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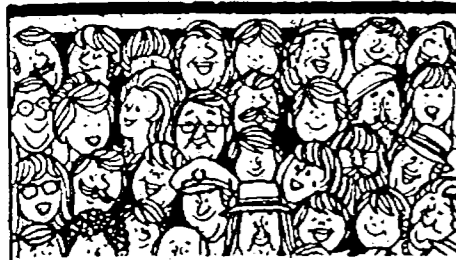
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## places and faces

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**AMONG THE** 200 students named to the dean's list at Alma College for the fall term were juniors Miltz Mullinix and Joseph Naughton, both of Westland. To be named to the dean's list, students must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade average while carrying at least 13 credits.

Mullinix is a 1980 graduate of John Glenn High and the daughter of Daffel and Shirley Mullinix. She is majoring in chemistry. Naughton also graduated from Glenn in 1980. He is the son of Patrick and Joanne Naughton and is taking premedical studies.

**JEFFREY S. MUSSER**, 38345 S. Carolan Blvd., has been named to the dean's list for the autumn quarter at the University of Denver.

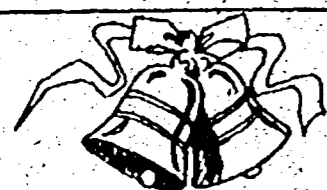
Persons named to the list have attained a grade point average of 3.67 or better in full-time autumn quarter studies.

**A PARENT** orientation meeting for the parents of ninth grade students entering Franklin High School next year, will be held in the lecture theatre of the high school on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m.

A discussion of course offerings will be followed by meeting with counselors and refreshments. Parents are asked to bring their "Programs of Study" booklets with them.

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Bobby Colbert (left) and Tommy Carrico block plans for sending an angel food cake to their ears, fearing a big bang would end their clouds.

## Bids fly as angel cake soars in Scout event



Hanging on to their flying cake are Cub Scouts Bobby Colbert (left) and Tommy Carrico. Tommy's dad, Tom Carrico (far right), created the lightweight confection. But it was Bobby's grandfather, Charles Rollins (far left), who bid \$16 for a taste of the fun.

By Sandra Armbruster  
editor

What kind of cake flies?

Why, an angel cake, of course!

Laugh, if you must, but read on because when it comes to baking cakes, the sky's the limit for Tom Carrico and his nine-year old son, Tommy.

The Carricos baked a cake that flew its way to a top bid of \$16 while drifting among the rafters at last week's father-son cake baking competition sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 765 in Westland.

Carrico explained how the idea for a flying cake arose at last year's cake baking event.

"Last year I built a remote control cake. It was a platform angel food cake made to look like R2D2," he said. "The kids went crazy over it."

"It was the only self-serve cake there."

Maybe the only such cake in the world. Anyway, Scoutmaster Bob Barber asked what Carrico would bake this year.

"I said I'd make one to fly. I've been working on this for a year," Carrico said.

**THIS YEAR'S** cake was an angel food confection baked to look like the basket of a hot air balloon. Carrico's mother, Eleanor of Ypsilanti, made a macrame harness for the cake.

"Angel food cake is the lightest. The others are too heavy," explained Carrico, who works as a machine repairman at Detroit Diesel in Romulus when he isn't baking.

At the top of the harness, Carrico thought he would tie three or four punch-type balloons to lift the cake. But on a visit to Livonia Welding Supply Company, Carrico and employee Kevin Schultz calculated that it would have taken 33 punch balloons to lift the cake, which weighed a little more than two pounds.

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## Tax hike plans provoke anger

By Maurie Walker  
staff writer

Giving residents of Michigan a tax increase is like giving a drowning man a drink of water. Sooner or later he's going to have more than he can take.

This statement from Tom Clinton of Westland pretty much sums up the opinions of residents in the area who were questioned in an unscientific poll in Garden City and Westland shopping areas regarding a proposed increase in the state income tax rate to 5.6 percent, or possibly six percent.

Gov. James Blanchard has two committees in a financial crisis council which have recommended the immediate tax increase as well as a \$320 million cut in the state budget.

The current income tax rate is 4.6 percent and the committees have proposed a hike of at least one percentage point this year, retroactive to Jan. 1.

A hike of 5.6 percent would be a 22 percent increase while a six percent rate would be a 30 percent boost.

A \$320 million budget cut has also been called for, but no details have been given on what would be cut.

**DELORIS FLORENCE**, 22, of Garden City, said she didn't think taxes should be raised by any means.

"There's so much unemployment, people can't afford it."

"Fortunately my husband is working, but prices of everything keep climbing."

She said the state could help cut their expensive parties and other expenses. Why can't they just pay cut like everyone else is being asked to do?

"If we have to have a cut in pay, so should they," she said.

Nancy Wilcox, 47, of Wayne, said of the proposed tax increase, "Personally, I think it stinks."

"We are taxed to death now. It's pitiful," she added.

"NO WAY," was the answer given by Carol Jamieson, 46, of Canton Township.

"All the legislators have given themselves raises. The workers have been asked to make concessions, why shouldn't they?"

Mary Lou Passmore, 47, of Livonia, said there should be a flat 10 percent raise for everyone then all could help carry the burden.

"I don't think any services should be cut. They are important. I don't know how the state can cut the budget, I wish I did."

She said some money could be saved by checking into welfare and ADC recipients.

"Granted, there are a lot of people who need this aid but there are some who are receiving it and don't really need it."

"If they cut off some of those persons not in need, they could put others back on the rolls who are really in need," she said.

Fred Collins, 56, a McLouth Steel worker from Detroit, said the proposed tax boost "stinks."



"Personally, I think it (the tax hike) stinks."

Nancy Wilcox,  
Wayne

"How can they ask for more taxes when people are being laid off all the time? How can they buy cars when they're not working?"

**A RETIREE**, Anthony Kolodziej, 66, of Dearborn said the idea of a tax increase "is terrible."

"Where's all the promises Blanchard and all the politicians made before the election?"

"Why don't they start by cutting their salaries and expenses. Congress gives itself a raise and asks the workers for a wage freeze."

"People will pay taxes if they know they are getting their money's worth."

"There are no priorities. They want to save the Thanksgiving Day parade, which is nice, but they don't have any money for welfare."

"It's nice to have these luxuries but we can't always afford them."

Some of those interviewed agreed a tax increase is necessary.

Coline Wilkie, 30, of Redford, said while she didn't like the idea, she saw a tax increase as necessary.

"They (the state) are going to have to do something. Money doesn't come out of thin air and the state is in financial trouble," she said.

Neil Heath, 68, of Dearborn, said that the state is in bad shape and needs money.

"The state can't run without money. But it's the Reagan administration that has caused the whole thing."



**A GARDEN CITY** resident, Richard Alan, 32, is bewildered by it all.

"I can't see how they can consider raising taxes. People can't make ends meet now."

Where did all the money go? It's got to be somewhere. Something's wrong somewhere when a nation, state and cities go broke."

"I don't know how the state can cut the budget. I wish I did."

Mary Lou Passmore,  
Livonia

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## Lack of snow eases DPS road costs, allows repairs

By Maurie Walker  
staff writer

Old Man Winter may be waiting in the wings to clobber us with snow, but so far he hasn't raised the curtain on anything very dramatic.

While last year at this time 26 inches of snow had fallen, so far this year only four inches have been recorded.

This lack of snow may not make winter sports enthusiasts happy, but it certainly has been welcomed by those whose responsibility it is to keep snow- and ice-covered roads clear.

Westland and Garden City Department of Public Service directors say the mild winter has been a big money saver for their respective cities.

HENRY LUNDQUIST, Westland's

DPS director, said the lack of snow has saved the city some \$16,800 so far this year.

"Last year we spent \$17,300 distributing some 1,050 tons of salt on Westland's streets."

"This year, with just a few slippery days, we've spent \$1,440 and used only 80 tons of salt, which is 970 tons less than a year ago at this time," Lundquist said.

"In addition to the savings on salt, we have saved an additional \$5,000 we would have had to pay out in overtime for crews to plow and salt the streets," he added.

Just because the DPS crews aren't running plows and salt trucks doesn't mean they aren't busy.

"This mild weather has allowed our

crews to do road work, such as cold patching pot holes and doing shoulder repairs," Lundquist said. "They have also been able to do some tree trimming."

**GARDEN CITY'S** Preston, said the mild weather has been a break for him.

"It's like fall for us. It has allowed us to catch up on some of our priorities. I sure hope it lasts."

"We've been able to do some road repair, grading the shoulders and even the cleaning of sewers every day, a project we couldn't do if the weather was bad," he said.

Preston said the DPS winter season is gauged from November through March.

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Piles of salt reflect the snowless winter Westlanders have had, saving the city about \$20,000 in costs and overtime.

## City maintains salt-free diet

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"We ordered about 410 more tons of salt to get ready for this winter, but so far have been lucky. We have used about 90 percent less than last year. Our crews have been out only three

time since November resulting in just nine hours overtime. Last year's figure was between 1,000 to 1,600 hours of overtime.

"We have used only 96 tons of salt to date. Last year we used 834 tons. The

DPS directors say that while we may be shoveling snow at Easter time, (last year in April we had nine inches of snow fall), so far this winter has seen the lightest amount of snow in a number of years.

## Play ball! Court times open

Open racquetball and drop-in basketball are being offered by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department at the Balley Center, on Ford Road behind city hall.

Court time for open racquetball runs from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week.

There is a non-prime time-special 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday with a \$5 fee for residents and \$7 for non-residents.

The fee includes an hour of racquetball, half-hour use of the exercise room and use of the saunas and steam room.

PRIME time is 4-9 p.m. Monday

through Friday and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Fee is \$6 for residents, \$8 for non-residents and includes an hour of racquetball and use of the sauna and steam room. Racquet rentals are \$1, racquetball sales \$3.

There are leagues available for those interested.

For the first time, the parks and recreation department is offering racquetball phone cards for patrons' convenience.

This will allow the card holder to phone in racquetball reservations for two court times up to one week in advance.

## Judges needed for science & engineering March fair

Science and engineering professionals can help out at the 1983 Metropolitan Detroit Science and Engineering Fair by volunteering to act as judges of junior or senior high projects.

For the past several years, students with experience in several fairs, local and international, have voiced their praise for the care and professionalism of judging in Detroit's fair.

Individuals with expertise in science, math, engineering, health and environmental sciences are qualified to serve as judges on March 24 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Cobo Hall D.

Judges may choose to rate junior high school level exhibits in the cate-

gories of life sciences, physical sciences, math and computers. They may also judge senior exhibits in the categories of botany, zoology, microbiology, biochemistry, chemistry, behavioral science, engineering, physics, math and computers, medicine, health and earth and space sciences.

More than 2,000 exhibits are expected to be entered in this year's fair. All entries are from public and parochial schools within Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties.

Anyone wishing to serve as a judge should call Marlene Bamford at 832-2066. Lunch will be provided for volunteer judges.

## Cake baking balloons into a fund raiser

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Schultz had a suggestion: Use a weather balloon. It seems that when the new owner bought the welding company, a 1943 weather balloon from World War II was found on a shelf.

"The smell's going away now," said Carrico, adding that the package specified the use of a hydrogen generator to fill the four-foot rubber bubble.

"They haven't used hydrogen since the Hindenberg blew up," Carrico continued.

The zeppelin that caught fire and exploded in 1937 in Lakehurst, N.J., killing 36 people. The 800-foot zeppelin used for trans-Atlantic flights carried 7.2 million cubic feet of hydrogen.

"So Kevin made up a special nozzle to fill it with helium and gave us a tank to use," Carrico said.

THE MAIDEN flight of the Carrico cake was an uplifting experience. "The higher the cake flew, the higher the bidding went," he said.

Winning bidder at \$16 was Bobby Colbert and his grandfather, Charles Rollins, of Westland.

The event raised a total of \$275. While Tommy looks forward to receiving his Parvull Dei award from the Archdiocese of Detroit, his father is already at work on next year's cake.

"I call it cup cake art," said Carrico.

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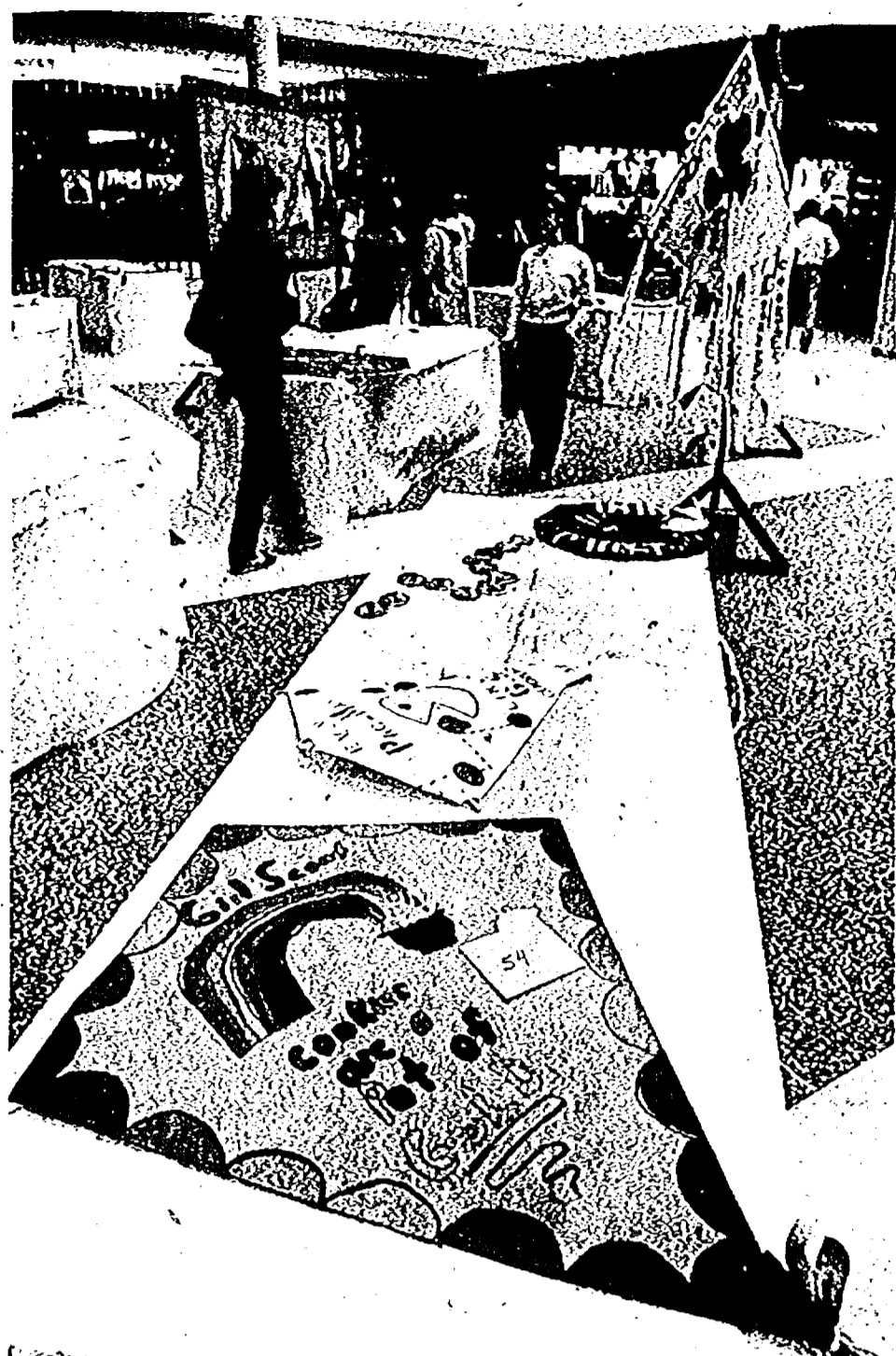
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Some troops traveled for more than two hours to reach Westland Center for the kite competition, which helped to kick off Girl Scout cookie sales last week.



Learning to use sign language was just one of the things Girl Scouts and Brownies learned about the handicapped when they visited Westland Center recently.

## Girl Scouts aim for a flying start to annual cookie sales

By Sandra Armbruster  
editor

Girl Scouts do more than sell cookies. That was evident one recent weekend as Brownies and Scouts from throughout the Huron Valley Council gathered at Westland Center for a kite contest and day of career exploration.

"Every year we have an annual event to kick off our cookie sales, but we've never had one quite like this before," said Barbara Radbaugh, director of public relations and fund development for the council, which serves 13,000 girls in the course of a year.

Some girls and their parents drove more than two hours to attend the event, earning merit badges in the process. The Huron Valley Council includes the counties of Washtenaw, Livingston, northern Monroe and western Wayne.

**THE YOUNG** women spent considerable time preparing for the kite exhibit and contest. Three workshops were held in early October, teaching the basics of kite design including materials, safety and aerodynamics.

Since then the girls worked to build kites for seven categories of competition. There were 300 entries in the contest.

Winners and their categories were: Most like a cookie — Heidi Pyle of Canton, a Brownie, and Troop 639 of Canton, junior level; best use of materials — Melissa Wilkie, a Northville Brownie, and Carolyn Swift, a junior from Canton; most unusual — Kristin Temerowski, a Canton Brownie, and Troop 369 of Belleville, junior level; largest — Troop 363, Plymouth Brownies, at the junior level was Troop 215 of Romulus, and Cadet Troop 555 of Ypsilanti.

Other winners and categories were most attractive — Kelly Blanche, a Plymouth Brownie, Canton juniors Katie Bloomquist and Julie Hawley, and Cadet Troop 98 of Chelsea; most creative — Jennifer O'Kelly, a New Boston Brownie, Canton Junior

Marie Horste, and Fowlerville Cadet Shanna Gilkeson; best of show — Holly VanGieson, a Westland Brownie, Junior Troop 303 of Canton, and Cadet Troop 531 of Flat Rock.

**BUT THE GIRLS** did more than look at kites. They learned about handicaps from puppeteers Carol and Amy Christian, and they interviewed representatives from sky diving, weather forecasting and other aviation professions.

Talking about sky diving was Karen Neylon of Dexter. She uses the Tecumseh Airport as a base of operations.

"I'm hooked on the sky. This is the closest thing I can do to flying," she said.

Neylon explained that divers must take seven hours of training before making their first jump. She added that training continues through the first 100 jumps.

"It's expensive. The first course costs \$75 to \$100, and after that it's \$20 to \$25 for each jump," she said.

It's also dangerous. Neylon, who broke a leg on her first landing when her chute tugged her as she went into a roll, said that no insurance covers sky divers.

Neylon said there is a real thrill in being able to fly and when you "look down and there's the earth coming up at you."

**ALSO WITH** his eye on the sky is Hubert McNamee, who supervises a staff of 10 at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport weather office which does most of the observation and warning work. An Ann Arbor office does the forecasting.

He said that the field of meteorology opens up career possibilities to women in the areas of fire watching, marine weather, radar, hydrology and other related fields. McNamee said the study of physics, math, oceanography and computers are important in those fields.

Another area now open to women is the job of air traffic controller, according to Allen Burt who keeps watch at Willow Run Airport.



Cookies were the theme of the kite contest entered by Scouts from the Huron Valley Council.

Photos by  
Bill Bresler



Judging the seven categories in the kite contest was Ed Lehmann, a technical sergeant with the Air Force. Giving him some suggestions were Melanie Grant (left), and Corine and Nancy Doctor of Ann Arbor.



Puppeteers Carol (left) and Amy Christian use puppets with a variety of handicaps to teach youngsters to how to relate to handicapped children.

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# Commissioners lash Lucas on jail fund 'crisis'

By Tim Richard  
staff writer

County Executive William Lucas had to be satisfied with one-third of a loaf

## Don't use Burt's card, Bell warns

Don't bill that long-distance call to Burt.

That's the message Michigan Bell and Burt Reynolds have for anyone who may have heard the rumor that the Hollywood actor is sharing his telephone credit card with his fans.

"I have no idea how the rumor started," Reynolds said recently, "but I'd like to clear the air once and for all — there just isn't any truth to it."

"I'm sorry my name is being used in this fraudulent manner," he continued. "I feel as much a victim as the people who have been misled by this whole scam."

WHERE THE rumor came from and how it snowballed is a mystery to everyone.

The Burt Reynolds hoax, which surfaced a couple of years ago, goes something like this: Reynolds supposedly won a large cash settlement in a lawsuit against a major company. Not needing the money, he allegedly announced in the media that people could use his telephone credit card to place long-distance calls until the money from the suit ran out.

"The story is pure fiction, and it's costing Michigan Bell customers thousands of dollars a week," according to Harold N. Peacock, head of Michigan Bell's security department.

The phony credit card number, along with other details of the story, change constantly, making it difficult for Michigan Bell to stop the bogus calls, Peacock said.

"BUT WE ARE making every effort to track down callers who use the number and bill the long-distance charges back to them," he added.

"The use of a phony Burt Reynolds credit card number may seem innocent, but it really is fraud," he said. "It's against the law, and it's punishable by a \$500 fine and six months in jail."

and a sharp warning.

Asking the County Commission for \$158,000 for three months of extra jail staffing, Lucas on Thursday was voted \$56,000 for one month and given a bawling out because he failed to suggest where the money might be found.

"To add, you must subtract," said Commissioner Richard Manning, D-Redford.

The vote was 12-0, with three abstentions, for Lucas's request for 15 police officers to staff the fourth floor of the jail annex in Westland for the month of February.

Abstaining were Manning, Kay Beard, D-Inkster, and Stanley Rozycki, D-Detroit. Among supporters were Mary Dumas, R-Livonia, and Milton Mack, D-Wayne.

THE COMPROMISE of a one-month extension was proposed by Dumas, who warned:

"The county executive and sheriff (Loren Pittman) have an obligation to give us a source of funds. Meanwhile, this gives the jail funds and does not devastate the budget."

Lucas forwarded to the board Pittman's letter saying current funding for the 15 officers would run out Jan. 31

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Richard Manning



Richard Manning 'always an emergency'

and saying they would be needed for three more months because the jail population continues to top the 900 mark.

"In my opinion, the population will remain high for the next several months," added Pittman.

"A Lucas staff member told commissioners that if they didn't approve the funding, existing staff would be put on overtime at an even higher cost.

Freshman Commissioner Mack, who has emerged as a strong Lucas supporter, said, "We are facing an im-

mediate crisis in the jail. We have to give the county executive a chance to undo the mess. We need these police officers at this time."

The crisis remarks angered Manning.

"IN MY 12 years on the board, I cannot recall a time when there was not a 'dire emergency,'" said Manning. "It is always an unforeseen emergency."

"As a result of these emergencies, we are now \$20 million, \$80 million or \$150 million in debt."

"Responsibility is clear in the charter that the executive figure out how we can get \$56,000 from someplace," said Manning. He declared the commission was violating state law and the charter by appropriating the funds without taking them from another line item in the budget.

"I can understand in the past the problem of getting consensus from three auditors or 27 commissioners," he said, referring to the three-member Board of Auditors which was replaced by the executive and to the old Board of Commissioners. "But not any more."

ADDED EDWARD Plawewski Jr., D-Dearborn Heights: "I am very disap-

pointed the executive has put us in this position without giving us any funding source."

"I would be hesitant to take action, not in conformance with the charter," said Beard, who joined Manning in abstaining. "I would favor a special meeting. The county executive merely calls for additional funding. We need to ask him to provide us with a source."

Samuel Turner, D-Detroit, who went along with the compromise, said, "The executive has two ways to go: Reduce expenditures or increase in revenue. I think we can give him 30 days."

LUCAS GOT a second bawling out, though not as extensive, when the board gave him 13-2 approval to spend \$48,000 on professional services for a Lansing lobbyist.

Beard complained that although the budget adopted Dec. 1 allocates Lucas's office \$622,000, the executive has yet to present a line-item budget on how he intends to spend it. Beard asked for an executive office budget "as soon as possible."

Commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday to take up Step 2 in Lucas's proposal to reorganize county departments.

## Michigan National Corporation's Loans and Deposits Reach All Time High

### Consolidated Statement of Condition (UNAUDITED)

### Board of Directors

ASSETS	Balance at December 31, 1982
Cash and due from banks	\$366,013,000
Interest bearing deposits with banks	581,441,000
Federal funds sold and short-term investments	254,050,000
Taxable investments (primarily U.S. government securities)	218,138,000
Non-taxable investments (primarily state and municipal securities)	416,436,000
Other investments	21,203,000
Loans	
Commercial, financial and agricultural	1,955,119,000
Real estate — mortgage	1,203,899,000
Real estate — construction	96,170,000
Installment	1,005,298,000
Lease financing	167,239,000
<b>TOTAL LOANS AND LEASE FINANCING</b>	<b>4,427,725,000</b>
Less: Unearned income	(21,727,000)
Valuation allowance for possible loan losses	(45,304,000)
<b>Net Loans and Lease Financing</b>	<b>4,360,694,000</b>
Premises (net)	97,489,000
Equipment (net)	45,850,000
Accrued income receivable	71,148,000
Other assets	71,675,000
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$6,504,137,000</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Demand deposits	\$1,003,711,000
Consumer savings deposits	1,123,592,000
Time deposits	1,609,258,000
Money market certificate deposits	1,296,007,000
Insured money market accounts	511,361,000
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>5,543,929,000</b>
Federal funds purchased	109,191,000
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	178,373,000
Treasury demand notes	55,459,000
Accrued liabilities	170,992,000
Long-term debt	92,342,000
Reserve for possible loan losses of subsidiary banks	62,473,000
Less: Portion included in retained earnings	(9,048,000)
Valuation portion deducted from total loans	(45,304,000)
Deferred income tax portion	8,121,000
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>6,158,407,000</b>
Redeemable Preferred Stock	10,000,000
<b>COMMON SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	
Common Stock	111,022,000
Surplus	150,773,000
Retained earnings	73,935,000
<b>TOTAL COMMON SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>335,730,000</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>\$6,504,137,000</b>

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### Depositor Protection Accounts

Depositor protection accounts are represented by the sum of the capital, debt and reserves of the company which are all subordinate to depositors' claims and therefore provide a measure of financial strength and security. Michigan National Corporation continues to maintain a very strong position in this measure of financial strength relative to that of many competing financial institutions which have allowed this important ratio to deteriorate to as low as 3 to 5 percent of total assets. At December 31, 1982 Michigan National's depositor protection accounts, which are summarized to the right, represented 7.2 percent of total assets!

Total common shareholders' equity	\$335,730,000
Redeemable preferred stock	10,000,000
Long-term debt of parent company invested in capital of subsidiary banks	56,361,000
Subordinated notes of the subsidiary banks	12,585,000
Deferred tax and valuation portion components of the reserve for possible loan losses	53,425,000
<b>Total Depositor Protection Accounts</b>	<b>\$468,101,000</b>

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# Social Security tests our society

HOLD ON a minute. Let's take a closer look at this Social Security business.

Some suggest that the Social Security system is a program gone awry, whose original premise has been lost.

That's true, but much has changed in America since that first check was issued in the 1930s. Whether we like it or not, the Social Security system has become much more than a government-sponsored base pension.

The social Security mess is just a symptom of a sociological question we are facing in this country — how is America going to take care of the elderly as their numbers grow?

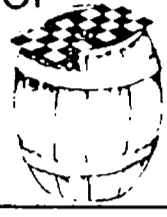
Sociologists Martha and Rainer Baum, in their book "Growing Old," maintain that Social Security is more than a system of giving money to the elderly.

"MODERN MEN and women use Social Security as a symbol of a common collective identity that lasts, no matter how drastic the other changes in their lives," they say.

"Social Security insures us against the specter of total generation gaps, a Hobbesian nightmare pitting son against father, daughter against



crackerbarrel  
debate  
**Steve Barnaby**



mother and children against their elders."

"Fighting about such taxes in the hope of catching votes along lines of intergenerational cleavage in the population and winning indicates a break in the chain of generations."

Even now, decisions being made will affect people who are more concerned with hanging out at the singles bar, advancing their professional careers, or just now starting a family.

For instance, people born in 1949

could have to work an additional year to receive full benefits. Those born in later years are faced with working until they're 67, 68 and even later if the life expectancy rate continues to increase.

WITH MEDICAL technology advancing by leaps and bounds, the day soon will come when fewer wage earners will have to support more and more elderly persons. By 2000, 12 percent of the population will be 65 years or older. By 2030, the proportion will have increased to 16 percent.

The birth rate, projected to increase around 1985, again will decrease to zero population status around 2000. Hence while in 1976, 5.3 persons supported one retired person, by the year 2000, 3.5 workers will support a retiree.

Advanced societies establish a social contract among people. One main premise is that we take care of the elderly now with the presumption that when we become elderly, younger persons will take care of us.

How we meet the Social Security challenge will determine just how "civilized" America intends to be in the next century.

# Sports helps ease worries

FOR YEARS the sports writers room in our daily newspapers was laughingly referred to as the toy department.

Writers and editors of the other departments used to envy the sports writers and for a good reason. The sports writers never had to cover murders, big fires, and all sorts of crime and unpleasant news. Meanwhile the sports fellows spent their time in the press box at the ball parks, or along the boards at the hockey games, or in the best seats at the major fights. Day after day they were accused of playing games or enjoying themselves.

But times have changed. Now sports writing is placed on a higher level for the simple reason that sports contests have played an important role in dealing the slumping economy. In fact it was the sports pages that buoyed the spirits of the needy in times of trouble because it gave them something pleasant to think about.

THIS IS not a new happening. For those of you who can remember, it was the Detroit Tigers who lifted the spirits of the entire state back in the early 30s. In 1934, they won the pennant, their first in 25 years. The entire area went wild. It mattered little that the Tigers lost to the Cardinals in the World Series. The downtrodden had something to talk about other than trouble.

It was the same in 1935 when Micky Cochrane drove the Tigers to another pennant and this time to victory over the National League rivals — the Chicago Cubs — in the World Series.

The area went "crazy" as the saying goes with all sorts of parades, gatherings and celebrations. In all of this the slumping economy was almost forgotten.

Remember, those were the days when the banks had been closed and workers were being paid in script. But the hardships were put on the backburner, as they say, during all the celebration over the Tiger victory.

Now, we're going through another economic



the stroller

W.W. Edgar

slump. Michigan has been declared a disaster area and thousands are depending on food stations for their meals.

Ordinarily, it would be a time of great worry with little to buoy the spirits. But into this picture has come sports again.

The Detroit Lions made it to the pro football Playoffs. It matters little how they got there. It was the means of helping to raise the spirits of the populace again. The Tigers, despite their fourth place finish, attracted more than a million fans during the season. It was one of the best years in attendance. And over at Ann Arbor the Michigan football program drew more than 100,000 spectators for each home game on the schedule.

And with the Detroit area suffering from the "hard times," the college hockey tournament at Joe Louis arena attracted the largest crowd in hockey history. More than 21,000 jammed every nook and corner in the arena.

This was the therapy the folks needed to take their minds off the low status of the auto industry and the other slowdowns that resulted in record ranks of the unemployed.

So, no longer, should the sports writers rooms of the newspapers be referred to as the toy department.

The sports writers are helping to boost the spirits of those who are looking for another Franklin Roosevelt to lift the country out of the same kind of depression that gripped the country back in the '30s.

# A car's not just a car when it is an old friend

THE CAR WAS king last week as the auto manufacturers presented their finest wares in the glitzy atmosphere of the Detroit auto show.

With sleek, shiny new cars and sleek young models contributing to the heady atmosphere, it became easy to envision oneself behind the steering wheel of any of a dozen of Detroit's finest.

But I'm now at the point in life where I don't even bother trying to make clever conversation with the sleek young models and I don't mind driving a several-year-old car if it is still good transportation.

I am not sure if I am getting wiser or just older.

My good sense tells me to get another 4-door but I keep thinking of myself behind the custom steering wheel of a low-to-the-ground, Firebird, with smoked windows. I want something that will zip around corners and in and out of traffic and cause heads to turn when I snake by.



**Bob Wisler**

I'd get a new leather jacket, driving gloves and a cap to go with it. It's the kind of car that only blonds look good in, I tell the spouse, who has always been brunette. She merely snickers. I have to admit, she knows me better than I know me.

I'LL END UP driving my 1977 4-door Pontiac at least another year, maybe longer. Why not? The car has 80,000 miles and the paint has worn thin in a couple of spots, but the inside, which is what I end up seeing most of the time, is in almost-mint condition. The seats are soft and comfortable. At times, it feels like I am driving down the street on a steel-enclosed Simmons Beauty Rest.

The car handles well, the engine is excellent and the tires are almost new. The heater works to perfection and heats the entire car in moments. Try getting all that in a new car which costs more than many of our parents paid for their houses.

I'd like to knock the car manufacturers — after all Henry Ford II himself came out the other night to admit that the car companies didn't do so well for a few years. But, when I think about it, I've had six years of enjoyable driving and very few mechanical problems. Could the Japanese do more for me than that?

A COUPLE OF years ago the spouse was ready for a car. She told me to read up on it, so I devoured all the magazines which tell you the best car to buy for the money. No doubt about it, I said, almost every expert says the best car for the money is a Honda Accord.

The spouse liked the looks of the Skylark. You don't buy a car on the basis of looks, I said. She said, "Why buy a foreign car when you can buy an American car?" I was still thinking about that one when we drove by one of those car tent sales featuring every kind of GM car made and no state sales tax if you purchase before the end of the month.

We went for a look and the first guy who says hello is Dick Scott, a Buick Dealer I haven't seen since he was sales manager at a dealership on the east side of Detroit. When I get over my surprise, he makes me an offer my wife can't refuse.

I am more cautious. I say: "You spend six months debating whether or not to spend a few hundred bucks to buy a new mattress which you spend one third of your life on, and here you are ready to make a rush \$8,000 decision for a car which you are going to drive back and forth to work a total of four miles a day. She says: "That's the car I want. It's maroon and has wire wheels."

OF COURSE, we buy the car on the spot. I'll have to admit, I've had no cause to complain in better than two years. It makes me think that at least one American car company has been doing a pretty good job over the years.

I still remember the first one — a Ford convertible which had lowering blocks to make the back end almost drag on the ground, fender skirts, dual exhausts and loud mufflers which could be made louder by taking off a vacuum hose. As was the custom of the time, I sat hunched over the steering wheel sort-of side-saddle with my left shoulder jammed up between the steering wheel and the door and the right shoulder facing the rear and one hand on the steering wheel.

When someone saw the car moving down the street, it looked like there was an overcoat wrapped around the steering wheel and nobody actually driving while the car putt-putted-boom-boomed along with Fats Domino coming out of the radio.

Those were enjoyable days and I guess the memory of all the good cars I've had is one of the reasons that I think I'll stick with the American cars, through thick and thin.

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## Be my 'guest'

Joseph Guest, one of four cast members in the Neil Simon comedy "Chapter Two," gets close to Donna Tinberg in this scene from the Garden City Civic Theatre's production which opened last weekend. The show will continue Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights at O'Leary Auditorium, adjacent to Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the door. Joan Deachenos and George Sell play the leads in the comedy, which was a popular Broadway show and motion picture.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

## Poet Burns honored with sausage

The season for haggis is here. But if you're not of Scottish origin, you probably don't know who or what a haggis is.

Would you wear one in public? Probably not. But it wouldn't be strange to carry one home from Ackroyd's bakery in Redford Township.

Ackroyd's, the only Scottish bakery in Michigan, according to Allan Ackroyd, sells pounds of the stuff from mid-January through the first week of February. Annually it sells about 500 pounds.

NO SWEET confection, either, as the bakery connection might imply, haggis is Scottish sausage, and just one of the many meat dishes Ackroyd's sells.

The Scots are especially fond of their sausage as they celebrate the Jan. 25 birthday of national poet Robert Burns. Burns gave haggis an indelible spot

in Scottish history with his late 18th Century poem "To a Haggis." He talked about the "puddin'" being flamed and carried by pipers to the dining table where "the bard" or speaker recites Burns's lines and then stabs the "beastie" with his dagger.

The tradition of haggis is centuries old and still a proud tradition in many a Scottish household.

"BURNS WROTE the story in the late 1700s," Ackroyd said. "We've done it more to the tastes of today, but we haven't changed it a lot."

Traditionally the dish consisted of heart, lungs, and liver of a sheep or calf minced with suet, seasoned and mixed with oatmeal. Ackroyd says the dish prepared daily in the bakery on Five Mile east of Beech Daly is mostly lamb and oatmeal, with scant liver and beef fat and a lot of spices.

While this is undoubtedly the big season for haggis, it also sells well at Christmas and New Year's and at an annual Scottish night at the Detroit Press Club, Ackroyd said.

Ackroyd and his Canadian-born father, Al, operate the bakery with about ten employees. They've been located in Redford for a decade, and before that in Detroit for 18 years.

OTHER SCOTTISH dishes made on the premises include meat pies with ground beef, steak pies, steak and kidney pies, and beef sausage rolls.

There's also plenty of Scottish shortbread and a dozen different pastries for the less hearty or less adventurous appetite.

"A good proportion of the customers are Scottish, but we're seeing a lot more American people coming in," Ackroyd said.

The bakery also carries imports from Great Britain, including aluminum teapots and tea cozies — blankets to keep the pots warm.

Hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## from our readers

Letters must be original copies and contain the signature and address of the sender. Limit letters to 300 words.

### Commissioners' pay raise hit

To the editor:

As a county employee working without a contract, a county resident paying county taxes, and with the county in such bad financial straits, I protest the County Commissioners voting and getting a raise and provisions for hiring personal office staff.

Everyone in the county is expecting to have to make some sort of concessions in the future contract.

I don't mind making some concessions if they are minimal, but why should we when the county commissioners just vote and get

what they want for themselves?

That carte blanche power should be dispensed with.

Another point I would like to question.

If the commissioners are going to get secretaries, are they going to be from the ranks and/or layoff rolls of the county, or are they going to be allowed to give some political favor for some flunky "off the streets"?

Will the positions be civil service or on a private hire basis, but with the county footing the bill?

Janet Dysarz,  
Garden City

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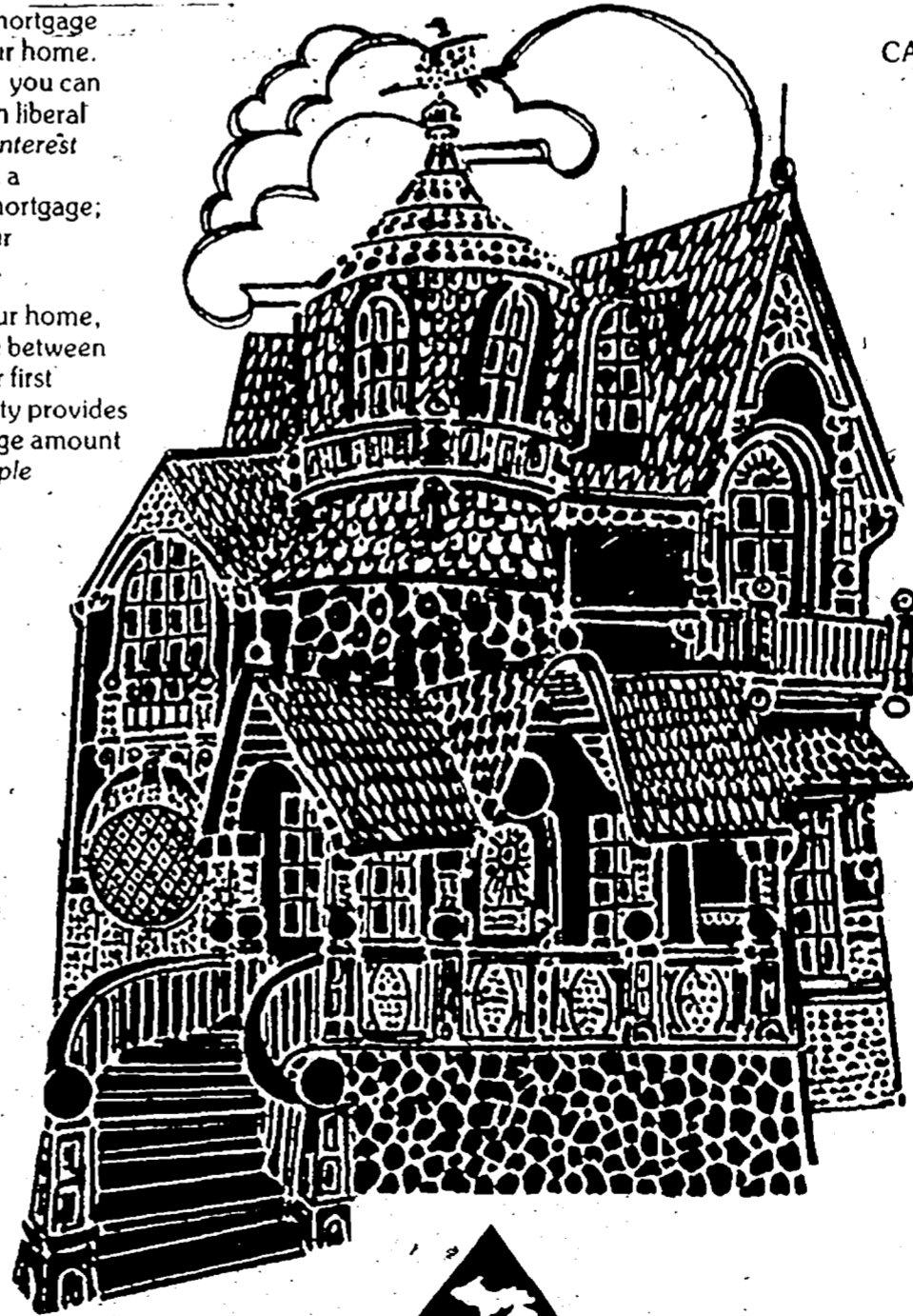
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RONALD D. SHOWALTER  
City Clerk-Treasurer

Publish January 24, 1983

### CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City on Tuesday, January 25, 1983, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan for consideration of the following:  
7:00 P.M.: Request by the Downtown Development Authority to adopt a development plan for the area described as Lots 13A - 14A inclusive, Folker's Garden City Acres Subdivision (former No. One school house property).  
7:00 P.M.: Request to expand the city's Commercial Redevelopment District to include the property located at 1,040 13A-14A inclusive, Folker's Garden City Acres Subdivision (former No. One school house area).

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William M. Agee merged firm stronger

# Mergers make jobs — Agee

Bendix Corp. has benefited from its long — and sometimes controversial — history of acquisitions, said William M. Agee, board chairman of the Southfield-based company.

After a speech Monday to the Economic Club of Detroit, Agee, who was involved last year in the corporate takeover battle of the decade, was asked his response to criticisms that such battles absorb hundreds of millions of dollars of bank credit that could better be used by builders and small firms seeking to expand.

"The Bendix organization is made up of over 100 acquisitions through the history of our company," he said. "I believe that these are profitable kinds of ventures. In time, they create jobs, more research and development and add to productivity of American industry."

"WE BELIEVE strongly, just as has been the case of 200 years of history in this country, that mergers and acquisitions, when intelligently done — and ours is — create jobs, more research and development and enhance the economic viability of this country."

Agee did not respond directly to the question of use of bank credit for acquisitions, which is at the heart of much criticism from house builders, congressmen and public commentators.

Besides the Bendix/Martin-Marietta donnybrook, 1982 witnessed a rash of corporate takeovers: Schlitz by Stroh's, Cities Service by Occidental Petroleum, Conoco by duPont, Marathon by U.S. Steel after a fight with Mobil, Columbia Pictures by Coca-Cola.

AGEE, WHO will become president of Bendix's new parent company, Allied Corp., on Jan. 31, also declined to define his new duties. He would say only that his role "will be very busy," and he will divide his time between Southfield and Allied's headquarters in Morristown, N.J.

To a question about speculation of a massive reduction in Bendix's automotive business, Agee answered, "We don't anticipate any major business areas being liquidated."

Agee became a center of national controversy last fall when he sought to purchase control of Martin-Marietta Corp., an aerospace and defense contractor. Martin-Marietta borrowed heavily, seeking to buy control of Bendix. Agee ended the matter by agreeing to a Bendix-Allied merger, emerging as president of the combined company.

Agee contended the merger did not weaken both companies financially. "We're in a strong financial position today and will be in an even stronger one the next six to 12 months," he said.

NONE OF Bendix's major business areas will be liquidated to help pay off debts incurred in the merger, Agee said.

He added there will be no significant reduction in the work force at Bendix headquarters.

Asked by a Canadian reporter about the multinational firm moving jobs out of North America, Agee said there is a "natural evolution in Bendix over 20-40 years. We're constantly changing locations of certain products and emphasizing certain others."

"I don't see a trend toward shifting products offshore because we are an international company. We're constantly bringing jobs here and taking jobs there. I don't think our international operations have increased at all, on balance. We've added jobs in the United States and North America, for that matter."

IN HIS SPEECH, Agee called for a "change in attitude characterized by a new spirit of cooperation" between government, business and labor. He listed several proposals to achieve that cooperation.

Businesses should be given tax credits to encourage their participation in a jobs retraining program that could be "structured along the lines of the GI Bill," he said, adding:

"These efforts must be based on a policy of backing our winners, rather than supporting our losers. We need to examine tax incentives that will encourage people to start new and promising ventures, and enable existing businesses to modernize and expand," Agee said.

Agee added he believes Allied "would strongly support" such a program. "We would be very sympathetic to doing our fair share plus," he said.

HE ADVOCATED formation of a high-level commission of business, labor and government officials to "recommend programs for revitalizing mature industries and re-directing our efforts toward more promising sectors of our economy, such as high technology and agriculture."

Economic recovery depends, in part, on shifting the emphasis of industry "from smokestacks to high technology, agricultural and human services," he said.

The United States must "greatly expand and accelerate efforts to increase exports," he said.



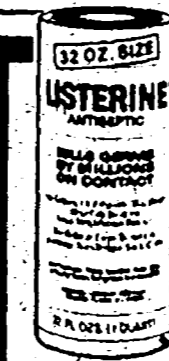
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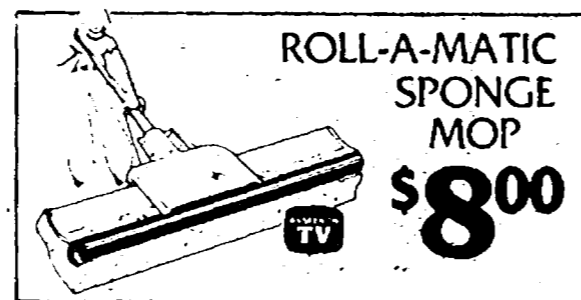
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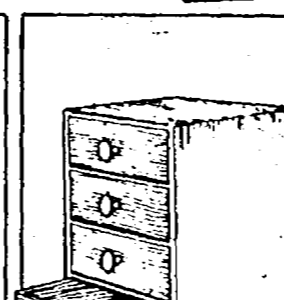
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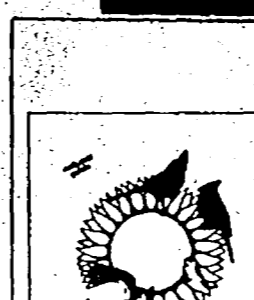
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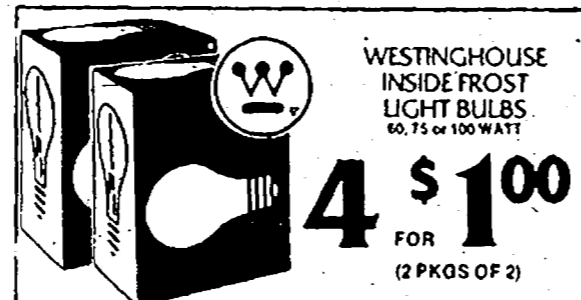
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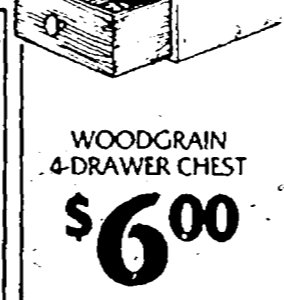
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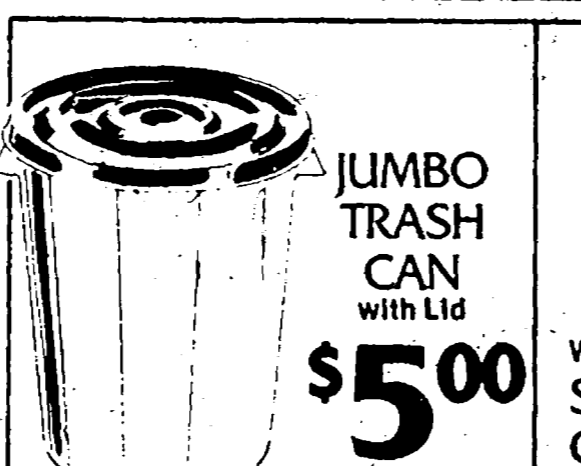
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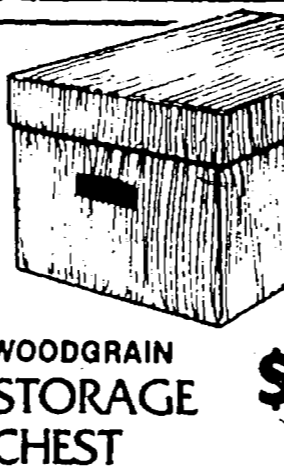
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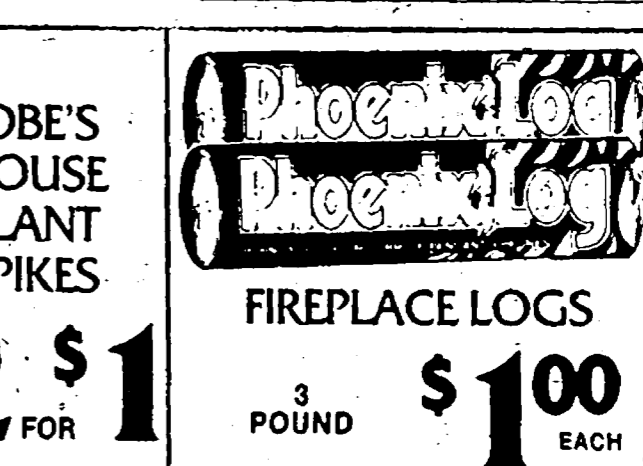
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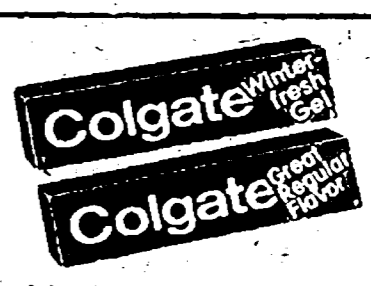
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Nutritionally speaking, we must have foods from all the basic four groups every day—meats, milk and dairy products, bread and grains, and fruits and vegetables. They're all represented in this collection of recipes and fresh California dates add an extra boost.

When you are yearning for a quick pick-up in the morning or during a busy day, try the "Quick Energy Pickup" instead of the coffee and roll routine. It'll help your figure and give you a lot more stamina.

Pork roast can be pretty ordinary, but when you take the few extra minutes to make date-currant glaze, everyone will be back for seconds. Pork provides body-building protein, iron and the B vitamins in abundance—thiamin, riboflavin, niacin, B<sub>6</sub> and B<sub>12</sub>.

Satisfy that urge for delicious hot breads and add super-nutrition, too. Orange juice, orange peel and dates make muffins a treat to be remembered.

California compote is an "anytime" sort of dish. It's wonderful served at any meal and a perfect way to showcase fresh fruits in season.

To satisfy that sweet-tooth, Date Lime Chiffon Pie is a smooth frothy dessert that you'll want to repeat frequently. The addition of Creme de Menthe gives an elusive and exquisite flavor.

When you're planning your meals around the basic four, just remember that it's somewhat like planning a wardrobe. You have to have the basics, but it's the accessories that make it interesting.

## DATE LIME CHIFFON PIE

- 1 package lime gelatin
- 2 teaspoons Creme de Menthe
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1 cup fresh dates, finely chopped
- Baked pastry shell

Prepare gelatin according to directions. Chill until almost set. Stir in Creme de Menthe. Beat with electric mixer until gelatin will stand in soft peaks. Whip cream and fold into gelatin mixture. Fold in dates. Refrigerate until mixture will mound on a spoon. Spoon into baked pie shell and return to refrigerator for several hours or until firm. Garnish with date halves and a sprig of mint.

## PORK LOIN ROAST WITH DATE GLAZE

*This unusual glaze is equally good on any pork roast, but a rolled pork loin is elegant for guests and easy to carve.*

- 1 boned and rolled pork loin
- 1 8 ounce jar red currant jelly
- 1 cup chopped dates
- 2 tablespoons wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon prepared mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Place pork loin in shallow roasting pan. Insert meat thermometer in center. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and roast in 325° oven uncovered for 1-1/2 hours. Prepare date-currant glaze. Remove meat from oven and baste generously with glaze. Return to the oven and continue roasting for 30 minutes, or until thermometer reaches 180°. Baste occasionally with additional glaze.

### DATE CURRANT GLAZE

Heat currant jelly over low flame until it liquefies. Add remaining ingredients and cook 3 to 4 minutes, stirring constantly. Use as glaze for pork roast.

## CALIFORNIA DATE ORANGE MUFFINS

- 2 cups sifted all purpose flour
- 3 teaspoons double acting baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup grated orange peel
- 1/4 cup melted shortening
- 1 cup chopped dates

Preheat oven to 425°. Grease twelve 2-1/2 inch muffin pans. Sift dry ingredients. Beat egg until frothy and add remaining ingredients. Make a well in flour mixture and add milk mixture all at once. Stir quickly—don't beat—until barely mixed. Fill muffin cups 2/3 full. Bake 25 minutes or until cake tester or toothpick comes out clean when inserted in center.

## QUICK ENERGY PICK UP

- 1 egg
- 6 fresh dates, halved
- 1 cup orange juice

Put egg and dates in blender and process until almost smooth. Add orange juice and process until slightly frothy. Pour into glass and garnish with a strip of orange peel.

## CALIFORNIA COMPOTE

- Fresh dates
- Orange sections
- Grapefruit sections
- Strawberries or raspberries in season

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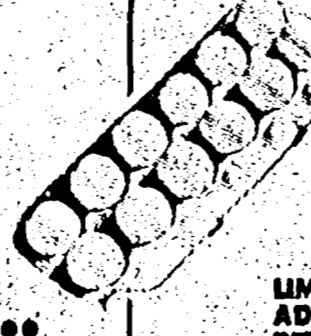
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Two examples: a ground beef stew and an herbed chicken with orange — both low-sodium recipes, both tasty as a result of such ingredients as wine, herbs, fruits and vegetables. Carefully blended, they provide flavor without the traditional salt.

The most important feature of both recipes, however, is that they're served over rice. Uncooked rice contains only 2 to 9 milligrams of sodium per serving. (The sodium content of the water in which the rice is cooked can add additional sodium, since rice does absorb water as it cooks.)

### BEEF AND RICE VENETO

- 1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1/2 cup chopped onions
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cans (6 oz. each) low sodium cocktail vegetable juice or tomato juice
- 3 medium tomatoes, peeled and chopped
- 2 tsp Italian seasoning
- 2 tsp sugar
- 2 tsp red wine vinegar
- 1/4 to 3/4 tsp Tabasco pepper sauce
- Salt substitute to taste, optional
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 1/2 tsp cornstarch
- 3 cups hot cooked rice

Cook beef, onions and garlic in a 4-quart Dutch oven until meat is no longer pink. Stir to crumble meat. Pour off fat. Add juice, tomatoes, seasoning,

sugar, vinegar, Tabasco and salt substitute to beef mixture. Cook 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add mushrooms, green pepper and cornstarch dissolved in 3 tbs water. Cook, stirring, until sauce is thickened and vegetables are tender. Serve over beds of fluffy rice. Garnish with additional mushroom slices, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

Each serving provides: 254 calories, using artificial sweetener in place of sugar: 249 calories, 3 meat exchanges, 1 bread exchange, 1 vegetable exchange.

### ORANGE HERBED CHICKEN AND RICE

- 12 choice chicken pieces (3 to 3 1/2 pounds)
- 1 1/4 cups orange juice
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 2 tsp oregano leaves
- 3/4 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp sage leaves, crumbled
- 1/2 tsp rosemary leaves, crumbled
- 1/2 tsp thyme leaves
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- Paprika
- 1/4 cup orange marmalade
- 1 tsp cornstarch
- 2 cups hot cooked rice

Place chicken in 13x9-inch baking dish, skin side down. Combine juice, wine and seasonings. Pour over chicken. Sprinkle with paprika. Cover and bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Turn chicken; sprinkle with paprika. Bake, uncovered, 30 to 40 minutes longer, or until chicken is tender. Pour pan juices into saucepan; skim fat. Add marmalade and cornstarch dissolved in 2 tbs water. Cook, stirring, until sauce is clear and thickened. Serve chicken and sauce over beds of fluffy rice. Garnish with orange slices, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

Each serving provides: 331 calories. Not recommended for diabetics.



Who says that low sodium recipes need to lack taste? Serve foods naturally low in sodium, like rice, and prepare recipes without salt. When done properly, the results are delicious.



pilot light  
**Greg Melikov**

## Stop fighting, make burgers

Today's Shopping Cart brings a new feature that will be found weekly in this space. "Pilot Light" is written by Greg Melikov, a newspaper copy editor in Miami, Fla. Melikov began doing the grocery shopping for his mother who was ill when he was 10 years old. He began cooking while in college and continued to cook and grocery shop after his marriage nearly 20 years ago because his wife didn't enjoy either task. Melikov will welcome your comments, suggestions and problems. Write him in care of this newspaper.

The Burger War has had an impact on the home front. My wife took two youngsters to lunch the other day and they wanted to go to McDonald's. All three had Big Macs.

That night, Anita observed, "I think the Big Mac is a little bigger since those TV ads."

"But the commercials belong to Burger King," I reminded her. "McDonald's burgers are supposed to be 20 percent smaller."

On the TV front, the prime contender in the Burger War has mounted an offensive that has me seeing stars. On the legal front, two of the Burger Empire struck back with counter attacks.

From the home front, my advice to all is simple: Make better burgers, not war.

I can't pinpoint the last time I tried to digest one of those fast-food sandwiches, but I recall having difficulty locating the tomato. Frankly, the tomato or onion or burger always looks 40 percent thicker on TV than in person.

I really don't care if Burger King's patties weigh more or taste better than McDonald's or Wendy's because Melikov's burgers are good enough for me.

That's why I didn't relish hearing the Burger King Story through Christmas every time I turned the TV dial.

I feel sorry for Wendy's because it doesn't figure to move up from No. 3 after the smoke clears. At least Burger King has the Whopper and McDonald's has the Big Mac. Wendy's has the Single — not your most alluring monicker. Besides, I figure if God wanted us to eat square burgers He would have created square tomatoes and square onions.

McDonald's may be top dog, but if it

is all that serious about burgers, how come the spokesman is a clown named Ronald who doesn't have sense enough to get out of an elevator at the right floor?

I'm not overjoyed about Burger King's spokesgirl. For sure, she shouldn't be teaching math to adults.

### DEVILED PORK BURGERS

- 1 pound ground pork
- 1 large carrot, shredded
- 1 egg
- 2 tbs chili sauce
- 2 tbs Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper

Combine all ingredients, shape into 4 patties and refrigerate 45 minutes. Broil on rack in oven or fry in non-stick skillet until desired doneness but cook well. Serve on buns with desired trimmings.

### MUSTARD BURGERS

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1 tbs instant minced onion
- 1 tsp celery salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 3 tbs hot mustard sauce
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 1/2 tbs cooking oil

Combine meat and seasonings, then blend in mustard sauce and egg, shape into 4 patties and refrigerate 30 minutes. Fry in hot oil on medium heat until desired doneness. Serve on buns with desired trimmings.

## Buyers want convenience

Most consumers are paying more for their food these days, but many are doing so by choice, at least in part. For many shoppers are selecting convenience over economy, says the National Live Stock and Meat Board.

Using convenience products, shopping at convenience stores and eating out cost the consumer more. Processed convenience foods make up 13 percent of supermarket sales and most of them cost more than if their basic ingredients were bought in the supermarket and prepared at home.

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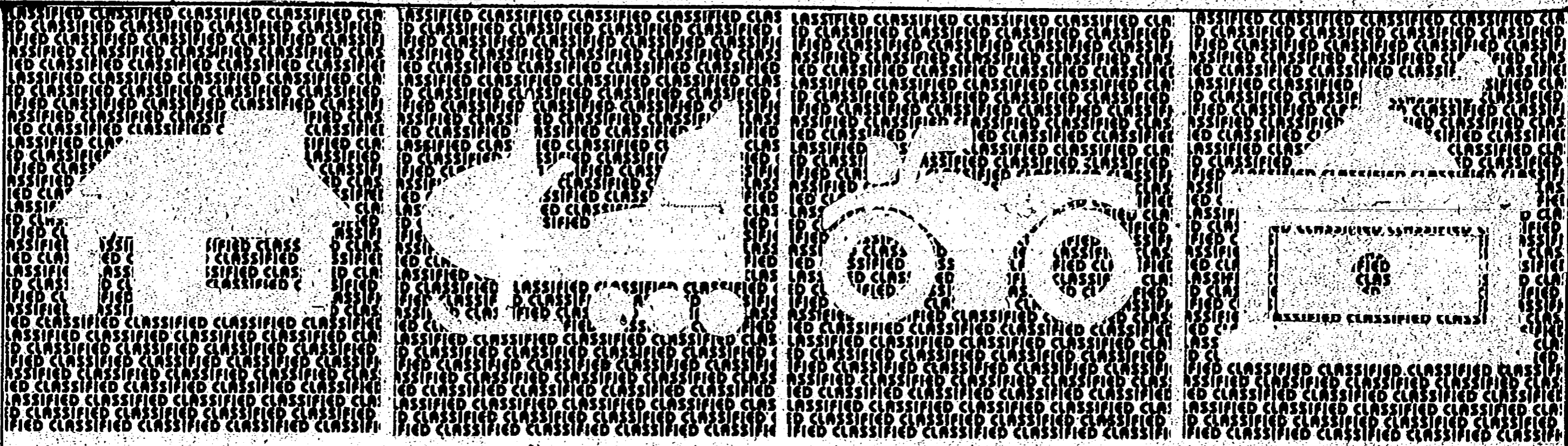
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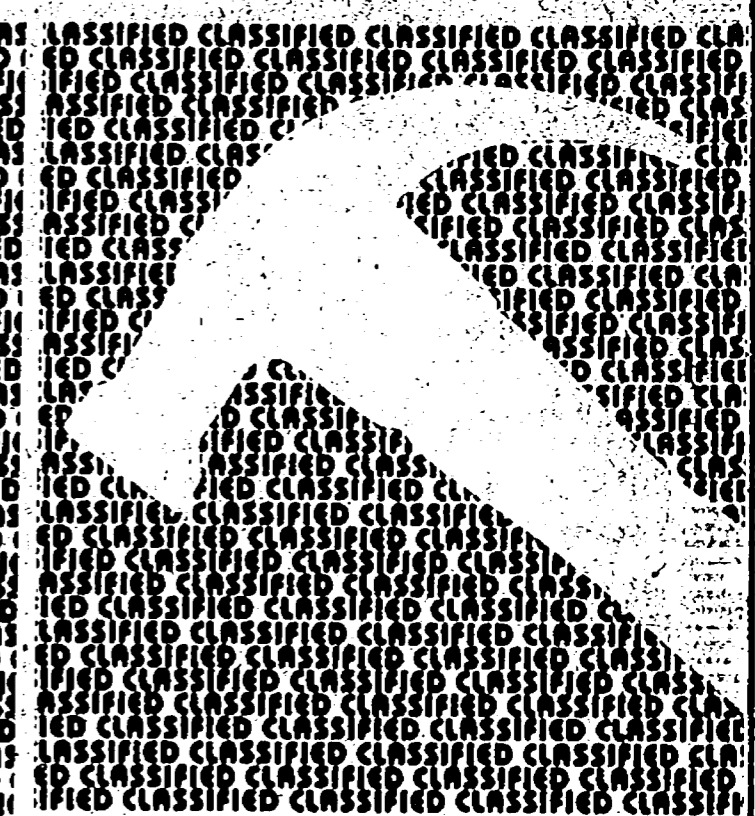
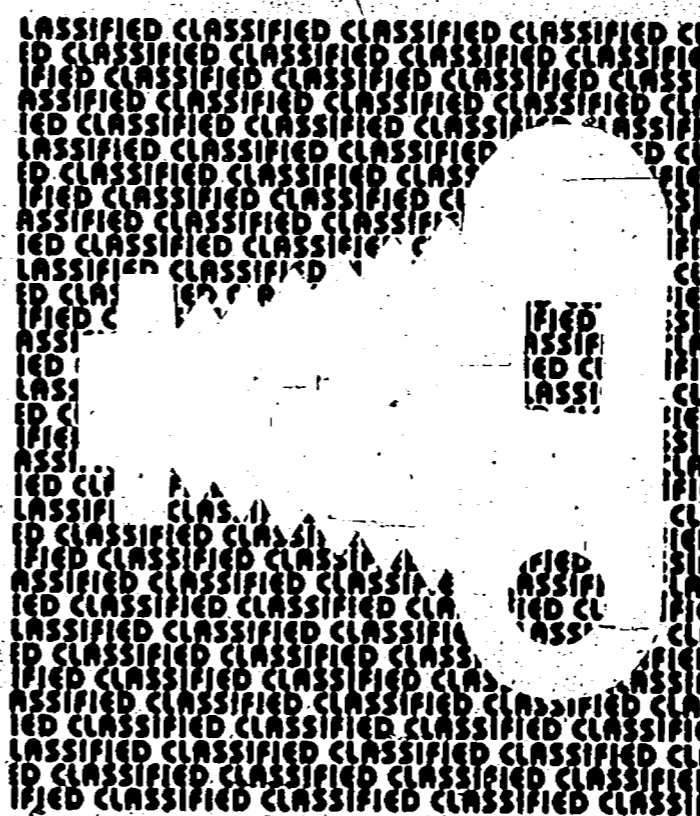
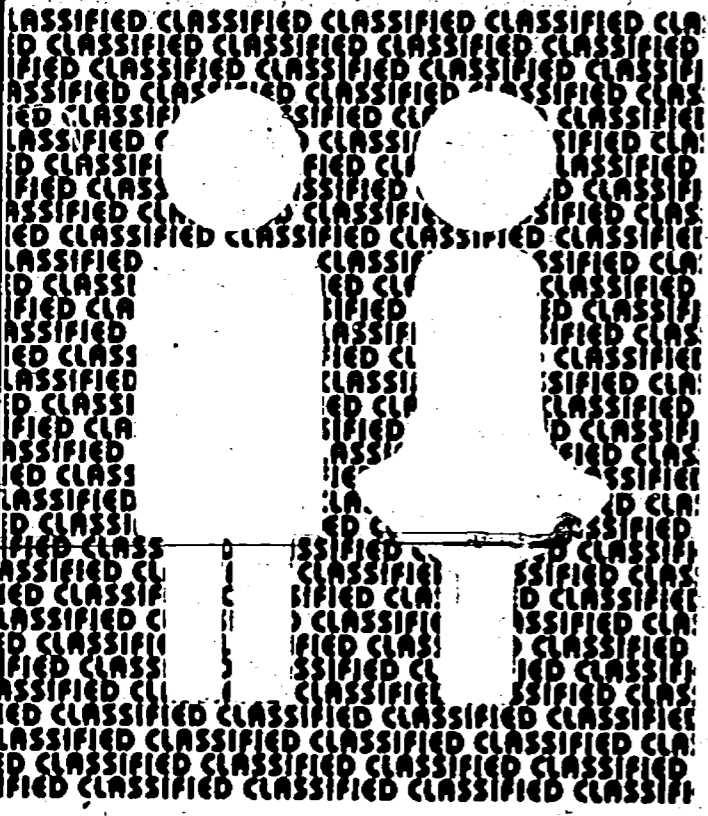


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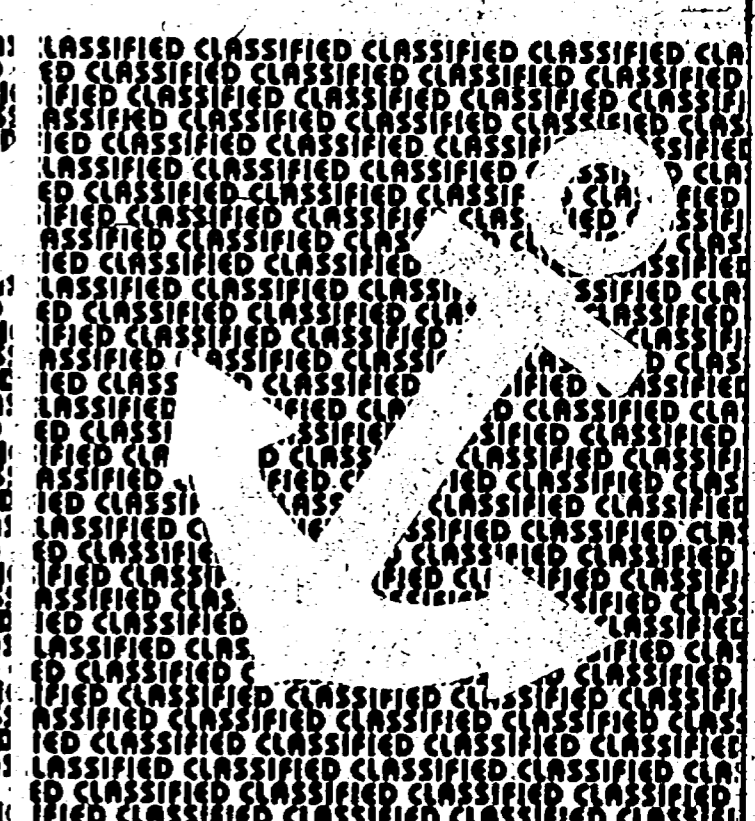
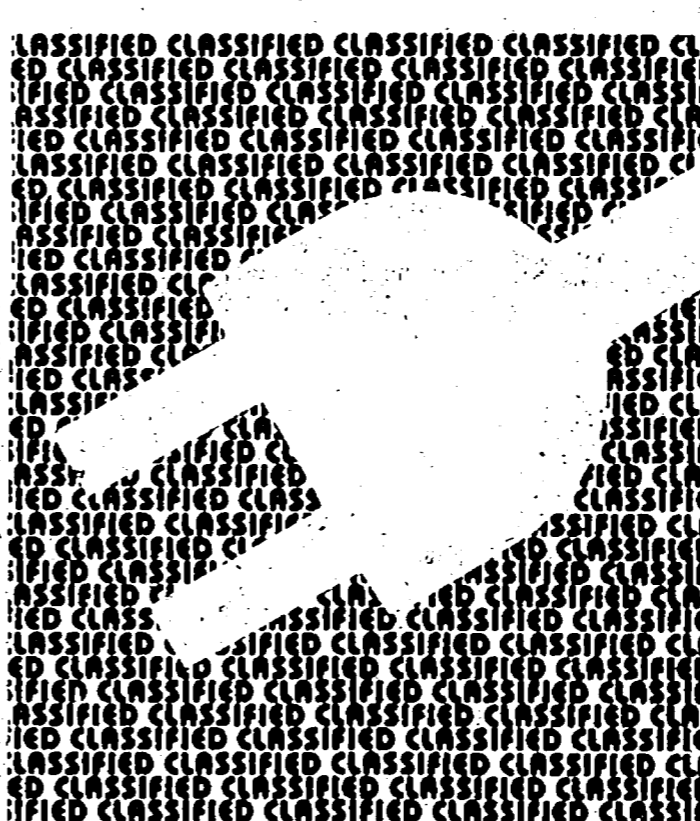
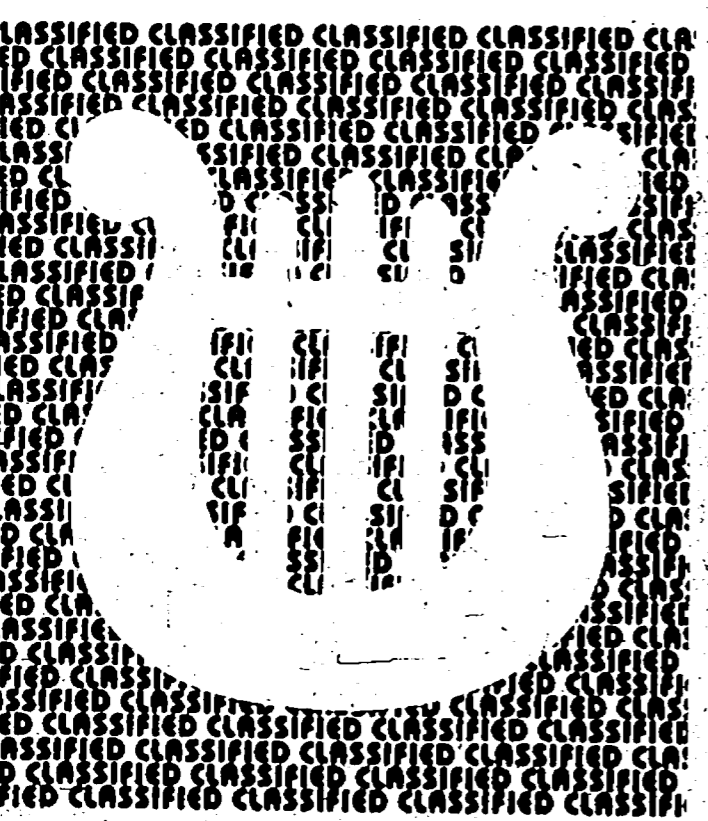


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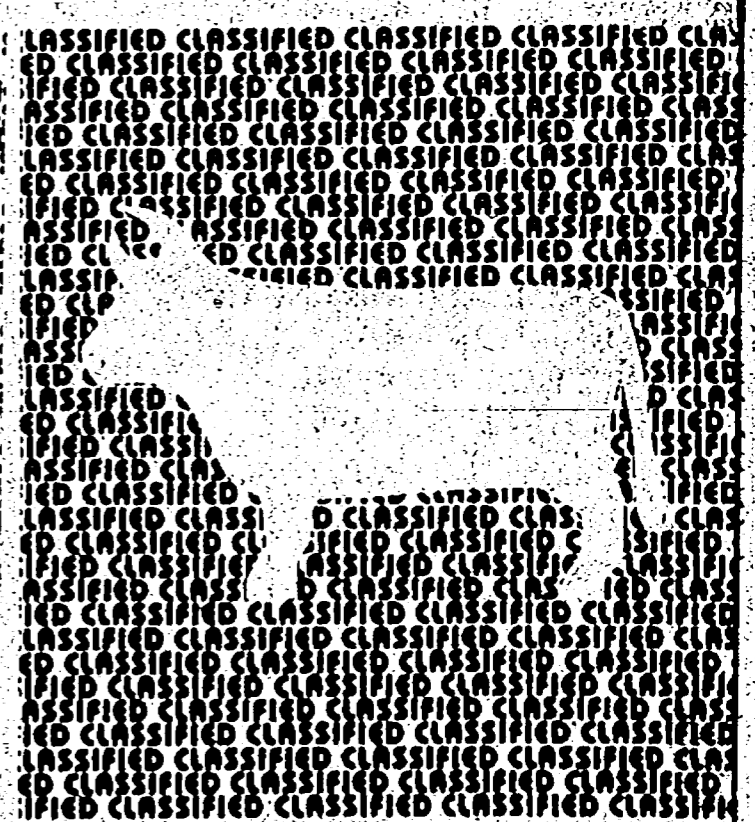
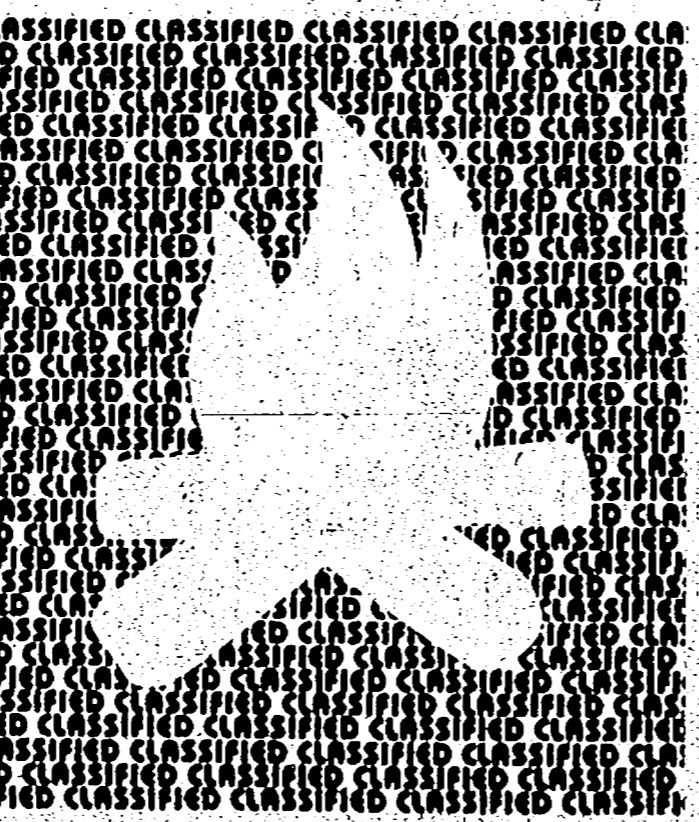
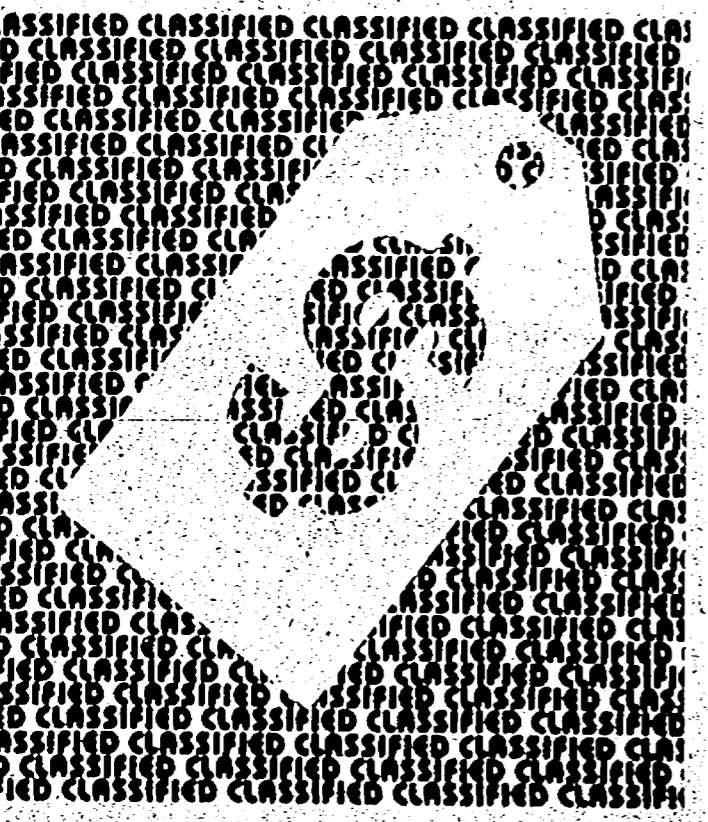


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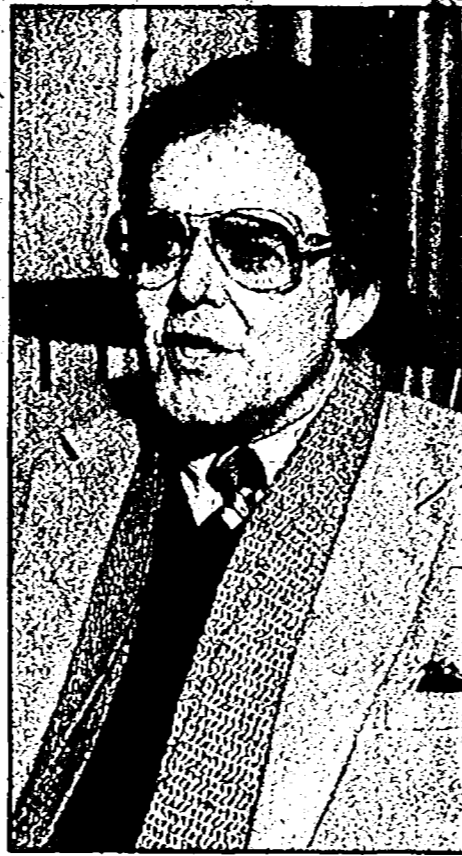
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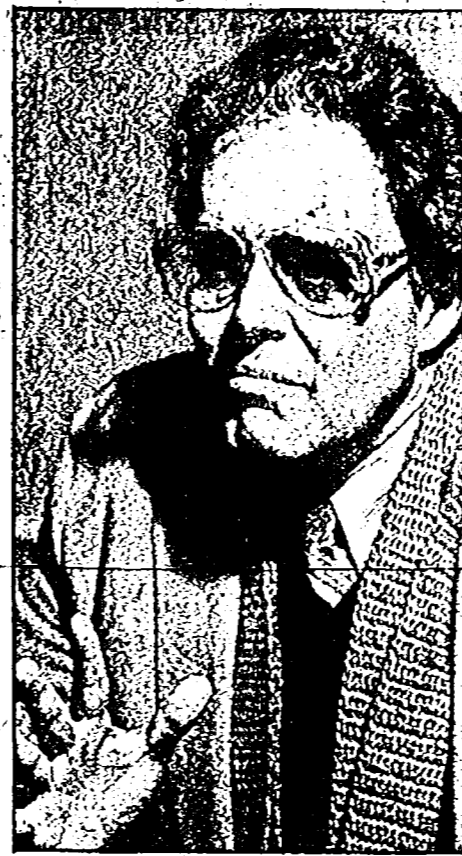


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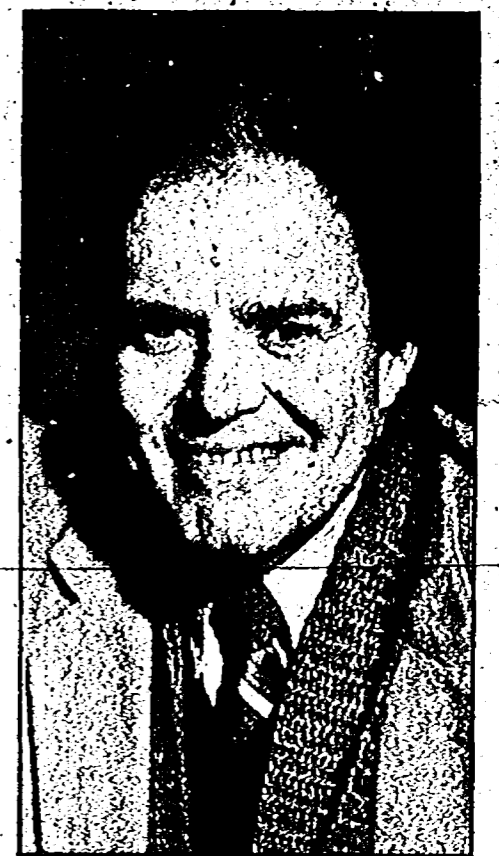
Town Hall member DeeDee Dittmar shares an anecdote with Talbert at the celebrity luncheon.



'You've got to be a ham . . .'



'It's a big responsibility . . .'



'You can't let people down'

## Friend or gossip

### Columnist Talbert wears both hats

By Sherry Kahan  
staff writer

Newspaper columnists like Bob Talbert have found ready acceptance from the reading public because "people need a friend."

Headliner at the Livonia Town Hall lecture series at the Mai Kai Theater, Talbert claimed that "columnists became the back fence." They became the person people looked to for a good, friendly gossip.

In an interview following his talk, he explained that "we become part of your family. You can identify with us. You go through our ups and downs."

In his opinion "columnists came on the scene when newspaper people discovered there was more to total coverage than hard news and club meetings."

"We provide the soft side of the news, the anecdotes," he said, as he sat at the head table at the celebrity luncheon at the Plymouth Meeting House following his lecture. "Then when TV came on strong with personalities, columnists became the personalities for the newspapers. People like Erma

Bombeck were the godmother of personal columnists."

Talbert believes a columnist must have a strong ego to believe that "someone will care about something you say." They also must entertain and be good communicators.

"You've got to be a ham to do it," he indicated in an accent that had the South stamped all over it. "But it's a big responsibility and a heavy burden. You can't let people down. I hate to make an error."

IN HIS EARLY days as a reporter in South Carolina, he made a serious mistake which he labeled as "the worst experience I ever had, but the best learning experience."

A minister told him about a father who was hoping to raise money to purchase a prosthesis for his son who lost a hand.

Talbert fell to and wrote "a glowing article" about the boy. It was later discovered the father was cashing at the local tavern the checks sent in by charitable readers. The man proved to be a con artist using his son's handicap as a source of income.

*'We become part of your family. You can identify with us. You go through our ups and downs.'*

— Bob Talbert

Steps were taken to rectify the mistake and obtain the boy a prosthesis. "The biggest lesson I learned was that we can be badly misused," noted the Free Press writer.

To present his lecture, Talbert left his Farmington Hills home for the first time in two weeks after a bout with pneumonia. He assured his audience he was 50 percent antihistamine and antibiotics. He added a sentence that drew warm applause. "I don't plan to smoke again," he said.

He also mentioned that the illness had caused his weight to drop from 260 to 240 pounds, "but when the body's that big, who can tell."

THE TALBERT TALK was a

melange of country and city stories, frank appraisals of celebrities, events in the life of a future columnist and personal opinions. Here are two of his stories, one about a British prime minister, the other about local TV celebrities.

A lover of brandy, Winston Churchill was weaving around Buckingham Palace one night when he was confronted by a woman.

"You are the drunkest person here," she told him. Churchill may have been unsteady, but he had not lost his wits.

"You are the ugliest woman here," he said. "Tomorrow when I wake up, I will be sober, but you will still be ugly."

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## Tax tips

### Let the IRS help . . .

The Internal Revenue Service is coming to town soon — but not to collect income taxes or examine your return.

They will be here to give you free help preparing your 1982 tax forms.

It's all part of a new dimension in the agency's taxpayer service program — an "outreach" effort to bring professional help into neighborhoods and communities across the country.

In Michigan, libraries, schools, union halls, churches, community centers will be used by the IRS to provide the assistance.

Two area sites have been selected — one will be in Livonia and the other in Westland.

IN LIVONIA, the IRS will set up the project at Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile Road. Assistance will be given the four Wednesday nights during February, beginning with Feb. 2, starting at 7 p.m.

In Westland, only one session is planned and that will be on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 10 a.m. at Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road.

If you plan to attend, the IRS advises that you bring all necessary data with you. This includes the tax form package you received in the mail, a form W-2 earnings statement for each job you (and your spouse) had last year, forms 1099 for interest and dividends received, and summaries of tip and unemployment income.

If you itemize deductions, take-with records include medical expenses, contributions, interest expense such as home mortgage, car loans, and charge accounts. Tax deductions include state and city income taxes, sales taxes and real estate taxes, union dues and safe deposit fees.

And the bill you paid to have someone do your return last year is deductible, too.

### . . . or do it yourself

1982 has come and gone. April 15 is on the way, and that means federal income taxes will be due. Whether you fill out the tax forms yourself or have someone prepare them for you, it will pay to know about new changes in the tax laws that affect you.

The tax cuts passed in 1981 will have some of their first impact this year. Here are some of the provisions that may help you when you get all your tax information together this year.

One of them concerns individual retirement accounts (IRAs).

YOU COULD hardly have been reading the newspaper or listening to TV this past year and not heard about IRAs. Starting in 1982 and up to filing time April 15, 1983 any person with earned income in 1982 can open an IRA. Even couples with a non-employed spouse have the opportunity to set aside some retirement income for each spouse.

Up to \$2,000 per worker (or \$2,250 in total for a couple including a nonemployed spouse) can be set aside this year. Not only will that amount not be

counted as income for both federal and state taxes this year, but interest earned also will be tax deferred.

IN REGARDS to the marriage penalty, deductions many families with two income earners have found that they pay higher taxes as a married couple than they would if they were two singles.

The new marriage deduction allows the spouse with the lower income to deduct up to 5 percent, or a maximum of \$1,500 before taxes are figured. This deduction is available whether you itemize or not.

As for child care, the child care tax credit for families with children under the age of 15 is not figured on a sliding scale depending on income. Many families will be able to take a larger tax credit this year than in previous years.

A tax credit is subtracted directly from the tax bill you owe. Be sure you have good records to support this expense. You will need to use the long federal tax form 1040 even if you take the standard deduction and form 2442, Credit for Child Care Expenses.

## Nuke freeze discussed

"The Carrot and the Stick: Survival vs. Survival," a program of poetry, music and discussion concerning the nuclear arms race, will be offered at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, in First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman, Garden City.

The event is sponsored by the Western Wayne County Nuclear Weapons Freeze.

The purpose of the meeting is to share concerns, raise consciousness about the nuclear weapons situation and report what area residents are trying to do about it.

The group also hopes to raise funds to send a delegate to the national weapons freeze campaign meeting in St. Louis, Mo. Feb. 4, 5 and 6.

The program will include poetry readings by Rosina Raymond of Livonia, trustee at Schoolcraft College, and Michael Gramlich, coordinator of the event and full-time volunteer in freeze campaigns.

Gramlich served in the U.S. Marine Corps for more than seven years, and witnessed an atomic bomb test in Nevada. He is author of "(Love) Notes from Ground Zero."

Other meetings on the nuclear freeze will take place on Feb. 7 and 9 in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. The event on Monday starts at 7:30 p.m., the one on Wednesday is at 9:30 a.m.

By Sherry Kahan  
staff writer

"It's not who you are, but who you know."

Leslie Frederick, co-chairperson of the newly formed male-female network called GAIN, disapproves of the networking philosophy.

"But like it or not," she said, "I don't know anyone in the past two years who has gotten a job without knowing somebody."

Making contacts is the idea behind GAIN (Goal Answers Ideas Now), an organization that aims to expand its membership into areas beyond Plymouth where it was started.

It is expected that a member will be interested in blowing his or her own horn. Everyone is encouraged to be frank and open about it, noted Leslie Marrus, co-chairperson.

"GAIN is an organization where someone starting a business is invited to promote that business," said Marrus, a Plymouth resident and insurance and investment broker. "It is socially acceptable to bring in examples of your work to promote what you are doing. We set up a table for literature and products."

"At our meetings we have an open mike where people can explain what they are trying to do in business. They can also make announcements about activities of civic or church groups."

At their meetings on the second Thursday of each month, speakers talk about a variety of matters relating to employment and business. The topic may be about starting a business or acquiring a more positive attitude. A career in data processing has been discussed, and taxes will be the topic at the next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. It will take place in Station 885 restaurant, 885 Starkweather, Plymouth.

Ron Loiselle, a Plymouth city commissioner and member of GAIN, will discuss how to deal with bureaucracy regarding tax-assessment and other matters.

GAIN WAS THE idea of Janet Luce, executive director of the Plymouth Community Family YMCA. She then

enlisted the support of the two Leslies, Marrus and Frederick. The latter, as a former employee of the YWCA of Western Wayne County, had an active role in founding a successful female-only network called Women's Exchange.

"We wanted this network to appeal to both men and women," said Marrus. "It would not be only for women looking for employment and self-improvement. But it would try to get established businessmen and professionals involved actively."

"People come to keep up with the business world," added Frederick, "and to learn trends."

While GAIN started with members from the Plymouth, Canton and Northville area, it now aims to service "the needs of a wider community," in Marrus' words.

"IT IS GROWING," observed Luce. "We felt a need for this type of thing particularly in the suburbs where people come and go. They need a focal point to find out what is going on in the community and what is available. We decided it would narrow it if it were

confined to only one sex. It would inhibit growth. Learning opportunities are better where you have both men and women."

She added that attendance at meetings varies from 20 to 50 people.

In her opinion the network is becoming effective. "People are learning the art of networking, an art that has to be practiced."

Carol Levitt, a Plymouth attorney, offered an example of how this art is practiced.

"I was surprised at what I got out of

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Co-chairs Leslie Marrus and Leslie Frederick map plans for the next GAIN meeting Feb. 10 when taxes will be discussed.



graphology  
**Lorene Green**

## Guided writing shows a need to conform

Dear Mrs. Green:

I have seen your articles in the paper many times and have enjoyed reading them.

I am not left-handed but slant all my letters to the left and must always use a ruler when writing letters or signing my name. It would be most interesting to find out what is reflected about my personality in my writing.

Thank you  
M.R. Bloomfield Hills

Dear M.R.:

Although you do not give your age, your unusual handwriting suggests you are a young woman who places a great deal of importance on appearances and impressions.

In Leslie King's excellent book entitled "Getting Control of Your Life," she has this to say about people who rely on guides for the line spacing: "If you prefer to write on ruled paper or with guidelines, you indicate that you want limited responsibility. Also that you are a conforming, conventional person."

*I am not left handed but slant letters to the left and must always use a ruler when writing letters or signing my name.*

## Members have plenty to GAIN

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attending meetings," she said. "I ended up with new people for my resource list, people who are informed about accounting and insurance. If a client had a particular case for me I found four more people I could call for information."

Levitt also met a lot of nice people, in her opinion. "Our cross-section is tremendous," she said. "We have hourly and salary people, those who are unemployed or making a career change. Some own their own business, some work for the big three auto companies. I don't know another organization with this kind of cross-section."

MARRUS HAD OTHER examples of networking. A GAIN woman starting a catering business and another launching an enterprise based on crafts were wondering how to make the public aware of what they had to offer.

"We have people in GAIN familiar with the media," he said. "They all talked together."

Marrus also learned that many GAIN members had sent out resumes but had been "woefully unsuccessful." But now they know that members of the business community in GAIN are keeping their ears open for employers

You want to be approved of so much that you attempt to live up to other people's standards, even though they may not always coincide with your views and opinions. It would be most interesting to hear from you as to why you find it necessary to write on a ruler.

You enjoy being noticed and the attention you receive from others. Your manner often will be such as to elicit attention.

If you have a question about your handwriting, write to Lorene Collett Green, a certified graphologist, in care of this newspaper. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper and write in the first person singular. Please sign your name even though I use only your initials in the paper. Age and handedness also are helpful.

Graphology classes are forming at this time. For those who inquired, I suggest you call the community education department in your area for information.

looking for a new employee with a certain skill.

"They can put them in touch with each other," he said. "They can build a bridge. It is fulfilling to do this. You help someone get a job and help the businessman. It's a pleasant activity."

"GAIN gives you contacts," she said.

For more information about GAIN, contact Janet Luce at the Plymouth Community Family YMCA at 453-2904.

### Tuttle talks

Livonia city treasurer Elaine Tuttle will discuss taxes at the first meeting of a new organization called the Livonia Citizens Community Council. It will take place at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, in the City Hall auditorium.

The council is a non-profit organization which plans to address local issues of concern to homeowners and senior citizens.

Tuttle will explain deferrals and tax breaks available to individuals.

## Columnists like family

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TV performers Sonny Elliot and Al Ackerman were involved in the second tale told by Talbert. Ackerman was in the hospital with back trouble. Elliot disguised himself as a doctor and made a call.

Turn over, I want to take your temperature, he told the patient. Then he said he would leave the room for a while, but a nurse would look in. When the nurse arrived she looked at Ackerman lying on his stomach and said something like, "What is going on here?"

Ackerman informed her the doctor had been in to take his temperature.

"With a rose?" asked the nurse.

IN BRIEF COMMENTARIES on celebrities, Talbert informed his listeners that Bill Cosby is the funniest man around, both on and off the camera. Harry Belafonte is the "most unaffected," and Elvis Presley was the "most polite."

Julie Andrews shocked him with her language. Color Mary Poppins blue.

Barry Goldwater is most masculine. Soupy Sales is genuinely witty, and Burt Reynolds is "the most honest, real and nicest." He was never more impressed by a mind than he was with the mind of anthropologist Margaret Mead.

He learned that Joan Crawford kept him waiting because she found it necessary to clean the hotel bathroom.

As a young man, he met the poet and historian Carl Sandburg, who had a farm in South Carolina near a place where Talbert worked. Talbert referred to the biographer of Abraham Lincoln as "very profane and profound."

When the young man asked the older one why he cursed so often, Sandburg replied, "Because the words are handy."

## Family marks 90th birthday at dinner

All nine of her children attended the 90th birthday celebration for Helen Schneerman held at the home of her grandson, Gary Schneerman, in Novi recently. All told, 48 members of the family were on hand for the observance.

Born in Austria on Jan. 14, 1893, Schneerman and her husband, Karl, came to the United States in 1913 and soon thereafter were employed by a top official of Anheuser-Busch-Brewing Co. of St. Louis, as cook and butler because they both spoke German.

The Schneermans also lived in South Dakota and Detroit before moving to Livonia, where they resided for 29 years.

Her life has revolved around her nine children, six boys and three girls; 28 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. Seven of her children live in various parts of the state, one lives in Ohio and one lives in California.

Currently living with her youngest daughter in Walled Lake, she is a member of the Christian Community Church in Northville.

Called "Oma" by her family — that's German for grandmother — she still manages to bake bread and coffee cake occasionally. The family has a yearly reunion on Thanksgiving but held another one to mark her birthday.

## Self-esteem is topic

Self-esteem will be the topic discussed at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, by Thomas Bunch of the Latter-Day Saints Social Services at the monthly homemaking meeting of the Relief Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Livonia chapel, Merriman and Six Mile.

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# Livonia cyclist aims for international races

By Brad Emons  
staff writer

The U.S. Olympic team is looking for a few good cyclists.

That's why 24-year-old Jeff Pierce of Livonia is going through "basic training" at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Pierce, a 1982 Michigan State University graduate, is a four-time state cycling champion and two-time U.S. National Team member. He was a bronze medalist last year at both the National Sports Festival and U.S. Championships.

"I'm laying the foundation down for the season," said Pierce, who will train at the site until March. "This is a good program for fitness. It's good for everybody because it's a long cycling season."

"We do weightlifting, play volleyball and racquetball, attend aerobics classes

and do light cycling (40-60 miles per day). The altitude is great because it makes the body work harder. It's a great place this time of year. There hasn't been any snow and the temperature has been in the 40s to 50s."

**PIERCE IS** primarily an individual road racer, but also has competed in the four-man Olympic team time trial events.

"I'm more suited to road racing," he said. "The distances are from 120-125 miles whereas there's more strategy involved in team time trial and the distance is much shorter (60 miles)."

His 1983 goals are to race in the Pan American Games this summer in Caracas, Venezuela, then travel to Switzerland for the World Championships.

"I think my chances are fairly good," said Pierce. "The training here should really help because usually in the winter I've gone to school."

"Now I'm concentrating solely on cycling and training."

Pierce, who graduated from MSU with a degree in business management, is sponsored in Colorado Springs by the Miller High-Life Brewing Co. When he's not at the camp, Schwinn, a well-known bicycle manufacturer, takes care of his living expenses.

**"I'M RACING** full-time — 10 hours a day," said Pierce. "I've also spent some time in Phoenix riding and training. I've been on the Schwinn national team for eight years and I'm the captain of a five-man team."

The U.S. Olympic program is directed by Eddie Borysewicz, who is aided by 10 of the finest cycling coaches in the country. A native of Poland, Borysewicz is preparing Pierce and other promising cyclists for the Tour of Texas March 1 in Austin.

"Eddie likes everybody to do things his way," Pierce said. "It's his program. Mike Walden is my coach back home. He's coached Sheila Young and Connie Paraskevin. I do a lot of the things Mike taught me and mix them in with what Eddie's teaching."

Pierce has been able to handle the boot-camp type workouts, including a unique cycle-cross course.

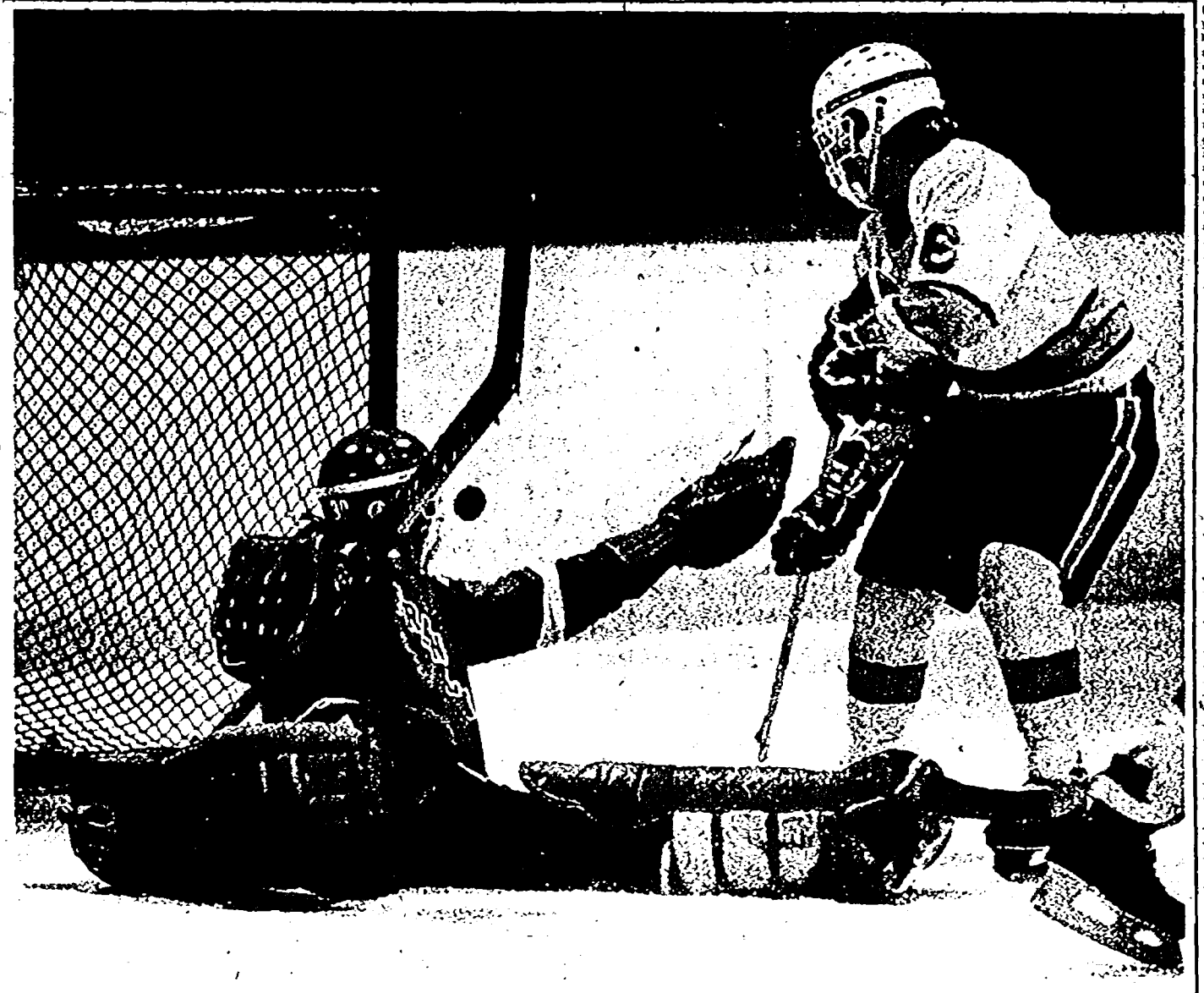
**"WE RIDE** through mud and hills and have to carry the bikes on our shoulders," Pierce explained. "That's where the weightlifting helps."

"But it (the training) really hasn't been that taxing so far."

Pierce, who graduated from Stevenson High School, played five years of hockey in Livonia house leagues before taking up cycling seriously.

"Skating was a good complement for cycling," he said.

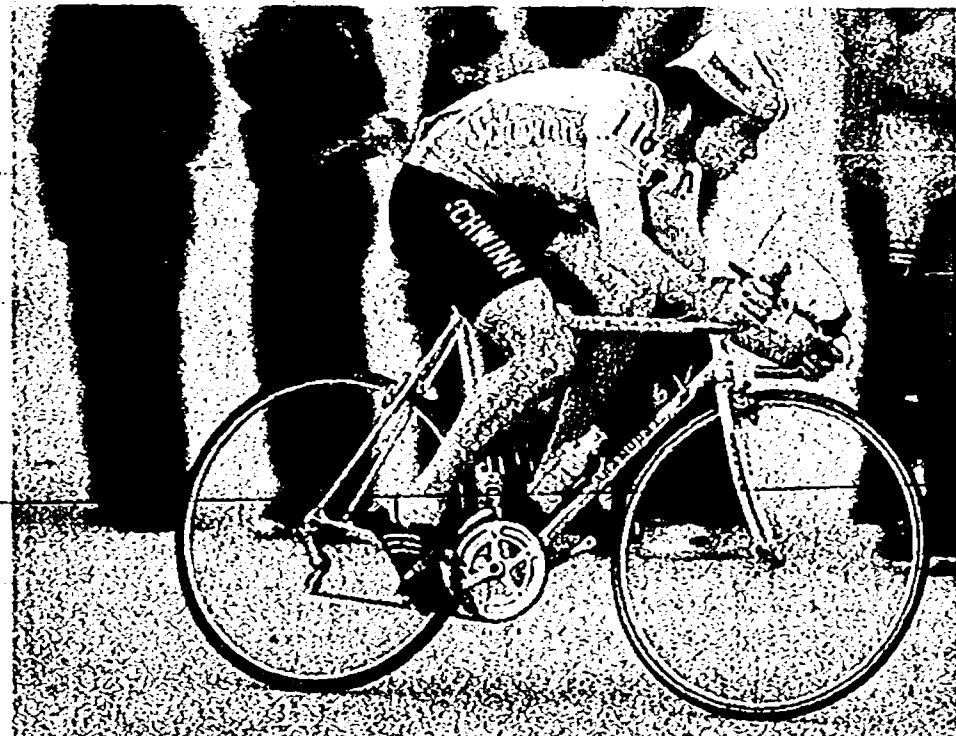
He's not a Marine sergeant or Army colonel yet, but Pierce is trying to be all that he can be in the world of cycling.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

## Puck pressure

Erik Strom (right) makes a strong scoring bid against Franklin Mike Vasilco during Friday's Suburban Prep Hockey League (SPHL) game at Livonia's Edgar Arena. Stevenson, the SPHL leaders, rolled to a 7-2 victory. A complete prep hockey wrap-up appears on Page 2C.



Jeff Pierce shows the form which earned him a spot on two U.S. national cycling teams. The Livonia native is pointing toward this summer's Pan-Am Games.

# Charger tankers sound

Drew Baird captured two events Thursday, leading Livonia Churchill to a 64-62 Western Lakes swim victory over Livonia Bentley.

Churchill, which wrapped up the meet with a third-place finish in the 400-yard freestyle relay, now sports a 4-3 overall dual record.

Baird, a junior, was victorious in the 200 individual medley (2:16.6) and 100 butterfly (56.4). He also teamed up with

brother Eric, Brian Comstock and Eric Hutchison to win the 200 medley relay in 1:51.8.

Other Churchill individual winners included Don Coleman, diving, 155.55 points; Comstock, 500 freestyle, 5:31.8; Russ Bergendahl, 100 backstroke, 1:05.8; and John Hutchison, 100 breaststroke, 1:10.3.

Bentley's Scott Sargent took the 50 and 100 freestyles with times of 23.2

and 56.4. Teammate Rob Weinshtimer, meanwhile, touched the wall first in the 200 freestyle (2:00.7) and was a member of the winning 400 freestyle relay squad which posted a time of 3:46.6. Bentley also gained second in the 400 freestyle relay.

The Chargers' next meet is Thursday at Plymouth Salem. The action starts at 7 p.m.

## Gregory hoop lifts Borgess to big victory

Redford Bishop Borgess knocked Birmingham Brother Rice from first place in the Catholic League's Central Division with a come-from-behind 53-51 basketball victory.

Chuck Gregory, rebounding a missed shot, scored the winning basket on a layup with five seconds remaining in the prep game played Friday night at Borgess.

Catholic Central holds the division lead with a 5-1 record. Rice and Borgess are 4-2 and 3-3, respectively.

The Warriors, who upset CC on Tuesday, led by eight points at halftime. Borgess, however, cut the lead to four at the end of three quarters and made its charge in the fourth quarter.

"They (Rice) controlled the tempo in the first half just like they did the first time," said Borgess coach Mike Fusco, whose team lost an earlier bout at Rice, 40-30. "In the second half we double-teamed them all over the court. It was a semi-zone, semi-man press. We took them out of their offense, and that was the difference in the game. And we hit our free throws. We were much better from the line."

Lewis Scott, a 6-foot-5 senior forward, paced the winners with 19 points and seven rebounds. Joe Gregory added 14 points and eight assists. Chuck Gregory finished with nine points.

B.J. Armstrong, a sophomore guard, led Rice with 12 points.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 69  
WARREN DeLaSALLE 50

The Shamrocks took over the Central Division lead behind 18 points each from Mike Maleske and Kevin Kral in a game played Friday at DeLaSalle.

It was CC's second win this season over the Pilots. The Shamrocks (9-1) beat DeLaSalle earlier in the year, 55-52.

Maleske, a 6-foot-8 senior center, added 10 rebounds. Guards Stan Heath and John McIntyre added 15 and 10 points respectively. Heath led in steals with five, while McIntyre added five assists.

Darrell Goolsby paced DeLaSalle with 12 points.

REDFORD ST. AGATHA 64  
WYANDOTTE MT. CARMEL 52

The West-Bracket leaders raised their overall season record to 10-2 with the home-court triumph Friday.

Agatha fell to 5-5 overall and 2-3 in League play.

## Slick serves give Spartans triumph against Bulldogs

Livonia Stevenson made it perfectly clear Wednesday night it's the team to beat in the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA).

The Spartan spikers scored a convincing 15-6, 15-6 win over Lakes Division rival and previously unbeaten Livonia Bentley.

"It was a disappointment for us, but Stevenson came out strong and served extremely well," said Bentley coach Dana Hardwidge.

To start the match, Stevenson's Tami Scurto came up with a big hit and teammate Sally Chapin followed with four straight serves for points and the rout was on in the first game.

Chapin then served seven ace serves to start the second game as Stevenson went onto to post its sixth straight victory without a loss.

"When the serves are going, everything seems to go well," said Stevenson coach Lee Cagle. "We had real good serves going at the beginning of the match and that was it."

"Both Tami and Sally came through with some big hits and Dhana Ponnors and Linda Loeffler set the ball very well. And Gina Knight didn't make any mistakes."

Stevenson's JV squad also remained unbeaten with a 15-7, 15-3 win.

The Spartans travel tonight to Plymouth Canton while the Bulldogs are on the road at Walled Lake, Western. Both matches begin at 7.

**REDFORD BISHOP BORGESS**, ranked second in Class A by a statewide coaches poll, enjoyed a big week.

The Spartans ran their season record to 18-1 Thursday by beating Harper Woods Regina, 15-10, 15-7.

Borgess also captured its own tournament with impressive wins over Sterling Heights Stevenson (pool play), Novi (semifinals) and Dearborn Heights Crestwood (finals).

"Our seniors, John Gambotto and Julie Burton, have just done an awesome job hitting and keeping us in the games," said Borgess coach Jerry Abraham. "Both Megan McCarthy and Katy Smythe are both doing a fine job setting and running our offense and Colleen McDonald and Mary Wood are

## volleyball

playing great defense." Borgess meets Birmingham Marian tonight at home. Varsity action starts at 7.

**GARDEN CITY**, coached by Tom Teeters, made it two out of three in Northwest Suburban League (NSL) play with a 15-8, 15-8 triumph Wednesday over Redford Thurston.

Co-captains Chris Neslund and Katrina Wallack, GC's middle hitters, set the pace offensively. The Cougars' team defense was also exceptional.

Setter Cindy Isenegger returned to action for the Eagles after missing one match with a sprained ankle and turned in a solid performance, and Carolyn Moran and Helen Carano had some good spikes, but Thurston coach Chris Wandyg agreed that the difference in the match was the Cougars' defense.

**REDFORD UNION** ran its season record to 5-4 overall and 2-1 in NSL play with a 15-8, 12-15, 15-8 victory Wednesday against visiting Westland John Glenn.

The loss dropped Glenn to 0-3 in NSL play.

Amy Livsey propelled RU to the win by serving six straight points in the first game and seven in the final game.

Livsey was also a big hitter offensively along with Kellie Szabo and Kathy Storvis. Julie Barden, meanwhile, served seven points in the second game and came through with some big sets.

RU hits the road beginning tonight at Redford Thurston and Wednesday at Garden City.

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL** ran its Western Division mark to 4-1 with a 15-2, 15-12 win Wednesday over Plymouth Canton.

The Chargers received strong performances from Sue Trembath (setting),

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Bentley wins, Churchill ties

1st-place Stevenson rolls

Livonia Stevenson, the Suburban Prep Hockey League (SPHL) leaders, started slowly but went to gain its 12 win in 14 tries at the expense of Livonia Franklin Friday at Edgar Arena, 7-2.

Stevenson, coached by Jerry Kestner, is 9-1 in league play. Franklin dipped to 2-7. (More details on the game will appear in Thursday's Observer).

LIVONIA BENTLEY 6 BLOOMFIELD LAHSER 3

Dave Moore and Tom Anderson each bagged a pair of goals in helping Livonia Bentley even its record at 6-1 overall with Wednesday's triumph over Bloomfield Hills Lahser at Edgar Arena.

Moore had a pair of assists to go with his two goals and Paul Maderosian netted a goal and two assists for the winners. Scot Glancy started in goal for the third time this season for the Bulldogs, recording his first victory. He kicked out 17 Lahser shots.

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BLOOMFIELD CRANBROOK 2 CATHOLIC CENTRAL 1

A pair of second-period goals were all Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook needed to hold off Detroit Catholic Central Wednesday at Cranbrook's Wallace Rink.

The loss was the Shamrocks second in a row to the Cranes. Last Saturday, CC was the victim of another one-goal setback, falling by a 3-2 count at Redford Arena.

Wednesday, Cranbrook's Jon Doehr and Chris Ilitch scored in a 1:08 span of the second period to put the Cranes up, 2-0. CC's Jeff Steffes stole a Cranbrook clearing pass in the final period and blasted it past goalie Paul Pijanowski to cut the deficit to 2-1, but the Crane goaltender stopped all other

Shamrock attempts to preserve the victory.

ON SATURDAY, (Jan. 15) Cranbrook again broke out quickly, building a 3-0 lead in the first two periods. CC rallied in the final 15 minutes, as Joe Kley and Mike Cannon beat Pijanowski in a one-minute span. That was all the Shamrocks could manage, however.

John Bebes was in the nets for both games for CC, stopping 18 shots Wednesday and 20 last Saturday.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6 SOUTHFIELD-LATHRUP 6

The Chargers lost their chance to win it when Lathrup's Ira Schlusser scored with 2:23 remaining.

Schlusser and Aaron Cohen each scored twice for Lathrup while John Bartle scored four times for Churchill. John Jardine and Paul Blanchard accounted for the other Charger goals.

The shots were even at 30-all. The tie gives Churchill a 2-9-1 overall mark.

the week ahead

PREP BASKETBALL Monday, Jan. 24 Belleville at Liv. Stevenson, 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25 Liv. Franklin at Ply. Canton, 7:45 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Garden City, 7:45 p.m. Allen Pk. Cabrini at St. Agatha, 7:45 p.m. Redford Thurston at Taylor Truman, 7:45 p.m. Farm. Harrison at Redford Union, 7:45 p.m. Temp. Christian at Springfield Christian, 7:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28 Ply. Canton at Ply. Salem, 7:45 p.m. Taylor Baptist Pk. at Tero. Christian, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Wald. John Glenn, 7:45 p.m. Redford Thurston at N. Farmington, 7:45 p.m. Flint HolyRosary at Red. St. Agatha, 7:45 p.m. Bishop Gallagher at Catholic Central, 7:45 p.m. Garden City at Liv. Franklin, 7:45 p.m. Liv. Clarenceville at Oak Park, 7:45 p.m. Liv. Churchill at Liv. Stevenson, 7:45 p.m. Northville at Liv. Bentley, 7:45 p.m. Harper Wds. ND at Bishop Borgess, 7:45 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL Monday, Jan. 24 Schoolcraft at Madonna (women), 6 p.m. Schoolcraft at Madonna (men), 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26 Flint Mott CC at Schoolcraft (women), 6 p.m. Schoolcraft at Flint Mott CC (men), 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 Schoolcraft at Oakland CC (women), 6 p.m. Schoolcraft at Oakland CC (men), 8 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY Tuesday, Jan. 25 Bloomfield Hills Andover vs. Liv. Bentley (at Livonia's Edgar Arena), 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26 Southfield vs. Liv. Stevenson, Liv. Bentley vs. Liv. Churchill (at Livonia's Edgar Arena), 6 & 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 Liv. Franklin vs. Southfield-Lathrup (at Southfield's Beech Woods Arena), 4 p.m. Liv. Churchill vs. Bloomfield Hills Andover (at Detroit Skating Club), 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28 Liv. Franklin vs. Liv. Bentley (at Livonia's Edgar Arena), 6 p.m. Catholic Central at Birm. Brother Rice, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 Det. Country Day vs. Catholic Central (at Redford Arena), 8 p.m.

Glenn sinks Franklin; Trojans win at Dome

Westland John Glenn withstood a late Livonia Franklin charge to gain a 68-62 Northwest Suburban League basketball win Friday night.

The host Rockets are now 9-3 overall and 4-1 in NSL play, one game behind first-place Redford Thurston. Franklin fell to 4-6 and 2-3.

The host Rockets trailed by a point after the opening quarter but pulled ahead 36-26 at halftime. Glenn then sprinted to a 20-point advantage in the second half, only to have Franklin charge back within five. The Patriots, however, couldn't cut the margin any closer.

Paul Grazulis, a 6-foot-8 senior center, scored 20 points to lead Glenn. Greg Gill and Todd Jennings added 14 and 13, respectively.

Franklin got 23 points from Mike Johnson and 18 from Bob Stebbins. Both teams shot poorly from the free-throw line. Glenn made 12 of 24, while Franklin hit just eight of 30.

LIV. CLARENCEVILLE 39 ORTONVILLE-BRANDON 35

The Pistons weren't the only team to win Wednesday night at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Larry Weigand scored 12 points and Walter O'Dowd added nine as Clarenceville raised its season record to 3-7. Dave Ross tallied 10 for the losers.

The Trojans did it with a fourth-quarter rally, outscoring the deliberate

basketball

Hawks 18-8.

Clarenceville made five free throws down the stretch and finished with 13 for 26.

"We had to pick up the pace with a press in the second half because Ortonville plays a very slow game," said Clarenceville coach Paul Clough, whose team travels Friday to high-touted Oak Park.

FARMINGTON-67 LIVONIA BENTLEY 52 (OT)

The Falcons made five three throws in the overtime period to obtain only their second victory of the season Friday at Bentley. Both teams each had a field goal.

Four Farmington players scored in double figures — Matt Kanny (15), T. Carruthers (12), Dan Singer (10) and Dan Zang (10).

Jim Thorderson, a junior forward, led Bentley with 18. John Turner added eight.

"Both teams were looking for the good shot in the overtime, but we committed the fouls," said Bentley coach Jim Komula, whose team fell to 4-6 overall. "The ballgame could have gone either way, but we fouled at inopportune times, and that hurts us."

St. Agatha spikers remain undefeated

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Judy Bralsted (setting) and Ladonna Servakis (serving).

On Thursday, Churchill lost two games to the state's No. 1 ranked Class A team, Wayne Memorial, but bounced back to beat Westland John Glenn twice.

REDFORD ST. AGATHA remained unbeaten Thursday by trouncing Detroit Holy Redeemer, 15-0, 15-5.

Agatha, now 7-0 overall and 6-0 in the Catholic League's C-D Division A-West Bracket. Five of the Aggies' six starters sat out the match as coach Lols Cifaldi got a look at the reserve players.

Only regular Paola Picano, a setter, played. She responded by serving 13 straight points in the first game. Freshman Cotonya Thomas had a string of 12 in the second game.

Agatha meets Detroit Benedictine Tuesday on the road in a key A-West match. The action starts at 7 p.m.

City champs solve prep wrestling Riddle

Host Livonia Bentley recently captured its first-ever city wrestling title.

The first-place Bulldogs scored 53 points in the 15th running of the event. They were followed by Livonia Churchill (69 1/2), Stevenson (81) and Franklin (104 1/2).

"We're a small team that's coming

on strong," said Bentley coach Bill Riddle, whose team is 16-2 overall in dual and quad meets. "This is one of the best teams ever to come out of Bentley."

"We voided two weights (145 and 155) at the city meet, but everyone else is carrying the ball. We're in pretty good condition."

Bentley swept the first four and the final two weight divisions.

All three Yaffai brothers were victorious — Salem (98 pounds), Anwar (112) and Abe (119). Other Bentley winners included Paul Doulette (105), Mark Zenas (185) and Bill Garrison (heavy weight).

"With the Yaffai brothers we're starting to build a little tradition," said Riddle. "People are starting to remember their names. "And things should be OK for the future because six of our 13 regulars are underclassmen."

S'craft cagers top foes

Carlos Briggs and George Merriweather combined for 35 points as Schoolcraft College defeated Delta College, 61-56, in a men's basketball game Wednesday in Livonia.

The win gives Schoolcraft a 15-4 overall mark. More importantly, the win keeps the Ocelots in the Eastern Conference race with a 3-2 slate.

Briggs, cold in the first half as Schoolcraft led 25-22, warmed up in final second half and finished with 22 points. Merriweather added 13.

James Odnel paced Delta with 10. "It was like a chess game," said Schoolcraft coach Rocky Watkins. "We played our cut-away, delay-game offense and used our four-corner (delay) most of the second half."

"The key to the victory was Merriweather's floor game. He was the point-man on our 1-3-1 zone and controlled the offense real well."

LADY OCELOTS 92 MERCY COLLEGE 43

It was a rout from the start as the Schoolcraft Lady Ocelots rolled to their seventh win in 11 games.

Schoolcraft enjoyed a 43-14 at halftime advantage.

Guard Kathy Peck led the romp with 22 points, while teammate Cathi Hengy added 21 points, eight rebounds, six steals and five blocked shots. Center Cheryl Sobkow, who leads the Eastern Conference in rebounding, added 20 points and 11 rebounds.

Also getting into the scoring act were Gina Johnson (12 points and six boards), Sue Remer (nine points) and Deborah Johnson (eight points).

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# Career keeps moving for 'lucky actress'

By Ethel Simmons  
staff writer

Dark-haired beauty Patricia Morison considers herself a lucky woman. The actress, co-starring as the mother in the courtroom drama "Nuts" at the Birmingham Theatre, said early on in the interview backstage, in her

dressing room: "I've been a very fortunate woman and still am." As a young girl she wanted to be an artist, then decided to become an actress instead. After an early break on Broadway, she went into the movies. She was unhappy with her film roles and decided to take up singing

This led to her winning the role of Kate in the Cole Porter musical "Kiss Me, Kate." Broadway stardom followed and so did other roles in stage musicals, including replacing Gertrude Lawrence in "The King and I."

YOU'D THINK that someone whose Hollywood career ran from 1938-48 and Broadway fame began shortly thereafter would have to look back for her laurels.

"Kiss Me, Kate" remains her best-known role. But Morison still has the looks, voice and energy that enable her not only to play new roles but to repeat her two most famous musical ones each year in summer stock. Two years ago she was invited to England by the

Birmingham Repertory to star in "Kiss, Me, Kate."

Morison thinks she is "pretty damn lucky. It was a huge success."

The dramatic role as Rose Kirk in "Nuts" is a change of pace for the musical-comedy-oriented star. She plays the mother, "a lady who might be from Birmingham. She's a wealthy suburban lady," Morison said.

The plot involves the daughter, who has become a prostitute and is on trial for murdering one of her clients. Both the mother and the stepfather want to have her judged incompetent, but the daughter wants to prove she is in her right mind.

GIULIA PAGANO co-stars as the

daughter, Claudia Faith Draper. "I predict she's going to be one of the big stars," Morison said. "She's an incredible actress."

She didn't want to give away the surprise elements of the plot, but the drama does hinge on the stepfather's relationship with the daughter.

"You can look at Donahue every day and see this. There's nothing shocking," Morison said, when asked how she thought theater audiences would react to the startling story.

The play by Tom Topor is filled with revelations by the family, in the courtroom. "It's an exaggeration somewhat. I don't think people would expose themselves on the stand," she said.

She continued, "It's almost like a

Greek tragedy. It has that scope." The play ran in Los Angeles for a year and a half, as well as on Broadway. "The daughter in New York was nominated for a Tony," Morison said. The show received several nominations for Tony awards.

TALKING ABOUT her own career, Morison said, "I'm so much associated with musical theater, but I was a straight dramatic actress before being a singer."

In Hollywood, "I was in a lot of films, most of them on the 'late, late show.' Then I started studying singing seriously."

The lucky actress made a lot of her own luck.



STEPHEN CANTRELL/staff photographer

Actress Patricia Morison plays a conservative, suburban mother who wants to see her unconventional daughter committed rather than stand trial for murder, in "Nuts."

Michigan players dominated the field at the Motor City National Backgammon tournament Jan. 7-9 at the Hyatt-Regency in Dearborn.

More than 100 players from all over the country as well as Canada convened at the luxurious tournament site at the Fairlane mall, but when the smoke of the battle cleared, 10 of the top 15 places were won by Michiganders.

Jim Wilson of Berkley, who is current masterpoint leader at the Cavendish North, beat all comers in the Open Division. This week's problem arose in Jim's final match against Lowell Cushman of Southfield, who finished second in the event.

Also in the Open Division, Marilyn McMaster of Southfield edged out Bob Holyon of Milwaukee in the consolation finals, and Felix Yen of Providence, R.I., took the last-chance honors.

IN THE INTERMEDIATE Division, Dave Pink of Southfield squeaked by Evie Merecki of Hartland, Mich., in the finals. Norm Rivkin of Royal Oak beat Phil Barrett of Cleveland in the consolation finals, while Gary Margosian of Ann Arbor won the last chance.

## backgammon



Mike Giordano

of the Cavendish North backgammon club

Canadian players made a strong showing in the Novice Division with Al Wilson (no relation to Jim) of Essex, Ontario, beating Larry Wisniewski of Southfield in the finals, while countryman Paul Anstett of Hamilton, Ontario, slipped by George Farah Jr. of Flint in the consolation, and Lauren Underwood of Warren locked up the last chance.

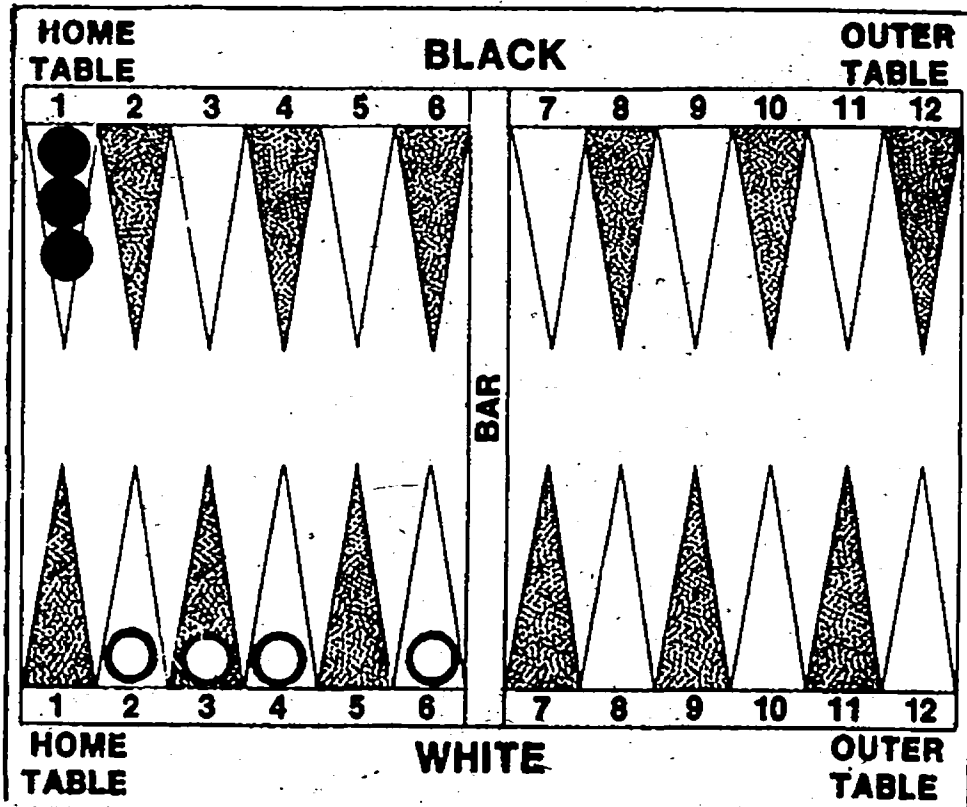
So much for plaudits. Now on to the position in the diagram. You are Jim Wilson playing white in the Championship finals. You throw the dice and one comes to rest showing a 6 while the other spins crazily in the center of the board and finally stops on — you guessed it, a 1.

You bear the man off your 6 point and smoothly play the 1 from your 3 point to your 2 point. Your opponent proceeds to take off two men on his roll and on the last roll of the game you throw double 2s to bear off your last three men and chalk up the victory.

"Yup," you say, "when you're hot, you're hot."

IT IS A FACT that luck plays a large part in backgammon, and every player has an ample store of hard-luck tales and this might well be one for Lowell Cushman. But on the other hand, by his adroit play of his single pip on the 6-1 roll, Jim allowed the fates every chance to smile on him.

If he had played any other 1 he would not have been able to take off his last three men with double deuces. If he had moved his 1 either from the 4 point to



the 3 point or from the 2 point to the 1 point, he would have needed double 3s or better to win the game.

It is occasionally the case that the play of a 1 in a bear off makes a big difference in the outcome of a game. In this instance, white is a distinct underdog when he rolls his 6-1 with winning prospects in the neighborhood of 10 percent.

Actually, depending on whether white makes his best play or not, his equity is either 11.5 percent or 9.25 percent. Under the pressures of tournament play, especially when faced with a desperate position, we are all likely to play haphazardly, but it is the mark of a champion to give himself every chance, even if that amounts to only an extra 2.25 percent.

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