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## New county sheriff quick to assume duties

By Richard Lech  
staff writer

Robert Ficano wasted little time in assuming some of the duties of Wayne County sheriff.

Wayne Circuit Judge Paul Teranes ruled last Thursday that the sheriff's position belongs to Ficano, a Livonia resident and deputy county clerk.

Teranes' decision takes it away from Loren Pittman, who has been acting as sheriff since his appointment Jan. 5 by County Executive William Lucas.

The 30-year-old Ficano said he considered himself sheriff "when I walked out of the courtroom."

"Actually, I started by meeting with the unions last night (Thursday)," Ficano said Friday. "And I met with the union executive board to discuss ways of being fiscally responsible for the county." Ficano said he continued meeting with union officials on Friday.

BUT WHILE Ficano already was performing some of the sheriff's functions, Pittman said he would continue in the position while he appeals Judge

Teranes' decision.

Teranes gave Pittman 20 days to take his case to the state Court of Appeals before his order declaring Ficano sheriff takes effect.

Whether that appeal will be filed — and when — were expected to be decided today, according to Bill Johnson, press secretary for County Executive Lucas. Lucas had been sheriff 13 years before taking the new county executive post and appointing Pittman, his under-sheriff for a decade, to be his successor.

"On Monday he'll sit down with attorneys and review the decision and at that time decide what direction to take," Johnson said of Lucas. "Likely he will pursue a stay of the court order and an appeal."

Mr. Pittman has a separate attorney, but I'm sure he's going to be part of the discussion on what would be the most appropriate, whether to file a joint appeal or act independently."

Johnson said an appeals panel would first decide whether to hear the appeal, then determine whether to grant the stay order.

Ficano said there was an "informal

understanding" between the two sides that Pittman would either file his appeal by Wednesday or resign. Otherwise Ficano said he could seek an injunction forcing Pittman out of the office.

THE COURT RULING is seen as a test of the new Wayne County charter, specifically a provision giving the county executive the power to make appointments to fill vacancies in elective posts. Lucas used that provision when he appointed Pittman.

But Ficano was selected for the same position by a three-member panel on Dec. 22. That panel consisted of County Clerk James Killeen, Prosecutor William Cahalan and Presiding Probate Judge Joseph Pernick. Under state law, such a panel is to be called to fill vacancies in elected county positions.

So the question was: Which takes precedence — the county charter or state law?

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## March Madness Melodrama

GARY CASKEY/staff photographer

Watching the drama on the court between Plymouth Canton High and John Glenn is (from left) sports booster John VanWagner, Canton High Principal Kent Buikema, and Superintendent John M. Hoben, munching popcorn. In the background are members of the Plymouth Sa-

lem basketball team watching Glenn play in anticipation of Friday night's district championship. For a pictorial report on the district playoffs, see Page 3A and for a report on Friday's district championship see the Sports Section on 1C.

## Churches try to slow break up of marriages

By Jeanne Hoisington  
staff writer

Burt Bacharach and Angie Dickens did it. Zsa Zsa Gabor, Bobby Riggs, Dr. Benjamin Spock and Eddie Fisher did it.

They all got divorced.

And so did nearly half the married couples in Michigan.

The National Center for the Study of Divorce predicts that if current trends continue, over half the American population will be touched by divorce.

"Nowhere are we trained on how to be married or what to do," said the Rev. Jerry Yarnell, pastor for St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton. "How do we go about building a marriage?"

The Rev. Ernest Porcari of St. Thomas a Becket in Canton maintains that a great deal of money and time are spent on one day instead of on a lifetime, while the church is saying what are you doing for life?

Marriage counselors say there are three areas of problems in a marriage: communication, money and sex. "In my book communication is the main problem," said the Rev. John Grenfel of the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

Contrary to popular belief the failure rate of marriages lasting 20 years or more has increased. "Once upon a time a rule of thumb was if you made the first 10 years, you were out of danger," said the Rev. Len Koeninger of St. Peter Evangelical Church in Plymouth.

According to Koeninger, children leaving the nest, unrest, feelings by the couples that time is running out, and options for new careers are all reasons for long-time marriages failing.

"One of the things we face today that is different than in the past is that I am seeing more people who are actually living together," Grenfel said.

However, based on personal experience Koeninger believes that traditional weddings are more

popular today. "I think we are over the hump. Attitudes and values have changed and couples are more serious about marriage. I think we're back to old-fashioned things, very formal weddings."

Churches are looking for ways to solve marital problems before they begin. First Methodist Church of Plymouth requires six sessions of counseling prior to the wedding service.

Grenfel takes couples through their history asking them what began their relationship and reminding the couple that they can only maintain a growing marriage by knowing their roots.

The Rev. Philip Rodgers Macgee of First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth goes through several hours of counseling with the couples prior to the marriage. "We have open rap sessions or discussions," Macgee said. A book is given to couples entitled, "Letters to Karen," written by Charlie Shedd.

Marriage Encounter, a lay movement designed for couples to enhance relationships and teach techniques of building relationships through marriage, is very helpful, Yarnell said.

Pastoral guidelines for marriage preparation by the Roman Catholic Church of Michigan are put forth with the hope of strengthening the stability of marriage.

According to the Rev. Edward Baldwin, St. John Neuman Catholic Church in Canton, it is necessary for a couple to contact their parish priest as soon as they make their decision to marry, and at least six months prior to the proposed time for the wedding.

Baldwin adds that interviews are then arranged with the young couple and a pre-marriage counselor gives psychological testing.

Young couples meet with married couples to discuss potential problems, Baldwin said.

Divorce is a part of American society and often times it is more convenient to get out.

Grenfel summed it up by saying, "Life is not having it made. Real living is getting it made."



Thousands of people, including a contingent from the Plymouth-Canton area, marched on Washington, D.C., last week to urge Congress

and the president to approve a freeze on nuclear weapons.

## Residents join nuke rally

By Jeanne Hoisington  
staff writer

If you asked Johanne Fechter a year ago what she would be doing in March 1983, she probably would have said the usual — driving the kids around, fixing dinner, cleaning house and going to the grocery store.

But that was a year ago, before her first meeting in Ann Arbor with the Michigan Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign.

"I was a member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom," Fechter said. "A friend of mine brought me a packet about nuclear disarmament, and I became interested."

Approximately 5,000 anti-nuclear activists including Fechter and Gloria Pappas of Plymouth, lobbied in Washington March 7-8 for bilateral nuclear freeze.

At the same time, the House Foreign Affairs Committee prepared to vote on a non-binding resolution calling for a mutual, verifiable resolution for a halt in production of nuclear weapons by the United States and the Soviet Union.

Sen. Carl Levin spoke to a group of anti-nuclear advocates including Fechter. Levin urged concerned citizens to continue lobbying and writing letters to elected officials.

Randall Forsberg told more than a 1,000 activists at the Calvary Baptist Church that the resolution would pass the House, "with a comfortable majority" but is expected to fail in the Senate.

Forsberg, a leader of the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, said, "anyone can endorse motherhood, apple pie and a nuclear freeze."

Fechter, coordinator of the Nuclear Freeze Committee for western Wayne County said, "If we don't find a way to avoid confrontation, it could mean an

end of civilization."

Fechter, who has worked part time for the University of Michigan and Schoolcraft College, has an undergraduate degree in speech.

Fechter's parents were involved with the nuclear freeze issue, and she is following in their footsteps.

"Young people need to be more informed. Junior high students shouldn't have to worry about this. But they do. Kids wonder if they can plan for a future, or will there be a future," Fechter said.

Time is a problem for Fechter these days. "This is more than a full-time job. This issue is not going to go away," she said.

"I never have the thought, let someone else do this. We need to keep enlarging this group," Fechter said.

## Await state's approval

## Ford plans outpatient clinic here

By W.W. Edgar  
staff writer

The city of Plymouth may soon have a medical clinic downtown operated by Henry Ford Hospital.

The building will be one-story with a full basement, constructed on the lot next to the Growth Works center on Main Street.

The site plan for the building was approved last week by the planning commission.

Those plans show a building with some 3,870 square feet, exclusive of the basement. There will be some 10 examining rooms and about 150 square feet of waiting room area.

The outpatient clinic will be staffed by Henry Ford Hospital staff physicians who will provide direct services on an appointment basis.

Similar centers now are being operated by Ford Hospital at Fairlane Center in Dearborn, in West Bloomfield, and Sterling Heights.

The clinic is expected to be granted parking credits.

The hospital currently has an application pending before the Michigan Department of Health for a certificate of need. The certificate of need has not yet been granted by the state and so construction will not be undertaken until the certificate is issued.

For some time Henry Ford Hospital has been planning a medical facility in Plymouth Township near Beck and M-14. City Manager Henry Graper says

the site in the township still may be used by Ford Hospital, but not in the immediate future.

Once state approval is given, ground is expected to be broken within 45 days. If present plans materialize the clinic will be opened by late September.

Roger Leavenworth, public relations spokesman for Henry Ford Hospital, said the facility will not be an emergency center and there are no plans to operate it 24 hours or seven days a week. The clinic may, he added, operate during evening hours or on Saturdays in the future.

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# Tokyo's featured in travel film



Ken Wolfgang's film Wednesday night will present a blend of the old and new Tokyo.

"Tokyo: The Asian Phoenix" is the topic for this month's travelogue film to be presented Wednesday night by Ken Wolfgang.

The Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation travel series will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the auditorium of Plymouth Salem High School. Tickets are available at the door or from any Kiwanis member.

Proceeds will be used to help finance community projects undertaken by the Plymouth Kiwanis Club and by the Colonial Kiwanis Club of Plymouth.

TOKYO, rising like the Phoenix from the destruction of World War II, emerges today as one of the most exciting, active, and cultured cities of the industrialized world.

This film is the result of Wolfgang's association with Tokyo and its people over the past 30 years.

Wolfgang's film takes viewers behind the tourist's facade to become acquainted with the city's lifetime residents, to stay in the Century Hyatt Hotel, to shop at Mitsukoshi (the world's first department store), and visit such popular attractions as Asakusa, the Imperial Palace, Ueno Park, Meijiand Yasakuni Shrines, the shopping and entertainment areas of Ginza, Shinjuku, Shibuya, and Ikeburo, and short jaunts to the countryside to view the more

traditional Japan at Nikko, Kamakura, and Hakone.

The film shows what neighborhood and family life is all about in Japan, portraying the roles of husband, wife, family members, and the relationships of neighbors.

WOLFGANG BEGAN traveling when he was 1-year-old but waited until he was 12 before starting his motion picture career.

Born in Toledo of a family of musicians, jewelers, and florists, he entered his grandfather's floral business while in elementary school and won awards for his garden designs.

His college years were spent at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti where he majored in music and speech. He has composed his own original scores to accompany some of the films.

While serving three years with the United Nations in Japan, Wolfgang began recording the country and its people on film while living there for six years.

Wolfgang heads his own film company, Kensharo Productions, in Sonoma, Calif.

He also has produced educational, industrial, and natural history films. One of these, "The Soul of the Samurai," has won awards in international film festivals for its artistic approach and personal involvement.

## WSDP / 88.1

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**  
**Monday, March 14**  
● 11:40 a.m. — Good News from the Kiwanis with Tim White.  
● 8 p.m. — Classical special with Christine Roby (underwritten by Lambert, Lozniskar & Vermeulen Funeral Home).  
**Tuesday, March 15**  
● 11:40 a.m. — Good News from the Kiwanis with Bill Stahl.  
● 5 p.m. — Afternoon Edition with Tom Ford and Janet McKeon, sports with Jim Heller, and Community Update with Michelle Trame and Bill Smola.  
**Wednesday, March 16**  
● 11:40 a.m. — Good News from the Kiwanis with Chuck Moore.  
● 7 p.m. — WSDP's News Magazine (Host: June Kirchgatter) Subject: A look at the Vatican Collection and the Plymouth Arts and Crafts Show.  
**Thursday, March 17**  
● 11:40 a.m. — Good News from the Kiwanis with Bill Miller.  
● 7:30 p.m. — Regional basketball action if Salem advances.  
● 9:15-11 p.m. — Remote from Four Seasons Square during Plymouth's "Midnight Madness."  
**Friday, March 18**  
● 11:40 a.m. — Good News from the Kiwanis with Chuck Ploughman.  
● 6 p.m. — Album Playback with Jeff Robinson featuring Duran Duran's album "Rio."  
**Saturday (March 19)**  
Afternoon and evening broadcast (7:30 p.m.) of regional basketball championship if Salem advances.  
**Monday, March 21**  
● 11:40 a.m. — Good News from the Kiwanis with Jim Vermeulen.  
● 8 p.m. — Punk special, "Off the Dial," with Tim Grand.  
**Tuesday, March 22**  
● 11:40 a.m. — Good News from the Kiwanis with Ron Hansen.  
Morning Update at 7:40 a.m. with Jeff Cassin and at 8:40 a.m. with Lisa Preddy.  
**Wednesday, March 23**  
● 11:40 a.m. — Good News from the Kiwanis with Joe Pekarek.  
● 7 p.m. — News Magazine with June Kirchgatter  
**Thursday, March 24**  
● 11:40 a.m. — Good News from the Kiwanis with Bill Keen.  
● 7 p.m. — Funk special, "The Odyssey Continues..." with Derrick Wilson and Pam Pavlisca.  
**Friday, March 25**  
● 11:40 a.m. — Good News from the Kiwanis with Eric Colthurst.  
● 6 p.m. — Album Playback with Jeff Robinson, featuring Hall & Oates album, "H2O."  
WSDP expanded broadcasting hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Friday. Local news reports will be featured at 7:40 a.m. and 8:40 a.m. daily under the expanded format.  
Editor's note: As a public service, the Plymouth Observer and Canton Observer publish weekly program highlights offered by WSDP-FM radio, 88.1 on the dial.

## neighbors on cable

**CHANNEL 8 Omnicom**  
**MONDAY, March 14**  
6 p.m. — Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.  
6:30 p.m. — SingleSeen.  
7 p.m. — Single Touch — A singles panel discusses single life.  
7:30 p.m. — Sandy — Canton Township Supervisor Jim Poole is guest.  
8 p.m. — Plymouth Profiles.  
8:30 p.m. — Legislative Floor Debate — Maria Holmes fills in for Suzanne Skubick to talk with state Rep. Gerald Law about the proposed income tax and other issues.  
9 p.m. — State Government Forum — State Treasurer Robert Bowman talks with Suzanne Skubick about the proposed state income tax.  
**TUESDAY, March 15**  
6 p.m. — Divine Plan — (Bible Study) The Harmony of the Bible  
6:30 p.m. — SingleSeen  
7 p.m. — MESC Job Show — Local job listings with Jeff Tressler  
7:30 p.m. — The Doctors Bag — Co-hosts Suzanne Skubick and Dr. Andrew Colman talk with Dr. Richard Stoler and three women about nose surgery  
8 p.m. — Beat of the City — Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers, Frances Lipka and Robin & Peter Pterneas.  
8:30 p.m. — Youth View — All About "Bible Call." 9 p.m. — State Government Forum. 9:30 p.m. — In and Around Hamtramck — photo exhibit 9:40 p.m. — Smoking: It's Your Choice.

**WEDNESDAY, March 16**  
6 p.m. — Hank Luks vs. Crime.  
6:30 p.m. — Rave Review — The Bruiser Band is hosted by Bobby G and the Teen Night Dancers are featured.  
7 p.m. — Smoking: It's Your Choice.  
7:15 p.m. — In & Around Hamtramck — Exhibit of photos taken in and around Hamtramck.  
7:30 p.m. — Sandy  
8 p.m. — Plymouth Profiles  
8:30 p.m. — Legislative Floor Debate.  
9 p.m. — State Government Forum.  
**THURSDAY, March 17**  
6 p.m. — Divine Plan  
6:30 p.m. — SingleSeen  
7 p.m. — Single Touch  
7:30 p.m. — The Doctor's Bag  
8 p.m. — Beat of the City  
8:30 p.m. — Youth View  
9 p.m. — Johnny Mann Music Fair — A mixture of music displays and performances, with interviews of some of the participants (38 minutes).  
**FRIDAY, March 18**  
6 p.m. — Yugoslavain Variety Hour  
7 p.m. — MESC Job Show  
7:30 p.m. — The Great American Choral Festival — Replay of Johnny Mann's festival which aired live on Feb. 11.  
**SATURDAY (March 19)**  
1:30 p.m. — Rave Review

2 p.m. — Johnny Mann Music Fair (38 minutes).  
2:38 p.m. — The Great American Choral Festival — Replay of Johnny Mann's festival which aired live on Feb. 12.  
6 p.m. — Central Middle School Basketball Playoffs — Sonics vs. Bulls

**CHANNEL 11 MONDAY-FRIDAY**  
Watch for upcoming Rick Wick and Friends special on Houghton Lake's Tip-Up Town, U.S.A. to be aired in March, reaching all over Michigan. Watch Omni 8 for details.

**CHANNEL 13 MONDAY-FRIDAY**  
Noon-2 p.m. — Community Business Network — local business format  
5-7 p.m. — Community Business Network — local business format  
7-7:10 p.m. — Newsline-13 — live local news and sports  
8:30-9:30 p.m. — Sports and finance (Associated Press) — Seven days a week

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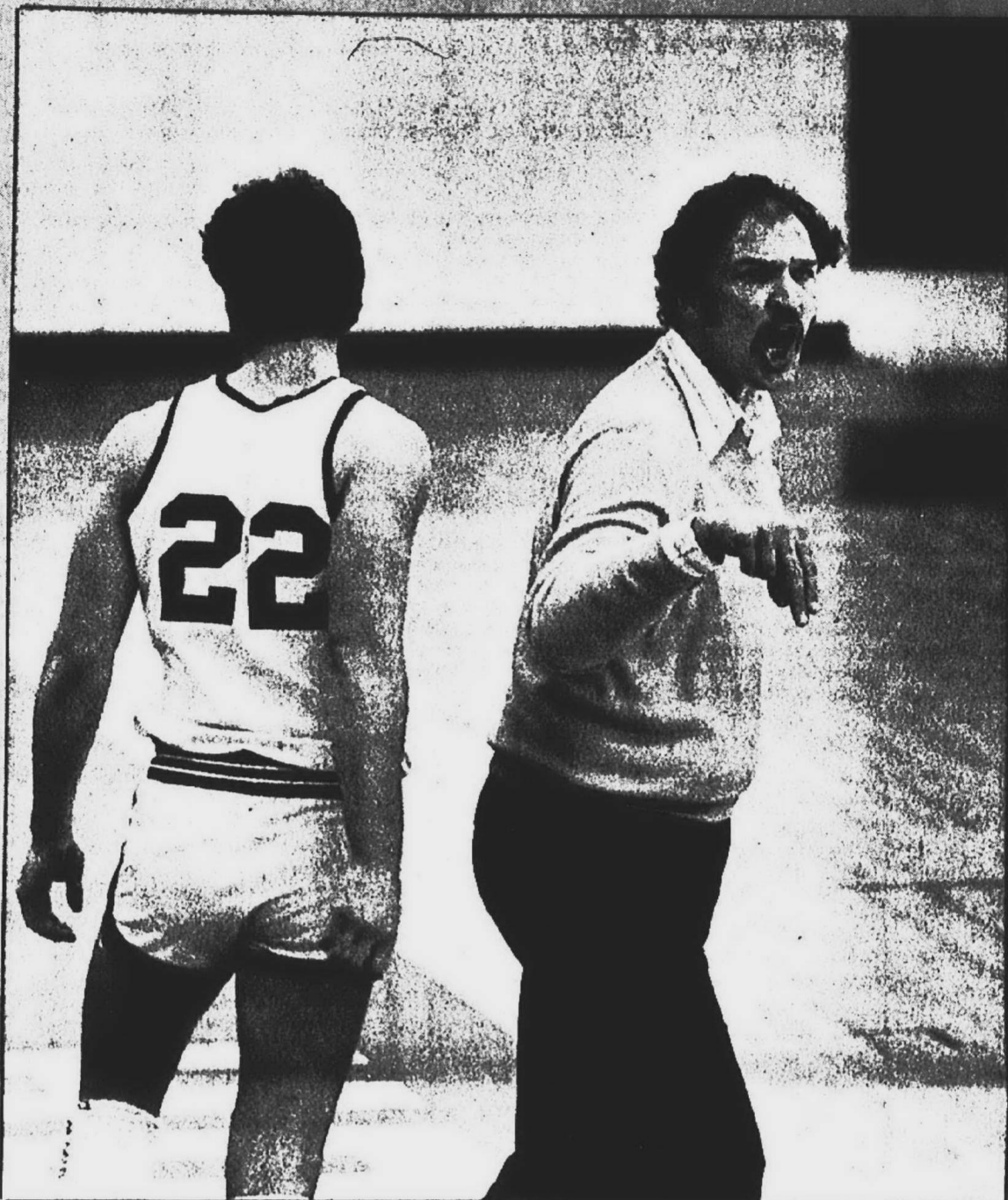
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# MARCH MADNESS

## Tip-off time at district playoffs



Nancy McKendry, Plymouth Canton High cheerleader, does the splits.



An intense Fred Thomann backs up his players on the court.

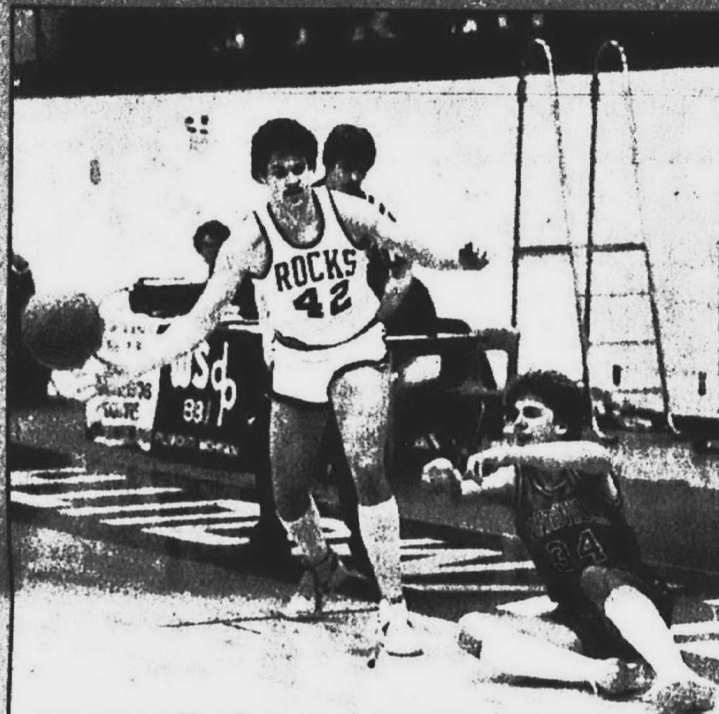


This enthusiastic crowd watches Monday night's action between Plymouth Salem and Wayne Memorial.

**M**ARCH MADNESS hit Plymouth-Canton last week with boys' district tourney basketball play being completed at Plymouth Centennial Educational Park (CEP).

In district competition the Salem-Rocks and Canton Chiefs played teams from Northville, Wayne Memorial and John Glenn. Canton lost in first-round action against the Glenn Rockets while Salem earned wins over Wayne and Northville to face John Glenn in the district finals.

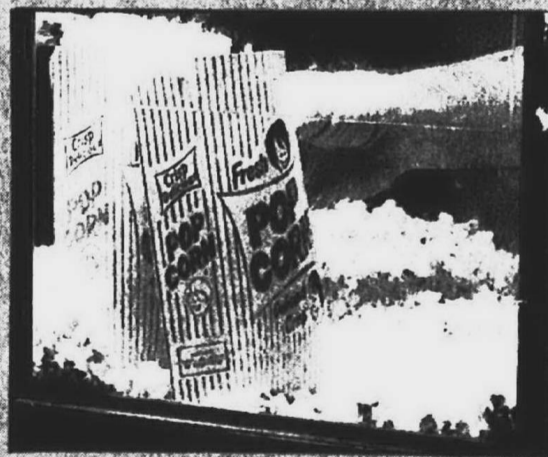
The Plymouth Salem district winner will advance to regional play against the Dearborn district champ at Bowen Field House at Eastern Michigan University Thursday night. The regional championship will be played Saturday night.



A Northville player passes off after stealing the ball from Salem Rock Forward Rick Barberet.



Canton Chiefs guard Mike Scarpello gets in a low defensive crouch to keep his eye on the ball.



And what's a ballgame without popcorn?



Charlie Brown, a volunteer, guards the door during Monday night's game.



Marvin Zurek tips off for Salem in the first round game of district playoffs Monday night against the Wayne High Zebras.



Julie Johnson, Salem cheerleader, entertains the fans in the stands.

Staff photos by Gary Caskey

# Omnicom explains changes to township board

By Jeanne Holsington  
staff writer

Elizabeth Seeley, vice president and general manager of Omnicom, circulated letters to Plymouth Township trustees Tuesday night outlining plans to offer a remote control conversion option to subscribers.

Seeley told board members that subscribers would be able to exchange their current manual converter box that came with the basic service for a new converter to receive the entire line of basic services.

According to the franchising agreement with Plymouth Township, all basic services rates set by Omnicom must first be approved by the board.

The issue confused board member Smith Horton who does not subscribe to cable. "What is a converter?" he asked. "Does it change water to milk?"

Converters are devices for those who don't want to switch channels from their chair rather than going to the TV to do so, Seeley said. "The converter box will be available the first of April for deployment, which will be time for explaining how to work the new boxes

and exchange old boxes for new ones?" Seeley said.

Basic services in the past have included channels 7-37. Additional channels, 37-44 will now be available in April as a basic service free of charge.

AP News, Sports, Finance, and the N.Y. Stock Exchange will be on channel 37, Financial News Network on 38, Satellite Program Network, 39, Daytime Acts, moved from satellite-tier channel 5 is slated for channel 40.

PROGRAMMING on remaining channels up to 44 will include modern satellite network and the Educational

channel Seeley said. "We are reserving some channels for future use, if something comes along they will be available."

Satellite-tier subscribers (subscribers who receive channel 2-6) already have the remote control converter, Seeley said. "We want to make remote control converters an option for our subscribers that do not have them, for an additional \$3.50 per month."

Some controversy is involved with Omnicom's marketing techniques. "I said a long time ago I thought it was slick marketing. We are unhappy

because Omnicom is trying to snow everybody by new marketing techniques," said Supervisor Maurice Breen.

Seeley believes the main problem lies in the lack of communication between the board and Omnicom. "I have not nor has anyone from Omnicom met with the cable task force yet. Because of this the board is not aware of what is happening in April."

Problems also exist, Breen said, with subscribers who originally signed up for the satellite tier.

"Originally when Omnicom sold the

satellite tier, HTN, or Home Theatre Network, was incorporated in it. HTN moved to pay TV, channel 47.

"There is nothing on the satellite tier of any value. Channel 2 is a Health Network, 3 is Headline News Stories, 4 is the Weather Channel and 5 is Daytime NSN, while 6 is Music Television," Breen said.

HE SAID his concern lies in the fact that the Satellite tier costs \$7.95 per month and came with a free remote-control converter. If the original subscriber drops channels 2-6, and wants to keep the converter then they must still pay an additional \$3.50 per month.

# Public adjusts to city's new parking system

By W.W. Edger  
staff writer

A parking program which started as an experiment little more than a year ago in the city of Plymouth has proved to be a very successful venture.

"The public is educated by now to what the program asks," said Barb Carpenter, parking enforcement officer, "and we have very little trouble. In fact, I give very few tickets compared to what we used to hand the persons who over-stayed their limit."

Under the plan, the city's main streets downtown have been allotted space for a certain number of hours — two hours, in many cases.

Along with that, the area has been altered to include one-way streets with angle parking to make room for more cars on both sides. That has helped to solve the problem, said Carpenter.

"We also have met with the business firms which require unloading and loading space, and worked out a suitable program," she explained. "We have very little trouble."

SEVERAL THINGS have helped to

solve what had been a very troublesome problem. Among them was the acquisition of a three-wheeled Cushman motor vehicle in which the enforcement officer rides.

"The vehicle itself serves as a warning, and when I make my rounds in the morning and chalk-mark the tires, I

seldom find a violator of the two-hour limit when I make my return trip.

"I find that most shoppers find that two hours is sufficient time to do their shopping — now that they have become accustomed to the rules.

"When I find people who break the rule and need more time I advise them

of the Central Parking Lot where they can park all day for a quarter. You can't find a parking fee anywhere that is cheaper than that."

Another thing which has helped is parking space designated for employees by the businesses in the downtown area. The Mayflower Hotel has space for its employees, as do most of the

stores on Forest Avenue, First National Bank of Plymouth, Plymouth Community Credit Union and other locations.

"All this helps to make my assignment much easier," said Carpenter, "and I don't find its equal in any other community around here."

Then she sighed and said, "And what a relief that is."

# Burroughs executive to address Chamber

William Conlin, senior vice president and president of the industry systems group for Burroughs Corporation, will address the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce next week.

Conlin will be guest speaker for the chamber's Caucus Luncheon beginning 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, in the Hillside Inn on Plymouth Road.

U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, also will be speaking at the luncheon which has as a topic "industrial development."

Cost of the luncheon is \$6.50 per per-

son. Reservations may be made by calling the chamber office at 453-1540.

Conlin was appointed president of the industry systems group of Burroughs in May 1982. The group represents a concentration of corporate resources — in product planning, market planning, engineering, and manufacturing — for the lines of business in which Burroughs specializes.

Conlin has been a corporate senior vice president since 1981.

Born in Gardner, Mass., Conlin earned a bachelor of business adminis-

tration degree from the University of Massachusetts in 1959 and a master in business administration degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1960.

Conlin, 49, joined Burroughs in 1960 as a systems representative in San Francisco. He came to Detroit in 1966 as large systems product manager.

He was named senior branch manager of the Detroit automotive/manufacturing branches of the group in 1972. He held a series of management

positions before being named general manager of national accounts regional marketing of the business machines group in 1977.

In 1978 Conlin was elected vice president of product management for the corporation and the next year was elected vice president and group executive of the international group. He became senior vice president of corporate product management in April 1981.

# Court hands sheriff job to Ficano

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a summary judgment declaring him sheriff. Lucas filed his own motion, asking the court to deny Ficano's motion and support Lucas' authority to fill the vacancy. Pittman filed a separate motion also asking that Ficano's motion be denied.

Ruling in Ficano's favor, Teranes wrote that state law superseded the county charter. Teranes said the state enabling legislation which allows for a county executive officer from making appointments of county elected officials.

"A county charter cannot contain provisions beyond the authority given to it by the enabling legislation," Teranes wrote.

He disagreed with an assertion by Pittman and Lucas that the section of the legislation forbidding the county

executive to make appointments applies only to "the original appointment of those officials who are to be elected" and not to the filling of vacancies.

"I believe this is stretching the language (of the enabling legislation)," Teranes wrote, "and in the light of the comments at the Constitutional Convention which considered the offices of the prosecutor and sheriff to be state offices . . . it was the intent of the convention and the state legislature to keep the office of the sheriff subject to the general statutes and local acts of this state."

TERANES ALSO ruled that Ficano's appointment was legal — even though Pittman, as Lucas' undersheriff, would legally be considered his successor under one state statute.

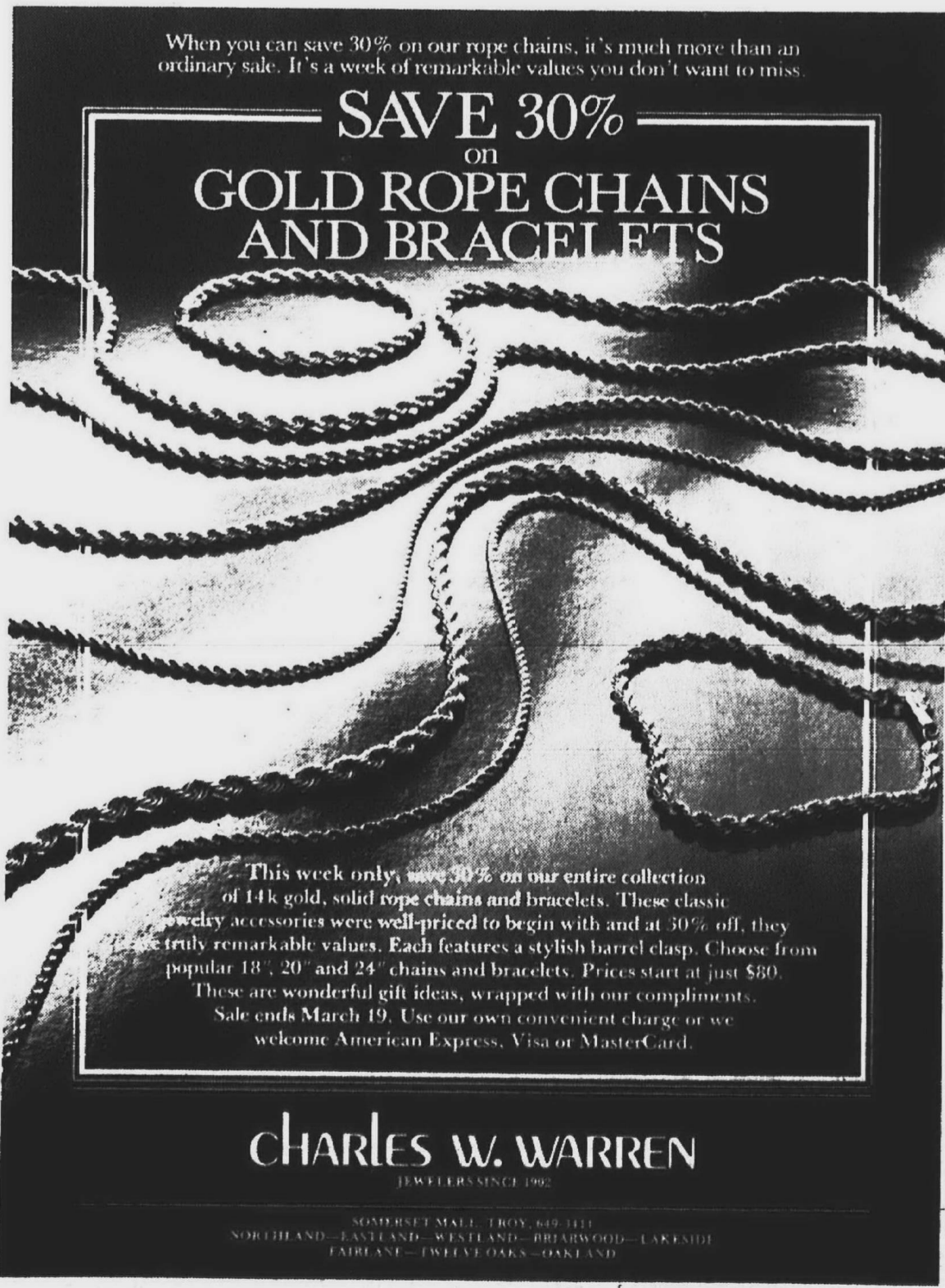
Teranes pointed to a Michigan Supreme Court case, Attorney General ex

rel. Finley v. Fawcett (1933). Ex rel. indicates a proceedings on behalf of the state but on the information of a person having a private interest in the outcome. That case ruled that the statute permitting the appointment of the sheriff by the prosecuting attorney, county clerk and presiding judge of the probate court takes precedence over the statute allowing the undersheriff to become sheriff when a vacancy occurs.

The judge also noted that Ficano's appointment was legal even though the three-member panel made its selection while Lucas was still sheriff. An appointment by a committee to fill a future vacancy is good if the committee has the same makeup between the time the appointment is made and the vacancy occurs, Teranes wrote.

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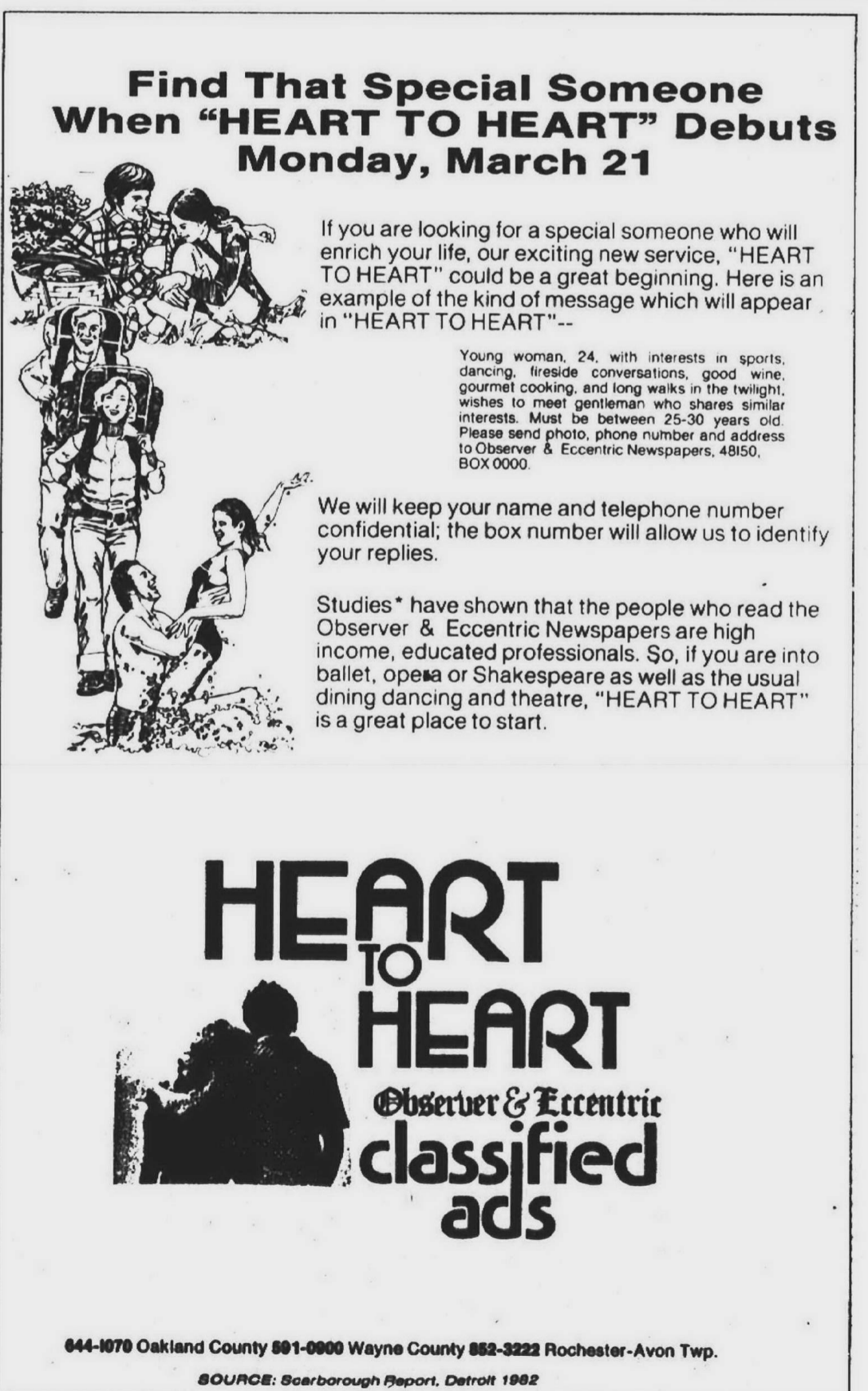
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**MAD HATTER PARTY**  
Monday, March 14 — A Mad Hatter party at the Canton Public Library will be 1-2 p.m. Saturday, March 26, for children in kindergarten-fourth grade. Registration by phone or in person beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 17. Party includes games, stories and other activities. All participants are asked to wear a hat of their creation. "Best Hat" awards will be given away. The library is at 1150 S. Canton Center Road just south of Proctor.

**SENSE COMMUNICATIONS**  
Mondays, March 14, 28 — Sense Communications, a new two-day seminar offered by the Plymouth Community Family YMCA, will be 7-10 p.m. in West Middle School, Sheldon at Ann Arbor Trail. Seminar covers how senses of sight, hearing, touch dominate how we communicate. Skills to help people in business, teaching, sales and being parents. Instructor Marcia Hill is a consultant with Human Resources Development and has done seminars for school districts, hospitals, and businesses. Call 453-2904 to register.

**AEROBIC FITNESS**  
Monday, March 14 — Aerobic fitness classes will begin Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings, Monday-Thursday evenings, or Saturday mornings at St. John Episcopal Church on Sheldon in Plymouth. Child care is available for the weekday morning sessions. For information or to register, call 459-9229.

**SPRING CONCERT**  
March 15 — The Plymouth Canton Educational Park vocal music department will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. in the little theater at Plymouth-Canton High School. Selections will include music for St. Patrick's Day and Easter.

**SOFTBALL SIGN-UP**  
Wednesday, March 16 — Registration for softball through March 15 with Plymouth Parks and Recreation at 525 Farmer. New teams will be eligible to pay entry fees beginning March 16. The softball leagues are set up on a first-come basis with a limited number of teams for each league. Entry fee is \$430 for men's slow-pitch and \$425 for men's modified. For information, call the recreation department at 455-6620.

**PINEWOOD DERBY**  
Wednesday, March 16 — Cub Scout Pack No. 781 from Our Lady of Good Counsel sponsors a Pinewood Derby race 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the cafeteria of West Middle School, on Ann Arbor Trail just west of Sheldon.

**BIRD PARENT-SON NIGHT**  
Wednesday, March 16 — Bird Elementary School will hold its Father/Parent-Son Night, sponsored by Bird PTO, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the school. Event includes making your own sundaes and seeing the antics of

comedy-gymnastics team of Harlan & Kryple.

**SINGLE DISCUSSION SERIES**  
Thursday, March 17 — A Single Discussion Series, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Family YMCA, will be held 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays from March 17 to April 28 in West Middle School. For the single person, the series is a discussion and support group to build confidence and skills such as: how to appreciate your own uniqueness, what to do with new sex attitudes, how to meet your life challenges, how to reinforce just being you. Instructor is Marcia Hill, a consultant in human resource development.

**FOOD COLLECTION**  
March 19 — Scout Troop 898 of Canton will collect non-perishable food items March 19 and 20. The food will be distributed to needy families through local churches and the Salvation Army in Plymouth.  
Scouts will collect the food items at Kroger in Canton and at Great Scott and Farmer Jack in Plymouth. The project was started by Scott Fossett of Troop 898 as his Eagle service project.

**BATTLE CREEK TRIP**  
Tuesday, March 22 — City of Plymouth Department of Parks and Recreation is offering a one-day trip to Battle Creek. Trip includes transportation, a tour of the Kellogg factory and the Kimball House Mansion and a lunch at the Spa Steak House. The price is \$23. The bus will leave the Plymouth Cultural Center at 8:30 a.m. The trip is limited to the first 38 persons who sign up at the Plymouth Recreation Office. For information, call the office at 455-6620.

**NUCLEAR FREEZE**  
March 21 — The Western Wayne Committee for the Nuclear Weapons Freeze will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. There will be reports from members who attended a anti-nuclear rally recently in Washington, D.C.

Another meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. March 23 at 397 N. Evergreen, Plymouth. For information, call 455-2149.

**DYNAMIC AEROBICS**  
Tuesday, March 22 — A Dynamic Aerobics exercise class will be held for eight weeks 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the lower level of Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The classes are offered by the recreation department in conjunction with Wayne-Westland YMCA. Instructor is Jackie Rundell. Baby-sitting services available. For details, call 397-1000 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

**ERIKSSON SIGNUP**  
Kindergarten registration for the 1983-84 school year will be at Eriksson Elementary School, 1275 N. Haggerty. Registration is 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Children who will be 5 on or before Dec. 1 are eligible to enroll for school in September. Proof of birth is required. For information, call the school at 981-2110.

**STORYTELLERS**  
March 24 — Registration begins at

10 a.m. for a multi-media dramatic interpretation of four stories for children in grades K and up. The show will be from 7-9 p.m. March 30 in the Canton Public Library, third floor of Township Hall on Canton Center Road.

**CANTON REPUBLICANS**  
Thursday, March 24 — The annual meeting of the Canton Republican Club will be at 8 p.m. in the Canton Historical Society building on Canton Center at Proctor.  
A guest speaker from the Plymouth-Canton School Board will explain the mid-year tax collection. For information, call 455-5217.

**SENIOR CITIZEN TRIP**  
Friday, March 25 — The Happy Hour Seniors of Plymouth will go to the Detroit Flower and Builders Show at Cobo Hall.  
Price of \$20 includes bus transportation, buffet lunch and admission to show. For information, call Isabel Spigarelli, evenings, at 981-3968.

**CANTON CRICKETS**  
Saturday, March 26 — Registration begins at 9 a.m. in Township Hall for the Canton Crickets preschool program for children ages 3-4.  
The 10-week sessions will begin the week of April 25. Price is \$26 per child. For information, call the Canton's parks and recreation department at 397-1000 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**EASTER SEAL SKATEATHON**  
Saturday, March 26 — Wayne County Easter Seal Society will have a fund-raising skateathon 11:30 p.m. Saturday to 4 p.m. Sunday at Skatin' Station, 8611 Ronda Drive at Joy, west of Haggerty, in Canton. Live coverage of the skateathon will be provided by Mort Crim and Gary Danielson on WDIV, Channel 4. Breakfast for skaters will be provided by McDonald's of Canton and by Farm Maid Dairy. For information, call Sally Levay at 722-3065.

**SPRING STORYTIME**  
March 29 — Registration begins at 10 a.m. for pre-school storytime series

for ages 3 1/2 to 5. Sessions will be at 10:15 a.m. from April 5 through May 10.

Registration for toddler storytime will begin at 10 a.m. March 30. Sessions for ages 2 to 3 1/2 will be at 10:15 a.m. April 6 through May 11. Toddlers must be accompanied by a parent.

**FRIENDS OF LIBRARY**  
Tuesday, March 29 — Friends of the Plymouth Library are having an official representative of "Colorful Me Beautiful" at an evening of fun and information based on the best-selling book of the same name beginning at 8 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center as a fund-raiser for Friends of the Library. Tickets are available at Plymouth Book World, Vols. I and II, or at the library.

**SOFTBALL LEAGUES**  
The parks and recreation departments for the city of Plymouth and Canton Township are sponsoring a combined coed softball league and a men's over-35 league. Interested people should call either 397-1000 or 455-6620.  
Plans call for a 10-game schedule with entry fees \$50 per team.

**RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE**  
Wednesday, March 30 — The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 41550 Ann Arbor Trail east of Riverside Drive, Plymouth, 3-9 p.m. For an appointment, call Dean Hamlin at home at 420-2950 or at work at 459-7660.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
April 2 — Canton's parks and recreation is sponsoring its annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. in Griffin Park. The event is for children 10 and younger.

**THEATER TRIP TO HOMER**  
Wednesday, April 13 — City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation will sponsor a trip to the True Grist Dinner Theatre in Homer, Mich. Trip is open to any interested adult and includes bus transportation, coffee and doughnuts,

shopping in Homer, lunch at the True Grist Dinner Theatre, and the comedy play "Harvey." Price of the trip is \$32 per person. Anyone can sign up at the recreation office at 525 Farmer, Plymouth. For more information, call the instructor at 459-2678 or the Childbirth and Family Resource Center at 459-2360.

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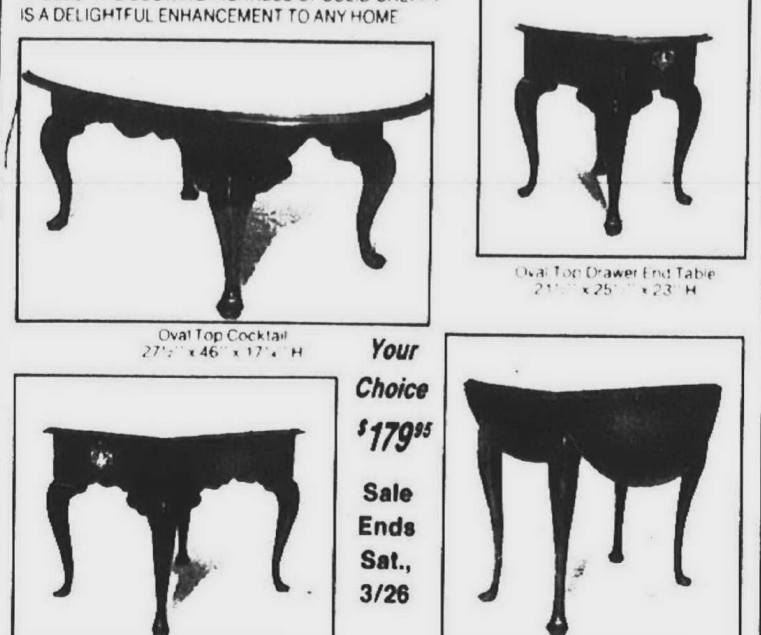
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# Delta election plan considered at SC in 1978

(Part XLIV)

Schoolcraft College's Faculty Forum, the faculty bargaining unit, came into existence a few years after the college opened. That was in the mid-1960s when new state laws gave faculty unions greater bargaining powers.

Richard Arlen of Plymouth, an accounting instructor at the college since 1969, was president of the Faculty Forum from 1970 to the spring of 1978, establishing the longest tenure as president of any Michigan Education (MEA) affiliate in the state.

In May 1978 Arlen, who had been elected to the Plymouth-Canton school board two years earlier, chose not to stand for re-election to the forum post. In that year William Nickels, who had been vice president, became president of the union which then represented 162 full-time and 231 part-time instructors. Nickels, a chemistry instructor, joined the college in 1968.

Nickels was heading the Forum in September 1978 when the faculty and office personnel at the college went on strike. The faculty contract had expired Aug. 25; the office personnel had been without a contract for 15 months.

This was the third strike at the college since its founding in 1964. The faculty had struck for almost a month in 1970, and the secretaries for a short time in 1971.

Among the issues was the college's efforts to have the employees absorb part of the cost of health insurance which had recently increased, and an attempt to extend the work day.

After eight days of strike, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Thomas Roumell ordered both of the unions back to work under terms of their old contracts. He also ordered fact-finding to be completed in 30 days.

The employees continued to work until two-year contracts were ratified in December. The faculty contract, retroactive to Aug. 24, provided for pay



past and present

**Sam Hudson**

increases of 7 percent for the first year and 5.5 percent the second. During the bargaining, the faculty team agreed to trim one-half percent from the full-time faculty members second-year increase in order to distribute that amount to part-time instructors.

The contract for the office personnel, covering 62 clerks and secretaries, was retroactive to July 1, 1977. It provided pay increases of 6 percent.

After the board ratified the contracts, it voted President C. Nelson Grote a \$3,000 salary and fringe increases, raising his compensation by

6.45 percent. With the increase, the president's salary was now \$48,000.

A FEW MONTHS before the strike, on June 20, director of labor relations John F. Graves, who had joined the college staff only eight months before, collapsed and died suddenly on campus. He was 55.

In November Dr. Robert Keene, instructional vice president in charge of the Garden City Center, retired. Keene, one of the early supporters of the movement to establish the college, had joined Schoolcraft in 1968.

During December 1978 Corbell Jaray, a publisher in Glen Head, N.Y., donated to the college library a copy of a poem by Henry Rowe Schoolcraft. Written in 1820, the narrative about copper mining bears the uninviting title, "Transallegania: The Groans of the Missouri." The 24-page pamphlet is one of only five copies in existence. Patrick Butler, the library director, says its value has been estimated at \$600.

Thad Diebel, who had arrived at Schoolcraft as dean of applied sciences in 1973, was named acting director of the Garden City Campus after Keene left. His permanent appointment as dean of the center was made in February 1979.

DURING THE SAME month, the Schoolcraft trustees wrestled once more with the problem of how to get "input" from the K-12 districts that had little or no representation on the board.

Board vice-chairman Harry Greenleaf of Livonia urged his fellow trustees to consider a plan used by Delta College in the Bay City area. There, candidates run at-large, as they do at Schoolcraft, but seats are allocated to candidates from certain geographic areas.

Trustee Len Wozniak, also of Livonia, demurred. "I have never heard where one community suffered for lack of representation on this board," he declared. Greenleaf countered that it was not a matter of representation, but a matter of input.

College attorney Wolfgang Hoppe gave a written opinion that a plan like Delta's would be constitutional. According to the Feb. 7 issue of the Northville Record, Hoppe said "the U.S. Supreme Court has explicitly upheld residency requirements." He cited cases in which representatives were elected at large but were required to reside in a

particular district. The Supreme Court had held that such a plan does not violate the one-man, one-vote principle.

At the meeting, it was noted that if the Schoolcraft board was to be reorganized in this manner it would take an act of the Michigan Legislature. No action was taken, although the board agreed to explore the matter at a future meeting.

Also in February 1979 Grote announced that he was seeking a person to fill the newly created position of "Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs." The person would be in charge of day-to-day administration of the college. The president said he needed more time for long-range planning.

Dr. Jewell E. Stindt, who received her doctorate from the University of Michigan, was hired to fill the position. (To be continued)

## Supermarket shopping a frustrating trip



the stroller

**W.W. Edgar**

Through an unusual set of circumstances the other day The Stroller was assigned the task of grocery shopping. After a tantalizing hunt for the items he wanted he wound up with a strange case of homesickness.

As he walked up and down the aisles in search of the items on his list it became a game of trying to outwit the managers who, seemingly, switch items every few days.

It got to the point where he was so frustrated that he stood at the head of one of the aisles and just wished that he could be back home, where the country store was one of his favorite places.

In our little town in the Pennsylvania Dutch Country we had a favorite country store. It wasn't large. After all, our population was slightly more than

3,000. But the store was something to behold.

The counters were set up in an L-shape with an old-fashioned wood stove out in the center of the floor. And when one went shopping he had only to step to the counter and make known his wants. Once this was done, the owners quickly went to the well-stocked shelves and brought back the items.

There was area in which he helped

himself. That was either the pickle barrel, the cracker barrel or the tub of salt mackerel.

You don't find such things in the supermarkets of today. That was one of the reasons The Stroller suffered the pangs of sickness.

It has been many moons since he had the pleasure of dining on a salt mackerel. The mackerel always was our Sunday breakfast back home. But there

was no such item in the supermarket. There, most of the food is packed in cans or boxes — and no one knows how long they have been packed.

Shopping in the old country store was more fun than just picking up groceries. It was around the cracker barrel that we sat and discussed the problems of the day. And many a time the town officials visited — just to get the opinions of the townspeople when any problem arose.

You don't find these cracker barrels in today's markets. In fact, there is no place to sit down or even a small stool to help you select a can or box from the top shelf.

There was another side to the country store in our town. It was the weekly trip by horse and wagon to the country to pick up fresh vegetables — and of

times a few chickens.

The ride to the country was always a treat, for we had a chance to meet the farmers and their wives who always had a good meal waiting for us. And we always were sure to get a large piece of their homemade chocolate cake.

The ride out to the country was fun. But the return home was just as interesting.

When we arrived back at the store there always was a group of housewives eager to get their share of the fresh vegetables. If it was late in the week many of them would select a chicken for Sunday dinner.

It's not that way now in the days of the supermarkets, where the items are changed from aisle to aisle each week. All of which makes shopping for groceries a hunting expedition.

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# Turnaround near? Enrollment decline may not dip endlessly

By Jeanne Hoisington  
staff writer

Will the last person in Michigan please turn off the lights.  
Bumper stickers everywhere remind us of a troubled economy. Unemployment resulting in young families leaving town have school systems facing

declining enrollments.  
"We project enrollment in the next five years will decline," Dr. John M. Hoben, Superintendent of Plymouth Canton Schools said.

Dave Rodwell, administrative assistant for research and data processing, also confirms reports of a decline in

enrollment in Plymouth-Canton Schools.  
Plymouth-Canton fourth Friday count last October for grades kindergarten through 12th-grade was 15,765 students. By February, the number had slipped to 15,680.

According to Rodwell, enrollment over '79-'80 increased by 397 students

but over '80-'81 decreased by 382 students.

Enrollment figures are projected for a two or three year period Rodwell said. "We can't project five years down the line because you don't know what the economy is doing."

By averaging growth trends from the last two years, comparing growth trends and the percent of live births in western Wayne County, the school district is able to project enrollment.

In addition, attendance boundaries for the current year are looked at in terms of last's years attendance. Rodwell said he looks at not just the growth in school district, but what are neighborhoods are doing in specific attendance areas.

Last year 600 elementary students left the school district. Jennie Murdoch, coordinator of public accounting, who makes comparisons of this years fourth Friday count and last years, said the drop in enrollment indicates home-

owners who are young and don't have job security are moving to other areas."

Murdoch adds that the last thing people usually do is buy a home. Even though the interest rate is low, loans will not be approved for that reason alone. Job security is essential, she said.

"I think the interest rate on homes, 12 percent for a fixed mortgage, is the lowest we will see. With an election coming soon it will probably go up. We may never see fixed mortgages again," Murdoch said.

In the midst of declining enrollment throughout the Plymouth-Canton school district, one elementary school had an increase in students registering for kindergarten.

Last week 95 students registered for kindergarten at Miller Elementary. "This is high for early in the year, maybe our numbers are going up," Murdoch said.

Bill Decker of Decker Realty in Plymouth said, "As we look at the composition of families in our areas, many of them have to do with Ford Motor Company. They are white or blue collar workers."

The transfer, Decker maintains, of Ford Motor Company employees into the marketplace is very slow. He adds, that the two other auto company personnel primarily do not live in Canton or Plymouth.

Currently 408 homes are for sale in Canton, and 276 homes are for sale in Plymouth according to Decker.

"This is way up from where it should be," Decker said.  
But, Decker said that the number was twice that much a year and a half ago. These figures include people who are renting homes also. Plymouth-Canton Schools are looking at the figures of live births in Wayne County specifically in the Plymouth Canton area.

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Center, 525 Farmer. Play usually is completed by 4 p.m.

### ● CANTON SOFTBALL

Any interested teams or individuals wishing to play in a combined Canton and Plymouth Coed Softball League or a Men's 35-Over League should contact either recreation department as soon as possible. Plans call for a 10-game schedule with entry fees \$50 per team. If enough interest is shown, organizational meeting will be held. To indicate interest, call Canton Recreation at 397-1000 or Plymouth Recreation at 455-6620.

### ● GALLIMORE "K" SIGN UP

Parents of children in the Gallimore attendance area who will be 5 on or before Dec. 1, 1983, should call the school office at 453-7350 after 1 p.m. any weekday to preregister their child. Several preschool experiences are being planned. Parents will receive a schedule after registration.

### ● 'Y' AEROBIC CLASSES

Aerobic fitness classes are offered continuously at Starkweather Elementary School, Plymouth. The six-week program is sponsored by Plymouth Community Family YMCA. Price is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. For information, call 453-2904.

### ● PAID WORK EXPERIENCE

Growth Works Inc., a non-profit community service agency serving Plymouth and Canton, offers paid work experience opportunities and job search for those 18-21 living in western Wayne County (excluding the cities of Livonia, Detroit and Dearborn). For information on job enrollment, call 455-4093.

### ● DIET SUPPORT GROUP

A Diet Support Group meets at 8 p.m. Thursdays in Room 2401, Plymouth Salem High, Joy just west of Canton Center Road. Adjust your eating

program, weigh-in weekly, phone when there's no progress and help maintain cardiovascular exercise. No charge. For information, call Bill Moon at 459-1080.

### ● CHARITY COOKIE DRIVE

The Western Wayne County Chapter of Michigan Leukemia Foundation is sponsoring a cookie drive to cover the cost of research and patient financing in the cure and treatment of allied blood diseases. The cookies, in a Currier and Ives container, are \$6 per tin. For information, call Jean Chakrabarty at 455-1077 or Mary Dingeldey at 459-0509. The Western Wayne County Chapter is at 51140 Geddes, Canton Township.

### ● HAPPY HOUR

The Senior Group meets noon to 4 p.m. Wednesdays in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, for card playing. For information, contact Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620.

### ● FENCING CLUB

A free fencing club meets Thursdays at Field Elementary School, 1000 Haggerty, Canton Township. Persons with prior fencing experience desired. Contact Bruce Davis at 455-8418.

### ● SQUARE DANCE CLUB

A square dance club open to all levels of dancers meets 7-10 p.m. the first and third Sundays of each month in the Oddfellows Hall, Ann Arbor Trail between Main and Haggerty. For information, call 455-3687. Everyone is welcome. The caller is Bruce Light.

### ● SELF-HELP GROUP

Recovery Inc., a group that teaches

self-help techniques for nervous and depressed persons, meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays in Room B-10 of Pioneer Middle School, Ann Arbor Road west of Sheldon. Everyone is welcome.

### ● SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Preprimary special education services for children 6 and younger are available through Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

If you have a child who may be mentally or emotionally impaired, have a physical or visual disability, a hearing or speech impairment or learning disability, call the Infant and Preschool Special Education Program (IPSEP) at Farrand Elementary School, 420-0363, for more information.

### ● ZESTERS

The Zester senior citizens club, Canton, has openings for members. Eligible are Canton residents 55 and older.

The club meets at 12:30 p.m. Thursdays at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon near Warren. Take a bag lunch.

### ● SCHOOL FRUIT SALE

Plymouth Seventh-Day Adventist School is sponsoring a fruit sale through April. Proceeds from the sale will go to the school's building fund. Apples, oranges and grapefruit will be sold. For information on ordering fruit, call 981-3423 or 459-0894. Pick up the fruit at 5757 Lilley, north of Ford in Canton.

### ● MILLER COOKBOOK

The Miller Elementary School PTO will sell "Cozy Kitchen Cookbook," compiled by Miller School families, for \$3 a copy. Persons wanting to buy a copy may call Barb Japp at 981-4935.

# Retired Navy officer serves on police staff

By W.W. Edgar  
staff writer

It is an unusual switch from sailing the high seas to a desk in the Plymouth City Hall but it is a pleasant one for Mike Richardson who now serves as administrative secretary to Police Chief Carl Berry.

Sitting in his office these days that he refers to as his retirement, inasmuch as he retired from the Navy last July, he recalls the countries he visited during his enlistment.

For his allotted time in the Navy, Richardson, 41, served as a petty officer in the aviation administration department and later on the U.S.S. Independence — an aircraft carrier — out of Norfolk, Va.

"I have been in Spain, South America, the European continent and many other countries, and I sure enjoyed every minute of it."

Of all the countries he visited, he

liked England the best, especially London.

"What a thrill it was to walk down to the residence of the prime minister at 10 Downing Street and realize that I was so close to one of the world leaders.

"And I liked the entire atmosphere of London, especially the manner in which they spoke the English language. I'd go back there any time."

Richardson is no stranger to Plymouth. He spent five years here as a Navy recruiter and it was while in that position that he met Chief Berry. It was a natural move that when the opening came in the city police department the chief called on him to fill the position.

Richardson smiles as he recalls

being sent to boot camp. After a seige there he was assigned to the aviation group as an electrician.

"It was a wonderful and interesting life and I sure saw a lot of the world and the waters in between the continents."

"It was a great feeling to be sailing through the Caribbean and the wonderful country down there. But of all the places my thoughts go back to London, oftener than any other place."

"And I took a liking to Plymouth, too, when I served as the Navy recruiter. Now in my retirement years this will be most pleasant to serve Chief Berry."

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This trio works well together because each ingredient brings something special to different kinds of recipes. Take salads, for example. The crisp, refreshing texture of California iceberg lettuce makes it the nation's favorite salad green. And, because of California's unique climate and growing conditions, it is readily available throughout the entire year. Pecans add nutrition as well as crunch in a variety of salads. With a rich flavor in their natural state, pecans do not require any further preparation. They store well—shelled and kept in airtight containers, they last up to two years in the freezer, and about nine months when refrigerated. Natural cheeses from Denmark supply high protein, calcium and a variety of vitamins and minerals. Danish cheeses also keep well when covered with foil or plastic and refrigerated.

"Elegant Iceberg Bowl" gets any dinner off to a sensational start. Begin with a chilled bowl of iceberg lettuce chunks, then simply add a generous amount of robust Danish blue cheese and pecan halves or pieces. "Creamy Blender

Vinaigrette" harmonizes beautifully with this simple yet distinctive salad, and any entree—meat, fish or fowl—will be complemented by this imaginative beginning. For a heartier offering, try "Fruit and Cheese Salad Platter," an arrangement of assorted fruits, cubes of Danish Fontina cheese and pecan halves on a bed of shredded iceberg lettuce. Accompany with "Ginger-Blue Cheese Dressing," ribboned over the top or served on the side.

"Deluxe Chicken Salad" is further proof that a few basic foods can be creatively combined with enticing results. Toss with tangy "Pecan Vinaigrette" and serve as a first course salad, or increase the amount of chicken and cheese and present as a main course. To multiply the salad combinations, consider that the dressings are interchangeable. Suggested dressing is listed within each recipe, but try mixing and matching to vary the possibilities. "Whole Wheat Pecan Muffins" make a nice accompaniment to any of these salads. Serve them alone or with mellow "Danish Cream Cheese Spread." Deceivingly easy "Copenhagen Mousse" concludes any luncheon or dinner on a high note. Subtly accented with orange liqueur, the texture is smooth, soothing, rich and light all at the same time—a perfect ending to a company meal. Let this compatible trio of California iceberg lettuce, golden pecans and natural cheeses from Denmark add a distinctive touch to meals—start to finale.

## ELEGANT ICEBERG BOWL

- 1 head iceberg lettuce
- 1-1/2 to 2 cups Danish blue cheese, crumbled
- Creamy Blender Vinaigrette (see recipe)
- 1-1/2 cups pecan halves or pieces

Core, rinse and thoroughly drain lettuce; chill in plastic bag or plastic crisper. Prepare dressing. Cut lettuce crosswise into 1-inch thick slices, then cut lengthwise and crosswise into chunks. Toss in large salad bowl with blue cheese and pecans. Pass dressing separately. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

## CREAMY BLENDER VINAIGRETTE

- 1/3 cup vinegar
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard
- Dash of salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil

In blender container mix vinegar, egg yolk, mustard, salt and pepper. Gradually add oil and blend until thickened and smooth. Cover and chill several hours to allow flavors to blend. Makes about 1-1/4 cups.

## FRUIT AND CHEESE SALAD PLATTER

- 1 head iceberg lettuce
- 1 kiwi fruit, peeled and thinly sliced
- Ginger-Blue Cheese Dressing (see recipe)
- 1 cup pecan halves
- 1 apple
- 4 ounces Danish Fontina cheese, cubed
- 1 pear
- Juice of 1 lemon

Core, rinse and thoroughly drain lettuce; chill in plastic bag or plastic crisper. Prepare dressing. Cut lettuce lengthwise into halves, place cut-side down on board and shred with sharp knife. Cut apple and pear into thin slices; sprinkle with lemon juice. Place shredded lettuce on large platter. Arrange apple, pear, kiwi, pecans and cheese over lettuce. Serve with dressing. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

## GINGER-BLUE CHEESE DRESSING

- 2/3 cup sour cream
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 cup Danish blue cheese, crumbled

Combine sour cream, mayonnaise and ginger and mix until smooth. Stir in blue cheese. Cover and chill several hours to allow flavors to blend. Makes 1-1/2 cups.

## DELUXE CHICKEN SALAD

(NOT PICTURED)

- 1 head iceberg lettuce
- 1/4 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- Pecan Vinaigrette (see recipe)
- 1 cup diced Creamy Havarti cheese
- 1 apple
- 1 cup thawed frozen peas (optional)
- 1 to 1-1/2 cups cooked chicken, cut or torn into bite-size pieces
- 1/2 cup pecan pieces

Core, rinse and thoroughly drain lettuce; chill in plastic bag or plastic crisper. Prepare dressing. Tear lettuce into bite-size pieces and place in large salad bowl. Dice apple; sprinkle with lemon juice. Add apple, chicken, mushrooms, cheese, peas and pecans to lettuce and toss gently. Add dressing to taste and toss again, or pass dressing separately. Makes 8 servings.

## PECAN VINAIGRETTE

(NOT PICTURED)

- 1/4 cup red or white wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup finely chopped pecans
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup olive or vegetable oil, or combination

Combine vinegar, pecans, mustard, salt and pepper and mix well. Gradually stir in oil. Cover and chill at least 2 hours, or overnight. Stir again before serving. Makes about 1-1/2 cups.

## WHOLE WHEAT PECAN MUFFINS

- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 egg
- Danish Cream Cheese Spread (see recipe)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease 12-cup muffin tin. Combine flours, brown sugar, baking powder and salt and mix well. Stir in pecans. In small bowl combine milk, oil and egg. Add to dry ingredients and stir just until moistened. Divide among muffin cups. Bake until lightly browned, about 25 minutes. Serve with Danish Cream Cheese Spread. Makes 12 muffins.

## DANISH CREAM CHEESE SPREAD

- 4 ounces Danish natural fruit-flavored peach, orange or pineapple cream cheese, room temperature
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 2 to 3 tablespoons milk

Beat cream cheese with powdered sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in just enough milk for spreading consistency. Makes about 1-1/4 cups.

## COPENHAGEN MOUSSE

- 8 ounces Danish natural fruit-flavored peach, orange or pineapple cream cheese, room temperature
- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons orange-flavored liqueur
- 1 teaspoon unflavored gelatin
- 2 tablespoons cold water
- 3 egg whites, room temperature
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- Pecan pieces (optional garnish)

In large bowl, blend cream cheese and whipping cream until smooth. Stir in liqueur. Sprinkle gelatin over cold water to soften, then warm over low heat or in microwave until dissolved. Let cool 2 minutes. Blend into cream mixture. In another bowl, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add sugar and beat until stiff. Gently fold into cheese mixture. Pour into 4 dessert dishes and chill until firm. Garnish with pecans, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

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## Weight, wait for perfect eggplant

Whenever I prepare an eggplant dish that requires slicing the midnight purple vegetable, I must address the provocative question: to salt and weight or wait and salt?

Some cooks say just pick out the perfectly ripe eggplant and you needn't salt the slices and weight them down to draw out the bitterness and excess liquid. Other cooks say if you skip it, you'll cry sour grapes. My wife belongs to the latter crowd. She turns up her nose if the eggplant hasn't been treated accordingly.

If I could select the just-ripe eggplant from the grocery bin, I wouldn't worry about bitterness. But I fear I couldn't do it if my cooking reputation depended on it.

You're supposed to firmly press the skin to find eggplants that give slightly and bounce back. If the skin is hard and your finger leaves an indentation, the eggplant is overripe and will be bitter. It seems every time I attempt to apply the finger test, the produce manager is looking my way or the eggplant is securely protected by plastic wrap.

There are other clues to the just-ripe eggplant: It feels heavy for its size, looks shiny and smooth, has no soft spots, isn't shriveled and the green cap looks fresh.

If you toss the eggplant in the refrigerator instead of using it right away, you should join the salt-and-weight crowd, too.

### MEXICAN EGGPLANT

- 1 medium eggplant, about 1 1/4 lbs.
- Salt
- 1 1/2 lbs. lean ground beef
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 tsp. cooking oil
- 1 tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 tsp. dried oregano leaves
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- Black pepper
- 1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- Grated Parmesan cheese

Pare eggplant, cut in 1/2-inch slices, lightly salt on both sides and weight down 30 minutes. In electric frypan, lightly brown meat and onion in hot oil at about 320 degrees. Sprinkle on flour and stir. Add tomato sauce, green pepper, oregano, chili powder and 1/2 tsp. salt, mix well and reduce heat to about 220 degrees. Lightly season eggplant on one side with pepper, arrange slices over meat, cover and cook 20 minutes. Top with Cheddar. Just before serving, sprinkle on Parmesan. Serves 6.

## Look to the south for good, spicy food

If your economy meals need some spicing up, look south to Mexico for inspiration. For Mexican cooks have a flair for combining a variety of inexpensive ingredients in the most flavorful and appetizing ways.

Most popular in this country are Mexican "antojitos" — snacks such as tacos, tostados and burritos, all made with tortillas and spicy fillings. It is believed that these handy foods were created long ago in Mexico as a light meal at home or in the fields or as snacks in the marketplace or at fiestas. Today they are enjoyed on both sides of the border for lunch or supper and as between-meal snacks and party snacks.

FOR AN "antojito" sure to please family and friends alike, try your hand at making Pork Burritos, Mexican-style sandwiches. You'll find them as fun to make as they are delicious to eat. And because they are so economical, you can make them again and again without upsetting the budget. These burritos feature a filling of ground pork with refried beans encased in crispy fried tortillas. The mixture is conveniently seasoned with taco seasoning mix.

Burritos are just one example of the versatility of ground pork which, like all pork cuts, is in good supply and attractively priced. It is also popular because of the many ways it can be used such as in patties, meat loaves, casseroles, pizza toppings and spaghetti sauces.

### PORK BURRITOS

- 1 lb. ground pork (75 percent lean)
- 1 small onion, chopped

- 1 can (8 oz.) tomatoes
- 1 can (8 1/2 oz.) refried beans
- 1 pkg. (1 1/4 oz.) taco seasoning mix
- 1 can (4 oz.) chopped green chilies
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 10 eight-inch flour tortillas
- Cooking oil

Brown ground pork and onion in large frying pan. Pour off drippings. Drain tomatoes, reserving liquid, and coarsely chop. Add tomatoes, refried beans, taco seasoning mix, green chilies, salt and tomato liquid to pork, stirring to combine. Cook slowly 15 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in cheese. Lightly brush both sides of each tortilla with cooking oil; place in two stacks on a damp towel. Wrap in towel; place on baking sheet in moderate oven (375°) 8 to 10 minutes. Remove tortilla from towel; place 1/4 cup meat mixture in center of tortilla, fold opposite sides over filling, then fold remaining sides over top to enclose filling. (Secure with round wooden pick, if necessary.) Repeat to make 10 burritos. Fry burritos in deep hot oil (365°) 4 to 5 minutes or until hot and golden brown. \* 5 servings of 2 burritos each.

\*Or if a soft crush is desired, place on baking sheet and bake in moderate oven (350°) 10 to 12 minutes.

To show off the burritos in style, serve them on lettuce leaves with tomato wedges and avocado slices. If they are to be the main attraction at lunch or supper, you might also like to serve a fresh fruit salad or shimmering gelatin mold.

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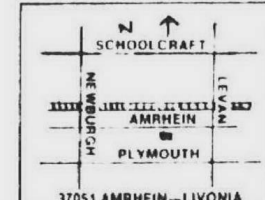
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# For St. Patrick's Day, try a traditional dinner

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The secret to tender and juicy corned beef is to cover it with liquid, then simmer it slow and easy. While the beef brisket is not a naturally tender cut, the hours of gentle cooking by moist heat produces delicious, fork-tender results. The glaze is easily achieved by briefly baking the cooked corned beef with a nutmeg-spiced cora syrup topping.

**SURE TO BE** enjoyed with the corned beef is a vegetable combination of turnips, carrots, onion and green pepper. The vegetables pick up the flavor of the spicy beef for they are cooked to tenderness in a portion of the beef's cooking liquid.

You'll find corned beef in the meat case in many shapes and sizes. It's

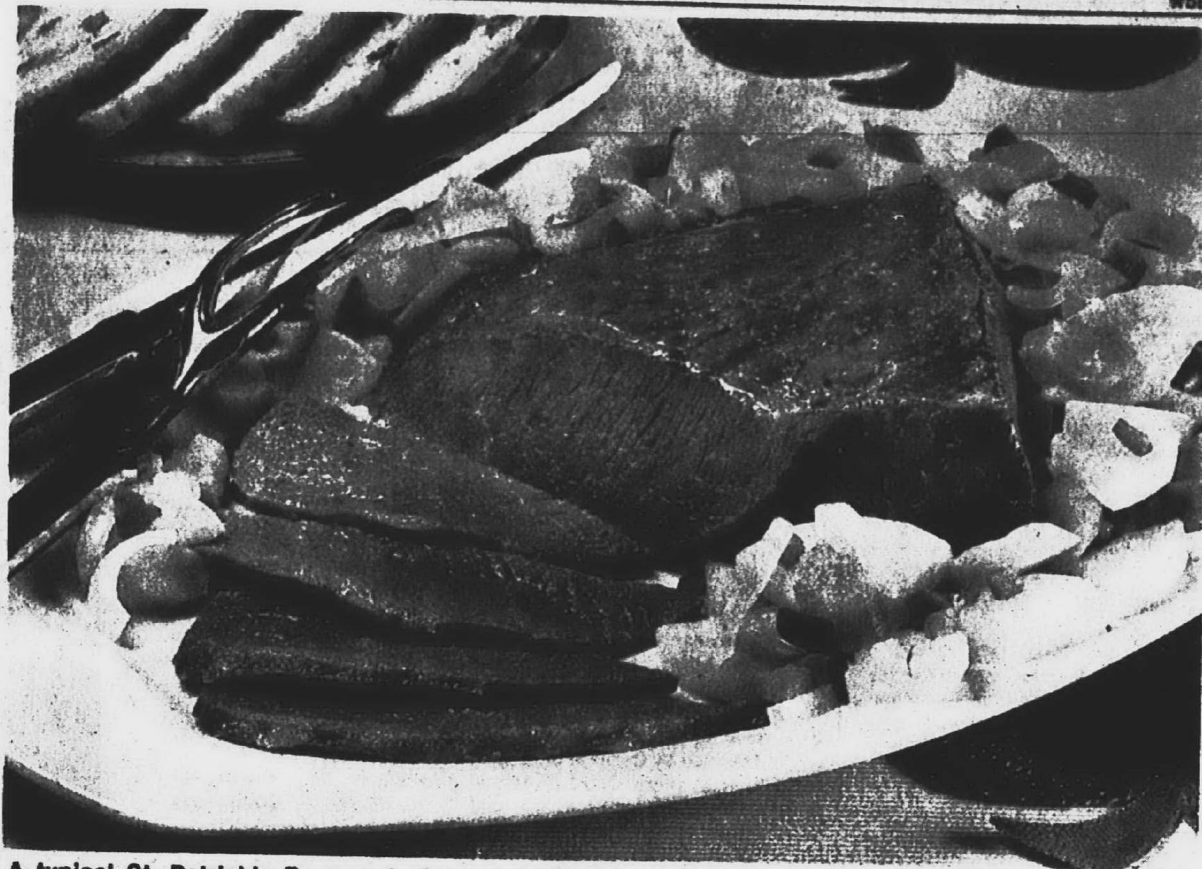
made by curing the beef brisket cut from the underside of the beef carcass in a spicy brine. Although the brisket is available whole, it is often sold in portions in the retail market. It may be cut in half crosswise or cut into thirds.

When deciding what size corned beef to buy, you'll want to plan ahead for leftovers. The family will surely be looking forward to corned beef on rye and Reuben sandwiches. Leftover corned beef is also tasty in casseroles or creamed on biscuits, English muffins or toast. To really stretch the budget, combine the last of the beef with potatoes for a penny-pinching hash.

**ST. PADDY'S CORNED BEEF**  
3 to 5-lb. corned beef brisket  
Water  
3 carrots, cut into 1/2-inch pieces  
2 turnips, pared, cut into 1/2-inch wedges  
1 small onion, cut in half lengthwise and sliced  
1 small green pepper, chopped  
1/4 cup light cora syrup  
Dash nutmeg

Place corned beef brisket in Dutch oven; add water to cover. Cover tightly and simmer 3 to 4 hours or until meat is tender. Remove 1 1/2 cups cooking liquid 30 minutes before brisket is done. Place cooking liquid, carrots, turnips and onion in saucepan, cover tightly and cook 25 minutes. Add green pepper and continue cooking, covered, 5 to 6 minutes or until pepper is done. Combine syrup and nutmeg and cook slowly 2 to 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove meat from cooking liquid and place, fat side up, on rack in open roasting pan; spread glaze over top of meat. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 20 minutes. Carve brisket diagonally across the grain into thin slices and serve with vegetables.

With the corned beef and vegetables capturing the St. Pat's Day spotlight, you can round out the menu easily with chunky applesauce and Irish soda bread. Then what better way to end this special tribute to the Emerald Isle than with lime sherbet and shamrock-shaped sugar cookies.



A typical St. Patrick's Day meal of corned beef and vegetables is a tradition that isn't difficult to adhere to as it is easy and economical to prepare.

## Nutrition conference at MSU March 22

The relationship between diet and cancer will be discussed at a daylong nutrition conference March 22 at Michigan State University. The program, which is part of Farmer's Week, begins at 9 a.m. in B108 Wells Hall.

The opening speaker is Steven Stellman, an epidemiologist with the American Cancer Society in New York. Stellman will present data linking dietary practices to greater or lesser incidence of cancer.

Jay Goodman, MSU professor of pharmacology and toxicology, will discuss what takes place at the cellular level in the development of cancer

cells. He will explain how carcinogens interact with normal body processes to produce mutant cancer cells.

At 1:30 p.m., Ian Gray, MSU associate professor of food science and human nutrition will talk about toxic compounds in food, including those that occur naturally and those that are created or added during food processing.

Maurice Bennick, MSU associate professor of food science and human nutrition, will talk about specific dietary components and their protective or harmful effects in the development of cancer.

## A little bit of salt goes a long way

Sodium is essential for life. But, many Americans have diets that include far more sodium than they need. High sodium intake is believed to be one of several factors contributing to high blood pressure, which in turn can lead to heart disease and stroke. But, luckily, there are many ways to lower your sodium intake.

To help you find the easiest ways to moderate sodium in your diet, the Department of Health and Human Services has a new, free pamphlet that includes information on how much sodi-

um you need, categories of food and their sodium levels and different ideas for cutting sodium intake. To get your free copy of "Sodium," write to the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 529L, Pueblo, Colo. 81009.

Salt is the most common form of sodium in your diet. But you can learn to recognize other ingredients that contain sodium. These include soy sauce, salt brine and any ingredient with sodium or soda in its name, such as monosodium glutamate or baking soda.

A GOOD STEP toward increasing

your awareness of how much salt you are eating is to read the labels when you shop. Even when the amount of sodium isn't on the label, remember that the ingredients are listed in order of amount, from most to least. By reading the label, you will at least be able to compare sodium with the other ingredients.

Canned foods and other processed foods, generally contain large amounts

of sodium. Frozen foods are lower in sodium and fresh foods usually have the lowest sodium content of all.

When you're cooking at home, try gradually cutting the amount of salt you use in your favorite recipes until you've gotten it down to half or less. You weren't born with a preference for salt, and it can be unlearned.

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Ellie Graham

**BETTY STREMICH** believes Hillside Inn will be in good hands.

More than 20 years' association has forged deep feelings in her for the inn, which was founded by her Uncle Jake in 1934. She worked her way through college with summer jobs at Hillside. And because she was "family," none of the other employees were given cause to complain about special treatment for Betty.

"I did everything," she recalls. She was a busboy and worked as a waitress — all good training for her role as owner during the past five years. She was working on her master's degree in psychology when she decided she liked restaurant work better. She went to Cornell University and "took all the food service courses available."

She says she is not retiring. "Being in business is exciting, and I like it. I like Plymouth and the people. I'll be back." She gives the impression that her new venture will not require 80 hours a week on the job.

Betty said she has a good staff. Some have been there more than 20 years. "I've watched their families grow up." There are 67 employees at Hillside, some part time. The inn can seat a total of 550 people.

**ALTHOUGH THE** final closing on the sale will not be until a week from today, the new general manager has been there for a couple of weeks.

For Chris Piekarski, it was love at first sight. "I knew I wanted it the first time I saw it," he said. He will be running the inn for the new owners, Joe and Sam Macina.

An Easterner, he attended college in New Hampshire. He has been working for Steak and Ale for eight years and recently opened the Bennigan's restaurant on Woodward Avenue in Bloomfield Hills.

He plans some menu changes, but will leave the decor as is. He loves the atmosphere. "We'll continue the tradition. My philosophy is that a customer should be treated like a guest in your own home. You can't do that in a franchise operation."

He says his enthusiasm has been picked up by his 3-year-old son, who talks "Hillside" all the time. "And he's been here just once."

**DURING THE** transition period, Betty has been working closely with Chris.

In the meantime, out on her farm, her Suffolk ewes are lambing. "I raise sheep for the 4-H Club kids, not for profit. They have to have them by May 1, so our lambs are born early. I've already had a call from Dougie Campbell about coming out to pick out his lamb."

Betty says she has no desire to take any of the antiques in the inn. "They were bought for the hill, and they belong there."

**LILLIAN BANTA** and Tom Gram were high scorers at last Thursday's party bridge games in the Plymouth Cultural Center. Luella Cook and Kay McKay were winners the week before.

**DRAMA STUDENTS** and their mentor, Gloria Logan, are planning an Amateur Night Friday, April 16 in the cafeteria of Plymouth Canton High School.

"Touch a Rising Star" will be an opportunity for all amateur entertainers in the area to perform. Musicians, vocalists, stand-up comedians, trained dog acts, or whatever are invited to participate. There will be a \$2 performance fee for performers and a \$2 cover charge for members of the audience.

The cafeteria will be set up night-club fashion with menus and waiters. A live band and professionals will provide special entertainment. Festivities will be 7-11 p.m. Those who wish to enter the talent show should call 453-3100, Ext. 243, between 10:30 a.m. and noon.

"P.M. MAGAZINE" was out at the PCEP Friday taping the drama group for an upcoming television program. The word has gotten around that the students have been invited to represent the United States this summer at a drama festival in Austria.

The talent show is one of the fundraisers for the trip to Europe. So far, they have about \$5,000 in the kitty with another \$20,000 to go. The Plymouth Community Arts Council gave them \$500 last week, the largest single donation so far, and a big event for the students.

# Safe at last - refuge for battered women

By Sherry Kahan  
staff writer

**T**OME THIS place is like heaven. "The best feeling I've had in a long time is here. I feel secure and well protected. My husband can't get me."

A woman we will call Betty was sitting on the couch in the community room at the new shelter for battered women founded by First Step. It is a private agency in western Wayne County involved in domestic violence.

Her 2-year-old child was sleeping in a playpen not far away, untroubled by the hum of conversation around her.

"I wish more women knew of places like this so they could get something out of it," she said. "I was abused for seven years and didn't know there was a place like this."

"If women knew there were other options to life than depending on a man, they could take steps and get out of their situation. A lot of them are raised with the idea they have to get a man and settle down rather than becoming independent and standing on their own two feet."

Betty then threw in several other points. "I was an abused child," she said. As an adult she was kicked by the man she married, had her hair pulled out and her head struck repeatedly against the floor.

**FIRST STEP** board president Gary Greenstein, who practices law in Canton, became interested in First Step because he is familiar with problems like Betty's. He runs across them in his practice.

"It's amazing, the brutality that exists out there," he said. It was support from citizens like Greenstein, more than 150 organizations and a dedicated staff that made it possible for Betty to sit at peace, sort out her life and try to escape the trap she has been in for seven years.

After many years of work, a shelter for beaten women has not only been achieved, but staffed by both professionals and volunteers. It has been painted and filled with beds, tables and chairs donated by the community.

Its location will remain a carefully guarded secret so Betty and women like her can continue to live in safety. Those wanting information about the shelter or help from it may call First Step at 425-8000.

"The main reason for secrecy is to try to prevent a violent incident," said Gayle Mattson-Croninger, executive director of First Step.

"If a person reaches a point where she anticipates injury, and if she knows she can go to an environment where she doesn't have to be concerned for her physical safety, then I think she can prevent abuse."

"She can get out. She has a choice. She doesn't have to stay in her home."

**THE DAY JANE** moved in, her son told her, "Now us kids and moms don't have to be scared any more."

Sitting next to Betty on the couch Jane said, "Since I've been here I feel like a grown woman, like somebody, instead of a child. My husband gave me that idea. I had to do it like he said, like a child. I had a helpless feeling before I came here. I felt I couldn't do anything without my husband. He took away my self-image. I was not allowed to see members of my family."

"He threatened to blow my brains out if I left with the children."

Jane has changed in other ways since she walked into the shelter. "I've gained a lot of self-confidence here," she said. "I feel much better, more relaxed and safe. I'm getting a lot of counseling and help here about my options."

The shouts of eight or nine children of varying ages playing in the yard, reminded Jane of another subject. "All the kids here seem to be well adjusted," she said. "They don't have to wonder if mommy will get hit again."

**AT THE SHELTER** there is room for 20 people, including children, said Cheryl Bader of Plymouth, its director. Women go there on a voluntary basis to plan their future in quiet circumstances. Staff members are on hand 24 hours a day. The length of stay depends on individual circumstances.

The staff is augmented by the help of about 50 volunteers who work with children, drive residents to appointments, do individual and group counseling and a variety of other tasks.

"Their skill level is noteworthy," said Mattson-Croninger. "We have people with a professional background in nursing, social work and guidance and counseling."

Bader said: "Even those without degrees show a high level of skill and empathy even before training."

Anyone wishing to volunteer may call First Step. **TALKS WITH** with counselors generally take place in the large, often sunny living room. This is a total reversal of Betty's previous living conditions.

"I lived in a prison," she said. "My drapes were always closed. If I left them open I got in trouble with my husband. I was not allowed to have friends or socialize with anyone. I got out of the house every three weeks."

Mattson-Croninger mentioned the importance of ending the isolation experienced by abused spouses.

"We try to get them to talk to other women and develop relationships so they don't feel alone and isolated. It could be the first time they are able to talk about their situation. Here they have time to talk to people in the same boat."

Betty agreed about the loneliness of her life.

"There's no one you can talk to, to help you see the problem you are in, let alone get you out of it," she said. "It is hard to think on your own when you are literally kicked around."

**BUT LATELY** thinking comes more easily.

"I am going to learn how to raise my children," she began in a tone of confidence. "I am going to learn to cope with myself and change. I'm filing for divorce, and I'm prosecuting him for abuse. I feel very sorry for him, for what he lost in life and for what he's done to himself."

"I learned more in two weeks here than I did in the 11 years I was married."

In addition to the pain Betty received from kicks and blows, she was also hurt by what she saw happening to her children.

"They got nervous," she said looking at her child sleeping peacefully nearby. "Every time someone slammed the door, the baby jumped. If someone made a noise like dropping a book she would wake up and cry."

"After being here 11 days she is sleeping through noises. The phone doesn't disturb her at all. Coming from that cold environment into a good situation like this with warm people around made her feel more secure and content."

"My son too. He was hitting. Now he's starting to express himself by talking. All the kids are. They're sharing and working things out without hitting."



Cheryl Bader of Plymouth, director of the new shelter, and Gayle Mattson-Croninger of Ann Arbor, director of First Step, meet in the shelter's comfortable kitchen.

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# A child's world can be a pressure cooker

By Sherry Kahan  
staff writer

**A**DULTS WHO think they have cornered the market on stress are sometimes surprised to learn that rashes, bed wetting and nervous gestures, developed by their children, may reflect that they too are under pressure.

Nervous strain may cause youngsters to overreact to things, change their behavior or develop illness.

Busy with their own problems, parents may not notice their kids are often

on the receiving end of parental frustration or over-emphasis on academic or athletic achievement.

In a talk to members of Parent Support at their monthly meeting at Jackson Center, Livonia, Pat Chobot of Plymouth pointed out some of the worries that weigh children down.

They might feel responsible for the divorce of their parents, or become anxious over a death in the family. In addition, they have to deal with the problems typical of their age group, reaction to bodily changes, peer pressure, making friends and career choices.

**A GUIDANCE COUNSELOR** for 13 years, Chobot now works at Plymouth Canton High School.

"Spend a couple of days in a high school," she suggested. "You'll find it's incredible. Kids are dealing with choices we never had. They are trying to control their lives. They need your acceptance, but won't admit it. They need to know you love them, that you won't reject them if they experiment on their own."

Psychological upheaval is normal to young adults, in her opinion. "Many disorders they have when young disappear

as adults. But if not treated some can develop into lifelong maladjustment."

She is a believer in setting limits for children.

"If they can say 'Mom and Dad let me do anything,' that is really dangerous," she said. "You are not providing a structure. You must let them know where you stand so they know what will happen when they break the rules. Kids want this."

als taking place in society that impinge upon the young.

"Families are going through major changes," she said. "It is rare to find a class of 35 students that has more than half the kids living with their own parents. The kids are coping with a single parent and new responsibilities. There is stress on little kids to do well in school."

"Children are very egocentric. They think everything revolves around them. They feel guilty for everything. It is not uncommon for a child in elementary school to give up candy, and think that will bring back his dad. Or that the reason Dad left was because the child laughed at his mustache."

In the later teens, they project blame outward. Everyone else is at fault, in their mind.

"They are incredibly sensitive human beings," she said. "They come out with things that surprise you."

Kids can no longer rely on mom being in the kitchen and dad at the office.

In an interview, Chobot created an imaginary example of the kinds of problems that come to her attention.

The mother is working and the father is at home, unemployed. In what she called "a peak moment of frustration," the man says to his son, "How can I love you? You don't do anything to help around here."

## clubs in action

**WORKSHOP WILL MOTIVATE**  
A workshop at Schoolcraft College 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 19, concerns risk, procrastination and self-motivation. "If You Don't Know Where You're Going, It's Harder to Get There" is offered by the Community Services Department. Registration fee is \$25. Call 591-6400, Ext. 409, for information or to register.

**P-C MOTHERS OF TWINS**  
Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Twins Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the home of Dianne Wilson, 20950 Dixboro Road, Northville. It will be a general meeting with Carol Goodenough, president of the Michigan Mothers of Twins Club as guest. The club is open to all mothers of multiple births. Call 981-5105 for information.

**NATURAL AREA WORKSHOP**  
Friends of Matthaei Botanical Gardens will sponsor a workshop, "Working with Natural Areas," 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at the gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road. Participants will learn how to preserve existing woodlands and waterways. Registration by March 18 at the Washtenaw Cooperative Extension Service, 973-9510. Fee is \$3 for pre-registration and \$4 at door. Bring a sack lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

**DAR LUNCHEON**  
The Sarah Ann Cochrane chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at noon Monday, March 21, for a sandwich luncheon at the home of Mrs. Jon Ormsby. Speaker Mrs. Peter Simpson will discuss American Indians. Those interested in learning more about the DAR may call Christine Campbell, 464-1154, or Virginia Simpson, 348-2198.

**"ANNIE GET YOUR GUN"**  
The high school drama students will present the musical "Annie Get Your Gun" March 24, 25 and 26 in the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. For the first time, 125 reserved seats will be available for \$5 each. Call 453-3100, Ext. 243 for reservations.

**WAYNE CO. MOTHERS OF TWINS**  
Western Wayne County Mothers of Twins Club will meet at 8 p.m. Monday, March 21, in Holy Cross Evangelical Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Carol Goodenough State MOT president will be guest speaker. There will be a mini buy and sell of all sizes of clothing. For information, call Kathy Lucas, 533-0644.

**PANEL CARD PARTY**  
Plymouth-Canton Panhellenic will have its annual scholarship benefit card party at noon Tuesday, March 22, in the social hall of St. John's Episcopal Church, Sheldon Road south of Ann Arbor Trail. Donation of \$3.50 includes salad, dessert and beverage. For advance ticket reservations, call Alice Chrenko, 453-9196. Admission also at door.

**AARP TAX COUNSELING**  
The Plymouth/Northville American Association for Retired Persons Tax Counselors for the elderly will be at the Plymouth Grange Hall 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, and at the Plymouth Cultural Center 2:30-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 23. A team will

be at the Plymouth Library 1-4 p.m. Thursday, March 24.

There is no charge and no appointment is necessary.

**ROCK & MINERAL SOCIETY**  
The Plymouth Rock and Mineral Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. today, in the Plymouth Cultural Center. Larry Maltby will present a slide program on exceptional-quality gems, minerals and fossils. Guests are welcome.

**LAMAZE ORIENTATION CLASS**  
The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association will offer a Lamaze orientation class at 7:30 p.m. today, at Newburg Methodist Church as an introduction to the Lamaze birth technique. There is a \$1 charge at the door.

**AARP CHICKEN BARBECUE**  
Reservations will close Wednesday, March 16, for the chicken barbecue planned for noon Wednesday, March 23. The meal will precede the regular monthly meeting in the Plymouth Cultural Center of the Plymouth/Northville Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Call John Lynch, 453-7734, for reservations. Bring your own place settings for the barbecue. A program is planned for after the luncheon. Bring canned or non-perishable food for the Salvation Army.

**REFUNDERS CLUB**  
The Plymouth-Canton Refunders Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Plymouth Grange Hall, 273 Union, Plymouth. Bring refund forms, proofs of purchase and complete deals to trade. New members are welcome.

**GERMAN-AMERICAN CLUB**  
The German-American Club of Plymouth will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Odd Fellows Hall, Elizabeth at Ann Arbor Trail, for its monthly meeting.

**ALONE-TOGETHER**  
St. Edith's widow/widower group will have a St. Patrick's Day dance at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Church Hall, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia (south of Five Mile). Program will feature Dave Bone, instructor and caller for ethnic dancing. No knowledge of dances is required. Admission is \$4. Meeting is open only to widows and widowers, 35-60 years old. For information, call Sarah Skatkat, 464-3136, after 5 p.m.

**PHOENIX DIVORCE SUPPORT**  
"Dealing with Your New Identity" will be the topic when the Phoenix Divorce Support Group for Women meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton. Barbara Schnarr, a consultant with the Detroit Public Schools, will be the speaker.

Phoenix meetings, sponsored by the YMCA of Western Wayne County, are open to all women who are divorced, separated or contemplating divorce. For more information, call Susan Cadwell, 561-4110, during business hours.

**EPILEPSY SUPPORT ORGANIZATION**  
The self-help group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, in All Saints Lutheran Church, Newburgh at Joy, Livonia. Speaker will be registered nurse Kris Hoyt, an epilepsy clinician, University of Michigan Neurology Associates. There will be no meeting April 7. For information, call Joanne Meister, 522-1940, or Dick Sedgewick, 336-6222.

**BETHANY**  
Bethany, a group of divorced or separated Christians, meets at 8 p.m. Friday, at St. Kenneth Church, 14591 Haggerty, Plymouth Township. Guest speaker will be Marcia M. Stroko, a representative of IDS Marketing Services, whose topic will be "Financial Planning Strategies and Money Management."

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# Rocks reap district title



Salem's Dave Houle earned district MVP honors, largely due to his 22 points and 10 rebounds Friday against John Glenn. The 6-foot-4 senior center outplayed both his taller opponents.

By C.J. Risak  
staff writer

Plymouth Salem's basketball team has survived its third test.

The Rocks withstood a late Westland John Glenn rush to capture their second straight state district tournament title, 76-70, Friday at Salem.

The victory puts Salem into the regionals opposite Detroit Western at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Eastern Michigan University.

For the Rocks, it was another obstacle cleared. They tied with Livonia Stevenson for the regular season Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) championship, both at 12-1, and won the WLAA tourney title tilt last Saturday (March 5) against Stevenson.

Now Salem, 21-2 for the season, has added a district crown to its list of achievements. But it didn't come easy.

**IF GLENN COACH** Dan Henry is plagued by a recurring nightmare of a man in a striped shirt blowing a whistle — sometimes emitting a deafening shrill, other times giving no sound at all — no one can blame him. By the 4:58 mark of the second quarter, both his key big men, 6-foot-8 Paul Grazulis and 6-5 Jack Walker, had three personal fouls and were on the bench.

And when Glenn started making a run at Salem late in the fourth period, some calls that could have been made against the Rocks weren't.

Still, if there was one reason for the Salem victory, it was Dave Houle.

"He was smoking," said Henry of Houle's 22-point, 10-rebound performance. "He was the difference in my opinion."

The 6-4 Houle went right after both Grazulis and Walker and came out with the better of it. Because of their foul troubles, the Glenn pair combined for just 12 rebounds (six each). Salem out-rebounded the Rockets, 37-27, in the game.

**HOULE PUMPED** in 10 first-quarter points as Salem sped to a 21-12 advantage. The Rocks' lead was still nine at the half (38-29) and, by the midway point of the third quarter Grazulis and Walker were in trouble again, each having drawn their fourth personals.

That helped Salem expand its lead to a dozen going into the final quarter, 54-42. But the Rocks, playing their fourth game in seven days, were weary and Glenn's relentless full-court pressure started taking its toll.

"Their pressure never let up for a minute," said Salem coach Fred Thoman. "They made a run at us and we responded, then they made another run at us and we responded again."

The Rockets, trailing by as many as 13 points early in the final quarter, fought back to within four with 25 seconds left. Guards Greg Gill and Mike Bayderian led the charge with some pinpoint shooting.

Bayderian hit three straight baskets midway through the period and Gill scored his team's final 10 points in the last 2:07 of the game.

**BUT SALEM ALWAYS** had an answer. Matt Broderick's breakaway basket on a pass from Rick Berberet with 18 seconds remaining put the Rocks back in front by six and assured the win.

Broderick scored nine of his 18 points in the fourth quarter, including the Rocks' last five, and John Cohen came off the bench to contribute 11 points in the period. Cohen netted 14 in the game. Glenn Medalle bagged 12 points for Salem. Berberet had six assists.

Gill, who poured in 14 points in the last quarter, ended with 24. Bayderian had 14 (eight in the fourth quarter) and Grazulis 11. The Rockets' finished the season at 14-8.

"We want to win or go down swinging," said Henry. "We went down swinging."

Leaving Salem still at the plate.



Glenn's Mike Bayderian goes airborne but without the ball, which was stripped from him by Salem's Dave Houle (left).

# Shamrocks pressure Redford for district crown

By C.J. Risak  
staff writer

Run-and-gun basketball: the adopted style of the Detroit PSL.

After Saturday's game against Detroit Catholic Central, PSL team Detroit Redford may have to start looking for another brand of basketball.

That's because CC bested Redford at its own game, zooming to an 11-0 lead

and never downshifting in winning its second straight state district title, 86-62, Saturday at CC.

The victory raised the Shamrocks' record to 19-3 and put them into the state regionals opposite another PSL squad, Detroit MacKenzie, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Livonia Franklin.

MacKenzie, however, is much better than Redford, which finished the season at 10-8. MacKenzie is 20-2 for the

year. "It'll be a war," CC coach Bernie Holowicki predicted. "MacKenzie's big, talented and well-coached."

**REDFORD, A YOUNG** team with just two seniors among its top eight players, was never a threat to CC. The Shamrocks' pressure defense forced bundles of turnovers and helped them maintain at least a 10-point bulge from

the midpoint of the third quarter on. "It's our bread and butter," Holowicki said of the defensive pressure. "It was effective against Thurston and it was effective again today. They (Redford) had tall guards and we figured they'd try to throw it around."

When the Huskies did, a CC player was ready to pounce on it. The Shamrocks outscored Redford, 24-14, in the third quarter to go up by 19 (59-40), ic-

ing the victory. Eleven Husky turnovers in the quarter aided the CC surge.

What also helped get the Shamrocks out of the gate quickly was the inside-outside scoring punch of senior center Mike Maleske and sophomore guard John McIntyre. McIntyre, who Holowicki called a "good flow player, good at the transition game," netted eight points in the first quarter and had 14 by halftime.

**WHEN MCINTYRE** or any of his teammates missed, Maleske was there to pick off the rebound. The 6-6 pivotman poured in 10 first-quarter points as CC raced to a 25-14 lead.

Maleske finished with 23 points and 17 rebounds in the contest, while McIntyre accounted for 20 points and six assists.

Senior guard Stan Heath also had an outstanding game, scoring 13 points.

# Salem's Merrifield picked as All-Star

Is this area a hotbed for girls' basketball talent?

Check the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) list of All-Stars. Four of the 20 players honored are from the Observer's coverage area.

The players selected will be divided into East and West squads for the Fourth Annual All-Star Festival June 18 at Western Michigan University.

Heading the list is Livonia Bentley's Kim Archer, a three-time All-Observer selection. In her senior season, the 5-11 forward averaged 17 points, 14 rebounds, six assists and five steals per game while hitting 52 percent of her field goal attempts.

**JACQUE MERRIFIELD** was also chosen to the All-Observer as a senior. She helped Plymouth Salem post a 20-3 mark with a team-leading 12-points per game average. Primarily a perimeter shooter, Merrifield also sparkled on defense.

Livonia Ladywood won 22 straight games before losing in the quarterfinals, and senior Lavetta Willis was a big reason for the success. Willis, a 5-11 center, scored at an 18-points per game clip and grabbed 12 rebounds a contest. A two-year All-Observer selection, Willis hit 64 percent from the floor.

Redford St. Agatha also had great success on the hardwood, reaching the regional finals before falling. Mona Clor's ability to score inside was pivotal for the Aggies: the 6-0 senior and four-year starter averaged 18 points and 19 rebounds and shot 65 percent from the floor. She, too, was a two-time All-Observer pick.

**FARMINGTON OUR LADY** of Mercy, the Class A champion, landed Carolyn Burt, its only senior starter, on the East team. Archer, Clor and Willis will also play for the East squad, together with Sandy Clark of Trenton, Kristen

## girls basketball

Fosdick of Gaylord St. Mary; Cassandra Pack of Saginaw Arthur Hill; Sue Pearsall of St. John's; Maria Reynolds of Fenton; and Vonnie Thompson of Saginaw Carrollton.

Merrifield will play on the West team, together with Stephanie Chambers of Leland; Kris Emerson of Caledonia; Brenda Goldner of Benton Harbor; Heather Hogan of Manistee; Karen Kramer of St. Patrick's; Jerene Middleton of Utica Eisenhower; Evette Ott of Flint Northern; Chris Pawloski of Grand Rapids West Catholic; and Sue Tucker of Okemos.

Tucker was selected as BCAM's Miss Basketball. She averaged 22 points a game for Okemos, leading the team to an 85-3 three-year mark and the 1981 Class B championship. Tucker and St. John's Pearsall have joined Archer as top recruits at Michigan State University.

**THE BCAM ALSO** selected Mercy's Larry Baker as Class A Coach of the Year. In Class B, Mike Munro of Manistee was honored, Bill DeLong of Carrollton was the choice in Class C and Larry Glass of Leland was picked in Class D. Glass earned overall Coach of the Year accolades.

St. Agatha's Jim Murphy (Class C) and Ladywood's Ed Kavanaugh (Class B) were among the regional coaches honored, both chosen in Region One. Four coaches in each of the six regions were lauded.

Ladywood sophomore Emily Wagner joined teammate Willis on the BCAM Academic All-State team. Thirty-one players were selected.



Jacquie Merrifield was one of 20 Michigan high school seniors to be picked to play in the girls' basketball All-Star game June 18 at Western Michigan University.

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# Cabernet names can be confusing

It is one of life's rules that man is less than wholly consistent in most things.

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The laws governing what constitute the production of an American wine are very carefully spelled out in legislation that became effective Jan. 1 of this year. The law is specific about what kinds and amounts of grapes may be used (75 percent of the varietal named) as well as about identifying the location of the vineyard.

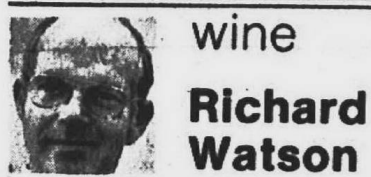
As in France, the smaller the region described (Charlie's Chateau in the back yard) the more prestigious. Charlie's spot is a classier location than Anderson Valley, Mendocino County, the North Coast, California or America, in that order.

AND THE WAY the wine came into being ("grown," "bottled," "cellared," "produced," etc.), all have very specific definitions, and the declared alcohol level must not be greater than 1 percent in error. The vintage date assures that 95 percent of the wine in the bottle was grown that year.

And so it goes. But when it comes to the matter of qualifying the nature of, say, the cabernet sauvignon in the bottle, there are no laws and a few rules. For example, Charles Krug regularly issues a vintage-dated cabernet and also releases one called Vintage Selection and charges 50-70 percent more for the latter. Sterling issues a "Reserve," so does Mondavi. Phelps has a release called "Insignia."

Others use terms such as Special Selection, Cask, Proprietor's Reserve, i.e., they can use any set of phrases that mean nothing inherently to describe that particular bottle quality.

Presumably these wines are a reflection of the winemaker's best shot that year. Never mind how it compares with last year's regular issue. It could



wine

Richard Watson

be less good. But, if the image is to be maintained, the price must be at least a third higher than a standard issue. A double is not unusual.

Some of these issues are well worth the price. Some are probably not, at least every year. That is not the issue. What is important to know is that the only assurance you have before dropping \$15-35 for such an issue is the reputation of that winemaker and our faith in it.

WHILE THE EXAMPLES have concerned cabernet only, the same set of rules apply to any other wine. They are used as a rule only with the more prestigious grapes, however.

But there is a "Catch 22" about to enter our state. A new and extremely promising winery from Sonoma, the Glen Ellen Winery, will soon be marketed here, and two of its issues violate the rules. It will probably send out some very fine cabernet, chardonnay and sauvignon blanc, and we will be lucky to get them. However, it also will release a Dry Red Proprietor's Reserve and a White Proprietor's Reserve and both are frankly jug wines — high quality jug wines (made of cabernet and French colombarid respectively) to be sure.

However, to call them "Proprietor's Reserve" means they have turned around the usual labeling practice.

What is a customer to do? Luckily, winemakers for the most part can be trusted (and it is usually the marketing people who do the exploiting), and, in the case of the two Glen Ellens, these wines are very good indeed.

Let's have another glass and think about that.



## 'Zorba' held over

Lila Kedrova, Anthony Quinn's co-star in the movie "Zorba the Greek," again appears with Quinn in a new production of the musical "Zorba" at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit. An international star, Kedrova has performed on the stages of Paris, Brussels and London. The musical, headed for Broadway in the fall, is being held over through Sunday at the Masonic Temple. Tickets are available at CTC outlets.

## Party introducing Hart Plaza album

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## At the Boar's Head

Peter G. Thomson is Prince Hal, who cavorts with Tim Caudle as Sir John Falstaff and Kay Towne as Mistress Quickly, at the Boar's Head Tavern in "Henry IV, Part 1." The Shakespearean play, first of a trilogy celebrating the deeds of Henry V, continues in repertory through April 1 at the Hilberry Theatre at Wayne State University, Detroit. Tickets are available at the WSU theater box office, Cass and Hancock, phone 577-2972.



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Jon Voight is J.P. Tannen, a divorced father, who tries to become closer to his three children by taking them on a Mediterranean cruise in "Table for Five."



the movies  
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## Tears may flow watching cloying 'Table for Five'

"Table for Five" (PG) is a soggy, sentimental sponge of a movie. It's about as sincere and exciting as a commercial for dandruff shampoo. At best, the movie is a third-rate "Kramer vs. Kramer" with Jon Voight as a father learning to be a father.

Voight is divorced. His three children (one of them adopted) live with his ex-wife (Millie Perkins) who has remarried. Her second husband (Richard Crenna) is a conscientious and loving father to his stepchildren. Along comes Voight who decides that he should play a more meaningful role in the lives of his children and not just be an occasional visitor.

He wants to get closer to his children, but it is clear he doesn't know how. It is also clear he will have a problem since he still has not mastered being an adult.

His idea of getting close to the children is to take them on a Mediterranean cruise for their vacation and insist they have fun. Well, you don't have to be a kid to know that when someone keeps insisting "We're going to have fun," the one thing you can be sure of is that you're not going to have any fun.

AFTER SOME skirmishes with all three, he gives up the father role and decides to be their friend. The parenting business conflicts with his lifestyle.

The kids catch on to him quickly and quickly size up the limits of his commitment. Voight feels he has exercised his father-friend duties by playing with the kids when he feels like it.

When he doesn't feel like it, when he wants to go out, for example, and pick up someone at the ship's bar, he expects the kids to be content to quietly stay in their rooms.

It comes as no surprise then to find that the big question this movie asks is, "Can he change?" Can he become a nurturing, responsible father? Nor is it a surprise to find that the question is answered affirmatively.

Actually, "Table for Five" might have been more interesting, and certainly more surprising, if the answer were negative. It would have been a novelty if he found he couldn't change. Better yet, if he admitted that he didn't want to change, that he wanted to continue being a selfish, immature individual, and that the kids were a drag.

LET'S LOOK at them. The youngest is a cute little guy who has nightmares and a reading problem. The middle child is a girl, "wise beyond her years." She's the adult always admonishing him.

The eldest, the adopted son from the Philippines, is a surly teenager whenever he is not plugged into some circuitry. When we first see him, he is sitting on the floor of his bedroom, wearing headphones, watching television and playing a hand-held computer game.

So there is Voight with one malcontent, one nagger and one learning-disabled kid, when he learns his ex-wife and the family dog were killed in an auto accident.

We are spared seeing his ex-wife's mangled body, but we do get a look at the fatally injured dog as he gamely tries to get up from the wet pavement.

David Seltzer, who wrote this shameless, cloying script, will go to any length to wrench a tear from an audience. His past credits include, "The Other Side of the Mountain" (about Jill Kinmont, the skier who became paralyzed in an accident) and "Six Weeks" (about a child with a terminal illness).

Knowing this, if you still want to see "Table for Five," take your Kleenex and your chances.



Tannen dances aboard ship with his daughter Tilde (Roxana Zal), who is "wise beyond her years."

## what's at the movies

**CURTAINS (R).** The ultimate nightmare is behind the curtain. Stars John Vernon, Samantha Eggar and Linda Thorson.

**THE DARK CRYSTAL (PG).** Adventure-fantasy by creators of the Muppets features strange, elf-like creatures caught up in a struggle between the forces of good and evil in setting that resembles J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle Earth.

**THE ENTITY (R).** Barbara Hershey stars as a woman who experiences the terror of an of an unknown presence intent on possessing both her body and soul.

**48 HOURS (R).** Action drama with comic flair features Nick Nolte and Eddie Murphy as a white cop and a black con who are forced to work together to track down two killers.

**FRANCES (R).** Powerful drama with Jessica Lange as Frances Farmer, the film actress whose independence and radical views led to a tragic downfall.

**GANDHI (PG).** Epic film about Mahatma Gandhi, political and spiritual leader who led movement for Indian independence from Britain. Magnificent performance by Ben Kingsley as Gandhi.

**LOVESICK (PG).** Dudley Moore and Elizabeth McGovern star in this contemporary romantic comedy. Moore is a prominent psychiatrist who falls in love with his new patient, McGovern.

**THE MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER (PG).** Handsome adventure film from Australia presents mountain boy's passage into manhood. Kirk Douglas plays double role as two feuding brothers. Newcomer Tom Burlinson has title role.

**SOPHIE'S CHOICE (R).** Beautifully acted and photographed film based on William Styron's novel of a Polish immigrant (Meryl Streep), her volatile lover (Kevin Kline) and a young Southern writer (Peter MacNicol) whom they befriend.

**SPRING FEVER (PG).** Rivalry on the tennis courts turns into friendship for two young women, and their antics turn the town upside down. Starring Susan Anton, Frank Converse and Jessica Walters.

**10 TO MIDNIGHT (R).** Charles Bronson is a cop who dispenses his own brand of justice in action-packed thriller with Lisa Eilbacher and Andrew Stevens.

**THEY CALL ME BRUCE? (PG).** America's wackiest new hero proves that with a little practice anyone can be as good as Bruce Lee. Stars Johnny Yune, Margaux Hemingway and Ralph Mauro.

**TOOTSIE (PG).** Offbeat comedy with Dustin Hoffman as a struggling New York actor who can't get a job until he dresses as a woman to audition for a role in a soap opera.

**TREASURE OF THE FOUR CROWNS (PG).** A quest to recover an ancient treasure leads to action and adventure in 3-D spectacle starring Tony Anthony, Ana Obregon and Gene Quintano.

**TRENCHCOAT (PG).** Margot Kidder plays an amateur mystery writer who becomes involved in murder and espionage.

**THE VERDICT (R).** Strong role for Paul Newman as a cynical down-and-out Boston attorney who takes on an "impossible" malpractice suit.

**WITHOUT A TRACE (PG).** Suspenseful drama of a mother and a police detective engaging in a relentless search for the woman's missing son. Kate Nelligan, Judd Hirsch, David Dukes and Stockard Channing are featured.

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