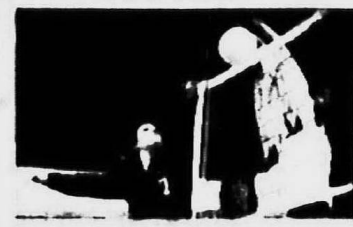


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### DRUG HELPLINE:

**Straight, Inc. of Michigan, a non-profit drug treatment program headquartered on Arbor Road near I-275 in Plymouth, is now operating a 24-hour drug helpline at 453-2610. The new service is being offered free by Straight, which treats chemically dependent persons aged 12-22 and their families.**

Matt Murphy, director, says: "We see drug abuse affecting an even younger group of people each year. The younger a person is, the quicker they can become chemically addicted. Maybe if a family friend calls early enough, they can prevent it from becoming serious or from happening at all. This 24-hour hotline is our way of trying to combat the epidemic drug problem in Michigan's young people."

Anyone concerned about a family member or friend can call the helpline to speak with a trained drug abuse counselor who can answer questions about drug use or addiction or to help with a crisis situation involving drugs. Free diagnostic assessments are available for families who suspect drug use in their children.

### CHAIRS AUTO SHOW:

For Dick Scott, serving as 1987 Detroit Auto Show chairman is the highlight of exactly 30 years in the automobile business.

"I categorize the position of auto show chairman as an honor and a privilege. That your peers would select you as auto show chairman is one of the ultimate goals of dealers but particularly in the Detroit area."

Scott, 49, owns Dick Scott Buick, Dick Scott Dodge, and Dick Scott Leasing — all on Ann Arbor Road between Mill and Main in Plymouth. He began his automotive career in 1957 as a salesman for White Oldsmobile in Detroit, then moved to Shalla Chevrolet, also in Detroit, in a sales capacity. His next move was to a management position at Randy Wood Pontiac in Mt. Clemens where he served as sales manager for seven years. In 1974 he purchased a Buick/Pontiac/GMC Truck dealership in Albion.

In 1979 Scott returned to the Detroit area with the purchase of the Buick dealership in Plymouth from Jack Selle. In 1983 he opened the Dodge dealership followed by the leasing company. He is director of the Buick Dealers' Advertising Association and serves on the board of trustees of the Livonia Heart Fund. He attended William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa, and Eastern Michigan University. Scott served with the U.S. Marine Corps.

### AGAINST HIKE:

Despite the recommendations of a federal salary commission, U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, says top government officials don't need a pay raise and has vowed to oppose such efforts.

"It doesn't stand to reason that we call for a pay hike for a select few and in the next breath talk about the need to cut spending and reduce the national deficit," he said. "While I can appreciate some of the concerns of the pay commission, I can't accept its call to raise the salary for members of Congress."

The pay commission, in a report to President Reagan, called for a top federal salary of \$136,000 a year — an almost 75 percent increase. The commission reviewed the pay of more than 8,000 top officials, including the vice president, members of Congress, cabinet members, agency directors and federal judges.

"It has been estimated that each 10 percent increase in top officials' salaries costs us about \$100 million," said Pursell. "If

## New law ushers in cable hike

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

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

Basic-only monthly rates will rise in Plymouth Township from \$8.75 to \$10.95, City of Plymouth from \$9.95 to \$11.99 and Canton Township from \$10.45 to \$11.99.

Subscribers can expect a 5 to 6

percent annual increase, according to Fredrick Collman, Omnicom general manager.

The difference in rates between Canton and Plymouth Township is expected to shrink and finally disappear, Collman said.

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

cluded remote control. Remote control will remain optional and cost \$6.

Subscribers 65 and older will be given \$1.50 monthly rate discounts.

Letters explaining the changes were mailed to Omnicom subscribers which includes 17,000 households in western Wayne County.

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

However, cable companies must fulfill contract agreements.

"Omnicom still has some commitments in terms of programming, service extensions and local programming," said Canton Cable TV Committee Chairman Stephen Larson.

"Those things the federal government didn't take away. Although now it's more difficult for us to enforce. Before one leverage was pricing and a second leverage was we could take away their contract after

15 years. Now we can't do those things."

Larson said deregulation will give operators "a lot more profit than in the past," and he predicts this will also increase services.

**PAST CONSTRAINTS** on the basic rates forced Omnicom to raise rates for other options, like premium services, Collman said.

"Local governing bodies have been between a rock and a hard place. We're deserving of the rate increases and local authorities have had to charge their constituents."

Collman said he hasn't received calls from subscribers complaining about the increase. However there has been a large response for the senior discounts.

"The fact of the matter is that we feel our future should be in our own hands. We're glad we're not going to be thrown in with utilities because we're not a utility."



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

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

## Alcohol alert

### Restauranteurs ready for New Year's revelers

By Susan Buck  
staff writer

Local restaurants and nightclubs plan to pull the rug out from patrons who drink too heavily on New Year's Eve — just as they do any other day of the year.

Most of the Plymouth and Canton Township establishments informally surveyed say they take a hard line when dealing with patrons who become intoxicated or who are headed down that path.

"We will not serve anyone who is above, over or getting there (intoxicated)," said Anant Patel, manager of Lucille's on Michigan Avenue in Canton Township. "We will have three floor men who will keep an eye on them and no one will walk out intoxicated. We serve a 35 and older crowd."

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

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

the tipsy, according to manager Anthony Gatto.

The restaurant plans to serve dinners until 1 a.m. but plans no New Year's Eve party.

"If we notice someone is drinking too much, we will try to cut them off or slow down service as soon as possible. We're telling all the waitresses to keep track of how many drinks they drink per hour. If someone drinks two double whiskeys in 20 minutes, it's a good

indication they will try to get drunk."

The Hillside Inn on Plymouth Road in Plymouth will be serving dinners until midnight, but no party or entertainment is planned.

"Many of our patrons have a glass or two of wine and then go on to a house party," said owner Sam Messina. The restaurant plans to serve 1,000 people throughout the day, he said.

At Mr. Steak at Ford and Sheldon in Canton Township, the management will ensure that cabs or friends will be called to escort those who imbibe too much, said Norma Patton, the day cashier.

**POLICE IN** Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township plan to stringently enforce drunk driving laws and promise that drunk drivers will be arrested.

"We're doing routine work and changing shifts as the need arises," said Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry.

Canton Police Lt. Alex Wilson reminds motorists that Canton officers will be alert and watchful. He reviewed the penalties for drunk driving. The first offense is a misdemeanor up to 90 days in jail with fines from \$50 to \$100 plus court costs or both.

The second offense is a misdemeanor with imprisonment of not more than one year with fines of not more than \$1,000 plus court costs or both. The third or subsequent offense, a felony, is punishable by any number of days in a state prison set by the court, but not more than two years, said Wilson. In each of the convictions, the driver license is suspended.

Wilson added that a person who refuses to submit to a preliminary breath test can be charged with a civil infraction and a penalty of up to \$100 fine.



ROB REED/staff photographer

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

## Rape suspect charged again

By Sue Mason  
staff writer

New charges have been filed against a 22-year-old Dearborn Heights police cadet in connection with a string of robberies and assaults in Westland, Canton and Livonia.

Jeffrey Duncan was arraigned Tuesday in Livonia's 16th District Court on four charges stemming from attacks on women during two robberies in Livonia.

Duncan stood mute when arraigned before 16th District Judge Robert Brzezinski. He was charged with rape and armed robbery in an Aug. 27 holdup of a Livonia convenience store and larceny from a person and rape for a Sept. 10 incident at a service station. In both instances the victims were working alone.

Judge Brzezinski entered a plea of not guilty on Duncan's behalf. Bond was set at \$200,000 for each offense.

DUNCAN was returned to the

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## Early Deadlines

Due to the holiday, we will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1, 1987. Our New Year's issue will be available on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1986.

To place your classified ad in the Wednesday edition, please call Monday, Dec. 29, before 5:00 p.m.

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# GUNS

## Sales are up, cops worried

By **Tedd Schneider**  
staff writer

Detroit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OWNERS of gun and sporting



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

## Handgun regulation triggers reactions

By **Tedd Schneider**  
staff writer

Handguns: Do we regulate? How

much do we regulate? And who does the regulating?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



STEVE FECHT/staff photographer

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

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

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

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

## Dope, guns are easy mix

By **Sue Mason**  
staff writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

DUREN ESTIMATES that in 85 to 90 percent of the cases handled by Livonia police, illegal guns are used.

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

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

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

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

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

**Among the guns confiscated by the Westland police in 1985 was a handgun that had been used in a 1929 Detroit murder.**

A handgun, stolen in a break-in, will go through the neighborhood "fence," who specializes in particular stolen goods. After a gun is fenced it is difficult to trace.

The only way of determining its origin is through its serial number and that only provides police with information on who owns it legally.

It may make its way into the hands of dope dealers who in turn may pass it on to their users, Reddy said. It could be used in one or several crimes before it ends up in police possession.

Among the guns confiscated by the Westland police in 1985 was a handgun that had been used in a 1929 Detroit murder.

This year's batch produced a gun stolen in Hamtramck in 1973 and one from Detroit in 1970 which turned up when a resident tried to register it. He had gone the legal route of obtaining a purchase permit and bought it from a man he worked with. It wasn't until police checked the serial number that he found out it was stolen.

Police officials believe the illegal gun trade is healthy because the penalties for possessing a gun are too lenient and enforcement is almost non-existent.

Under state law, possession of an illegal firearm is a 90-day misdemeanor. Reddy has found that nothing happens to a person arrested for possession of illegal gun. In the case of a convicted felon, local prosecutors won't issue warrants, but rather urge prosecution under federal gun laws.

The federal gun control act of 1968 is very specific about possession of illegal firearms.

Any person who gives a gun to a felon — anyone convicted of a crime punishable by more than a year in prison — or someone under indictment, along with the person he gives the weapon to, could face a \$5,000 fine, five years in prison or both, said Jim Hathaway, assistant special agent in charge of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tax and Firearms in Detroit.

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# Accused robber-rapist faces more charges

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Wayne County Jail, where he has been held in seclusion from other inmates since his arraignment Dec. 21 on charges of unarmed robbery and first-degree criminal sexual conduct for a Sept. 24 incident in Westland.

An examination on the Livonia charges has been scheduled for Jan. 20 in 16th District Court.

Duncan is a suspect in a series of robberies and assaults that took place since August in Westland and Canton as well as in Livonia.

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

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

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

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

The assailant, said Canton Police Detective Robert Sidor, ordered a

dozen roses and then left the shop, apparently to get his wallet from his car. He returned with a handgun and ordered the employee to give him the money from the cash register before ordering her into a back room, where she was assaulted.

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

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

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

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

Reporters MaryBeth Dillon and Mary Klemic contributed to this report

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that's true, we are looking at a pay hike plan with a more than \$700 million price tag — we can't afford it. The idea that officials can't live on incomes already five times greater than that of the average American worker is absurd."

**BOOMERS MOVE:** Today's 30- to 40-year-olds, known as the "baby boomers," prefer moving up to fixing up and would hire someone to do home improvements rather than to do it themselves.

These are the findings of an ERA National Real Estate Poll this fall, says Michael Workman of ERA Mark Realty Northwest in Plymouth. Some 85 percent of the brokers surveyed in the poll, conducted by Opinion Research Inc. of St. Louis, said baby boomers are more likely to buy a larger home than build an addition to their current home. Some 75 percent of the brokers polled said boomers who move

also are likely to leave their present neighborhood for a new area of town. Slightly more than half (51 percent) believe baby boomers choose to hire out such work as wallpapering. The same generation of Americans is unlikely to buy a restored, older home.

PROTOCOL: Dr. Gregory

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J. Gingell of Plymouth recently attended a professional training program by the Michigan Chiropractic Council presented in Novi. Gingell participated in the "Hospital Procedures and Protocol" seminar, a program

preparing chiropractors to join hospital staffs. Director of the Gingell Chiropractic Center in Plymouth, he holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a doctorate from Life Chiropractic College.

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### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

The Alzheimer's Evening Support Group will meet 7-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, and the Day Support Group 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Arbor Health Building, Ann Arbor Trail at Harvey in Plymouth. These groups

are open to families and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease, a disorder characterized by significant memory lapses and states of confusion, most common among the elderly.

### YOUNG ADULT AA

A new Young Adult AA group will meet at 7 p.m. each Sunday in Plymouth Township Hall at 42350 Ann Arbor Road at Mill. The meeting is for young adults only. For information, call Mike, 459-0176.

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# Agency begins training for airline employment

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wayne County PIC works closely with business in developing jobs for low-income and dislocated workers. In its initial three years, PIC has trained and placed more than 18,000 eligible residents in private-sector jobs, Hawthorne said.

# Wayne State psychology unit offers clinic help to the public

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

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

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

Group sessions are scheduled on demand. Those wishing to sign up for a group session or to make an appointment for a private or family consultation should call the WSU Psychology Clinic at 577-2840.

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

"But we approach them in a different manner from other clinics."

For instance, she said, the weight group discusses changing the lifestyle and eating habits. "Instead of putting people on low-calorie diets, the group leader tries to educate the group members about basic nutrition."

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

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

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

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

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

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

chronic illness and disability group," said Florsheim.


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

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

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

**THE CLINIC** mainly helps Wayne State faculty, staff and students, but also caters to the general public. She added that although the clinic is part of the university, records are kept strictly confidential.

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



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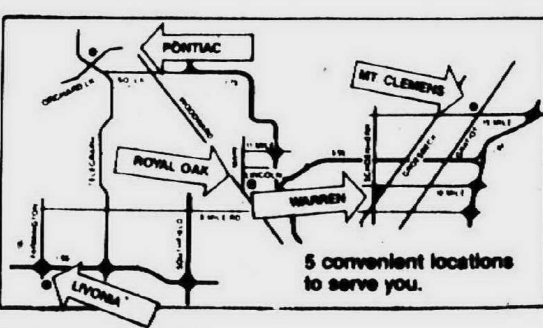
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Announcements for Brevities should be submitted by noon Monday for the Thursday issue and by noon Thursday for the Monday issue. Bring in or mail announcements to the Observer, 489 S. Main, Plymouth 48170.

**LIBRARY STORYTIMES**  
Monday, Tuesday, Jan. 5-6 — Plymouth District Library is holding registration for its storytimes, both of which will begin the week after registration and run for four weeks. Registration for the toddler program for ages 2-3 1/2 will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, and for the preschool program for ages 3 1/2-5 at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, in the library. The toddler program will last 20-25

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

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

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

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

**CANTON CRICKETS**  
Saturday, Jan. 10 — Registration will begin at 10 a.m. in the lower level of the Canton Township Township Administration Building for the Canton Crickets preschool program for ages 3 and 4. Times for the state-licensed program are 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays through Fridays and 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 19 weeks from Feb. 2 to June 12. The charge is \$40 per child for one day session. Class is limited to Canton residents only and to 13 preschoolers per class. Activities will include crafts, low-organized games, story time, special events, field trips and snack.

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**CHANNEL 15**

**MONDAY (Dec. 20)**  
Noon... Celebration on Ice — Ice skating competition.  
2 p.m. ... Christmas in Canton — Visit with Santa at Canton Township Administration Building and learn the winner of the "Guaranteed White Christmas" Contest.  
2:30 p.m. ... Yesua & The First Christmas — Animated Christmas story.  
3 p.m. ... Mustang Monthly.  
3:30 p.m. ... Game of Week — Boys basketball features Plymouth Canton Chiefs vs. Livonia Churchill.  
5 p.m. ... Holiday Fashions — Fashion show in Plymouth Cultural Center sponsored by Old Village Merchants Association.  
5:30 p.m. ... Sports at the SAL — Men's floor hockey and basketball.  
6:30 p.m. ... Plymouth Community Chorus — A performance in the Plymouth Salem High auditorium.  
8 p.m. ... Community Upeat — Sharon McDonald, school teacher for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, and Denise Swope of Canton.  
8:30 p.m. ... The Sandy Show — Host Sandy Preblich interviews Judy McDonald of First Step.  
9 p.m. ... Human Images — Students at Plymouth Centennial Educational Park discuss the lifestyles of Foreign Exchange Students about life in America.

9:30 p.m. ... Christmas in Canton.

**TUESDAY (Dec. 30)**  
noon... Legislative Report — A public affairs program which takes a look at issues in Michigan. Presented by the House of Representatives.  
12:30 p.m. ... Canton Update — Canton Township Supervisor James Poole and Sandy Preblich talk about what's happening in Canton.  
1 p.m. ... Yesua and the First Christmas.  
1:30 p.m. ... Old Village Holiday Fashions — A fashion show in the Plymouth Cultural Center by the Old Village Merchants Association.  
2 p.m. ... 1st Presbyterian of Northville Presents: "A Celebration."  
3 p.m. ... Christmas In Canton.  
3:30 p.m. ... Omnicom Sports Scene — Michigan water ski competition.  
4:30 p.m. ... Christmas Telethon Extravaganza.  
5 p.m. ... Plymouth Community Chorus.

6:30 p.m. ... Michigan Journal — A public affairs program which takes a look at issues in Michigan. Presented by the Michigan Republicans. Hosted by Spencer Abraham, chairman of the Michigan Republican Party.  
7 p.m. ... Celebration On Ice.  
9 p.m. ... Off the Wall.  
8:30 p.m. ... Youthview — Interview with evangelist Morris Cerullo.

**WEDNESDAY (Dec. 31)**  
(No local community access programming Wednesday through Saturday because of the New Year's holiday.)



**CHANNEL 10 CANTON TOWNSHIP**

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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREMENT PLAN**



The Plymouth City Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on January 19, 1987 at 7:30 p.m., in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, Plymouth, Michigan to hear comments on:

**"DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN"**  
Downtown Development Area No. 1, as amended, is described as follows:  
Those properties shown on Map Number 1 - Boundary Map - Downtown Development Authority District.

Plus the following properties:

<b>MAY SUB</b> Lots 11 and 12	284 and 302 Elizabeth Street
<b>ASSESSORS PLYMOUTH PLAT NO. 12</b> Lots 286, 287, 288 and 289	1005, 1033, 1053 and 1069 W. Ann Arbor Trail
<b>ASSESSORS PLYMOUTH PLAT NO. 20</b> Lots 755, 756, 757, 758, 761	607, 621, 627 S. Main Street 765 Wing Street and 680 Deer Street
<b>REISER &amp; STELLWAGEN SUB.</b> Lots 1 thru 11	633 S. Main Street
<b>ASSESSORS PLYMOUTH PLAT NO. 23</b> Lots 868 and 869	673 and 705 S. Main Street
<b>SHEPARD AND MORSES ADDITION</b> Lots 1 thru 11, also vacated alley, also N'ly 1/4 vac. street	770 Deer Street, 747, 757, 767 S. Main Street
<b>SECTION 35, ACREAGE</b> 4.4006 Acres of vacant land at the rear of 767 S. Main Street and the S'ly end of Deer and Kellogg Streets, also at the rear of 738 Burroughs Avenue as shown on said Map Number 1	


All maps, plats and a description of the development plan, are available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 201 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan. All aspects of the Development and Tax Increment Plan will be open for discussion at this hearing.

**GORDON G. LIMBURG, CMC**  
City Clerk  
City of Plymouth

Publish: December 25 and 29, 1986

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE EXPANSION OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF**



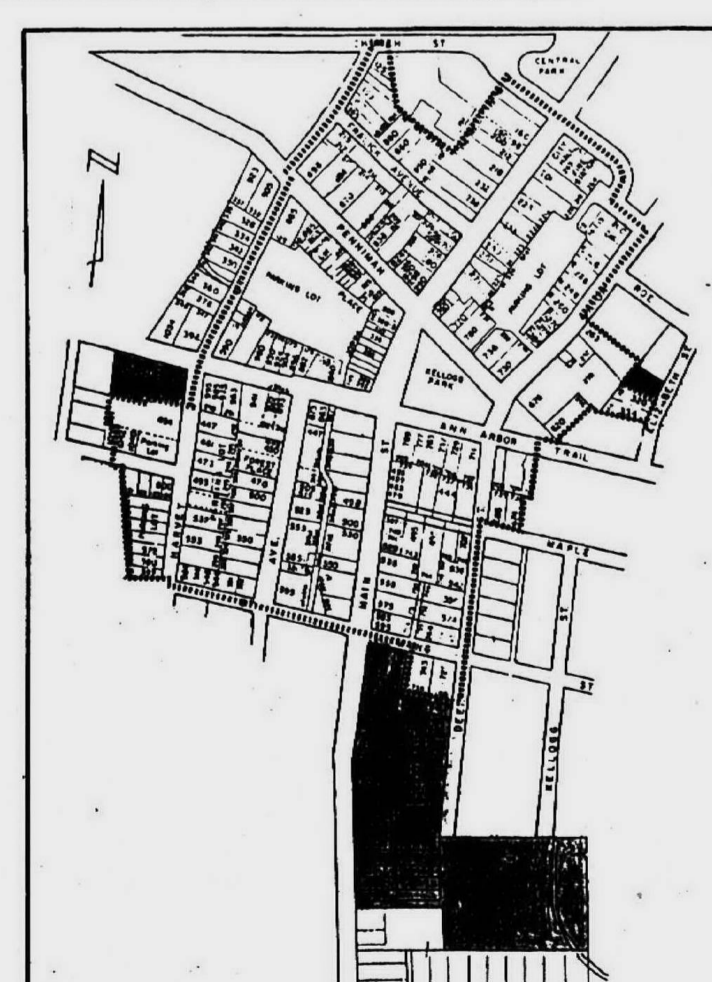
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH:

TAKE NOTICE that the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 19th day of January, 1987 at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time in the City Hall in the City of Plymouth, Michigan, to consider the amendment to the ordinance establishing the downtown development authority for the City of Plymouth pursuant to Act 197 of the Plymouth, Michigan, to consider the amendment to the ordinance establishing the downtown development authority for the City of Plymouth pursuant to Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1975.

**PROPOSED BOUNDARIES**

The boundaries of the proposed district over which the downtown development authority will exercise its powers are as follows:  
Those properties shown on Map Number 1 - Boundary Map - Downtown Development Authority District.  
Plus the following properties:

<b>MAY SUB</b> Lots 11 and 12	284 and 302 Elizabeth Street
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**TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN**

CITY OF PLYMOUTH DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DISTRICT

BOUNDARY MAP

----- District Boundary

■ Proposed

December 10, 1986  
Revised-December 16, 1986

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office. This notice is given by order of the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan

**GORDON G. LIMBURG, CMC**  
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Publish: December 29 and 30, 1986

# County absorbed Riverside Park in 1929

Plymouth's Riverside Park, which became part of the Middle Rouge Parkway in 1929, was originally part of a 110-acre farm in Plymouth Township, east of the city. It was bounded on the north by Plymouth Road, on the east by Riverside Cemetery, and on the south by Ann Arbor Trail.

The farm was the property of William and Mary Henry, parents of four children. Their house still stands on Ann Arbor Trail.

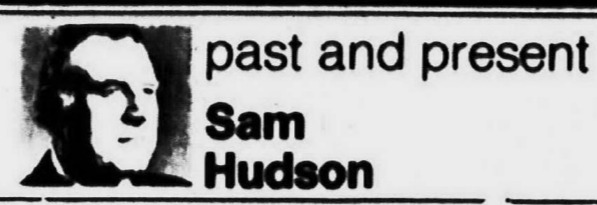
One of the four Henry children was Ernest Henry from whom I got this information ten years ago. Ernie, who no longer lives in Plymouth, served on the Plymouth City Commission for 12 years and on the school board for four. He worked in the Plymouth post office for 39 years and was assistant postmaster when he retired in 1971.

BORN ON HIS father's farm in 1908, Ernie recalled that the Middle Rouge River ran through the property.

There were a variety of fish in the stream when he was a boy. Pike, bass, mullet and stone-rollers were plentiful. Stone-rollers are so named for their habit of moving stones when constructing their nests. Ernie remembered that a family of French descent, residing on Mill Street, lived primarily off the fish they caught in the Middle Rouge.

"There were many deep holes in the Rouge in those days. The water was as clear as crystal. That was before pollution came," Ernie said, nostalgically.

"When Wayne County built Hines



Park in the '30s, it straightened out the Rouge in many places. Before that there was a swimming hole at every bend of the stream. We swam, spear-fished, ice-skated and trapped muskrat and mink. Those were some of the best days of my life."

In the early 1920s, Ernie's father sold 37 acres of his farm to the city. For a time, this section of the property was known as "Plymouth Tourist Camp." Later, it was called Riverside Park. Ernie said it was a popular spot in the '20s for picnickers. It attracted many tourists from the Detroit area in the days when the automobile was beginning its supremacy over the horse.

ABOUT 1924, William Henry sold the balance of his 110 acres to Wayne County.

The county used the property in 1935 when it combined various parcels along the Middle Rouge to form the Middle Rouge Parkway. The Parkway is now located in the cities of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Westland, Livonia, Plymouth and Northville.

As indicated earlier, the county acquired Riverside Park from the

city and it, too, became part of the Middle Rouge Parkway.

When Henry Ford died in 1947, and the company was reorganized, there was little sympathy in top management with the magnate's interest in water power and village industry plants. The buildings and land associated with them were deeded to the County Road Commission and were added to the parkway. Included were the plant buildings at Nankin, Newburg, Wilcox and Phoenix Mills.

In recent years it has become the custom to say that the Middle Rouge Parkway was built to function as the river's flood plain. It was not until 1956, however, that that rationale was used to justify the condemnation of a good part of the parkway property west of Wayne.

Prior to World War II, Wayne County parks were kept open 24 hours a day. After the war they were open on a limited basis due to "disorderly conduct by youths after dark."

In the 1960s the problem became more serious. After Leroy Smith died in 1965, the parkway entered into a period (1965-1975) that is historians call "troubled times." The parkway history, written early in 1986, notes:

"The years 1966-75 were troublesome times in Wayne County parks as the hippie culture and anti-Vietnam demonstrations rose in the social structure. Violence and drug abuse became serious problems in all park areas but the Middle Rouge Parkway became the assembly area of large rowdy groups of youths."

"A consortium of local and county officials and law enforcement agencies, called the Hines Park Task Force, was established in 1977 to resolve the rowdiness and upgrade the image of the park."

"The elimination of parking along sections of Hines Drive, the ban on non-returnable bottles and a swing to conservative behavior has reversed the negative use of the parks."

A SHERIFF'S mini-station was established at the old Newburg Mill in 1980 and a mounted police force added there in 1984.

But, notes the parkway history, "Despite the relatively quiet activities within the parkway in the last six years, it has not outlived its bad reputation. The task force presently meets on a monthly basis as they try to entice more desirable groups back into the park."

After Wayne County was reorganized in 1982, and the Road Commission abolished by voter referendum in 1984, operation of the parkway system became part of the department of parks and recreation of the county's office of public services.

The county's first executive, William Lucas, hired Eric Reichel to "stabilize the management of the

park system, improve maintenance and create financial stability." Reichel had earned a reputation for good management as director of the Oakland County Park System. In 1986, a task force was established to study alternative funding of parks.

(Part of the information in this

two-part series was obtained from a paper on the history of the Wayne County Park System written and researched by Julie Stewart, and revised and edited by Nancy Watkins in April 1988, and from a talk by Eric Reichel at the Plymouth Rotary Club in June 1988.

## Canton Clerk may ask court help to halt agenda, minutes changes

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

Canton trustees voted to switch responsibilities for board agendas from the clerk to the supervisor.

Board members say the change is necessary because issues have been placed on the agenda by Clerk Linda Chuhran before township staff have had enough time to prepare.

Chuhran says the move will allow board members to censure who appears before the board.

She says she'll fight the agenda preparation change with an injunction. Before a vote was taken at last week's meeting, Supervisor James Poole said: "Now the Iranian situation is nothing compared to the issue of who prepares the agenda."

Poole added that at one time the agenda was the supervisor's responsibility and the job was transferred to the clerk's office.

TRUSTEES BOB Padgett, Steve Larson, Loren Bennett, Treasurer Gerald Brown and Poole voted in favor of the change. Chuhran voted against it. Trustee John Prenciczky was absent.

"I won't stand by and allow this to be taken from my office," Chuhran said. "I won't allow people to be scrutinized before they come before the board."

If the change goes into effect, the clerk still would be responsible for preparing and distributing agenda

packets. "When Linda wants something before the board, she puts it on the agenda and by putting it in Jim's hands he should be able to filter things to get on the agenda when he thinks they should," said Larson, who proposed the rule changes.

TRUSTEES ARGUE no one has been denied the right to appear before the board, and those who believe they're being slighted have a chance to approach trustees during the meeting's public comment portion.

"If the board has done anything, it has gone overboard to allow people to talk — any kook, any person, can talk about things even if they don't

know what they're talking about," Poole said.

"If we're guilty of anything, we allow people to talk too much — if you can be guilty of that in a democracy."

Trustees also changed rules saying the board may hire a secretary to attend meetings if the clerk fails to make the appointment. This issue also has been argued by Chuhran who maintains it's a waste of taxpayers money to pay for a secretary when she takes notes and keeps records during the meetings.

Trustees argue numerous mistakes have been made on board minutes since the absence of a secretary. Chuhran voted against this change. The other trustees voted in favor.

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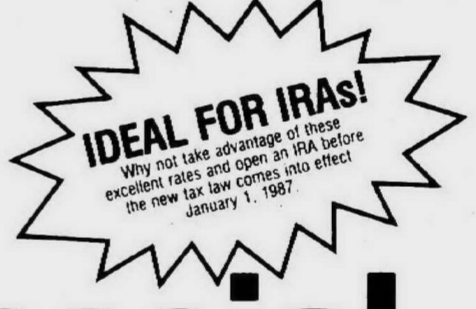
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## Swimmer pays for All-Area oversight

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

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

How come? Let Tucker explain it.

"It was basically my coach's fault for not attending the meeting. Because of my coach's lack of responsibility, I lost the 50-yard freestyle position on the All-Area team."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

perfect attendance, however there are inequities. There is a tendency for some coaches to form alliances. You vote for my kid and I'll vote for yours. Some coaches feel the athletes in the Western Lakes have an advantage because there are more Western Lakes teams in the area than from any other league. Thus, Western Lakes athletes are more visible to the majority of coaches.

Sometimes those things take effect. Sometimes they don't. It's never perfect. But if there are only four coaches at a meeting, like there often are at swim meetings, the chances for inequity are much greater.

What happened this year at the swim meeting was that Stevenson coach Greg Phill and North Farmington coach Pat Duthie, with some help from a John Glenn coach and a Clarenceville coach, selected the team. To help the process, we had an updated listing of the fastest times in the area and results from the state Class A swim meet.

Much good that did Catherine Tucker.

**TUCKER SWAM** in the Class B state meet. But the results of that meet never got to the Observer sports desk, never got into the paper and Tucker again was the loser.

You can blame me for that if you want. I knew Tucker had qualified for the state meet. But like the coaches, I assumed that she had a bad meet because I never heard from McClune.

Let the record show that Catherine Tucker had a strong state meet. She placed seventh in the 50 free (25.4) and fifth in the 100 free (55.5).

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For whatever it's worth Catherine, I'm sorry.

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# Rewved-up Engineers await '87

The Hennessey Engineers Fraser funk continues.

The Plymouth-based Junior A hockey team took a four game win streak into Fraser Sunday night and promptly lost 7-5 to the Falcons.

I don't know what it is but we just can't win in that building. Engineers coach AJ Baker said. His team is 9-3 in Fraser this season.

Last Friday in the friendly confines of the Plymouth Cultural Center the Engineers won their fourth straight and their fifth out of six

games beating the Junior A All Stars 7-4. The team trailed 4-2 late in the second period but scored five unanswered goals. Seven different Engineers scored.

**THE LOSS** Sunday marred a splendid performance by defenseman Tom Madden. Madden scored three consecutive goals, rallying his team from a 7-2 deficit.

Bryan Kryger and Leif Gustafson scored the other goals against the Falcons. Plymouth resident Tom

play now. It's very satisfying, Baker said. If we can keep it up, not peak too soon and continue to work like we are, we'll win our share of games. Compuware doesn't have the little lock, stock and barrel. It would take an awful lot of help for us or the Falcons to take it, but I think it can be done.

The Engineers, 12-10-1, face a critical two-game test to start the new year. On Friday, Jan. 2 they'll host the Falcons. On Saturday, they travel to Compuwar.

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## hockey

## Area spikers gird for big year

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tribute is junior Kristy McFadden, junior Dawn Pincheck, senior Kelly Dooley, sophomore Vall Perone and 6-foot-1 transfer Laura Theile (Redford St. Mary's), who will not be eligible until Jan. 22.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON**

The Spartans are coming off a 32-7 season, but came up empty at the districts and Western Lakes Conference tournament.

Three seniors graduated from a team that captured the Schoolcraft and Edsel Ford Invitational titles — Cheryl Sullivan, Kelly Gage and Kris Conn.

But a strong nucleus of hitters return including first-team All-Area pick Kristine Bailey, a senior, and Sue Zatorski, a junior and second team pick.

"Kristine is very good and highly rated," said Stevenson's ninth-year coach Lee Cagle. "She hits harder than Lisa Bokovoy did as far as going both directions. She's a better server and passer. But as a blocking threat and as far as quickness, Lisa was better. Lisa also understood the game."

Bailey and Zatorski will be surrounded by junior setter Rocky Kirby, senior Amy Anderson, junior Mary Pelloni and Missy Cutlip, a junior transfer from Belpre High School in Ohio.

Rounding out the squad are juniors Laura Brown, Jenny Sladewski, Trish Koskikowski, Pam Fulwood (from Westland John

Glenn), senior Lutti Prum (an exchange student from West Germany) and sophomore Amy Plummer.

"The key is passing," Cagle said. "We're inexperienced as a unit. We have a first-year setter (Cibor), but we look to challenge in our league."

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**

The Chargers finished 30-11 last season, losing All-Area hitter Jackie Wozniak.

But six seniors return including Chris Paciero, setter, outside hitter (third team All-Area); Pam Saims, setter; Jackie Berry and Kristen Thompson, middle hitters; Liz Monroe and Aleta Beck, outside hitters. Juniors Rosemary Hally and Allison Merner also should contribute.

"If we hit the ball on the court we'll be tough," said Churchill 10th-year coach Mike Hughes. "We usually don't beat ourselves. Potentially we're better than last year. We're not as big and we don't have the big middle blocker, but we do more things and we're better defensively."

Churchill already has finished second in one tournament (Ladywood) and owns victories over highly regarded John Glenn (15-7, 15-8) and Wayne Memorial (15-6, 15-6).

**GARDEN CITY**

The Cougars return everybody from a 44-6 team except All-Area choice Missey Ward, now at Oak-

land University.

First-year coach Ann Tuuri inherits a team that garnered district and Northwest Suburban League titles. The veteran cast includes Nikki Stubbs (second team All-Area), Mikey Gorak (third team), Denise Kokowicz, Mary Hebert, Marla Evans, Amy Thompson and Shelly Lankford.

"We're used to being a good offensive team, but we'll work on defense," Tuuri said. "I expect them to do the best they can and make an effort for every ball. I think we have as good a chance as anybody, but I'm not familiar with the area."

At the Henry Ford Community College Tournament (on Dec. 13), Garden City lost to Wayne in the championship, 15-10, 11-15, 15-10.

**WAYNE MEMORIAL**

The Zebras were hard hit by graduation, losing All-Area pick Diana Swope and second teamer Diana Dietz. Jean Bass and Laura Verduzco also graduated.

The lone starter is 6-2 front row specialist Valencia Anderson, a senior. Also returning as a setter and back row defensive specialist is senior Jodi Dallenback. Hoping to fill the void left by graduation is Sharon Mackey and Lisa Kunz, along with juniors Traci Piscopink and JoAnne Kolnity.

"We've been up and down so far," said Doris Busuito, the Wayne coach. "We're young and we don't have a lot of playing experience. I think we can play well and hopefully we'll be able to come out of the

Ypsilanti district and be one of the teams in our own regional.

"We hope to move up in the Wolverine A (Conference), but Trenton, Monroe and (Dearborn) Fordson will be our chief competition."

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN**

Fifth-year coach Wendy Bostwick lost six seniors, including All-Area pick Carol Hall, who played this fall for Auburn University. Third teamer Kelly Watts also has departed.

The Rockets, 31-9 a year ago and district champions, will bank on 6-foot senior Jenny Okon and 6-3 senior Stacy Graham.

"Jenny had an injury in basketball and she won't be back until next week," said Bostwick. "She played pretty well last year."

"And Stacy played a lot last year. She is improving her all-around game."

Also expected to contribute is Jeanine Ross, Heather Pickup and Bishop Borgess transfer Chris Jones.

The Rockets' JV team, which captured the Western Lakes Conference title a year ago, is sending up 5-11 hitter Denise Gumke, setter Liz Gorecki and hitter Becky Wilson.

"We didn't get out of our pool at Henry Ford because of weak serve reception," Bostwick said. "If we improve that part of our game and serve better ourselves, we'll be a contender."

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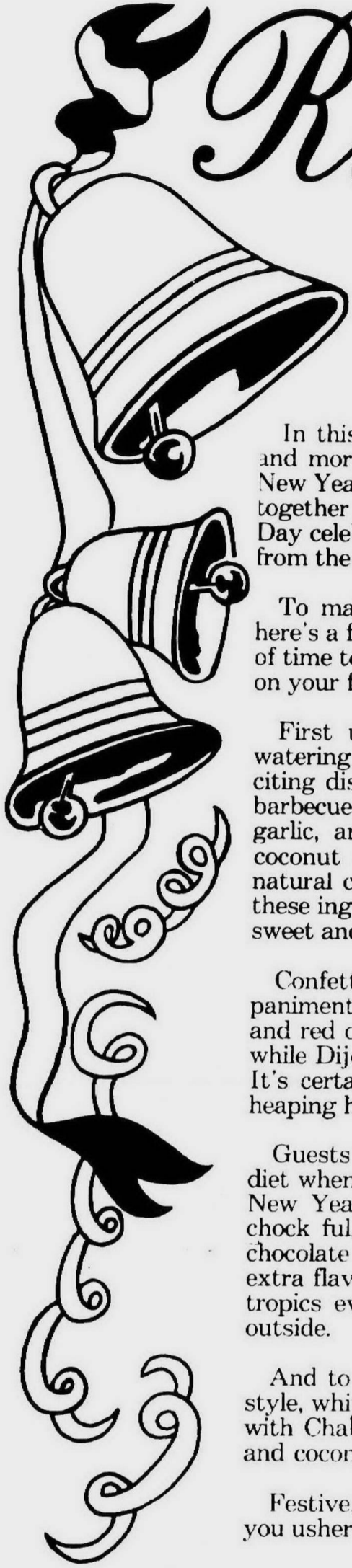
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# Ring in the New Year with relaxed style



In this new era of carefree entertaining, more and more people are giving up the high-voltage New Year's Eve party — in favor of a relaxed get-together on January 1. A warm festive New Year's Day celebration can be a welcome change of pace from the dizzying round of holiday activities.

To make your party as fuss-free as possible, here's a fabulous buffet that will allow you plenty of time to enjoy mingling with guests or cheering on your favorite team in the big football game.

First up on the buffet table is the mouth-watering Open House Ribs. The key to this exciting dish is a robust sauce made with Chinese barbecue or Hoisin sauce, scallions, ginger root, garlic, and a few dashes of hot pepper sauce. Coconut rum, an exotic blend of rum and natural coconut, is the magical touch that laces these ingredients together and creates a uniquely sweet and spicy melding of flavors.

Confetti Potato Salad makes a perfect accompaniment to the ribs. Black olives, peas, red pepper and red onion add eye-appealing color and taste, while Dijon-style mustard punches up the flavor. It's certain everyone will be back for a second heaping helpful.

Guests will want to postpone that New Year's diet when they sample a bite of your Ring in the New Year Cake: a rich, fruitcake style dessert chock full of candied fruit, walnuts, raisins and chocolate morsels. Coconut rum lends an extra flavor dimension that helps conjure up the tropics even as the wintry wind whips around outside.

And to help you toast the New Year in extra style, whip up an unusual sparkling punch, made with Chablis, grenadine, strawberries, club soda and coconut rum.

Festive, hearty, elegant....these recipes will help you usher in the New Year with memorable style.



### Ring in the New Year Cake

- 1-1/2 cups mixed candied fruit
- 1 cup coconut rum, divided
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chocolate morsels
- 2 cups unsifted sifted all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 3 large eggs

In large bowl combine candied fruit and 1/4 cup coconut rum. Let stand 30 minutes. Add walnuts, raisins and chocolate morsels. Grease and flour a 9-inch tube pan. Sift together flour and baking powder. In large mixer bowl cream butter and sugar until light; add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. At low speed beat in dry ingredients. Fold in fruit and nut mixture. Turn batter into prepared pan. Bake in a preheated 300°F. oven 1 hour and 15 minutes until cake tester inserted in center of cake come out clean. With food pick or cake tester make holes in top of cake. Gradually pour 1/2 cup coconut rum over cake. (Do while cake is still hot.) Cool cake in pan. Remove from pan and brush with remaining 1/4 cup coconut rum. Wrap in foil or store in covered container. Store at least 24 hours to mellow flavors. Cake may be made several weeks before serving.

YIELD: 12 to 14 servings.

### Toast The New Year Punch

- 1 bottle (750 ml.) Chablis wine, chilled
- 1 cup coconut rum
- 3 tablespoons grenadine syrup
- 1 bottle (32 ounces) club soda, chilled
- Ice cubes
- Fresh strawberries, sliced

In punch bowl, combine wine, coconut rum and grenadine. Just before serving, pour in club soda. Add ice. Garnish with fresh strawberry slices, if desired.

YIELD: 16 (4 ounce) servings.

### Open House Ribs

- 6 pounds (8 slabs) baby back ribs
- 1 cup coconut rum
- 1/2 cup Chinese barbecue sauce or Hoisin
- 1/2 cup catsup
- 1 bunch scallions, chopped (about 2/3 cup)
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh ginger root
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- Few dashes hot pepper sauce

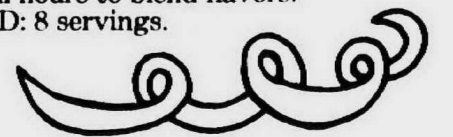
Arrange ribs in single layer on wire racks in jelly roll pans or shallow baking pans. Loosely cover with foil. Bake in a preheated 375°F. oven 1 hour. Meanwhile, combine remaining ingredients. Turn ribs bone-side-up and brush with sauce. Bake an additional 15 minutes, basting frequently with sauce. Turn ribs and bake 15 minutes longer. Baste frequently. YIELD: 8 servings.

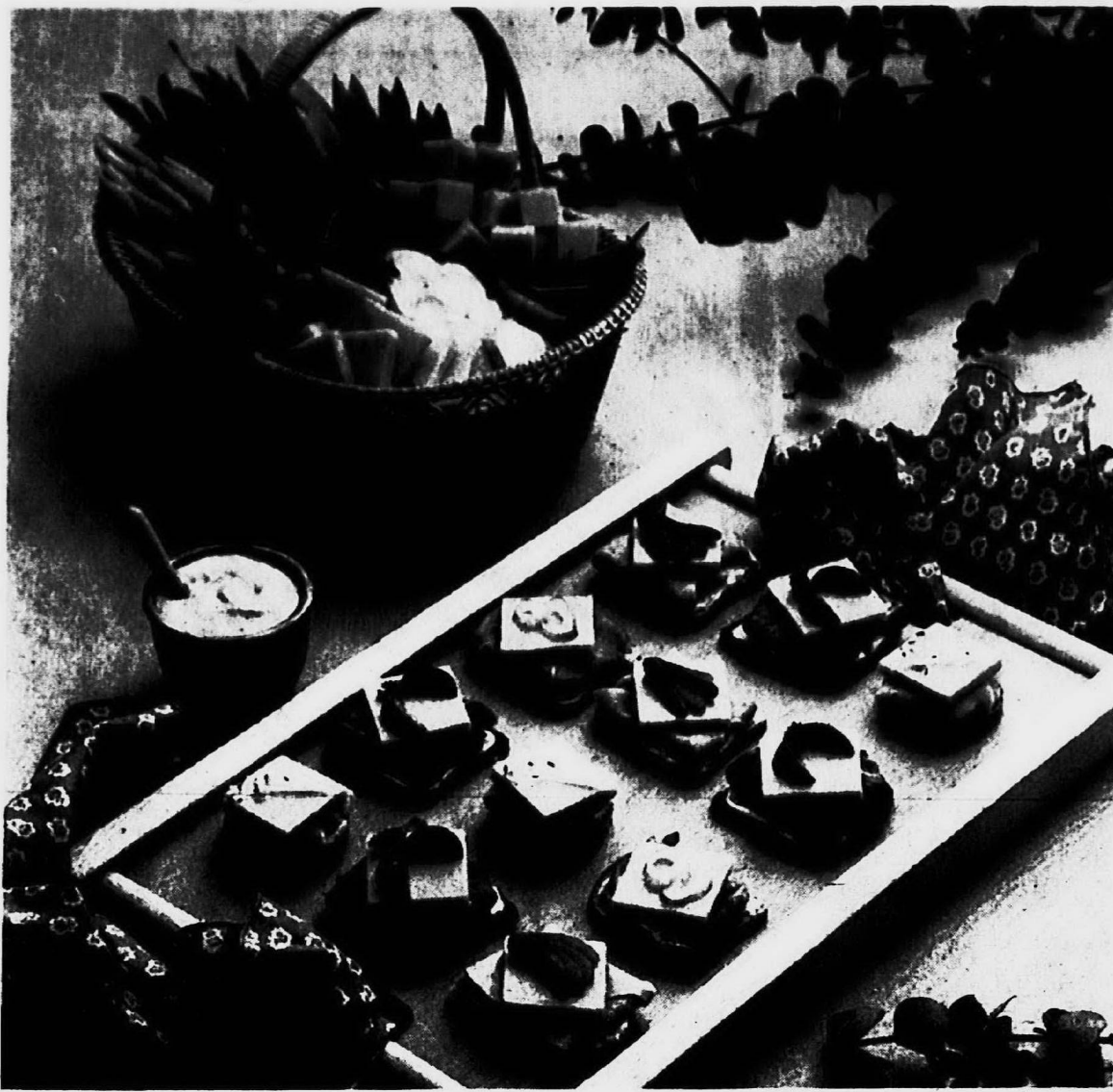
### Confetti Potato Salad

- 2-1/2 pounds potatoes, pared, cooked, sliced
- 1 cup diced red pepper
- 1 cup sliced, pitted black olives
- 1 cup cooked peas or frozen peas, thawed
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons chopped red onion
- 2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
- 3/4 teaspoon celery seed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

In large bowl combine potatoes, red pepper, olives and peas. In small bowl combine mayonnaise, vinegar, red onion, mustard, celery seed, salt and pepper. Pour dressing over potato mixture; stir gently. Cover. Chill several hours to blend flavors.

YIELD: 8 servings.





Since cheddar cheese is so versatile and compatible with other foods, it can be used to make even the simplest vegetables a culinary delight. In the Vegetable Basket, the cheese is cut in half diagonally, or cubed and then placed in a wicker basket alongside colorful vegetables. An array of thinly sliced bread, cheese, meat and condiments are beautifully combined to create a European-style "sandwich-board."

# Party snacks

## Cheese appetizers are simple yet healthy for holiday guests

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### VEGETABLE BASKET

- Sharp natural cheddar cheese, cut in 1/4-inch cubes
- Sharp natural cheddar cheese, sliced, cut in half diagonally
- Pea pods
- Green beans
- Baby carrots
- Asparagus spears
- Broccoli flowerets
- Summer squash slices
- Cherry tomatoes

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

### SANDWICH-BORD

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

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

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

Substitute party rye bread slices for pumpnickel slices, salad dressing for horseradish sauce, ham for roast beef, mellow medium natural cheddar cheese for extra sharp cheddar cheese, and sweet pickle for cherry tomatoes and parsley.

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

## Cherries add splash of color

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

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

Michigan leads the nation in red tart cherry production, and also accounts for about 25 percent of the nation's sweet cherry crop. The 1988 crop was better than anticipated, meaning consumers should be able to find ample supplies of canned or frozen cherries to accent their holiday meals.

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

### A CHERRY BOWL

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

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

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

### NO BAKE CHERRY-RUM BALLS

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

Thoroughly mix all ingredients except powdered sugar. Using level measuring tablespoon of cherry mixture, shape into balls. Roll in powdered sugar. Store refrigerated in airtight container. Roll again in powdered sugar before serving. Makes 56 Cherry-Rum Balls.

### CHERRY-HONEY RELISH

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

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

decrease honey to 1/4 cup.

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

### CHERRY CREAM PUFF WREATH

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

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

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

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

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

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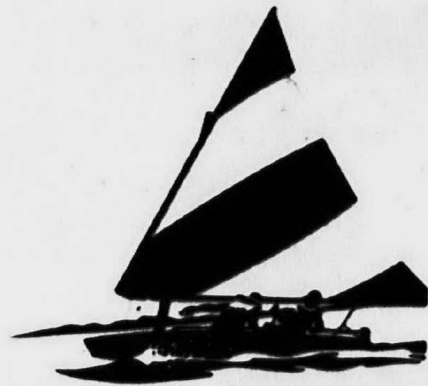
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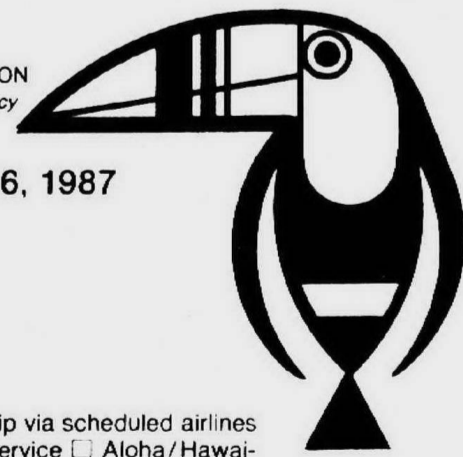
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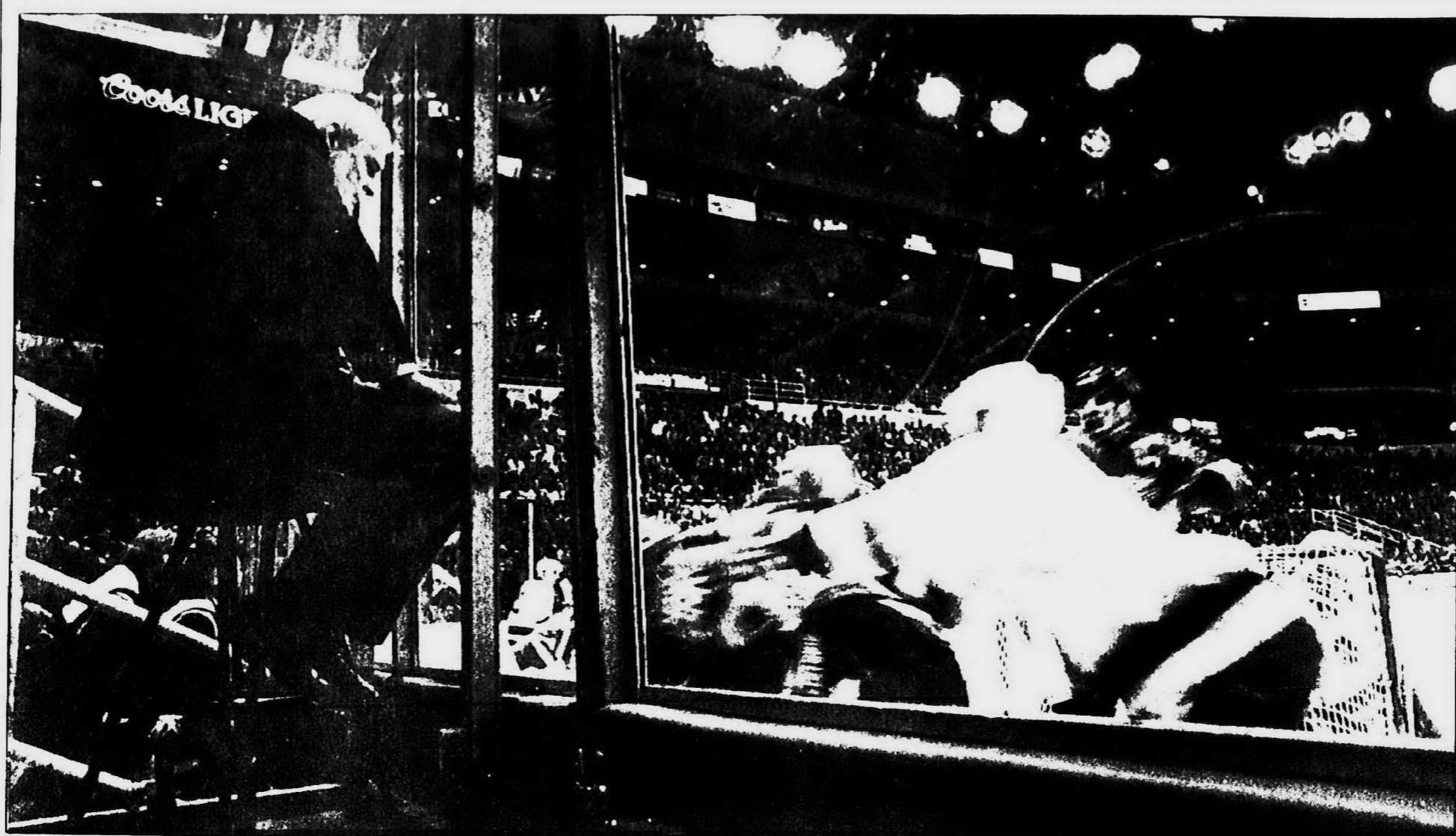
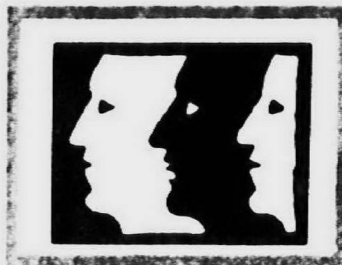
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Goal judge Jack MacRobert keeps a close eye on the action.

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Jack MacRobert flicks the switch after a goal is scored.

# Efficiency is this team's goal

By Larry O'Connor  
staff writer

## Ice Man

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

But playing hockey isn't necessary.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

floor freeze the water.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Music Man

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Justices of the Nets

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

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

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

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

But it's a lonely job. Goal judges at Red Wing games sit behind the goal in enclosed protective-glass booths. When there is

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

# She gives the job her best each day

By Larry O'Connor  
staff writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When more than a signature is

needed, Best also arranges player appearances for civic functions.

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

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

She just loves her job, thank you.

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

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

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

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

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