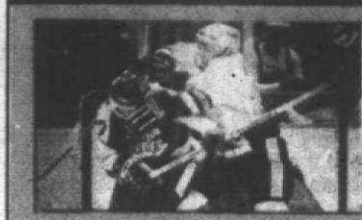


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## Hit-and-run victim's family grieves loss

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

"In a matter of a minute or less a guy ran in and said there was a bad accident at the corner. I knew they were involved."

Debbie Chisholm sat next to her husband, Joe, in the Canton police station as she recalled the painful memory of 9:45 p.m. May 14 when their daughter Melissa, 14, was struck and killed by a hit and run driver on Ford and Lilley roads.

THAT NIGHT they were sitting in Johnson's restaurant and their daughters ran across the street to Richardson's to buy folders for school.

An eyeblink later Melissa was dead.

"As we ran across the parking lot, I could see her jacket," Debbie Chisholm said. "I could see her laying in the street."

"We ran over to her and her face was down toward the street. There was a lot of blood there and I knew she was gone."

Joe Chisholm added: "I put my hand on her and it sounded like she said: 'Oh, daddy.'"

The couple was visibly shaken as they recounted the story seven months later during the holiday season and a month before what would have been their daughter's 15th birthday. They have one thing on their minds — the same thing they've been dwelling on since May: Who was driving the car that ended their daughter's life and shattered the family?

"We won't give up no matter how long this takes," said Debbie Chisholm. Her eyes welled with tears and her voice cracked. "It

*"We ran over to her and her face was down toward the street. There was a lot of blood there and I knew she was gone."*  
— Debbie Chisholm

won't bring her back, but it will put one part of this to rest."

THERE'S JUST too many unanswered questions, she said. Why was she hit? Why didn't the driver stop?

"We want to know so we can rest," Joe Chisholm said. "I stop for ducks and they don't stop for human beings."

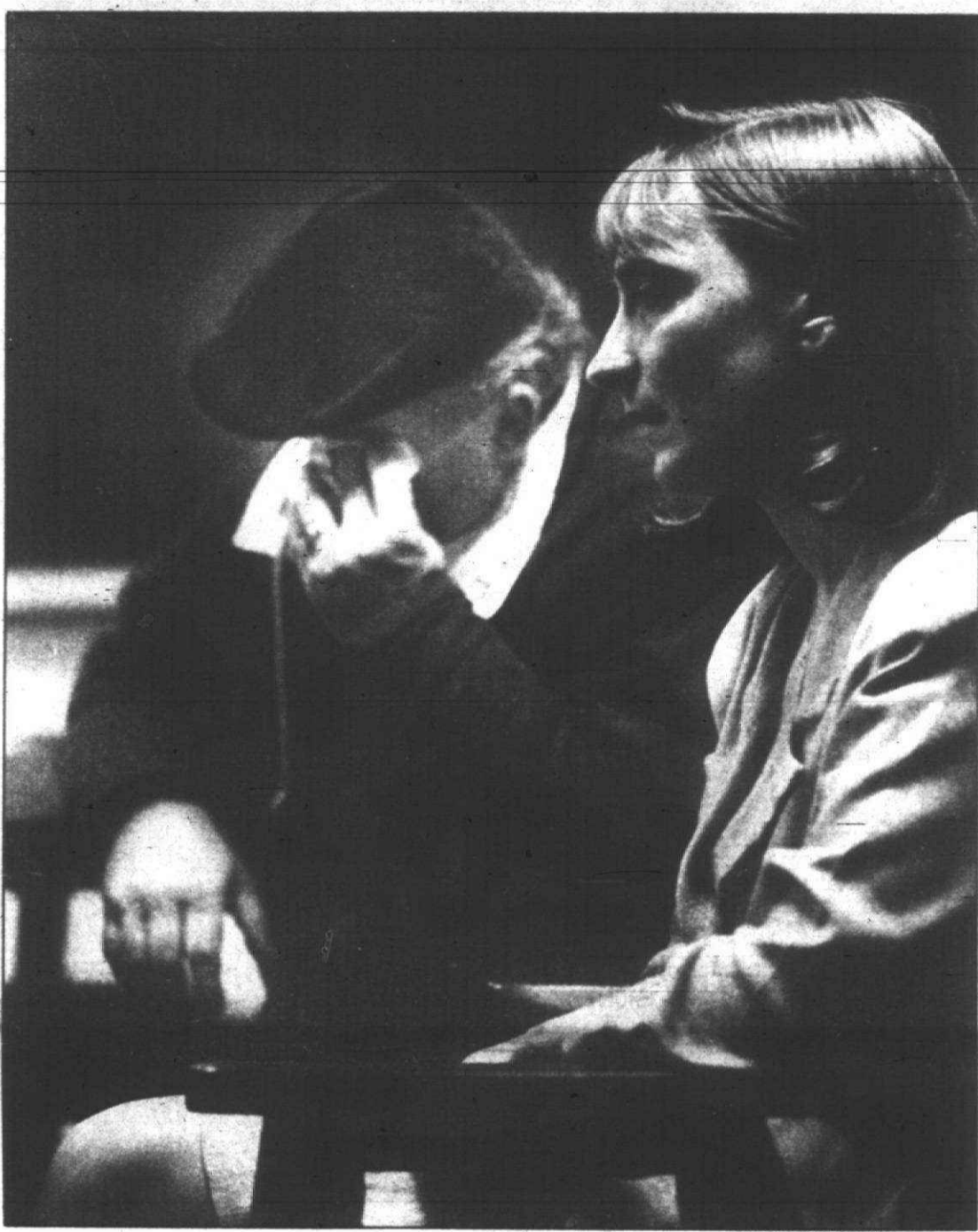
Canton police suspect there are people who know who the driver is and are afraid to call. Police received between 35 and 40 tips, but have no leads.

The family is offering a \$3,000 reward to anyone who provides information leading to the arrest and conviction of the driver of the car. Also, donations are being solicited with hopes to make the reward \$5,000.

"We're not going to give up," Debbie Chisholm said. "They might as well come forward. Some way. Some how. I want them to know that no matter what I have to do I will keep it going and if nothing more they will be haunted by it."

"She's the first thing I think about in the morning and the last thing at night," she added.

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Joe and Debbie Chisholm recount the horrible memory of finding their daughter lying in the street after she was struck by a hit-and-run driver.

## Timely escape

### Boy, 8, rousts residents of burning home

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

A quick-thinking neighbor and an 8-year-old boy saved seven people who escaped their Canton house that was engulfed in flames, less than 12 hours after seven members of the Dell'Orco family died in another Canton fire.

Frank Suhy, his wife Teresa and five of their seven children were in their Cather Drive house in the Holiday Park subdivision near Joy Road and I-275 when Nicholas, 8, smelled smoke from the laundry room about 8 a.m. Dec. 23.

Nicholas awakened his father and mother, who roused Michael, 16, Andrew, 13, Christopher, 12, and Anemarie, 5.

No one was reported injured. The couple's 19-year-old son, Frank, was at his brother Tony's house.

EVERYONE WENT outside while Teresa called 9-1-1. The Canton dispatcher said it was a dangerous

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## Resident named to post

### Poling takes Mack's place

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer

Canton resident Shirley Poling is the new 11th district Wayne County Commissioner, filling the balance of Milton Mack's term.

But a number of Democratic and Republican challengers are lining up for the seat in time for next year's election. A February primary is expected, with the final election race tentatively set six weeks after that.

MACK, NOW A COUNTY probate judge, resigned from the seat this month. Poling will fill the balance of his current term, ending this year. Next year's election would cover the two-year term Mack won in November.

Despite the relatively brief term, Poling said she'd work hard to become a full time commissioner for the district, which includes Canton, Romulus and other southwestern Wayne communities.

"We are a unique district," Poling said. "Over the next 12 days I'll be striving to read all kinds of documents to bring myself up to speed."

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## Family hit by fire still dreams of new home

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

Debbie Dell'Orco wants to keep alive a dream her husband, Martin, had to build a home for their nine children in Canton despite the deaths of Martin and six of the couple's children in a fire last week.

"They had plans to build a home north of Ford Road," said John Dell'Orco, Martin Dell'Orco's brother. "That was Marty's dream. He used to go out on the property and walk around."

The fire, sparked by a light bulb on a dry Christmas tree, killed Martin Dell'Orco, 38, a self-employed carpenter; Bonnie, 11, a fifth grader at Hoben Elementary School; Sara, 9, a third grader at Hoben; Megan and Michael, 5-year-old twin kindergartners at Mildred Field Elementary School and Robert, 4, who was in nursery school at the Burger Center in Garden City.

The couple's two oldest children, Kelly, 14, and Jimmy, 16, attend Canton High School, and were visiting friends when the fire spread through the family's Proctor Road house at

about 11 p.m. on Dec. 22. Adam, a 6-year-old Hoben student, escaped from the fire.

Adam doesn't understand what happened the night of the fire.

"They (the Dell'Orco family) had to have Christmas for him," said Maria Willard, a secretary at the Carpenter's Local 998, which Martin Dell'Orco belonged.

Family members are reminded by their loss when Adam asks questions about heaven and what his dad, brothers and sisters are doing there, according to Willard who said she spoke to a Dell'Orco relative earlier this week.

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## Tragedy of drunk driving spurs woman to action

See related stories, 3A

By Joe Bauman  
staff writer

Maureen McDonald knows what it is like to lose a friend or loved one to a drunk driver.

As the grief counselor for MADD's Wayne County chapter, the Livonia

resident has dealt with more than 60 families who have lost a person to what she calls "the most senseless tragedy."

"Losing someone to a drunk driver is especially difficult to accept because it didn't have to happen. Adding to the tragedy is that most people killed by drinking drivers are young, the loss is a complete shock and the court system often turns the

families into victims."

McDonald has spent more than a dozen years working as a paraprofessional counselor for a number of organizations, while making her living as an independent human resources consultant.

"I decided to volunteer at MADD three years ago after two of my friends lost children to drunk drivers," she said. "I saw the complete

devastation the loss has on the survivors, and felt the group could benefit from a trained grief counselor."

MCDONALD CONDUCTS two regular meetings a month for Wayne County MADD members, and also is available for individual counseling whenever the need arises.

Her goal, she said, is to get the survivors of the victim to cope with

the loss so they will be able to continue with their own lives.

"Generally, the first emotion that family and friends feel is complete and utter shock. The loss is so sudden and almost always the person is completely healthy and young that his or her death is incomprehensible. After the shock there generally is

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## Observer celebrates 25th anniversary

See the historic front page on page 11A

With this issue, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers celebrates its 25th anniversary.

The company's modern era began Dec. 30, 1965, when Philip H. Power, a 27-year-old University of Michigan graduate, bought the Observer Newspapers, a six-paper chain primarily based in western Wayne County.

At the time, the chain included editions in Livonia, begun in 1940, Redford, added in 1955, Plymouth, begun in 1961 and Farmington, added one year later, as well as two new editions in Garden City and Westland.

*"It's a developing community and it's a challenge to record those changes."*

— Julie Brown  
suburban life editor  
Canton Observer

From the start, the chain dedicated itself to community journalism, as defined by Power in an early editorial.

"We will try to bring to these newspapers an informed and probing curiosity about everything of local interest, from sewage to high school football, from racial discrimination to good recipes, from local politics

to neighborhood goings on," he wrote.

The chain also became dedicated to expansion. The Farmington Enterprise and Plymouth Mail were bought in 1966 and merged with Observer papers in those communities. A Southfield paper was begun in 1970. A Livonia headquarters building, including a new offset press,

was completed in 1971.

The company merged with the Birmingham-based Eccentric Newspapers chain in 1973. The new, 11-paper Observer & Eccentric chain included the Birmingham Eccentric, begun in 1878, as well as companion editions begun in Troy, 1968, Southfield and West Bloomfield, both 1970, and Rochester, 1972. The two Southfield papers joined forces with the merger.

The year was 1979. It was a watershed one for the residents of Canton. Development was the word. And the Observer Newspapers took note of the subdivisions that were under construction. The collection of subdivisions needed an identity. And

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I am proud to be working with the entire staff at The Canton Observer. And especially I am grateful to the thousands of readers whose loyalty has enabled The Observer to serve Canton for many years.

All of us look forward to many more years of continued service to you.

Sincerely, Philip H. Power Chairman, Suburban Communications Corporation

Canton woman to finish Mack's term

Continued from Page 1 Poling is an employee of General Motors Hydrastatic, Ypsilanti, and a regional UAW coordinator. Among other area commissioners, both Kay Beard, D-Inkster, and Kevin Kelley, D-Redford, voted in favor of Poling.

GOP candidate Victor Gustafson, but was barred from doing so under a county charter provision that mandated Mack be replaced by someone from his own party.

"The commission has made its choice, but the people will make theirs," said Amann. Robert Beeny, a Wayne city councilman, also said he would run for the seat.

"I'm looking forward to running," said Gustafson, who narrowly lost to Mack last fall. At the same time, former Canton supervisor James Poole said he was considering whether to throw his trademark cowboy hat in the ring.

Victim's family grieves, seeks hit-and-run driver

Continued from Page 1 WITNESS ACCOUNTS vary, police said, however, they believe the automobile was dark grey metallic small to mid-size 1988-1990 Ford or Mercury-Lincoln product. The car likely had damage to the headlight area, broken windshield or rear window and possible damage to the hood or trunk.

Her family is here and they're hurt. And it just doesn't go away." Melissa is mourned by friends, too. Friends made a cross and a placard with her name and erected it on a pole at the intersection where she died.

friends kept up a vigil of placing fresh flowers at the scene and now have replaced those with plastic flowers. If the driver isn't found the money collected for the reward will go to St. John Neumann and the United Assembly of God youth group, of which Melissa was a member.

Contributions to the fund can be made by mailing your check or money order to the Melissa Chisholm Reward Fund, P.O. Box 87652, Canton, Mich. 48187-0652.

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Drunk driver shatters family's dreams, life

By Marie Chesney staff writer For one Westland family, a lifetime of pain, anger and sorrow began with a phone call in the middle of the night. Before the phone call, the family of Darlene and Robert Hodges was like the "Brady Bunch" — two children from one family living with two children from another family, all under the same roof.

"The only presents we can bring (my son) now are grave blankets. The only thing we can do for him now is tie red ribbons on cars." —Darlene Hodges

For those two deaths in New York, he had been sentenced to 3-to-9 years in prison. In 1987, he had been paroled after serving 2 1/2 years. ON THAT March day in 1989, the two teens became two more victims of a drunken driver. And so did their families.

That's because they haven't gotten the telephone call, or they haven't looked at pictures of a family member who's been killed by a drunk driver." Dawn said. Darlene Hodges' biggest hope is that some day there won't be the need for an organization such as MADD.

For THE HODGES, fighting drunken driving has become a family affair. Darlene, Dawn and Craig's younger brother, Ryan, all belong to MADD. Often, they encounter people who don't believe in the organization's mission. The family is angry because their son was robbed of his future.

"The only presents we can bring him now are grave blankets," Darlene Hodges said. "The only thing we can do for him now is tie red ribbons on cars."

"Every morning we get up to start a new day, all ready to take on that day, and then we remember Craig," started Hodges said. "Each day we start out by reburying him, and then go about our business."

Perhaps they're most angry that a human being could drunkenly kill two people in New York and then turn around two years later and drunkenly kill two more people in another state. They might have been less angry if it hadn't happened twice to the same driver.

For the two teens' deaths, the Florida driver was convicted of two counts of manslaughter and, as a habitual offender, was sentenced to 70 years in prison. The Florida Supreme Court recently turned down his appeal of the sentence.

The family is angry they were cheated of spending the final, "most important" moments of their son's life with him. "All my life I had taken care of him, yet for the most important moment of his life I wasn't there to help him," said Darlene Hodges.

"We're angry at the legal system that sets up legal roadblocks to families trying to get details of the death," said Dawn Hodges. "We couldn't even say 'thank-you' to those people who helped him that night. And we're angry at a system which allows this type of person to drive."

"We got angry as time went on and we found out he had done this before, that he had no license and no insurance, that he violated his parole, and that he had been found sleeping in bed with my son's flesh and blood on him," said Robert Hodges.

There are numerous ironies to the two teens' death. While at Franklin, both had been members of Students Against Drunk Driving. Darlene Hodges was a longtime member of Mothers' Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Three months before Craig's death, his cousin had also been killed by a drunk driver. The family had attended the funeral.

While not drinkers themselves, the Hodges' family was not anti-drinking. But they were against drinking and driving, even before their son's death. "Drinking and driving brings death — the three D's," said Robert Hodges. "They all go together, hand in hand. It's not just a night in jail. It brings death."

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Not a day goes by that Darlene and Robert Hodges and their children, Dawn and Ryan, don't remember Craig Allard, the son and brother they lost to a drunken driver in 1989. The family has one overriding message for this holiday season: Don't drink and drive.

Awareness, understanding follow anguish over death

By Janice Brunson staff writer In October 1984, a mere two months after a drunk driver killed her husband, Michele Kubicz of Redford Township reached a turning point in the numbing grief caused by his sudden and premature death at age 29.

Kubicz, a teacher at St. Agatha Child Development Center in Redford, served as president of the Wayne County group in 1985-86. She also attended meetings for relatives sponsored by Alcoholics Anonymous, not because "I have a drinking problem in my home but to learn about dysfunctional families. I'm still learning."

SENTENCING, the fines, restricted licenses and jail time for impaired and drunk driving, is steadily increasing statewide. In addition, the incidence of drunk driving is down. Legislation pending before the state Senate would eliminate plea bargaining.

"I was interviewed by The Observer. I hardly remember it. But reading the story afterwards opened up a door of emotions. It was like there was a little light in the window," said Kubicz, now 35 and a single parent the past six years to Nick and Jennifer, both pre-schoolers when their father died.

"I decided this is not going to have me. I'm not going to sit in a corner with a blanket over my head." SINCE THAT fateful August day when Steven Kubicz was hit head-on by a drunk 19-year-old woman on his way home from work on a motorcycle, Michele Kubicz has traveled a personal path of deepening awareness and expanded understanding.

"Public awareness is also growing. That's good because drunk driving is a crime that doesn't need to be. Maybe if someone had been able to extend a more loving hand to my defendant," the woman who killed Kubicz's husband, he might be alive today.

"I don't know where she is or what she's doing today. I tend to think she's still drinking and driving. She was pretty self-destructive." In recent years, Kubicz has addressed many substance abuse groups sponsored by such facilities as West Bloomfield's Maple Grove.

"I used my headache to help others. One thing that happens is it goes away. So many victims get caught in anger. You can get stuck there."

"I don't know the total answer. But to turn things around, we have to keep plugging away at the problem. It takes a conscious personal responsibility." Michele Kubicz's final thought this holiday season: Be responsible and don't drink and drive!

"MADD is a safe place to vent grief and get information. They put their arms around me mentally and physically."

Michele Kubicz of Redford, shown here with daughter Jennifer, 10, and son Nick, 8, has turned her life around since crisis hit in October 1984 with the death of her husband.



ART EMANUEL/Staff photographer

Observer celebrates 25 years of operation

Continued from Page 1 to fill that need, the Observer started its Canton edition. Canton is still evolving, from township to town. "That's the story we chronicle," said Diane Gale, the paper's Canton reporter since 1984. "It's a changing community. The farms are disappearing from the landscape, being replaced with homes and stores."

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- **FITNESS CLASSES**  
Begin Monday, Jan. 7 — The First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth will offer evening and morning aerobic classes (two mornings in Canton), as well as co-ed and eldercare. Call 458-9485 for information.
  - **MENS RACQUETBALL**  
Begins Wednesday, Jan. 9 — Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a 16-week league for men of all ability levels. League meets at Rose Shores of Canton on Wednesdays, court times at 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Price is \$100 per person. Call 397-5110.
  - **TRAVEL LOGUE**  
Jan. 9, 1991, 8 p.m. — The Kiwanis Clubs of Plymouth will present a travelogue on the Austro-Hungarian Empire ("Shadow and Splendor") on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at Salem High School Auditorium on Joy Road. Price is \$4. For transportation information call Jim Verneisen at 459-2278.
  - **SENIOR TRIPS**  
Jan. 9 — Windsor Raceway, \$38.  
Jan. 16 — Detroit Auto Show, including dinner and transportation, \$9.50.  
Jan. 25-31 — Palm Springs, Los Angeles and Catalina Island, \$849.  
Feb. 8-10 — The Snow Train at

- Agawa Canyon, \$245. Call 397-5444 to register.
- **TRIPS**  
Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor the following trips:  
Thursday, Jan. 10 — Campbell Soup Co. tour, \$27.  
Monday, Feb. 4, 2 days — Mystery Tour, overnight at Sportscenter, \$99.  
Friday, Feb. 8, 3 days — Snow Train Trip, two nights in Sault Ste. Marie, \$245.  
Monday, March 11 — Frankenthum, \$42.  
Tuesday, March 19, 6 nights — Palm Springs, \$949.

- April 25-May 10 — Australia, \$3,299.  
May 20, 4 days — Dubuque Casino Belle Riverboat, \$379.  
Aug. 4-17 — Scandinavia Trip, \$2,499.  
Call the Recreation Department, 455-6820, for details.
- **SKILLS LESSONS**  
Monday, Jan. 7 — The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with River-view Highlands, will offer ski lessons for anyone over 8 years old. Three two-week sessions will begin Jan. 7, 21 and Feb. 4. Price is \$46. Call 455-6620.

## Canton foundation to give away grants

Write an essay and win an education grant.  
Seven grants, valued together at \$5,000, will be given away by the Canton Community Foundation in April.  
To be eligible you must be a Canton resident, be accepted to a post high school education institution and have earned a grade point average of at least 2.5.  
If you've been accepted to a music department and are working on a music major the foundation is offering one \$500 Charles W. Heidt Music Award grant.  
Residents working on business majors who are seniors or currently enrolled at Eastern Michigan University can apply for one \$500 chamber of commerce/business grant.  
Three \$1,000 grants will go to graduating high school seniors or students currently enrolled in a college or university. Also, two \$500 Mel Morris grants will be awarded to graduating high school seniors attending a trade or business school or to a student returning to education after some kind of break.  
To apply for the grants, write a 500-word essay explaining the following:  
● What you plan to study.  
● Community activities in which you have participated. Identify the activities and explain your involvement.  
● School activities in which you have participated. Explain your involvement.  
● Career expectations in 10 years.  
● Community contributions you hope to accomplish in the next 10 years.  
● Explain why a selection committee should select your application above the rest.  
Family financial information is also requested.  
Applications must be received by the community foundation education committee by March 1, 1991. Committee members include Gloria Banks, Tom Tattan, Joe Van Esley, Susan Kopinski, Keith Schut and Mike Gaubatz.  
More information is available by calling 454-5427.

## Ed McNamara talks about the county and his future

Is he or isn't he?  
That's the question buzzing around Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara these days.  
Is the Livonia Democrat going to be a 1994 candidate for governor or not?  
For his part, McNamara doesn't sound like a candidate — at least not at the time.  
"There's so much ahead of us that our feeling is — if you can do something about crime and do something about education — why do you need to be governor anyway?" said McNamara, who will be sworn in for a second four-year term as county executive Jan. 1.  
While rumors persist as to his future ambition, McNamara seems firmly focused on county issues as his new term begins.  
And there are plenty of issues to keep him busy. With the largest number of unemployed — and underemployed — people of any county in Michigan, Wayne County is bracing for cuts in the state social service budget. But there's also an airport to expand, roads to repair and a ball club to keep.  
Then there's McNamara's own commitment to make life better for county residents without raising property taxes — to "show how it can be done and done better," as he puts it.  
At the same time, there is an apparent rift between the executive and the United Autoworkers Union, a rift some see as indicative of a battle for the heart and future direction of the state Democratic Party.  
Whether he succeeds, and whatever his future ambition, McNamara is sure to be one of the Michigan's most-watched politicians in the coming years.  
McNamara recently sat down with Observer reporter Wayne Peal, who has covered his administration since he first took office, for an overview of the future — both his and the county's.  
What follows are highlights of that conversation.

and make them less violent.  
We're not looking at new money, we feel there's a lot that's being eaten up in administrative costs.  
Observer: It sounds like you have a platform and you're being rumored as a candidate for governor. Can we expect an announcement any time soon?  
McNamara: There's so much to be done in the county that being governor is not a factor. We want to see the Tigers build a new stadium in Detroit, there's the issue of developing the airport, there's the free trade agreement with Canada and, just to begin that, we need a new bridge to bring the people over here.  
Observer: If you're not going to run for governor — or if you are — can we expect to see you take a leadership role in Democratic party politics, maybe helping shape a party agenda for 1992 and beyond?  
McNamara: The way the system is, there's a lot you have to go through. There's the UAW which, in my opinion is not a very democratic institution. It seems they don't want to hear new ideas. I know there's the Jim Blanchard example — of being out there in front and waiting for the party to catch up.  
Incidentally, if I decided to run for governor it wouldn't necessarily have to be as a Democrat. I'd never run as a Republican, but why not as an independent? Of course, I'm not saying I'd do that, either.  
Observer: It seems as if your relations with the county commission are further apart that they were this



Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, one of Michigan's most-watched politicians in relaxing in his Livonia home, could become the coming year.

## Free sump pumps offered to residents

By Diane Gale staff writer  
Like everything else, water flows downhill.  
That's why Canton workers are telling residents that even though their basements don't flood, water from around their home could be filling up their neighbor's basement further down the sewer line.  
"THERE'S SO much water coming from the ground in some areas, that if they don't eliminate the water from the system it will flood a home down stream," said Aaron Machnik, director of municipal services.  
"It's like turning a faucet on — 300 feet at the end of the line there's a lot of water," Machnik said. "We're trying to turn the water off at the source."  
Canton employees have been contacting residents in specific areas, like Brandywine Street, trying to convince them to let Canton install a sump pump, free of charge to the resident. Fifty-five percent of homeowners living on Brandywine declined the offer.  
They questioned why they needed a pump if their basements never flooded and, therefore, there's no need to have a pump, Machnik said. The answer, he said, is that Canton residents are connected to the same sewer and what one person does might affect someone else.  
On the other hand, most residents who bail out their basements every time there's a heavy rainstorm were eager to have the township install the free pumps, Machnik said.

So far Canton has put in 100 pumps mainly on Arlington and in scattered areas around the township in a program launched last fall. Trustees approved spending nearly \$100,000 for 300 pumps.  
"If we can prove the sump pumps are getting the water out of the system, we'll go back and see what kind of program we can get to continue installing more sump pumps," Machnik said.  
If you live in a subdivision built after 1980, it is likely a sump pump already exists, because the township began requiring them in new homes at that time.

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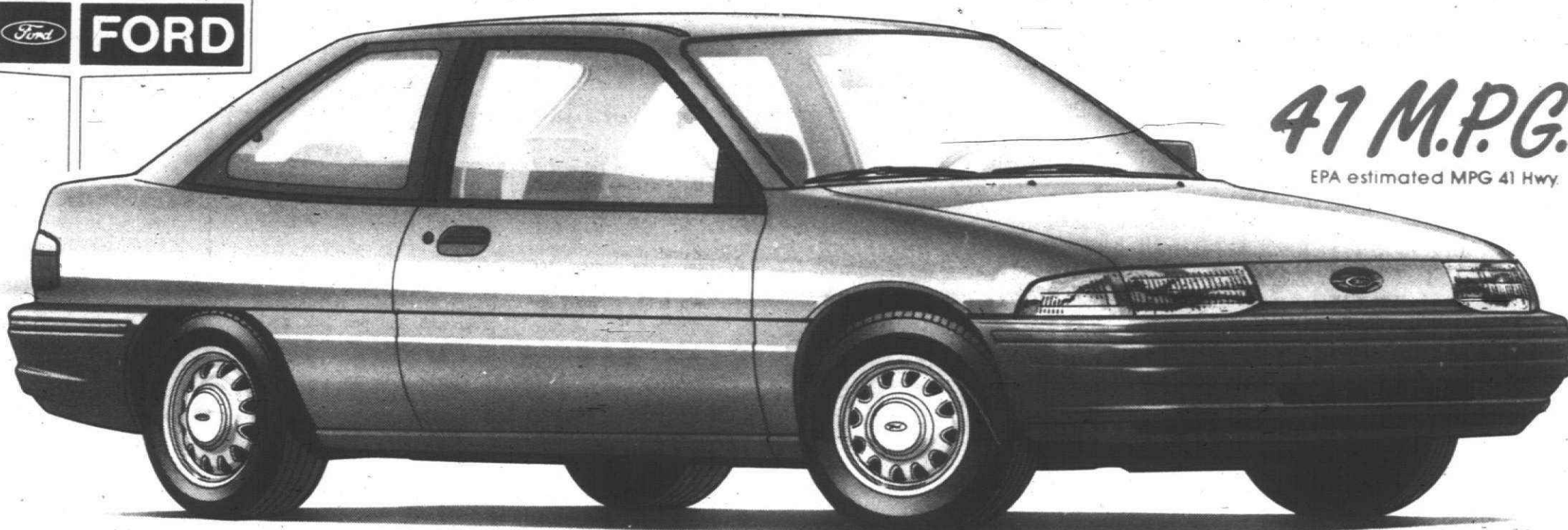
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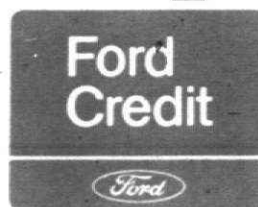
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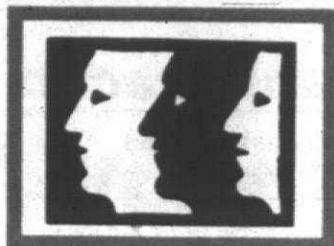
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## Pen pals

### Friendship: It's the best gift of all

By Julie Brown  
staff writer

It's possible that Julie Jun and Marilyn Pilotto may remain friends for 20 or 30 years or longer.

Both girls are 11 and live in Canton. Julie's a sixth grader at West Middle School and Marilyn's a sixth grader at Pioneer Middle School. They're among some 250 students from the two Plymouth schools

who've become pen pals in recent months.

The friends met face-to-face at a Wednesday, Dec. 19, get-together at Pioneer. Julie and Marilyn had met each other not too long ago during a gymnastics class at Plymouth Canton High School.

"We didn't know each other before that," Marilyn said. "We didn't know each other and then we got to know each other."

The girls have exchanged letters throughout the fall and winter, writing about their schools, families and activities.

"I think it's kind of cool," Julie said of the pen pal program. "It's cool to meet them too."

**PEN PALS** Bill Bowman and Kevin Guse, both 11, met for the first time last week at Pioneer.

"I think it's pretty cool because

you can talk together and stuff," Kevin said. He's a sixth grader at West and Bill's a sixth grader at Pioneer. The boys, who live in Canton, have written letters about their Thanksgiving and Christmas plans and other topics.

Kevin liked visiting another middle school.

"I think the library is pretty cool and the gym's pretty big," he said.

Nine teachers, four from Pioneer and five from West, are involved in the project. Pen pals have been matched with a student of the same gender at the other school, and letters are sent through inter-school mail.

"We began the program in the fall," said Carole Brooks, a sixth grade teacher at Pioneer. "It's really nice because they get to know people outside the walls of their own building. It's been a real good experience."

Most of the students met their pen pals for the first time last week, although a few had met before through soccer, Scouts or other activities.

"They may not know their pen pal, but they know someone from the other building," she said. The project pairs "The Grizzly Bears" from West and the "Jammin' Jaguars" from Pioneer.

Students from Pioneer hope to visit their friends at West later in the school year. A spring picnic at Plymouth Township Park is also in the works.

**WRITING LETTERS** helps students with their writing and communication skills, said Brooks, a Plymouth Township resident. Many students have exchanged photos, drawings and craft items.

"They have been writing for quite a while." Students have written about their hobbies, family activities and holiday plans.

Staff photos  
by Bill Bresler



Students Todd Morrow of Pioneer (left) and Sebastian Smith of West work on a craft project.

*"It's really nice because they get to know people outside the walls of their own building. It's been a real good experience."*

—Carole Brooks  
Pioneer teacher

"I think No. 1, it's the ability to relate to someone they've not met before," he said. The project helps make students aware of the world beyond their own school.

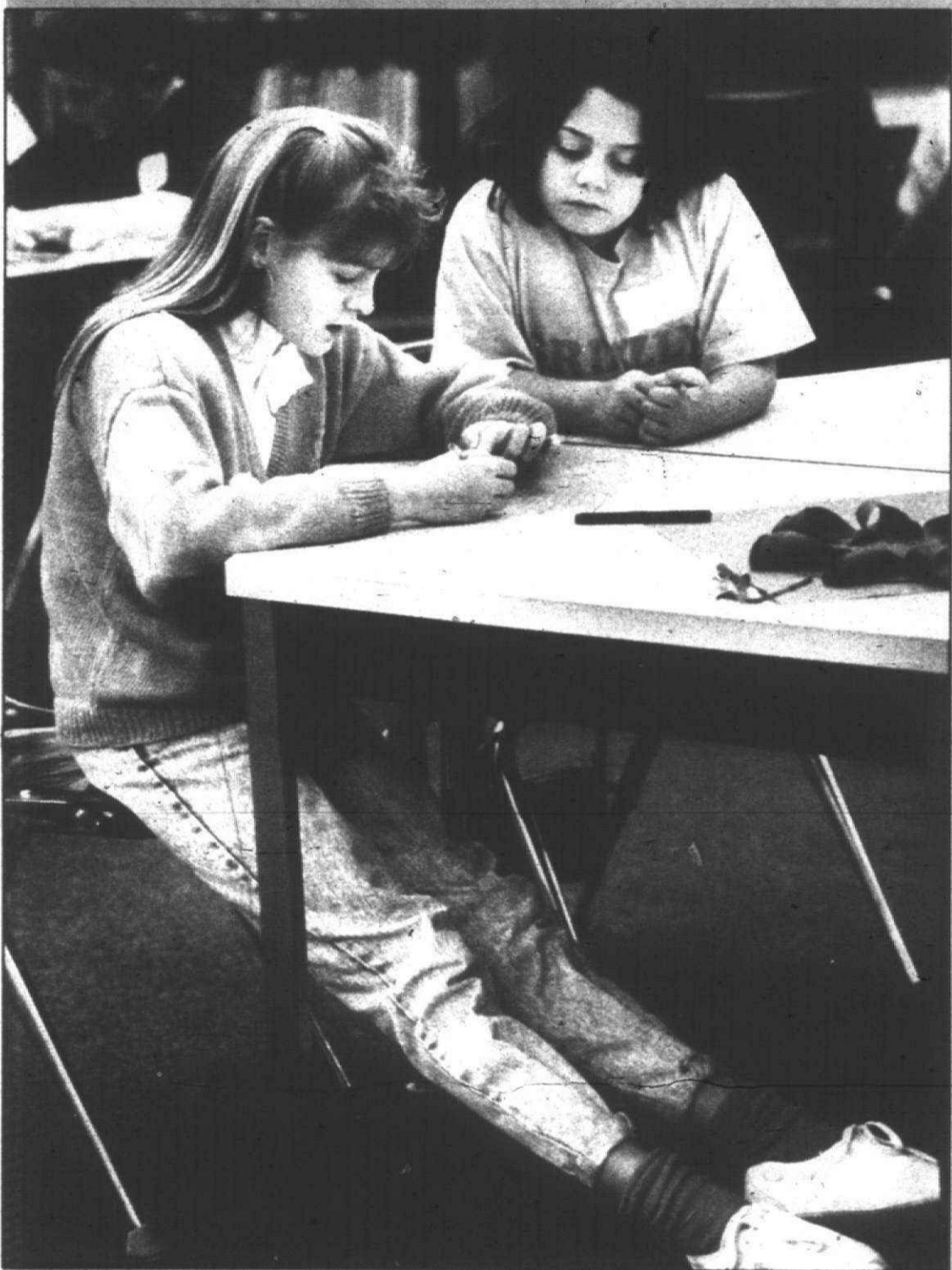
**WEST TEACHERS** involved in the project are Donna Sarrach, Lynn Opatry, Jan Woodford, Fred McMaster and Jodi Ring. Teachers from Pioneer are Taffy Farrand, Ron Hembree, Candi Reece and Carole Brooks.

Last week's get-together included a crafts project, school tours and such quiet-time activities as figuring out how much imaginary money to spend from a Christmas catalog. Students exchanged small gifts they'd made. Refreshments were served in the Pioneer cafeteria, and students had time to visit with each other.

Brooks, a Plymouth native and 1967 Plymouth High School graduate, put her parents to work during the get-together. Gene and Jane Overholt had the job of taking photos of the pen pals. The project was truly a family affair for them; Jodi Ring, a West teacher, and Carole Brooks are sisters.

Students from both schools were looking forward to Christmas vacation last week. Fun was high on the list during the get-together, but learning was also part of the program.

"They will be getting something out of it they may not be aware of," Brooks said. "They don't realize they're doing math skills and those other kinds of things."



Pen pals Mandy Schwartz of Pioneer (left) and Verona Perlongo of West play a word game during the get-together at Pioneer.



Jane Overholt takes a photo of pen pals Julie Jun of West (left) and Marilyn Pilotto of Pioneer. The pen pals have been writing letters throughout the fall and winter.

## Songs bring tidings of joy

By Julie Brown  
staff writer

**L**ISTENING TO Christmas music is a great reminder of what the season is all about.

"Oh, absolutely," said Michele Johns, director of music at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic

Church. "What would we do without music at Christmas?"

Musicians from the Plymouth church told the story of Christ's birth through their Festival of Lessons and Carols on Thursday, Dec. 20. Songs, prayers and lessons focused on the story of Christmas.

**THE PROGRAM** began with a candlelight procession featuring 160 musicians of all ages singing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Six handbell choirs from the church performed that evening, as did the 60-member parish choir.

The Singation children's choir, including third through sixth graders from the church, sang several songs, and the talents of folk musicians and soloists were showcased. Harpist Karolyn Verble of Detroit was among the soloists.

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Soloist Jan Harwood sings "This is the Truth Sent From Above."



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Musicians sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" during the candlelight procession at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

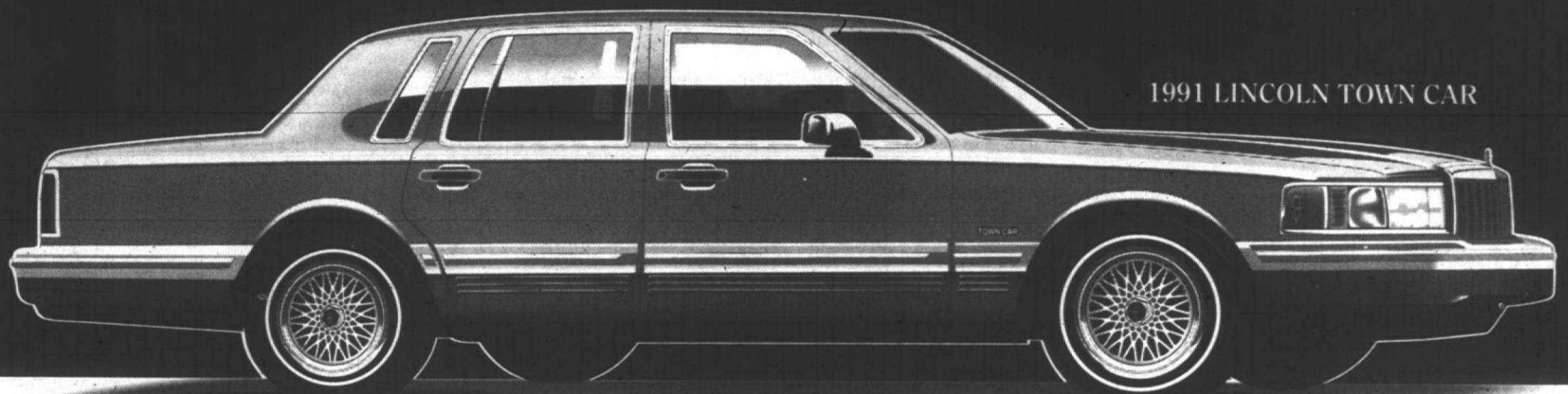








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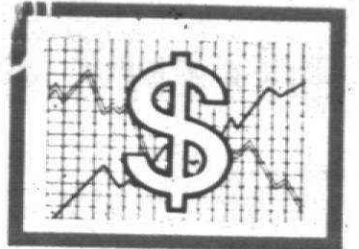
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## Auto show spawns more than vehicle sales

### Related services pay off

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

Car and truck dealers harvest sales from exhibitions like the North American Auto Show. Most families that attend buy a vehicle within a year, said Daniel Hayes, executive director of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association.

But hundreds of models, singers, dancers and musicians, local talent for the most part, can expect a more immediate payoff and a pretty good one during the run of the show Jan. 12-20 in downtown Detroit.

They'll work as narrators and floor people at exhibits. They'll greet dignitaries at the airport, assist in the press room and sell tickets at Cobo. They'll entertain at parties and breakfasts.

And in the end, they will earn \$2-3 million for their aggregate efforts, said Tim Rice, general manager for Gail & Rice Productions of Troy. "There are a lot of people working down there," he said.

"Manufacturers prefer not to be used by name. We'll have at least 115 people, male narrators, female narrators, spokespersons," Rice said. "They're pre-

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Wendy Kulczycki of Farmington Hills (second from left), a dancer for Chevrolet, uses the auto shows as a way to earn money while a full-time student majoring in marketing.

### Work is fun but tough

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

The money is good and so is the travel. But narrators and entertainers who do the auto show circuit apparently don't plan to make a career of that kind of work.

Wendy Kulczycki, a dancer for Chevrolet, is a full-time student majoring in marketing. Jamie Lynn Kolodziej, a narrator for Hyundai, is a part-time student majoring in broadcast communications. Cynthia Guenther, a narrator for Ford, owns a modeling/talent agency.

"It's a very good job," said Kulczycki, 21, a Farmington Hills resident. "I get a lot of experience from traveling. It pays very well."

This is Kulczycki's third year on the circuit. She took dance lessons for 12 years, first at the insistence of her mother, then because she found them enjoyable. She's also taught dance.

Kulczycki generally dances a five-minute number once an hour eight times a day.

"I STUDY on the road constantly," she said. "It's been difficult." Please turn to Page 2

## Thrift bucks S&L mess with charter conversion

By Gerald Frawley  
staff writer

Taxpayer bailouts, federal regulator crackdowns, forms in triplicate — let's face it, being a savings and loan today is not what it used to be.

Even in Michigan, where the industry is relatively healthy, having the word thrift associated with a financial institution is like leprosy.

It's bad for business, it's bad for public relations and it's bad for morale.

Which is why Franklin Savings Bank, a savings and loan founded with branches in Birmingham, Southfield and Grosse Pointe Woods, has taken steps to convert to a federally chartered bank, said Franklin Savings Bank vice president of corporate communications Rebecca J. Christian.

Franklin Savings received approval from the office of the Comptroller of Currency — the federal agency that regulates banks — and the Office of Thrift Supervisions — the agency that supervises savings and loans — to convert to a bank Dec. 17.

Franklin Savings is the first thrift in the Midwest and only the second in the nation to receive conversion approval. Button Gwinnett Savings Bank in Norcross, Ga., was the first.

"The main reason is banks are allowed to be more diversified in loans and investments," Christian said. That is doubly true now that federal regulators are cracking down on thrifts.

JUST AS AN example, new regulations requires 70 percent of a thrift's portfolio be made up of residential loans, she said. "Currently, 52 to 55 percent of Franklin Savings loans are commercial."

The other main reason, Christian said, is public perception. Despite the relative health of Michigan thrifts, many people feel banks are more stable.

"When all is said and done and the smoke clears, people will want banks," she said. "Whether the perception (of thrift instability) is real or not we want (the sense of stability) for our stockholders and customers."

Ironically, Franklin Savings Bank promoted itself as a product of deregulation after incorporating in 1983. At the time, Christian said, deregulated thrifts offered great opportunities.

Dean DeBuck, a spokesman for the Office of the Comptroller of Currency, said Franklin Savings applied for conversion in September 1989 soon after the passage of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act (FIRREA) of 1988. "It was the first to do so; it's the second thrift to receive approval."

Only 10 thrifts have applied for conversion thus far, DeBuck said.

It is not unreasonable to expect other thrifts will soon follow suit and apply for conversion, DeBuck said, adding future applications should be processed more quickly. "This was new for us — before a thrift can convert to a bank there needed to be new procedures (established)."

ANOTHER REASON for the delay, DeBuck said, is the Office of Thrift Supervision questioned the legality of direct conversions. The Office of the Comptroller of Currency was prepared to grant approval in early 1990, but since two supervisory agencies are involved, both

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must agree to a conversion. Christian said Franklin Savings will continue as a thrift because it must meet conditions set by the Office of the Comptroller of Currency before the conversion is complete, Christian said, adding the transition should take between six and 12 months, she said. To come into compliance, Franklin will need to increase its risk and core capital to ensure adequate capital and liquidity to deal with situations as they arise.

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### Change seen benefiting all

By Gerald Frawley  
staff writer

Franklin Savings Bank's decision to convert from a savings and loan to a bank should benefit everyone involved, from the smallest depositor to the largest stockholder.

"I can't think of any reason not to (convert from a savings and loan to a bank)," said Franklin Savings Bank vice president of corporate communications Rebecca Christian.

Since the passage of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1978, the benefits of being a savings and loan no longer exist, Christian said. "Financial institutions might as well become banks to benefit from the advantages such a move offers."

Stockholders will benefit from an appreciation of stock value, she said. "Because banks will be able to make more diversified investments, and because of the public perception that banks are more stable, a bank stock will be more attractive than a thrift stock."

It therefore stands to reason that Franklin Savings Bank stock will increase in value if it converts to a bank. Even if that does not occur, the regulations affecting savings and loans will not cause a bank's stock to depreciate.

DEPOSITORS STAND to benefit because — if they believe the perception that banks are more secure than thrifts — they can be confident their money is safe.

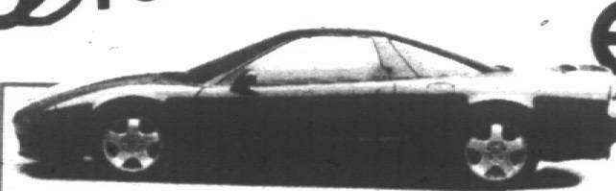
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New Year with the Chenille Sisters and James Dopogny's Chicago Jazz Band on Monday, Dec. 31, starting at 9 p.m. The concert opens the Attic Theatre's gala New Year's Eve Bash, which also includes dancing, dinner (catered by Lindos) hors d'oeuvres and dessert, beer, wine and champagne, party favors and cash bar. Attic partygoers wishing to spend the night at the St. Regis Hotel may do so at a special room rate of \$56. Tickets are \$75 per person and can be bought in advance from the Attic Box Office at 875-8284 or Ticketmaster at 645-6666.

IN CONCERT The Posum Corner Traditional Music Association, a non-profit organization, presents in concert Sally Rogers and Howie Bursen at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 29, at St. Daniel's Church, Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive in Clarkston. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$8, members, \$7, seniors and children, children 5 and under, free. Tickets are available at all ticketmaster locations, "The Book Place" in Lake Orion or at the door performance, range from \$20-\$25. the night of the concert. Call (313) 625-1227.

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REPERATORY THEATER The 15th annual New Year's Eve celebration at the Detroit Repertory Theatre will feature both food and entertainment. The evening will begin with hors d'oeuvres, soup and a champagne sip, followed by a performance of the toe-tappin' musical by Harry Chapin, "Cotton Patch Gospel." After the show, a full-course buffet supper will be served by our resident chef Dee Andrus, in keeping with the Southern locale of the musical. The reception begins at 8 p.m., curtain is 9 p.m., and supper is at midnight. Tickets for the celebration are \$35 per person. Seating is limited to the first 100 people.

On STAGE "When the Wind Blows" is a parable of misplaced trust and human resolve in a world gone over the brink of nuclear insanity. Performances are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings, Jan. 11 to Feb. 9, 1991, at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia. Ticket price is \$7. Call 464-6302 for reservations.

VARIETY SERIES The Fox Theatre will bring together six award-winning performers for the 3rd Annual AT&T Variety Series. The Series will feature separate engagements by Andy Williams, Johnny Mathis, Shirley MacLaine, Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme, Perry Como, and the Smothers Brothers and Tony Orlando & Dawn. The AT&T Variety Series offers six shows for the price of three. Andy Williams will launch the Series with five performances (Thursday, Feb. 14-Sunday, Feb. 17). Tickets are priced at \$165, \$100, \$85, \$70 and \$30. Series tickets are available in series form only at the Joe Louis Arena Box Office (open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.), the Fox Theatre Box Office (open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone, call (313) 645-6666. Variety Series renewals must call (313) 567-7500 by Dec. 31. Individual show tickets will go on sale some time in late January. For more information, please call (313) 567-6000.

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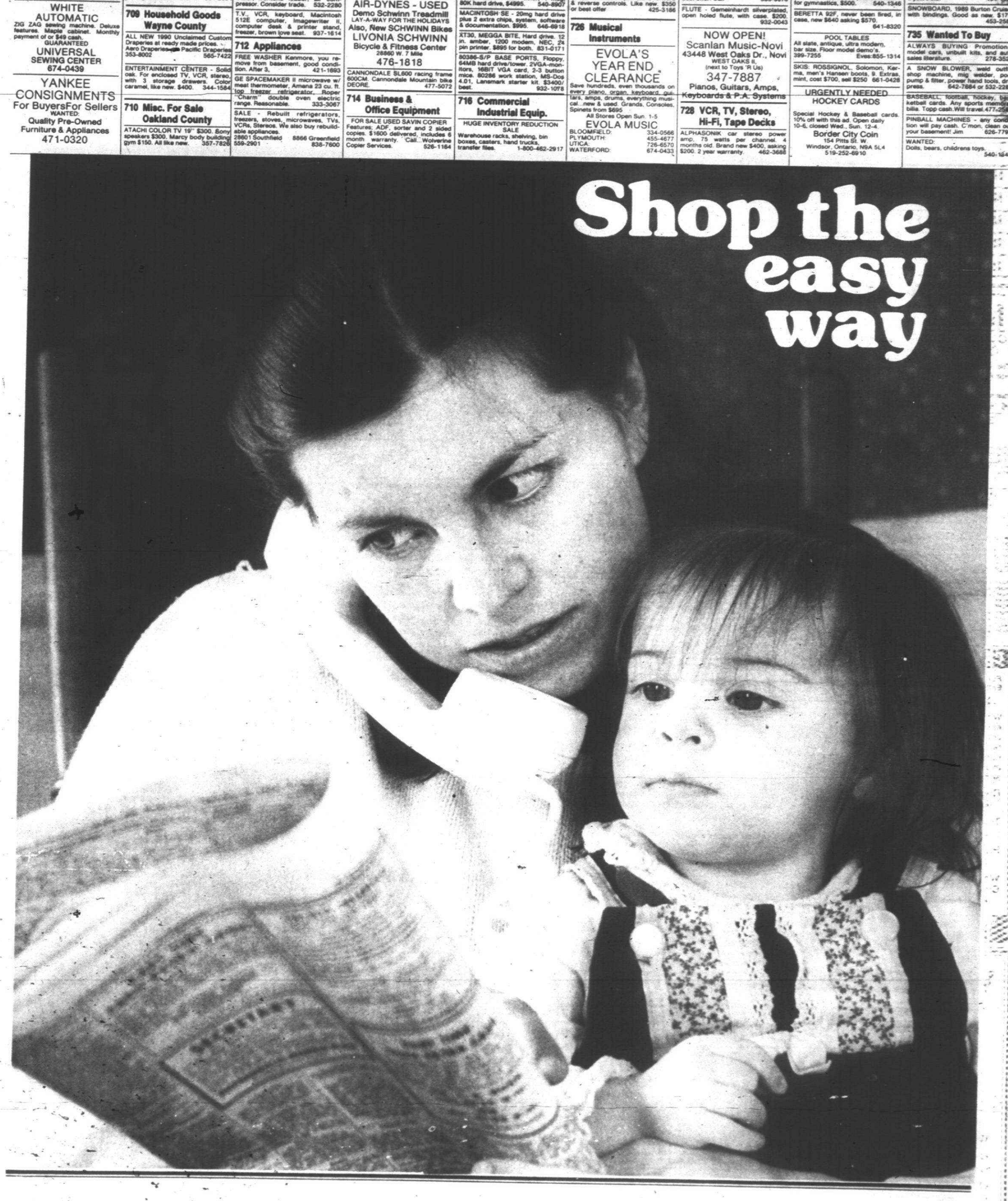
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**A. The Adult Protective Services, a program of the Michigan Department of Social Services, will assist anyone 18 years or older who requires protection from abuse, neglect, exploitation or endangerment and who is unable to help himself. Characteristically those needing adult protective services are aged individuals living alone that are withdrawn, somewhat confused and seemingly not able to provide their own care and are without relatives or friends willing and able to give the needed assistance.**

A variety of services can be provided once the individual has been identified to Adult Protective Services. They are geared to respond to the array of problems of those adults in need of help. The agency will investigate and arrange for such ser-



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vices as case management, counseling, social protection, homemaking, housing, financial management, meals and home help. Medical care and payment arrangements can also be provided.

In some instances protective services are requested for those who do not want the assistance. While the person's individual rights must be considered, if the Adult Protective Services worker finds that the individual is at risk of imminent serious harm, the worker may petition the court to make a determination as to the individual's capacity to make a decision. The court petition is filed only as a last resort in providing protective services.

It is the responsibility of the Adult Protective Services worker to investigate reports of alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, endangerment and the vulnerability of older adults to protect themselves due to a men-

tal or physical impairment or due to the frailties or dependencies brought about by advanced age.

To make a report or get additional information about the Adult Protective Services Program contact your local Department of Social Services office Monday-Friday during normal business hours.

**Q. Do you have any helpful hints on what to bring for a short hospital stay. I have to go in for minor surgery for a few days and it would help if I know what I am supposed to bring. I'm 72 years old and this is the first time I have to be in the hospital.**

**A. You must be a very healthy person which is most fortunate. Everyone however, regardless of age is concerned about entering a hospital. Being prepared for the stay will certainly make the event less stressful. The National Institute on Aging suggests the following hints for people who are entering the hospital by choice rather than in an emergency situation. The patient's family and friends may find this information useful also.**

The National Institute on Aging recommends that you pack as little as possible for your stay, however, be sure to bring a few nightclothes, robe, sturdy slippers, comfortable

clothes to wear home, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, comb and brush, deodorant and razor. You should also bring a list of all the medicines you take, prescription and non-prescription, details of any past illnesses, surgeries, allergies, your health insurance card, a list of names and telephone numbers (home and business) of family members to contact in case of emergency, and \$10 or less for newspapers, magazines or any other items you may wish to buy from the hospital gift shop. It is a good idea to put your name on any personal items.

What not to bring is almost as important as what to bring. Leave cash, all jewelry, including wedding rings, credit cards and checkbooks at home or have a family member or friend keep them for you. If you must bring valuables ask if they can be kept in the hospital safe while you are there.

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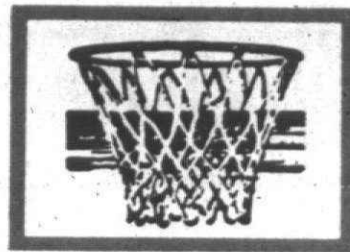
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## Hockey haven

### Area players back for GLI tourney

By C.J. Risak  
staff writer

Michigan State's normally powerful hockey team is finally thawing.

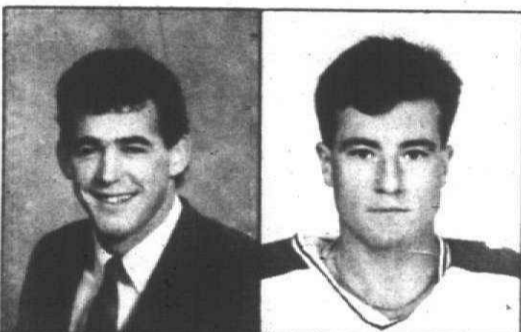
The Spartans are just returning from the deep freeze — a victory at the Great Western Freeze-Out Tournament, in Los Angeles — and they are red-hot.

Michigan Tech was struggling, but the Huskies have shown signs of life lately. They come to Detroit after a Western Collegiate Hockey Association road win at Denver Saturday.

But the team Michigan State and Michigan Tech, along with the University of Maine, will likely be chasing for the Great Lakes Invitational championship this weekend's defending champ University of Michigan. The Wolverines have been impressive through the first 18 games of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association season; they are tied with Ferris State for second, each with 25 points.

The GLI, now entering its 26th year, will start at 5 p.m. Friday at Joe Louis Arena with Tech facing off against Michigan. MSU will battle Maine at 8 p.m. Friday. The consolation game will be at 4 p.m. Saturday. Friday's winners will battle for the GLI title at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

IT WILL be a homecoming of sorts for several players. A pair of Spartans — senior forward Walt Bartels, from Plymouth (and Redford Catholic Central), and junior goalie Mike Gilmore, from Farmington Hills — will try to give their team its fifth GLI championship in nine years.



Rob Tustian Walt Bartels

### college sports

Tech senior defenseman Rob Tustian plans to deny MSU that distinction, while extending the Huskies' leadership for most GLI victories.

Making the trip to Joe Louis for the GLI is nothing new for Tustian. It's something the Livonia Stevenson graduate looks forward to each year.

"You get family out (to the games), there's a big crowd . . . It's a good atmosphere for hockey," said Tustian.

This has been a season of adjustment for Tustian. He was at forward for the first three years of his collegiate hockey career; he switched to defense this year.

TUSTIAN SHOWED he still had some offensive instincts Saturday when he scored the go-ahead goal on a power play in the second period, helping push the Huskies to a 5-3 over Denver.

Still, he isn't completely comfortable. Not yet. The biggest adjustment? "The speed of the game," he answered. "We've got a real fast league."

Tech is 5-10-1 in the WCHA, 8-11-2 overall. They are in seventh place in the WCHA.

MSU's fortunes have started to reverse. After a 3-1-2 start to the season, the Spartans went into a tailspin, posting three wins in 11 games.

They've rebounded since, winning five straight to improve to 10-8-4 overall, 7-7-4 in the CCHA. Gilmore and Bartels have played a role in the Spartan resurgence.

GILMORE, WHO shares goaltending duties with Jason Muzzati, is atop the CCHA goals-against list. He has a 2.59 goals-against average and a 4-3-2 record, and his save percentage is 89.6.

Bartels, a team co-captain, is coming off his most productive season (seven goals, 15 assists). This season, Bartels has two goals and five assists.

It will take quite an effort for either to upend U-M. MSU has played the Wolverines twice this season, losing once and tying once. In last year's GLI final, the Spartans were beaten by U-M 6-3.

One factor favoring Wolverine foes is the absence of sophomore defenseman Pat Neaton, a Redford native who attended CC until his senior year. Neaton is with a U.S. team currently playing in Canada. He won't be in the lineup this weekend.



Patrick Neaton of Redford is one of the University of Michigan's top defensemen, but he won't be playing this weekend in the Great Lakes Invitational Hockey Tournament. Neaton was selected for the U.S. team currently playing in Canada.

# Juggling lineups not enough to lift CC

By Brad Emons  
staff writer

As the old expression goes, Bernie Holowicki is "caught between a rock and a hard place."

Through four games, the Redford Catholic Central basketball coach has tinkered with various lineups.

And following Saturday's 64-50 loss to Ypsilanti at the Big Michigan Shoot-Out (held at Detroit's Cobo Arena), which dropped the Shamrocks to 2-2 overall, Holowicki is searching again.

"We're struggling because of the point-guard situation," he said. "We're still trying to find a good combination that we can stick with."

The Shamrocks' center from a year ago, 6-foot-5 junior Bob Kummer, has been playing the lead guard role all season with mixed reviews.

"Bobby's done it so far, but it pulls him away from the basket and that can be a drawback for him," said the CC coach. "And you know what he can do when he posts up inside."

Kummer had 15 points in a losing cause,

### basketball

while the Shamrocks' other big gun, 6-4 Steve Whitlow, contributed 12.

Ypsilanti, behind Shannon Williams' 15 first-half points, took a 33-25 lead at intermission.

The Braves (4-1), who got hot from three-point range, continued to surge in the third quarter by outscoring the Shamrocks 17-6.

"We started out OK, hung in there for awhile being down by only five or six, but eventually we got caught," Holowicki said. "Then we played hard again in the fourth quarter."

Williams led the winners with 18 points, while Wendell Rodgers and Wayne Minor contributed 17 and 10, respectively.

"Ypsi is so quick and the big kid (Williams) hurt us big-time," Holowicki said. "He (Williams) is a big-time player, a major college player."

CC returns to action Friday at home (7:30 p.m.) in a non-league encounter against St.

Clair Shores Lake Shore.

The Shamrocks then open their Catholic League Central Division schedule Friday, Nov. 4 at home against Redford Bishop Borgess.

ST. AGATHA 61, MT. CARMEL 45: On Friday, Redford St. Agatha won its Catholic League C-D Division opener, snapping a three-game losing skid with a victory over visiting Wyandotte Mount Carmel.

The Aggies are 1-3 overall and 1-0 in the division, while the Comets slipped to 2-3 and 0-1.

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# Salem battles injuries

By C.J. Risak  
staff writer

To say the future of Plymouth Salem wrestling was on display Saturday might be taking the recent rash of Rock injuries a bit too far.

But you'd be half right.

Six of 13 starters were missing when Salem tangled with five other teams in a round-robin dual meet

tournament at Salem. Considering the competition, it isn't too surprising the Rocks won just one of its five duals.

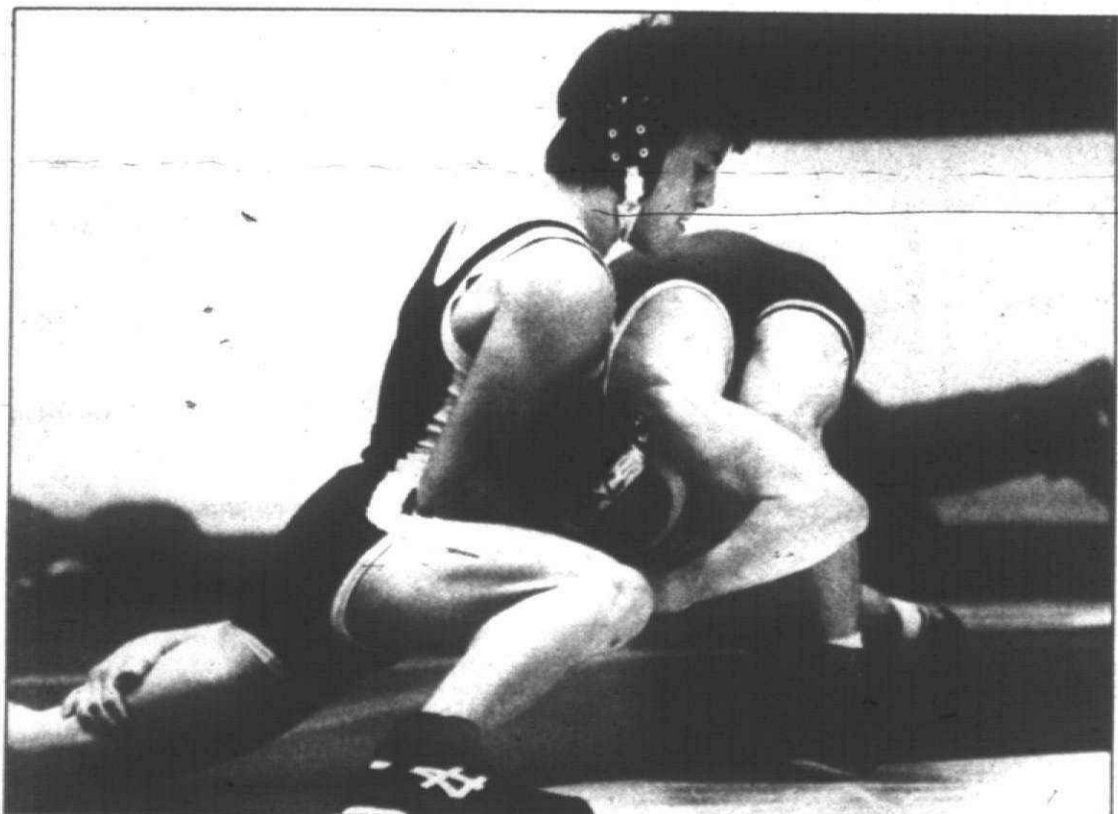
Holt was the champion of the day, winning all five of its duals. Belleville was next at 4-1, followed by Flint Kearsley (3-2), Adrian (2-3), Salem and Davison (0-5).

The Rocks beat Davison, which was also missing several starters,

60-18. They lost to Holt 52-21; Belleville 42-32; Kearsley 39-32; and Adrian 50-21.

Those out of the lineup were mostly from the upper weight classes; two of them, heavyweight Ken Coker and 160-pounder Tom Baker, could be lost for considerably more time. Coker is troubled by a bad back, and Baker has an injured knee.

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Chad Wilson of Salem was too much for Adrian's Jason Richardson in Saturday's five-team

dual. Indeed, Wilson was better than most — he finished 4-1 on the day.

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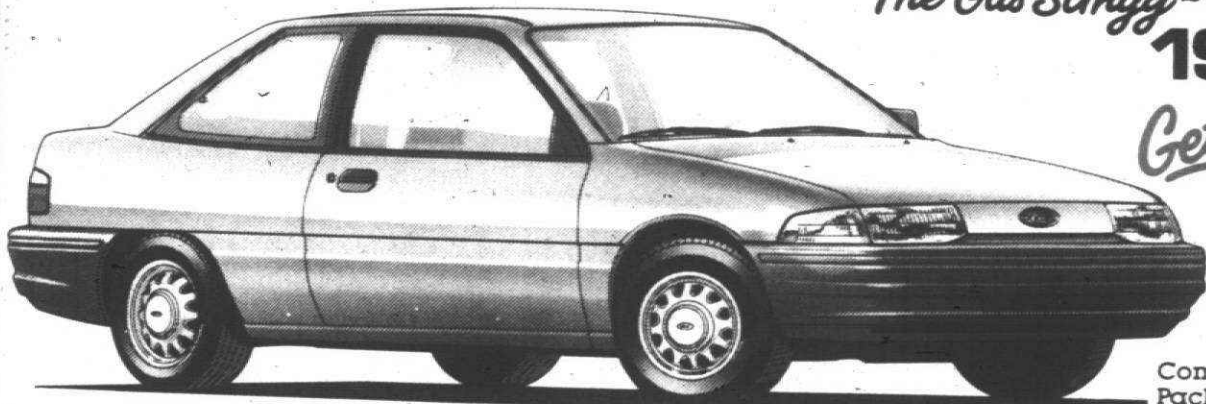
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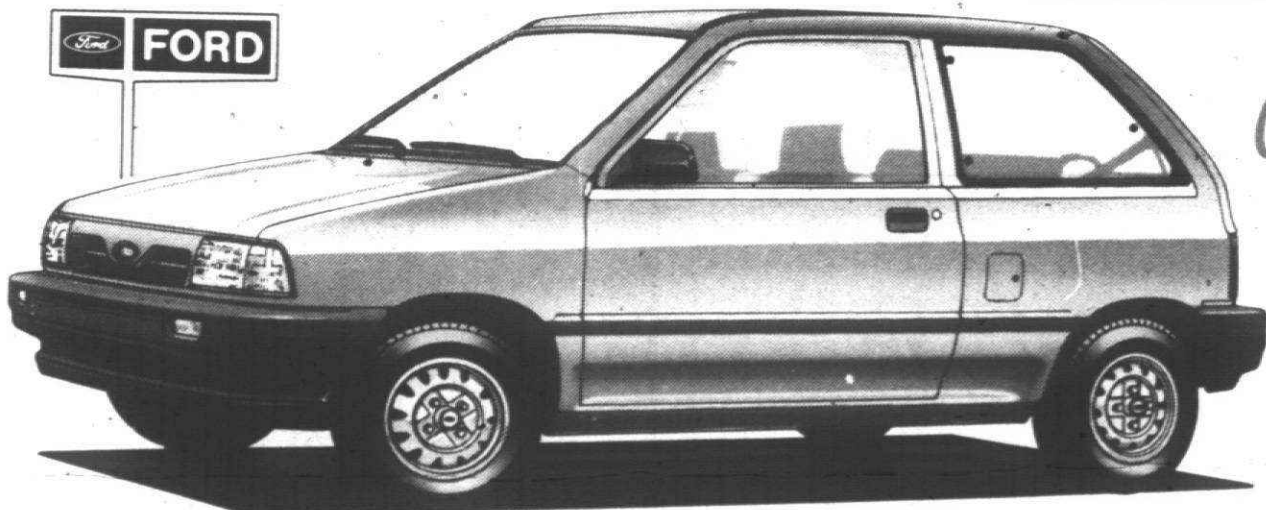
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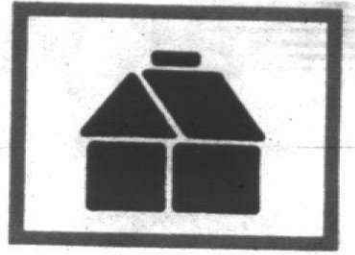
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## Glassblower practices an age-old craft

By Keely Wygonik  
staff writer

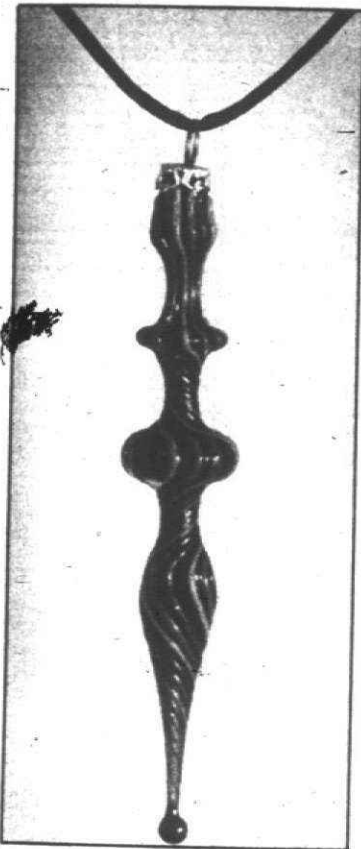
**O**N THE surface, glassblower Don Schneider seems all showman. A wizard of the elements who, by the light of a flickering flame, pulls, turns and twists glass to make it perform the way he wants.

It's more difficult than it looks, and Schneider, 41, who describes himself as a furnace working glassblower and lampworker, is more artist than showman.

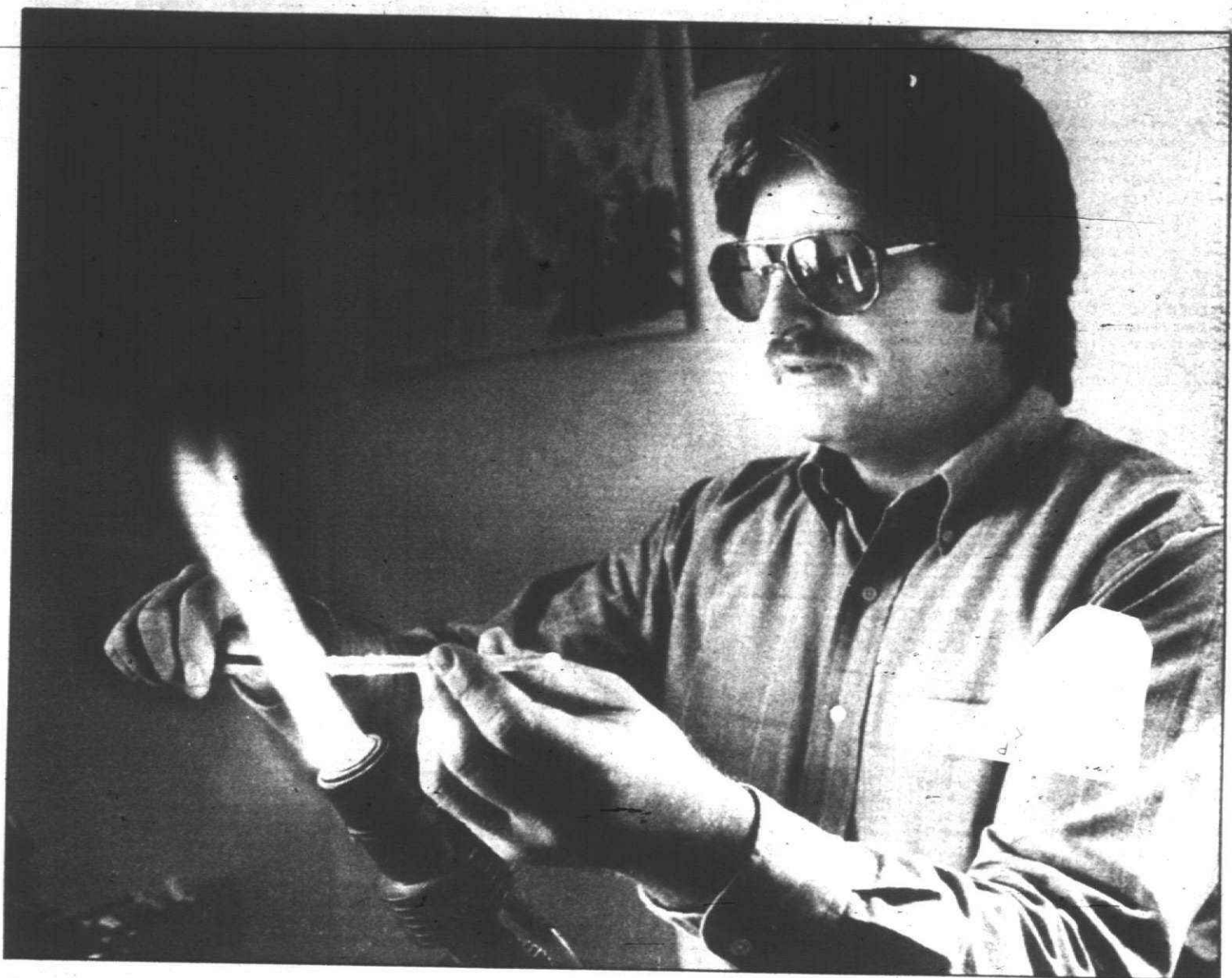
Schneider learned his craft the old-fashioned way, at Greenfield Village. He started out as a rug hooker, but got hooked on glass blowing after he and the village glassblower became friends.

"He talked me into taking his class. I just got fascinated with it. After my third piece, he told me I'd be working at the village. And I did, two years later in 1976 during the bicentennial celebration."

A year later, Schneider left, but his village training gave him a solid foundation to build on. From reproductions of Early American tableware, he progressed to lampworked beads and one-of-a-kind furnace worked pieces of glass.



Swirls of colored glass cover a spiral-shaped Christmas ornament designed by glassblower Don Schneider.



Plymouth glassblower Don Schneider rotates a piece of glass tubing over a flame to make a bead.

Sometimes, he decorates the bead, adding other colors to give it a zig-zag effect. Or, he adds millefiori made by fusing four to five glass rods together into layers.

The tip of the heated millefiori is placed against the bead to make the design that resembles a flower.

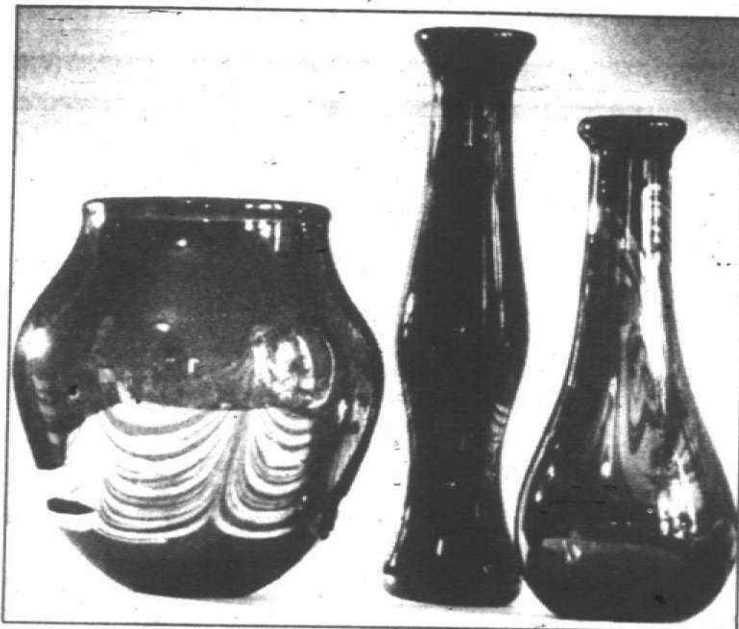
Millefiori translated means "a thousand flowers." No two are alike and Schneider often applies clear glass over the millefiori to magnify the design.

Most of the glass he uses for his lampwork is of the Pyrex type, the same kind your kitchen casserole dishes are made of.

**THE FURNACE** work is different because he makes his own glass.

"It's a very magical process. You process dry powders that look like cake mixes to make molten glass. Because I have complete control

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Left: At Fox Tower Glassworks in Beulah, Mich., glassblower Don Schneider creates vases like these from molten glass. When thermally active glass is reheated, the metals surface, creating interesting colors and patterns.

Staff photos  
by  
Bill Bresler

**SCHNEIDER SPECIALIZES** in two kinds of glass work: Lampwork, reheating glass rod and tubing in front of a flame to change its shape; and furnace work, pulling molten glass from a furnace and blowing it into shape.

He divides his time between studios in Plymouth and the Fox Tower Glassworks in Beulah, Mich., behind the Brookside Inn. And some of his time is spent on the road, doing demonstrations at gift shops, art museums and the Detroit Science Center.

"When people tell me it looks so easy, I know I'm having a good day. It's a lot harder than it looks," said Schneider, who doesn't mind answering questions from the half circle of people gathered around him.

**IT WAS** during one of these trips that he was introduced to ancient glass beads.

"I was at the Toledo Art Museum and they took me into the glass studios room and showed me glass beads that dated back to 4500 B.C. I was fascinated by how sophisticated they were. They were the high art of the

day. More valuable than gem stones."

Schneider calls his beads the expressive part of his lampwork. Three of them were featured in an article about American glass beadmakers in the fall issue of Ornament magazine.

**THE WORK** is labor intensive. Although it takes an average of 20 minutes to make a bead, Schneider might spend up to two days preparing the glass for beadmaking. He starts out with clear core, which is formed into a bead by slowly rotating it in front of a flame.

To add color, he heats a colored rod and applies it to the clear tube by rotating it in front of the flame, allowing the color to preheat, soften and stick to the bead.

## Career musician finds work invigorating

By Cathleen Collins Lee  
special writer

After 32 years with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, you might think Salvatore Rabbio, principal timpanist, would be counting the days until retirement.

But Rabbio, 56, doesn't feel he is at the end of anything. Rather, the Farmington Hills resident thinks he is on the threshold of a wonderful new stage in the life of the orchestra.

For Rabbio, that new era is marked by the orchestra's music director, Neeme Jarvi, and his new home at Orchestra Hall.

"It is brand new and so exciting to be working with Jarvi," Rabbio said.

"He creates that excitement and that love for making great music. I've been there so many years that you have to be pretty darn good to make me feel that excitement. But it's like plugging a light into a socket."

Rabbio is also delighted with Orchestra Hall.

"Ford Auditorium was an absolute musical nightmare," he said. "When you're at Orchestra Hall, you know that this is a hall built strictly for making music. When you arrive, you feel that there couldn't be a better place to show off your craft. And it's absolutely beautiful; the more you look, the more you see."

RABBIO WAS interviewed at one

of his favorite places, the screened-in porch he built on the back of his home last summer. The simple porch, made of wood and decorated in yellow and white, looks out on an acre.

There is plenty of room to garden, grow tomatoes and putter around, all activities that offer him a break from the intense concentration required by music.

Rabbio and his wife, Nina, share this home and its quiet, almost country setting. Inside, the many framed museum posters reflect their interest in art; they visit museums wherever the orchestra travels. A wind chime made of ceramic treble clefs hangs opposite the front door. Their

two children, a daughter and son, are grown.

Pausing between an orchestra meeting and an evening performance, Rabbio is warm and relaxed. He explains that it is a mystery to him how he became involved in music. And it was just a lucky accident that led him to the drums.

**RABBIO'S PARENTS** immigrated from Italy at a young age. When they met and married, they worked hard to make a living. There wasn't any room for music.

But when Rabbio was in junior high school, he had an opportunity to sign up for band.

"Now my parents, being of Italian origin, said I should take up the ac-

cordion," he recalls with a smile.

"One musician can be a whole orchestra," they told me.

"So I reluctantly signed up for accordion, but all the accordion classes were filled up. I ran home pretty quick and said, 'How about drums?' I don't know how I knew to choose the drums. It's a gift from upstairs that I'll always be grateful for."

Rabbio played the jazz drums in the marching band through high school. But when he started at Boston University, he happened to hear a recording of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony on an old 78. He was never quite the same again.

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Salvatore Rabbio  
principal timpanist

## Historic sites provide captivating peek into our past

**TRACKING HISTORIC** footprints in Observerland:

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• And I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to the Hill House for the Livonia Historical Society's annual holiday party Dec. 9.

The Hill House, in Livonia's Greenmead Historical Village at Eight Mile and Newburgh, looked terrific in its patriotic holiday setting.

The Greek Revival-style house, a national historic site, dates back to 1841. That's when Livonia Township pioneer Joshua Simmons commissioned Farmington architect Sergius P. Lyon, husband of his niece Lucinda, to design and build it.

The landmark home was the Simmons' third residence on their 160-

acre farm, Meadow Brook.

The prosperous farm was a testimonial to the pioneering spirit of Simmons. He brought his new wife, Hannah Macomber, here from Bristol, N.Y., when he was just 25 and built a three-sided log shanty.

The farm site, including a farmhands house built in the 1830s, stayed in the Simmons family until 1915.

In 1920, Sherwin and Jean Hill acquired the farm site to raise dairy cattle. They renamed it Greenmead, after her childhood home in Baltimore. They also hired noted architect Marcus Burrowes to remodel the main farmhouse.

A master builder, Simmons built a barn at Greenmead that's still standing. He built the first frame barn in



Bob Sklar

Plymouth in 1827 for Erastus Starkweather. And he hewed timber for the first mills in Plymouth and Farmington townships.

Simmons also built farmhouses for each of his three sons. The Lawrence Simmons House, built in 1861, still stands northwest of 12 Mile and Farmington Road, in Farmington Hills. It, too, was designed by Lyon.

"The handsome Victorian-style, stone house displays seven different

gingerbread designs in the trim," the state historic marker on the front lawn tells us.

Lawrence lived there 12 years, including the period of the Civil War.

• It's called Sleepy Hollow.

But the Farmington Hills crossroads was a bustling village by the 1830s. Over the next century, it was home to three mills, a cooper's shop, a soap factory, a shoemaker's shop, stores, a slaughterhouse, a tannery, churches, a school and a cemetery that's now a historic site.

The miller's cottage and the cooper's house still stand across Drake. The cottage was moved across the stream in 1988 to accommodate road paving.

First came a gristmill, the first in Farmington Township. In 1827, Ed-

ward Steele built the mill on the banks of the Rouge after journeying from East Bloomfield, N.Y.

When J. T. Little bought the gristmill in the 1840s, he renamed it Pernambuco after a Brazilian port he'd visited as a sailor. The surrounding valley became known as Pernambuco Hollow. Pernambuco Flour was popular in Detroit.

Peter Hardenbergh bought the mill in 1868. His family made flour until 1886.

In the millpond, west of Drake, youngsters fished and swam in summer and skated in the winter. Floods in 1904 and 1908 broke the millpond dam, which was not repaired, a city historic marker at Drake and Howard roads tells us.

The Wadenstorers bought the mill

in 1902 and converted it to a cider, flour and feed mill. They dismantled it in 1936 and Sleepy Hollow became a memory.

• Soon after Henry Ford I and Clara Bryant were married in 1888, he built their Honeymoon House in Dearborn. The two-story, one-bedroom house boasts timber cut and sawed at his sawmill.

Clara designed the specs for the kitchen, sitting room, parlor and bedroom.

Henry "added his workshop, where he often experimented with gasoline engines," according to a state historic marker outside the house, moved to Beechwood Avenue in downtown Garden City in 1962.

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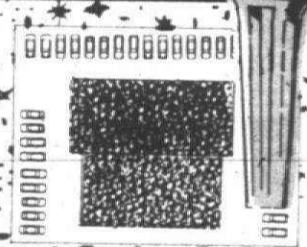
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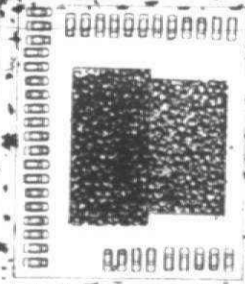
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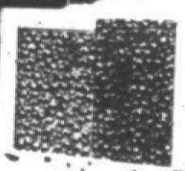
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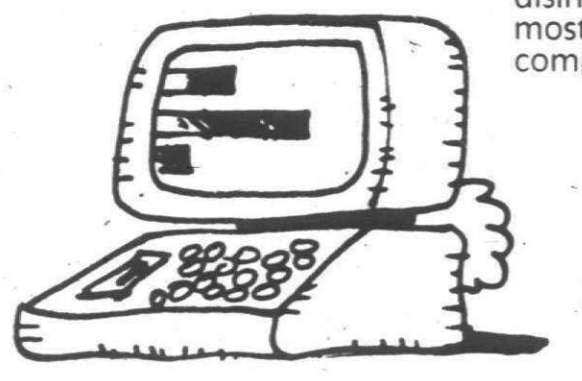
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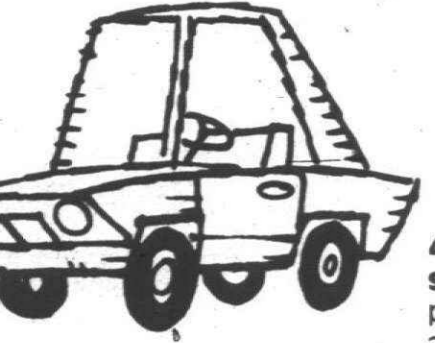
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41 MPG

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Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, automatic, air, rear window defroster, clear coat paint, body side molding, console, AM/FM stereo, cargo area cover, reclining bucket seats, child safety locks. Stock #5480.

33 MPG

WAS \$10,636 IS **\$9191\***

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**NEW 1991 ESCORT LX 4 DOOR WAGON**

4 Door wagon, power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, automatic, air, rear window defroster, light group, convenience group, clear coat paint, console, body side moldings, cargo area cover, reclining bucket seats, child safety locks. Stock #5915.

33 MPG

WAS \$11,866 IS **\$9520\***

**\$1,000 REBATE**

**NEW 1991 RANGER 4x2 STYLESIDE PICKUP**

23 MPG

XLT trim, power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, automatic transmission, air, cast aluminum wheels, deluxe two-tone paint, sliding rear window, AM/FM stereo cassette, tachometer, cargo box light, rear anti-lock brakes, dome light, spoiler, front chrome bumper, light group, instrumentation, interval wipers. Stock #6007.

WAS \$14,468 IS **\$10,277\***

**\$1,000 REBATE**

**1991 RANGER 4x2 SUPER CAB**

23 MPG

XLT trim, rear jump seat, power steering & brakes, tinted glass, AM/FM stereo cassette, sliding rear window, chrome front bumper, chrome rear step bumper, automatic transmission, air conditioning, cast aluminum wheels, tachometer, rear anti-lock brakes, cargo box light & spoiler, dome light & instrumentation. Stock #6294T.

WAS \$15,740 IS **\$11,565\***

**\$1,000 REBATE**

**NEW 1991 RANGER 4x4 SUPER CAB STX**

20 MPG

STX trim, rear jump seat, automatic transmission, air conditioning, speed control, tilt steering wheel, sport bucket seats, floor console, AM/FM stereo cassette, cast aluminum wheels, power steering & brakes, tinted glass, tachometer, handling package, rear anti-lock brakes, automatic locking hub, leather wrap steering wheel, cargo box light & spoiler, dome light & instrumentation, light group, intermittent wipers. Stock #6297T.

WAS \$18,624 IS **\$13,811\***

**SPECIAL OF THE WEEK**

**\$1000 REBATE**

**NEW 1991 RANGERS X 4x2**

Custom trim overdrive transmission, tinted glass, power brakes, fold away mirrors, instrumentation, spoiler, rear anti-lock brakes, dome light, interval wipers, scuff plates. Stock #6257T.

29 MPG

WAS \$8729 IS **\$6911\***

**\$600 REBATE**

**NEW 1991 THUNDERBIRD**

27 MPG

Power steering & brakes, tinted glass, automatic overdrive transmission, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo cassette, premium sound, power windows, power door locks, power window power antenna, cast aluminum wheels, luxury group, rear window defroster, BSM, console courtesy lights, instrumentation, reclining bucket seats, digital clock, intermittent wipers. Stock #6042.

WAS \$17,881 IS **\$14,024\***

**\$600 REBATE**

**NEW 1991 AEROSTAR EXTENDED XL WAGON**

23 MPG

Power steering & brakes, tinted glass, convenience group, super cooling, AM/FM stereo instrumentation, anti-lock brakes, intermittent wipers, rear wiper, spoiler, XL trim, power convenience group, rear window defroster, automatic transmission, air conditioning, speed control & tilt wheel, privacy glass, dual cabin seats, 7 passenger. Stock #6211T.

WAS \$18,615 IS **\$14,864\***

**50 EXPLORERS IN STOCK**

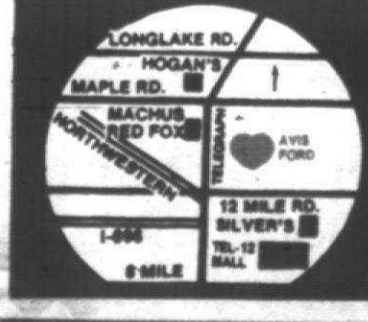
**NEW 1991 EXPLORER 4 DOOR 4x4**

20 MPG

Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, automatic transmission, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo cassette, cast aluminum wheels, rear anti-lock brakes, rear window wipers/washer, defroster/intermittent wipers, dome light, instrumentation, scuff plates, front & rear stabilizer. Stock #5452T.

WAS \$19,469 IS **\$17,066\***

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