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The Canton Connection

AT OU: Rick Menoch, a counselor at Plymouth Canton High, was one of 62 high school representatives recently guests of Oakland University who visited the Rochester campus for an update on programs at OU that affect students.

SAFETY TRAINING: Students from Smith Elementary in Plymouth recently received Safety Patrol training from AAA Michigan.

Robert Orse, AAA Michigan traffic safety consultant, conducted the session on Nov. 16, at Smith. "We explain what is expected of Safety Patrollers and teach them how to perform their duties," said Robert Cullen, the company's safety and traffic manager. The training ended with a swearing-in ceremony.

Omnicom raises rates

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Beginning Jan. 1 basic cable services will increase an average of 6 percent.

And you can expect rates to increase 5-6 percent annually, said Frederick Collman, Omnicom Cablevision general manager. The last increase was January 1987. Rates rose 6 percent then.

Subscribers with basic-only service will see their bills rise an average of \$2.50, from \$11.99 to \$14.49. Subscribers with additional programs will see a \$1.50 increase for basic services.

Customers have called to complain about the hike, but there hasn't been a "dramatic" reaction, Collman said. "People understand that the rates aren't static."

LESS THAN 1 PERCENT of the company's subscribers will have the service disconnected following an increase, Collman said. Between 1-2 percent will switch program services to try and find the best money value.

The average Omnicom subscriber in western Wayne County spends about \$33 monthly, which includes basic and 1-4 pay services.

There are 19,500 cable subscribers in the city of Plymouth, Plymouth, Canton and Northville townships. Last year, 2,000 subscribers were connected to the system, some of which represents new residential housing. Collman optimistically predicts adding another 2,000 customers in 1988.

Collman said costs for the company have increased "dramatically" since the cable company industry was deregulated. Beginning Jan. 1, 1987, municipalities were stripped of control on cable television rates.

"We (Omnicom) have to pay more for the services," Collman said.

The Communications Act of 1984 allows cable companies for the first time to increase basic rates without getting approval from local municipalities.

ANOTHER CHANGE this year is closing the Plymouth Omnicom office. Most of the work handled in the Plymouth office — in Westchester Square Mall — was taking customer bill payments. The Plymouth operations will move to the Canton location on Ronda Drive. The Ronda office is expanding to accommodate the increases.

For customer convenience, Collman said, payments may be made at a Post Office box in the Plymouth Post Office and the Shipping Depot on Main Street in Plymouth.

Letters were mailed to all subscribers explaining the increases.

The notice also announced a new FM service costing \$3.50 and offering stereo capability for certain programs.

Mettetal Airport in Canton sold

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Owners of Jet Services Inc. have bought Canton's Mettetal Airport — on land that has been in the Mettetal family since 1920.

The deal to sell the airport on Lilley and Joy roads in Canton was signed and closed Dec. 30. Klochko Inc., a parent company of Jet Services, is the new owner.

Jet Services had been leasing from the Mettetal family for more than five years. The company will continue to run a flight school and light freight hauling, as well as business

and pleasure aircraft traffic. Helicopter and aircraft sales, as well as service and rentals, also will continue at the airport.

ROBERT METTETAL and his wife owned the property with his brother and sister-in-law, Canton residents Marvin and Helen Mae.

Some 60 acres — all but 1.5 acres of the northwest corner at Lilley and Joy — were sold to Klochko, Robert said, declining to reveal the amount of the sale.

Robert, a Plymouth Township resident, said at various times since the early 1950s he tried selling the air-

port with the agreement it will "remain as an airport."

"The area needs one and if we sold it for anything else there never would be another airport" in the area, because residents would balk," Robert said.

Robert said that he talked with officials from the city of Plymouth, Canton and Wayne County about buying and running the airport. But nothing ever materialized.

"Politically it's a bad thing" for them to approve, but the communities need them, Robert said.

In 1987 a "few acres" were "donated" to the county to allow

straightening for the fog in the road on Lilley, Robert said.

"We thought about it for quite a while, but we couldn't do anything about it until we sold the property," Robert said. "It's been a bad intersection for years as far as tying up traffic."

THE HISTORY of the Mettetal family on the land goes back 68 years. In 1920 Robert and Marvin's father, Raphael, settled his family and farmed the land.

"I was 2 years old when the family moved from Redford to Plymouth," said Robert, 69.

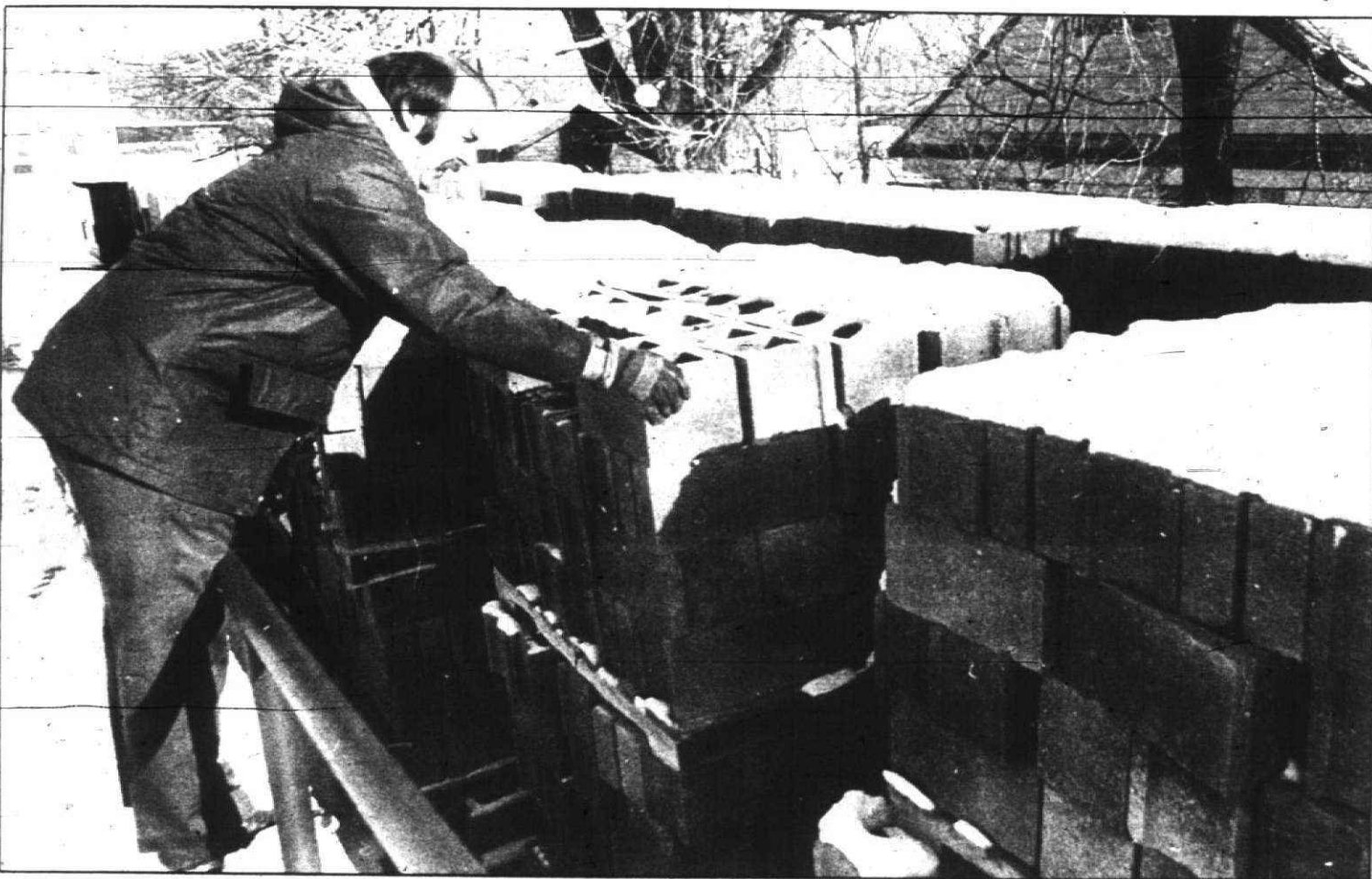
By 1939 the property was used "less and less for a farm and more and more for an airport," Robert said.

Flight services and other business aspects of the airport were sold by the Mettetal family in the early 1970s, Robert said. Marvin became a partner in 1958.

"I've been operating it ever since I got out of World War II — February 1946 — and I haven't done much in the last three or four years," Robert said.

"After I became 65 I sort of re-

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JOHN STORMZAND/staff photographer

Jim Mathias, of Plymouth's Department of Public Works, piles cinder blocks that will serve as bases for ice art.

Viewing tips aid ice fans

By Susan Buck
staff writer

Timing your visit to view the sixth annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular this week will enhance the enjoyment.

The festival opens Thursday and ends Jan. 17.

Visitors can wander around downtown, at The Gathering and Kellogg Park 24 hours a day. The best viewing is at night when the sculptures dazzle from the reflected rays of colored lights.

City officials suggest that, if possible, weekends should be avoided for viewing.

"That's when you see people walking in tandem," said Paul Sincock, assistant to the city manager.

A half-million visitors are expected to view the event.

PARKING WILL BE available in the east central lot behind the library, the parking structure behind the stores and on sidestreets.

Penniman Ave. will be blocked between Main and Union streets. Union Street will be closed from Ann Arbor Trail to Masonic Temple.

Parking spaces on the east side of Main Street will be blocked off.

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Red Cross director draws support for blood

Red Cross makes donating
easy, 2A

By Susan Buck
staff writer

It's a matter of life and death. The annual blood shortage crisis is here again this holiday season, according to Barton Kreger, associate director of the American Red Cross.

Daily, 70 hospitals in Washtenaw, Wayne, Macomb, St. Clair and Oakland counties wait for 1,100 pints of blood.

A lot of times they are disappointed.

"We're currently drawing about half that amount," said Kreger, 40, who works for the marketing arm of Red Cross and lives in Plymouth Township.

people

The slump is expected to continue through the first week in January.

"We've never lost a patient for lack of blood," Kreger said. "We're here to relieve suffering. But, it's very traumatic for someone awaiting surgery to be told that surgery has to be delayed for lack of blood."

KREGER IS KEENLY aware of the blood need.

He began working as a regional representative for the Red Cross in 1974, contacting donor groups in downtown Detroit. In 1976, he was promoted to manager of blood service relations, which involved work-

ing with blood bank directors.

Kreger has held his current position since 1980. He is responsible for qualitative data, managing spread sheets and donor resources systems analysis.

"We have two sets of customers — the donors and the recipients," said Kreger. "That means that we have twice as many customers to keep happy. We're selling an intangible product."

Kreger is quick to give Red Cross volunteers credit for helping to get the job done.

"The blood we draw today, gets shipped tomorrow. Our biggest users are U of M, Henry Ford and (William) Beaumont hospitals. One pint can save three people's lives. It takes only about eight minutes to give blood," he said.

Kreger stresses that it is impossi-

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— Barton Kreger
Red Cross



Barton Kreger

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Whether it's skating or skiing, winter fun time is finally here

By Doug Funke
staff writer

This is more like winter wonderland weather.

Freezing temperatures and snowstorms have set the stage for all kinds of fun activities. And you don't have to go far or spend a lot of money to get involved.

Outdoor ice skating is available at Flodin Park, on Saltz between Lilley and Sheldon in Canton, and at Plymouth Township Park, on Ann Arbor Trail at McClumpha.

The price is right — free. Indoor restrooms, shelters and an

outdoor fireplace also are available at Plymouth Township Park. So feel free to bring wood and refreshments and stay awhile.

PEOPLE WHO ELECT to skate on the lake at Township Park would be well advised to obey signs posting ice conditions, said Ardyth Pagnone, a parks maintenance worker.

Sledding and cross country skiing also may be enjoyed at Township Park. "About the only thing we don't allow is snowmobiles," Pagnone said.

Bring your own equipment, as there are no rentals.

Bob Dates, recreation supervisor in Canton, expects that interest will surge in outdoor activities now that the holidays are over and weather conditions are conducive.

"People start getting excited about using their stuff," he said.

For a small fee — about \$50 — Canton's recreation department will put in an outdoor rink in small neighborhood subdivision parks, Dates said. Call the recreation department at 397-1000 to make arrangements.

Cross country skiing and sledding may be enjoyed at the Canton Recre-

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Cross chief says donors are needed

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sided in Plymouth Township for 14 years. Their children are John, 8 and Brad, 3.

- Donor locations are:
- Livonia Donor Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, 494-2881 or 494-2356
- Dearborn Donor Center, 2340 Michigan, 494-2808
- Ann Arbor Donor Center, 2725 Packard Rd. near Carpenter, 971-1500
- Bloomfield Donor Center, 2388 Franklin Rd., 494-2871



JOHN STORMZAND/staff photographer

Barton Kreger stands by as a nurse attends a donor at the Livonia Red Cross Donor Center.

Red Cross makes donating easy

By Susan Buck staff writer

It's easy to donate blood to the American Red Cross, but there are some health restrictions.

Generally anyone in good health, between the ages of 17 and 65, can donate blood every 56 days or every eight weeks but not more than five times a year, according to Jenelle Joiner, Joiner is associate director of donor resources for the American Red Cross, Southeast Michigan region.

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"At this time of year, there are few groups that want to sponsor blood drives, which creates a problem blood situation. We usually collect 920-1100 pints a day, but now we're down to 400-500 pints a day," she said.

GROUP O BLOOD is always in demand because it is considered the universal donor.

"Group O-positive and Group O-negative are the universal types of blood that can be used immediately during an emergency," Joiner said. "Every person can accept it even though doctors can only use it with some people for a short time. The first hour is the golden hour when chances for survival are most at risk."

Some 56 percent of the population has Type O blood. During other times of the year, the Red Cross has a minimum of 920 pints of Group O positive blood on hand daily. But after the morning shipment Wednesday, Joiner said they only had 37 pints. Similarly, the Red Cross usually has a minimum of 230 pints of Group O negative blood on hand, but only had five pints in inventory that morning.

"THE CRITERIA for donation is very basic," Joiner said. "You come in and fill out the registration and a nurse will ask you questions about your health history." You may not donate blood if you:

- have ever had cancer, jaundice or hepatitis;
- are pregnant;
- have had surgery in the last six months;
- have had a tooth extraction less than three days prior;

Ice sculpture viewers warned of weekend crowds, traffic

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"We want to have that space on standby for the half-dozen caravan of trucks that will be arriving," said Mike Hammer, DPW deputy director. "The basic problem is just scheduling when the ice is going to come."

The major sponsor this year is the Midwest Ice Co. of Detroit. Midwest will provide the huge blocks of ice — about 1,000 blocks each weighing 440 pounds — for the major pieces.

Nearly 200 tons of ice will be carved and displayed. Scott Lorenz, co-chairman and general manager of the Mayflower Hotel and city manager Henry Graper are organizers of the event. Much is happening behind the scenes. The DPW is prepared to start setting up 200 individual stands to-

morrow on which the ice sculptures will sit. Each stand is composed of 16 cinder blocks set in a square stand. A wood platform is set on top of this, followed by red, white and blue bunting, said Hammer.

"It takes a couple of days to set up," said Hammer. "We also have to build a stand which is set in the Kellogg Park fountain."

Sincock has been involved with registration, confirmation letters and press information.

The student chef competition on Jan. 9 will bring about 50 students from Schoolcraft, Oakland, Macomb and Monroe community colleges plus other colleges in Michigan and Illinois.



JOHN STORMZAND/staff photographer

Jim Mathias and Don Schroeder stacked cinder blocks behind Plymouth's Department of Public Works yard last week in preparation for the ice show.

Canton's Mettetal Airport purchased

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tired and my brother and his wife have been running it since then," Robert said.

A developer was going to buy the land in July, but Klochko — a renter at the time — had an option to buy. He exercised that right. The land is zoned light industrial.

The Observer was unable to reach Jet Services or Marvin and Helen Mae Mettetal by deadline.

Co-owner Robert Mettetal said that he talked with officials from the city of Plymouth, Canton and Wayne County about buying and running the airport. But nothing ever materialized.

Snow time like now



Melony Mester, 6, Hayley Pickren, 5, and Melony's mother, Terry, take a ride down a hill at Hines Park.

staff photos by JOHN STORMZAND



Canton DPW employee Ken Kunka runs a snowblower and Dave Roza sprays water in preparation of the ice skating rink at Flodin Park, Saltz Road between Lilley and Sheldon roads.

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ational Complex and at Griffin Park. The former, 56 acres, is behind Township Hall on Canton Center Road south of Proctor, and the latter, 28 acres, is at Canton Center and Cherry Hill.

The recreation complex has a lot of swales and plenty of parking. Dates said.

AGAIN, THERE IS no equipment rental available. Snowmobiles aren't permitted.

Cross country skiing isn't allowed at either Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton or Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth.

If you're in the mood to combine a pleasant drive with recreational activity, consider venturing out to Hines Park or one of the metro-parks.

Tobogganers and sledgers flock to popular hill on Hines Drive between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Two ice skating rinks are available at Hines and Inkster.

Again, no charge. Several sizable pockets of open land are available in Hines Park to try out cross country skis. Just be sure to park only in designated areas.

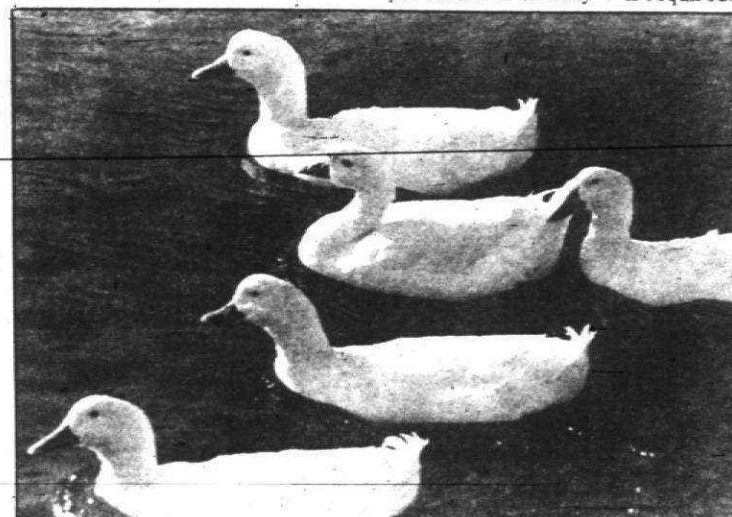
Excited by nature and wildlife?

Hundreds of Canada Geese, ducks and swans generally can be found in an inlet of Newburgh Lake off Hines Drive about three quarters of a mile east of Haggerty.

PAY ATTENTION to signs of conditions at Newburgh Lake and the Wilcox Recreational Area before venturing out on the ice.

Kensington Park, at I-96 and Kent Lake Road, offers groomed cross country ski trails, ski rentals, a toboggan run and ice skating.

Kensington also has a petting farm, a nature center and several nature trails. An entry permit — \$10 per season or \$2 daily — is required.



Frigid temperatures couldn't daunt these feathered friends on Newburgh Lake in Hines Park.

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
January 13, 1988

A public hearing meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on January 13, 1988, at 7:30 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall to consider the following:

RZ-88-01 - 690 Forest - Rezoning of property from R-1 Single Family to RT-1 Two Family.

All interested persons are invited to attend.
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A regular meeting of the Plymouth Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 1988, at 7:30 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall to consider the following:

NR-88-01 - 684 Ann Arbor Road - Site plan review for used car sales office - Property zoned B-3 General Business

NR-88-02 - 1020 Cherry St. - Site plan for new industrial building Property zoned I-1 Light Industrial

NR-88-03 - 691 Wing St. - Change of use from residence to office Property zoned O-1

All interested persons are invited to attend.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to State Law 257-252, the following vehicles will be sold at public sale at Mayflower Towing, 14300 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, on Friday, January 8th, 1988 at 11:30 a.m.:

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Early settler finds land fertile in Plymouth area

(Part 4)

Early settler Abraham Markham left a record of what farming was like in Plymouth 150 years ago. He said he got seed corn from H.B. Smith who lived in Farmington.

When he returned to his homestead on Six Mile Road in Plymouth Township, Markham proceeded to make a handspike, which he thrust into the ground to make holes. He dropped corn into each hole, stepped heavily on the spot and that was all he did.

Markham wrote: "The corn grew with only this tillage, yielding more than one hundred bushels of good, sound ears to the acre. Everywhere I went gave me signs that Michigan was as good farming country as any other in the same latitude. I was satisfied that I had found the right place for farming and I have held to that opinion ever since."

He continued, "I have now been here about one year (he arrived late in 1825) and have on hand six hundred bushels of ears of corn, eighty bushels of potatoes, besides corn-stalks, turnips, pumpkins, etc. I am selling my corn in the ear at twenty-five cents per bushel, potatoes at fifty cents per bushel and pumpkins at one dollar and twenty-five cents per load."

MARKHAM TOLD about the log-cabin settlers built. "We generally had some fun at those log-cabin raisings, as well as hard work; but we were all kind and generous, and no unhappiness existed among us. We were all poor alike, and all rich alike. We were a happy people."

Markham made it seem idyllic — a log cabin sounds romantic to live in — but listen to what Alexis de

"Everywhere I went gave me signs that Michigan was as good farming country as any other in the same latitude. I was satisfied that I had found the right place for farming and I have held to that opinion ever since."



past and present Sam Hudson

Toqueville had to say on that subject when he wrote his classic, Democracy in America, in 1835. "Nothing can offer a more miserable aspect than these isolated dwellings. The traveler who approached one of them towards nightfall sees the flicker of the hearth flame through the chinks in the walls. And at night, if the wind rises, he hears the roof of boughs shake to and fro in the midst of the great forest." Just as Markham would have been out of place in a Paris drawing room de Toqueville was not comfortable in the wilds of America.

Getting back to Markham, this is what he had to say about the first mills built in the Plymouth area: "There were no mills nearer to us than Detroit on the one side and Pontiac on the other. All had to go or send to one or the other of these places for groceries, nails, etc. or go without them, which many did."

"I built the first mill in this town and ground the first meal. Mr. Lincoln built a saw-mill the same autumn in 1826, east of Plymouth Corners, on the river, but my mill was in full blast before he got his running. I produced the first meal, and he the first board ever made here."

MARKHAM WAS PRESENT at the first meeting of Plymouth Township on North Territorial Road. "A meeting to organize the township was held at the house of John Tibbits in the month of February, 1827," Markham said. "John Tibbits was called to the chair, and A.B. Markham was appointed secretary. At this meeting, we agreed that the name of the town should be Plymouth. This name was proposed by William Bartow, then a member of the legislative council, appointed by Governor Cass. The name LeRoy was sent in as the first choice of the people, but if this name had been appropriated by any other town, then Plymouth was to be the name."

Markham served in various offices in Plymouth Township. "I was

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THREE CITIES
The Three Cities Art Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, at the meeting room of Plymouth Township Hall, 4230 E. Ann Arbor Road at Lilley. Visitors may attend. There will be a "white elephant" art supply auction. Members and guests are being asked to bring their surplus art supplies, including paints, frames, paper, canvas and other items. The club will receive a small percentage of the receipts from items sold at the auction. For more information, call Dorothy Koliba, club president, 455-5159.

PTG AUDITIONS
The Plymouth Theatre Guild will hold auditions for the play "The Sound of Murder" at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 4-5. Auditions for the mystery production will be held at the cafeteria of Central Middle School, Church and Main streets in Plymouth. Those who are interested in cast or crew positions may attend. For more information, call 455-5263.

DANCE GROUP
Registration for the Mala Wisla Dance Ensemble will be held 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, and Wednesday, Jan. 13, at West Middle School. The school is at Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon. Plymouth Township Classes will start Wednesday, Jan. 13. For more information, call 455-5695 or 427-2237.

PWP ORIENTATION
Plymouth-Canton Parents Without Partners will hold an orientation at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6. For directions or more information, call 981-1041. Those who are eligible for

PWP membership are parents of one or more living children, members are single by reason of separation, divorce, death of a spouse or never having married. Age and custody of children are not factors.

FINE ARTS
The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold a statewide fine arts competition during the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular. There will be an opening reception 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at the Growth Works building, 271 S. Main, Plymouth. The exhibit will be open Jan. 8-17 at Growth Works. Hours will be noon to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, noon to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. No admission charge. For more information, call 455-5260. The competition exhibit is sponsored by Michigan National Bank.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON PWP
Plymouth-Canton Parents Without Partners will hold a general meeting and dance starting at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at the Holiday Inn, 30375 Plymouth Road, between Merriman and Middlebelt in Livonia. There will be a speaker, followed by a dance. Price is \$2-\$3 after 9 p.m. For more information, call 981-1041.

BUSY BOOSTERS
On Wednesday, Jan. 13, members of the Plymouth Centennial Educational Park Marching Band and their parents will help with the inventory at the 12 Oaks Hudson's. Workers for the evening will be paid minimum wage, payment is sent to the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. This will be the sixth time the boosters and parents have worked on the inventory at Hudson's. To volunteer or for more information, call Judy Lore, boosters president, 453-5181.

WOMEN'S ACTION
The Ann Arbor chapter, Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament, will meet Sunday, Jan. 10, at the First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron, Ann Arbor. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. There will be a small group discussion on "What makes women active?" New members may attend. For more information, call 761-1718.

BIRTH SERIES
The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association will offer a seven-week childbirth series starting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, at Holy Trinity Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Early registration is advised. To register or for more information, call 459-7477.

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— Susan Heintz, commissioner



By Philip A. Sherman
staff writer

Solving Wayne County's money problems by encouraging development instead of raising taxes is a formula that worked in 1987 and will continue working this year, according to county commissioner Susan Heintz, R-Northville.

Heintz, who chairs the county's economic development committee, said expanding the industrial base has been successful, and cited the planned \$165 million Ford Motor Co. stamping plant in Wayne as the latest example.

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es and I think we've made some major strides. I know he's committed to it because the one department he didn't touch during budget cuts was economic development.

"People will go where it's easier to develop — there's no doubt about it," she said.

Construction on the Ford plant is scheduled to begin this month on an 86-acre site on Michigan Avenue. McNamara, announcing plans for the plant last month, said it should be operational by January 1990 and will employ 294 people.

Two other areas where Heintz anticipates rapid expansion are Romulus near the airport and a pro-

posed land sale in Northville.

"We're looking for big growth around the airport and in Romulus," she said. Manufacturing, small business and hotel/motel facilities were mentioned by Heintz as possible forerunners of the expansion.

"We're one of the few airports that hasn't had this type of development going on," she said.

In addition, the sale of more than 1,000 acres of county owned land in Northville could decrease the county's debt and potentially increase county revenue depending on how the land is used, Heintz said.

McNamara has not yet signed the sale agreement, but it already has the commission's approval. Heintz said. Suggestions made last year included joint agreements with the county and, for example, a golf course or hotel developer that would allow the county to reap part of the profits.

A study on marketing the land, prepared by Lambrecht Co., is not yet complete, she added.

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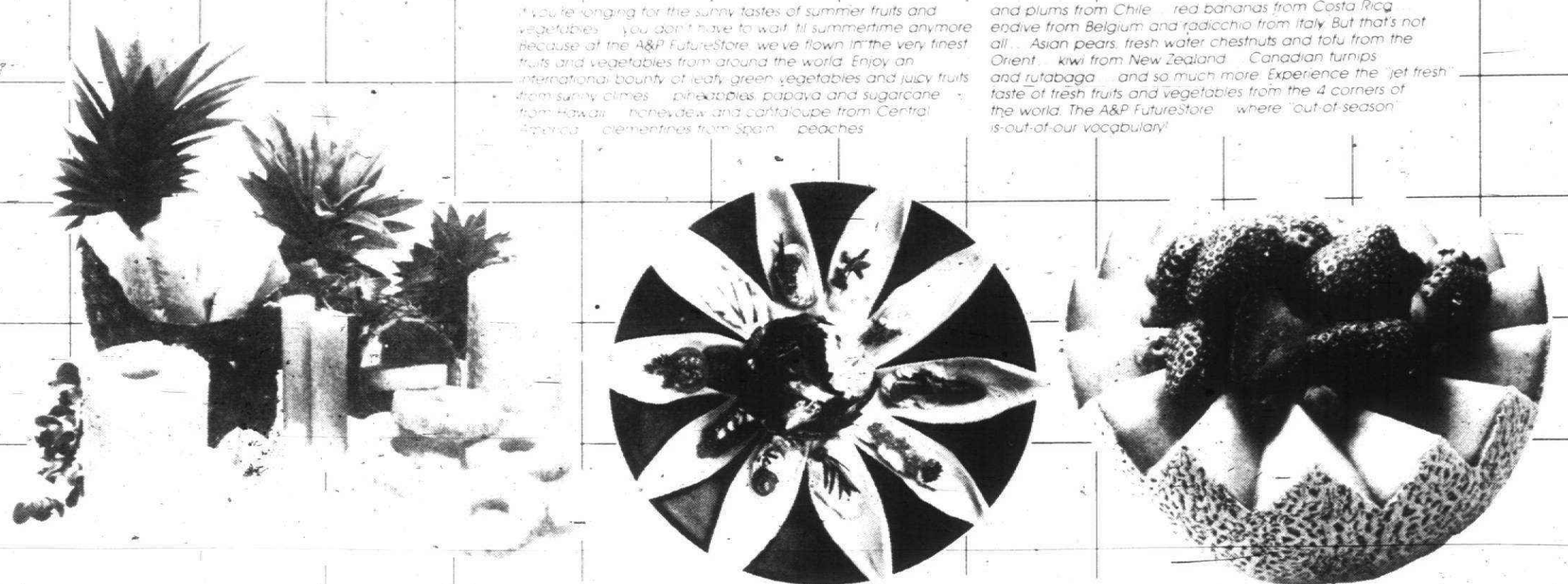
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By Tim Richard staff writer

They're calling it new although the idea is 200 years old. Gov. Blanchard's administration is broadcasting its accomplishments in re-industrializing Michigan. Keystone of the governor's policy is getting along with, and encouraging, business.

FIRST THERE was the article by Doug Ross, the former senator from Southfield who now heads the state Commerce Department, and Peter Hlasta, president of Blanchard's Michigan Strategic Fund, in the Detroit News.

"Democratic governors," they write, "have abandoned much of their party's interventionist, anti-business platform." Not only does anti-businessism not work, they said, but "worse, it prevents them from building bridges to business leaders — the very people they depend on for new state investment and jobs."

They call the policy new — a "new competitive consensus." Gov. James J. Blanchard has established a state fund to invest in targeted industries, eased the franchise rules to bring in chain operations, lured in university-related technology institutes and signed bills to deregulate banking and create a new class of investment companies called BIDCOs.

NEXT CAME a mailing from Tom Scott, the former Royal Oak newspaper who now is Blanchard's press secretary. It contained an article from the conservative U.S. News & World Report which lists Blanchard as one of the "nation's gubernatorial stars."

USN&WR credits Blanchard with "the best program in the nation for retraining ousted workers" — it's run by Joe Porbes, a former Oak Park legislator and businessman. The magazine cites Blanchard's strategic fund and encouragement of the high-technology corridor that stretches across the Oakland and Wayne suburbs to Washtenaw county.

Other stars in the magazine's bipartisan sky: Republicans Tom Keane of New Jersey and George Deukmejian of California, Democrats Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts, Bill Clinton of Arkansas and Mario Cuomo of New York.

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practical purposes he was secretary of commerce and labor, too, since those departments hadn't been established.

In his Report on the Public Credit, Hamilton's first move was to consolidate all the states' Revolutionary War debts, have the federal government absorb them, and levy taxes to pay them off — 100 cents on the dollar. His goal was to give wealthy investors confidence that the fledgling U.S. government was credit-worthy.

Similarly, Blanchard sought the advice of corporate presidents when he came up with his 1983 income tax increase to pay off the state's debts. He boasts of the state's credit rating in a way earlier Democrats would have thought heretical.

Hamilton's second move, the Report on a National Bank, was a pub-

lic-private financial institution. Blanchard's strategic fund was established with some of the same economic theorizing.

HAMILTON EXERTED influence beyond most presidents with his third step — embodied in the Report on the Manufactures.

Over the vehement objections of the Jeffersonians, Hamilton proposed that the United States become an industrial and maritime com-

mercial nation. While not every bill was passed, Hamilton basically succeeded.

He advocated duties on and limitations of imports to give "infant industries" a chance, bounties to domestic manufacturers, roads and canals to facilitate internal trade, the encouragement of inventions and high wages in order to attract skilled labor.

THE POLICY of Hamilton, moderate Republicans and an emerging cadre of Democrats like Blanchard is to use government as a tool of economic growth — re-industrialization — is the modern buzzword.

In contrast, both eras had politicians who hated industry and corporations. In 1790 it was Jefferson, who also hated big city laborers. To-

day it is labor leaders like the late Sam Fishman and the anti-development environmentalists.

Both eras had people who loved industry but felt the policy was to keep hands off. In the 18th century, Adam Smith held that "The Wealth of Nations" was best increased by government's just getting out of the way. In 1987, the Blanchard people attribute to President Reagan in that same laissez-faire program.

Hamilton in 1791 opined that manufacturers, if freed from tax and regulatory burdens, would probably flock from Europe to the United States — if they were once made sensible of the advantages they would enjoy and were inspired with an assurance of encouragement.

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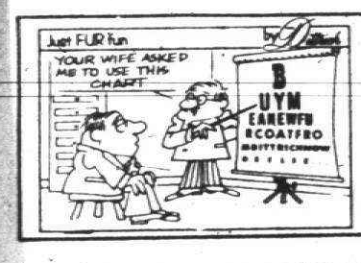
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Research, patents, writing up at WSU

Wayne State University is seeking more research grants — and getting them. And faculty members are seeking more patents and writing greater numbers of scholarly articles.

"The university's 1986-87 year has been exceedingly productive," said Garrett T. Heberlein, the Troy resident who is WSU's vice president for research and dean of the graduate school.

Over the last two years, applications to private agencies have risen 31.7 percent, from 851 to 1,121. "This has borne tremendous fruit," Heberlein said. In fiscal 1987, outside money for research increased from \$29 million to \$35.5 million. The increase is \$6.5 million, or 22.4 percent.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS combined, equaled \$54.5 million in fiscal 1987, compared to \$47.5 million the previous year, he said.

About 20 percent — more than \$9.3 million of research support — came from the private sector.

WSU also expanded productivity in the area of "intellectual properties" after writing new rules allowing inventors a greater share of the proceeds.

"More than 25 inventions disclosures were processed in fiscal 1987, and a number of new patents are being pursued as a result," Heberlein said.

Because of that increased activity, WSU has added an assistant to the vice president for research who is responsible for marketing WSU's intellectual properties to industry, he said.

"It is also anticipated that one and possibly two new start-up companies will be formed in 1988 as a consequence of the university's intellectual properties," he said.

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More in-state students for UM Board to name trustee

University of Michigan Regents are considering a plan that would increase the in-state proportion of undergraduates to 70 percent at the university's main campus in Ann Arbor.

U-M would increase the number of in-state undergraduate students by 50, while enrolling 100 fewer out-of-state undergraduate students in each of the next two years.

The plan calls for 70 percent in-state enrollment by 1991.

"We believe this plan is consistent

with our special mission and with our obligations to the state," said James Duderstadt, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

THE GOAL was only set for two years because of projected decreases in the number of Michigan high school seniors.

Massive demographic changes that are expected to occur over the next five years, including a 22 percent drop in the number of Michigan high school graduates, may inval-

date our enrollment plan," Duderstadt said.

State legislators are studying the in-state issue through a joint committee that includes two U-M regents.

U-M enrollment statistics for fall 1987 show 68.7 percent of all undergraduates attending classes at the Ann Arbor campus are Michigan residents. Including the Dearborn and Flint campuses, 72.6 percent of all undergraduates are Michigan residents.

Candidates for the seat include two recent candidates for Livonia city office. Former mayoral candidate Jack Kirksey and former treasurer's candidate Carl Groth.

Other candidates include John A. Colley of Livonia, Nancy Kilzmar of Garden City, a finalist in her bid to fill a vacant Schoolcraft board seat two years ago, Gordon Didier of Plymouth, Russell Dore of Northville, David Keith of Garden City, Pamela Kosteva of Northville, Thomas Nedeau of Westland and Francis Papke of Livonia.

Also in the running are Charles Greig of Northville, who ran unsuccessfully for the board in June, William Knudsen of Livonia, Susan Kopski of Canton, Kevin Proust of Livonia, Judith Quayle of Livonia, Ralph Richardson of Canton Township and Roy Sgro of Livonia.

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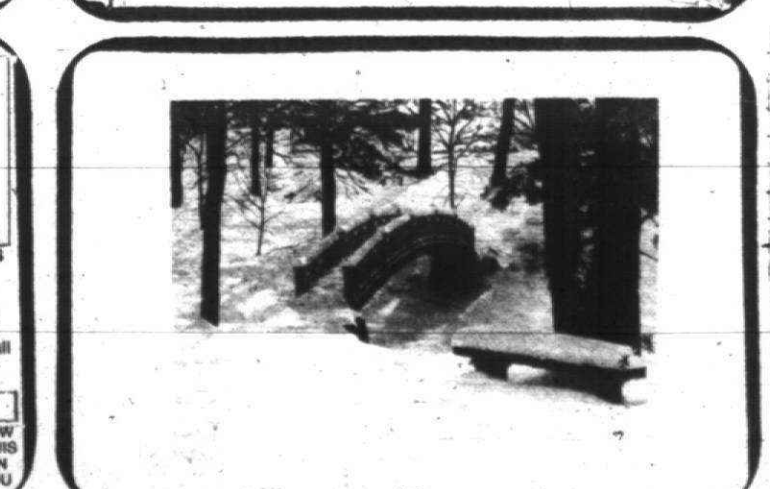
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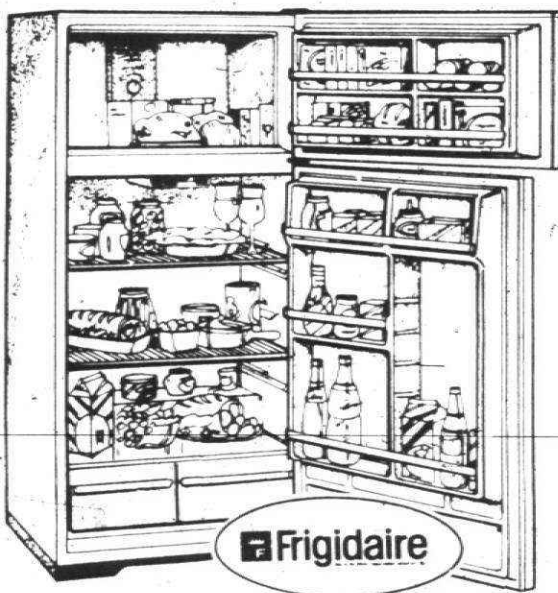
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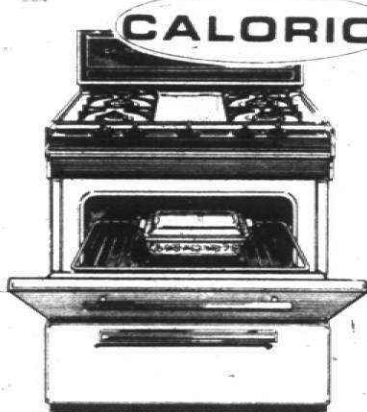
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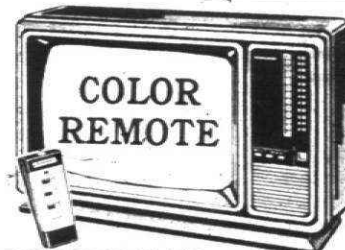
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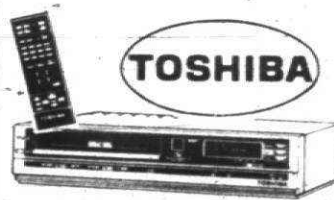
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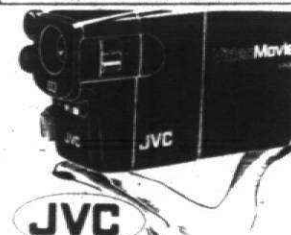


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Szechuan is hot stuff at eateries

Forget the chop suey. We're talking potency here.

Anyone who has ventured into the realm of the food characteristics from the culinary regions of China know that Szechuan cooking is not for the "faint-of-tongue." Chinese restaurants are a dime a dozen and can be had on just about every block in most major cities.

Szechuan cooking, on the other hand, is a regional speciality that demands its participants sit up and take notice.

Prepared in local restaurants that can be counted on one hand, the hot, spicy recipes have a tendency to throw the tasteless, bland, basic stir-frys that are so much a staple of "Westernized" palates out with last night's rice. After a visit to one of my favorite Szechuan eateries, I decided to do a little research and find out just what it is that makes these unique additions to Chinese cuisine sizzle. And I do mean sizzle.

The Sze-Chuan Restaurant, one of metropolitan Detroit's premier west side eateries, owned and operated by Pallas and Sonny Wang, has been in operation for almost seven years.

The owners have observed the growing need for a spicy change in the culinary taste buds of many Detroit area residents. So much so, that the Wangs have recently expanded what used to be a hole-in-the-wall, no bit bigger than a three-bedroom, brick-ranch, living room type restaurant into a modern, sophisticated and classy Szechuan restaurant that can seat and serve almost a hundred guests with the likes of Kung-Pao Chicken, Hot and Sour Soup and Scallops in Szechuan Chili Sauce. Has your brow begun to sweat yet?

SZECHUAN CUISINE was derived from an area meaning "four streams" and "high on the mountain." Because of the abundance of water and the area being classified as "wet," the local folks began intensifying their basic Chinese foods with hot and spicy dishes to rid the "wet" from their bodies. And rid you of the sweat, it does.

Of course, that's not to say that all Szechuan foods are hot and spicy. If you are lucky enough to dine at this restaurant, you will notice that the menu includes foods from just about every province of China, with the hot and spicy dishes noticeably marked with an asterisk to denote their spiciness.

In addition, you can order any spicy dish four different ways, from the basic but tasty "spicy but not hot" all the way to the incendiary "full strength" that in my opinion, should be served with a side of bicarb.

The Szechuan Restaurant utilizes two main cooking principles when preparing its cuisine, the ever-present wok and the steamer. Next time you're in and the place isn't packed, ask to see the state-of-the-art Chinese kitchen that incorporates the use of six woks and various steamers. Don't be surprised to see the chef chopping what seems to be a hundred pounds of green onions; or, if your timing is perfect, you might be able to observe the traditional "blowing up" of the Peking Duck.

This dish, a culinary feast to enjoy as well as behold, is a house speciality. It incorporates blowing up a balloon inside the duck's cavity to "press out" as much of the duck fat as possible, making for a crispier and less fatty product. (Yes, the balloon is removed before cooking and serving.)

All the sauces used to garnish and flavor the spicy dishes are prepared by Sonny and his talented kitchen crew. One of my favorites is the extraordinary spiciness of the champagne sauce used to flavor the crispy shrimps.

LOOKING FOR something a little out of the ordinary? The kitchen crew is very adaptable to preparing speciality dishes not normally seen on the menu but requested by patrons who frequent the restaurant.

Pallas and Sonny Wang came to the States while Sonny was still employed with a Big Three automaker. It was at the restaurant in Canton that they helped family members (who also own the Szechuan West in Ann Arbor) in the kitchen during peak periods.

Business took off, and Pallas and Sonny purchased the eatery, little knowing that one day they would be reopening their doors with a newly remodeled nook that not only includes some of the best Szechuan food in the area but also a full bar and cocktail area.

Pallas is quick to mention that guests travel from all over the metropolitan area to sample their vast array of cuisine. On my last visit, the kitchen was busily preparing for a wedding party that was to take over part of the restaurant. Talk about a switch from the usual roast-chicken-and-mashed-potatoes type of wedding food!

TWELFTH NIGHT



Gourmet cook and teacher, food writer Geri Rinachier of Birmingham displays some of the traditional English or Scotch foods that may be served at a Twelfth Night buffet dinner party. In the foreground is rare roast beef.

JOHN STORMAZANO

Holiday party revives old customs

By Geri Rinachier
special writer

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As the Twelfth Day of Christmas approaches, many European families are planning a holiday party.

In Belgium, England, France, Italy and Spain, Jan. 6 is a holiday of feasting and gift giving. In France, Twelfth Night is celebrated with a custard-filled pastry, "Gâteau Des Rois" (Cake of the Kings). The cake is baked with a small ceramic figure of a king or shepherd inside. Whoever finds the king in his or her slice of cake reigns as king or queen for the evening.

In Spain and Portugal, children leave their shoes on the doorstep with hopes that when the three kings pass by they will fill their shoes with treats. Historically, the most elaborate Twelfth Night celebrations have taken place in England.

In the early 19th century, Twelfth Night or the Feast of the Epiphany was considered the climax of the English Christmas season. The 12th cake, which was elaborately decorated, was the focus of attention at the dinner table. It was decorated with all sorts of confectionery figures such as kings, queens, carriages and cottages. Decorative themes were chosen by the confectioner and depended on their ingenuity, talent and amount of funds available.

The cakes were so popular that competition grew amongst the bakers. These festival cakes were often confectionery extravaganzas. Like the French, the English also baked a ceramic figure in the batter to provide a lighthearted game of chance for family and friends.

OFTEN AT MORE formal Twelfth Night parties, guests were given tickets bearing names of fictional characters such as Jerry the Jester, Sir Arthur Argyle and Sir Single Simon. Guests were to keep these identities until midnight. During the Victorian era, this whimsy was done away with.

Confectionery characters on the cakes were later replaced with Santa Claus. The cake was served on Christmas Day and most Twelfth Night parties became a thing of the past in England.

Although the English Twelfth Night celebration never became deeply rooted in this country, states such as Delaware, Pennsylvania and Virginia, which had strong ties with England continued the tradition into the colonial period. Most of us are too tired and too full to party one more time on the Twelfth Day of Christmas is marked only by taking down the tree and decorations.

But there seems to be renewed interest in the old Christmas customs and foods of England. Wassail parties, which were popular in the Western communities of England, are slowly becoming part of our holiday tradition. The annual wassail feasts at the Detroit Institute of Arts have patterned bookings reservations into the 1990s. Wassail feasts were originally a toast of good health to ensure good crops to the apple farmers. The toast was followed by a banquet of many

courses and often was celebrated on the Twelfth Day of Christmas.

At home, inventive hosts can entertain with a simple buffet or a more formal five or six-course sit-down dinner. If you're not sure how to go about this, a few simple recipes and tips on menu planning will get you well on your way to starting a new holiday tradition.

THE CLASSIC mulligatawny soup recipe which follows can easily be adapted to a simple buffet menu as well as a five or six-course sit-down dinner. The soup can be served as a first course or as a second course after an Elizabethan artichoke tart.

ROAST beef or smoked turkey blend well as an entree course. Most American dinner menus would include a starch, such as a potato dish or noodles, neither of which traditionally would be included in such an English feast. A salad of mushrooms and oranges or cucumbers could be added as these were served during the 15th and 16th centuries.

A country, grain or whole wheat bread with a crunchy crust will balance the menu well. Select old English ale or beer or any favorite wine, which will blend with the variety of dishes in the menu. For a nonalcoholic beverage choose a sparkling grape juice or hot mulled cider.

A Twelfth Night party is not complete without the cake. The traditional English plum or Christmas cake, which has been served for centuries is very similar to our Ameri-

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Low-cal pizza

It's coming to area supermarkets

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

In 1981, Mark O'Brien, a six-foot tall pizza entrepreneur who weighed 280 pounds, decided it was time to do something about his weight.

"Here I was, tossing pizzas all the time, nibbling, tasting, eating them every day. Sometimes, eating two or even three a day, if someone didn't pick up an order late at night. I just ballooned up," said O'Brien, 30, who has owned the Pizza Maker pizzeria in Union Lake since 1979.

"I decided there must be some way to enjoy pizza," says O'Brien.

Voilà! O'Brien came up with a solution — tasty pizza, complete with all the trimmings yet containing far fewer calories than the average one.

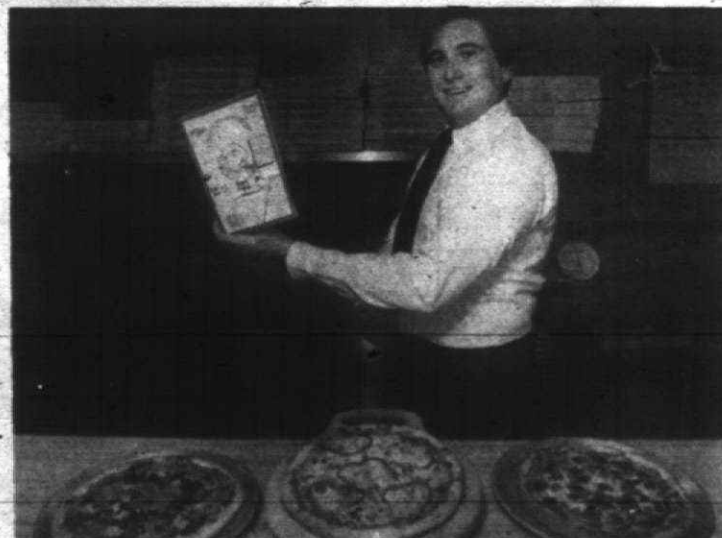
O'Brien calls his creation Calorie Counter Pizza and describes it as "the first low-cal pizza in America."

After six years of effort, the product is expected to line area supermarket shelves in early 1988 under the brand name of Gillardis.

CALORIE COUNTER pizza eliminates calories by half, reducing a normal 12-inch round, complete with toppings, from the typical 2,500 or so calories to a mere 1,200, O'Brien said. A slice of Calorie Counter contains 300 calories.

The product comes in three varieties, pepperoni, sausage, or deluxe — a pepperoni-sausage combination with onion and red and green bell pepper.

The key to less calories lies in the dough. O'Brien has cut back on the use of fat and salt and has totally eliminated the use of sugar in his crust.



Mark O'Brien of the Pizza Maker Pizzeria in Union Lake slimmed down when he came up with Calorie Counter Pizza, which contains half the calories of regular pizza.

DAN DEAN/staff photographer

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Twelfth Night party marks holiday season

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can fruitcake except it is usually covered with a thin layer of marzipan. The Twelfth cake recipe included is a much lighter, updated version. The batter is a yellow, foam cake with some fruit and nuts, filled with a fruit jam and covered with a simple buttercream.

Small figurines, about 1-1½ inches high are available at some baking supply stores or variety shops, which carry dollhouse miniatures. If you can't find anything suitable, a large dried kidney or lima bean will do. Just don't forget to place it in one of the cake pans before baking. At serving time, explain to your guests how to play the game and search for the king before eating the cake.

TO MAKE the evening even more fun consider buying or making a pa-

per crown for the king to wear. Crowns also are available at retail costume or paper party shops. A Twelfth Night party does not necessarily need to be of English origin. A French Twelfth Night menu would be lots of fun to create. The Gâteau Des Rois is a wonderful dessert but is a bit more difficult to prepare. Locally, Le Petit Prince bakery in Birmingham is one of the few bakeries that prepares this dessert. Don't forget it's only available around Jan. 6.

ELIZABETHAN ARTICHOKE PIES
Makes 6 tarts
1-8 ½ ounce can artichoke hearts, drained, quartered (6 hearts)
¼ cup dates, chopped
¼ cup dried currants
¼ cup heavy cream
1 large egg
¼ cup orange juice, grated
zest of one orange, grated

1 ½ tsp. gr. ginger
pinch gr. allspice
1 recipe or 8-ounce shortcrust pastry or semi-puff pastry
Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees F.
Butter well individual tart or muffin tins. Line each with pastry and refrigerate. Mix together artichoke hearts, orange juice, currants, dates. Blend egg, cream, spices and zest together. Add to artichoke mixture. Spoon into muffin tins, top with bacon and bake in a pre-heated 375-degree oven for about 30 minutes until filling is hot and golden brown.

OLDE ENGLISH MULLIGATAWAY
Ingredients:
1 tbsp. butter or margarine
1 large leek, (white part only) diced
2 med. potato, peeled, diced
1 med. turnip, peeled, diced
1 med. carrot, peeled, diced
1 large apple, peeled, diced
1 large carrot, peeled, diced

3 cups chicken stock
¼ cup dry sherry or madeira
¼ cup light cream
½ tsp. ground curry
Pinch thyme
¼ tsp. gr. black pepper
Pinch gr. cloves
Pinch salt
Garlic
¼ cup sour cream
¼ cup finely chopped parsley

Melt butter in large saucepan. When hot, add chopped leeks, tossing over medium heat cook until soft. Add remaining vegetables, tossing until lightly golden. Add warm chicken stock and simmer until vegetables are soft and falling apart. Remove soup and puree in blender. Return soup to saucepan, add sherry, cream. Add thyme, curry, salt and pepper to taste. Serve hot. Add a dollop of sour cream to each serving with a sprinkling of chopped parsley.

TWELFTH NIGHT CAKE
Ingredients:
5 large eggs
½ cup sugar
¼ cup dry sherry or brandy
2 tsp. orange juice, plus the zest of 2 oranges, grated
¼ cup blond raisins
¼ cup currants
1 cup all-purpose flour
¼ cup chopped walnuts
2-3 tbsp. black or red currant jam, diluted with 2 tsp. fruit liqueur
Simple Buttercream:
Ingredients:
3 large egg yolks
¼ lb. unsalted butter
1 cup confectioner's sugar
1 bean or small ceramic king figure

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease two 9-inch cake pans well and dust lightly with flour. Mix raisins, orange juice, zest and 2 tsp. sherry together, set aside. In mixer bowl beat

eggs and sugar on high speed until batter is lightly colored and mousse-like and forms a ribbon. With a rubber spatula, fold in the flour by thirds into the egg mixture. Fold in raisins, currants and nuts. Spoon half the batter into each of the cake pans, ceramic king, and bake in center of oven for approximately 30 minutes. Cool completely in the pan, then invert onto a baking rack. When cool, sprinkle cake tops with the sherry. Brush one layer with the jam set aside.

Prepare Buttercream: Ribbon yolks and sugar together. Add soft butter 1 tablespoon at a time. With mixer on high speed, beat well after each addition until thoroughly blended.

Place layers together on serving platter. Cover sides and top with buttercream. The top can be decorated simply with sugar holiday figures or by topping it with a golden crown (paper).

Low-cal pizza coming to markets

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"Most dough contains an enormous amount of sugar," O'Brien said, explaining that he makes his "a secret process in mixing and rising (that results) in a nice thickness, a nice edge and a nice taste."

He also uses cheeses made from skimmed milk. O'Brien, now a svelte 180 pounds, said he continues to eat large quantities of pizza but now has little trouble controlling his weight.

"I eat pizza all the time, but only Calorie Counter. I've cut my caloric intake by half."

ONCE O'BRIEN obtained a patent on his product, he attempted to market it himself, introducing the product to potential buyers at such gatherings as the Michigan Great Lakes Food Show and selling franchises to individual pizzeria owners. O'Brien's Union Lake Pizza Maker, Mr. Pizza in Rochester and

other pizzerias in places like Mio and Cass City include the item on their menu. But the going was slow.

"I needed more outlets but I could only be in one place at a time," O'Brien said. He also found few independent pizzeria operations left.

"Most that are in business today are chain franchises," he said. He feared competition from both the powerful chains and from giant food companies that could easily out-finance and out-market his singular efforts to market low-cal pizza.

"I had to change my philosophy," he explained, and began scouting around for a distributor already positioned in the marketplace and with clout enough to obtain coveted shelf space in larger supermarkets. Enter Gilardis, a century-old food processing firm based in Ohio that has manufactured and marketed frozen pizzas for 15 years.

a contract with Gilardis. Calorie Counter pizza was readied for mass marketing.

Frozen varieties were developed and a corrugated container that O'Brien said gives the appearance of "home delivered" pizza was designed.

Most important, Calorie Counter was market-tested in the small community of Sidney, Ohio, where O'Brien said it was an instant hit. "It sold out 100 percent at every outlet."

When the product is introduced into Michigan supermarkets, it will be advertised primarily through sample tastings in the stores. O'Brien expects to participate in the testing, traveling from market to market, handing out bites of pizza and talking about the subject he knows best.

"Gilardis is smart. They want to keep me in the picture as a spokesman," he said, pointing to similar advertising campaigns like that of Lee Iacocca pitching Chrysler products where slogans have been personalized.

"People like that. I'm the inventor of the product so I'll make a good spokesman," O'Brien said.

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'Marrying' is final blend

The issue, often discussed at tedious length, of whether making wine is a science or an art is a foolish one. There are literally hundreds of steps needed to convert the grape into the glass. Some involve high-level scientific procedures, some are pure judgment and insight.

Perhaps most inspired of the latter is the winemaker's creation of the final blend of wines that become the finished bottled product. "Marrying" the collection of different pressings, whether they are all from the same grape variety or from different kinds of grapes, is the step that ultimately creates the wine we drink.

The most dramatic illustration we see today occurs with California Cabernet Sauvignons. While it is possible to find a 100-percent Cabernet bottle on the shelves, most winemakers realize that a certain complexity, an element of finesse and a more immediate drinkability can be attained by blending in certain other wines with the basic and predominant Cabernet. The pure stuff can be extremely hard and tannic in its youth, and sometimes well beyond.

By American law no less than 75 percent of the wine in any bottle can come from grapes other than the name on the label. Hence, any blending done must be accomplished with the parameters of that other 25 percent. But that is enough to have a dramatic impact on a bottle of Cabernet.

"MOST BLENDING done with Cabernet involves the Merlot grape. Others may be used, but Merlot has certain properties that complement well those in Cabernet. Its addition tends to soften Cabernet as well as

wine
Richard Watson

adds a dimension of complexity that is not found with the single varietal. However, Merlot is also frequently bottled as a varietal. When it is, the reverse also holds. Cabernet can be added to Merlot to afford a bit of backbone and toughness that Merlot alone lacks. But not much.

Drunk alone, Merlot is a most attractive wine, somewhat simpler than Cabernet but very pleasant. It lacks the bell pepper, almost minty or herbaceous character of its big brother, but offers deep and rich flavors that can be most rewarding. It is the principal grape of Pomerol, considered by many to be the greatest of the Bordeaux wines. There are other examples of blending of Cabernet grapes, however.

Different lots (called cuvees) of grapes, grown under different conditions (soil, rainfall, location) will produce wines of some difference. Some may be harder, some fruitier, some more tannic. It is probable with this kind of blending that the palate of the winemaker reaches its greatest art—the winemaker must not only evaluate taste sensations now but be able to anticipate what the blended wine will taste like after months and years of aging.

There is yet another example of blending with another set of grapes that is gaining prominence in California.

Pinot Noir is too delicate to blend Zinfandel and Petite Sirah too strong on their own. Riesling and Chenin Blancs also may be blended with more neutral grapes to afford acidity.

A further column will explore the marrying of the lesser grapes. It is a fascinating story.

Exercise with stars the easy VCR way

With the holidays settling into memory, many hope they could forget the pounds they've added. In a fit of remorse and under the influence of still-new New Year's resolutions, a few take off to the video store to browse through the exercise tapes.

You'll soon recognize that these run from the strenuous to the ridiculous.

Second Runs isn't about to recommend which ones are best for your health. We assume that readers know better than to accept medical advice from a professional video watcher. However, even SR realizes the right attitude means much when it comes to sticking to any health regime.

Stick to your resolution and you'll hear the chatter sandwiched around the exercises about three times a week. Short of tuning out the sound, you can hope the tape you decide upon has the correct ambience.

"Jane Fonda's Workout," the grandma of the current crop of videos, exudes a businesslike attitude toward the whole project. Her low-impact exercises are aimed at the over-50 crowd, and anyone who wants to squeeze into a size 8 Debbie and her group bend, sway, grunt and groan to the Kings of Swing Orchestra's album, "Switched on Swing." Like this video, it's marketed by K-TEL Records.

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FOR THE AEROBICS novice, even the beginners' portion of the tape looks intimidating. This impression isn't softened by the sparse set and Fonda's serious demeanor. The attitudes of feds radical politics—if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem—have moved from the streets to the gym.

After a session with Fonda, you want to swear off red meat and caffeine. After a session with Debbie Reynolds in the 1983 "Do It Debbie's Way," you'll discover this uncontrollable urge to cheat on a diet you haven't begun.

We're confident in saying that it's the only exercise video on the market that lists shopping as a cool-down activity.

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MGM could have produced an exercise video, it would have looked like this. It's the only exercise video featuring an elaborate chandelier and a background that spells out "Debbie" in lights. If SR was really catty, it would also mention this must be the only one shot through gauze. But dipping into that level of cussiness breaks one of SR's New Year's resolutions.

Between making encouraging sounds and telling her audience that she hates this exercise, Reynolds, who wrote the video's script, makes coy small talk. "I had known this years ago. I would have still been married," she cracks during one routine.

AS IF THAT wasn't bad enough, Reynolds' video features guests who can be termed only as famous fat people. We assume this offers encouragement to the viewer moved to matter. "My goodness, she's certainly let herself go."

It's more than a flabby couch-tizen can stand. Pass the microwave popcorn—please.

upcoming things to do

Deadline for the Upcoming calendar is one week ahead of publication. Items must be received by Thursday, to be considered for publication the following Thursday. Send to: Eitel Simmons, Entertainment Editor, The Observer & Eccentric, P.O. Box 3502, Birmingham 48012.

CLOSE-UP MAGIC
Andrew Mark of Livonia has been named first place winner of close-up magic at "Indy Magic," a national convention in Indianapolis. Andrew the Magician, as he is called, performs strolling magic from 5-7 p.m. Mondays-Fridays in Whispers Lounge at the Novi Hilton.

CONCERT SERIES
Phil Marcus Esser will appear from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, in the free concert series at Center Court of Somerset Mall in Troy. Other performers will include the George Ben-Jon Jazz Trio, Jan. 17; Paul Burns, Jan. 24; and Eddie DeSantis Quartet, Jan. 31.

KISS CONCERT
Kiss performs live at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at Cobo Arena in Detroit. The "Crazy Nights" world tour features Gene Simmons, Paul Stanley, Eric Carr and Bruce Kulick. A special guest will be announced. Tickets at \$16.50 are available at the Joe Louis Arena Box Office, Hudson's, AAA and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone call 423-6666.

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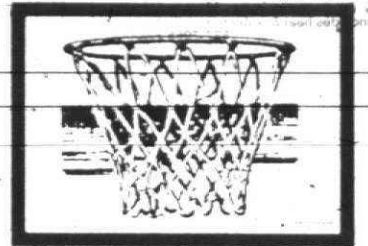
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Three players Plymouth Salem's volleyball team will be counting on this winter are Aimee Hayden (left), Sue Stout and Meg Foley. Hayden and Stout are attackers, while Foley's specialty is defense. The Rocks have been preparing for their Wednesday, Jan. 13, opener at home against Plymouth Canton.

'88 could be year Canton soars to top

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

gymnastics

Plymouth Canton's motto for the 1988 girls gymnastics season is simple and to the point: "This is the year."

With a solid core of accomplished veterans on the squad, the Chiefs hope to do well this time around. In fact, they expect to do very well.

The reason for their optimism is the return of seniors Mary Jo Charron, Darcy Gignac, Maureen McLean, Brenda Perry, Apryl Mosakowski and Sharon Moran. The first three will serve as tri-captains.

"And they've improved quite a bit from last year," coach John Cunningham said of the six. "Sometimes gymnasts stagnate. But I've seen improvement in each of them, and I'm really looking forward to this season."

"If ever there was a year for Canton to go a long ways, this is the year," he added. "In fact, that should be our motto: 'This is the year.'"

THE CHIEFS were 10-4 and Western Division champions last year. Three of their losses were to North Farmington, Plymouth Salem and Westland John Glenn, all of them area powers. With the nucleus of that team back and more experienced, Canton has reason to think '88 could be even better.

"I would think if we don't do it before year, it's going to be a long time before we do," Cunningham said. "This team has exceptional depth with exceptional individuals."

An added benefit is all of the aforementioned seniors are good all-around gymnasts, and each also has a particular event in which she excels.

Charron's best events are the balance beam and floor exercise, and she is an All-American in both. To attain that distinction, one has to score 8.5 or higher in four events, and two have to be done in state competition.

Gignac missed most of last season after dislocating an elbow while doing a dismount from the uneven bars in the fourth meet. She is strong in all events, with the bars probably being her best.

"SHE'S ONE who doesn't have a

real strong event but doesn't have a weak one either," Cunningham said.

McLean is another gymnast who stands out on the bars. She received the team's medal award for having the best season-long average in that event. In the regional last year, she was ninth on the vault and missed going to state by the narrow margin of .05.

Perry also has earned All-American honors in floor exercise. She is the team's best tumbler and has college-level ability, according to Cunningham. She also excels as a vaulter and had the best average in that event.

"She does a full twist that goes up over my head," he said. "Her floor exercise is really, really good."

Mosakowski's specialty is floor exercise, too, and she has an exceptional dance routine, Cunningham said. But she does well in other areas, also.

"ON THE BARS, she has moves nobody else does — and the same with the balance beam," he said. "Judges look for originality, and she has excellent originality."

Moran specializes in the beam, and Cunningham is not afraid to use her in floor exercise, either. She was the only member of Canton's team to qualify for state on the beam last year.

Three freshmen whom Cunningham is counting on to help the Chiefs are Jill Mikaelian (bars), Jayne Jewell (floor exercise) and Heather Murphy (beam and floor).

"These kids have had experience in gymnastics before they came to high school," Cunningham said. "They've had club experience, and each one has mastered the fundamentals."

"They'll be doing state-level tricks right away. Some don't compete until they're juniors, and these kids will compete this year."

Others who provide depth for the Chiefs are seniors Katie Koch (bars) and Suzanne Hosking (bars), junior Shannon Connell (bars) and sophomores Jennifer Tellier (all-around) and Mary Nail (vault and floor).

Rocks boast balanced attack

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

The good news is Plymouth Salem's volleyball team boasts its most balanced and able group of hitters the Rocks have ever had.

The drawback is they are not very tall and, instead of striking fear into their opponents, will have to overcome their lack of height if they hope to challenge the area powers.

"For the first year on the varsity, we have a capable hitter at all three positions," said coach Betty Smith, adding the Rocks don't have the height to complement that ability. Most of Salem's hitters are in the 5-foot-8 range, while the middle hitter on many teams is near 6-foot.

"Going up against a (tall) team like (Livonia) Stevenson, it will be harder to hit through those people, but we have all the skills," Smith said.

"We're trying to put most of the emphasis on playing good defense."

THE ROCKS graduated Denise Tackett, an all-league player who was a power hitter in the middle. Salem doesn't have anyone with her ability to smash the ball at the opposition, but the Rocks do have a lot of accurate hitters, Smith said.

Salem returns three starters from its last team, and two are hitters: Aimee Hayden and Roseann Sumpter. Hayden plays on the outside, Sumpter the middle.

Kara Cummings, a senior co-captain along with Hayden, is the third returning regular and will be the setter in Salem's 5-1 offense.

Junior Sue Stout and sophomore Asaka Motoyama are varsity newcomers expected to fill starting roles, and both are good attackers, too.

Being a left-handed hitter, Stout



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Roseann Sumpter receives the ball from the opposing side of the net during practice. Sumpter will be Salem's middle hitter to begin the season.

offers a different look and can play anywhere on the floor with equal ability.

MOTOYAMA'S family moved from Japan a year ago, and she has a solid background in volleyball, a

sport that is very popular and played the year round in her native land.

"She comes from a country where volleyball is to them what basketball is to us," said Smith, adding Motoyama would have

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played varsity as a freshman if she had been at Salem then.

"Her skills are very well developed for her age. She's a very capable hitter and excellent server. She fits in real well with the seniors on the varsity level."

Seniors Laura Porterfield and Meg Foley are the other varsity returnees. Porterfield is an all-round player, and Foley is primarily a defensive specialist and back-row player.

The '88 varsity includes senior Nina Norrgard, a Swedish exchange student, and juniors Joanna Wiklund, Marci Thomas and Maria Wordhouse. The latter is the team's tallest player at 5-10, and Smith is hopeful she can take over in the middle and enable Sumpter to move to her more comfortable position on the outside.

BESIDES THE balanced hitting ability, Smith has other reasons to be optimistic. She's encouraged by her players' knowledge of the game, that many played spring volleyball and competed in Junior Olympics and the fact volleyball is the only sport the five returning seniors play.

"In practice situations, they're asking me questions I usually hear from college players," Smith said. "They seem to understand the game in a book sense, because they've been playing the year round for two years."

"All the tools are there," she added. "It's just the kids never played together before. The faster they come together as a unit the better off we will be."

Area players reflect talent shift

By C.J. Risak
staff writer

In the not-too-distant past, when the best volleyball talent was sought, all eyes turned to the west coast. California boasted the best spikers in the country, without doubt.

Now, however, that vision must be refocused. The Midwest is quickly catching up to the westerners. The proof is in the play of teams like Purdue and Kentucky, Purdue made it to the final 16 in the NCAA tournament before stumbling, while Kentucky advanced to the quarterfinals.

And two players who sparked those teams are former all-Observersland stars: Lisa Bokovoy (from Livonia Stevenson) at Kentucky and Debbie McDonald (from Redford Bishop Borgess) at Purdue.

BOKOVOY, A JUNIOR, finished among the

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top five in the NCAA in hitting percentage (.389). The 6-foot-1 middle blocker collected 381 kills in 766 attacks, both the third-highest totals on Kentucky's team. She also led the Lady Wildcats with 44 solo blocks and was second in total blocks with 130. Her 40 serving aces was second best on the team to Laura Linder's 41.

Her accomplishments earned her all-Southeast Conference honors. Bokovoy was also all-academic SEC for the second-straight season; she carries a 3.3 grade point average in accounting.

"I'm happy with the way the year went," she said. "The focus was on the whole team. We had a lot of depth and our bench was real strong."

Which partially explains why Bokovoy's talents weren't utilized to their fullest. "We had a freshman setter," she said, "and she did real well, but when she was in doubt she went to the outside (hitters)."

STILL, KENTUCKY had a shot at making it to the final four in the NCAA tournament. The Lady Wildcats defeated North Carolina State 15-13, 15-5, 15-8 in the NCAA's first round, then knocked off Texas-Arlington 13-15, 15-13, 15-11, 18-16 in the first round of the South Regional.

But Texas stopped their run in the region final, 9-15, 15-12, 15-9, 15-4. Still, Kentucky finished with an SEC title and was ranked eighth in the country.

"I thought we had a good shot at the final four," said Bokovoy. "We just didn't play well against Texas. Coach (Kathy DeBoer) said we

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Borgess loses close ballgame

By Steve Kowalski
staff writer

FLINT — Redford Bishop Borgess found out Wednesday it is difficult to win an overtime basketball game after punching out of work at halftime.

Borgess, ahead 42-34 after two quarters, played an uninspired second half and was outscored 6-1 in the extra period to lose 73-68 at Flint Central.

The Spartans' loss was the first of the season against two wins. The Indians improved their record to 6-1.

This was the second straight game for the Spartans against one of the state's better Class A teams. Borgess, one of the top-ranked teams in Class B, defeated Class A Saginaw Dec. 22, 72-63.

"Flint Central played the second half like they wanted to win it," said a disappointed Fusco. "They came into the second half with more poise. They have a nice group of sophomores that were determined to win the game more than we were."

"I think at one point, we had five players playing their own individual game instead of a team game."

SAID CENTRAL coach Stan Gooch: "They (Borgess) were physical early and our assistant told me at halftime that they looked tired. Maybe that's why they got in foul trouble late."

Guard Jay Green, regarded as the best of Central's sophomores, scored 32 points, 22 of which came after halftime. Greg Houston, another sophomore, finished with 22 points. That combination scored 19 of Central's final 21 points, including all 15 of the team's fourth-quarter points.

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Injuries and foul trouble at the guard positions also led to the Spartans' demise. Starting guard Marcus Clouston left the game on a stretcher at the end of the third quarter after dislocating his left knee on a collision with a Central player. Bertrand Waldron and Dwayne Kelly (who led the Spartans with 22 points), both fouled out.

Kelly's fifth foul proved to be the most costly. With the score tied at 67, Kelly was called for an offensive charge with one second remaining, sending the game into overtime.

"I won't comment on officiating," Fusco said.

Gooch would, however. "Those things even out," he said. "We had some calls go against us earlier. I thought the referees were consistent with the charge call."

REBOUNDING ALSO told the story. Borgess' 6-foot-7 center Parish Hickman, who had 16 points, collected nine rebounds, most of those coming in the first half. Central outrebounded Borgess for the game 37-33 including 14-5 in the third quarter.

"I told you they wanted to win the game," said Fusco, when told how much his team was outrebounded by in the third quarter. "We wanted to improve our individual stats."

Central chipped away at Borgess' halftime lead in the third quarter, whittling the Spartans' lead to two.

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outdoors

Based on roadside surveys of returning deer hunters, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources estimates a record 246,000 deer were taken during Michigan's firearm deer season Nov. 15-30. The old firearm deer harvest record was set in 1986 at 212,580.

Several other harvest records were also broken. The Upper Peninsula (Zone 1) hunters took 33,500 bucks, breaking the old record, set 40 years ago of 32,400.

The total harvest of 42,000 deer also set a new record. The old record of 39,220 was set in 1959. Although no records were set, the northern Lower Peninsula (Zone 2) once again recorded the highest total harvest of any of the state's three zones at 119,000 deer, including 83,000 bucks.

For Zone 2, the record firearm buck harvest was set in 1986 at 87,400. The record was set for 1952 at 141,410. The southern Lower Peninsula (Zone 3) continues to set records with a firearm deer harvest of 57,000 bucks in a total harvest of 85,000 deer.

The previous firearm harvest record in Zone 3 was set in 1986 at 68,690 deer, including 44,800 bucks. Although the archery season runs through Jan. 1, 1988, indications from the Oct. 1-Nov. 14 half of the season suggest that archers will take at least as many as the 58,000 deer taken during the 1986 archery deer season.

When combined with the firearm deer harvest, Michigan deer hunters will have taken more than 300,000 deer for the first time since state harvest records have been kept. The previous record was set in 1986 at approximately 277,000.

Poaching complaints to the DNR's 24-hour Report All Poaching (RAP) phone-hot line (1-800-292-7800) for the 1987 deer hunting season totaled 1,696 calls, slightly below last year's record 1,748 calls.

Overall, calls during the highest poaching period (September-November) this year are running 900 calls ahead of last year's figures.

HUNTING ACCIDENTS resulted in six deaths and 30 injuries during the recent firearm deer season, according to preliminary figures released by the DNR.

These figures were up from the five deaths and 28 injuries reported last year, but slightly down from the 1985 season, in which six people were killed and 31 injured.

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STREET SCENE

Music mania

The local music scene is busy with activity. Check out Street Beats, an entire page filled with information on today's musical trends. Featured in this issue is an up-and-coming band from Livonia, Hippodrome. Also included are album reviews, top-10 lists and a calendar of future shows. For more, turn to Page 3D.

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Shooting for the moon — settling for rock stars



CAMILLE MCCOY/staff photographer

Life imitates the high life as Marino imitates a photo he took of Phil Collins.

By Carol Azizian
staff writer

A sensual Bon Jovi, with sailor's cap, hairy chest and boyish charm, tantalizes his female fans from a jacuzzi at Southfield's Holiday Inn.

A reigning Prince, wearing purple-sequined coat, raises a triumphant finger toward the ceiling of Joe Louis Arena.

An angelic Phil Collins looks heavenward as he warms up on a miniature plastic guitar before his infamous Pine Knob concert.

Rare moments with rock's finest. They were captured on film by Ross Marino, a 28-year-old Troy photographer whose work has appeared in magazines around the world.

His credits include People, Playboy, Rolling Stone, Creem, Circus, Hit Parader, Time, USA Today and Billboard. In Europe: Swiss Illustrated, Bravo, Paris Match. In Japan: Music Life.

MARINO IS among an elite group of cameramen who make a living at shooting rock 'n' roll entertainers. He operates a stock photography agency with 50,000 pictures of more than 400 performers. Up to 300 of them are published each month.

"There are a lot more photographers than there is work," he admitted. And, the competition is fierce. "I only make as much as I hustle."

But the soft-spoken, mellow guy with long curly locks like a rock star

'Competition is fierce. I only make as much as I hustle.'

— Ross Marino

believes determination — not just talent — is a major factor in his success.

He works 12 hours a day, seven days a week. And he hasn't taken a vacation in three years.

His office is cluttered with negatives, slides and concert memorabilia — backstage passes from dozens of shows, life-size Bon Jovi and Prince posters, a racoon tail tossed on stage by a Ted Nugent fan, and autographed portraits.

A MESSAGE from rocker David Lee Roth — pictured leaping in the air in zebra-striped shirt and Spandex pants — sums up the goal of Marino's efforts: "Ross, most people can't capture that point where you've stopped going up and ain't started coming down. Awwrite!"

"I want to capture the peak moment in a concert that most typifies a performer," Marino echoed.

Sometimes, stars stop their shows to give him the best angle. In the middle of a 1984 Dayton, Ohio, concert, Roth invited "his family portrait" on stage to snap a family portrait of the musician and his 10,000-member audience.

"It took me by surprise, but I didn't think twice about it," Marino said. "The energy level was incredible. I was only up there for 30 seconds, and every set of eyes was glaring at the camera. They were clenching their fists and screaming."

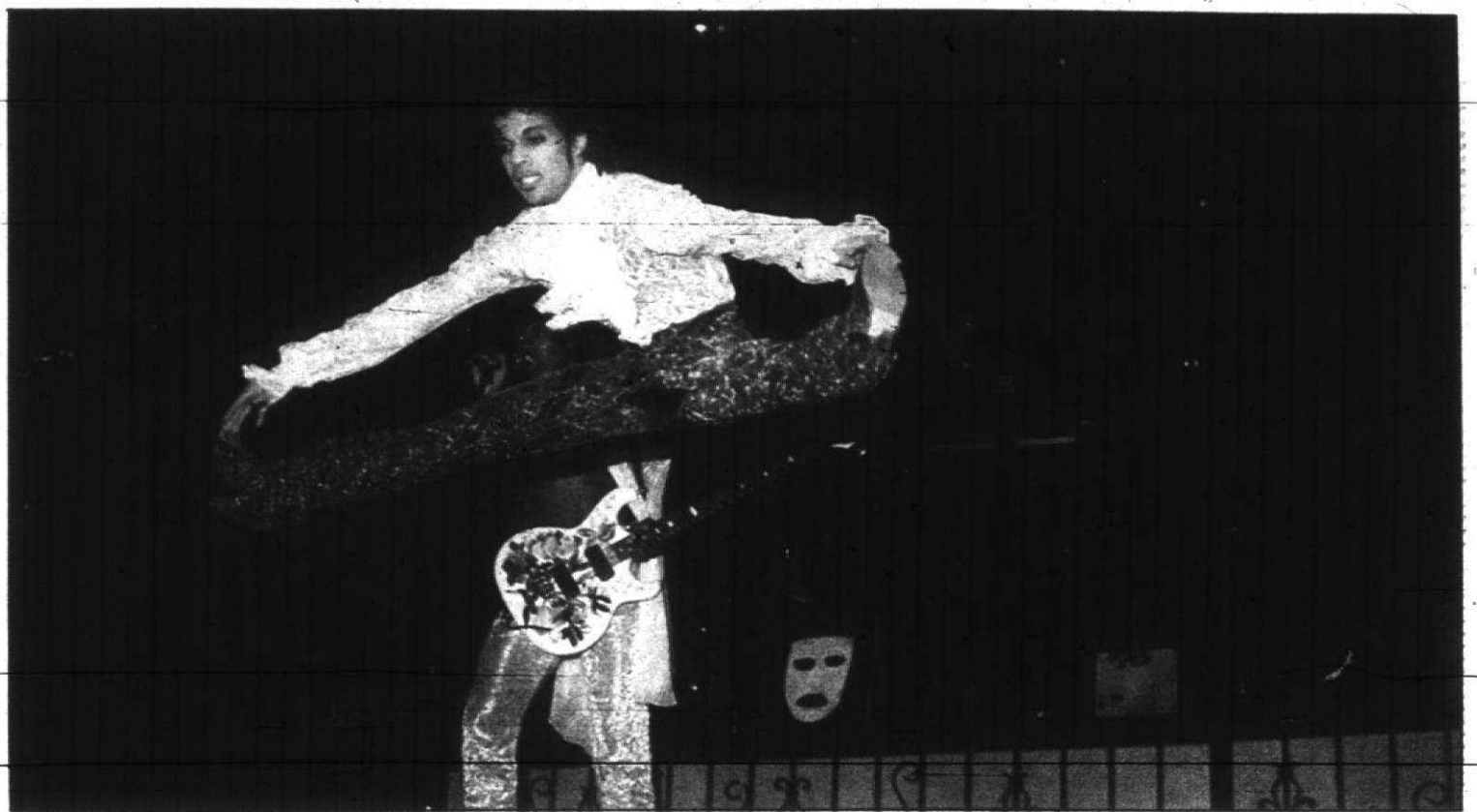
"FORTUNATELY, MY cameras were ready, and I had all the right equipment — wide-angle lenses. It was a matter of focusing and firing."

In 1986, he repeated the scene at Roth's Ames, Iowa, appearance. The picture was printed in People Magazine.

Most of the time, however, Marino doesn't have an advantage over other photographers. During Prince's "Purple Rain" concert at Joe Louis Arena, the cameraman was huddled in the penalty box — 100 feet from the stage — with two dozen of his colleagues.

"I was all the way in the back, about 20 feet behind the others. We all had real long lenses."

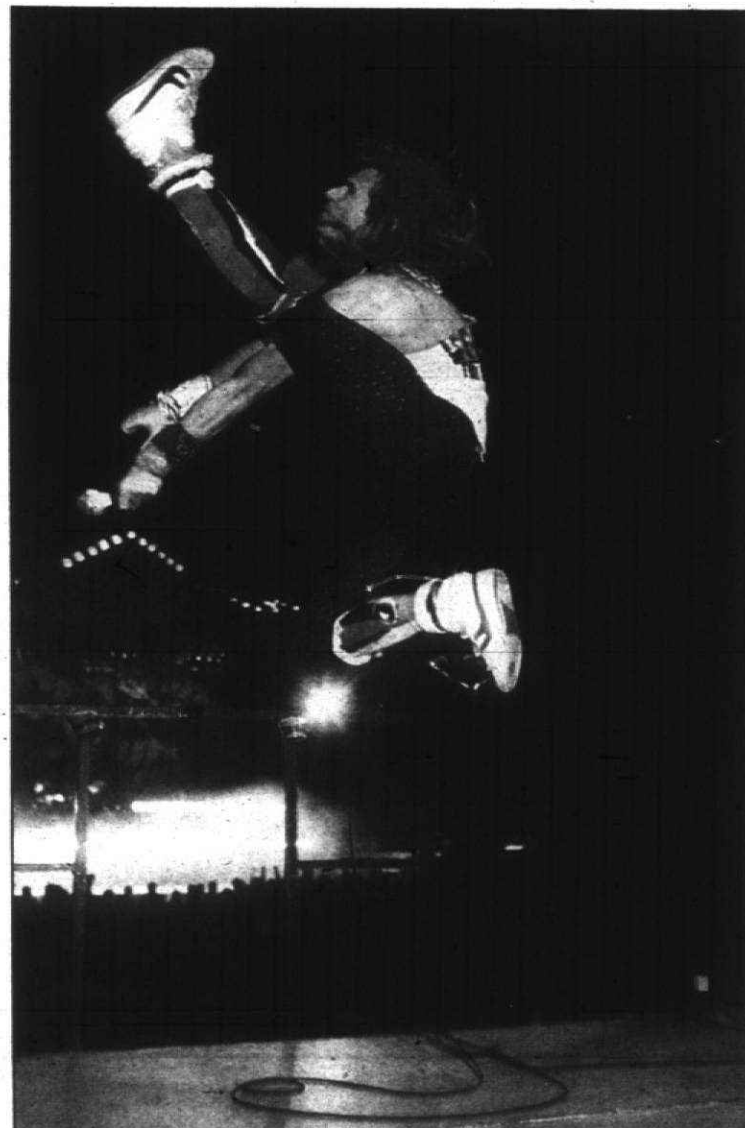
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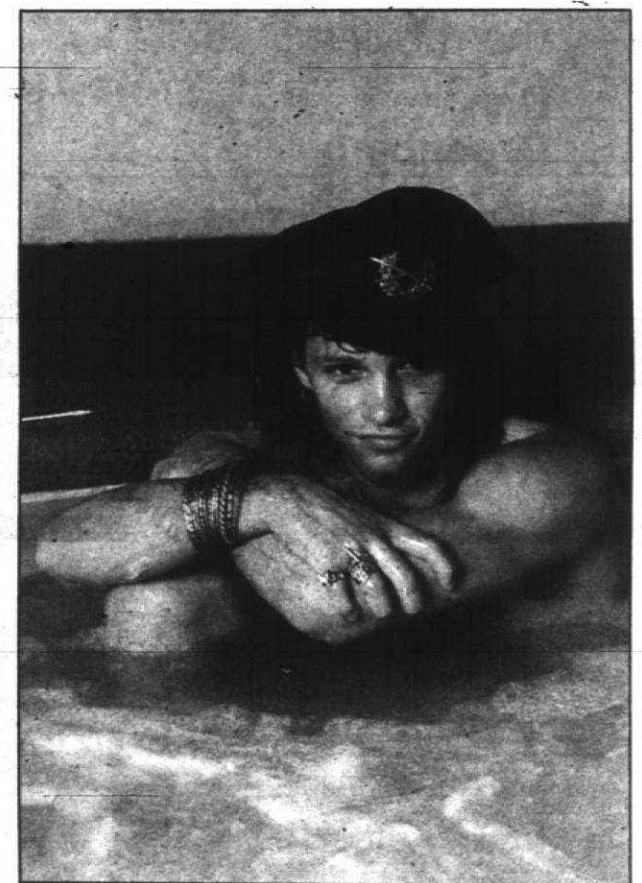
Although he was 100 feet back from stage — in the penalty box with other photographers — at Joe Louis Arena, Marino managed

aged to snap this shot of Prince during his Purple Rain tour. It made the cover of People Magazine.



ROSS MARINO*

Rocker David Lee Roth was so impressed with this photo that he subsequently invited Marino on stage for "family portraits" of the rocker with his audience at concert dates around the Midwest. The results have appeared in national magazines.



ROSS MARINO*

Jon Bon Jovi allowed Marino to snap this intimate portrait at the Holiday Inn in Southfield because the two are friends. Marino began chronicling the hot rock star when he was an opening act for other groups.

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Karlos Barney



Karlos Barney ©1987



MICKY JONES

Skiers gather to pick up their equipment at the racks at Boyne Mountain Ski Resort. The resort is in the northwest section of the state.

Head to the hills for a winter in Michigan

By Iris Sanderson Jones
special writer

Q. As a southerner spending my first winter in Michigan, I thought I would enjoy all those famous Great Lakes winter activities. So far, we've had very little snow. I can't ski, I haven't seen a snowmobile since I got here, and I don't have a clue about winter festivals. What gives?

N.S.J.,
Southfield

A. If you hurry, you can still participate in "Let's Go Skiing Michigan," a free ski day being offered by most of Michigan's ski areas on Friday, Jan. 8. You will get free ski lessons, free tow or trail passes and in some cases, free ski rental.

Most of Michigan's 50 downhill ski areas and almost all the cross-country ski areas are participating in the event, which is part of a nationwide learn-to-ski day sponsored by the National Ski Areas Association and Ski Industries America.

You should reserve in advance, since many of the beginner lessons may already be full. If

you can only make a day trip, your best bet may be one of the four participating ski areas near Detroit: Mt. Brighton in Brighton (229-9581), Alpine Valley in Milford (887-6010), Pine Knob in Clarkston (625-0800), Riverview Highlands in Riverview (479-2266). All have downhill skiing facilities.

It is a little further but still a long day-trip to learn cross-country skiing free at Lake Lansing Park-North in Haslett (517-676-2233) or Bay Valley Hotel and Resort in Bay City (517-684-1501). Bintz Apple Mountain in Freeland offers downhill (517-781-0170) or cross-country (517-781-2550).

If you can't make it Jan. 8, many ski areas around the state are offering discount coupons to new skiers through Feb. 7. (There are also many places in the metro area where you can learn to cross country ski at any time for a small fee.)

Both downhill and cross-country skiing have deep historical roots in Michigan. America's first ski club was founded in Ishpeming in the Upper Peninsula (U.P.), where proposals for

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Holiday lull precedes '88 celluloid storm

RECENT RELEASES
No films premiered for New Year's Eve. But wait 'til next week.

STILL PLAYING

"Baby Boom" (C) (PG-13) 105 minutes
Diane Keaton stars in a yuppie comedy about a single business executive whose life is drastically changed by the unexpected, unwanted arrival of a baby. Overly cute and very predictable with too few laughs and too many yawns. *Reviewed by Kathy Guyor.*

"batteries not included" (C+) (PG) 100 minutes
Spielberg's latest release features extra-terrestrials plus Jessica Tandy and Hume Cronyn as an elderly couple who, along with several others, face eviction from their beloved city apartment building. Unusual relationship develops between the e.t.'s and the humans. Too bland despite some humorous scenes. *Reviewed by Jeff Litnatta.*

"Broadcast News" (A) (R) 135 minutes
Entertaining and well-done, albeit contrived, story of life in the news work news fast lane. Holly Hunter, Albert Brooks and William Hurt revel in all the glitz and sham of contemporary newscasting. It makes you wonder about film at eleven.

"Cinderella" (A+) (G) 74 minutes
All you mean stepmothers and jealous stepsisters watch out! Cinderella's Fairy Godmother is back in town with all of Disney's original crowd in this 1950 classic.

"Dark Eyes" (A) 115 minutes

Marcello Mastroianni is a masterful turn of the century romantic ne'er-do-well. Rich, sensuous cinematography compliments superb rendition of screen play based on Anton Chekov's stories.

"Dirty Dancing" (B) (PG-13) 105 minutes
Well-done and entertaining show-biz cliché Rich, idealistic young girl (Jennifer Grey) falls in love with working-class dance instructor (Patrick Swayze). Music, dance and dialogue are good, but plot has more trite twists than Chubby Checker in the Peppermint Lounge.

"Eddie Murphy Raw" (*) (R) 100 minutes
Eddie Murphy in footage taken from live concerts.

"Empire of the Sun" (A) (PG) 150 minutes
Poignant, riveting Spielberg story of interned English boy separated from parents during World War II Japanese invasion of China. Brilliant photography, ethereal sound and excellent acting add up to a winner.

"Fatal Attraction" (A) (R) 110 minutes
Michael Douglas, family man, and his one-night stand, which turns into a nightmare at the hands of a psychotic woman (Glenn Close) in this suspenseful thriller. Riveting performances and a strong story build to an explosive, nerve-shattering conclusion. *Reviewed by Kathy Guyor.*

"Flowers in the Attic" (D+) (PG-13) 95 minutes
When Dad dies, nasty mother (Victoria Tennant) imprisons children in attic of grandpa's mansion. Louise Fletcher is stiff and stilted as the repressed and repressive grandma. The rest of the cast needs acting lessons except for the two little kids.

high-rolling lobbyist summoned for jury duty.

"Teen Wolf Too" (D-) (PG) 90 minutes
Jason Bateman is Michael J. Fox's cousin in more of the same "Wolfmania." Makes the first one look like a classic. *Reviewed by Brian Nichols.*

"Three Men and a Cradle" (B+) (PG) 100 minutes
One pretty baby, three handsome men many comical situations and a good story equal a very funny movie. Selleck, Danson and Guttenberg are terrific as three single men learning to care for and love a baby left on their doorstep. *Reviewed by Kathy Guyor.*

"Throw Momma From the Train" (B+) (PG-13) 90 minutes
Clever comedy has Danny Devito and Billy Crystal trading murders, a bossy mother and a nasty ex-wife are the targets. Will the killers accomplish their evil deeds? Story keeps you guessing and laughing until the end. Devito and Crystal are terrific together.

"Wall Street" (D) (R) 125 minutes
Sophisticated mediocrity with high cholesterol cast in bland exposure of Wall Street shenanigans. Michael Douglas, Martin and Charlie Sheen, Terrence Stamp, Hal Holbrook, Sean Young, Sylvia Miles and Daryl Hannah perform slightly better than Oliver Stone's screenplay and direction, which has all the appeal of dead marshmallows.

"Weeds" (A) (R) 115 minutes
Nick Nolte is superb as prisoner who rehabilitates himself — first by reading and then by writing a play about prison life. Performances attract attention of critic (Rita Taggart) who campaigns for Nolte's release. It's all very well done but Nolte's acting is the best.

"Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night" (C) (G) 90 minutes
Original story embellished and animation computer-enhanced but end result is flat. Some images are dull and moral has been complicated far beyond childhood comprehension. *Reviewed by Jeff Litnatta.*

"Planes, Trains and Automobiles" (A) (R) 90 minutes
Strangely enough adversity, pain, suffering and misfortune can be funny — when they happen to someone else. This time it's Steve Martin and John Candy misadventuring from New York to Chicago during holiday rush. Martin's tantrums and lovable, bumbling Candy make it a pleasant outing.

"The Princess Bride" (A-) (PG) 98 minutes
Rob Reiner's delightful fantasy, based on William Goldman's novel, involves miracles, villains, the swamp-fire-forest and the pit of despair in a land long ago and far away. True love conquers all. *Reviewed by Jeff Litnatta.*

"The Running Man" (B) (R) 105 minutes
Futuristic action set in police state in 2017. Arnold Schwarzenegger is game show contestant fighting for his life. Good guys win, bad guys lose. Lots of action, violence and droll groaners delivered as only Schwarzenegger can. *Reviewed by Kathy Guyor.*

"Suspect" (A) (R) 120 minutes
Top thriller of the year. Cher excellent as public defender assigned violent, indigent, deaf-mute (Liam Neeson) accused of murder. Nicely set with Washington, D.C. providing backdrop for twin struggles: power in government and survival in the streets. Dennis Quaid is engaging as

the movies

Dan Greenberg

Professor Dan grades the movies

A+	Top marks - sure to please
A	Close behind - excellent
A-	Still in the running for top honor
B+	Pretty good stuff but not perfect
B	Good
B-	Good but notable deficiencies
C+	Just a cut above average
C	Mediocre
C-	Not so hot and slipping fast
D+	The very best of the poor stuff
D	Poor
D-	It doesn't get much worse
F	Truly awful
Z	Reserved for the colossally bad
No advanced screening	

Visitors looking for winter sport will find it on the slopes

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kids learned to ski by jumping off snowy rooftops at the turn of the century. That club evolved into the National Ski Association, now the United States Ski Association.

The good news is that the U.P. can guarantee you 200 inches of snow a year and good skiing at places like Big Powderhorn or Blackjack in Bessemer, Indianhead in Wakefield or Pine Mountain in Iron Mountain. The bad news is that it takes a day or two to get there.

The first real ski resort in the Midwest was Caberfae at Cadillac (616-862-3301), still very popular after 50 years. It is an excellent place for individuals and families to learn and far enough north to have snow!

The most popular ski resorts in the state are in the northern half of the "mittens", especially northwest around the Traverse City-Harbor Springs area.

Not all the winter fun is on the slopes. There are still lots of after-dinner activities at places like Boyne Mountain (517-234-7411) (616-847-2441), Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs (616-526-2171), Schuss Mountain in Manalocan (616-533-8621) or "next door" at Shanty Creek in Belaire (616-533-8621). All the resorts have mentioned will participate in the free ski day, but you may need to call more than one to find room at this late date.

For other northwest resorts call the Traverse City Area Ski Council in Bloomfield Hills (313-5050). For other participating resorts around Michigan and more information on Learn to Ski Free program, contact the Michigan Travel Bureau toll-free at 800-5432-YES.

BUT IF you really want to enjoy Michigan winter, don't stop at skiing! Plymouth has literally tons of frozen fun at the ice sculpture spectacular Jan. 7-17, when amateur and professional chefs carve hundreds of fantasy figures in ice.

Tip-Up-Town, Jan. 16-17 north in Houghton Lake is one of those crazy, wonderful winter festivals designed to see northerners through a long cold winter. It started as a fishing festival, but now it includes pony rides, long beard contests and snow sculptures.

In the south, you golfed on grass, but when you get wacky with winter you go to the Polar Ice Cap Tournament and hit a few balls on frozen Spring Lake Jan. 23. The two courses are the Penguin 9 and the Prostitute 18.

Also consider: Silver Creek Challenge cross-country Ski Race January in Tawas City, Peroville USA in East Tawas Feb. 5-7; North American VASA Cross-country Ski Race in Traverse City Feb. 13-14. And in the U.P. Pine Mountain Ski Jumping Classic in Iron Mountain Feb. 5-6; Cap-Ain Large Race (that's bobbed!) March 4-5 in Marquette; Suicide Bowl Ski Jumping Tournament in Ishpeming March 5-6.

You won't be able to see them all but any one should give you a taste of winter. For other closer to home activities call the Southeast Michigan Travel and Tourist Assn. 585-8220. For snow conditions, call toll-free 800-292-5404.

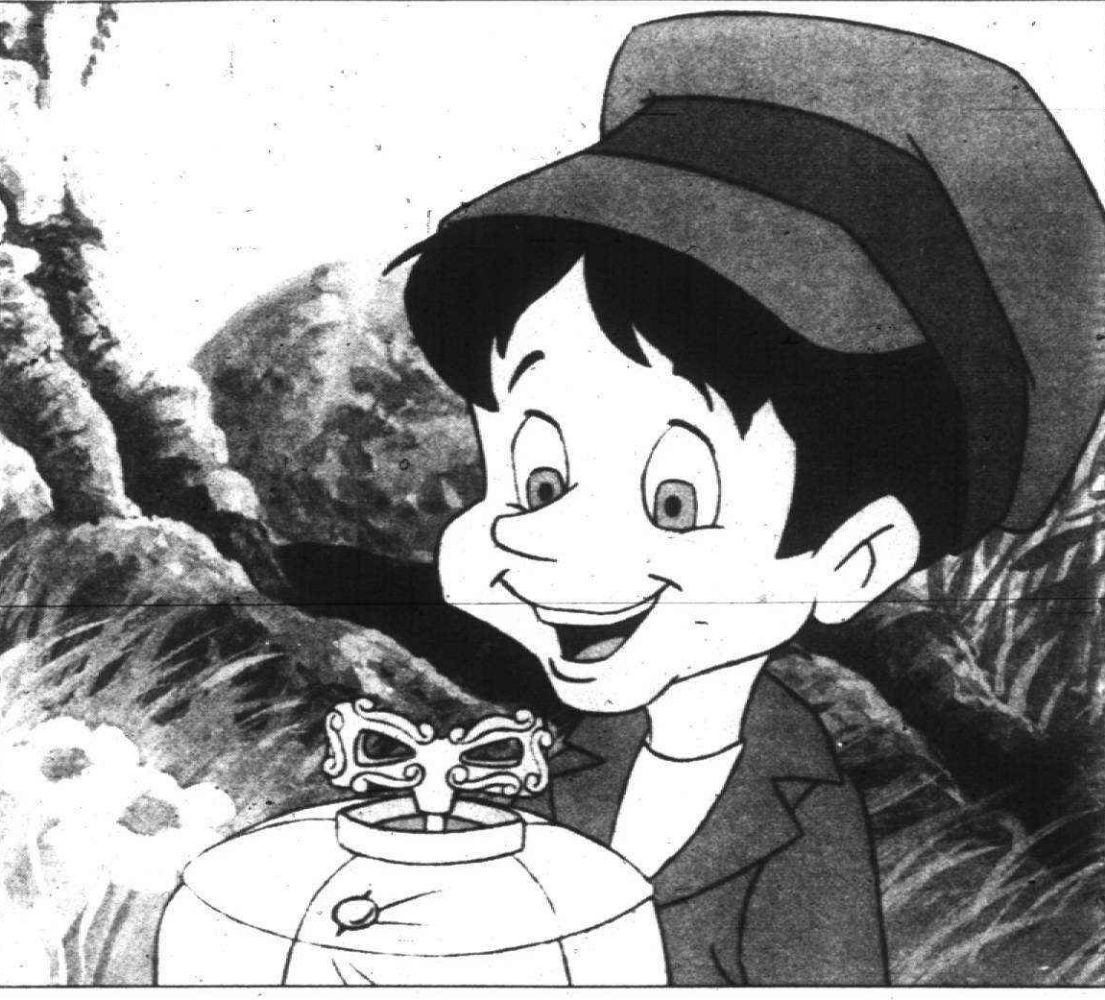
Once you've seen a Michigan winter, y'all will come back often.

"House of Games" (C+) (R) 100 minutes
Modern mystery teams up with sedate female psychologist with clever con man. Slow-paced, low-energy story is saved by an unusual plot twist that gives it an unexpected ending. *(Kathy Guyor)*

"Leonard Part VI" (*) (PG) 90 minutes
Superspy Bill Cosby is lured out of retirement to save the world.

"Nuts" (A+) (R) 120 minutes
Barbra Streisand is superb as expensive call girl charged with killing an abusive client. Streisand's acting is the icing, but the cake includes top performance by Richard Dreyfuss, Maureen Stapleton, James Whitmore, Karl Malden, Eli Wallach, Robert Webber and Leslie Nielsen.

"Overboard" (B-) (PG) 110 minutes
Marginally clever story with some good comedy is marred by overly rapid transition of super-snotty-rich lady (Goldie Hawn) to sensitive, caring mother of four boys living in shabby surroundings. Her daddy (Kurt Russell) is unbelievably thoughtful for such a crude lout — and not at all convincing.



Pinocchio, devoid of political ambition, on his way to the mayor's house to deliver a musical jewel box.

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Farmington Hills, MI 48018
473-9570
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c/o Oakland County Parks & Recreation
2601 Sashabaw Road
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825-0877
- MAYBURY STATE PARK**
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303 West Main Street
Northville, MI 48016
348-0203
- WARREN VALLEY GOLF COURSE**
c/o Wayne County Parks & Recreation
33175 Ann Arbor Trail
Westland, MI 48185
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STREET BEATS



Hippodrome is Kyle Richards (left) of Livonia, Doyle Dean of Dearborn and Chris Richards of Livonia.

Hippodrome rocks around the obstacles

By Larry O'Connor staff writer

It's only a few minutes to show time and Hippodrome's lead singer and guitarist Chris Richards looks a tad worried.

He should be really worried.

Without benefit of a sound check, his three-member band is about to take the stage in a place that looks big enough to be a garage for 747s. And it's very empty.

But the show, as the backneyed expression reiterates, must go on. Richards must go on this night with his "conservative persona," complete with horn-rimmed glasses and doekies.

By day, he's a tour guide at Greenfield Village and didn't even have time to change for the show.

AT THIS stage it's generally figured what else could go wrong? In a nutshell. Everything.

After a few songs, Richards stops the show. Squinting into the bright lights, he asks no one in particular, "Could I get some water? I'm dying up here."

Once watered, Richards and his bandmates continue to burn through the 45-minute set. Things are looking good.

Then, close to touchdown, disaster strikes. Richards

turns to the sparse crowd with a horrified look.

"Does anybody have a guitar chord?" he asked. "I'm not kidding I just destroyed mine."

At this point, any other group of musicians would have left the stage, pawned their equipment and joined a monastery in Tibet. But not Hippodrome.

RICHARDS JUST tells the smattering of people to take a bathroom break while he tries to find another chord. A band, which follows Hippodrome, lends him one.

To say nothing ruffles these fellows is akin to saying the wind in Siberia is nippy in January. Actually, despite all the problems, the show comes off quite well.

"We could go out there and play in our underwear," Richards said, "and it wouldn't faze us. In fact we will someday."

For now, Hippodrome is content to play with its clothes on — even if Richards looks like a National Review cover boy. The band has been together a little over four months.

IN THAT span, the band has developed a chemistry. Richards is joined by his brother, Kyle, on bass and Doyle Dean, whose previous musical experience was

with a hard-core punk band.

Together, they produce a sound that is upbeat and enjoyable. The adept guitar work of Chris Richards who hops around the stage like a wayward kangaroo, adds to the fun mood.

He's backed up with Kyle's steady bass and Dean's machine gun drumming. Lyrically, they get to the point.

"A lot of people listen to us and label us as an R.E.M.," Richards said. "I violently deny that. I don't even like R.E.M."

"There's a big craze about writing stupid lyrics. Ours are about situations in life."

SOME SITUATIONS in life are unusual. Like for instance, how Hippodrome came across its drummer.

Richards had placed ads in several music trade publications in the area in search of one for his new band.

He was going to post the job on a bulletin board at a Dearborn record store but was minus a pen.

When he asked the guy at the counter if he could borrow one, the guy at the counter wanted to know why, Richards told him.

He was talking to Dean.

Personally, Dean had little trouble fitting in. Musical, though, was a different matter.

"It was kind of hard at first," said Dean, who played with a punk group, Sanitary Reasons. "In hard-core, it's very simple drum beats. All I was doing basically was yelling and screaming."

Now Dean has to be ready play anything. Hippodrome claims to deliver any cover song in 30 seconds or less.

"WE'VE DONE the worst cover version of Comfortably Numb ever attempted," said Richards proudly. "And we still haven't recovered from that."

Hippodrome has recovered enough to record some new material at Dave Feeny's Tempmill Studio in Livonia. Plans include releasing a single, "Cheddar Cheese," on cassette in January.

Already Richards is thinking of a marketing ploy.

"We're going to sell the tapes at cost," he said. "If it costs \$1.50 to make each one, we're going to sell it for \$1.50. We want to make it very unrefusable."

"Everybody's going to want it. It will only cost a couple of bucks. If it's a bad tape, they can just tape over it."

Hippodrome will perform with Shouting Club and Orange Roughies Friday, Jan. 8, at the Hamtramck Pub, 2048 Caniff, off I-75. For more information call 363-9760.

IN CONCERT

- ORANGE ROUGHIES**
The Orange Roughies, with special guests Shouting Club and Hippodrome, will perform Friday, Jan. 8, at the Hamtramck Pub, 2048 Caniff, off I-75. For more information, call 363-9760.
- BEAU COUP**
Beau Coup will perform Friday, Jan. 8, at Harpos, 14238 Harper, Detroit. For more information, call 823-6400.
- MAP OF THE WORLD**
Map of the World will perform Friday, Jan. 8, at Lili's 21, 2930 Jacob, near Holbrook, Hamtramck. For more information, call 875-6555.
- MARIO & BOY SMILING**
Mario & Boy Smiling will perform Saturday, Jan. 9, at Sully's, 4758 Greenfield, between Michigan Ave-

- DOC WATSON**
Legendary blues artist Doc Watson will perform Saturday, Jan. 16, at Alvin's, 5756 Cass, near Palmer, Detroit. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance and \$15 at the door. Show times are 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. For more information, call 832-2355.
- ECHO & BUNNYMEN**
Echo & the Bunymen will perform Friday, Jan. 29, at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$16.50 and \$15 and available at TicketMaster Outlets. To charge tickets by phone call 423-6666.
- RITA MOSOUKA**
Rita Mosouka will perform Friday, Jan. 15, at St. Andrew's Hall, Congress and Beaubien, Detroit.

- ROY BUCHANAN**
Blues artist Roy Buchanan will perform Wednesday, Jan. 13, at Harpos, 14238 Harper, Detroit. For more information, call 823-6400.
- WHITESNAKE**
Whitesnake will perform Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Tickets are \$17.50 and available at TicketMaster Outlets. To charge tickets by phone, call 423-6666.
- STING**
Sting will perform Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19-20, at the Masonic Temple Theater in Detroit. Tickets are available at all TicketMaster Outlets. To charge tickets by phone, call 423-6666.

- SONIC LOCAL**
- Here are the albums (no particular order) which receive considerable air play on "Sonic Rendezvous," which is hosted by Steve Koston 8-10 p.m. Sundays and 5-6 p.m. Tuesdays.
- 1. "The Joshua Tree," U2.
- 2. "Document," R.E.M.
- 3. "Never Let Me Down," David Bowie.
- 4. "Loud Than Bombs," The Smiths.
- 5. "Blah Blah," Iggy Pop.
- 6. "Earth, Sun and the Moon," Love and Rockets.
- 7. "Skylarking," XTC.
- 8. "Georgia Satellites," Georgia Satellites.
- 9. "Crowded House," Crowded House.
- 10. "Bucky Fellini," Dead Milkmen.
- Here are the songs (no particular order) by area bands receiving air play on "Detroit Music Scene," which can be heard on WDR-FM 90.9 from 4-5 p.m. Sundays and 5-6 p.m. Tuesdays.
- 1. "Psychodrama," Funhouse.
- 2. "I'm Saving Myself For Angela Cartwright," Scott Campbell.
- 3. "Hold On," Beer on the Penguin.
- 4. "Such As I Am," Before or After.
- 5. "I'll Remember You," See Dick Run.
- 6. "Buy Me a Pony," Little Monsters.
- 7. "Kicks For Sorrow," Hypnotics.
- 8. "I Can't Believe It," Hippodrome.
- 9. "Here It Comes," Anton James.
- 10. "Chance With You," Jugglers & Thieves.

HIGH VOLTAGE

—Maynard Ferguson

This latest venture is something new for Maynard Ferguson.

But new challenges are something Ferguson seems handle as well as he does the trumpet. "High Voltage" is the first album from Ferguson with his new, electronic fusion band named, what else, High Voltage.

The seven-piece band is complete with saxophone, percussion, drums, guitar, keyboards and bass to go along with Ferguson's trumpet. And the cast of instruments blend in well.

"For jazz aficionados and non-aficionados alike, 'High Voltage' is pure pleasure to the musical ear.

Yes, there are some awkward moments. In one cut, "Sunday Morning," one can sense Ferguson's trumpet trying to out-muscle the other instruments. "Snap" is one of two vocal numbers on "High Voltage." It falters only because the be-bop overtones do not mesh well with the music.

Minor quibbles, really.

Ferguson displays his virtuoso trumpet ability right from the opening number, "Jack Usage." Along with his trumpet is some fine instrumentation from other departments as well.

Especially noted is the thundering bass work of Ray Brinker throughout the album. We hear a soaring guitar on "High Voltage," the funky-sounding title track off the album. Trumpet and flute almost seem to play cat-and-mouse in "Marketplace."

When it comes to slow, romantic numbers, Ferguson's trumpet really weaves a fanciful tune. "Stardust" is such a number, a dream-like, relaxing candle-lit piece.

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PLEASED TO MEET ME

—The Replacements

Critics seemed to be hitting heads in order to praise of the latest offering from the Minneapolis band.

And, no, it's not because The Replacements happen to be from Prince's hometown. One thing they do have in common with the Purple Rain maker himself, though, besides place of origin, is that The Replacements have mastered their art quite well.

Indeed, as R.E.M. becomes more popular in commercial avenues, The Replacements seem destined to take over the throne as the best underground band around. "Pleased To Meet Me" gives solid reason to believe The Replacements won't be underground for long, either.

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DETROIT—DEAD OR ALIVE?

—various artists

Want to know what is happening in our own back yard musically? Is there another Bob Seger, Mitch Ryder or Iggy Pop in our midst?

Well, geez, don't expect local radio to tell us.

Some of the rock stations in this area seem to be content to live in the dark ages. The only thing to be heard in that airwave desert of classic rock is 1970s antiquies like Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven" and Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Alabama."

To pay homage to such rock legends is all fine and dandy. But to do it for 24 hours a day?

Really, one day our children will ask us what kind of music was there in the 1980s. And we won't know because we were too busy listening to the dinosaurs of the 1960s and 1970s.

Anyhow, if you want a sampling of some Detroit rock 'n' roll, this cassette tape on Nebula, which is available at Sam's Jams and Harmony House outlets, offers some good nuggets.

Featured on the live compilation tape is Beer on the Penguin, Scott Campbell, Fly Away Hair, Funhouse, The Hypnotics and the Mindreaders. Recorded live at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit, this tape captures the energy of the event without being too distorted with feedback like some live recordings tend to be.

Also, one of the attractive features of compilation albums is that there's a wide variety of music to be heard. And such is the case here.

Especially noted on "Detroit—Dead or Alive?" is the guitar buzz of "Waiting For You" by Beer on the Penguin and the rather humorous "I'm Saving Myself For Angela Cartwright" by Scott Campbell. Also, The Hypnotics (obviously living up to their name) do a haunting version of "Psychodrama."

Campbell, incidentally, coordinated the project as a fund-raiser for WDR-FM. The educational radio station in Detroit has a bourgeois show which, oops, is actually devoted to local music.

The show, which is hosted by Campbell, can be heard 4-5 p.m. Sundays and 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. But if you want more than an hour-a-week dose of local rock, "Detroit—Dead or Alive?" is a good bet.

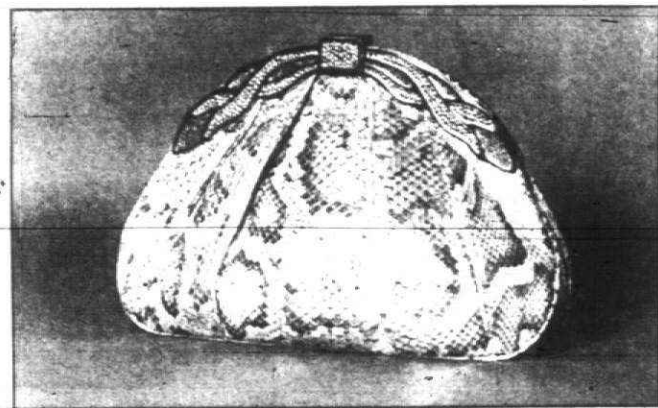
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DETROIT—DEAD OR ALIVE?

BEER ON THE PENGUIN
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STREET SEEN

Street Seen reporter Charlene Mitchell is always looking for the unusual and the unique. She welcomes comments and suggestions from readers. Write her in care of this newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or call 591-2300, Ext. 313.

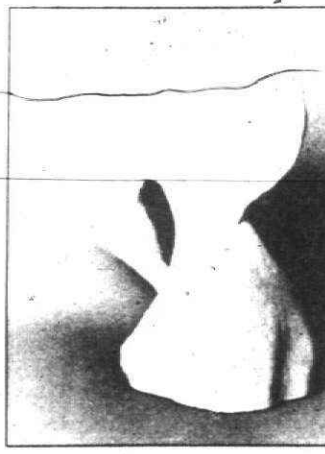


Clasping elegance

Exquisite silver and white leather clutch with jeweled accents and clasp. By Finesse, fancy enough to be carried with the dressiest of ball gowns yet subtle enough for an accessory with an evening cocktail or dinner suit. This one is python skin with metallic enamel and rhinestones. \$700. One of more than 100 new pieces on display at Quintessence at LaMirage, Southfield.

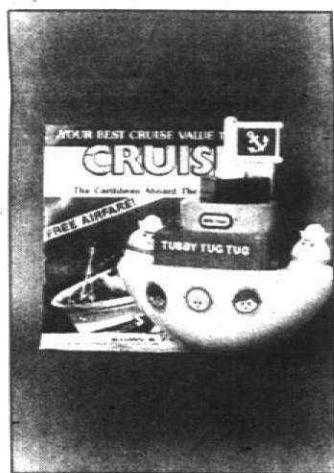
Lovin' every minute

All the world loves a lover. This gray stone sculpture will look great on a pedestal or simply displayed on an end table. Artist David Fisher of Austin Products is gifted at creating the kind of art that fits perfectly into nearly any decor. About 20 inches high. This is one of several pieces available. From \$60 to \$100. Charles Furniture Warehouse, Royal Oak.



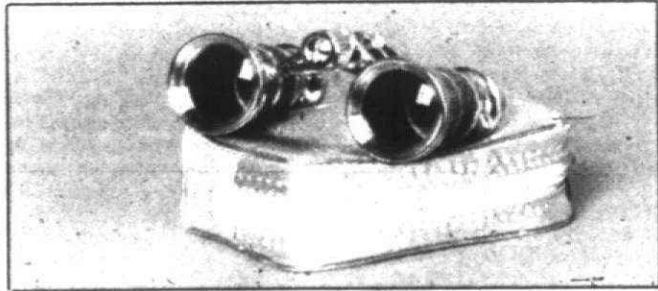
Tubby Tug's Bon Voyage

Tubby Tug is the conveyance to use, but the real message is 'Let's take a Caribbean cruise' via a brand new cruise package starting this month with airfare included from Detroit to Florida. The cruise ship takes you on a tour of several islands, and the Tubby Tug can be clever way to present the trip. And if you can't afford the real thing, well, the plastic floating toy boat with its two Humpty Dumpty passengers can "cruise" in vessels of water closer to home. Trip information by calling 827-4050, Hamilton, Miller, Hudson and Payne Travel, Southfield. Tours start at \$795 per person. Toy ship, \$8.95, Kid-dieland stores.



Fido fact-finding

How many times has the family pooch strayed from home without an ID tag? This monogrammed collar is great because, unlike the plastic tags that often work free without the owner's knowledge, the pet's name is permanently sewn into the fabric along with a telephone number. Priced according to size of pet. All colors. Starting at \$15. Marmel Gifts, Farmington Gifts.



Classy outlook

Finally, a stunning small pair of binoculars suitable for the most prestigious events. If the tickets you purchased for the ballet or symphony just don't allow you to see the stage as close up as you'd hoped, these super magnifying binoculars will bring the action in close in a soft, brown snake skin. The binocs come with a gold slipcase, lens caps. Small enough to stick inside your purse. \$79.95. Marmel Gifts, Farmington Gifts.

STREET WISE

Designer does Detroit

Nolan Miller, the famed fashion designer of the television series "Dynasty," will appear in Detroit Thursday, Jan. 14, in a benefit for the Fashion Group of Detroit.

Miller will preview some special pieces in his new line at a cocktail reception and an informal fashion show 6-9 p.m. at the Top of the Pontiac in the Hotel Pontchartrain.

On Friday, Jan. 15, Miller will appear as a guest of the Ford Motor Division at the black-tie preview opening of the Detroit Auto Show at Cobo Hall. Ford models will be featuring Miller's latest styles from his own collection.

Mira Linder of Mira Linder Spa in the City is general chairwoman for the Fashion Group benefit. Sheila Sloan and Rosemary Bannon are co-chairwomen, assisted by a committee of 60 Fashion Group supporters.

(Tickets at \$25 a person are available by calling Mira Linder at 356-5728 or the Powers Model & Talent Agency at 569-2246. Proceeds will support the Fashion Group's scholarship fund.)

Theater sweet treat

The Farmington Community Center's Family Dessert Theater returns at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, with the presentation "Gotta Dance! Gotta Sing!"

Created by the Goodtime Players, "Gotta Dance! Gotta Sing!" expresses the way we feel about music and is filled with harmonies, jazzy tunes and tap dancing. Theatergoers will enjoy Gershwin's "Fascinatin' Rhythm," Jerome Kern's "I Won't Dance," Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Do Re Mi," two numbers from "A Chorus Line," and selections by Carole King, Neil Diamond and others.

As with all Family Dessert Theater presentations, sweet treats will be served after the performance, making for a truly tasteful evening.

The community center, at 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, has future engagements ranging from "The Not So Grimm Brothers" and "Their Sister" on Feb. 11 to "The Firebird" on March 17.

(Tickets are available at the center for \$4 a person/\$12 a family. For more information, call the center at 477-8404.)

Discover antiques

Lawrence DuMouchelle, owner and president of DuMouchelle's Art/Auction Gallery, will present "Discovering Antiques," an informative talk about the world of antiques at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Farmington Community Center.

DuMouchelle is a speaker at area arts and antiques clubs in addition to his job running the gallery, which has been a Detroit institution since 1927. A former member of the board of trustees at the Detroit Institute of Arts, DuMouchelle is a member of both the American and International Society of Appraisers.

He and his wife, Mary Jo, live in Grosse Pointe.

(The Farmington Community Center is a non-profit organization on Farmington Road, north of Ten Mile. For more information, call the center at 477-8404.)

Demon drummers debut

Picture a group of Japanese men, clothed only in G-strings and headbands, pounding the living daylight out of drums weighing up to 1,000 pounds. (And you probably thought Sumo wrestling was kind of weird.)

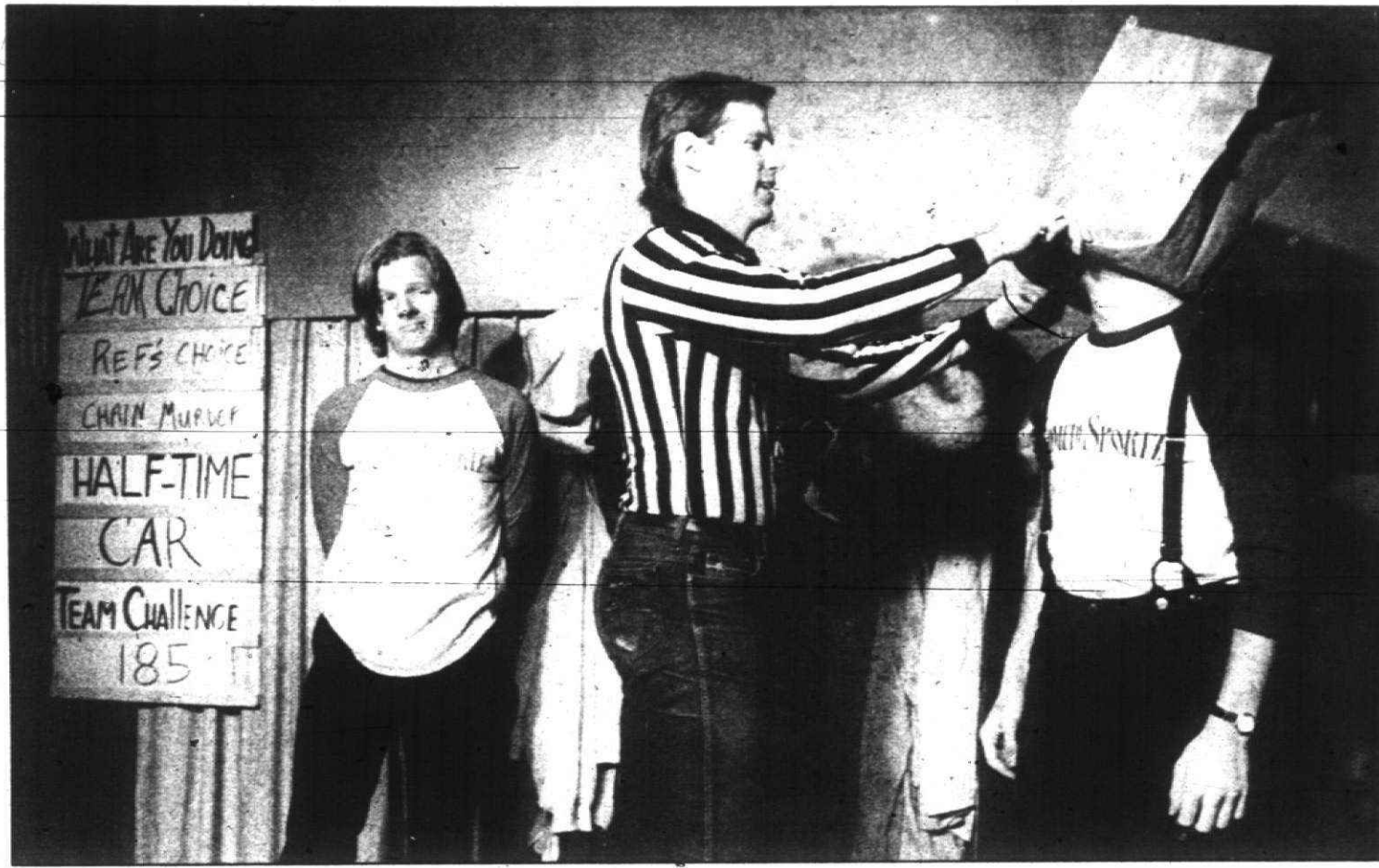
Kodo, the Demon Drummers from the Japanese island of Sa-shi, is sweeping the Western world with its unique brand of entertainment. Beating taiko, the primal, traditional Japanese drum, they fight their drums until the gods and goddesses inside are released. This is something that requires a great deal of effort and concentration.

A giant o-daiko, which weighs close to 1,000 pounds, is played with sticks the size of small logs.

The typical Japanese ceremony and formality that opens the performance soon gives way to a wildness tempered only by the players' extreme control. It takes a lot of energy to release the gods from the drums, where they live, according to legend.

(Kodo will perform Jan. 16 at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets are from \$8 to \$16. Performance is at 8 p.m.)

Tim Harrold (left), Bill Barr and Mike Van Dyke participate in a comedy skit at Ann Arbor Heidelberg's "Comedy Sportz." in "Comedy Sportz," a comedian can get the brown-bag treatment for committing a foul during his/her act. Here Van Dyke is receiving his punishment from Barr, who is the referee.



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

Spots to get your yuk yuks

If you love to laugh but don't know where to go to get a belly full, take a look at the following list of the area's abundance of clubs. Then get up and take off.

Comedy club performers are generally a mixed bag of the great and the grating, so — before sticking your hand in — telephone call ahead of time might be a good idea. That's if you want to know if getting off the living room couch is worth it.

Headliners and others completing bills at most of the clubs change nearly every week.

• Alexander the Great, 34733 Warren, Westland; mostly stand-up comics, 326-5410.

• Bea's Comedy Kitchen, 541 E. Larned, mostly stand-up comics, 961-2581.

• Chaplin's, 34244 Groesbeck Road in Fraser; mostly stand-up comics, 792-1902.

• Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 2593 Woodward, north of 11 Mile, stand-up comics, open mike Monday nights, 542-9900.

• Comedy Sportz at the Heidelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor; improvisational games, 959-8888.

• Duffy's, 8635 Cooley Lake Road, Union Lake, mostly stand-up comics, 363-9469.

• Historic Holly Hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly; mostly stand-up comics, open mike starting this month, 634-5208.

• Komeddy Korner, Riverside at Quetele, Windsor, 1-519-252-6848.

• Long Branch Comedy Club, 595 N. Lapeer, Oxford; stand-up comics, open-mike competition starting this month, 628-8500.

• Mainstreet Comedy Showcase, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor; stand-up comics, 996-9080.

• Mr. Mike's, 35323 Ford, Westland; Ken Massey and Chris Elder perform jokes and musical comedy songs on weekends, 722-8882.

These places are good for laughs

By Tim Smith staff writer

"Hey waiter, bring me some turtle soup — and make it snappy."

Heartfelt agony and despair usually overcome shellshocked comedy club audiences when such an obviously bad pun is delivered by aspiring Jay Leno-types.

But at Ann Arbor's Heidelberg, home of the improvisational "Comedy Sportz," turtle soup cracks are treated a bit differently.

Oh sure, crowds there persist in the usual good-natured jeering. But wait, there's more. Comics, known there as "Acetles," are penalized for bad humor by referees of all things.

According to Comedy Sportz manager Bill Barr, the show's "groaner" penalty is the most-called "foul" at the totally off-the-cuff program. The show patterns comedy after sporting events, complete with national anthem renditions.

"The offending player comes up to the edge of the stage and apologizes for insulting the crowd," Barr said, adding that there are other calls for obscene humor and comic indecisiveness, or "waffling."

If obscenity does creep in, brown paper bags are unfurled, Barr said.

"AND THAT APPLIES to the crowd as well," he added. "If someone yells out anything that's brown

bag material, they get the same penalty."

Comedy Sportz is a strange-but-wonderful twist in the local world of joke palaces. But those seeking out a good, hearty laugh have many other choices to consider.

At Mr. Mike's in Westland, the team of Ken Massey and Chris Elder serve up musical comedy, with generous doses of lyrical parody.

Stand-up comics also yuk it up at such places as Chaplin's in Fraser, Long Branch Comedy Club in Oxford and the Historic Holly Hotel, among others.

But perhaps the best known comedy club in the area is Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, on Woodward-1 1/4 Mile in Berkeley's Northwood Inn. One never knows what to expect there.

On Monday night open mike sessions, anybody who thinks they're funny have 10 minutes to prove it. Many times the gags are good. Other times people gag on the goods.

"IT'S POT LUCK," Ridley said of the sessions where locals sign up, then are picked at random to provide rib-tickling punch lines. "I talked to customers one night, and out of 16 only two or three enjoyed it."

"But on other nights, they liked every act. They either laugh out of sympathy, or because they're really funny," said Ridley, with a small chuckle.

To add spice on open mike nights, Ridley said a few working comedians are tossed in with the novices to set an example about "how it works up there."

During the rest of the week though, particularly weekends, such plays are seldom if ever needed. That's because Ridley's club has quite a track record.

Many prominent national comics and performers have shown up at Comedy Castle, Ridley said. He listed Leno, Gallagher and Dave Coulier, star of ABC's situation comedy, "Full House."

Some eventually wind up on Showtime's Comedy Club Network, a program that regularly airs between movies on the cable channel.

OTHERS, LIKE current headliner Bill Maher, crack up people like Johnny Carson on "The Tonight Show."

"Johnny Carson said it was the single longest laugh they ever got for a comedian on the show," Ridley noted. "They had to stop the act because the people couldn't stop laughing."

"It's quite a compliment when you bring the house down on the Tonight Show."

Ridley's Comedy Castle isn't the only place trying the open mike format some nights. Both Chaplin's and Long Branch Comedy Club are rejuvenating amateur nights this month.

Supper club serves up jazzy tunes

Clarence Baker leans forward in his seat along the sidelines in his Pontiac supper club, Uptown Baker's. "There's not a bad seat in the house," he says matter of factly.

Within the soft gray post-modern interior of the building, Baker continues to run the sort of business that made him something akin to a metro area institution.

His club on Detroit's west side, the venerable Baker's Keyboard Lounge,

was inherited from his father. Even though the 53-year-old club has been sold at least twice, it always comes back to Baker's stewardship.

Baker, tired from a bout with the winter cold, again is toying with the idea of maybe selling the old place again. Remaining vague, he says he might be tempted into selling if the right person with the right idea showed up.

He's been commuting between his

Southfield home, the Detroit place and the Pontiac supper club since the new business opened its doors in July. The new club draws an Oakland County patronage, especially from the Birmingham-West Bloomfield area.

"I'm not happy unless it's just right," he said. "I'm just one of those guys that has to do it that way. I spend 2 1/2 hours each day in my car

going between the two places."

That attitude permeated the project that reclaimed a 1865 building in the heart of Pontiac. "I don't know why I'm here," Baker said. "I have the other place, Jim Fitzpatrick of the Pike Street Company and the Phoenix Development Corp. came to me with an idea and at first I had no interest in it. Then I got a little excited about it."

"I got excited about it and went to Earl Klugh and he got excited." He and Klugh, one of Detroit's best known jazzmen are partners in the Pontiac club. Klugh's touring band doubles as the house band, Collaboration with Sandra Feva on vocals.

Unlike the traditional jazz showcased at the old club, the new location features the music in its young, upstart form, fusion.

It's a project to which Baker evidently gave painstaking attention. The Birmingham design firm of Peterhanraas was hired to renovate the interior of the building which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

"They left patches of the building's original plaster to mingle with the new gray wall covering and their black accents. 'When I first saw the design I got mad,'" Baker said. "I said 'people will think we ran out of money.' We did run out of money. The bar was supposed to have been done in marble."

Baker laid out the house, insisting on elevated seating so patrons are assured of a good look at the bands. Even the bar, set like a gemstone in the middle of the room, offers good seating for performances. In the mid-afternoon stillness, the whole room remains focused on the empty stage. Dell, late autumn sunlight



LAURA CASTLE/staff photographer

Sandra Feva of Detroit is the featured female singer at Baker's Uptown. She wails funky renditions of Tina Turner and Aretha Franklin hit songs while Collaboration provides the accompanying jazz music.



patina of its wood floor. Off to the right side of the stage, carefully covered, stands the club's \$26,000 Steinway concert grand piano.

Big names require club owners to dole out big bucks. "The bigger the name, the more advertising you have to do," he said. Advertising in the major metropolitan newspapers can run \$1,200 — more for a big name.

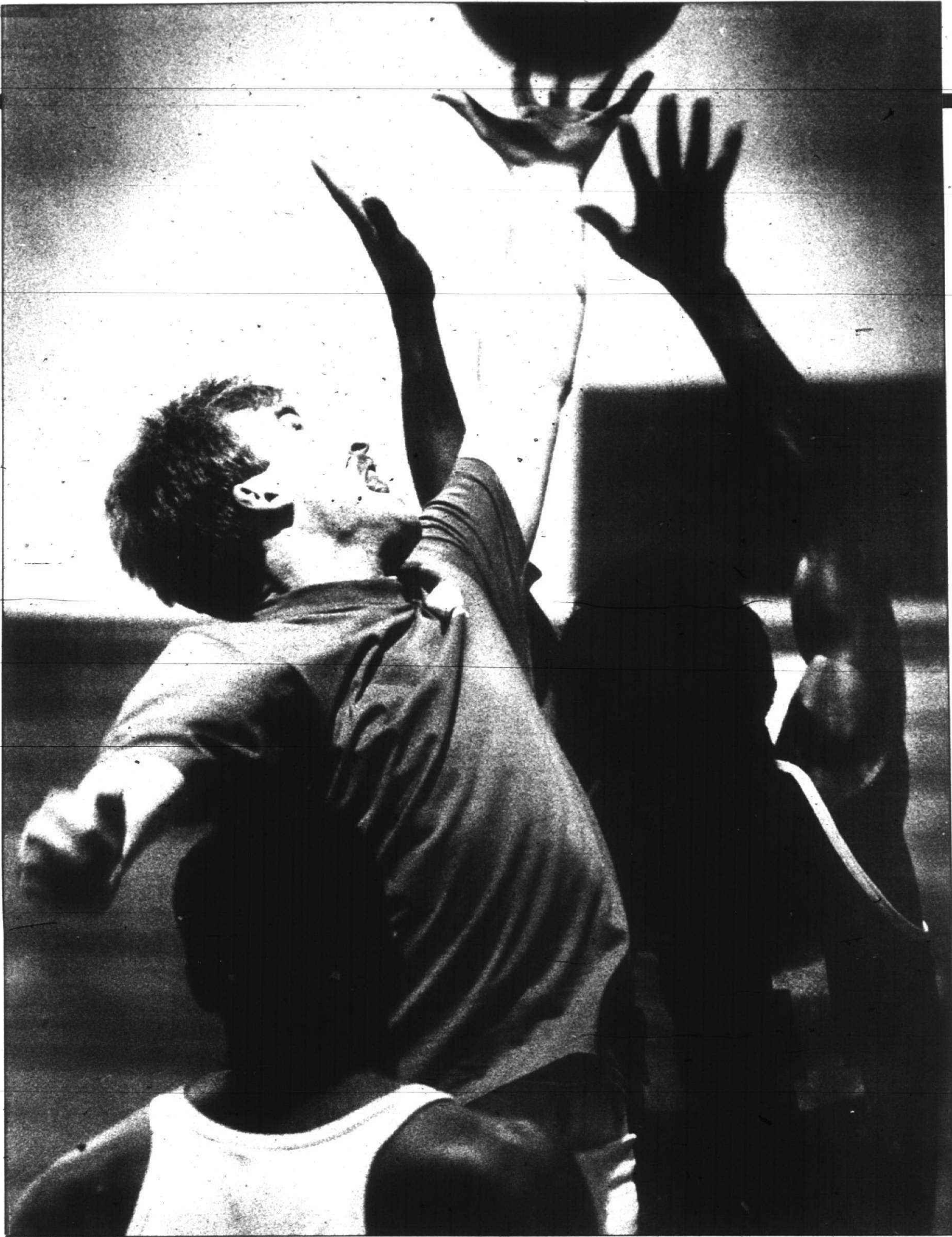
For a time Baker sent out newsletters to more than 5,000 patrons. "That cost me \$1,200 to put out. I didn't see where I was getting it back."

"The nuts and bolts of the operation requires more money than it once did. A 19-day electrical bill for Baker's Uptown recently ran over \$2,000.

If old time big names have grown too expensive, it's become just as difficult to latch on to bright new talent. "Where are they coming from? There aren't any clubs for them to go play in," Baker said.

"There's a new generation of jazz performers weaned on record contracts and accustomed to playing the big halls and renovated theaters. A more intimate atmosphere goes broke without the flash of young jazz trumpeter Wynton Marsalis.

He charges a \$4 cover on ladies' night, Thursday and a \$8 fee on weekends. "A cover charge was un-



RICK SMITH/staff photographer

Getting serious about neighborhood basketball is Dennis Janner of the Plymouth Rocks, shown stealing a rebound from the Northville Bandits.

Basketball jocks flock to winter courts

By Mary Rodrigue
staff writer

To some it's a game. To others, an obsession.

Whether they fancy themselves Bill Laimbeer (A team material) or just an average Joe participating in a male rite of winter (B team stuff), they flock to school gyms every week to ply their talents on the courts.

From Livonia to Rochester, recreational basketball leagues are revving up for a new season.

"Most of them are basketball junkies, especially the really good players," said Tom Willette, assistant director of the Plymouth Parks and Recreation department.

Willette, 30 and 6 foot 1, played on a B league team at Plymouth's Central Middle School last year and is ready to do it again. It's a division he classifies as more recreational, less cutthroat than Class A. Players are generally older and shorter, he says.

"A lot of the guys in the A league played high school basketball — quite a few even played in the smaller colleges. They might be 6 foot 7 or 6 foot 8. Unless we shoot 80 percent of the time, we can't compete."

Seven teams in each division play each other twice, with the Class A winner going to a state tournament sponsored by the Michigan Department of Parks and Recreation in

spring and the Class B winner headed to an inner-city competition.

WHILE THE MEN are mixing it up on the court, there is no women's recreational basketball league in Plymouth, or much women's basketball to be found anywhere else.

"We tried to offer a women's league four or five years ago," Willette said. "There just wasn't enough interest."

Queries to other city sports programs produced much the same response. A couple noted that women are more apt to choose volleyball as a recreational pastime.

Willette says of his teams, three are *really, really* good.

"Most of these guys play basketball in the school gym on Sundays; they work out during the week. You just can't play once a week. We use a regulation size court. You have to be in good shape to play."

In Plymouth, the season consists of a 14-game schedule.

Teams pay a \$350 fee for the season. If it sounds expensive, Willette puts it in perspective.

"Figure 10 guys on a team, that's \$35 apiece. Divide that into 14 games and it costs about \$3 a week to do something you like."

MANY TEAMS get lounges or other businesses to sponsor them. Often, city recreation departments foot an additional \$75 fee for their top

teams to participate in the state championship — though team members pay for hotels and transportation to the tournament, which is usually in Flint.

High school and college ball are usually associated with gyms ripe with spectators and cheerleaders on the sidelines. Scratch that here.

"Toward the end of the season, you do get some (spectators) — maybe girlfriends or parents," Willette said. "No cheerleaders, though." Livonia Parks and Recreation has four divisions — mens A and B with eight teams each, a boys Class D with 12 teams (18 and under) and a girls Class D — eight teams (18 and under).

"The girls league is very competitive," said Gary Gray, administrative assistant. "It's like the minor leagues. These players will be on next year's varsity teams in their schools."

The division is unique in that the teams are composed of actual school teams including Divine Child, Mercy, Ladywood, Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson and Novi. Non-Livonia teams pay higher participatory fees.

"They come in as school teams, no outsiders," Gray said. "The program is growing bigger and more competitive. It's like playing in a winter league. They're preparing for next season."

ALL LIVONIA teams start in Jan-

uary, when girls basketball season is over in the schools. Because boys basketball runs concurrently in the schools and playing in both leagues is prohibited, the city's boys league is more recreational.

Like Willette in Plymouth, Gray tried to run a women's basketball league in Livonia the past few years, to no avail.

"After college, girls don't seem to want to play basketball anymore."

David Boyer, Southfield parks and recreation director, encountered much the same situation there.

"We just never had success (with womens teams). There is a north-west league for women comprised of

players from several cities. They get together in Pontiac. Last year they had four teams, and this year they're hoping for six."

So why are men drawn to the sport?

"It's recreational. Most are ex-school players," Boyer said. "I think they just like to get out and enjoy the sport. It's something to carry over after softball season ends."

Southfield has three men's divisions playing on different week nights.

"They're really evenly balanced. There's no A, B or C ranking," Boyer said.

The city champ goes to the state

tournament and the runner up to the inter-city tournament, usually hosted by one of the participating area recreation departments.

Rochester Parks and Recreation has a Tuesday and Thursday night mens league. Those with an occasional urge to shoot a few hoops can pay \$1 on Wednesday night and participate in open gym basketball until 10 p.m. Rochester also has a youth league on Saturdays for grade-school and junior-high-age boys and girls. There's nothing for high school kids there.

Check with your community recreation department to see what's available.

Leagues are filling up fast

Unless you're already registered in a recreational basketball league, chances are slim of finding a place at this late date.

But many communities offer open gym. For a minimal charge, players get together for a pickup game of roundball on a regularly scheduled weeknight.

And a few places can still squeeze in players for regular league play.

The Livonia YMCA, on Stark Road north of the Jeffries Freeway, has openings for a second season mens league. And you don't have to be a

Livonia resident. Call Greg Ambrose at 261-2161.

Tom Willette runs the program for Plymouth/Canton. Residents of that school district should call him at 455-6620 for names and phone numbers of team coaches. That goes the same for Gary Gray, who operates the Livonia Parks and Recreation-basketball league. Call him at 261-2260 for phone numbers of coaches.

Some communities don't provide basketball through their parks and recreation department. They include Redford Township and West Bloom-

field Township.

Others, like Farmington Hills, Westland, Southfield, Rochester, Troy and Birmingham are filled for the season.

Birmingham offers an open gym program Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:30 at West Maple Middle School. Beginning Jan. 16, there will be a Saturday morning open gym at Derby Middle School. Call 642-4010 for more information.

Registration is still open for a men's over 30 basketball league which begins Thursday, Jan. 7, in Garden City. Call 261-3491.