of perseverance, "Wade In the Water" shows how sacred music has provided a sense of overcoming societal boundaries through the mighty expression of song.

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Needs volunteers to assist with leisure, creative and therapeutic arts programs for infants through adults with disabilities, week-days, evenings, Saturdays. Call (248) 646-3347.

LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Greenmead Historic Village seeks volunteers to assist in school tours, Sunday tours, special events, special projects and gardening. Open May-October & December. Eight Mile Road at Newburgh, Livonia; (734) 477-7375.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Web site: mcbbr.org, or contact MCB, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road; (248) 349-0376.

MUSEUM DOCKETS

Volunteers to conduct school tours for grades 3-11, special school tours and tours to the general public and adult groups. Volunteers receive extensive training, including one-and-a-half days of class per week from September-June. For information, (313) 833-9178.

MUSEUMS

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through Jan. 31 - "Ancient Glass from the Holy Land." 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through March 14 - "Wade in the Water: African American Sacred Music Traditions." 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit; (313) 494-5800.

GALLERY (OPENINGS)

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Jan. 30 - "Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science," featuring four artists' projects representing an ongoing exploration of a specific area of science, through April 3, lectures by the artists opening weekend Jan. 30-31, Feb. 25, March 11, 1221 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. \$5. \$3 students/children/seniors. (248) 645-3323.

HABITAT GALLERIES

7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5 - Leah Wingfield; also new work by Stephen Clements and John Healey, through Feb. 28, 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-2060.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Feb. 2 - Michigan Water Color Society's 51st Annual Traveling Exhibit, through March 11, second floor of the Executive Office Bldg., 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac; (248) 858-0415.

SOUTH OAKLAND CONCERT BAND
8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at Troy High School, (248) 644-3485.

SONNET QUARTET
Detroit Symphony Orchestra members in concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, Varner Hall. Performance features works by Schoenberg, and Mendelssohn. Oakland University, Rochester Hills; (248) 370-2032.

WEARLEY STUDIO GALLERY
6-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 - "With Hand and Hammer" show cases hand-raised metal vessels through April 3, 1719 West 14 Mile, Royal Oak; (248) 549-3016.

YAW GALLERY
6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29 - Irmgard Zettler shows new 18x gold stick pins, 550 North Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-5470.

RENEFITS
SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
Jan. 29-30 - An auction to help support the Southfield Federation for the Arts, featuring original works, hosted by Park West Gallery. Each night's auction begins at 8 p.m. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

SWING TIME '99
A benefit sponsored by the Fancub Foundation for the Arts for local arts education programs, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan.

ing and more, 774 N. Sheldon Road. For schedule, call (734) 416-4278.

SWANN GALLERY
Free life drawing art classes, open to anyone. Other classes on oil and acrylic painting, pencil, watercolor, pastels and sculpture 14 p.m. Sundays, 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS
Classes for students grades 1-12 in scene study, Broadway dance, hip hop, improvisation, Saturdays, Feb. 6-May 15, Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit; (313) 535-8962.

VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM
"Set Building Workshop," presented by Larry Kaushansky of Wayne State's design program. Classes: Jan. 21, Feb. 16, 21, 25. Call (248) 644-2075 for information.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

SCARAB CLUB

Through Jan. 28 - 85th Annual Gold Medal Exhibit & Holiday Sales Show, featuring fine art, sculpture and photography by Scarab Club members, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit; (313) 831-1250.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Through Jan. 29 - Artwork of the Lawrence Tech faculty, featuring Sandra Cardew, Steve Rost, Sally Tardella, Charles Pomplius, Gary Zych, Nelson Smith, Kelly Deined and Tom Regenbogen, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

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Bloomin' bouquets recharge winter souls



Petal perfect: Blossoms co-owner Norm Silk (left) teaches the art of floral design, while (above) Ruth Rossetti (left) of Rochester Hills and Sandy Meganck of Shelby Township choose flowers for a bouquet.

BY LINDA BACHRACK PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

When the landscape is blanketed in white and there's nary a green sprout to be seen, we crave nature's springtime bounty all the more. Witness the abundance of amaryllis and paper white bulbs primed for forcing into full, glorious bloom on our windowsills. And the bunches and bunches of mixed flower bouquets that tempt us near the check-out counter at the grocery store.

The folks at The Community House in Birmingham are savvy to the seasonal cravings of its members. Thus, they scheduled a flower arranging class in the middle of January at Blossoms, a perpetual sanctuary of floribunda. Co-owners Norm Silk and Dale Morgan gathered participants around a huge worktable laden with the tools of their trade—clear glass vases, stems of flowers and greenery, even a special underwater stem cutter.

To congregate in this space is to imagine yourself in a perennial garden, complete with overhanging arbors, fountains, urns and sculptures. Surrounded by vibrant color and heady fragrance, the sensual experience is such that the cold air that greets you when you finally leave this environment cruelly snaps you back into winter's icy grip.

So an afternoon in Blossoms' snug workspace was not only informative, but restorative, and the 20 or so women who attended the session lost themselves in the world of botanicals. Silk and Morgan dazzled their rapt audience with impromptu arrangements, while dishing practical tips.

Once you get that bunch of flowers home from the market or the florist, how do you keep them looking vibrant and healthy? The key, said Silk, is to cut the stems under water before placing them in a vase. Use a sharp knife or the above-mentioned underwater cutter, and make a fresh diagonal cut. If air is allowed to get to the stem, it could form a bubble, inhibiting proper hydration to the bud or blossom. Always put the fresh-cut flowers in warm water, rather than cold. "Roses are especially fragile," said Silk, "and it's important to cut them under water. They're easily damaged." Also, trim away any bottom leaves that will be immersed. And always use preservative to keep the bacteria level down. "Routinely bleach your glass vases to rid them of bacteria," said Silk.

Which flowers are hardy and long-lasting, requiring the least amount of care? Silk recommends orchids, including pink dendrobium, yellow oncidium and purple mokara. They grow best in warm, humid conditions, so mist often with a spray bottle. "They'll last three times longer," Silk said.

Other reliable varieties include freesia, tulips, iris, hyacinth, ginestra (a flower from Italy with a gardenia-like fragrance) and gerbera daisies. Silk and Morgan also like the dramatic effect of curly willow, long twining branches that can be dried and used in a large vase to make a bold statement in an entrance foyer or on a mantel. Quince and forsythia branches stand alone in beautiful clear glass containers and often will blossom if misted regularly.

Flower arrangements use about one inch of water a day, so continue to top off the water as the level goes down. It's always better to arrange in water rather than foam, said Silk. The more traditional florists use a lot of carnations, mums and baby's breath because they require little water and can be safely arranged in foam. "But they're so boring," added Morgan. The two pointed out that flowers that are arranged in water evolve and move and change, much as they would in their natural habitat. "Tulips bend and droop, for instance. Let them look as though they're tumbling out of the vase. They have a mind of their own," said Silk. "Remember, flowers

are living things. We can't change the color to perfectly match your bridesmaid dress and we can't straighten a droopy stem. They are the way nature intended."

Silk showed the group how to put together some simple arrangements with just a few stems. For instance, a bouquet of yellow freesia with some feathery bear grass makes a captivating presentation. Bear grass also complements orchids, lilies and tulips. "It's a clean look," he said. He also placed silk flowers in marble-filled glass vases and arranged them like fresh flowers to look realistic. Silk orchids, tulips and calla lilies are surprisingly real looking, especially when combined with curly willow, bear grass or real forsythia.

For a stunning bridal bouquet, Blossoms floral designer Daniel Stober took orange roses, double freesia, ranunculus and seeded eucalyptus and arranged them in concentric circles, Biedermeier-style, embellishing with loops of chartreuse ribbon. This nosegay-shaped bouquet was an instant crowd pleaser.

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At the end of the session, the women chose bunches of alstroemeria, lisianthus, a single rose and some natural foliage, and set about the task of designing their own take-home arrangement. "This could take us into the dinner hour," quipped one novice floral arranger. "We may need a little wine on the work-table."

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SEWING CIRCLE
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Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement), please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message. You should see your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we will publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank you.

What We Found:
Once again, the aluminum Christmas trees and color wheel can be found at English Gardens on Coolidge in Troy.

Found a Kisse Doll for Eileen and the four-sided Rubix cube for Mary and the Mr. Peanut ornament for Angie.

Found 3/8 Christmas lights for Bonnie.

For Deb, Amcrest's Lustre Rose china, and Evening in Paris cologne for Ann.

Sue called to say she purchased the Skittle game at World Wide Games in Petoskey.

Beverly called to say she has found Salada Tea (100) at Shopping Center Market on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

The video "A Year Without Santa" was seen at the Blockbuster on Van Dyke and 23 Mile Road in Shelby.

PMS Mood nail polish can be bought at For Your Entertainment at the Great Lakes Crossing Mall in Auburn Hills for \$6.

Found a 1944 Central High yearbook.

Found two distributors of Discovery Toys and they have Picover Peg.

Walgreen's has the bars of Dial soap on sale this week.

To donate old bowling and golf trophies, call Greg Gilbert, Oxford Township Supervisor, (248) 969-9479.

Debbie called to say the game Air Baron by Avalon Hill was recently

bought by Hasbro) can be found on the Internet at www.edmag.com. (The company is called Chips & Bits, they carry old games.) Also try Alcove Hobby on Van Dyke between 13-14 Mile roads and at Old Guard on Ford Road and Merriman. Ryders on Liberty in Ann Arbor also might have it. The game Charge It also can be found at the stores above.

Yardley English Lavender soap can be found at Meijer in Westland on Warren Road.

Order flannel-lined jeans from the L.L. Bean winter catalog.

For the soundtrack from Scarface, try the FYE (For Your Entertainment) store at Wonderland Mall in Livonia.

Found someone who can crochet squares for Lorraine.

Covermark Cosmetics has a toll-free number: (800) 524-1120 or fax a request to (201) 768-6154.

We're Still Looking For:
Ned is looking for a Tupperware-type container to hold a 9x13 inch cake.

Bob is looking for three Elvis Presley dolls from about six or seven years ago.

Sue wants Tweed cologne by Letherie.

Diane wants the talking Mrs. Beasley doll.

Leah has a large train table already wired, but no trains.

Joanne is looking for Revlon's Moon Drops Red Pagoda (green tube) lipstick.

Karen wants Kikkoman SweetSour sauce mix or stir-fry mix. Kroger or Farmer Jack used to carry it.

Bea wants bison meat.

Brim coffee for Shelly.

Mitchell wants to find a collector to purchase old Super 8 mm sound and silent movies of the Little Rascals, Laurel & Hardy and Charlie Chaplin.

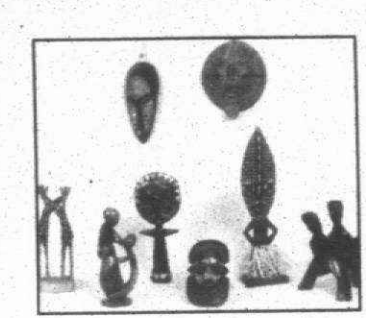
Geir is looking for Johnson's Purpose shampoo.

Jack is looking for 20 foldup music stands.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

RETAIL DETAILS

AFRICAN ART
T.J. Marx celebrates Black History Month all year with its line of ethnic art to decorate the home. This treasured art, which once was available only in Africa and at expensive museum shops, can be found at T.J. Marx stores for as little as \$14.99-\$29.99 per piece. Wall hangings, statues, walking sticks, drums, dolls, masks, candles and soapstone abstracts are uniquely handcrafted from artisans native to Africa. The story behind each piece attracts decorators of all kinds. Symbolic reproductions of original art include tribal masks, rhythm pounders, rain and thunder gods, and hand-carved animals.



FOR YOUR HEALTH
Fairlane Town Center introduces Vitamin World, a one-stop resource for every shopper's vitamin and nutritional needs. The Fairlane location is the first in Southeastern Michigan. Anything needed to supplement a healthy lifestyle can be found on the shelves at Vitamin World, including herbal products and personal care items. Fairlane Town Center, Southfield Freeway and Michigan Avenue, Dearborn.

AT THE OAKS
Shoppers at Twelve Oaks have three new or redesigned stores to explore. Waldenbooks, the mall's only bookstore, offers an impressive selection of books and related materials; Heidi's Salon celebrates a major expansion and a

host of new spa-like services; and The San Francisco Music Box Company unveils a dramatically refurbished storefront and an expansion of offerings, including plush animals, potpourri and candles. Twelve Oaks mall, 12 Mile and Novi roads, Novi.

NEW LOOKS
What's hot for spring? At Hersh's on the Boardwalk in West Bloomfield, cargo pants and capri pants, especially in black and putty, are springtime staples. Three-quarter sleeve cashmere sweaters are updated in shades of pink and gray. Just down the walk, at Sundance Shoes, wedges, slides and Mary Janes with oblique toes will have you steppin' in style. Pewter and black are the colors of choice. Also look for shoes in microfibers and other stretch fabrics.

STYLE WITH CLASS
Leslie Jacobs presents an informative series of workshops at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn, called "...With Style 1999." Included are exciting classes on entertaining, cooking and etiquette. "Entertaining With Style" will be held on Feb. 15, "Cooking With Style" on Feb. 8 and "Etiquette With Style" for young people ages 8-12, will debut in the spring. Call for reservations and a complete schedule of the year-round classes. (248) 646-4517 or (313) 441-2000 ext. 421.

IN THE SWIM
Kris Sherek, Hudson's women's swimwear buyer, notes three hot trends this year: tankinis, athletic-inspired swimwear and hibiscus floral prints. Tankinis are two-piece suits with a tank top and bikini bottom. They are must-haves for summer. Athletic styles feature sport-bra swim tops, colorful patterns and piping details that lend a competitive edge. Tropical prints are all the rage in shades of pink with a hint of coral, red and yellow.

Romance revealed

Enter our Valentine's Day poetry contest and win a makeover for two

Ahh, love! Valentine's Day is for lovers, and you and your heart's desire deserve a day of pampering to celebrate your devotion. Malls & Mainstreets, as a token of appreciation to our devoted readers, invites you to prove your flair for poetry by finishing the following sonnet. Just give us a couple of steamy, romantic lines. We'll pick the prose that makes our heart go pitter-pat.

The winners will share a Valentine's Day filled with pleasure and relaxation at Figaro salon in downtown Birmingham, including hairstyling and manicure for the poet and the poet's muse, makeup application for her and skincare analysis for him. And we'll publish your sonnet on Valentine's Day in the Malls & Mainstreets section of the newspaper.

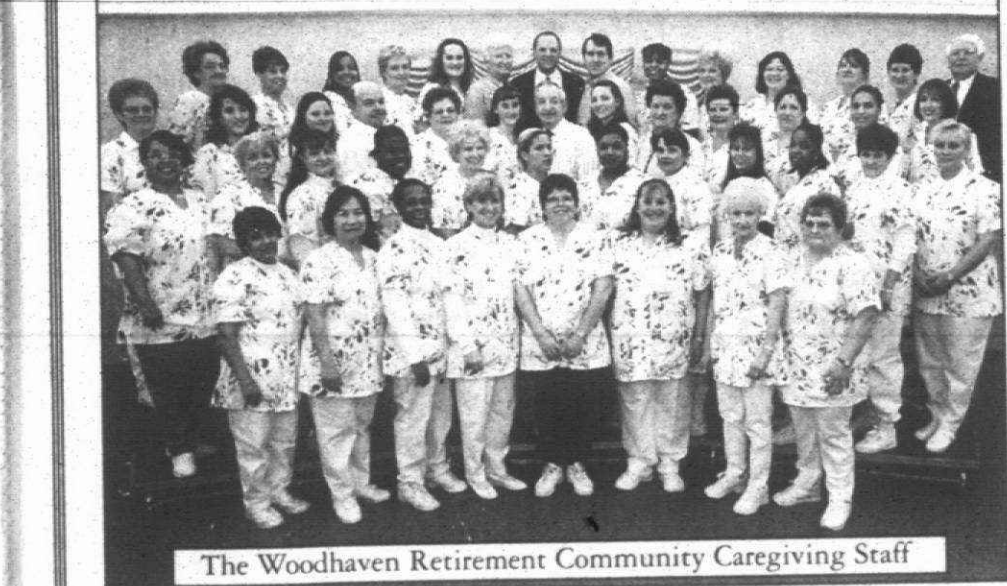
So, open your hearts, put pen to paper and create an original ending (with apologies to Will Shakespeare's Sonnet 116):

Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments. Love is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds
Or bends with the remover to remove...

Send your love lines to Malls & Mainstreets, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48301 or fax to (248) 644-1314 or E-mail to lbachrack@ec.homecomm.net. The deadline is Wednesday, February 10. We'll contact you if your sonnet sings and captures our hearts.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

CINEMA CELEBRATION
This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Detroit Film Theater at the Detroit Institute of Arts, and film enthusiasts can celebrate with Elliot Wilhelm's VideoHound's World Cinema: The Adventurer's Guide to Movie Watching (Visible Ink Press, \$20). Wilhelm, the respected curator of film for the DIA, will discuss and sign his book at 7 p.m. at Border's in Birmingham, 34300 Woodward. The event includes a raffle of passes to the DFT.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

HAUNTING HEARTLAND
Dexter, Mich. author Craig Holden explores new terrain in literary suspense drama with his newest work Four Corners of Night, a haunting book about friendship, heroism and the meaning of truth. He signs and discusses his third novel at 7:30 p.m. at Border's in Birmingham, 34300 Woodward.

PASSION FOR PRADA
Saks Fifth Avenue presents the Prada accessories Spring '99 special order collection. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Informal modeling, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Somerset Collection, Troy.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

TV TELL-ALL
In his autobiography, Cue the Bunny on the Rain-

TRAVEL

Book smooths the way for travelers on I-75

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Every year about this time metro Detroit residents have had enough of the joys of winter and begin planning a trip down I-75 to Florida's warmer climes. This year the exodus should be monumental.

Writer Dave Hunter noted this annual ritual and saw an opportunity when he was downsized out of a management job in the early '90s.

"My wife, being the practical person that she is, said let's drive to Florida, sit on a beach for a while and think things over," Hunter said. "I realized looking at travel books that a lot of information was missing. For instance, I like to use Exxon gas, and I thought it would be good to know where Exxon is on your side of the road. We were also looking for Cracker Barrel restaurants, and there weren't as many of them back then as there are now."

The result was a new kind of travel book. "Along Interstate 75" (Mile Oak Publishing, \$19.95) is now in its seventh edition providing a wealth of information to make the 1,000-mile trek south easier, more enjoyable and more enriching.

The spiral-bound book's central feature is a strip map of 39 full-color pages running from Detroit to the Florida border, each page representing 25 miles, another 39 pages runs south to north from Florida to Detroit. The Detroit-Florida map runs north to south in orientation so that as you drive you can follow along on the map. Lodging, restaurants, rest stops, tourist attractions and other useful information are marked on the correct side of the road.

Hunter said he didn't invent the "upside-down map."

"John Ogilvy created a gazetteer of coach roads in 1675



Helpful guide: Dave Hunter's guide provides mile-by-mile assistance down I-75.

which showed manor houses, churches ... I've managed to gather some originals of his maps," Hunter said.

Hunter said he decided to divide the map into 25-mile segments because, "there is nothing more frustrating or boring than thinking about having to travel 1,000 miles."

He said a famous Florida institution provides inspiration on this.

"Take a look at Walt Disney World, when lines are thin and constantly moving so people don't feel they're in a long line," Hunter said.

Between the map sections, Hunter takes readers on an informative trip down I-75, leaving a cold, miserable Detroit with 18-inches of snow on the ground (how did he know?). Along the way he points out historic sites, natural vistas, unusual restaurants, some local lore, shortcuts and money saving tips. He also includes a section of

helpful information: radio stations along the way and what they offer, rest areas, police phones and medical emergency locations, a section on tornados, camp grounds, a suggested itinerary and speed traps.

Hunter's interest in maps and history began at a young age while growing up in England. His biography at the back of the book says he learned to read topographical maps as a youngster "roaming the hills and valleys of the South Downs of England looking for prehistoric encampments and lost Roman roads." He resides in Ontario with his wife, Kathy, where in addition to auto adventures he is also enjoys sailing a 25-foot sailboat.

Hunter's map expertise and a love for computers has helped him create the detailed maps for "Along I-75." He said he travels I-75 three times a year to update and gather new information. This edition includes more than 450 changes in exit information from last year's book.

To assemble the map, Hunter uses the global positioning satellite system, computers used in rally cars that display milepost marks, two dictating machines to record comments and a video camera.

In addition to the strip map, Hunter also provides "off-the-beaten-path" maps to get drivers off the interstate to enjoy some of the more interesting places along the way. These include War of 1812 and Civil War battle sites, the United States Air Force Museum, the Wright Cycle Shop, Fort Boonesborough, Cumberland Falls, Chickamauga, Tunnel Hill and more.

Hunter also leads readers off the beaten path to owner-managed restaurants.

"I think because some people say I eat my way down to Florida my favorite place is the Whistle Stop Cafe in Georgia because

they always put out a mass of fried green tomatoes in front of me, I've become one of the family," he said.

The movie "Fried Green Tomatoes" was filmed in Juliette, Ga., where the Whistle Stop Cafe still exists along with a number of antique and craft shops.

Hunter said he also enjoys visiting Civil War battlefields and Monroe, Mich., which in addition to being the home of Gen. George Armstrong Custer was also the site of the Battle of the Raisin River during the War of 1812.

Another valuable service is Hunter's list of speed traps. He said an area just south of Knoxville, Tenn., and in the state of Florida are the worst traps.

"One of the sneakiest is near Monroe heading north from Toledo to Detroit," he said.

Hunter said he gets a lot of feedback from readers and provides a form at the back of the book to gather more.

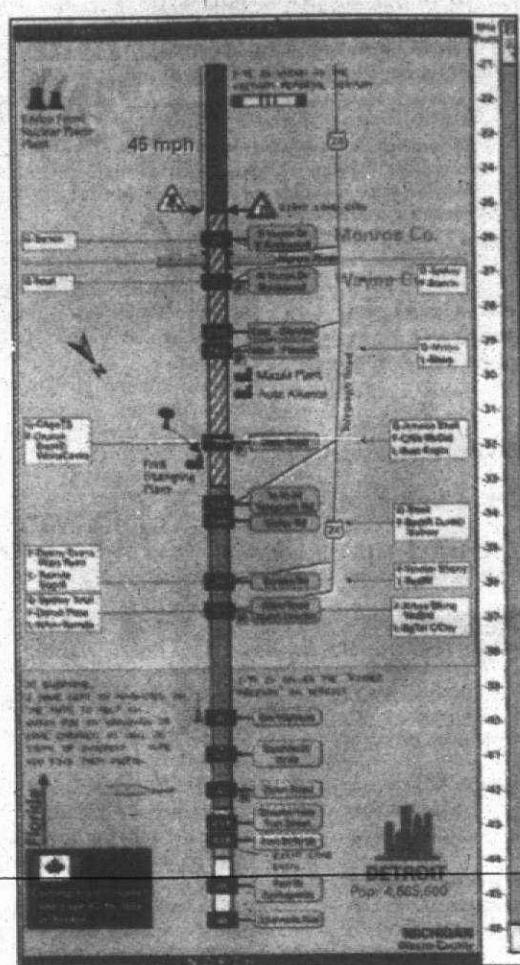
"Over the seven years, the most popular feature is the radio station chart all down I-75. That is one feature I wouldn't dare drop from the book," he said. "We look at every single letter we get. This year we added something about tornados because of concerns over recent tornados."

Hunter said he usually take five or six days making his way down I-75 and gathering what he calls "local knowledge."

"It's sort of information someone living there knows and doesn't want an outsider to know," he said.

In addition to writing travel articles, Hunter has published two other guides, one going along I-95 from Boston to Florida and one along I-75 in Florida.

"Along Interstate-75" is available at Barnes & Noble, Borders, Waldenbooks, B. Dalton and other book stores.



Upside down: This strip map is oriented north to south so that drivers can follow along as they drive south from Detroit to Florida.

GREAT ESCAPES

SAFARI TO KENYA

Joan Bowes is escorting a safari to Kenya Feb. 11-20 through Village Travel & Cruise and Abercrombie & Kent. The tour includes hotel, lodge and camp accommodations, selected meals, sightseeing and game viewing, a safari escort and a medical evacuation service. A limited number of spaces are still available. The land package costs \$2665. For information, call Village Travel & Cruises, (248)646-4181.

TRIPS TO FRANCE, ITALY

David Groen is hosting two personalized deluxe stays in France in 1999. He is hosting a Provence and the French Riviera Trip June 13-28 and a Normandy and Paris trip Sept. 16 to Oct. 1. He is also hosting a trip to attend the beatification of Padre Pio at the Vatican, April 24 to May 3.

For information and registration for these trips, contact Carson Wagonlit Travel in Plymouth, (734)455-5810.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

College standouts

• Hope College's women's swim team remained unbeaten in dual meets going into Friday's home meet against Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association foe Albion, thanks in part to diver Kari Jackson. A senior from Plymouth Canton HS, Jackson has posted team highs on the one-meter board in both six-dive (221.40 points) and 10-dive (348.25 points) competition.

Hope was 3-0 in the MIAA and 4-0 overall going into the weekend's meets.

• Wayne State's women's basketball team fell to 3-14 overall, 1-9 in the Great Lakes Activities Association with a 72-49 homecourt loss to Mercyhurst Thursday. Sarah Warnke, a junior forward from Plymouth Canton, led the Tartars with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Britta Anderson, a senior from Canton HS, added three points and six rebounds in 12 minutes.

Mercyhurst improved to 6-10 overall, 2-7 in the GLIAC.

Soccer ref classes

• A new soccer referee training class will be conducted in the AutoNation USA Community Room, located at 39600 Ford in Canton, on consecutive Saturday's beginning Jan. 30. Those interested must attend all four sessions, which run from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 30, Feb. 6, Feb. 13 and Feb. 20. You must be at least 12 years old to take this class. Class size is limited.

To register, send your name, social security number and a check for \$43 made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee, to 9115 Muirland Dr., Plymouth, MI, 48170. For further information, call (734) 454-7335.

• The Plymouth Soccer Club will sponsor a class for anyone (12 to adult) interested in becoming a soccer referee. The program will consist of four Saturday classes (attendance at all four is mandatory): Feb. 13, Feb. 20, Feb. 27 and March 13, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. each day. All classes will be in the card meeting room at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

To register, send your name, address, phone number, birth date, social security number and a check for \$43 made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee, Inc., to Brian LaMasse, 238 Coronation Court, Canton, MI, 48188. There are no residency requirements.

For more information, call Brian LaMasse, Plymouth Ref and Rules, at (734) 397-8325.

Fastpitch clinic

Madonna University will conduct a girls fastpitch softball clinic from 2-4 p.m. for six consecutive Sundays.

The clinic is \$20 per session or \$80 for all six weeks. It consists of sessions on hitting, bunting, infield/outfield, baserunning, pitching/catching and defensive positions.

Pitchers and catchers are required to stay an additional half-hour.

Pre-registration is required with sessions limited to 30 girls each.

For more information, call coach Al White at (734) 432-5783 or (734) 459-3719 or assistant coach Dave Brubaker at (248) 666-3238.

Hoop scores on net

Amateur Sports Network will be publishing a daily list of varsity boys basketball scores from Temperance to Bessemer, and from Alpena to New Buffalo.

Coaches from all over Michigan, MHSAA member schools or non-MHSAA schools, are encouraged to report their scores immediately following the event by calling ASN's Great Lakes Prep Roundup at 1-800-549-0000.

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.

Canton holds off Hawks



BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER
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Plymouth Canton played outstanding

The schedule Canton faced to start the WLAA season couldn't have been much more difficult. And yet, the Chiefs managed to win their second-straight league game, this time beating a tough Farmington Harrison squad.

team basketball to get the lead Friday, but the Chiefs had to survive another late rally by visiting Farmington Harrison to get the win, 53-52.

The Chiefs were tireless workers at

both ends of the court, holding down Harrison's explosive offensive potential while executing their half-court offense successfully.

"We must play five-man team defense," Canton coach Danny Young said. "We're trying to build our defense through togetherness. To do that, we have to play five-man offense and we did."

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No problem! PCA stuns Inter-City

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

It was a showdown for first place in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference — for about four minutes.

But once Plymouth Christian Academy took control with 13 unanswered points in the first quarter, the battle for first was practically over.

PCA then brushed aside a fourth-quarter rally Friday night to defeat state-ranked Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 69-49, and take over first place in the MIAC.

Plymouth Christian (8-1) is now 3-0 in its league while Inter-City Baptist (7-2) fell a game behind at 2-1.

"Our quickness really made the difference," Coach Doug Taylor said. "We were quicker and bigger."

If the game marked the coming out of PCA as a force to be reckoned with in Class D, the next few will see how the Eagles handle success. Staying on top of the mountain is tougher than getting there.

The Eagles were tentative the first couple minutes, perhaps recalling how the Chargers slaughtered them by 30 a year ago. Plymouth Christian went to Allen Park and lost by one in the second meeting of the two teams.

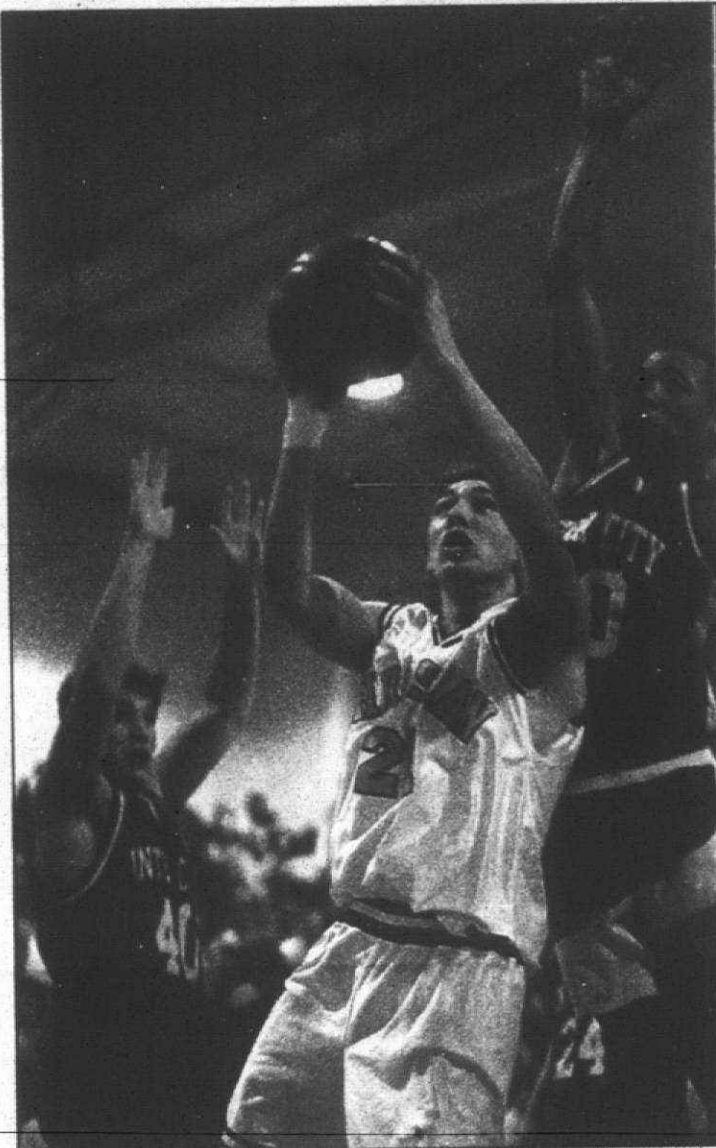
"We improved a lot between those two games," Taylor said.

Inter-City Baptist is a good three-point shooting team so Taylor wanted his team to extend its defense and hound the shooters.

"That was our game plan," he said. "They're a real good three-point shooting team so we wanted to take that away from them."

"Our perimeter defense was outstanding. And

Please see PCA HOOP, D2



Penetrating: Dave Carty drives past a pair of Inter-City defenders for a PCA basket.

3rd-quarter surge boosts Salem

Plymouth Salem started the second half of its Western Lakes Activities Association game at Livonia Stevenson Friday with a vengeance.

Clinging to a 22-17 lead at halftime, the Rocks more than doubled their first-half point output in the third quarter alone, outscoring the Spartans 29-14 en route to a 66-46 triumph.

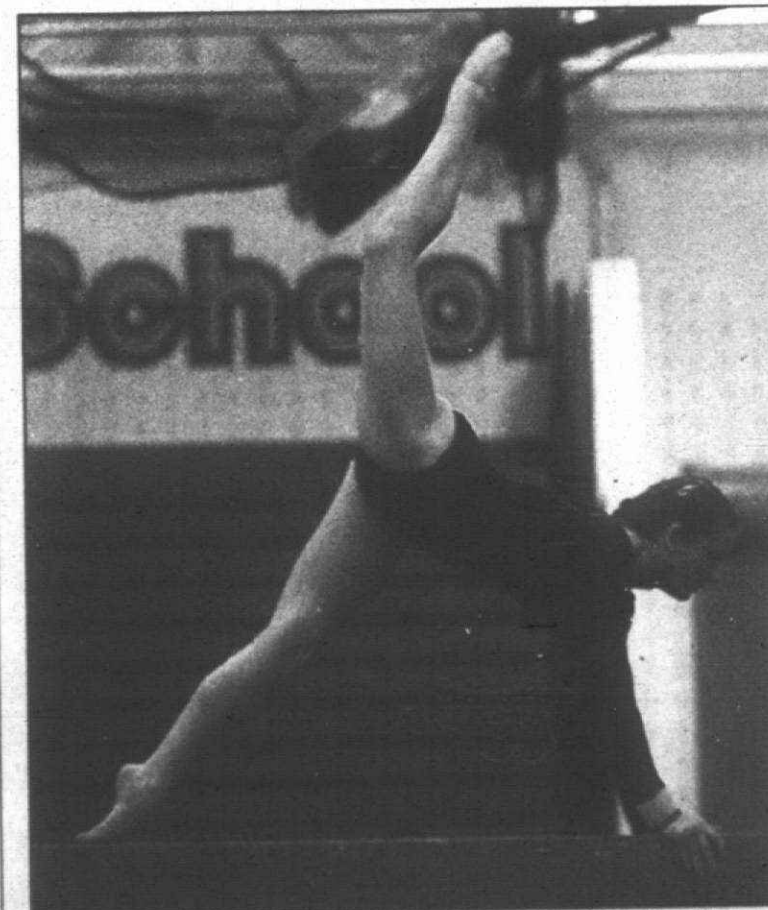
The win kept Salem perfect: 9-0 overall, 3-0 in the WLAA. Stevenson slipped to 4-4 overall, 1-2 in the conference.

BASKETBALL

Adam Wilson, Aaron Rypkowski and Tony Jancevski led the third-quarter surge. Wilson, who finished with 12 points, got eight of them in the third period — including a pair of three-pointers. Rypkowski led the Rocks with 17 points, with seven of them coming in the third. And Jancevski poured in seven of his nine points in the third

quarter. Rob Jones added 11 points for Salem. Stevenson got 16 points from Dave Stando and nine from Brett Koch.

The difference came at the free-throw line. Salem was 25-of-35 from the stripe (71 percent), including 15-of-21 in the second and third quarters. The Spartans made 4-of-9 (45 percent). The Rocks scored just one basket in the second period (a three-pointer), but hit 9-of-12 from the line.



Good showing: Salem's Melissa Drake overcame a mediocre beam performance to post exceptional scores in floor exercise and uneven parallel bars, tying for first in both.

Rocks battle, but can't catch tough Brighton

No, the chances for a dual-meet victory were slim Wednesday when Plymouth Salem's gymnastics team hosted Brighton, the state's third-ranked squad. But the Rocks weren't about to give in without an effort.

Indeed, they stepped up to post their best score of the season, totaling 135.00 — which wasn't enough to overtake the Bulldogs, who scored 142.35. It was Salem's first Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet of the season.

"Basically, we knew we probably couldn't beat Brighton coming in," said Salem coach Melissa Hopson. "We just wanted to get our best score."

The Rocks did, with several team members getting personal bests. April Aquinto was one, finishing third in the all-around with a season-high 35.35. Aquinto was third in the vault (8.85), balance beam (8.6) and floor exercise (9.25), and was fourth in the uneven parallel bars (8.65).

Another personal best in the all-around was posted by Melissa Drake, who was fourth with a 33.30 total. Drake tied for first in both the bars (9.5) and floor (9.5), and was fourth in the vault (8.65). She scored 7.65 in the beam.

VOLLEYBALL

Rocks stop Northville; Chiefs fall

Plymouth Salem's volleyball team didn't waste any time getting back on track.

The Rocks hosted Northville in their second Western Lakes Activities Association match of the season Wednesday, and the result was better than their opener, a three-set setback at Walled Lake Central last Monday.

The Mustangs couldn't mount the comeback that Central did two days earlier, as Salem prevailed 15-4, 15-8. The Rocks are now 21-5 overall, 1-1 in the WLAA.

"It was a decent match," said Salem coach Tom Teeters. "We didn't play that well, but it was exam week. At least I hope that was the reason."

Angie Sillmon led the Rocks' attack with nine kills. Amanda Suder added five kills and seven digs, Andrea Pruett had four kills, Aleshka Marquez collected three service aces, and Laine Sterling had 17 assists to kills.

Salem continues its WLAA season Monday with a match at Westland John Glenn.

Canton falls at Central

The score looks similar — in fact, it is; on Monday Plymouth Canton lost to Walled Lake Western by the same 15-8, 15-10 margin — but the results at Walled Lake Central Wednesday were better for the Chiefs.

"They played them a little bit harder," said Canton coach Cynthia Montgomery of her team, now 0-2 in the WLAA. "They're getting their confidence up and hitting the ball, and it's working for them."

Central was coming off a three-set victory over defending league champ Plymouth Salem, but the Vikings weren't able to just run Canton off the court. Liz Elsner led the Chiefs with four kills; Carrie Kovachevich had three service aces; Angie Germain contributed six assists to kills and five digs; and Lisa Baker had three digs.

The schedule won't get any easier for the Chiefs — on Monday, they host another WLAA title contender, Livonia Stevenson.

"No breaks," said Montgomery. "That's the way it goes. But that's all right — we don't want any breaks."

PCA skid ends

Plymouth Christian Academy put an emphatic stop to its losing streak in Michigan Independent Athletic Conference volleyball matches with a 15-5, 15-8 victory

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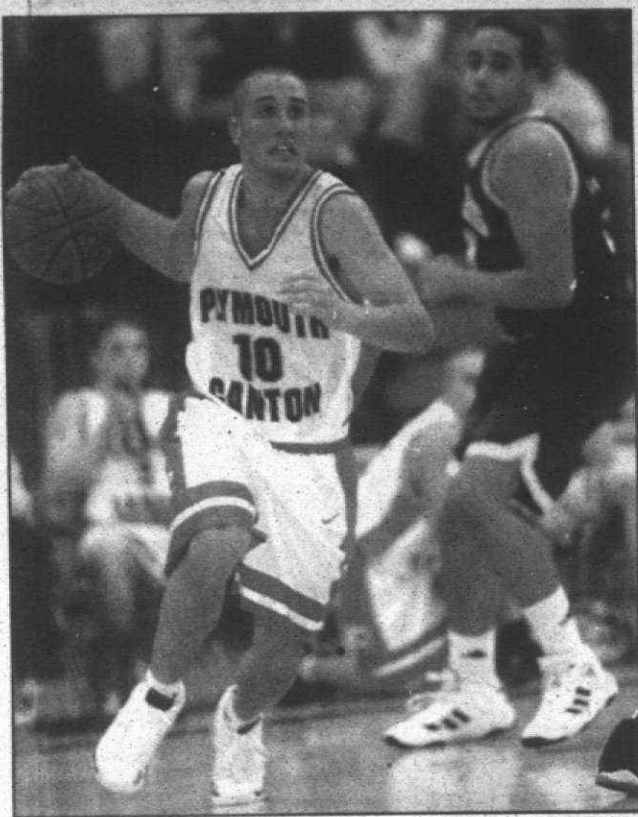
The third personal best in the all-around came from Janine Schmedding, with a 33.5 score that placed her sixth. Schmedding was fifth in the floor with a personal-best total of 8.55; she also placed sixth in the bars (8.6). She scored 8.2 in the vault and 8.15 in the beam.

Brighton took the top two spots in the all-around, with Kim Matte (37.3) and Shannon McCall (37.2).

Other high scores for Salem came from Ashley Heard and Kelsey Ensor, both hitting a regional-qualifying mark of 7.8 in the floor; Ensor, 7.35 in the beam; Kara Dendinos, 7.8 in the vault; Emily Nicolau, 7.6 in the floor; and Ann-Marie Zielinski, 7.75 in the vault and 7.0 in the floor.

"They all did so well, I can't really single out any one person," said Hopson. "I think that's the biggest difference in this team — they all pull together so well."

Salem hosts Hartland Wednesday, then travels to the Farmington Invitational Saturday at the Farmington Training Center.



On target: Canton's Mike Major led the offense, scoring a game-high 18 points — one of three Chiefs to score in double-figures.

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all of our kids boxed out and rebounded."

Allen Park got few uncontested shots off over the course of the game, either outside or in, and only in nine possessions did the Chargers get more than one shot at the basket.

The Eagle defense forced turnovers on five of six possessions at one point during its 13-0 run in the 17-8 first quarter. Only a pair of baskets in the final 39 seconds saved the Chargers from being shut out over the final six minutes of the quarter.

Plymouth Christian's quick hands and feet on defense started the second period forcing three straight Allen Park turnovers. It caused 11 in the first half.

Eric Gaines, the lone senior on the squad, led Plymouth Christian with 17

points including six as the Eagles were outscoring the Chargers 12-5 in the second quarter for a 29-13 halftime lead.

Center Mike Huntsman had 14 points and seven rebounds, forward Derric Iseensee scored 13 points and eight rebounds, all in the second half, while A.J. Sherrill scored his eight points in the fourth quarter, six on free throws.

"Our big kids, Derric and Michael (Huntsman), get up and down the floor real well," Taylor said. "And we had real balanced scoring."

Iseensee, the team's leading scorer, scored just three points in the first half as Allen Park clearly was trying to take him away from Plymouth Christian.

PCA wisely spread the ball around and showed skill at finding the open

man all during the game.

Allen Park had success pressuring Plymouth Christian in the fourth quarter, along with driving to the basket instead of shooting from outside. It shaved the lead from 43-24 at the start of the period to 53-44 with 2:28 to play.

The Eagles got a three-point play from Iseensee, then hit 11 free throws in a row to pad the margin back to 20 at game's end.

Guard B.J. Golden and forward Justin Brown led Allen Park with 11 points apiece.

PCA got sloppy in the fourth quarter and made seven turnovers in the first five minutes to let Inter-City Baptist creep back into the game.

The gym was nearly full for the show-down and had the feel, if not the fervor,

of one of those neighborhood rivalries between small towns in northern or upper Michigan.

Inter-City Baptist has been an area or state Class D power for the better part of 20 years or more, so it was a big win for a Plymouth Christian school which is still finding out what that tradition is all about.

Notre Dame 59, Redford CC 58: Harp-er Woods Notre Dame stormed back in the final four minutes with 16 unanswered points Friday to give the Fighting Irish (6-3, 3-1) the Catholic League Central Division victory over stunned Redford Catholic Central (5-4, 2-2).

Chris Raymond led the winners with 20 points. Steve Biggs added 12 points

and 13 rebounds. CC, which squandered a 15-point lead down the stretch, got a game-high 21 from senior guard Dan Jess.

W.L. Western 83, Churchill 35: Unbeaten Walled Lake Western (9-0, 3-0) continued to roll Friday at the expense of host Livonia Churchill (3-6, 0-3) behind Jeff Mitchell's game-high 23 points.

Ben Dewar, a signee with Lake Superior State, added 22. Genio Dawood added 11.

"Western is the real deal," said Churchill coach Rick Austin, whose team trailed 51-24 at intermission. "They have the complete package."

John Bennett led Churchill with 13. Avery Jessup contributed 11.

Canton hoop from page D1

"We passed and caught the ball; we took good shots. Then we were able to get back against a good, athletic Harrison team. That gave us a chance."

Canton's Mike Major scored 18 points, converting all seven of his free throws, to lead the Chiefs, who improved to 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 4-5 overall.

Joe Cortellini netted 16 points, which included four three-point baskets. Jason Waidmann was 4-of-4 at the line in a 10-point effort and Dan McLean tossed in six points.

Harrison's Andrew Burt and Nick Hall scored 20 points apiece, working hard on the offensive board for rebounds. Lamar Wilson added six points and Matt Reed five.

"They're tough to play because of all the picks," said Harrison coach Mike Teachman of the Chiefs. "They've got the running part of the game, but they also have the blasting part of the game."

"Canton worked really hard to get open and they hit (the shots)."

The Chiefs took a 10-point lead — their biggest of the game — when Major scored from the base-

line with just over five minutes remaining, 51-41.

But Harrison, 2-3 in the WLAA and 5-3 overall, finished with an 11-2 run to make it interesting at the end.

The Hawks sandwiched a pair of layups by Burt and Hall around a three by Wilson to cut the deficit to three. Major's free throws with 1:29 left proved to be the difference, giving the Chiefs a 53-48 lead.

Burt scored on a putback of his own miss but failed to convert a three-point play. However, Hall grabbed that rebound and scored to put Harrison within a point, 53-52.

The usually-steady Cortellini missed two free throws with 10.5 seconds remaining, leaving the door open for the Hawks when Burt landed the rebound.

Following a Harrison timeout with 5.3 seconds left, Burt missed a shot from the wing, and Wilson's shot off the rebound also failed to drop.

The loss followed a similar game Tuesday in which the Hawks rallied from a 20-point deficit but lost to North Farmington, 47-45.

"It's only frustrating if, when

you lose a close game, you didn't have a chance," Teachman said. "We were still in control of our own destiny, although we got down 10 again."

"That seems to be the legacy of Harrison basketball the last few years — that refuse-to-lose thing. Begin-to-win is something we have to have."

The Chiefs managed to stay in the game and win despite losing Scott Samulski in the first quarter with a shoulder injury and Waidmann and McLean being limited defensively due to foul trouble.

"Our bench with Nate Rau, Oliver Wolcott, Juan Cortes and Nick Cabauatan gave us a big lift and a chance to win the game," Young said.

"We had three offensive post players out defensively down the stretch. (The help from the bench) was huge and allowed us to beat a real good Farmington Harrison team."

Canton led all the way, although Harrison managed to tie the score four times in the middle quarters. The Chiefs were ahead 13-8 after one and 29-25 at halftime. Hall scored consecutive baskets late in the third to force a 37-37

tie, but McLean and Major had driving layups to put Canton on top going into the finale, 41-37.

"We think we can compete with good teams if we play five-man defense," Young said. "We did a better job rebounding and we had better rotation to get help on the ball. We did well versus their half-court trapping defense; we passed the ball inside-out better, and that gave us a chance to play better defense."

Teachman started the same players (Burt, Wilson, Hall, Reed and Dave Pesci) despite being down 18-5 early against North, saying they were the best practice players.

"This time we got the effort out of our starters," Teachman said. "The problem was the defense off the bench. The guys off the bench were reacting instead of acting, which gave them easy looks at the basket."

"Our goal is still to win 20 games. It's going to be tough now. North, (Plymouth) Salem and (Walled Lake) Western have to play a lot of tough games, so anything can happen."

Canton made 14 of 19 free throws, Harrison 13 of 18.

SC still unbeaten after 13

Derek McKelvey poured in 24 points, connecting on five three-pointers, in helping Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team outscore league-rival Delta College 99-91 Wednesday at Delta.

The Ocelots, ranked 15th in the last NJCAA Division II poll, improved to 13-0 overall, 4-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. Delta fell to 5-11 overall, 1-5 in the conference.

Quentin Mitchell chipped in with 16 points for SC, Dashawn Williams got 15 and Lamar Bigby scored 12. A major factor in the win was free-throw shooting: The Ocelots were 29-of-46 from the line (63 percent) compared to the Pioneers' 8-of-11 (54 percent).

Delta got 27 points from Nick Connelly, 18 from Eric Kelly, 16 from DeAndre Bell and

MEN'S BASKETBALL

15 from Zach Robertson.

Tech wrecks Madonna

Not much can be expected of Madonna University's men's basketball team, now down to eight players with the loss of John Mark Branch, who quit the team last week. And on Wednesday at Indiana Tech, the Crusaders didn't produce much.

The Warriors rolled past Madonna, 93-64. The win gave Tech a 13-5 overall record, 3-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Madonna fell to 5-14 overall, 1-4 in the WHAC.

Poor shooting and rebounding plagued the

Crusaders; they made just 21-of-60 floor shots (35.0 percent) and were outrebounded 52-34, including 19-7 on the offensive boards. The Warriors hit 32-of-75 shots from the field (42.7 percent).

Mike Maryanski led Madonna with 24 points; he also had five rebounds. Mike Massey added 16 points, and Jason Skoczylas contributed eight points, seven rebounds and four assists. Mark Mitchell had four points, six assists and five boards.

Tech was led by Franklyn Bush and Gordon Stubblefield, each with 17 points; Brian Johnson, with 15 points and eight rebounds; Khalil Hairston, with 14 points, seven assists and four steals; Jacob Loggins, with 13 points and eight rebounds; and Andre Miles, with eight points, 10 boards and five assists.

Madonna ends WHAC losing streak

WOMEN'S HOOP

Time for a turnaround. Madonna University's women's basketball team took its first step in that direction by beating Indiana Tech 84-72 Wednesday at Madonna. The win broke the Lady Crusaders' four-game losing streak in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference; they are 12-8 overall, 1-4 in the WHAC.

Indiana Tech fell to 6-13 overall, 1-4 in the WHAC. Madonna took command early and stayed there, opening up a 46-33 lead by halftime. The Crusaders' inside game, a main

WHAC

cause for their stumbling start in the WHAC, was a key in this win. Forward Kathy Pangonis led Madonna with 27 points, nailing 10-of-12 floor shots and 6-of-7 free throws, and nine rebounds. Center Lori Enfield added 26 points on 11-of-19 shooting and grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds.

Their scoring was much-needed. The other Crusader starters combined to make just 6-of-22

floor shots; the team, minus Pangonis and Enfield, was a meager 10-of-36.

Chris Dietrich added 17 points and six assists for Madonna.

The Warriors were led by Jan Johnson's 25 points and three steals. Amber Schildmeier added 12 points.

Lady Ocelots roar

Schoolcraft College stayed atop the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference with an 83-75 victory over Delta College Wednesday at Delta.

The win boosted the Lady Ocelots' record to 12-3 overall, 4-0 in the conference. Delta slipped to 4-11 overall, 2-4 in the conference.

"Basically, we won the game at the line," said SC coach Karen Lafatis. Indeed, the Ocelots converted 22-of-27 free throws (81.5 percent).

Samantha Theisen paced SC with 22 points. Esther Ross added 17. Antone Watson added 13 points and six steals. Jenny Talbot (from Garden City) scored 13 and Jamie Lewandowski had six steals.

V'ball — D1

over Macomb Christian Thursday at PCA. The win evened the Eagles' MIAC record at 1-1; they are 4-5-1 overall. It ended their league losing streak at 27.

Melissa Fawthrop served eight aces in the match, and Jenny Sutherland had seven kills. Debbie Gullede paced the defense with 16 digs, while Rachel Summer had seven assists to kills.

PCA hosts Southfield Christian Tuesday.



The gap is widening. The Plymouth Whalers added two points to their cushion over the Sarnia Sting, the second-place team in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division, by edging the Sting 2-1 Wednesday in front of 2,230 fans at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The win improved the West Division-leading Whalers' record

to 34-8-3 (71 points). Sarnia is 20 points behind, but has played three fewer games (23-14-5, 51 points).

Eric Gooldy got the game-winner for Plymouth, scoring with 8:45 left in the third period. It was his 14th goal of the season; Paul Mara and Kevin Holdridge (from Redford Catholic Central) assisted.

Sarnia took the early lead, getting a goal from Peter Sarno 4:56 into the first period. The Whalers knotted it at 1-1 when

Randy Fitzgerald got his eighth goal of the season at the 11:38 mark of the opening period; Harold Druken and Julian Smith assisted.

Shots on goal was a major difference in the game. Plymouth bombarded Sarnia goalie Curtis Cruickshank with 39 shots; Rob Zepp got the win for the Whalers, stopping 20 of 21 Sting shots.

The victory was Plymouth's seventh in a row.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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| BOYS BASKETBALL | Ply. Whalers at Erie, 7:30 p.m. |
| Monday, Jan. 25 | |
| Canton Agape vs. Temple | Friday, Jan. 29 |
| at Stevenson M.S., 7 p.m. | Ply. Whalers vs. Ottawa |
| Tuesday, Jan. 26 | at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. |
| Huron Valley vs. Franklin Road | Saturday, Jan. 30 |
| at Marshall Middle School, 7 p.m. | Ply. Whalers vs. S.S. Marie |
| Hennrich vs. Clarendonville, 7 p.m. | at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. |
| Harper Hills at Luth. W. 7:30 p.m. | WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27 |
| Churchill at John Glenn, 7 a.m. | Farm. United at W. Bloom. TBA |
| Franklin at N. Farmington, 7 p.m. | Stevenson at Northville, 6 p.m. |
| Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m. | Churchill vs. Dearborn United |
| Canton at Farmington, 7 p.m. | Franklin vs. Redford United |
| Hennrich at Salem, 7 p.m. | at Edger Arena, 6 p.m. |
| Romulus at Wayne, 7 p.m. | Thursday, Jan. 28 |
| Madison Hills at Thurston, 7 p.m. | Stevenson vs. Farm. United |
| V.O. Jesuit at Borgess, 7:30 p.m. | at Edger Arena, 6 p.m. |
| Brainerd Rice at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m. | Redford United vs. Portage No. |
| St. Florian at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m. | at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m. |
| Ply. Christian at Rooper, 8 p.m. | Friday, Jan. 29 |
| Wednesday, Jan. 27 | Stevenson vs. Farm. United |
| Redford Union at Stevenson, 7 p.m. | at Edger Arena, 6 p.m. |
| Thursday, Jan. 28 | Redford United vs. W.L. Central |
| Garden City at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m. | at Lakeland Arena, 6:30 p.m. |
| Friday, Jan. 29 | Saturday, Jan. 30 |
| Canton Agape vs. Wayne, 6:30 p.m. | Franklin vs. W.L. Western |
| Luth. W. at Luth. W. West., 7 p.m. | at Lakeland Arena, 5:20 p.m. |
| Churchill at Harrison, 7 p.m. | Redford CC vs. G.P. South |
| Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m. | at Redford Ice Arena, 6 p.m. |
| Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m. | GIRLS VOLLEYBALL |
| Farmington at Salem, 7 p.m. | Monday, Jan. 25 |
| W.L. Central at N. Farm., 7 p.m. | Temple at Canton Agape, 4:30 p.m. |
| Borgess at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m. | Huron Valley vs. Warren Zor |
| Loyola at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m. | at Livonia St. Paul's, 9 p.m. |
| Oakland Christian at PCA, 7:30 p.m. | Benedictine at St. Agatha, 6:30 p.m. |
| Huron Valley vs. Macomb Christian | Harrison at Churchill, 7 p.m. |
| at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m. | Franklin at Farmington, 7 p.m. |
| Saturday, Jan. 30 | Stevenson at Canton, 7 p.m. |
| Harrison vs. Forest Hills Central | Salem at John Glenn, 7 p.m. |
| at G.R. Van Ardel Arena, 11:30 a.m. | N. Farm. at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. |
| MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL | Tuesday, Jan. 26 |
| Monday, Jan. 25 | Lakewood at Mercy, 6:30 p.m. |
| Wayne Co. at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m. | Luth. W. at Luggert, 6:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Jan. 27 | S'East Christian at PCA, 7 p.m. |
| Siena Heights at Madonna, 7 p.m. | Thursday, Jan. 28 |
| Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 7:30 p.m. | Marlan at Lakewood, 6:30 p.m. |
| Oakland CC vs. Delta CC | Regina at Mercy, 6:30 p.m. |
| at Highland Lakes, 7:30 p.m. | St. Agatha at Aquinas, 6:30 p.m. |
| Saturday, Jan. 30 | Luth. W. at St. Agatha, 6:30 p.m. |
| Aquinas at Madonna, 3 p.m. | Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m. |
| Macomb at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m. | Stevenson at N. Farmington, 7 p.m. |
| Oakland CC vs. Delta CC | John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. |
| at Highland Lakes, 4 p.m. | Canton at Northville, 7 p.m. |
| Sunday, Jan. 31 | Farmington at Salem, 7 p.m. |
| Macomb at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m. | W.L. Western at Harrison, 7 p.m. |
| Agape at OCH-High Lakes, 2 p.m. | Rooper at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m. |
| ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE | Huron Valley at Franklin Rd., 7 p.m. |
| Sunday, Jan. 25 | Friday, Jan. 29 |
| | Agape at Franklin Road, 5 p.m. |
| | Clarendonville at Luggert, 6:30 p.m. |
| | Saturday, Jan. 30 |
| | Schoolcraft Invitational, 8 a.m. |
| | Romulus Invitational, 8:30 a.m. |
| | UM-Dearborn Tournament, 9 a.m. |
| | E. Kentwood Invitational, TBA |
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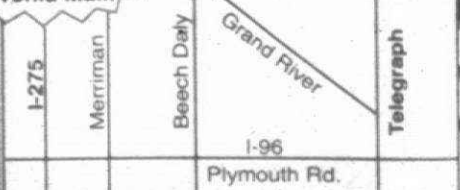


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