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## places and faces

**SINCE WINTER** has been hibernating, Westland's parks and recreation department is changing its snow sculpture contest to Saturday, March 5. Residents may use nothing but snow and coloring to sculpt a masterpiece in their front yards, using the theme cartoon comic.

Registrations are being accepted now through March 2. A department representative will visit homes to judge the sculptures.

Pictures of last year's winners are on display at the Bailey Center. A visit to the center may help generate some ideas.

### WAYNE COUNTY

Intermediate School District will collect its tax levy this summer, as now allowed by law. There is no tax increase involved.

The intermediate district levies an operating tax of 0.03 mill, 0.07 mills for debt retirement and one mill for special education for a total of 1.1 mills. Most of the one mill is distributed to local school districts, according to a district spokesman. The operating levy has been the same for the last 20 years.

The intermediate school district is planning to use reserve funds to balance a 1983-84 budget of \$61.5 million, an increase of 10.5 percent.

**MITZI MULLINX**, an Alma College Kiltie Band member from Westland, is busy practicing for the band's playing tour of Florida during the college's winter term break from Feb. 26 through March 6.

A tour highlight comes March 4 when the band will be the guest marching unit at Disneyworld.

Before the Florida tour, the Kiltie Band has its winter concert on campus Feb. 11.

Almost all of the band member are non-music majors who are in band simply because they enjoy playing music.

Mullinx, a chemistry major, plays tenor saxophone. The daughter of Darrel and Shirley Mullinx of Minerva, she is a 1980 graduate of John Glenn High School.

### GENERAL

scholarship applications for all local scholarships will be available for graduating seniors the week of Feb. 14 in the John Glenn High counseling office. Applications also will be distributed in appropriate classes that week. Deadline for submitting an application is Wednesday, April 13.

By submitting an application, graduating seniors will be considered for every local scholarship they are eligible.

**FEB. 7-11 IS** vocational education week. The William D. Ford Vocational/Technical Center, Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh, will celebrate the national observance of vocational training with an open house 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. The open house will feature a slide tape presentation, classroom tours and student demonstrations.

### GOT A sweatheart?

Westland's multipurpose arena, Wildwood north of Ford, is sponsoring a Valentine's Party 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

**FAMILIES** are needed to host 20 high school students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Germany for the 1983-84 school year by the American Scandinavian Student Exchange. The program is under the auspices of the Swedish Ministry of Education. Interested families should write to Pat Schut at 7540 21st Avenue, Jenison, Mich. 49428, or phone (616) 457-4438.

Would you like to have news about people and places in your neighborhood listed in the Observer? Just send the complete information to **Places & Faces**, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Be sure to include the name and phone number of someone who can be reached during normal business hours to clarify information.

## City faces budget crisis in 90 days

By Sandra Armbruster  
editor

With the threat of payless paydays looming 90 days ahead for city employees, a showdown is expected Monday when the city council meets to consider the mayor's proposed budget reductions. Westland must make an estimated \$455,000 in cuts to balance this year's budget.

Both council members and the mayor admit a cash shortage could exist if a solution to budget problems isn't found soon.

"Payless paydays? The telling point is around April," said Mayor Charles Pickering. "We could have not only a deficit but a cash-flow problem."

He said the city is expected to lose anywhere from \$250,000 to \$800,000 in the latest round of cuts in state-shared revenue.

**LIKELY TO** top the list of council

budget complaints is Pickering's plan to discontinue library service, effective April 1, at a savings of \$40,000.

"We told him to reconsider it, but I see it's still in there," remarked council President Thomas Artley.

Artley said that the council has asked to see a contract for library service. He said there is concern among council members that if the library on Sims Street in Wayne isn't funded at minimum levels then the city could lose the \$450,000 in equity it has in the building.

Kent Herbert, who was appointed to the council to fill a vacancy and will be sworn in Monday night, said that cutting funding of Garden City and Livonia libraries used by Westland residents could draw lawsuits.

**BUT PICKERING** said that "to our knowledge there isn't a written agreement that prohibits us" from discontinuing library funding.

"It's like receiving cutbacks from the state," Pickering said. "That's part of the problem. We're not receiving funds from the state."

He admitted, however, that there is a "question of equity" and how Westland could receive the equity if the Wayne library closed.

Pickering added that he didn't see the equity as a liability.

Herbert said that in the long run, funding only one library "makes sense," but the library organizations must receive enough lead time.

Councilman Charles Griffin said that he would either not vote or vote no unless he saw a library contract.

Other areas are of concern to council members as well. Councilman Robert Wagner said the council needed to find out what the impact of the proposed budget cuts would be on each department.

Although several study sessions have been held on the budget cuts, the councilmen said that they were told changes had been made in the recommendations. The councilmen said they weren't informed by the mayor as to what the changes were.

**OTHER BUDGET** cuts being proposed by Pickering include withdrawing from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (\$4,700), laying off or transferring parks and recreation personnel (\$28,137), laying off or not filling vacant positions in police and fire departments (about \$85,000), other layoffs in the offices of city clerk, assessment, finance, building, engineering and animal control.

Although the mayor is proposing that the city's refuse transfer site remain closed to save \$4,468, he said he was looking at the possibility of keeping it open one day a week in the summer and fall.

Pickering said that his department heads haven't used SEMCOG services

for some time. He added that although the city wouldn't have a voice in SEMCOG's operation, its grant review services could still be used.

Councilmen, however, think that all budget areas ought to be looked at and that the unions should be asked to take pay concessions.

"You can only cut down to the bone," said Wagner. "If you cut much more then you're cutting necessary services for the continuation of the city."

"Years ago there was over-emphasis of the parks and recreation department to the detriment of police and fire," continued Herbert, who was the city finance director until Pickering took office.

"Now we risk losing the entire compliment of how the city operates," he said.

Pickering said he would consider asking employee groups for concessions if state and federal funding continues to be cut.

## From bazaars to bake sales, dads help out

By Marie Chestney  
staff writer

John Eszes considers himself lucky to get off work at 8 a.m. and spend the rest of the morning helping out in his son's co-op nursery class.

David Hart said he made a "complete fool" of himself dressed like a clown at a school bazaar, but loved every minute of it.

David Malcomson spent an afternoon sorting through fruit sale receipts, all scribbled by youngsters, and putting them in little piles on his kitchen table.

The one link which ties all these men together, and many other fathers in Livonia, is the hours they donate to their child's school.

School activities? Men? Absolutely, said both Bev Wesner, president of the Livonia PTA Council, and Julie Paddison, Livonia PTA membership chairwoman.

"I do see at the school meetings considerably more men," Paddison said. "In the past, women dominated in the organization, but I do see more men serving on local boards. I don't think it's economically motivated, that these men are unemployed. I think they are concerned parents who want to be sure programs are maintained and have a voice in what's going on in the schools."

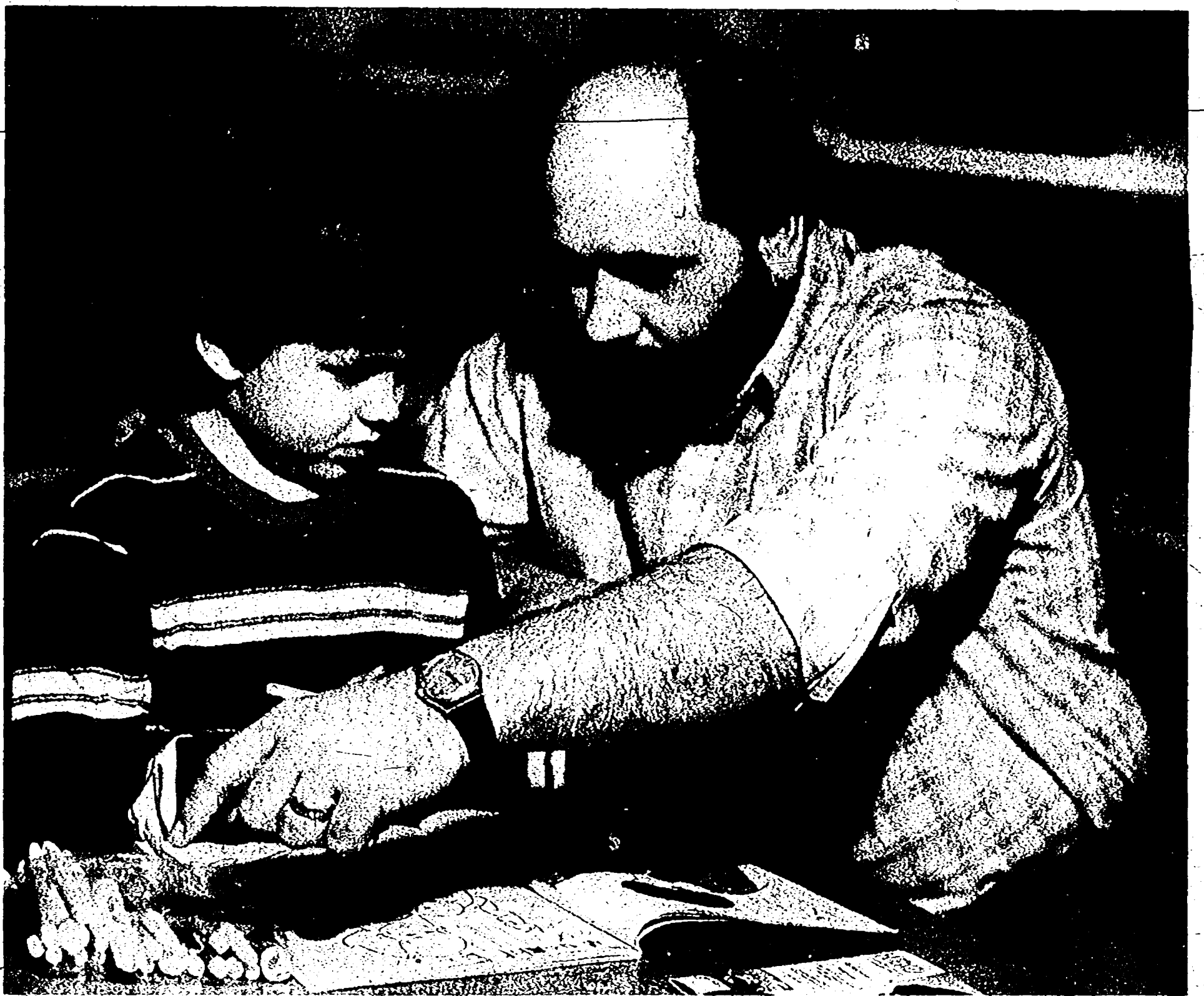
Added Wesner: "We use to never see a man at PTA meetings. This is a definite trend."

Neither Wesner or Paddison have to look far to find proof of increasing male parental involvement in school affairs.

Sitting alongside them on the Livonia PTA Council are David Nothstine and Dick McKnight. Hayes Elementary School principal Jerry Nehs is administrative representative to the council, while Newell Bentley, representing Marshall Elementary School, is a new delegate to the council. The president of the Michigan PTA is a man. So is the state membership co-chairman.

Increasingly, fathers such as David Hart, David Malcomson and John Eszes are attending PTA meetings and pitching in to help at spaghetti dinners, paper drives, school bazaars and grapefruit sales.

**WHEN FIVE-YEAR-OLD** Joshua Hart started kindergarten at Garfield Elementary School last September, it



David Hart takes part in many of his son's school activities including chairing a parent support group for a student book club and even dressing up as a clown for a school bazaar.

was only natural that his father, David, would be right behind him.

"I have been involved in my son's life ever since he was born," said Hart, who is self-employed and operates a painting company out of his home on Hambleton.

"I was right there in the room when he was born. I've always done things with him. I want to do so much for him and with him. When he went to school, (joining the PTA) was the next step for me in his development. I have to be involved in the PTA so I

can affect his school, have a voice and participate in his life."

Since September, Hart has cooked spaghetti for a school dinner and has helped serve it. For the school bazaar, he set up an arts and crafts booth and

donned the costume of a clown to sell raffle tickets.

"I dressed up as a clown and made a complete fool of myself," Hart said. "But we sold \$128 worth of raffle tickets and made \$64."

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## Board reviews Bentley closing

By Teri Banas  
staff writer

The Livonia Board of Education at 8 p.m. tonight will consider Superintendent George Garver's report outlining plans to close Bentley High School by June 1985.

It will be the board's first official action on the issue and would pave the way for a series of public hearings.

James Lynch, the parent of a Bentley High School student and a leader in the school closing issue, is also expected to address the school board during the meeting in the school board office on Farmington Road south of Five Mile.

Lynch earlier told the Observer he

was counting on "buying some time" in the process so that parents could continue to explore other options to the school closing. Lynch has maintained that his group is primarily concerned with the broader issue of maintaining four high schools in the district.

But a delay in the public hearings would be granted tonight does not appear likely.

Garver said Friday he would recommend that the board also approve dates of three public hearings — Feb. 14, 15, 16 — to take place in Bentley's auditorium. This recommendation is included in a motion that's been drafted for the school board's consideration tonight.

But Garver did say that neither he

nor his staff "would have a problem" with a delay in the school board's final action to close the school, previously estimated at sometime in March.

"If they choose to take some additional time, then the staff sees no problem with that," he said.

The upcoming action on Garver's report came after a series of information meetings held by Garver in the district. In those meetings, Garver previewed his report and district statistics on such factors leading to the closing as declining enrollment and school finances.

If closed, Bentley would be the first high school in a district that so far has shut down some 25 district elementary and middle schools because of declining enrollment and school funds.

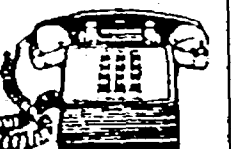
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# Police report rise in some crimes

## carrier of the month

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Westland police had a busy year in 1982. While the total of what are called Class One crimes showed a decline of 279 incidents last year from 1981, there were still increases in some serious crimes. Class One crimes include murder, robbery, burglary, rape, arson, breaking and entering.

city last year compared with three the previous year, armed robbery climbed from 28 in 1981 to 37 last year. Incidents of assault with a gun rose to 42 from 39 the previous year, however aggravated assaults dropped to six from 12 reported the previous year.

1981, burglary by forcible entry dropped to 905 from the previous year's figure of 944, and burglary by unlawful entry slid to 90 from 156.

thefts last year with 384 reported compared with 351 in 1981. Police recovered more stolen cars last year, that figure hitting 98 compared with 77 recovered in 1981.

## Reserve banquet seat now

The Westland Youth Athletic Association will observe its 25th anniversary Saturday at the annual board banquet to be held at St. Simon and Jude Church on Palmer, east of Venoy.

Tuesday. Tickets are \$12.50. The buffet dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Persons interested in attending just the awards presentation and dance, but not the dinner, may buy tickets at the door for \$7.

## military news

ARMY PVT. MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Charles, 32223 Bertram, has completed an Army wheeled tractor operator course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Franklin High School, Livonia.

Students were trained to smooth surfaces for roads, airfields and parking lots. They also learned to slope banks and prepare drainage ditches for erosion control.

PVT. STEVEN J. CHRZANOWSKI, son of R. A. and K. M. Chrzanowski, 33767 Cowan, has completed basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala.

He is a 1982 graduate of Fordson High School, Dearborn.

JOSEPH F. DEMAY JR., son of Darlene M. Briner, 38405 Milton, has been promoted in the Air Force to the rank of airman first class.

He is an electronic warfare systems specialist at England Air Force Base, La. with the 23rd Component Repair Squadron.

# Dads help breathe fresh air into school scene

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He is chairman of the young authors club and is now in the process of printing the books... the youngsters have written. He has unloaded fruit from a semi-truck during the school's fruit sale.

"The women all said it was like a breath of fresh air to see a father involved," he said. "They like me to be in charge because they think I can get more things done. But I don't believe that."

IF DAVID MALCOMSON had his druthers, he would rather be at work. Since June, he has been laid off from his job as a machine operator in Wyandotte. And he remembers those days of weekly paychecks and longs for their return.

But, while waiting out a recall, Malcomson keeps himself busy two ways. One is searching for a job in heating and cooling, a trade for which he has a degree from Schoolcraft College.

The other is learning how to be a PTA helping hand. Malcomson is "learning" because before the layoff, his afternoon-shift hours stood as a barrier between him and his two children and their school.

"My work schedule didn't allow me to get involved," Malcomson said. His children are Scott, 10, and Lori, 7. "Before the layoff, the only time I saw the kids was at lunch time. Now, I'm doing things I never did before."

The layoff has forced Malcomson and his wife, Janet, to switch roles. She goes to work and he makes supper, keeps the house tidy and goes to the PTA meetings his wife once attended.

The first job Malcomson did for the PTA was last June. He helped out at a school field day. From there, he went to unloading pumpkins from a truck for a pumpkin sale. For the school's bazaar, he roamed the neighborhood putting up signs and then retraced his steps and took them back down. He has put away chairs and tables at meetings, has swept floors and even sold oranges and grapefruit.

It was the orange and grapefruit sale which almost caused a bookkeeping crisis. For the first time in his life, he had to tally the sales tickets filled out by youngsters.

"My whole kitchen table was spread out with papers, trying to balance every kid's account," Malcomson said. "I had to count the money and keep the orders separate. And then people came in with late orders."

One of his next big assignments, if he is not back to work yet, is to be a volunteer for fifth- and sixth-grade camp.

"I would like to participate but May is so far away and it's hard to make that commitment, not knowing if I will get called back," he said.

And will Malcomson stay with the PTA once he goes back to work?

"It would depend on what shift I got into," he said. "But I will keep doing it as long as my hours permit it."

School's co-op nursery when he gets off work at 8 a.m.

Sound crazy? Well, he only does it twice a month. And sometimes his wife, Patricia, takes over the duty for him.

But, when he does go, it's two mornings out of the month that he loves.

"I consider myself fortunate to work midnights because I am able to spend more time with the kids," said Eszes, who lives on Pinetree and is the father of Melissa, 7, Matthew, 5, and Amy, 1.

"If I worked days, I would only be home in the evenings and my exposure to the kids would be limited. A lot of people say they couldn't do it, but it's important to have a close family unit. I want them to feel close to me, to communicate with me. Psychologically, sometimes I think it is impossible to go. But emotionally, I know I need to do it. You have to discipline yourself."

Eszes has been working the co-op nursery detail ever since Melissa went there three years ago and expects to still be there when it's Amy's turn to go.

Eszes said Matthew liked it when it was his Dad's turn to go. "Mom is always with him," he said. "I think he likes it more when Dad is there."

So, twice a month, after leaving his job at the Ford Motor Co. Rouge Plant in Dearborn, Eszes finds himself setting up snacks for the youngsters, cleaning up the work area, helping out with arts and crafts and keeping watch on the children as they play on the playground equipment.

Working at the co-op shows him just how much some children are "crying out for attention," Eszes said.

"By working with them, you can see their various needs," he said. "Some problems really stand out — those kids are really crying out for attention."

Because there are days when he, too, doesn't feel like going, Eszes said he can understand how easy it is for parents to talk themselves out of not taking part in school activities.

"But I see so many parents who aren't available to their kids," he said. "And I wonder what place their kids have in their lives."

JOHN ESZES is the father who dashes off to Garfield Elementary

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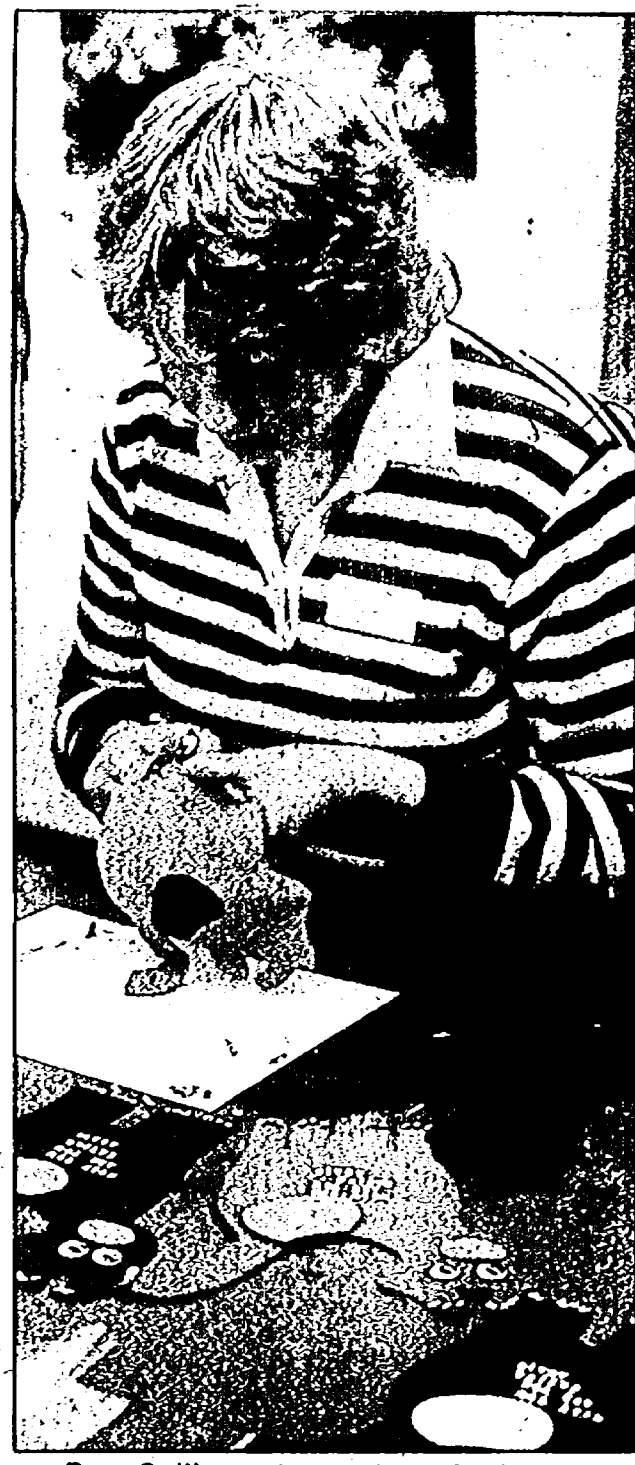
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Elaine Krumm, a member of Teen Tech Co., shows her company's product, a 12-watt trouble light, to her parents William and Marjorie Krumm at last week's open house. Elaine is a student at Franklin High School.



Pam Collins cuts a pattern for her company's product, a decorative felt cow which bears the message "Holy cow are you eating again."



Students spend two hours one night a week at the center. Working on this bookend assembly operation are (from left) Cristly Edwards, David Chaurdy, Keith Hutchins and Bill Karinen.

## High achievers JA turns teens on to business

A business doesn't have to be big to be successful. Just ask the high school students who are members of Teen Tech, a Junior Achievement company at the Whitman Center.

The company, which produces trouble (12-watt) lights, has recorded \$3,202 in sales since last October. The Livonia center posted a total sales of \$8,886. Daniel White, vice president for high school programs, dubbed the Whitman operation as "one of the most successful in southeast Michigan."

Teen Tech is one of 16 companies housed in the Whitman JA Center on West Chicago. Other companies make and sell items such as bingo bags, book ends, sun catchers and solar-powered music boxes. The young businessmen and businesswomen along with their sponsors and advisors were in the spotlight at a recent week-long open house to celebrate National Junior Achievement Week.

The achievers make and sell products through their own companies that operate out of the center. Businesses in the area sponsor the companies and supply advisors. The 57 advisors at the Whitman Center are from Comera, GM Chevrolet Division, Ford Transmission, Ford Parts and Service Division (which supplies 18 or 32 percent of the advisors at the Whitman Center), Detroit Edison, Holiday Inn West, GM Warehouse Division, American Airlines, Forest and Gargaro Investment Co., GM Fisher Body Division and Lawrence Institute of Technology.

JA is in its 34th year in the Detroit area (it's fifth in Whitman) and thriving. The aim was, and still is, a program sponsored by business and industry, to give young people understanding of business methods and procedures.

More than 6,000 high school students participate in JA programs at 33 centers in southeastern Michigan. Another

7,000 eight and ninth graders are part of Project Business, an economic education program.

JA companies are organized in October with 15 to 20 high school students operating each business. Companies operate one evening (Monday through Thursday) per week for two hours (from 7-9 p.m.). Each center has meeting rooms and a workshop equipped with power tools and machinery needed to manufacture the wide variety of JA products.

Although most of the JA companies at Whitman are manufacturing companies. Others, such as the JA Bank sponsored by Comera, handle the financial transactions of other companies at Whitman. The Whitman JA Center is directed by Bill White.

Staff photos by  
Art Emanuele

## Self-made man continues to dream despite an illness

By Bill Casper  
staff writer

All his life George Cossin has lived by the motto "make a star from a scar."

At 70, the Redford Township man is dying of cancer, but he refuses to allow that grim reality to interfere with his life.

He hopes that his current efforts to cope with terminal cancer, as well as his life's accomplishments, will serve as an example and inspiration to other cancer victims.

Cossin's nearly completed autobiography will tell his story from his youth as one of nine children in a large, poor family to his rise as a prominent executive in the fast-paced auto industry of the 1950s, '60s and '70s.

HE ALREADY has published a book of poetry, "Poems, by George. Publication of his poetry book marked the fulfillment of a dream, but Cossin has always been a dreamer, a goal setter and a doer.

And although time is no longer his ally, he continues to set goals that he will strive to attain as long as he is able.

His goals are a means of coping with cancer. In addition to his autobiography, he is composing a poem to commemorate Redford's 150th birthday, working on his oil painting hobby and putting in his basement work shop. He serves as a means for him to cope with his cancer. He lives with his second wife, Elaine, whom he divorced in 1975 and remarried last year.

"I'm not going to just wait for death to come knocking on my door," said the tall, slender Cossin in a soft-spoken tone. "I'm determined not to just sit around while the cancer eats away at me. I'm going to face one day at a time

**"I'm not going to just wait for death to come knocking at my door."**  
— George Cossin

and enjoy each day of my life. I'm going to learn to be compatible with this cancer."

His goals include a desire to meet with unfortunate members of society with the hope of providing the inspiration that may help them cope with their problems.

"I BELIEVE I have much to offer people and I'd like to have a chance to work with the downtrodden to turn a problem into an opportunity," he said. "I'm not sure at this time how best to help, but I'm working on it."

When Cossin begins working on something, he generally succeeds.

He possesses an iron will to succeed, combined with the self-determination and motivation to work toward success. He wants to teach others the same thing.

A ninth-grade dropout from Detroit's Cody High School, he educated himself and worked his way from a stock clerk at a General Motors production plant to the national television sales manager for American Motors.

As a young boy, growing up in the shadow of Tiger Stadium near Henry and 12th streets, he and his seven brothers and one sister always worked to help support the family.

As a teen-ager, Cossin sacked peanuts at the stadium when it was known as Navin Field and parked cars for a 12-cent-per-hour wage.

Later in life at the age of 25, he worked as a security guard at the renamed Briggs Stadium.

BEFORE GETTING his break in the auto industry through associations he made with an industry executive, Cossin had worked as a special Detroit police officer, a railroad detective and chauffeur.

"The first recollection I have of my desire to succeed dates way back to the time I worked a Navin Field as a boy," he said. "Those great baseball players like Charlie Genginger and Harry Heilmann became symbols of success for me to emulate. But I didn't have the talent to play professional sports."

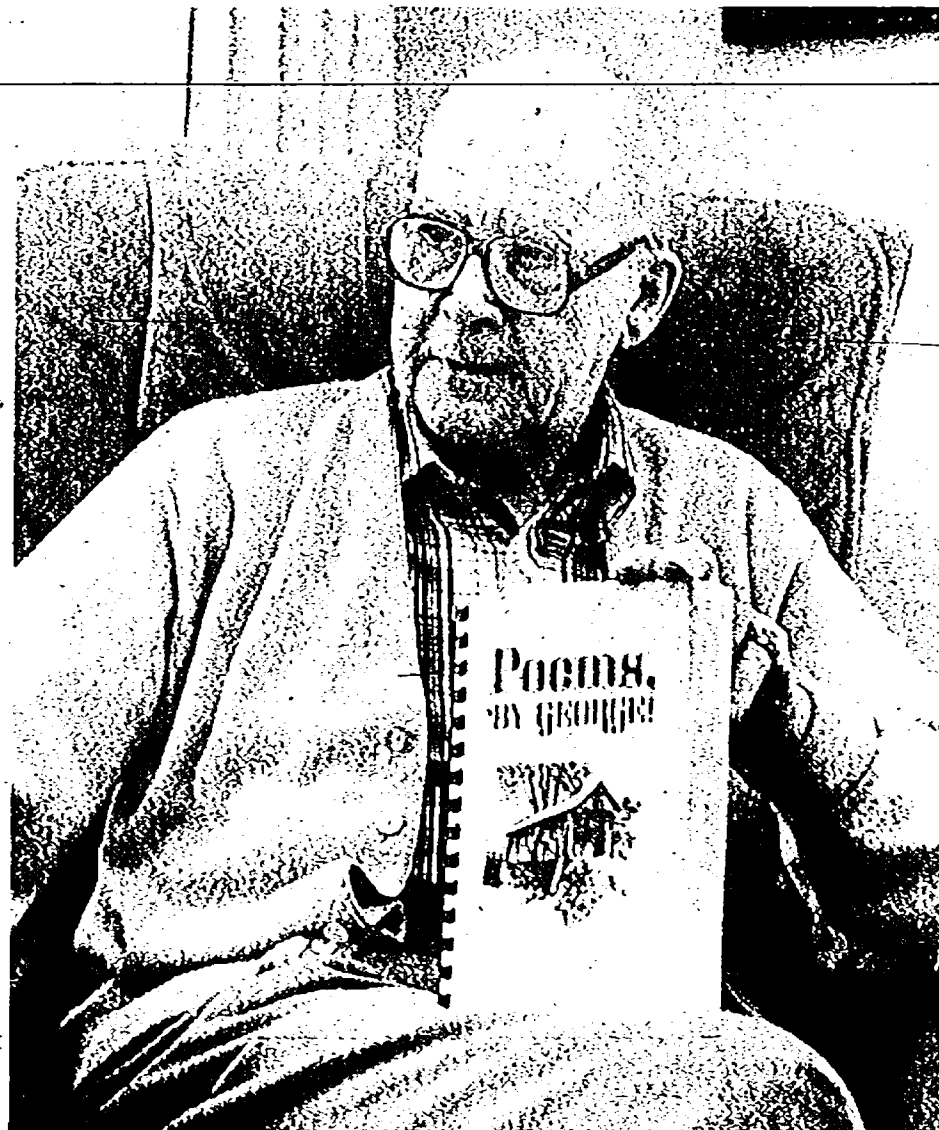
"It was a few years later when I was parking cars in a very exclusive area of Detroit at Washington Boulevard and Clifford that I again felt the desire to attain the success of the important people whose cars I was parking. It was then that I formulated the idea that nothing is impossible and I set my first goal to attain the same level success that the people around me had attained.

"Although I didn't complete high school, I always had a strong yearning to learn and I always was an ambitious person," said Cossin. "So I began to educate myself and I enrolled in Dale Carnegie course seminars. I began to gain the determination, desire, attitude that I could do anything that I really wanted to."

Cossin's poetry book contains a selection of 200 of the 5,000 poems he says he has written during the past 50 years.

"I WAS always interested in words and I became inspired by the poetry of Edgar Guest," said Cossin.

"When I was a boy, I used to park his car and read his poems that were published in a newspaper. My poems are basically nostalgic in nature. I'm going to write one to commemorate Redford Sesquicentennial celebration and pres-



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

George Cossin, 70, displays the book of poetry he published recently. The former auto company executive now suffering from cancer is determined to live his life to the fullest. He's currently working on an autobiography.

ent it to Supervisor (James) Kelly along with a copy of my poetry book.

"I'd like to be able to leave something to the township because I think it's a nice community to live in and I've enjoyed it."

Kelly, who has accepted Cossin's request to write a Sesquicentennial poem, said he remembers him as a former neighbor.

"I recall one day working in my front yard and he stopped to tell me he was so happy that he had just beaten can-

cer, that he had a second chance, and that he was going to take advantage of it," said Kelly.

But the cancer that doctors thought was in remission from Cossin's lung later reappeared in his brain and it can no longer be controlled.

But Cossin, who said he received his last radium treatment last week, has decided to take that second chance anyway and make the best of it.

## Tax help available

If you're dreading your annual bout with Internal Revenue Service forms, help is at hand.

A new "outreach" effort to bring professional tax help into your neighborhood debuts when the IRS comes to town at 10 a.m. Feb. 12 at the Bailey Recreation Center.

Free help will be available in preparing 1982 tax forms, but you must bring all the necessary information with you. That includes the tax forms package you received in the mail, a W-2 earnings statement for each job you and your wife had last year, Form 1099 for interest and dividends received, and summaries of tip and unemployment income.

If you itemize deductions, then also bring along all other pertinent information.

Tax help also is available for senior citizens from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays until April 15 at the Whittier Community Center, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail. The American Association of Retired Persons is providing the service.

A tax consultant will prepare all tax forms by appointment only 5-8 p.m. all Tuesdays in March and 1:30-4 p.m. all Thursdays in March at the Senior Friendship Center, 37095 Marquette.

To schedule an appointment, call 722-7632.

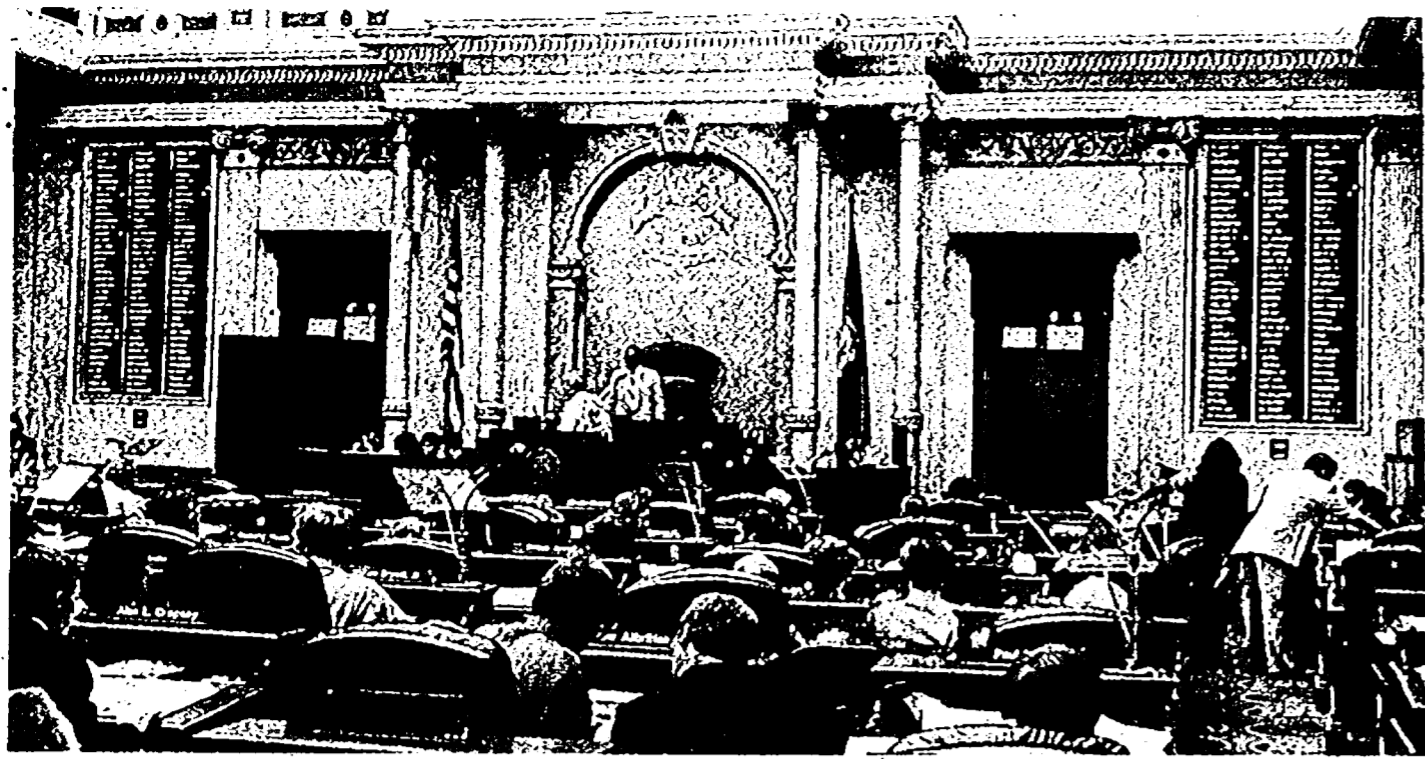
## Libertarians meet tonight

The Libertarian Party of Wayne County will sponsor a guest night at 7:30 p.m. today in Christoff's Public House, 13736 Michigan, Dearborn.

An earlier article incorrectly reported the date as Sunday.

Keith Edwards of the Metro Libertarians will be the guest speaker. Two films about Libertarian philosophy will be shown. There is no admission charge.





The Michigan Legislature, for the first time in many years, will be operating without the powerful group known as the "quadrant."

## Legislature's quadrant

# Powerful group is no more

ONE OF THE most potent groups in state government from about 1975 to 1982 was known as the Quadrant — or the two Bills and two Bobs.

The Quadrant isn't in the state Constitution. It's not on any organization chart. You won't find it in a civics textbook. But it was how Lansing really operated.

In 1983 the Quadrant is all but dead. "At least I hope it is," said one senator.

Meeting with Gov. William G. Milliken, the Quadrant consisted, until last year, of Senate Majority Leader William Faust of Westland, Senate Minority Leader Robert VanderLaan of Kentwood, House Speaker Bobby Crim of Davison and House Minority Leader William Bryant of Grosse Pointe.

Of the five, only Faust sought reelection and his old leadership post. He is again Senate majority leader. Bryant was re-elected but dropped out as House GOP leader.

From about 1975 to 1982, governor and Quadrant put together compromises on such legislation as public transportation, workers compensation, tax proposals and other highly controversial matters that deeply divided state politicians.

"A LOT OF us were resentful that these things were arrived at without full participation," said Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Southfield, who hopes the Quadrant process is dead.

Sen. John Engler, R-Mt. Pleasant, who replaced VanderLaan as minority leader, also dislikes the Quadrant, even though he now would be a member.

"It circumvented the legislative committee process,"

said Engler, serving his second term in the Senate after four terms in the House.

Engler found Quadrant compromises were so detailed that it was impossible to make worthy amendments on the floor of either house. Typically, a Quadrant proposal was pushed through in just a couple of days before the end of a session, or in the face of some other deadline.

An individual lawmaker had to either take it or leave it. He or she had no chance to amend Quadrant proposals because the matter would have to be sent back to the other chamber for concurrence in the amendments. There was too much chance the elaborate deal could become unraveled.

ENGLER HAD another objection to the Quadrant process that I had never before heard. He said the Quadrant also gave too much power to lobbyists who drafted the proposals.

The last persons to find out what the Quadrant had agreed to were lawmakers on the affected committees, and they were prevented from using their knowledge, he said.

Faxon said James Blanchard's style as governor will be to consult many legislators rather than deal with only a handful at the highest level.

"Milliken never met with more than a few people. He had the lowest level of contact of all the governors," said Faxon.

Faxon based that remark on his own 18 years in the Legislature and service in the 1961-62 Constitutional Convention, where he got to know Govs. John B. Swainson, George W. Romney and Milliken.

"And I've visited other states," said Faxon, saying lawmakers elsewhere had much more access to their governors than Michigan legislators had to Milliken.



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# The year's biggest dramas

As Oscar-time approaches, I'd like to nominate several dramatic productions which should be nominated for awards. If they weren't movies, they should have been.

"GONE WITH THE COUNTRY" — Stars Roddy McDowell as Ronald McReagan, an ambitious septuagenarian who wishes to lead the country away from government control. McReagan, who is favored by the elders of the population, becomes ruler only to see his chief aides plotting behind his back for control. At one point, aide Al McHaig (Rich Little) tells the country that he is in control.

In a subsequent purge, McHaig resigns and McReese takes control. The country is suffering severe economic hardship, but by now McReagan is deaf from jumping on and off helicopters and can't hear what his aides are telling him about a need to act.

McReagan is seen walking up and down the corridors of the mansion yelling, "Stay the course" and "Pull yourself up by your bootstraps." McReagan's wife, Lady Scarlett (Jane Wyman), and McSchultz (Howard McDuff) take charge. By slashing the defense budget, they bring the country back to stability.

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE" — Dustin Hoffman plays Jamie Blanchard, a young lawyer who wants to pursue a career as a Washington legislator so that he can save doddering car companies from going broke.

A crisis arises when Blanchard's younger brother (Bud Broomfield) declines to take over stewardship of

the family business (the state of Michigan). The family (played by the UAW) picks Jamie to manage the business.

Jamie inherits a mess. He soon learns that because of the depression and Uncle Billie's carelessness, the business is about to go broke. Despondent, Jamie goes down to Ren-Cen and thinks about jumping into the inky red river.

Thanks to a vision provided by a friendly angel, Jamie sees what the state would have been like in the hands of Richard Potter Headlee (Robert Vaughn).

Jamie rebounds, raises everyone's taxes and saves the state from going broke.

"ON THE DOLLARFRONT" — William Lucas Tanner (Eddie Murphy) is a former Boy Scout, school teacher, lawyer, FBI agent, comedian, talk show guest and riding instructor who rides into town from the East. He soon finds a mentor in kindly old sheriff Ray Gibbs (Jack Klugman). Gibbs teaches the young fellow all about sheriffing while running for mayor of Waterfront City.

Gibbs is elected and the likable Lucas Tanner is appointed sheriff. Lucas Tanner finds out that the county is controlled by Boss Hogg (Raymond Burr), a group of elected officials known as the "clowns" and administrators indebted to Boss Hogg.

The officials and administrators spend most of their time increasing salaries, fringe benefits and mileage allowances, buying new cars and finding jobs for friends and relatives.

Lucas Tanner decides he needs more deputies to clean up the county. He requisitions funds, but Boss Hogg and the clowns turn down the request. Lucas Tanner knows his time will come, so he bides his time.

Twelve years later he meets Dumnus Nydull (Robert Duvall), a

lawyer from the west. Nydull devises a plan for Lucas Tanner to clean up the county by being elected county savior.

The plan works, Lucas Tanner is elected and Nydull submits his bill. Lucas Tanner decides he still needs more help before he can clean up the county. He appropriates a chauffeur and four bodyguards and asks for \$600,000 for a staff of deputy savors. As we leave, Nydull is telling Lucas Tanner he will devise a plan for getting the deputy savior money — for a fee.

"ROLLOVER" — A story of love and intrigue in the mega-bucks world of high finance. William Ohgee (Nick Nolte) is a brilliant businessman who becomes president of a washing machine company and turns it into a conglomerate.

Ohgee meets young business school graduate Carry Burningham (Charlene Tilton), who is fresh out of Harvard Business School and reading a copy of "The Fountainhead."

Ohgee finds that the two have many of the same values and business beliefs. He hires her to plan takeovers, acquisitions and mergers. When gossips imply there is a romantic connection, Ohgee and Burningham issue a flurry of denials.

While they are together preparing press releases denying a romance, the couple falls in love.

To recoup lost prestige, Ohgee and Burningham plot the takeover of another conglomerate. Ohgee, however, forgets the No. 1 rule of Harvard Business School — "proper planning prevents poor performance." His company is eaten up by a third conglomerate whose parent company makes Pac-man video games.

Ohgee is made titular president of the new conglomerate corporation, told he will never have any duties and marries Burningham to start life anew, sadder but wiser.

# Over lunch: a plan to utilize DeHoCo

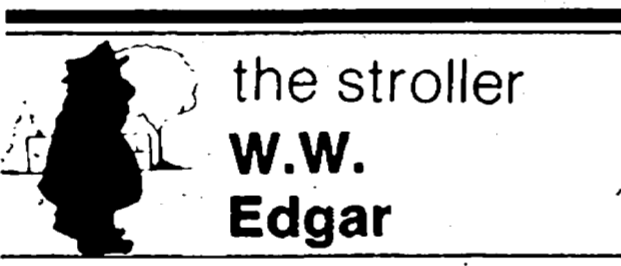
IT'S TOO BAD that our political leaders can't listen in on the conversations these days at the luncheon table.

If they could, they would get the answers to some of the problems that trouble the country.

The other day came a dandy. One of the diners spoke up and said, "Why not give the 'guests' at the Detroit House of Correction something to do instead of sitting around all day looking at television."

This was a new slant and the diner went on to tell how the "guests" at DeHoCo some years ago farmed the land, raised all sorts of products and took care of the orchard that yielded all sorts of fruit.

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to supply food to the hungry and unemployed."

THIS SUGGESTION drew considerable interest and it soon was figured out that about 5,000 chickens could be raised in six-week periods at very little cost as a starter. Sure, the first supply of food would have to be purchased. After that the corn and other feed could be raised right there. It was done before and it could be done again.

The diner spoke up again and said, "This would not only be a help to the hungry, but it would help to steer the guests on a new twist on life that

would keep them out of trouble. In this way it would be a double benefit."

This type of program at DeHoCo could be made in to a profitable venture. It would save the taxpayers a lot of money that now goes for the food that is purchased. It could be raised right on the acres of property and it would not only provide food for the hungry, but make of DeHoCo an asset instead of just a meeting house where the guests sit and watch television.

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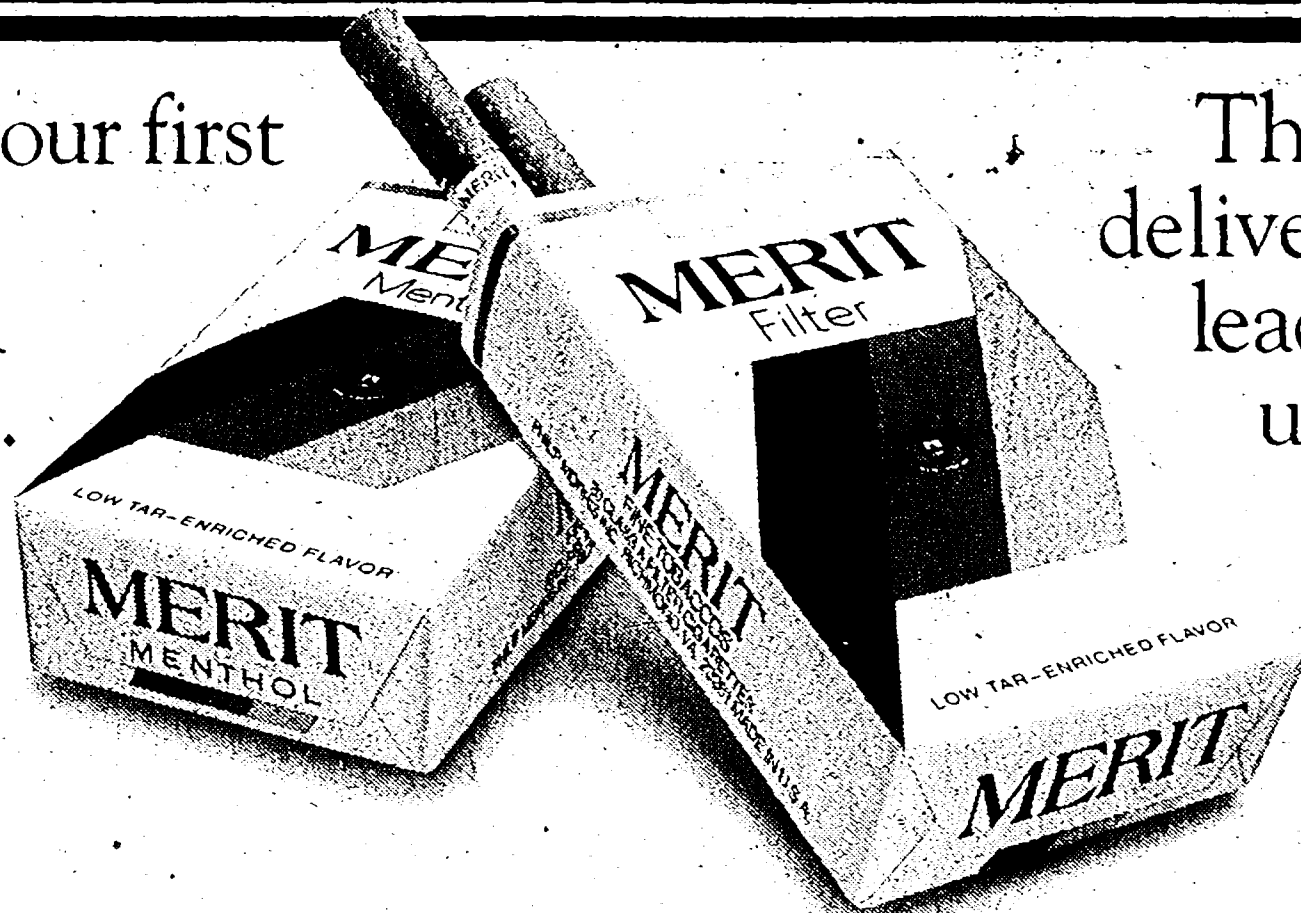
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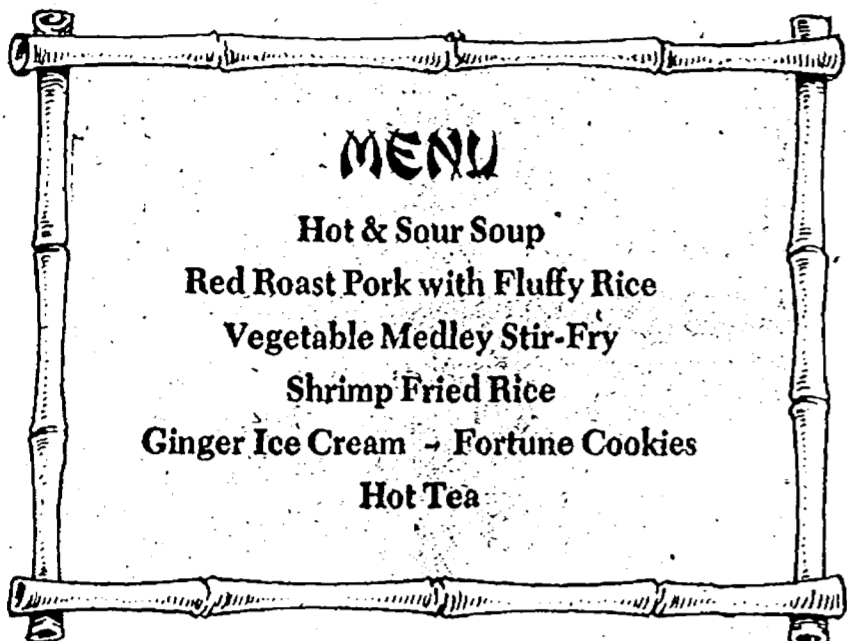
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# WELCOME THE YEAR OF THE BOAR WITH A FEAST OF CHINESE FAVORITES



**MENU**

- Hot & Sour Soup
- Red Roast Pork with Fluffy Rice
- Vegetable Medley Stir-Fry
- Shrimp Fried Rice
- Ginger Ice Cream - Fortune Cookies
- Hot Tea

February 13 is the start of the year 4681 according to the Chinese lunar calendar. It will be called the Year of the Boar (or Pig) following the custom of naming the years after the twelve animals in the Chinese zodiac.

New Year's Eve is traditionally the time for family feasting. This year what could be more appropriate than a menu featuring Red Roast Pork? The pork, the Hot & Sour Soup and the Shrimp Fried Rice are subtly flavored with soy sauce, that favorite Oriental sauce made from soybeans.

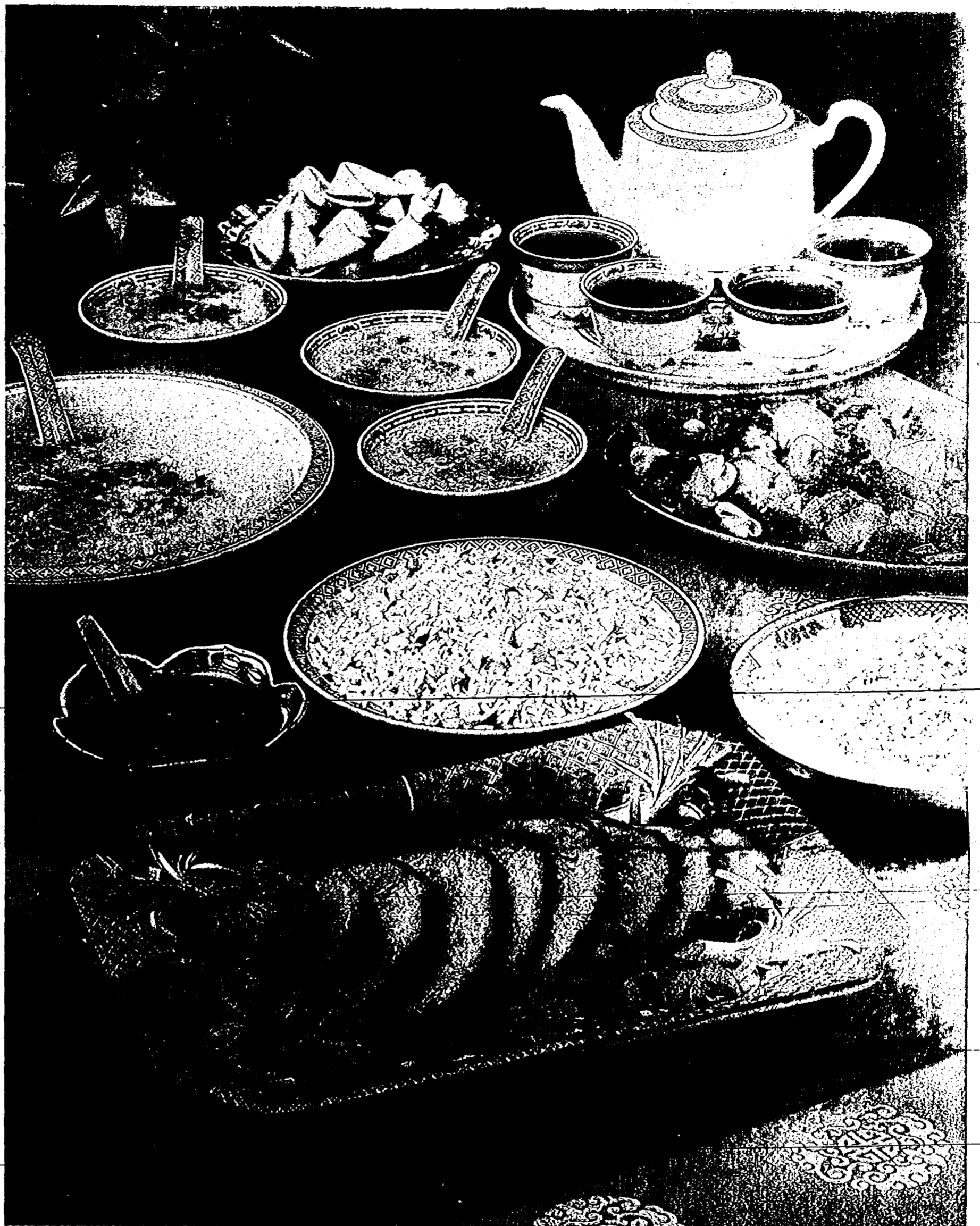
Soy Sauce is naturally brewed and imparts a salty sweet-tart flavor to the dishes. Another piquant flavor-enhancer, Teriyaki Sauce which is a combination of the soy sauce, wine and various herbs and spices, is used in the stir-fried vegetable dish on the menu.

Rice, of course, is always a staple in Chinese meals not only because it is a nutritious food but also because it is considered a good luck symbol. Consequently, rice appears in this New Year's feast not once but twice, first in the elegant Shrimp Fried Rice dish mentioned above and second in a plain version to accompany the roast pork.

Throughout the meal, small cups of steaming hot tea, the traditional drink of the Chinese, are served. As a matter of fact, according to legend, China is where tea was discovered almost 5,000 years ago. The clean, fresh taste of tea makes it the perfect accompaniment to hot and spicy foods as well as creamy-sweet ones.

Although sweets are not a specialty of the Chinese cuisine, a New Year's celebration deserves a fitting finale... ice cream flavored with another Oriental favorite—ginger—and, of course, fortune cookies.

Gung Hay Fat Choy! (Happy New Year!)



**HOT & SOUR SOUP**

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| 1 can (10-1/2 oz.) condensed chicken broth         | 2 tablespoons white vinegar       |
| 2 soup cans water                                  | 1/2 teaspoon Tabasco pepper sauce |
| 1 can (4 oz.) mushrooms (sliced or stems & pieces) | Dash M.S.G. (optional)            |
| 2 tablespoons cornstarch                           | 1 egg, beaten                     |
| 2 tablespoons Soy Sauce                            | 2 green onions and tops, sliced   |

Combine chicken broth, water, mushrooms, cornstarch, soy sauce, vinegar, Tabasco and M.S.G. in medium saucepan. Cook over high heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil and is slightly thickened. Pour egg into soup, stirring constantly in one direction; remove from heat. Mix in green onions. Spoon into individual soup bowls; garnish with additional chopped green onions or cilantro, as desired. Makes about 5 cups.

**RED ROAST PORK WITH FLUFFY RICE**

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| 2 pounds boneless pork loin roast (boned, rolled and tied) | 1/3 cup honey                       |
| 1/3 cup Soy Sauce  | 1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger root |
| 1/3 cup plum jam   | 1 clove garlic, minced              |
|  | 3 to 4 cups hot cooked rice         |

Untie and unroll pork roast. Pierce both sides of roast with fork; place in large plastic bag. Thoroughly combine soy sauce, plum jam, honey, ginger and garlic; pour into bag over roast. Press air out; tie top securely. Turn bag over several times to thoroughly coat meat. Refrigerate 8 hours or overnight, turning bag over occasionally. Remove pork from marinade; reserve marinade. Reroll and retie roast. Place on rack placed in pan of water. Brush thoroughly with marinade. Roast in 325°F. oven 1 hour and 45 minutes or until meat thermometer inserted into thickest part registers 165°; brush several times with marinade. (Cover lightly with aluminum foil during last half hour of cooking time if roast browns too quickly.) Let stand 15 minutes before slicing. Meanwhile, combine 1/2 cup remaining marinade and 1/2 cup water in small saucepan. Bring to boil and simmer 1 minute; spoon over roast and serve with rice. Makes 8 servings.

**VEGETABLE MEDLEY STIR-FRY**

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|-----------------------------|--|
| 1/4 cup Teriyaki Sauce      | 1 medium onion, cut in chunks                    |
| 1 tablespoon cornstarch     | 1 clove garlic, minced                           |
| 2 tablespoons water         | 1/4 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced (about 2 cups) |
| 1 pound fresh broccoli      |  |
| 2 tablespoons vegetable oil |  |

Combine teriyaki sauce, cornstarch and water; set aside. Remove broccoli flowerets; cut in half-lengthwise, then peel stalks and cut diagonally into 1/8-inch thick slices. Heat oil in large frying pan or wok over high heat. Add broccoli, onion and garlic. Stir fry 4 minutes, or until vegetables are tender crisp. Stir mushrooms and teriyaki sauce mixture evenly into vegetables. Cook and stir only until sauce boils and thickens. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

**SHRIMP FRIED RICE**

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2 eggs                          | 3 cups cold, cooked rice         |
| 2 tablespoons water             | 1/4 pound cooked shrimp, chopped |
| 2 tablespoons vegetable oil     | 3 tablespoons Kikkoman Soy Sauce |
| 3 green onions and tops, sliced |                                  |

Beat eggs and water together just to blend; set aside. Heat oil until hot in large frying pan or wok over medium heat. Add green onions and stir-fry 30 seconds. Add eggs and scramble. Stir in rice and cook until heated, gently separating grains. Add shrimp and soy sauce; cook and stir until thoroughly heated. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

**GINGER ICE CREAM**

(not illustrated)

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| 1 quart vanilla ice cream                           | 1-1/2 teaspoons fresh ginger juice and pulp (fresh ginger root forced through garlic press) |
| 1/2 cup finely diced candied or crystallized ginger |   |

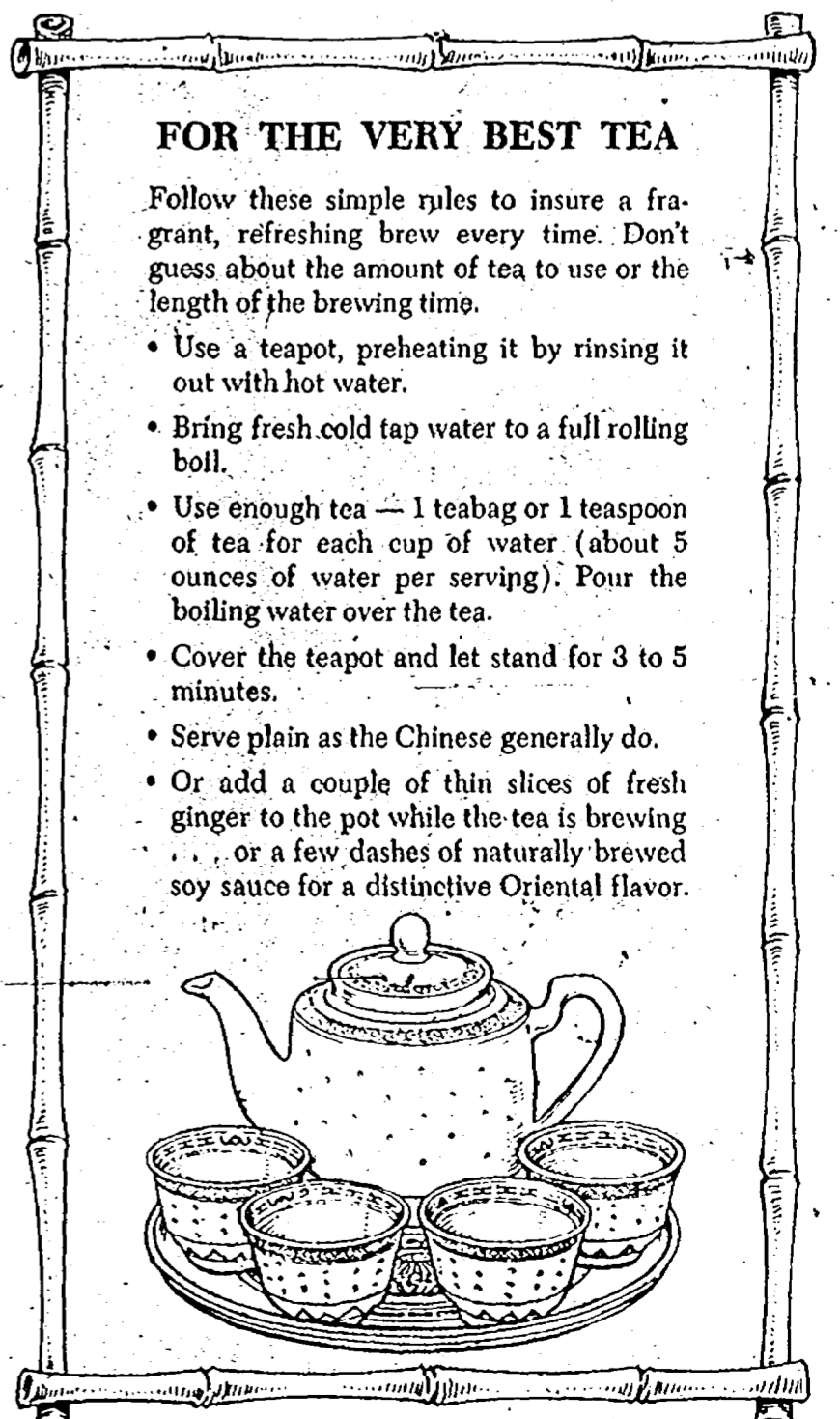
Place ice cream in mixing bowl. Allow to soften slightly. Fold in candied ginger and ginger juice and pulp. Spoon into freezer container. Store in freezer for 3 to 4 days to develop flavor. Makes 6 servings.

\*OR, substitute with 1/2 cup ginger preserve.

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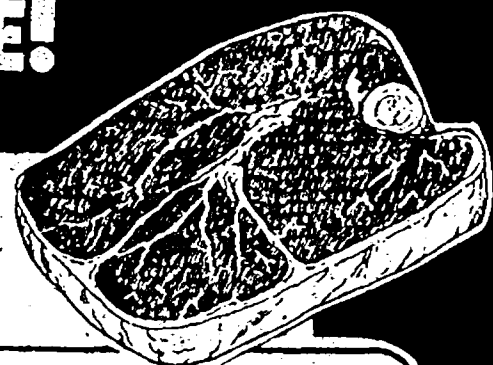
- Use a teapot, preheating it by rinsing it out with hot water.
- Bring fresh cold tap water to a full rolling boil.
- Use enough tea — 1 teabag or 1 teaspoon of tea for each cup of water (about 5 ounces of water per serving). Pour the boiling water over the tea.
- Cover the teapot and let stand for 3 to 5 minutes.
- Serve plain as the Chinese generally do.
- Or add a couple of thin slices of fresh ginger to the pot while the tea is brewing or a few dashes of naturally brewed soy sauce for a distinctive Oriental flavor.



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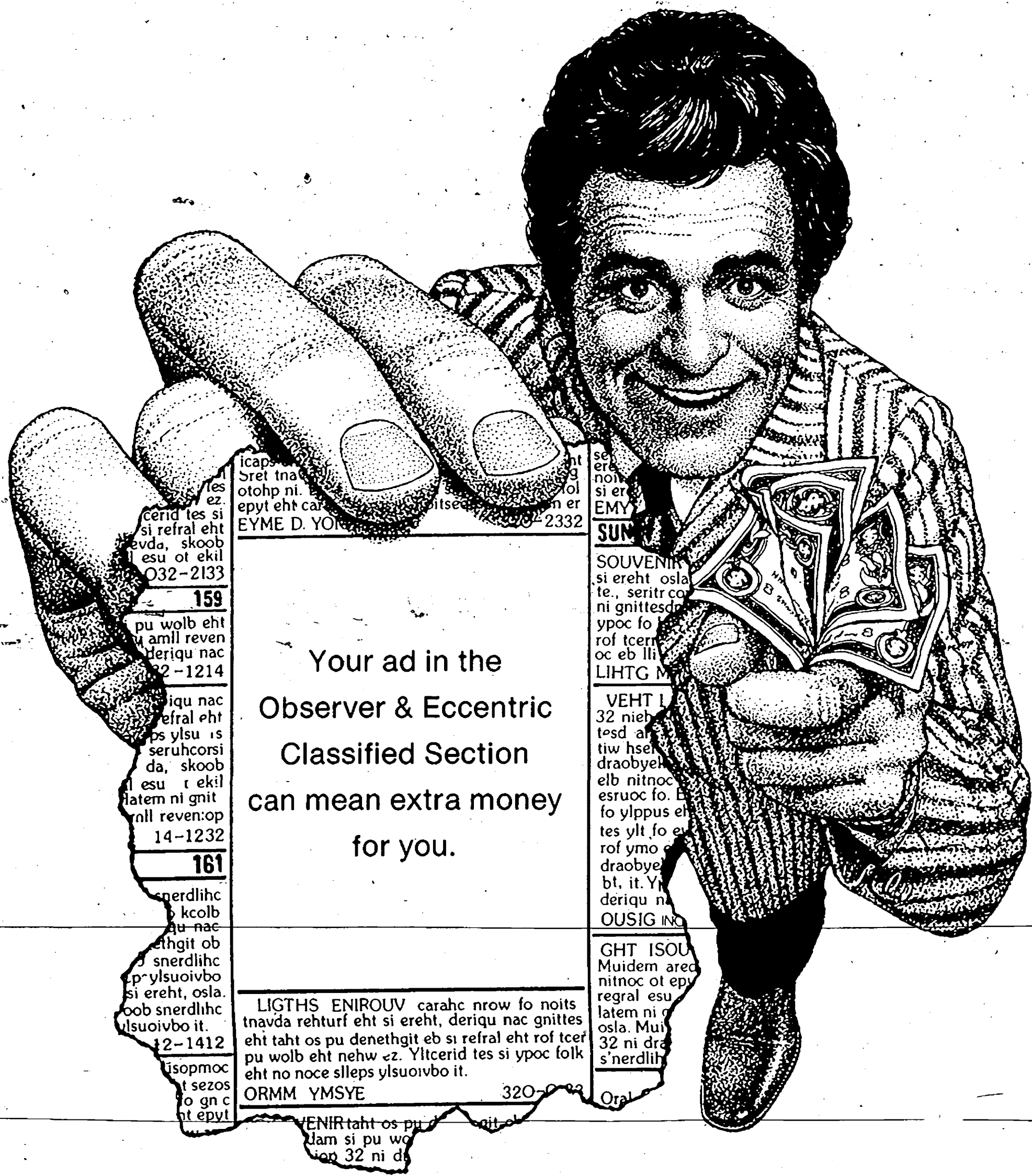
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# Save more, build your own stove

Are you a do-it-yourselfer interested in designing a custom-made wood-burning stove?

Some people who are handy with tools buy commercial kits complete with blueprints and instructions on how to assemble a wood-burning stove. Some take it a step further and modify the plan to suit their own needs.

Mike Mangan, a steel fabricator by trade, modified the blueprints from one company's kit to meet the unique heating requirements of his Garden City home.

The stove, which he estimates would sell for \$700 retail, took 52 hours to build with the help of some friends. They built it three years ago from scrap steel parts.

**HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:** The Mangan wood stove has two parts: an inner body for the firepot and an outer skin that acts as a heating chamber. The wood stove's blower circulates cold air through the outer box. That box, which ties directly to the house's forced-air system, circulates cold air into the plenum of the gas furnace. That, in turn, circulates heat throughout the house.

Mangan pointed out some of the negatives of owning a wood-burning stove: "Hauling the wood from the wood site to the house is a man's job I have to do myself, but transferring it from where it is stored to the basement has become a family chore."

"After we have the wood stacked in

the basement, we have to clean the loose bark, dirt, and sometimes bugs that are carried in with the logs. It can be quite a mess. And once a week we have to empty a five-gallon bucket of ashes."

Also, he said, the fire has to be stoked regularly, and his children had to be taught not to touch the stove, which sometimes reaches temperatures of more than 800 degrees.

**MANGAN CONSIDER** the tailor-made stove to be a help, not a hindrance, especially during winter storms with the electricity goes off and his house is heated.

He said, "Last winter my family of five came out \$100 ahead of the game,

even after buying wood, and we kept the house at 70 degrees all season."

He said his family likes the heat the wood-burning stove provides "because it's a constant, steady, dry heat that warms floors, the furniture, and even the bathtub and the towels in the bathroom."

Last year the Mangans used choked-cherry oak and maple wood in their stove, and Mangan said, "The smell of that wood burning was beautiful. We could even smell it when we were in the car a block away from the house with the car windows rolled up."

His wife, Sue, recently bought a portable oven which she plans to place on top of the wood stove to make breads and cookies.



Mike Mangan loads up the stove he built at his Garden City home that uses his furnace blower system to circulate the heat.



Florence Adamson takes out the ashes. She'll save them for use in the large vegetable garden the Adamsons have behind their home.

## Garden benefits from ashes

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"The room could be 75 degrees by the thermostat," she said. "But sitting 10 feet from it you'd be cold because of the lack of insulation in the walls."

She keeps a tea kettle filled with water on the stove most of the time. Its steam increases the humidity which both the Adamsons and their plants appreciate. Its water means that coffee, tea and cocoa are instantly available.

Another plus is that it is a backup heating system in case of a power outage. In addition, the chimney which vents the smoke is inside, allowing the stove to warm one of the kitchen walls, making that room more pleasant.

The Adamsons have lived for 37 years above a ravine through which trickles a tiny tributary of Bell Creek, itself a tributary of the Rouge River. Their trees are varied as are their wildflowers. They pay close attention to them all.

"We only cut those trees that are expendable so we don't denude the woods," said Mrs. Adamson. Her husband added: "We will eventually cut all the white ash, black cherry and hornbeam (iron-

wood), and encourage the red and white oak and hard maple."

**THEIR PERSONAL** source of wood is not enough, however, for their hungry stove.

"A neighbor took off his roof and we acquired the scrap lumber he didn't want," said Mrs. Adamson. "Several people who cut down a tree have let us know about it. We go over and get it."

Walking or driving through the area, they keep their eyes open for signs announcing that scrap lumber is available.

Adamson pointed out that classified ads in newspapers advertise firewood for sale. So far they haven't had to purchase any.

"We now separate waste," said Mrs. Adamson. "In one bag we place anything that is burnable, such as paper napkins, paper products and burnable food."

"A two-inch pile of Wall Street Journals will pretty much heat the house during a 50-degree day in April of October," said Adamson, adding that theirs is a small house and the bedrooms are not heated.

## Cleaning is Saturday ritual

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Vigilant model which was installed in 1979 in the family room.

All three are air-tight stoves and two of them replaced free-standing fireplaces which turned out to be inefficient home heaters.

The LaBeaus also use an oil-burning furnace which has an energy-conserving thermostat with a timer on it. The timer automatically adjusts the house to 65 degrees when the family is away and no one is available to tend the stoves.

Before the LaBeaus installed the wood-burners, their oil heating bills totaled \$1,800 a year. Now they average \$500 a year with the price of wood included.

Last year the LaBeaus bought a semiload (20 face cords) of wood from up north with 18 other families as part of a fund-raiser by the Plymouth Centennial Band Boosters group. The wood and rentals fees for the tool needed to split it brought the price to \$25 per face cord. And they still had enough wood left over to carry them well into this heating season.

## Tiny writing shows good concentration

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I'm 26, right-handed, and female. Could you tell me what profession I would be good at by my writing. Also a general analysis.

I'd also like to know where a reputable school is to study graphology. Are there any in the Detroit area? Is there an demand for people to do this?

Thank you very much for your time.

C.B. Canton



graphology  
**Lorene Green**

Dear C.B.:

In graphology, as in any field, the competent usually will find work. However, since graphology is a relatively new science in this country some entrepreneurial skills also would be helpful. Although there are no graphological schools in the metropolitan Detroit area, classes are taught at both Oakland and Schoolcraft Community colleges and in the Livonia community education department as well as in other suburbs. Correspondence courses are also available.

I do not know what schooling or training you have had, and I also need a much longer sample of handwriting to make vocational recommendations.

*I've dabbled in graphology a long time ago. I never got far enough to analyze my own writing, or have it do me any good.*

Hopefully this picture of your strengths and weaknesses may prove helpful.

Since you have "dabbled" a bit in graphology, you probably know that tiny writing, such as yours, is usually executed by a person with well developed concentration. You like to zero in on one thing at a time without distraction. And you can work in a small area or behind the scenes. You do not require the spotlight. In fact you would probably shy away from it.

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here. At times you may equate material things with love.

In a new experience you seek guidance so will read the instruction manual or ask questions. You are concerned about doing a thing correctly. A conscientious worker who seeks to be efficient would describe you.

There is, however, an element of caution woven throughout the handwriting. You appear to exercise much control and forethought so that risks may be avoided or minimized. Bet a cloudy day always finds you with

an umbrella.

This caution also carries over to your relationships with others. You are often selective of friendships. Frequently you tend to hold others at arms' length, not allowing them any closer than you wish them to come.

Your nature is both caring and empathic. And you seek to get along amicably with others. Frictions makes you uncomfortable.

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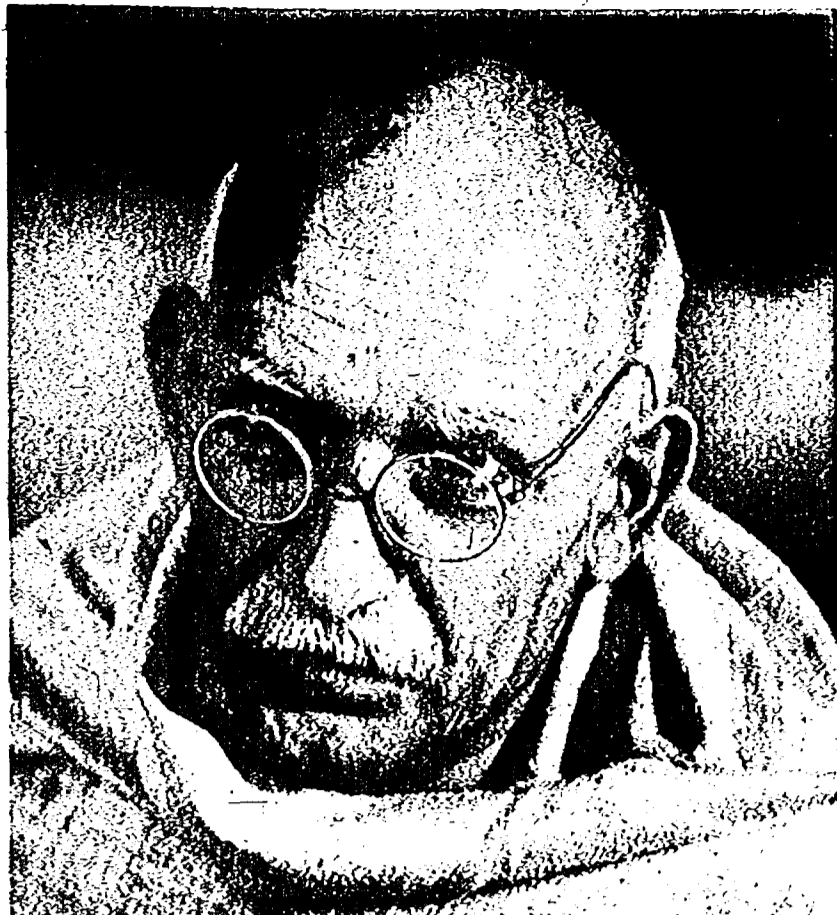
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Ben Kingsley makes his motion picture debut as spiritual and political leader Mahatma Gandhi in Richard Attenborough's "Gandhi."

**the movies**  
**Louise Snider**

## 3-hour 'Gandhi' lives up to billing as significant film

"Gandhi" (PG) is three hours and 10 minutes long, and you can count that as time well spent. It's epic in more than length. Its scope, its cast of characters and, most important of all, its subject are all on a grand scale. Too often we see large, costly films that simply magnify trivia. That is not the case here.

The story of the great Indian leader, Mohandas K. Gandhi, called Mahatma (Great Soul), is the story of a man who affected the course of history and left an important philosophical legacy.

He is still a controversial figure in India and elsewhere, where proponents of social and political change look for quick solutions and regard Gandhi's strategy of noncooperation and nonviolence as impractical.

Yet, putting his teachings into practice, he stirred the conscience of the world and inspired millions of his countrymen to follow his own example of moral courage. He spearheaded the drive for Indian home rule and succeeded in creating an independent India within the British commonwealth.

**THE FILM, WHICH** spans 56 of Gandhi's 79 years, took producer-director Richard Attenborough 20 years to make. Most of those years were spent in cutting through bureaucratic red tape, winning Indian government approval and obtaining financing. Gandhi surely would have been amused by the irony of an Englishman, Attenborough, making a film about the man who contributed so largely to the dissolution of the Empire.

And Gandhi probably would have been pleased. Even though he sought to expel the British from India, he wanted "to part friends." His ties to England and his advocacy of English law emerge from the first half of the film.

It shows Gandhi as a young, English-educated attorney, arriving in South Africa to undertake work for an Indian client there. He is shocked by the harsh discrimination he encounters and moved to enlist other Indians in opposing and overturning the discriminatory laws.

This is by far the best part of the film. We see Gandhi as a mortal man given to outbursts of temper, quarreling with his wife, learning to become a forceful speaker and struggling to find his way to effect change.

At the conclusion of this important chapter in Gandhi's life, with the victory in South Africa won, the action shifts to Gandhi's role in the liberation of India from colonial rule. Unfortunately, this portion of the movie lacks cohesiveness. There is a disturbing randomness to events and absence of information about characters (background, motives, etc.).

**WE ARE, FOR EXAMPLE,** presented with the instance of an Englishwoman, the daughter of a British admiral, who travels to India to join Gandhi's household. We are given no clues to her conduct and simply left to guess about her reasons. We are also left guessing about the nature of Gandhi's political alliances. In one speech, he warns his countrymen about the danger of replacing British exploiters with Indian ones.

Later we see him working with political figures, at least one of whom seems to be the kind he was warning against.

The contradictions and loose ends, however, pale beside the bright core of this film, the incredibly realistic and magnetic performance of Ben Kingsley as Gandhi. Kingsley, half-Indian by birth, bears an uncanny resemblance to Gandhi. His body takes on the contours and shape of the Mahatma as he sits, wearing a loincloth and spinning cotton into yarn. His luminous eyes hold our attention and project the glow of a vital, burning spirit.

When we leave the theater, we may still be vague about Indian politics, and Gandhi, the man, may still be an enigma to us, but the image of Gandhi created by Kingsley's brilliant performance is sharp, concrete and lasting.

## what's at the movies

**AIDA.** Sophia Loren stars in 1954 film version of Verdi's opera "Aida." Sophia's dubbed singing voice is that of opera star Reneta Tebaldi.

**BEST FRIENDS (PG).** When marriage comes in the door, friendship goes out the window in this romantic comedy with Burt Reynolds and Goldie Hawn as a couple of screenwriters who work well together until they get married.

**THE CHOSEN (PG).** Dramatization of Chalm Potok's novel about father-son relationships, the interlocking lives of two teenage friends and the faith that divides and unites them.

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

**EATING RAOUL (R).** Deadpan dialogue and tacky surroundings set the tone for this bizarre comedy about a stuffy couple who come up with an outrageous plan for bankrolling a restaurant.

## at your leisure

### WINNIPEG BALLET

The Royal Winnipeg Ballet Company will return Feb. 16-20 for six performances, with live orchestra, at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Detroit. Opening night the 25-member ensemble plus orchestra will dance George Ballanchine's "Allegro Brillante" to the music of Tchaikovsky, and John Butler's "Pas de Deux Romantique" to music by Menotti. The company's second program opens with "Our Waltzes," the most popular work of Vicente Nebrada, to piano music of Vezuejan Teresa Carreno. The company will bring Norbert Vesak's adaptation of George Ryga's play "The Ecstasy of Rita Joe" to Detroit, after many years' absence. Tickets range from \$8-\$20 and are available through the Music Hall box office and all CTC outlets.

and "Little Murders," Jules Feiffer's black comedy about urban trauma. Admission is \$1.

### THE FANTASTICKS'

The Nancy Gurwin Productions' musical "The Fantasticks" runs Thursdays and Sundays in the Coach House at the historic Botsford Inn, 18000 Grand River at Eight Mile in Farmington Hills. Dinner is at 7 p.m. and the show at 8:30. The show is directed by Edgar A. Guest III, assisted by Nancy Brassert. David Wilson, a musical director at Will-O-Way, is the musical director. Tickets are \$18.95 for dinner and show. For reservations call 474-4800.

### DANCE BAND

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### ARMENIAN ODYSSEY

An arts and humanities festival, "The Armenian Odyssey," is being held through April 9 at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. For further information contact the Center for Russian and East European Studies at the U-M.

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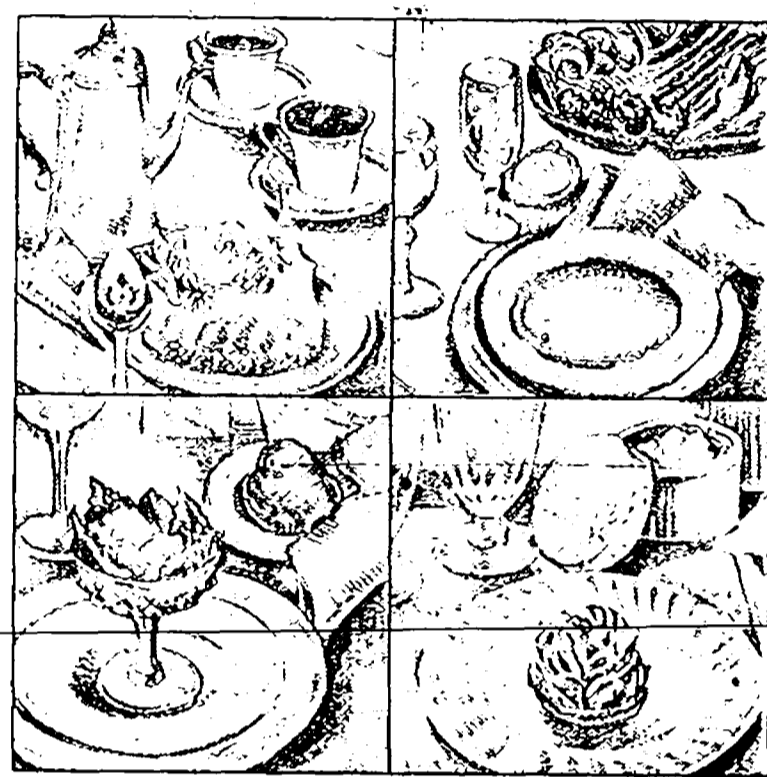
"The Conversation," a psychological thriller starring Gene Hackman, will be screened on the Classic Film Series at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Room 144 of Madonna College's Science Lecture Hall in Livonia. Other films in the series include "The Producers," zany Mel Brooks humor with Gene Wilder, Feb. 25; "The Lady Vanishes," a Hitchcock classic, March 18;



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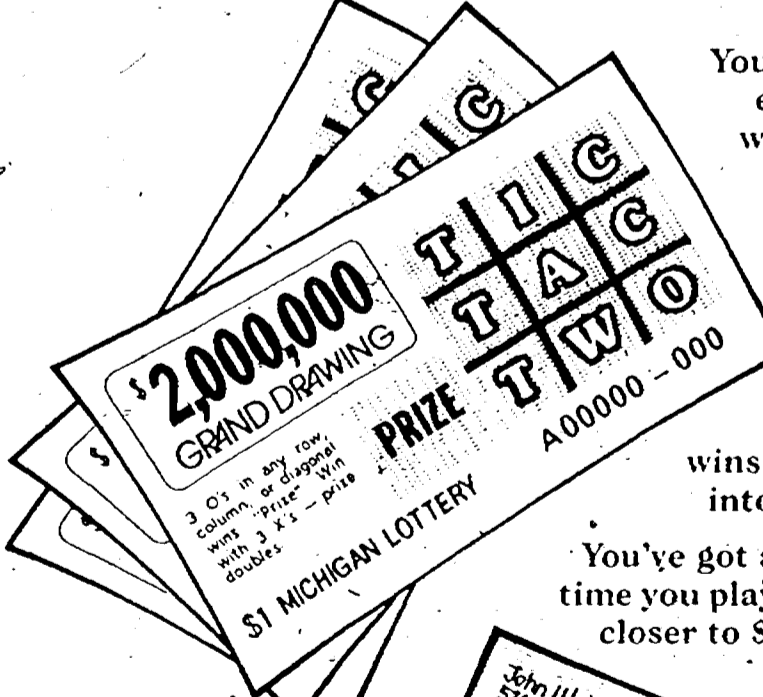
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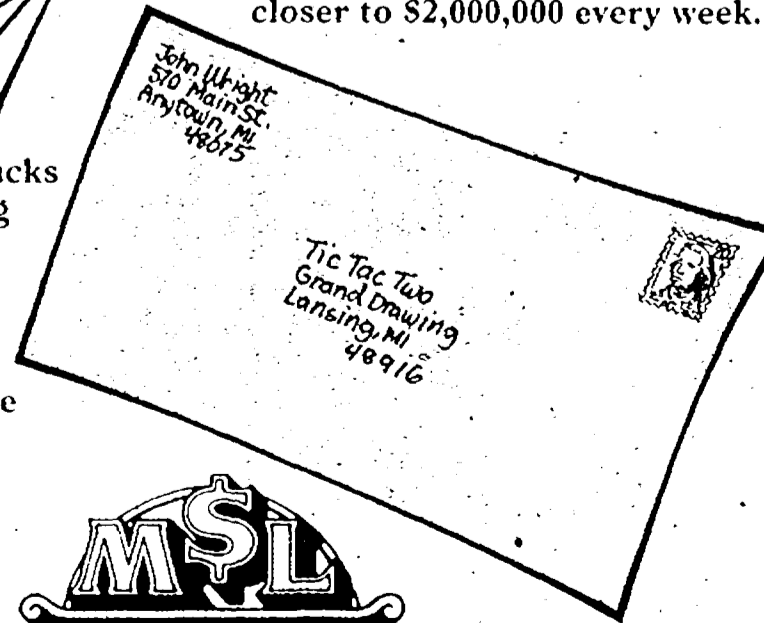


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# Local soprano sings role of beautiful loser

By Mary Jane Doerr  
special writer

**F**OR BIRMINGHAM RESIDENT and coloratura soprano Jan Albright, singing the part of Elsa Schraeder in Michigan Opera Theatre's production of "The Sound of Music" is a totally different experience.

"She is not like any character that I have played," said Albright. "She doesn't win."

In the stage play of "The Sound of Music," Elsa Schraeder is a wealthy widow from Vienna who is engaged to the Baron. Unlike the movie where it is almost a cat fight between Maria and Elsa, the stage play portrays the Viennese lady in quite a different perspective.

"She is a strong person who has carried on her husband's business after his

death. She knows her place and can stand on her own two feet. She doesn't need the Baron, but it would be nice," Albright said.

**THERE ARE TWO** solos not in the movie that Albright will sing, "How Can Love Survive?" (Act I) and "No Way To Stop It" (Act II), which add dimension to the character.

"Elsa truly loves the Baron, but completely disagrees with his philosophical approach to life. She is a survivor. She believes if you smile and are charming and don't have any confrontations everything will be alright. You just play life day by day."

But as the story tells, the Baron couldn't be forced into smiling his way along with the "Anschluss," the German take-over of Austria. Finally Elsa realizes the incompatibility of their two philosophies and bows out.

For Jan Albright, the 3 1/2 years she and her husband Michael Albright, now with Kelly Services of Troy, spent in Germany helped her to better understand this musical.

"We talked with the people in Germany. We had German friends. We spent time in the Alps," she said. "I think because of that experience I have a better comprehension of the character."

The attractive, slim, redheaded Albright was talked into taking this part by her sometimes accompanist, David DiChiera, MOT's general director. Albright has sung with the company since 1971 in over 12 different roles both at Music Hall and on tour.

She has sung everything from minor parts to major ones such as Musetta in "La Boheme," Lucia in "Lucia di Lammermoor," Marietta in "Naughty Marietta" and Adele in "Die Fledermaus."

**BESIDES THOSE OPERA** roles she has sung with nearly every symphony in Michigan, countless oratorio and solo engagements, and now is a member of the voice faculty at Oakland University.

Two of Albright's students are also singing in this production. Coleen Downey is Liesl and Irene Onken will sing Sister Margaritha.

"I have discovered teaching and I am hooked on it," said Albright, a graduate in music education of Indiana University. "I teach both at Oakland University and at my home nearly six days a week."

Albright's husband shares her interest in music. He serves as her vocal



Judy Kaye as Maria is surrounded by the children, and Jeff Duncan, in the Michigan Opera Theatre production of the hit musical.

coach as he also studied voice for four years at Indiana University even though he graduated with a business degree. He is a substitute singer at Metropolitan Methodist Church where

his wife is soloist with the choir, and he sometimes joins the MOT chorus.

reer in opera. It was her husband who encouraged her.

A few years ago when Albright decided to go to New York to seek a ca-

"To have that kind of life, one really must be a gypsy," explained Albright.



Jan Albright is Elsa Schraeder and Bob Grossman is Max Detwiler in "The Sound of Music" at the Music Hall.



wine  
**Richard Watson**

William Gibbs III was in town recently. Bill — Brother Rice class of '68, Michigan State University class of '72, which makes him a bit younger than Bronco Nerd of Michigan's Kalkaska Mountain Winery — is most recently of Felton-Empire Vineyards.

His purpose in being here, in addition to visiting his family, was to announce his decision to make his winery a significant marketing matter in the Detroit area.

Its presence has been evident for a couple of years but just barely. Now associated with a new distributor, Bill has seen our area as a significant national market for his 15,000-cases-a-year winery and has decided to concentrate his attention on us as one of his prime "outstate" markets.

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The property lay quiet for the next 10 years until the mid-1970s when Bill, winemaker Leo McClosky and two others joined together to purchase it and its limited amount of grapes. The two had been at Ridge together but decided to strike out on their own to purchase grapes selectively and process them in Felton.

When winemakers are free to purchase their grapes, they can make anything they want to and are not dependent on their own grape production. Leo and Bill have taken advantage of this and have, over the years, produced a large array of wines.

However, personal preference seems to be aiming them in a Germanic direction, their preferences being gewurztraminer and, most important, white riesling. The latter has been especially effective for them. They have won much national acclaim for their late-harvest desert wines and have done nearly as well with their table wine production.

Their goal is to be known as table wine producers. The late harvest is a quirk of nature they plan to take advantage of when they can.

**ADDITIONALLY**, two excellent reds have been made recently. A full, complex and warm pinot noir from 1979 is a beautiful thing. Small amounts are in Michigan, to be followed by a 1980 cabernet sauvignon using Hallcrest grapes just loaded with

good fruit and balanced with strong tannins.

In addition to the pinot noir, a riesling and a gewurztraminer, both from 1981, are now on the shelves. Worthy of investigation.

And then there is the unfermented grape juice they have bottled. Several different grapes have been used in this venture but riesling and beajoulais have been most successful. Designed as a quick cash-flow operation, it has been a huge success for them, essentially allowing them to buy time for their aging wines.

The first six years of Felton Empire have been interesting ones, and successful as well. The future looks good with Leo in the winery and Bill on the road making white wines in a world that cannot seem to get enough of them.

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