



High steppin' with the Ice Capades professionals, these Special Olympics participants are learning to stand on skates during a practice session at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

RANDY BORSI/staff photographer

Pros and amateurs combine for happy chorus line



Brian Nickell of Birmingham practices his skating form with the help of Ice Capade skater Nancy Horner of Atlantic City, N.J.

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It's a long way from Sarajevo to Detroit, but even so, Kitty and Peter Caruthers made it to town last week. They were here for the Ice Capades, held at Joe Louis Arena.

The brother-sister skating team won the Silver Medal during the 1984 Olympics in Sarajevo. They took some time out from their schedule Thursday to give skating lessons to Special Olympics participants.

Five of the young people spent part of the afternoon on the ice at Joe Louis Arena. They were invited by the arena management.

"They said they would have the Ice Capades people here and we would be able to get some pointers," said Nancy Moran, director for Special Olympics in Oakland County.

The young people, who range in age from 10 to 27, ate lunch at a Renaissance Center restaurant before heading over to the arena. They were looking forward to their time on the ice.

"I didn't think we were going to make it through lunch," Moran said.

Judy Timberlake's 15-year-old son, Shawn, was happy to be skating.

"He doesn't always understand until he's put in the situation," said Timberlake, a Redford resident. "Once he got down here, he was all smiles, very happy. Ice skating's probably his favorite thing, outside of swimming."

Madeline McClain's 10-year-old son, Eric, was equally excited.

"He was only up four times last night," said McClain, a Garden City resident. "He loves it."

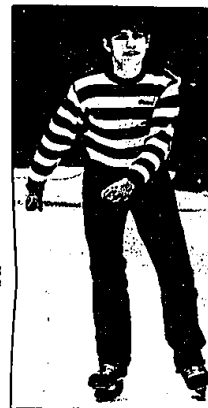
"For him to even accomplish walking on skates was really something. I think it gives him a sense of worth. He feels good about himself."

The young people attend a skating class at the FAR Conservatory of the Performing Arts in Birmingham.

"All of these kids are from that program, and they're entered in the Special Olympics through that program," Moran said. Special Olympic skating events include figure and speed skating.

Moran doesn't do much skating herself.

"I leave it up to my coaches," she said with a laugh.



Farrington Training Center student Ray Montoya of Southfield takes his turn on the ice.

Shooting justified, say police

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Peterson then fell to the ground. At that point, Gary Nix, an off-duty Michigan State trooper, saw Hubbard and Peterson.

"He stopped and got out of his car and assisted Officer Hubbard in securing the suspect," Niemisto said. Both administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation to Peterson, who was then taken to Botsford.

The 16-year-old suspect continued to flee toward the east. The 17-year-old suspect had been arrested in the getaway car.

Officer Alan Soderlund pursued the juvenile suspect.

"He went looking for the 16-year-old, and he located him," Niemisto said. "He arrested him without incident."

The police department will review the incident.

"We will be reviewing the entire shooting incident," Dwyer said. "It's obvious the officers acted properly in the performance of their duties."

"He had to take that action," the police chief said of Hubbard. "No one in law enforcement feels good when they have to take that fatal action." It has been more than 18 years since the department has had a fatal shooting by an officer, he said.

"Internally, there is no problem with the case at all," Niemisto said. The

case will be turned over to the prosecutor's office.

"I think we can reasonably expect that they would concur with our opinion," Niemisto said.

Others involved in the operation were Sgt. Martin Blodoo and Officer Robert Burkart, in addition to Hubbard, Soderlund and Michaluk.

"They were very conscientious, they were very dedicated to apprehending the people who committed the armed robbery," Dwyer said.

An investigation into the suspects' possible involvement in other robberies is continuing, he said. A total of \$113 was recovered in Thursday's robbery attempt.

Metroview paving bid rejected

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Prior to the vote, several area residents spoke.

"My concern is the barricade, and the safety problem that barricade presents," said James Trunk, 2125 Parklane. Trunk expressed concern about access to the area for emergency vehicles if the barricade remains in place.

Karen Wegienek, 21095 Metroview Road, spoke against the paving.

"Money sure does talk," she said. "If we had that kind of money, maybe we would be in a stronger position."

"What I see here is an injustice to the people living on Metroview," said veteran council-watcher Aldo Vagnozzi. "I do think it would completely change the nature of Metroview."

VAGNOZZI ALSO questioned the decision to bring the matter before the council again.

"I would question this council's allowing things to be considered incessantly," he said. "I think this issue ought to be decided once and for all. Put this to rest. There was a vote, and it was defeated."

Mayor Jan Dolan told Vagnozzi the decision to review the paving project was made by the city staff, and not by the council.

Council member Donn Wolf shared Vagnozzi's concerns.

"The only thing new to put in is \$60,000," he said. "It's the same thing and you can hear this just by listening to the arguments."

"Tonight I feel like I'm being blackmailed, and I don't like blackmail," said Joe Alkateeb, mayor pro tem.

"We have many other roads that need that money. To me, it's somewhat insulting," Alkateeb said of the developer's proposal.

Dust control approved

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to the council. Attorney Stuart Gold spoke on behalf of the Heritage Hills Homeowners Association.

"Our concern isn't so much with the necessity of a dust control program," Gold told the council. "Our major concern is the precedent this will set."

Gold expressed concern about the eventual paving of Drake Road and the resulting cost to homeowners.

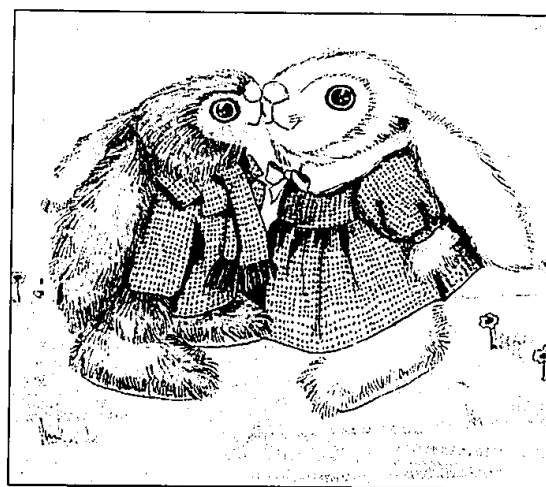
"Our major concern is the precedent this will set," he said. "We do not and cannot afford to fund such a major im-

provement. We only ask again that you consider the ramifications down the line."

The subdivision, which is north of 13 Mile Road, includes an open commons area.

"It happens that the commons area directly abuts a section of Drake Road," City Manager William Costick said Friday. Residents were concerned that approval of the dust control project might set a precedent for a much-larger paving cost assessment.

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