

Fine Arts Association sets exhibit Monday

- **GOODFELLOWS**
Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2 — Westland Goodfellows will hold its annual paper sale. Buy a paper and support the "No Kiddle Without A Christmas" fund.
- **CRAFT SHOW**
Thursday-Friday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1 — Senior adults will hold a Christmas Craft show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Dyer Senior Adult Center, 36745 Marquette at Carlson, Westland.
- **YULE DECORATIONS**
Friday, Dec. 1 — The Friends of the Nankin Mills will hold the second annual Christmas decorations ceremony at 6 p.m. in front of the building, on Ann Arbor Trail just east of Farmington Road. Guest speaker will be Channel 50 news anchorwoman Amyre Makupson. Santa and Mrs. Claus are scheduled to be on hand with caroling also planned. The Westland Host Lions Club will be selling a special Christmas edition of Christmas tree bulbs for \$10 each. The event is open to the public.
- **GRAHAM FAIR**
Saturday, Dec. 2 — P.D. Graham Elementary School will hold its Christmas craft fair 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the school on Hix south of Cherry Hill. All items are homemade, including candy.
- **GED TESTS**
Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 4-5 — Livonia Public Schools will offer GED tests 5-10 p.m. at Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard. For more information, call 523-9294.
- **ART SHOW**
Monday, Dec. 4 — Garden City Fine Arts Association will hold its art exhibit and sale at 7 p.m. in Sheridan Square Mall, 30000 Ford Road, Garden City.
- **FRANKLIN MUSIC**
Tuesday, Dec. 5 — Franklin High School Vocal Music Boosters will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Franklin High School's room 508, 31000 Joy.
- **WESTLAND GOP**
Wednesday, Dec. 6 — Westland Republicans will hold their Christmas social and meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Green Room of Hawthorne Valley, 7300 Merriman, just north of Warren. For more information, call 427-1056.
- **DESERT SOCIAL**
Wednesday, Dec. 6 — The Garden City Fine Arts Association will hold a dessert social and Christmas card demonstration at 7 p.m. at Maplewood Community Center, 31735

- Maplewood, one block west of Merriman.
- **JAYCEES**
Thursday, Dec. 7 — Garden City Jaycees will meet at 8 p.m. in the banquet room of the Silver Saloon, 5651 Middlebelt, north of Ford. For more information, call Tim at 721-3544.
- **YULE PARTY**
Friday, Dec. 8 — Wayne Westland School District Senior Adults will hold its Christmas Party at 12:30 p.m. in the Dyer Senior Center, 36745 Marquette, near Carlson. Cost is \$7. The party will include dinner, entertainment, dancing, and favors.
- **CHRISTMAS PAST**
Saturday, Dec. 16 — Memories of Christmas Past will be from 9 a.m. to noon in the Westland Helen C. Brown Historical Museum, 857 N. Wayne Road. Magician, Chris Moss will entertain the children. Photos with Santa will be available. There will be fresh evergreen wreaths, arrangements and hand-crafted items.
- **PINOCHLE**
Mondays and Tuesdays — Wayne Westland School District Senior Adults will hold Progressive Pinochle at 7 p.m. in the Dyer Senior Center, 36745 Marquette, near Carlson. Mondays at 1:30 p.m. and Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- **CONCERT BAND**
Wednesdays — The Westland Concert Band meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Marshall Junior High, 35100 Bayview, south of Cherry Hill east of Wayne Road. Musicians are sought for the newly formed band. Call Jim Frobe at 723-7386.

community calendar

Non-profit groups should mail items for the calendar to the Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The date, time and place of the event should be included, along with the name and phone number of someone who can be reached during business hours to clarify information.

- **BASKETBALL**
The Wayne-Westland YMCA is now taking basketball registrations for a league in which boys and girls in grades 3 through 6 will compete. Practice begins Dec. 4 at John Marshall Junior High. For more information, call the YMCA at 721-7044.
- **SWIM CLASSES**
Wayne-Westland schools leisure program will offer late fall swim classes including aquatic exercise, arthritis aquatic, family swim and tot swim. Also offered are two fitness classes and preschool art and story hour. Classes start in late November. For information, call 728-0100.
- **OPEN SWIM**
The Wayne-Westland YMCA has daily open swim available 7-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Family Swim is 8-8:45 p.m. Friday and 3-4 p.m. Saturday. The YMCA is at 827 South Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call 721-7044.
- **CO-OP**
Little People's Co-op Nursery is accepting applications for the new school year for 3- and 4-year-olds. Classes will be in Cleveland Elementary School, 28030 Cathedral, west of Inkster and south of West Chicago.

- Family YMCA, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Bob Preville will teach children's classes 6:30-7:45 p.m. and adults 7:30-9 p.m. For more information, call the Y at 721-7044.
- **ALZHEIMER'S**
An Alzheimer's support group will meet at 2 p.m. at the Westland Convalescent Center, 36137 Warren, west of Wayne. The group meets the fourth Thursday of every month. For more information, call Nancy Martindale, at 728-6100.
- **ANAMILO CLUB**
The Anamillo (which means "to speak again") Club meets on the third Wednesday of every month, 2-4 p.m. at the Garden City Education Center, 6701 Harrison. The club is a support group offering assistance, encouragement, companionship and mutual support to people who have lost their larynx to cancer and their families.
- **DIABETES**
A "Diabetes Support Group" for diabetics and their families meets 7-8 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Garden City Hospital Health and Education Center, 6701 Harrison. The Diabetes Outpatient Education Department sponsors this program.
- **FOOT CARE**
Basic foot care clinic every Tuesday at the Friendship Center, Linden Conference Room, 1119 N. Newburgh. The service is free for people with Medicare coverage and \$15 for others. Transportation is available. For more information, call 722-7632.
- **CPR**
Wayne-Westland schools' leisure program will offer CPR classes for children throughout March. The class is aimed at children age 10 and older. To register, call 728-0100.
- **HYPERTENSION**
Mondays, Thursdays — Blood pressure tests are provided by Annapolis Hospital and Westland Medical Center Mondays 10 a.m. to noon and by Home Health Care on Thursdays 9-10 a.m. at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh at Marquette.
- **FRIENDSHIP BINGO**
Tuesdays — Westland Friendship Center's bingo through Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 1119 N. Newburgh. Donation is \$1 plus any extra cards. Lunch reservations required 24 hours in advance.
- **PINOCHLE**
Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays — The Dyer Senior Adult Center in the Wayne-Westland school district has pinochle at 1:30 p.m. Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 1 p.m. Fridays in the center on Marquette at Carlson.

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obituaries

NORMA MAY STAFFORD

Services for Ms. Stafford, 56, of Westland are scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday at the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home, Newburgh at Marquette, Westland, with the Rev. Robert Millar to officiate. Visitation will be continue from 2-9 p.m. today.

Ms. Stafford, born Oct. 19, 1933, in Canada, died Nov. 28 in St. Joseph Hospital, Superior Township.

She is survived by two daughters, Karen and Suzanne, both of Westland; two grandchildren; mother, Mrs. Pearl Prosser of Dearborn; two brothers, Art and Earl Prosser, both of Dearborn; and a sister, Joan McNutt of Westland.

Memorials may be sent to a charity of the donor's choice.

MAY MARGARET RUCKER

Services for Mrs. Rucker, 69, of Westland were held Nov. 18 from the Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home, Westland, with the Rev. Robert Millar officiating. Cremation was at United Memorial Gardens, Superior Township.

Mrs. Rucker, a native of Dundee, Scotland, died Nov. 16 in Westland. She and her family arrived in Detroit when she was 13, moving to

Westland last summer. Before retirement, she was a clerk.

She is survived by a daughter, Carol Ann Edwards of Westland; three grandchildren, Mary Norman of Redford Township, Sharon Wilson of Westland, and Roy Edwards of Westland; and two great-grandchildren, Jason and Aaron Wilson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, who died in 1983.

Memorials may be sent to the Angela Hospice, for which envelopes are available at the funeral home on Newburgh at Marquette.

RANDY C. FIELDER JR.

Services for Mr. Fielder, 18, a former Westland resident who moved to Caro, Mich., nearly two years ago, were held Nov. 16 from the Collon Funeral Home, Caro. Rev. Ronald Whitwell officiating. Burial was in the Indianfields Township Cemetery.

Mr. Fielder died Nov. 10 in his home. He attended high school in Westland before moving to Caro and enrolling at Caro High.

Survivors are his parents, Randell and Rebecca Fielder, brother, Mark, and grandparents, Lawrence and June Waltrip of New Port Richey, Fla., and James and Madge Fielder of Belleville.

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- Who's sponsoring it?
- Who are the participants?
- When is it taking place?
- Where is it occurring?
- At what time is the event scheduled?
- Why is this event taking place?
- Where can people buy tickets?
- How much is admission?
- Who can the public call for further information?

Please provide the Observer with the name and telephone number of a person with whom we can verify the information.

If you are submitting a photo for our consideration, please keep in mind that black and white pictures reproduce the best. Snapshots of large groups don't reproduce well and aren't considered suitable for publication. As a rule we don't publish photographs depicting the presentation of checks or plaques.

If you want us to return a photograph, please indicate this on the back of the picture.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Yule preparations

The historic Nankin Mills is being prepared for the second annual Christmas lighting ceremony, scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday. The Friends of the Mill, a private, support group, is sponsoring the event, which will include

caroling and refreshments. The ceremony is free and open to the public. The mill is on the south side of Ann Arbor Trail, just east of Farmington Road.

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Group calls on newspapers to use recycled paper

By Wayne Post
staff writer

News must be fresh, but newspapers need not — at least according to a resolution recently adopted by the Conference of Western Wayne.

The multi-community group is calling on local daily and weekly newspapers to make greater use of recycled paper.

Recycling newspapers is seen as a key to reducing America's trash flow. So far, however, the number of papers recycled has far exceeded the number of newspaper companies

willing to use the second-hand newsprint.

"It's no secret there's a tremendous glut in recycled newspapers," CWW executive director Daniel Gilmartin. "We're asking papers that circulate in our area to do what they can to help relieve that glut."

The CWW represents Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford and Westland, among other communities.

Copies of its resolution were sent to all newspapers publishing in CWW communities as well as to the Detroit Free Press and Detroit News.

Thus far, Gilmartin said, he has yet to hear any response.

"WE HAVEN'T heard, but we hope newspapers are at least thinking about recycling," he said.

As much as 30 percent of the newsprint used by the Observer & Eccentric chain has been recycled, general manager Richard Isham said. Its newsprint, bought from an Ontario supplier, contains a mix of virgin pulp and recycled paper.

"We're experimenting with more recycled paper," general manager Richard Isham said. "The problem

is, we have to be sure it can run on a press our size. Recycled paper tends to be weaker."

On Sept. 28, the O&E published all six of its Wayne County editions on recycled newsprint, to coincide with a series of articles focusing on solid waste issues.

Among other western Wayne County publications, the Dearborn and Dearborn Heights Press & Guide newspapers have been entirely printed on recycled newsprint for most of the past year.

"There's been no complaints that I'm aware of," said company spokes-

man Bob Riddell.

Sue Willett of the 40,000 circulation Associated Newspapers chain said her company's six papers were among the first in Michigan to use recycled newsprint.

"We used it a minimum five years ago," she said.

While Willett had no figures available as to how much recycled newsprint is used, she said the company's printer is under orders to use recycled paper whenever possible.

"Quite frankly, we prefer it," she said. "It's much whiter and it holds the ink much better."

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Motorcycle classes set

Motorcycle safety classes will be offered this month through Schoolcraft College's continuing education services division.

A motorcycle rider class is being offered for riders with limited experience. Motorcycles are provided, though riders must bring their own protective gear. Classroom and riding range instruction is offered. The class meets 6-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 2-3. The fee is \$150.

Performance-based better biking is being offered for both unlicensed and licensed motorcyclists. Riders can improve their skill in braking, turning and avoiding obstacles. Successful completion will exempt students from the Secretary of State Alternate Motorcycle Operator Skills Test. The class meets 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. The fee is \$65.

Additional information is available by calling 462-4448. Schoolcraft is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia.

Holocaust talk focus

Dr. Leon Bass, a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council Education Committee and a witness to the liberation of Buchenwald, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Jewish Community Center, 6630 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield.

Bass' talk, "Is the Price Too High?" is sponsored by the Holocaust Memorial Center.

Bass was with the 183rd Engineer Combat Battalion near the end of World War II and was present when the Buchenwald concentration camp was liberated. After the war, he obtained master's and doctoral degrees from Temple University.

Bass has lectured at numerous universities in the United States and Canada and was a delegate to the International Liberators Conference in Washington, D.C.

He has been cited for his educational efforts by numerous organizations, including the Jewish Welfare Federation of San Francisco, B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Congress.

The talk is open to the public without charge. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Holocaust Memorial Center at 661-0840.

Bell will offer safety service

Michigan Bell will soon offer a service providing a 24-hour security alarm for homes and businesses, officials said.

The program, called Scan-Alert, allows normal telephone lines to be connected to the alarm system. New equipment in company call processing offices will monitor the system through telephone lines.

Unlike other alarm systems that go off when an incident occurs, Bell officials said, the Scan-Alert system provides continual monitoring.

The system can also be used to report medical emergencies. Ill or elderly people can summon help by pushing a button on an optional transmitter.

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Fundraiser to aid crime victims

Judge Michael J. Talbot of Detroit Recorder's Court is a known friend to victims of crime.

A member of the bench since 1980, Talbot, 44, a Livonia native noted for tough but fair sentences, helped author Michigan's Crime Victim's Rights Act in 1985.

"He doesn't believe a criminal should just be able to walk free," said Sheila Mandt, a rape victim from Birmingham who is helping organize a dinner-dance on Jan. 13 at the Roostertail in Detroit.

THE EVENT, intended to raise

money for the Michigan Victim Assistance Network, is expected to generate \$30,000, or slightly more than the amount needed if the network is to continue training law enforcement and judicial professionals involved with victims of crime.

Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair, Jeff Steffe of the Michigan State Police and William Van Regenmorter, the state representative who sponsored Crime Victim's Rights legislation, are keynote speakers for the evening.

It is hoped that large corporations will underwrite the price of tickets, permitting attendance by members of such organizations as the Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Common Ground and Parents of Murdered Children, who otherwise could not afford it, Mandt said.

Tickets are currently on sale. For tickets, call 1-800-875-5500 or 540-3545, or send a check to Fundraiser, Victim Assistance Network, 4410 East Kalamazoo, Lansing 48912. Network memberships are also available at \$25 each.

Funding cuts hurt program

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cording to Van Regenmorter, who said victim rights are guaranteed as of January 1988 by the state constitution.

"We take care of the victim from the time of the crime all the way through, including notification in the event of a prison escape," Van Regenmorter said.

Until recently, the Network received some \$25,000 annually in grants from the Michigan Justice Training Commission, nearly half of the organization's annual operating budget. However, new criteria has eliminated this source of funding and the Network is now dependent on membership dues and other contributions.

"Training is an obvious aspect, if the language and the spirit of the law is to be implemented," Talbot said.

Van Regenmorter agrees, adding "if training is not presently funded under the law, it should be. I intend to investigate the situation and, if necessary, correct it."

Stempien tapped for California court lecture

Wayne County Circuit Judge Marvin Stempien was selected to be a guest lecturer this month for judges of the San Diego Superior court.

Stempien was scheduled to discuss improvement in docket management

made in Wayne County courts since a computerized system was installed in July 1986.

Stempien, a Plymouth Township resident, has been a circuit court

judge since May 1983. A graduate of the University of Michigan and the Detroit College of Law, he served as a Livonia-area state representative from 1965-72.

Others join state's check lane effort

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program does not deter impaired driving, he said.

"These things make for good PR and good politics, but they don't work," he said.

IN THE friend of the court brief, the state and local government groups cited a National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration study that contends drivers are more fearful of being caught in a roadblock than by a patrolling officer. Most people think they can drive carefully enough not to attract attention even if they've had too much to drink, the study said.

But even if the program does little good, the Supreme Court never

has based a constitutionality ruling on whether a program or technique is successful, the brief said.

Checkpoints don't violate the Fourth Amendment, as police have no discretion over which cars to stop, the brief said. When a checkpoint is in operation, all drivers who pass through must be treated the same way.

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Meteor showers twinkle in December skies

Everyone knows that the start of winter (and the shortest days of the year) occurs in December. This month's events also include two meteor showers, Venus at its brightest and an opposition of Jupiter.

Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn are evening planets this month. Mars will be visible before sunrise. The length of the day decreases by 11 minutes this month. On Dec. 1 the sun rises at 7:42 a.m. and sets at 5:01 p.m., for a possible nine hours and 19 minutes of sunlight. On the 31st these times are 8:01 a.m. and 5:09 p.m. for a possible nine hours and eight minutes of sun. (All times are Eastern Standard Time.)

Face southwest, 45 minutes after sunset, on Dec. 1 to see a nice grouping with the moon, Venus and Saturn. Venus is the brilliant "star" to the south (left) of the moon. Saturn is about the same distance to the west (right) of the moon.

On the following night, the moon has moved to the south of Venus. (Keep watching Saturn during December. Later this month it will help you find Mercury.)

Use a small telescope to observe Venus before total darkness. You may be surprised to see that planet looking like a one-third crescent

moon. Venus, like the moon, reflects the light of the sun and has phases. Watch Venus during the month and you'll see its phase growing smaller.

The moon is at first-quarter phase at 8:26 p.m. Dec. 5. It is one-quarter of its way around the earth.

JUPITER'S FOUR largest moons will put on a nice display on the evening of the 8th. They will be lined up with Io (EYE oh) and Europa (yur OH pa) to the east of Jupiter, Ganymede (GAN ee mead) and Callisto (cal LIS toe) will be on the west.

On the next night, all four moons will be aligned to the west of Jupiter. These largest moons are visible through binoculars, so don't let the lack of a telescope stop you from observing.

Look for Jupiter in the east-northeast, two hours after sunset. It looks like a very bright star in the constellation of Gemini (GEM in eye).

The moon is in the constellation of Taurus on the evening of the 10th. Below and to the left of the moon is the beautiful Pleiades (PLEE a dees) star cluster. The Pleiades looks like a tiny dipper, but the light scattered by the moon will make the cluster difficult to see.



skywatch

Raymond E. Bullock

About 14 degrees below the Pleiades is the star Aldebaran (al DEB a ran), the orange-red "eye" of Taurus. On the night of the 11th, the moon forms a triangle with the Pleiades and Aldebaran.

Full moon occurs at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 12. The moon will be fully lighted by the sun tonight and rise in the east northeast as the sun sets in the west southwest.

When the moon is full, it is always opposite the sun. Since the sun is at its lowest in the sky for the year in

December, this full moon will be at its highest for the year.

WATCH THE MOON move through Gemini from the 12th through the 14th. The full moon is about 12 degrees above Jupiter on the 12th, and five degrees to the left of Jupiter on the 13th.

On the 14th, 2 1/2 hours after sunset, the moon forms a straight line with Pollux (PAUL lux) and Castor, the "heads" of the twins.

The first of this month's two

meteor showers reaches its peak during the predawn hours of the 14th.

The Geminid (GEM in nid) shower is named for the constellation of Gemini, from which all the "falling stars" appear to radiate. The Geminid shower is one of the years best, with as many as 50 meteors visible each hour.

Also on the 14th, Venus attains its maximum brightness. The planet is so bright, some people claim they have seen their shadows cast by Venus-light.

If you have been keeping track of Saturn, you can use it to locate Mercury. Mercury will be 2 1/2 degrees below Saturn on Dec. 16. Both objects are low in the southwest, 45 minutes after sunset.

You may need to use binoculars to find them in the glare of evening twilight, and you will certainly need

an unobstructed horizon. Mercury will be slightly higher in the sky within a week, but Saturn will be long gone.

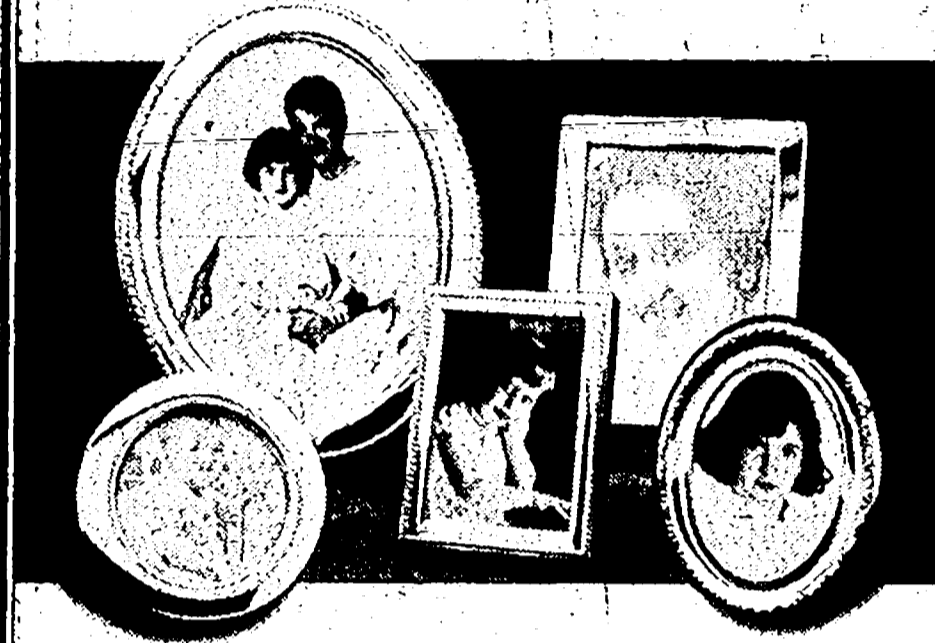
The moon is high in the southwest 45 minutes before sunrise Dec. 17. The bright star above the moon is Regulus (REG u lus), the "heart" of Leo the lion.

By the morning of the 18th, the moon has passed Regulus. On the 19th, the moon is below the star Denebola (da NEB oh la), the "tail" of Leo.

The moon is officially at last quarter phase at 6:45 p.m. Dec. 19. It is beginning the last quarter of its orbit around the earth.

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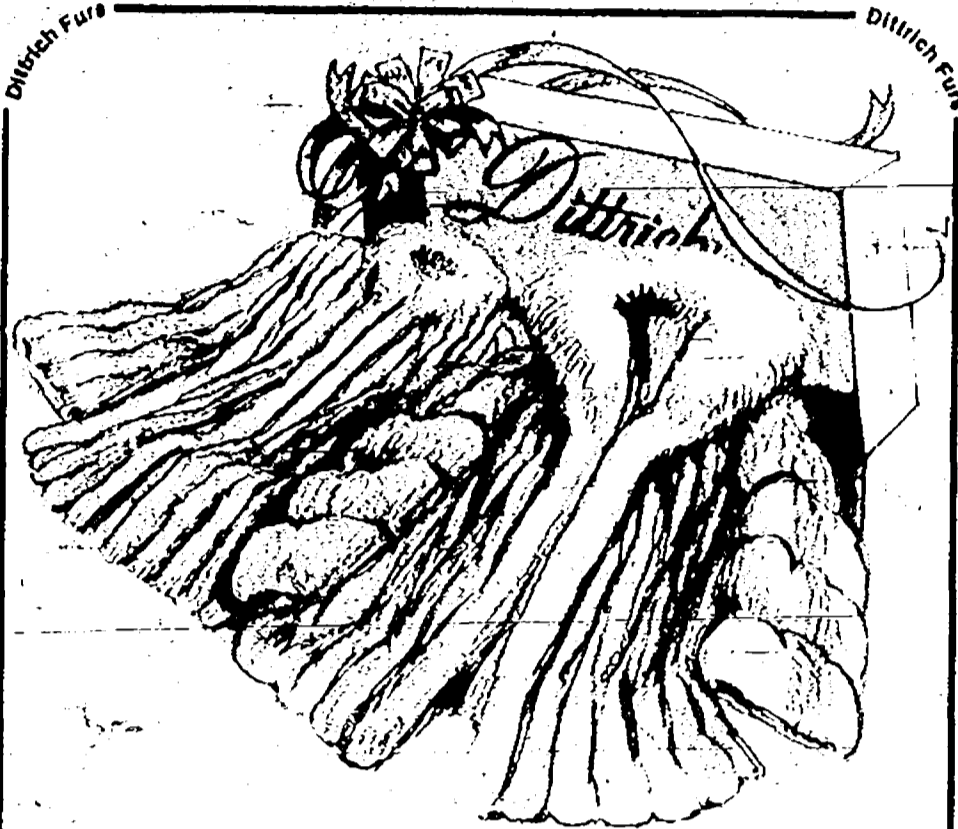


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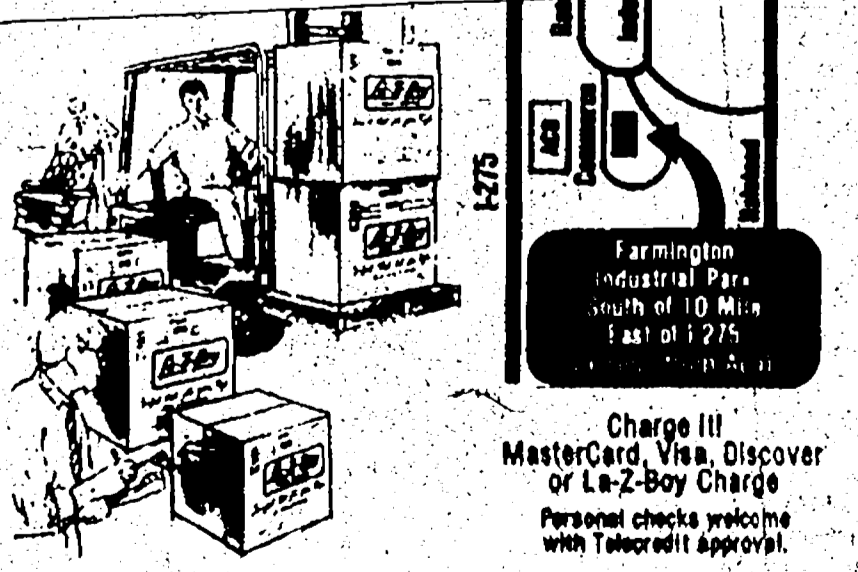
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Tough decision

Julie's parents
opt for surgery

Day of surgery photos, 3B

By Rebecca Haynes
staff writer

FOUR-YEAR-OLD Julie Waddell loves to play with her Barbie dolls. She also likes her books and puzzles and going to preschool.

In fact, the oldest of three daughters born to Bob and Glenda Waddell, Julie is a bright, curious youngster with a promising future.

She has also been through more extensive surgery than most people experience in their lifetime.

Julie was born with a condition called cranial stenosis. Simplified, this meant one side of her face, especially her forehead and eye socket, was slightly recessed.

"Most people probably wouldn't have even noticed that anything was wrong," Bob said. "It was difficult to make the decision as to whether she should have the surgery because of it. We had to look at case studies and try to see what might happen as she got older."

No one can predict how a child with this condition will look as they age. In some of the case studies the Waddells saw, the child's appearance worsened.

"Society is so keen on appearance," Bob said. "We had to know that we'd done everything for her we possibly could."

THEY NOTICED the problem when Julie was 4 or 5 months old, Glenda said. A series of tests showed that the condition was not caused by genetics and that Julie's brain was not affected.

"It was just one of those things. We don't know why it happened," Glenda said.

"I cried at first. I think naturally you feel guilty, like maybe you did something wrong during your pregnancy. I sure did watch the other girls carefully after they were born, but luckily the problem never showed up again."

JULIE HAD her first operation when she was 6 months old. It wasn't successful. Her last surgery was done in July at Providence Hospital and the prognosis is good.

Surgery was extensive, and required the removal of her forehead and the bone that holds her left eye in place. Doctors reshaped them and then used tiny screws and plates to put everything back together.

"This should be the last time," Bob said. "They think they've got everything corrected."

Preparing Julie for the surgery was difficult only in the sense that

'Most people probably wouldn't have even noticed that anything was wrong. It was difficult to make the decision as to whether she should have the surgery because of it.'

— Bob Waddell

Glenda and Bob weren't quite sure what she understood.

"WE JUST told her that there was a problem with this part of her head and that she had to go to the hospital for them to fix it," Glenda said. "You can't explain to her what they actually have to do. It would have scared her to death."

Julie's surgery was done on a Friday, July 14. She was in intensive care until Saturday evening, and was discharged the following Tuesday.

"Emotionally, honestly it broke my heart," Glenda said about seeing Julie in the recovery room following surgery. "I just thought, what have we done to her, but then I told myself that everything was uphill from there."

The first 12 hours following surgery were the toughest, Bob said.

"She was probably the most helpless then, and she was definitely the most uncomfortable. She didn't like all of the tubes and wires," he said.

"But it wasn't until after all of those things were removed that the swelling really manifested and then she couldn't see. Her eyes were swollen shut."

SO SHE spent a lot of time listening to taped stories. Some of the stories asked for listener participation, a clap here or there in response to something in the story, Bob said.

"I think one of the most heartwarming moments for me, was sitting in the hospital room with her while she was lying there listening to one of her tapes and all of a sudden she'd clap," he said.

"You really knew she was listening, that she wasn't just lying there oblivious to what was going on around her."

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An uneasiness settled on Julie's face as more and more people were asking her questions before the extensive surgery to correct her cranial stenosis. Nurses let her color so she would feel more at home.



photos by DAN DEAN/staff photographer

Four-year-old Julie Waddell gives her favorite toy Lucky a hug. The swelling has disappeared and Julie's parents, Bob and Glenda, are

pleased with the results of her craniofacial surgery, done in July to correct a deformity on the left side of her face.

Craniofacial surgeon rebuilds faces, futures

By Rebecca Haynes
staff writer

DR. IAN JACKSON thinks of himself as a carpenter of sorts. The Bloomfield Hills surgeon specializes in craniofacial problems, literally reconstructing people's skulls and faces, correcting problems they were born with as well as those caused by accident or disease.

He came to Southfield's Providence Hospital recently from the Mayo Clinic, where he headed a craniofacial surgical team for nearly 10 years. Originally from Scotland, Jackson now heads Providence's new

Craniofacial Institute, a team of medical professionals specifically trained to deal with these types of problems.

Jackson is Julie Waddell's surgeon. It was his goal to correct her cranial stenosis in one procedure so she wouldn't have to go through the trauma of more surgery.

"Her particular problem is not uncommon," he said. "The skull is made up of several pieces. Basically what happened to Julie is that one of her skull's sutures on the left side closed too quickly (in infancy), so her forehead doesn't grow forward properly."

"What I had to do was to take her forehead out as

well as her left orbit (the bone which holds the eye)," he said. "Then I take a precise measurement of the right orbit and bend the left one to conform."

"IT'S SORT of like carpentry," he said. "Then I put it all back in with wires and plates to hold it all together."

Jackson also works with a neurosurgeon, in Julie's case Dr. Blaise Audet, since surgery involves exposure of the brain.

"It's not really a dangerous procedure," he said. "I've probably done well over 2,500 of these cases. It used to take all day to do one. Now it generally takes about three hours."

Julie's case took a couple of hours longer, Jackson said, because it wasn't her first surgery.

"Even though you analyze the case before hand, things can be quite different when you actually open up and take a look. Once the child has been operated on the anatomy can become more abnormal," he said. "We found that a lot more of the bone from her previous surgery had melted away so we had to do more bone replacement than we originally thought would be necessary."

To correct Julie's problem an incision was made from one ear to the other about an inch behind her hair line. Surgeons then actually pulled her scalp and face down, away from her skull, to about mid-nose, a technique that keeps the face free of scars.

They removed her forehead and her left orbit and then went to work reshaping them.

"WE TOOK the thicker portions of the frontal (forehead) bone and split it, using those new plates of bone to replace what was missing," Jackson said. "When we put everything back together, we do so with an eye on the patient's growth, allowing enough space for the brain and everything to grow properly."

In Julie's case, the doctor said she won't have much more growth of the skull, so he had to use more metal plates and wires to put her back together. In the same procedure in a smaller child, Jackson doesn't have to use plates because the bones adhere to each other on their own with normal growth.

Another reason Julie's surgery took longer than average was because once Jackson and the surgical team had her put back together, they took her apart and worked on the bone some more before reassembling it a second time.

"Our goal was to do this in one procedure so I want-

ed to be totally satisfied with what I saw before we finished," Jackson said. "I'm pleased with what we accomplished and think Julie will do well."

Swelling and bruising are normal after-effects of this type of surgery and Julie experienced both. Seeing her in the recovery room bandaged and crying following surgery was difficult on her parents, Bob and Glenda, but they were glad she made it through the procedure — glad the worst part was over.

"There really isn't a whole lot of pain associated with this procedure," Jackson said. "The worst thing is usually the swelling or the bruising and it usually takes as long as a year to heal totally."

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Dr. Ian Jackson explained the success of Julie's surgery to her parents, Bob and Glenda Waddell, who'd been waiting and worrying for more than five hours. Their youngest daughter Jennifer helped to keep them company.



Deep into his work, Dr. Ian Jackson, center, works on re-shaping Julie's forehead with the assistance of fellow surgeons Dr. Gregory Rinehart, left, and Dr. Jeff Osgood.

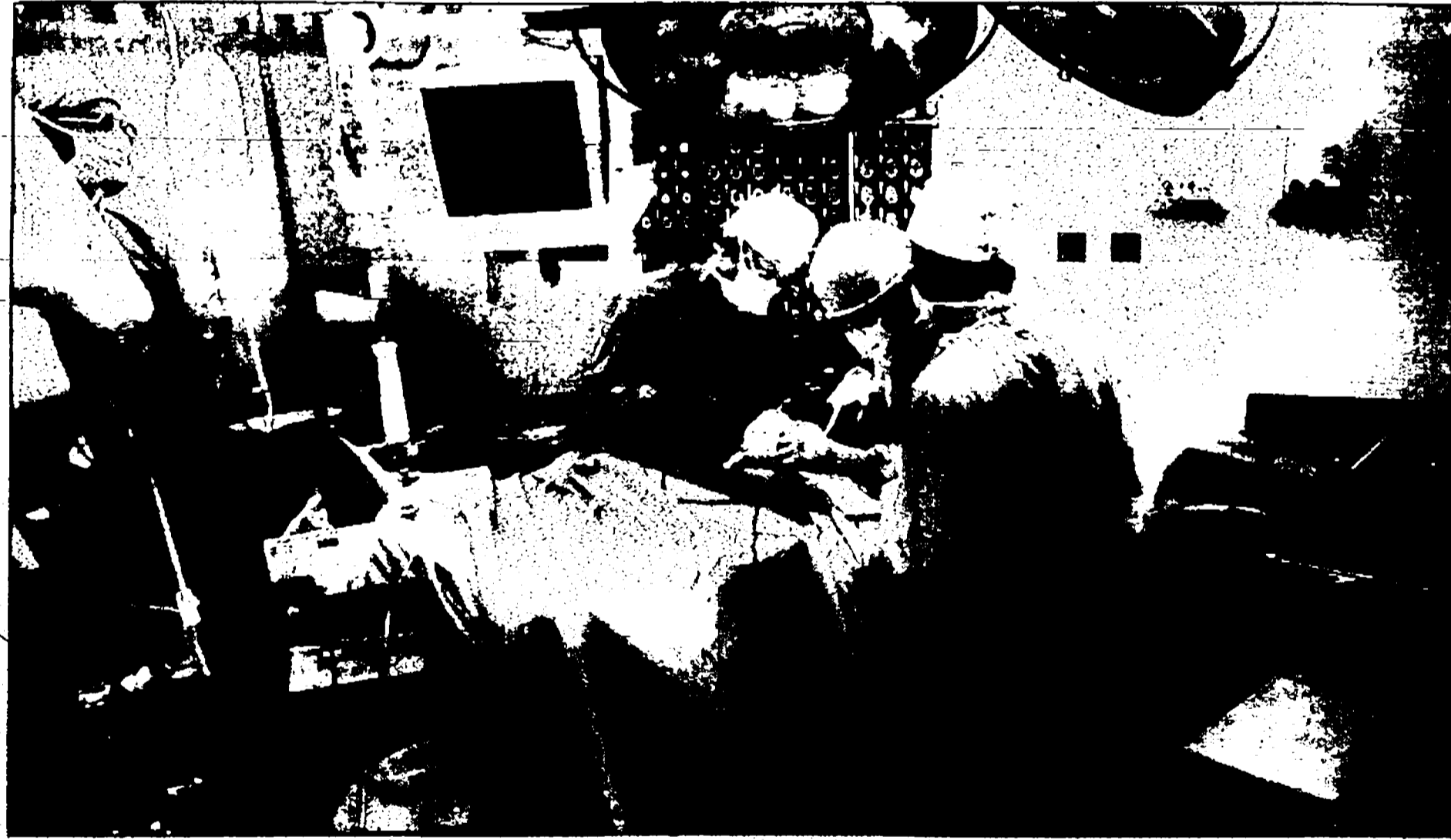


Glenda Waddell told herself she wasn't going to cry, but when the time came for her daughter Julie to go in for surgery, she couldn't hold back the tears. Her husband Bob tried to reassure Julie, who became frightened when it was time to leave her parents.

Emotional day of surgery



Nurses tried to reassure a frightened Julie Waddell in the operating room before she was put to sleep for her surgery.



Doctors surround Julie in the operating room as they close her CAT scan impressions of her skull are seen hanging in the background.

...ends successfully

The alarm was set for 4:30 a.m. but Glenda Waddell awoke at 4:26 the morning of her daughter Julie's craniofacial surgery. "It was mother's instincts," she said.

The family arrived at Providence Hospital shortly before 6:30. Glenda kept youngest daughter Jennifer happy while Julie's father Bob saw her through the admitting process.

By 6:50 Julie was in her hospital gown sitting on a bed in the pre-surgical waiting area. Nurses gave her crayons and coloring books and told her they'd hang up one of her pictures on a bulletin board there.

"Mama, want to color with me?" asked Julie, who was probably the least nervous Waddell in the room. "You can color that one with brown. I'm going to color Minnie's dress purple."

At 7:30 the doctors were asking Julie and her parents some typical questions. They also performed a quick physical, checking heartbeat and making sure she was healthy.

"We don't want you to shave off her hair," said Glenda to one of the surgeons, who assured her they'd remove the least amount possible to make the incision.

Shortly after 7:30 a crying Julie

was whisked away from her parents and into the operating room. Nurses let her color on the OR table before she was put to sleep, after which they put the intravenous lines and the catheter in place.

By 8:20, Julie's breathing had slowed considerably, showing her relaxed state of sleep. At 8:35 the surgical staff began shaving the small area of her head and moving the rest of her hair out of the way.

Surgery began just after 9 a.m. Craniofacial surgeon Dr. Ian Jackson appeared in the waiting room shortly before 1 p.m. to tell Bob and Glenda that Julie had done just fine and that he thought surgery was a success.

"It was different this time," said Bob, referring to Julie's first surgery while waiting to see her in recovery. "It wasn't that we didn't love her before, it's just that she was so young, she hadn't really shown a personality yet. It's harder for me this time."

Seeing Julie swollen, bandaged and crying in recovery was difficult for her parents, but as Glenda said, "We knew it was all uphill from there. The worst part was over."

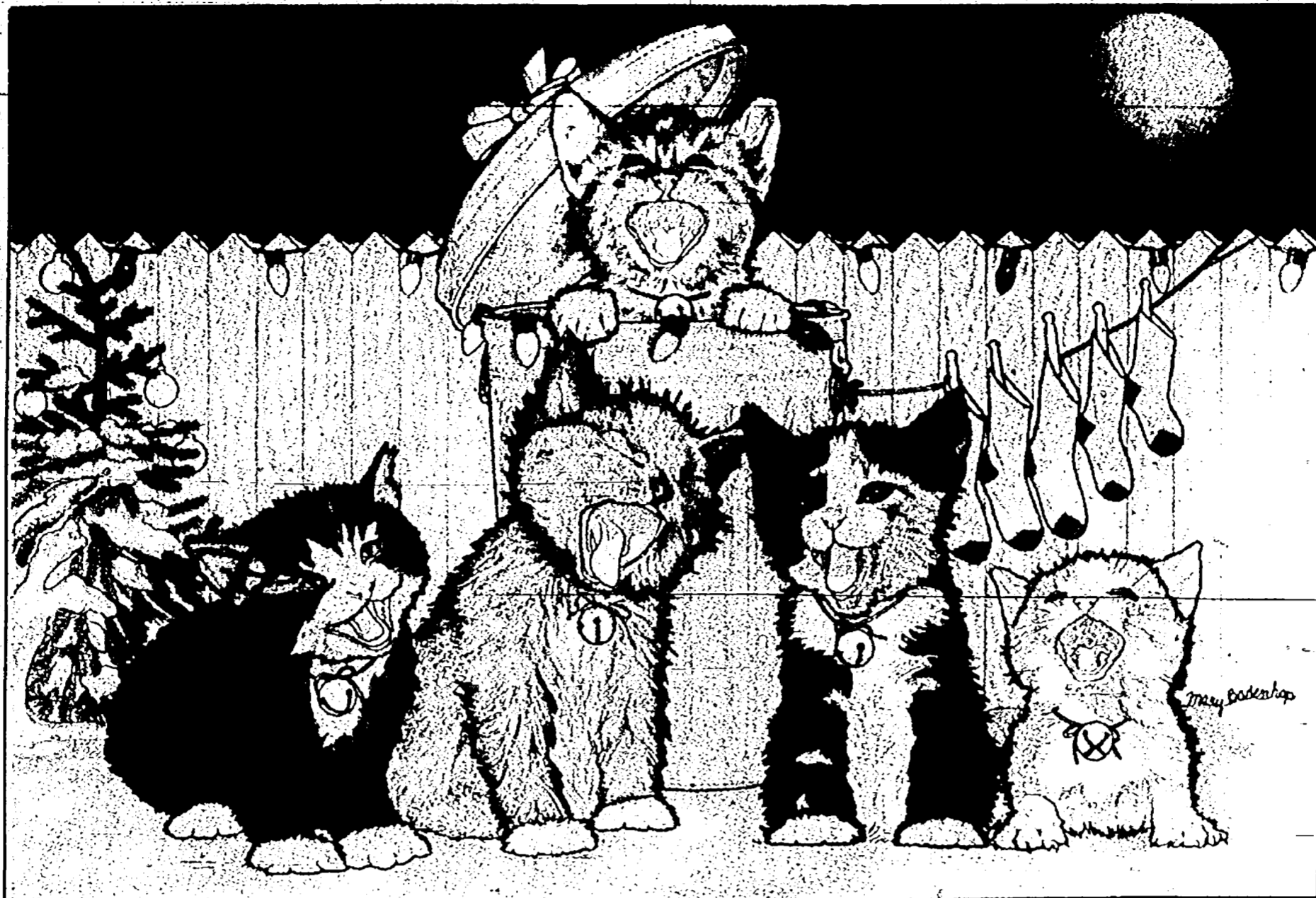


Bob and Glenda Waddell anxiously await word on the successful completion of Julie's surgery. Julie's youngest sister Jennifer also spent the day at the hospital with her parents.



Bob spends time with Julie in the recovery room after her surgery. Doctors believe the procedure was a success and will allow Julie's face to develop normally.

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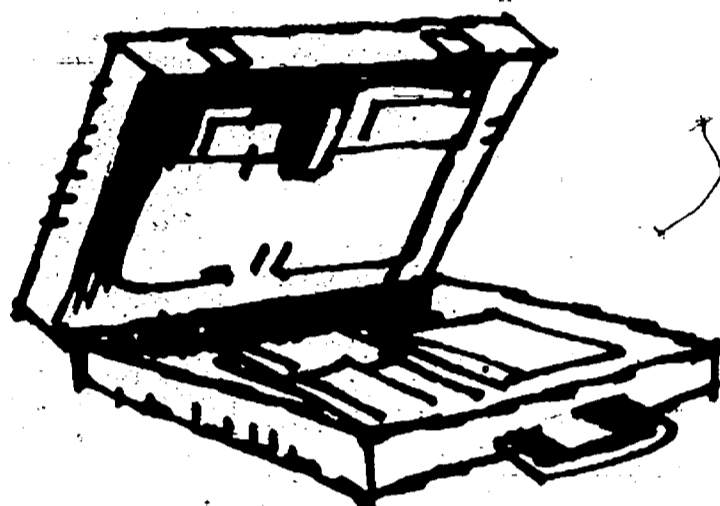
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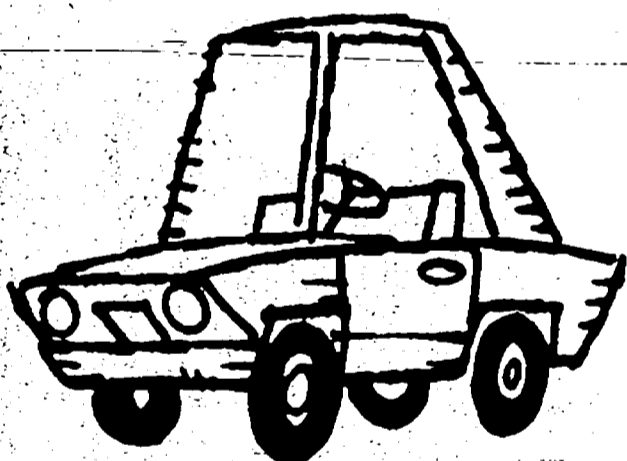
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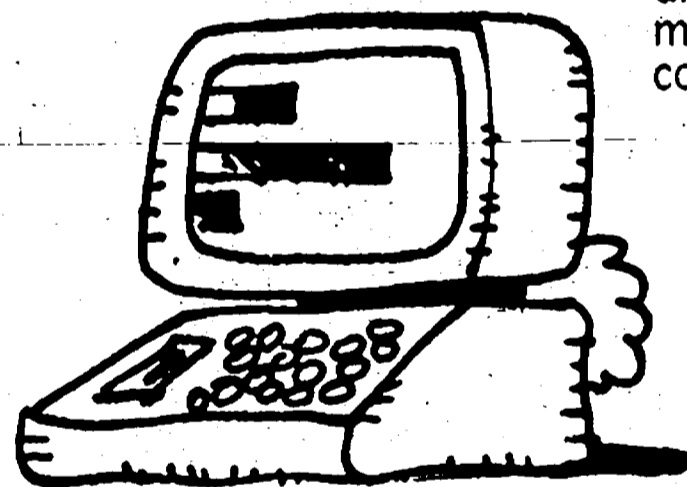
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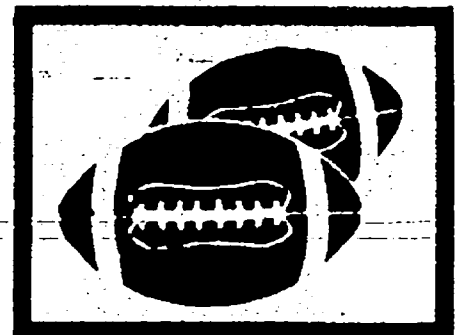
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Did artificial surface fell Boles?

ONE CAN ONLY wonder if Tony Boles' severe knee injury would have been less serious if he had been playing on natural grass.

The University of Michigan tailback, whose right leg buckled awkwardly on the artificial surface of the Metrodome in Minneapolis, now must undergo major reconstructive surgery to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

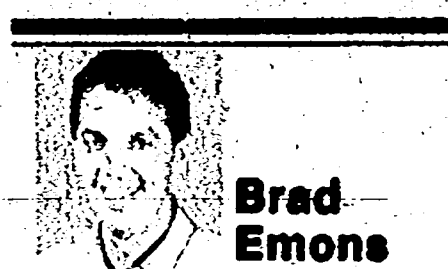
Home field to the University of Minnesota and the National Football League's Vikings, the Metrodome

playing surface has had a reputation for being unforgiving.

In an NFL exhibition game a few years ago, New England Patriots coach Raymond Berry held out several key starters in a game against the Vikings because he was worried about potential injuries on the tough carpet.

The shoulder-high tackle administered by Minnesota's Fred Foggie on Boles, a Westland John Glenn High product, was not a direct blow to the knee.

Boles, who ran 17 yards on U-M's



Brad Emons

first play from scrimmage, was struck from the left side, but he braced himself with his right leg.

And after reviewing the tape, it appears there was no give on the surface.

THAT IS PRECISELY why several schools are dumping artificial surfaces and returning to natural grass.

Iowa head coach Hayden Fry was relieved to start the 1989 season playing on natural grass after his team accumulated 19 surgical repairs in 1988.

Ohio State, reputed to have another hard surface, is switching back to natural grass next season.

Even Michigan coach Bo Schembechler, who is reportedly sickened by the Boles injury, has made overtures about changing surfaces.

Schembechler has a right to be saddened.

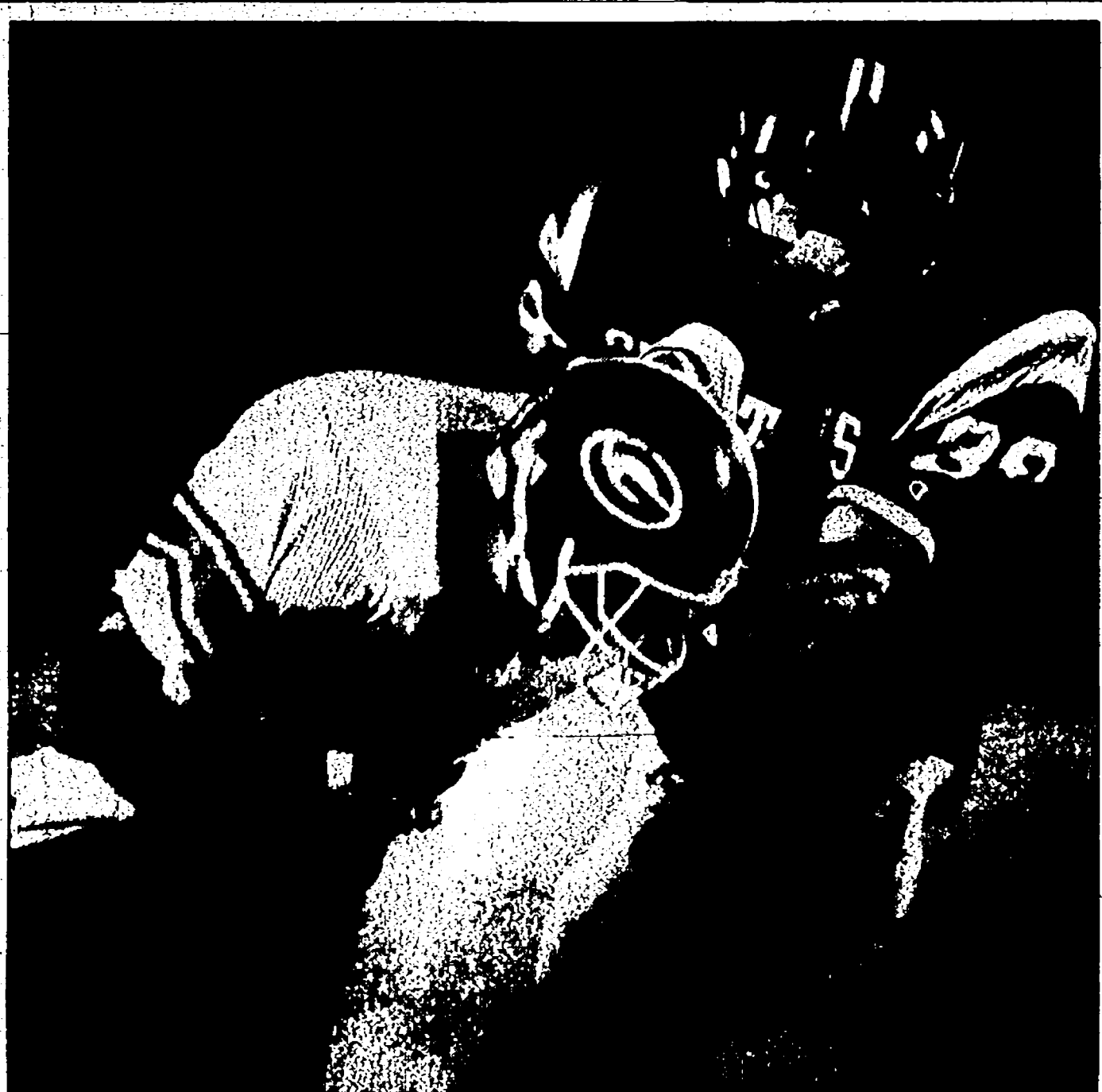
Boles was coming into his own this season, racking up a team-high 839 yards on the ground with a Big Ten-high 6.4 per carry average, not to mention his pass-catching ability and kick-returning prowess.

At Monday night's U-M Football Bust in Detroit, Boles was voted team MVP. He has also been picked first-team All-Big Ten and second-team All-America by the Football News.



Tony Boles can he bounce back?

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DAN DEAN/staff photographer

All-Area football

The All-Area football selections have been made by the Observer sports staff. Several schools are represented on the squad. For a complete look at this year's outstanding talent, turn to page 5D.

Neff ends career at Churchill High

By Brad Emons staff writer



On the heels of Pete Scerri's resignation recently at Stevenson High, Livonia lost another successful soccer coach last week when Churchill's John Neff announced his retirement.

Neff, who compiled a nine-year record of 108-25-12, is also retiring from teaching where he has spent the past 28 years, most recently as a business instructor at Wayne Memorial High.

"There are no regrets, it was a good experience," said Neff. "I loved the kids and it was great. If you don't like kids, you shouldn't be in coaching. I always got along my teams."

Churchill athletic director Larry Joiner said Neff will be missed.

"He was an outstanding person, a top-rate educator," said the Churchill AD. "John saw more than just the soccer player. He kept things in perspective. He was always super organized and highly dependable. We need more like him in high school coaching."

WHEN HE RETIRES from teaching in June, Neff plans to spend more time at his summer home in the Charlevoix area.

"I have a place up north and I'm going to prioritize my time a little differently," he said. "But I'll definitely be back to watch some games in the fall. I can't help but miss it

because I've been in it so long."

Neff's teams won several division titles. His 1986 team captured the Western Lake Activities Association crown outright. His 1989 club shared the title this year with Stevenson.

When Bentley High closed in 1986, Neff inherited a talented group of transfers. Platooning 20 players, the Chargers earned a No. 1 ranking, finishing the year at 16-1-1.

This year's squad was also ranked No. 1 before falling in a shootout to city nemesis Stevenson in the district finals. The Chargers finished 15-1-1.

"This season was one of the nicest groups I've ever had," Neff said. "They were very enjoyable to coach and probably the most talented I've ever had."

IN HIS FIRST season (1981), Neff's team went 13-2-2, reaching the quarterfinals of the state high school invitational tournament.

In 1982, the first year the Michigan High Athletic Association sanctioned a state tournament, Churchill reached the championship game before falling to Stevenson.

Ironically, Scerri, whose teams won four state titles and finished

second two other times, also called it quits at the end of this season, bowing to pressures put on him by overzealous parents.

"John never got one phone call from an unhappy family, even where a player was cut," Joiner said.

Neff, who coached his own children while starting out in the Livonia Family Y's 10-and-under leagues, hasn't ruled out the possibility of getting back into the sport.

"In a couple of years I'll probably move permanently up north and once I settle in, maybe there's a place where I can coach a team," he said.

NEFF'S SUCCESSOR, meanwhile, is anybody's guess.

The outgoing coach said he will recommend Marty Caves, the JV coach, for the varsity job.

Caves, a former All-Area standout at Bentley who played collegiately at Central Michigan University, may have the inside track.

The job has been posted internally through the Livonia Public Schools, but Joiner said he'll probably have to go outside the district to find a new coach.

Caves currently teaches at Monroe Jefferson High.

Scerri's successor at Stevenson is also being contemplated.

JV coach Wally Barrett, a former head coach at Southfield, is reportedly the leading candidate for the job.

Ed Hudson on target in Schoolcraft's win

Forward Ed Hudson poured in a career-high 30 points Tuesday, leading the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team to a come-from-behind 68-60 victory over the host Albion College Junior Varsity.

The 6-foot-4 Hudson, who prepped at Royal Oak Shrine High, connected on six 3-point shots.

Down 46-36 with only 10 minutes to play, Schoolcraft reeled off 20 straight points to take control and eventually gain the win.

Randy Waters, a 6-4 freshman from Millford Lakeland, contributed 13 points, while second-year point-guard Ken Fuster (River Rouge), added eight.

SC coach Dave Bogataj also credited the defensive ball-hawking of guards Tony Rumble (Wayne Memorial), John Moran (Allen Park Cabrini) and Fuster as instrumental in the Ocelots' second-half comeback.

"They did the dirty work, they



picked up a lot of loose balls," said the SC coach.

Center Brad Hoopingaram shared game-high point honors with Hudson with 30.

ON MONDAY, SC broke away in the final 10 minutes to rout the visiting Adrian College Junior Varsity, 114-87.

Waters scored 16 of his team-high 28 in the second half to spark the victory.

Fuster and Hudson contributed 20 and 19, respectively, while Jeff Elliott, a freshman from Plymouth Salem, chipped in with 10.

Leading by only four, 75-71, Schoolcraft put on a spurt, outscor-

ing Adrian 39-16 in the final 10 minutes.

Jim Hondzinski tallied 22 points in a losing cause.

In a game played last week, Schoolcraft topped the century mark, but couldn't offset the free throw shooting of visiting Glen Oaks, falling 113-107.

Glen Oaks tallied its final 19 points — all from the free throw line. The visitors finished the night by hitting 39 of 47 from the charity stripe.

TWO SC PLAYERS fouled out and four others were saddled with four fouls.

Waters led the Ocelots with 23 points and nine rebounds. Rob Harmon (Redford Bishop Borgess) added 15 points, while Hudson and Fuster contributed 11 and 10, respectively.

Six Glen Oaks players scored in double figures, led by Ted Sparling's game-high 27.

Lady Ocelots split in tournament

After dropping the opening game in the Erie Community College (New York) tournament Saturday, Schoolcraft women's basketball coach Jack Grenan was a bit disgruntled with his team's performance.

"I wasn't overly pleased with our intensity," explained Grenan. "So I woke everybody up at 7 a.m. to practice our intensity before the second game."

The early wake-up call did wonders for the Ocelots, who crushed host Erie 91-40 in the consolation game.

Lisa DePlanche led all scorers with 23 points for the Ocelots and Tracy Osborne added 22, including six-of-eight from three-point range.

Barb Krug (Plymouth Salem) chipped in with 15 points, followed by Ann Hardy with 13 and Teressa Farkas with 10.

Erie, which trailed 49-19 at halftime, scored just 10 points from the field while tallying 22 from the free throw line.

In the opening game, Schoolcraft dropped a 75-57 decision to Cuyahoga College (Ohio).

The Ocelots fell behind 19-0 at the start of the game and played catch-up for the duration of the game. They closed to within seven, 55-48, in the second half, but that's as close as they came to catching Cuyahoga.

DePlanche and Denise Kokowicz (Garden City) were the only Ocelots to score in double figures, finishing the game with 13 points each.

Schoolcraft, 2-3 on the season, travels to Dowagiac today to meet Southwestern College. The Ocelots will try to avenge a Nov. 17th, 58-57, loss to Southwestern.

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Pioneer women

(Salem award hails former RU harrier

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Mike Krafchak figures he's coached about 800 runners since he began his career at Redford Union High School in 1973. This year, his first as girls cross country coach at Plymouth Salem High School, he established the team's most prestigious award in honor of one of those athletes — Joanne Crippen.

"He says picking her out was easy. 'She deserves it.'"

A season of suspense ended with Krafchak's presentation of the award to senior Jennifer Harris at the Rocks' recent awards banquet.

"When I first started coaching at Redford Union, my first team had this lady, Joanne Crippen, on it," said Krafchak in introducing the guest at the head table in Salem's cafeteria.

"She defined my formula for success."

It was 1974 — shortly after schools, forced into action by Title IX, offered women's sports. Just three women at RU were interested in running competitively. So Crippen ran cross country with the boys team and became one of a handful of women competing in the state.

"It was the first year girls were allowed to run. I was the girls coach and really didn't want the job," Krafchak recalled. "Two people — Joanne and a hurdler — decided what the program at RU would be. Joanne established a work ethic."

CRIPPEN, NOW Joanne Crippen Piasecki, trained in cut-off jeans and shoes that today would make her shudder. She was determined to be a sprinter, asthma notwithstanding.

"I decided to try out as a sprinter, because I was pretty fast," said Crippen Piasecki, now a Farmington Hills resident. "But I wasn't competitive."

Krafchak suggested she give distance running a try.

"I remember when he told us to go out and do five miles. I looked at him like he was nuts," she said with a laugh.

Before long, the would-be sprinter fell in love with distance running. While at RU, Crippen Pi-

asecki was all-invitational in almost every invitational she entered. Her second year running track, the 5:14 miler was good enough to travel to the state meet.

In the fall of 1974, she ran a 19:36 three mile in a cross country meet at Grand Ledge. To compare her performance to that of his 1989 team, Krafchak translates Crippen Piasecki's three-mile time of 19:36 to a 20:15 5K, which would rank second on Salem's all-time list of fastest 5Ks. Harris, with a 20:52, is the only member of this year's squad to make the top 10 list.

Crippen Piasecki went on to compete at Eastern Michigan University with such standouts as Sue Parks, still among Michigan's elite women runners and a coach at Michigan State University, and Cindy Barber, former winner of the Detroit Free-Press International Marathon and frequent Olympic Trials qualifier.

A debilitating knee injury that still bothers her sidelined Crippen Piasecki for the majority of her collegiate career.

THE CRIPPEN AWARD, a huge plaque now displayed in Salem's trophy case, reads, "In honor of Joanne Crippen, who was a distance runner in the mid-1970s. Through her running and leadership, she defined such words as dedication, desire, discipline, effort, pride in self, pride in school and persistence that are to this day standards for other athletes."

In presenting the award to Harris, Krafchak said, "Joanne has taken these and applied them to work, school and life. Because of that, she has been successful as a runner, on her teams and as an individual."

"Dave Piasecki is a very smart man," Krafchak added. "He was intelligent enough to marry Joanne."

Crippen Piasecki, a Michigan Bell engineer, said she was at work when Krafchak called her to inform her about the award a few weeks ago.

"I was crying at my desk when he told me," she said. "I was really touched."

Now 32 and a veteran marathoner, Crippen Piasecki still is exercising her infectious brand of leadership.

One of 14 women runners on Bell's corporate sports team, Crippen Piasecki competes in races throughout Michigan. The last two years, Michigan Bell has qualified for national competition.

This year, Crippen Piasecki was unable to compete. But last year, at Hilton Head, S.C., she ran a 5K personal best of 20:14 — on the beach, no less.

On a hard surface, breaking 20 minutes would have been a cinch.

Closer to home, Crippen Piasecki competes in Corporate Challenge races — where her mom, dad, husband, 2-year-old daughter Katie and other family fans turn out to cheer her on.

At the Corporate Sports Battle in Detroit, when her baby was just 5 months old, Crippen Piasecki nursed her in between swimming and running events. She placed third overall. For Katie, being on the move is no big deal. Her mom ran, through seven months of pregnancy.

Crippen Piasecki was among the women who suggested Michigan Bell make a locker room available for female employees — a benefit just male employees enjoyed previously. The facility made it possible for Bell's female team members to train on their lunch hour, which they do downtown, four days a week.

KRAFCHACK WAS about to give Harris her award, but before he could, Crippen asked for some floor time.

"I have a few words to say," she said. "Back when I was in high school, my dad didn't like me to run. He was afraid he'd see me in pain, and he was afraid I'd get hurt. Coach wanted us to run until it hurt. No pain, no gain — right, girls?" The Salem squad nodded.

"What we didn't know was that what we'd gain wasn't speed. The gain was in our hearts."

"I'm still friends with the people I ran with in high school. And that pain has helped me through any pain I've had to deal with in my life."

"As parents you want to protect your girls from pain, I know," said Crippen Piasecki. "But running can do that. It really can."

She and Harris embraced, and there wasn't a dry eye in the place.



JIM JÄGFELD/staff photographer

Joanne Crippen Piasecki started her running career on the boys team at Redford Union High. Now she has her own squad in daughter Katie, age 2.

sports roundup

CHURCHILL ICERS TIE

Jeff King and Bob Sommerville scored 20 seconds apart in the second period Saturday, enabling Livonia Churchill to gain a 3-3 tie with Milford in a non-league hockey game at the Lakeland Arena.

"We were a little sluggish because of a lack of practice coming off the holiday, but I was pleased that we came from behind to tie," said Churchill coach Rudy Varvart, whose team is 1-0-1.

Goals by Bill Code and Chris Templeton gave Milford a 2-1 first-period lead. (Mark Mycek scored unas-

Redskins tie first goal.)

The Redskins then went up 3-1 on a short-handed goal by Brett Berner before the Chargers roared back on goals by King and Sommerville.

Bill Durham and Collin Gallagher drew assists on the King goal, while King assisted on the game-tying goal by Sommerville.

Dave Watson started in the nets for Churchill. He played the first period before giving way to Jason Devlin, who finished up.

MIGHTY MITES

Sporting a record of 7-0-1, the

Canucks remain as only one of 13 Livonia Mite teams (ages 5-9) still undefeated.

Members of the Canucks, who have outscored their opponents, 33-12, include: Joey Allerton, Steve Dekovich, Alex Derdelakos, Joe Dobek, Tom Gable, Michael Gullbault, Anthony Kalen, Gary Levenbach, Nathan LeWarne, Kenny Meier, Jason Millbauer, Mark Nebus, Steve Riley, Stevie Samelko and Mike Zientarski.

Coaches include Chuck Nebus, Larry Zientarski and Frank Allerton. The team manager is Roberta Nebus.

The Canucks and the North Stars will be the Livonia Mite representatives in Ontario Friendship Games, set for Saturday and Sunday in London.

DARE SKATE-A-THON

The Bruins, members of the Livonia Hockey Association, will hold a skate-a-thon at 10 a.m. Saturday,

Dec. 22 at the Devon-Aire Ice Arena.

The team, consisting of 13 seventh- and eighth-grade boys, will be collecting pledges for each lap they skate for one hour.

Half of the proceeds will go toward the Livonia hockey team, while the other half will be donated to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, also known as D.A.R.E., which provides drug preventive education to Livonia elementary school students.

For more information, call Bert Caladiao at 591-1498.

SPORTSMAN OF YEAR

Westland's Steve Cronenwett, who finished second in the point standings at Flat Rock Speedway, has been selected Sportsman of the Year.

It was his best finish since he began racing at Flat Rock in 1977. Driving an Olds Cutlass in the Street-Stock Division, the 31-year-old Cronenwett finished only five

points out of first behind Bruce Hasty of Howell in the final points standings.

Cronenwett was the points leader for six weeks until a crash put him out of one of the races. He later lost out on an opportunity to win the title when the meet's final racing event was rained out.

SOCCER CHAMPS

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Stingers, an under-15 boys team, outscored their opponents 53-5 to win the Superior Division this fall.

Members of the Stingers, coached by Bill Emero, include: Michael Bosnjakovski, Brandon Buck, Clayton Campbell, Jason Corney, Kurt Coulter, Jason Emero, Michael Fasano, Jonathan Herbst, Ryan Maxey, Brian Mlynarek, Victor Rodopoulos, Paul Skoczylas, Chris

Skiver, Chad Sneyd, Curtis Tingle and Bryon Yanka.

WALLYBALL TOURNEY

Racquettime Health Club in Livonia will host a "Wallyball Maniacs III" Tournament Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2-3.

The tournament is open to all teams who wish to enter. The players will participate in a round-robin format, playing a match against each team in their division.

Men's division play will occur on Saturday (there are four divisions for differing levels of competition), with coed divisions playing on Sunday (three divisions). For more information, call 591-1212.

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State records fall at invitational meet

Competing in the Boys 13-14 age division, Scott DeWolf of the Livonia-Novi Spartan Aquatic Club set a state record recently in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 1:58.11 at the Windsor, Ontario Invitational.

swimming

OTHER SPARTAN FINISHERS

DeWolf also teamed up with Matt Martin, Alex Goecke and Ryan Freeborn to establish another state record in the 200 medley relay (1:45.06).

Martin and DeWolf shared high-point honors in the Boys 13-14, while teammate Ron Orris captured high-point honors in the Open Men's division.

Girls 10 and under: Becky Peterson — second place, 50-yard backstroke (8 Div.) — third, 100 individual medley (8).
Boys 10 and under: Andrew Kelly — third, 100 freestyle (B).
Girls 11-12: Katie Martin — second, 500 freestyle, fifth, 100 backstroke and 100 freestyle, fifth, 100 freestyle, Katie McWhirter — fourth, 50 freestyle (B).
Boys 11-12: Randy Cobb — first, 50 butterfly, second, 100 breaststroke, fifth, 100 backstroke and 200 IM (B); sixth, 50 freestyle, seventh, 100 freestyle, Ench Kelly — sixth, 200 IM (B).
Boys 13-14: Ryan Freeborn — fourth, 200 butterfly, 200 and 400 IMs; fifth, 100 backstroke, sixth, 100 freestyle, Alex Goecke — second, 100 breaststroke, third, 100 freestyle, fourth, 50 butterfly, sixth, 200 IM.
Girls 13-14: Jane Seidelman — first, 100 freestyle, third, 50 freestyle, fourth, 200 IM; fifth, 100 backstroke, Sonja McWhirter — fifth, 200 butterfly, sixth, 100 backstroke, Brandi Gray — second, 200 butterfly.
Boys 15-18: Eric Peterson — first, 200 IM, Drew Sopha — fourth, 100 breaststroke.
Girls Open: Tara Ditchkoff — second, 500 and 1,000 freestyle, third, 100 freestyle, fifth, 200 IM, sixth, 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke, Eten Lessig — fourth, 100 freestyle.

Martin captured firsts in the 50 and 100 freestyles. He was also second in the 200 butterfly, 200 and 400 individual medleys, third in the Open 100 backstroke, fifth in the 1,000 freestyle and sixth in the 100 butterfly and fourth in the 1,000 freestyle.

DeWolf added four firsts including the 200 butterfly, 200 freestyle, 200 and 400 IMs. He also finished second in the 100 butterfly and 50 freestyle. In the Open events, he took a third in the 100 butterfly and fourth in the 1,000 freestyle.

Orris, a senior at Plymouth Salem High, won the Open 100 breaststroke, 100 butterfly, 200 IM, 500 and 1,000 freestyles. He also took second in the 100 freestyle and 200 backstroke.

Davidson falls to champ

By Bill Parker staff writer

tennis

Kori Davidson learned a lesson about pressure last weekend.

Prior to the USTA Girls 16 National Indoor Tennis Tournament at the Franklin Racquet Club, Davidson had never drawn the top seed for a national tournament.

through the tournament, said Davidson's mother, Kim. "It was just wonderful. Boy friends, girl friends, grandmas, grandpas, everyone was there supporting her throughout the weekend."

Last weekend at Franklin, however, Davidson drew the top seed, and along with it all the pressure that goes with being selected the best player in the competition before competition begins.

Davidson earned an easy 6-1, 6-3, victory over Jennifer Jensen in her second match of the tournament. She followed that with a 6-3, 6-3, win over Sarah Dixon and a 6-3, 6-3, win over Sonya Olejar.

"I didn't play half as well as I should have," admitted Davidson, a junior at Farmington Hills Harrison. "There was so much pressure it was unbelievable. I've been to the finals of three other national tournaments, but I've never been seeded that high."

In the quarterfinals, Davidson dropped a 4-6, 2-6, decision to Chiminello. Ironically, Chiminello is also Davidson's doubles partner.

"I was disappointed with my finish, but there will be more tournaments."

"I'd rather lose to her (Chiminello) than anyone else," said Davidson, the 1989 Class B Michigan high school state champion. "I'd rather see her win it than someone else. She is very good. She's not a shmuck."

Davidson won her first four matches before bowing out of the competition in the quarterfinals to the eventual champion Amy Chiminello.

In the doubles competition, Davidson and Chiminello were also seeded No. 1, but were eliminated in the semifinals by the eventual champs, Chandra Rubin and Katie Schlukeblir, 6-7, 6-7, 4-6.

DAVIDSON OPENED THE tournament — behind the support of many faithful fans — with a tough 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 victory over Sarah Malone.

"It was an upset, but they were very good," Davidson said. "We played pretty well, they were just tough."

"She had a lot of support all

Canton tames Tigers, 61-50

By Dan O'Meara staff writer

Plymouth Canton was supposed to be a spectator for the Final Four in the Class A girls basketball tournament.

That was the assumption of most everybody but the underdog Chiefs, who toppled No. 3-rated Benton Harbor 61-50 in a quarterfinal game Wednesday night at Jackson Lumen Christi High School.

And, in the wake of that impressive victory, No. 9 Canton will play in the state semifinals Friday night. The Chiefs, 22-3, face West Bloomfield, 23-3, at 8 p.m.

Both semifinal games will be played at Grand Rapids Union High School, and the final is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at Grand Valley State University.

"This team continues to work hard at the end of the year," Canton coach Bob Blohm said. "They're not tired or bored. They seem to be interested in playing basketball right now."

"OUR KIDS are playing solid basketball, not spectacular basketball, but solid. I thought we defended a really good team tonight."

The Chiefs did everything well, including holding Benton Harbor star

Taneshia Welch to eight points through three quarters and 12 for the game.

Canton didn't win in a breeze, but it was in control the entire game. The Tigers, 24-2, couldn't stop Canton center Susan Ferko, who was one of several keys to the victory with a game-high 21 points.

"When we came out and started to score, it gave us confidence," Ferko said. "We thought it would be tough the whole way, and it was. (Her teammates) got the ball in right on time, all the time. When they do that, it's easy."

Benton Harbor didn't have a starter smaller than 5-foot-10 up front, but 6-foot sophomore Laticia Morris couldn't stop Ferko, who hit the bank shot as usual and knocked in 17 first-half points to propel Canton to a 32-25 halftime lead.

"Keeping it in a half-court game was critical," Blohm said, "and going to the free-throw line helped a lot in the first half."

FREE THROWS were another reason the Chiefs started so well and eventually won. Going inside early and attacking the defense put the Tigers in foul trouble and Canton on the line.

The Chiefs were 6-of-10 in the first

quarter, and Jenny Russell and Stacey Thompson combined for nine free throws in the last two minutes of the game. In fact, Canton's margin of victory was gained at the line, where the Chiefs were 19-of-30, Benton Harbor 8-of-14.

Canton was able to play its game and force the Tigers into a half-court contest with strong rebounding and its success at breaking the Benton Harbor press.

Jenny Clark, Ferko and Thompson went to the boards aggressively early in the game and established Canton as a force in that respect. Russell's ball-handling skills were a great asset, but everybody did something at some time to help solve the press.

"Russell was fantastic against the press," Blohm said. "Benton Harbor coach Lou Harvey was intent on going inside early, and we defended well inside. We didn't give any second and third shots."

In addition to Ferko's scoring, Thompson had 15 points, Russell 12 and Mary Barna eight. Deetra Berry scored 14 points to lead the Tigers, and Morris added 10.

"WE KNEW we had to come out and play the best we could," Thomp-

son said. "A lot of people saw Benton Harbor as the better team, and we had to prove ourselves."

"On the floor, it was tough the whole way. If we let up, we knew they'd come right back at us. That kept us in the game."

Ferko scored the last 11 points of the first half for Canton and 13 straight, including the first basket of the second (34-27).

The Tigers limited her to two field goals in the second half, but others came to the team's rescue. Thompson hit three perimeter shots and Barna two as the Chiefs soared to a 44-30 lead with 2½ minutes left in the third quarter.

Russell's baseline layup to begin the fourth period gave Canton its biggest margin, 50-35.

"I was worried about fatigue in the third quarter," Blohm said, "but our kids found some more fuel. When we got into the fourth, I felt good about our conditioning."

The Chiefs now are set to make their first appearance in the Final Four and are only two victories from a state championship.

"That was our goal of all goals," Thompson said. "We just played like a team that wanted to keep going, and that's where we're headed."

Regional championship eludes Franklin girls

Editor's note: Due to an error in the Monday, Nov. 27, edition, this story did not appear in its proper place. Here is a reprint of that story.

By Brad Emons staff writer

Livonia Franklin found a lid on the basket last week, falling to Taylor Center in the Class A regional girls final at Dearborn Edsel Ford, 43-39.

The Patriots finished the season at 19-4 overall, their best-ever girls record. Meanwhile, Taylor Center (24-1) moves on to the state quarterfinals Wednesday at Southfield. The Lady Rams will take on West Bloomfield (22-3).

Franklin fought tooth and nail with the much taller and stronger Lady Rams, but two free throws by Wendy Jamula with 44 seconds to go sealed the victory for Taylor Center.

Ironically, Jamula, the team's top scorer with more than 2,000 career points, was held without a field goal. The 5-foot-10 point-guard, however, hit eight of 10 free throws.

Tila Thomas, a 5-11 senior, led Taylor Center with 16, while 6-2 center Jennifer Miller added 10.

Three Patriots scored in double figures. Leading the way was junior forward Juliann Stesak, who netted 13. Dawn Warner and Cheryl Hintz added 12 and 11, respectively.

FRANKLIN was plagued by poor shooting, making only 15 of 48 shots from the floor.

"Basically what it boiled down to is that we missed shots that we normally make," said Franklin coach Dan Free-

man. "And it happened in both halves. 'I said to myself, 'keep taking them' because they're eventually going to go, but the shots kept rolling around and went off. The other parts of our game were there, but we just didn't finish off the shots."

Despite the poor shooting, Franklin was tied 8-8 after one quarter, 21-all at the half and trailed by only two after three quarters, 32-30.

Stesak's basket with 3:57 left in the game tied it at 35-all, but the Patriots scored only four points down the stretch.

A layup by Miller with three minutes to go gave Taylor Center a 37-35 lead. Franklin then lost out on a critical possession with 2:49 to play when Hintz took a short turn-around baseline jumper that was blocked by the 6-2 Miller.

Confusion arose whether the Rams' center had committed a foul or whether the Patriots had called timeout prior to the block.

AFTER A BRIEF huddle, officials ruled that the Patriots illegally signaled timeout while the ball was being passed in the air to Hintz.

Although it appeared Franklin retained possession, officials ruled it a jump ball. With the arrow pointing Taylor Center's way, the Rams took the ball out of bounds and capitalized on the turnover by sending Jamula to the line.

She made both free throws with 2:41 to play to put the Rams up four, 39-35. "Although the pass was in the air, I thought we still maintained possession," said Freeman. "I was signaling timeout because I wanted to run an inbounds play that I thought we could score off of. To me that was the turning point."

Another turning point came when

Franklin's senior center, Shannon Eberly, picked up three fouls in the first half.

She drew a fourth in the third quarter and eventually fouled out without scoring a point.

Miller also spent time on the bench, picking up her fourth midway through the third quarter.

"IT WAS A big plus that Jennifer was able to play in the fourth quarter," said Taylor Center coach Mike Leever. "I thought about putting her back in with five minutes to go, but I put her in with six and it worked out."

Although the Patriots couldn't find the rim, they played outstanding defense, led by sophomore point-guard Patty Shea, who was giving up five inches to Jamula.

"For the size differential, the girls did very well," said the Franklin coach. "Patty did a nice job on Wendy. And we were able to help out and do a reasonable job on Miller. We did a decent job taking

away their perimeter game."

"But they (Taylor Center) have a lot of talent, and you can't key on one person."

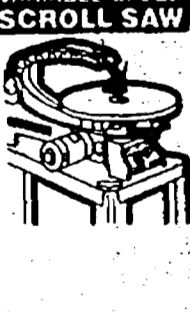
Leever was surprised to hear afterward that Jamula had been held without a field goal.

"That's all right as long as she can get the ball to our post players — Jennifer and Tila," said the Taylor Center coach. "The girls were a little nervous, but with Wendy being the veteran she is, she kept her poise. She also came through for us with some big free throws."

Freeman, meanwhile, kept coming back to his team's inability to shoot the basketball.

"There was one sequence (in the second quarter) where we had four shots right around the basket and it wouldn't go down," he said. "That's just not characteristic of our team. Shots from 15 to 16 feet that have been good to us all year, just wouldn't fall."

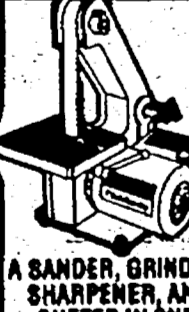
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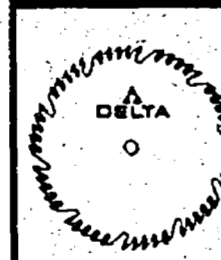
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- Dec. 5-12 — Elk season is open in portions of Zone II.
- Dec. 8-17 — Muzzleloading deer season is open in the Lower Peninsula.
- Through Jan. 1 — Squirrel season is open statewide.
- Through Jan. 31 — Raccoon season is open statewide.
- Through March 1 — Gray and red fox season is open statewide.
- Through March 31 — Rabbit season is open statewide.

METROPARKS

- Saturday Morning Stuff, a monthly nature program for children ages 6-10, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Stony Creek. This month, children will learn simple ways to provide treats for animals.
- Kid Stuff, a nature program for children ages 6-10 in which participants will learn to make holiday decorations using natural material, will be offered at 10 a.m. Saturday at Indian Springs. There is a \$1 charge per person.
- Toys-N-Things: Do Animals Get Cold?, a program for children ages 3-5 in which participants will learn about winter animals, will be offered at 11 a.m. Sunday at Stony Creek.
- Dough Art Christmas Decorations, an opportunity for participants to learn to make holiday decorations using salt dough, will be offered at 1 p.m. Sunday at Indian Springs. There is a \$1 charge per person.
- Songs and Stories of the season, an opportunity to warm up by a fire and swap tales and tunes with a na-

turalist, will be offered at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington. Advanced registration is required.

● Christmas Decorations with the Kids, a program for children ages 6-10 and their parents in which participants will learn to make holiday decorations by using pine cones, seeds and other natural objects, will be offered at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Metro Beach. There is a \$1 charge per child and advanced registration is required.

● Lunch with Santa, a one-hour program allowing children to meet and have lunch with Santa, will be offered at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Indian Springs. There is a \$5 charge per person and advanced registration is required.

● Mother Nature's Christmas Ornaments, an opportunity to learn to make beautiful, but inexpensive Christmas decorations out of natural objects, will be offered at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Indian Springs.

● Fireside Nature Stories, a program featuring stories of the season, will be offered at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Kensington.

● Full Moon Walk, a naturalist-led hike to explore the winter moon, will be offered at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Stony Creek. A similar program will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at Kensington.

● Most Metropark programs are free of charge, but require advanced registration. All programs require a vehicle entry permit. For additional information on all the Metropark programs, call 1-800-24-PARKS.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

● Birds of a Feather, a nature program in which children ages 6-8 will explore the world of birds, will be offered at 10 a.m. Saturday at Independence Oaks.

● Most Oakland County Parks programs require advanced registration. Call the Independence Oaks Nature Center at 825-8473 for more information.

Recent fatality a cruel reminder

RETURNING HOME from the firearm deer season, I was ready to fill this space with a report on successful hunters.

But hunting success turned remotely obscure as I watched a report on the local evening news. The lead story was about a Dearborn man killed in a hunting accident.

Hunters die needlessly each year during the Michigan firearms deer season, usually because someone else fails to follow the commandments of hunter safety.

I've barked about reckless hunters in this space before. It always hurts to hear that a fellow hunter has been injured, worse yet killed, because of someone else's careless mistake. But in time, that pain fades as we fall back into our daily routines.

Not this time. This time, the tragedy hit much closer to home. This time the pain will linger. The hunter's name was John Francis Lee. I'll remember him better as "Little John."

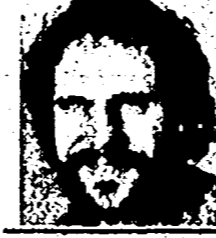
THE FIFTH OF seven Lee siblings, John tragically was killed November 18th, just two days shy of his 27th birthday.

Hunting on his brother's property in Livingston County near Fowlerville, John and younger brother Eddie were dragging John's deer from the woods when he was accidentally shot by another hunting companion and close friend. Now, because of a split-second of carelessness, John has moved on to the Great Hunt in the Sky and that friend must now bear an enormous burden for the rest of his life.

According to Sgt. Hobart at the Michigan State Police Department's Brighton Post, the two brothers were dragging a deer across an open field when the accident occurred. The shooter, hunting from a corner of the field, saw a deer get up in the area of the victim and took a shot. It was near dark — the police report listed 6:10 p.m. as the time of the accident — and the deer was approximately 65 yards away.

One pellet from one round of buckshot struck

outdoors



Bill Parker

John below the heart. He died before he could get to a hospital.

ONE ROUND of buckshot. One pellet from one round of buckshot was all it took to snuff out a life and inflict a lifetime worth of misery.

The man reporting the incident on TV made a point of stating that a gun was responsible for John's death. But before he could launch a one-man campaign on the horrors of hunting and gun ownership, John's family turned the table on him. They explained, even in their grief, that guns do not kill by themselves. It takes human intervention before a gun will discharge. A gun must first be loaded by a human, aimed by a human and triggered by a human. Guns do not load, aim and discharge by themselves.

Human error causes hunting accidents, not self-operating guns. Carelessness, recklessness and foolishness cause hunting accidents, not self-operating guns.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE die in our state each year in automobile accidents, yet I never hear anyone complain about how automobiles kill. I've never heard anyone crying about automobile control or about an automobile ban. Don't they know — cars kill!

Of course, that would be ridiculous. We all know cars can not operate by themselves. Automobile accidents do not occur without human intervention. Automobile accidents do not occur unless someone drives without thinking of safety first. Automobile accidents occur when drivers act in a careless, reckless or foolish manner. The

same holds true for a boat, snowmobile, bow and arrow or a gun.

THE HORROR HERE is not in the gun, but in the hunter who chooses to overlook safety and common sense.

One look at the State Police's sketch of the accident indicated to me that the accident occurred because of human error, not because of a self-motivated gun.

The victim and his brother were walking in the general area of the target. Although the shot was not directed at the victim, he was, unfortunately, too close to the target area. For safety sake, the shot should not have been fired. It was a judgment call. Unfortunately, it appears poor judgment was used. Perhaps, overexcitement played a major role. Obviously, safety was not the priority.

If only the shooter had taken a second, a split second, to be sure of his target and to take notice of the victim and his brother. They were, after all in the middle of an open field. If only the shooter had taken a split-second to think about SAFETY FIRST maybe this accident could have been avoided.

THERE IS NO room in the woods for careless hunters. There is no room in the world for careless gun owners. Certainly, there is no room on the road for a careless driver.

"Little John" will never again be able to share the camaraderie of the hunting camp or the excitement of downing a trophy buck, but his memory will live forever in the hearts and minds of his family and friends. He has joined a host of other great hunters on the greatest hunt of all. May God rest his soul and comfort the hearts of the loved ones he leaves behind.

(Bill Parker is happy to answer questions readers have regarding the outdoors. Hunters are also urged to send in their success reports. Send questions or comments to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.)

Don't pass the buck, report your '89 results

By Bill Parker
staff writer

Bagged a big buck during the early archery or the firearm deer seasons? How 'bout a little buck?

If you have, here's your last chance to gloat.

I'll be running a special column in the near future to report on all the successful hunters in the Observer & Eccentric coverage area. If you, a friend or a family member bagged a buck I want to hear about it.

I'll be manning the phone on Monday, Dec. 4, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. to take your calls. Give me a ring at our Birmingham office, 644-1101 or 644-1103 to report all the details.

Successful hunters from the early elk hunt should also give me a call.

Can Tony Boles bounce back?

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TEAMMATES dedicated Saturday's Rose Bowl-clinching 28-18 win over OSU to Boles. Several players wore towels bearing his jersey number (42).

Boles, who has been fitted in a cast, watched the game on TV Saturday at home with his parents.

And because of the seriousness of his injury, there's talk that he may be switched to flanker next season. Surgery is scheduled for mid-December at U-M Hospital, right after semester exams.

Boles, who seems to be in good spirits, is scheduled to graduate next year. He has spent this semester as a student gym teacher at Angell Elementary School in Ann Arbor.

With only one year of eligibility remaining, Boles must now undergo a vigorous rehabilitation program in order to be ready by next August.

It's not a lot of time. Schembecher has pointed out that other U-M players, including two on the current roster (John Milligan and Derrick Walker), have bounced back from identical injuries.

HE ALSO RECALLS the dogged determination in the weight room by John Wangler, who returned for the

1980 season, quarterbacking U-M to 1981 Rose Bowl victory over Washington.

Many players have bounced back from torn knees.

Penn State running back Blair Thomas is one example, but don't forget he sat out an entire season and had more than year of rehabilitation.

You wonder if Boles, considered the fastest player ever to wear a Michigan uniform, will ever be the same.

Bernard King bounced back. Billy Sims did not.

Phil Hubbard returned, but he was never the same Phil Hubbard.

Danny Manning has returned, but we'll have to wait and see.

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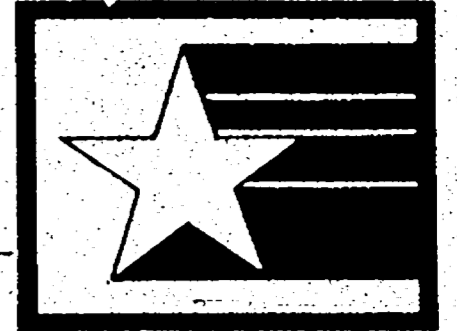
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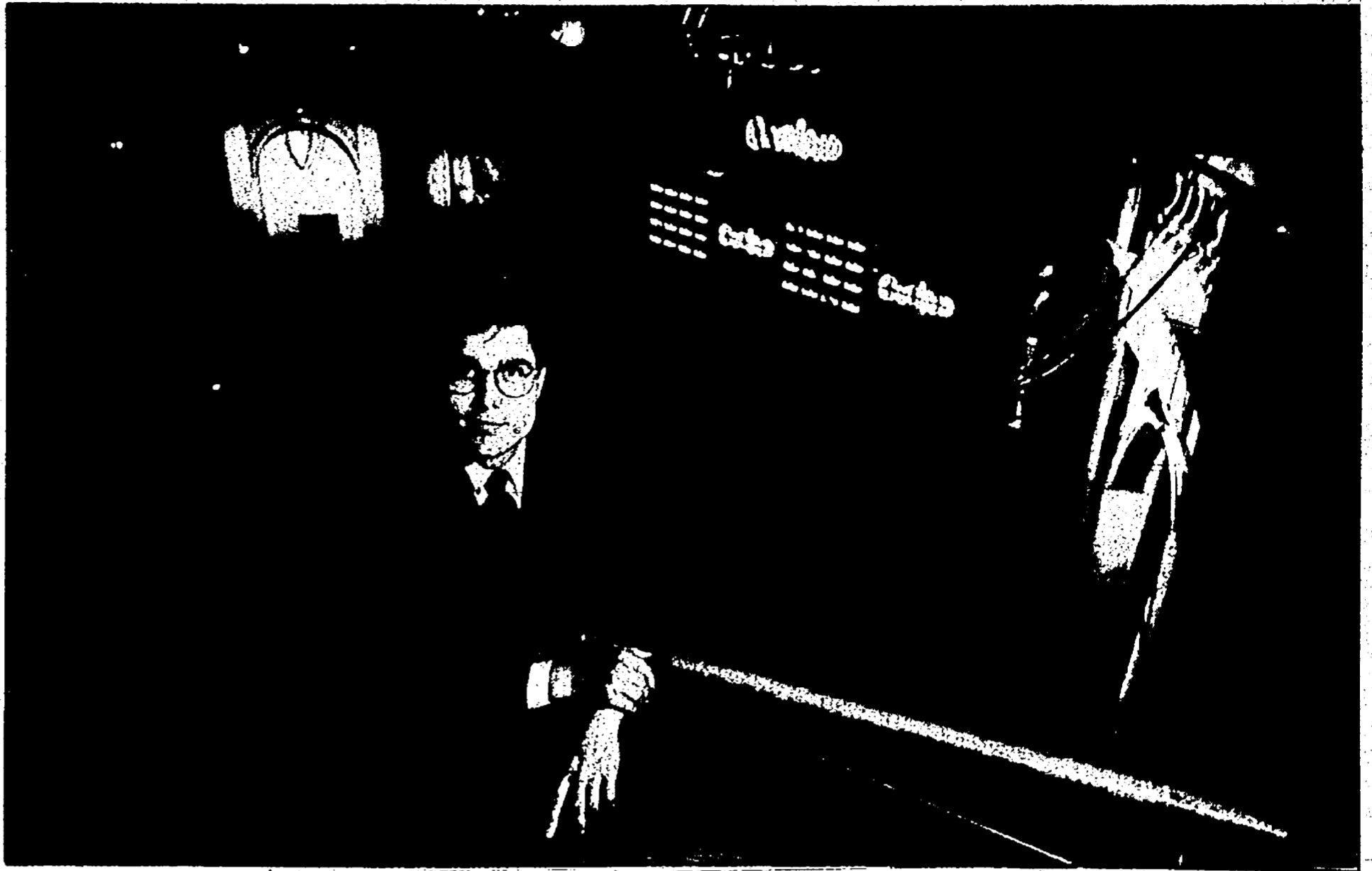


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Chandelier hangs above one of several pool tables at Clubland.



Steve Weikal of Troy leans against upper balcony rail, overlooking dance area and main floor of the State Theatre in Detroit. He

is director of sales for the theater, which is used for Clubland, a hot, new nightclub, as well as for a variety of private bookings.

JIM RIDER/staff photographer

Elegance revived in State Theatre

By Cathie Breidenbach
special writer

WITH ITS TOWERING domed ceiling of ornate plaster, its faux marble columns, and plush red-carpeted lobbies hung with crystal chandeliers, the recently renovated State Theatre in Detroit brings to life the palatial elegance of the old movie houses of the '20s and '30s.

Steve Weikal, magician, entertainer and businessman who lives in Troy, is director of sales for the State Theatre. He spreads the word among the corporate and social public that the majestic, rococo splendor of the restored State Theatre would be the perfect setting for musicals, operas, concerts and plays, as well as private parties, fund-raisers, company gatherings, presentations and product roll-outs.

The State, with seating for 2,500, can accommodate large-scale musical and theatrical productions because it was built in 1926 as a vaudeville house with a full stage and five stories of backstage dressing rooms — unlike many movie houses built only to show films.

"The acoustics are wonderful," Weikal says, because good acoustics were essential in a vaudeville house before the advent of sophisticated sound systems. "If you sit in the back

row of the balcony, I can talk to you from the stage."

CLUBLAND, A NON-STOP media blitz with roving video cameras in the lobby and a multistory bank of screens on stage, uses a half-million-dollar state-of-the-art sound system that can easily accommodate multimedia corporate presentations. "We can show TV commercials and can produce everything here so a company wouldn't have to go to an outside source," Weikal says.

Traditional seats on the main floor of the "new" State Theatre have been replaced with cabaret seating around small cocktail tables. Weikal says the theater plans to serve luncheons and dinners by covering the cocktail tables with larger tablecloths.

"We can do black tie and opera. The building lends itself to a certain formality," although Clubland is informal," he says. The mezzanine accommodates private cocktail and hors d'oeuvres parties for 200 and can be booked even during Clubland hours. Weikal explains, "Door hosts secure the entrance staircases to the mezzanine, but guests (at the private party) are tagged so they can come and go as they please."

Weikal is a connoisseur of old movie palaces, even though he is only 26. He says, "My generation never experienced the grand old

movie theaters." The revival of the downtown movie houses is changing that, as restorers like Ray Shepardon bring to new life what Weikal calls "a slice of 20th century American history."

He says, "From the financial standpoint, it's tremendously expensive to build new theaters with the same acoustical perfection of the old ones. If theaters are in good locations, it's cheaper to restore the old." That's what's happening in downtown Detroit.

FANFARE HERALDED the opening of the Fox as the first step in the revitalization of the Grand Circus Park area, now being called the Fox Center. Metropolitan Detroiters are flocking downtown to revel in nostalgia and view the gilded grandeur of the Fox Theatre. The State Theatre, near the Fox on Woodward, has been renovated more recently. It opened in September as Clubland, Steve Jarvis' nationally syndicated nightclub and non-stop magic happening. Clubland is fast becoming one of the hottest dancing spots in metropolitan Detroit. On opening weekend the nightclub drew a crowd of more than 10,000, far surpassing expectations.

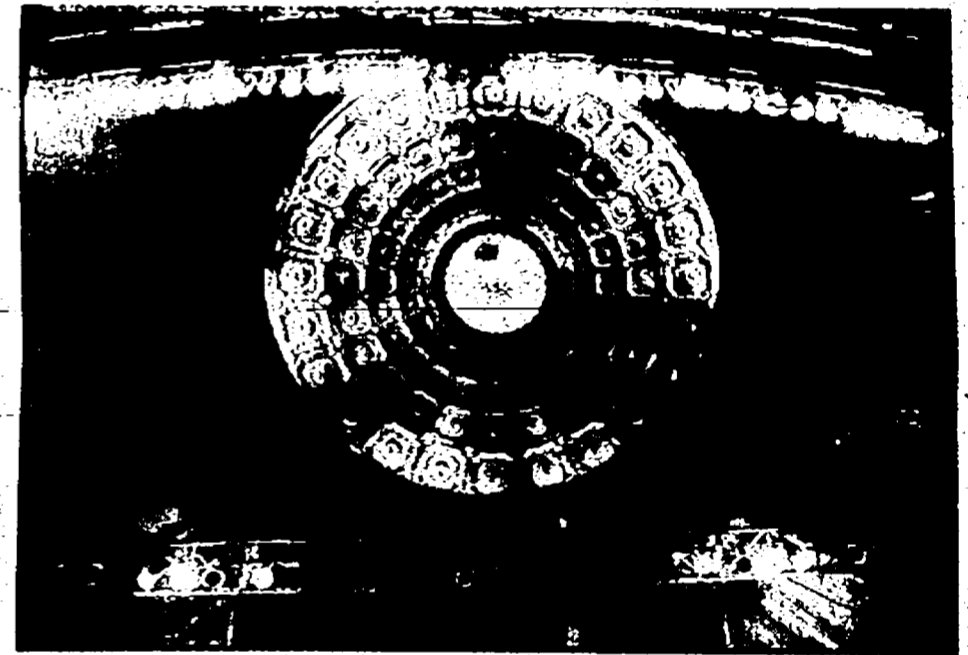
Weikal explains that Clubland is open only Thursday-Sunday, from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. That leaves three full days of the week, as well as days and early evenings Thursday-Sunday when the elegant building can be scheduled for other events. Booking the State Theater for non-nightclub

uses is Steve Weikal's job. The Detroit Symphony Orchestra booked the State for a Big Band Night fundraiser in November, when theater's walls reverberated with the mellow sounds of the big band era rather than the rock, Top 40 and house music that keeps the place jumping during regular Clubland hours. Dodge also scheduled a product launch in November, and the calendar has been filling up with private and corporate bookings.

As sales director for the State Theatre, Weikal comes in at 9 a.m. and works days rather than nights. He says, "I'm in the theater business, not the nightclub business. I deal with the corporate clientele, business suit types."

Still, he raves about Clubland and "the pleasant blend of interesting people the nightclub draws from the city and the suburbs, almost every age and color, black and white, single and married. They come wearing everything from black tie to black leather." His friends call Clubland "the closest thing to New York or Chicago that Detroit's ever had."

A series of lucky coincidences and connections as far away as Australia led the magician-entertainer to set up shop in the ninth floor office of the Palm Building, where workmen in boots and flannel shirts check the blueprints for the ongoing State renovation and applicants fill out forms for the 100 staff jobs as bartenders, wait persons, and entertainers at Clubland.



A view of the ceiling above the dance floor.

WEIKAL GREW UP in West Bloomfield, and as a teenager he began charming the birthday party set with his card tricks and balloon animals. At Michigan State University, he majored in economics and minored in accounting because he knew that despite its illusions — pardon the pun — even the magic business bows to financial reality.

He says, "My real interest is show business." Still, his addiction to show business remains, and he admits, "I do a half dozen private magic contracts a month because I really love entertaining people." Through college, Weikal worked as an entertainer, and he continued

amazing audiences with his sleight of hand when he attended graduate school at the University of Adelaide in Australia. Why Down Under? Because he won a Rotary Foundation Scholarship to study there. While in Sydney performing at a nightclub, his love of majestic old movie theaters led him to snap photographs of the Regent, a stately old theater that had been boarded up.

Back home in the United States, he worked as stage assistant and coordinator for magician Harry Blackstone, Jr. That led to working as Blackstone's Midwest project manager. Please turn to Page 8

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Caring for pets in winter

Pets need special care in winter, the Michigan Humane Society advises.

- Pets normally kept indoors should wear coats or sweaters for extended outdoor trips in cold, wintry weather. Short-haired breeds especially need the extra protection.
- While the Humane Society generally discourages keeping pets outdoors, it is aware many pets are outdoor in nature.
- For those pets, the society offers these tips:
 - Keep dog houses and other pet housing in good repair, fill in cracks, leaks or gaps.
 - Elevate pet housing to 4-6 inches above the ground to allow floors to stay dry.
 - Place the doorway southeast, away from prevailing winds.
 - Put a flap over the door to keep out draft.
- Use straw insulation and change it frequently. The Humane Society emphasizes straw must be kept clean.
- As with human beings, animals expend more calories keeping themselves warm during winter months. Because of that, increase the animal's food intake by 15-20 percent during the winter.
- Water dishes should be frequently checked for freezing.
- When the temperature or wind chill factor falls below freezing, consider bringing the pet inside. A garage or basement area is best, because overly warm areas will make the pets with heavy coats uncomfortable.

Search on for poets

Schoolcraft College and "The MacGuffin," the college literary magazine, are holding their seventh annual poet hunt.

The contest, open to all Michigan residents, offers a \$100 first prize for previously unpublished verse.

Entrants may submit up to five original poems of 50 lines or less.

Poems must be typed on standard typing paper. Name, address and telephone number should be typed on a separate 3-by-5-inch index card, rather than placed on the poems themselves. There is a 50-cent entry fee per poem.

Entries should be mailed to "Poet Hunt," Liberal Arts Building, Schoolcraft College, 18800 Haggerty, Livonia 48152.

The deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 31. Entries will be judged by noted poet Alice Fulton.

In addition to the \$100 first prize, there will be a \$50 second prize, \$25 third prize and three honorable mention prizes.

Winners will be announced March 12. All six award winners will be invited to read their works at a college program April 9.

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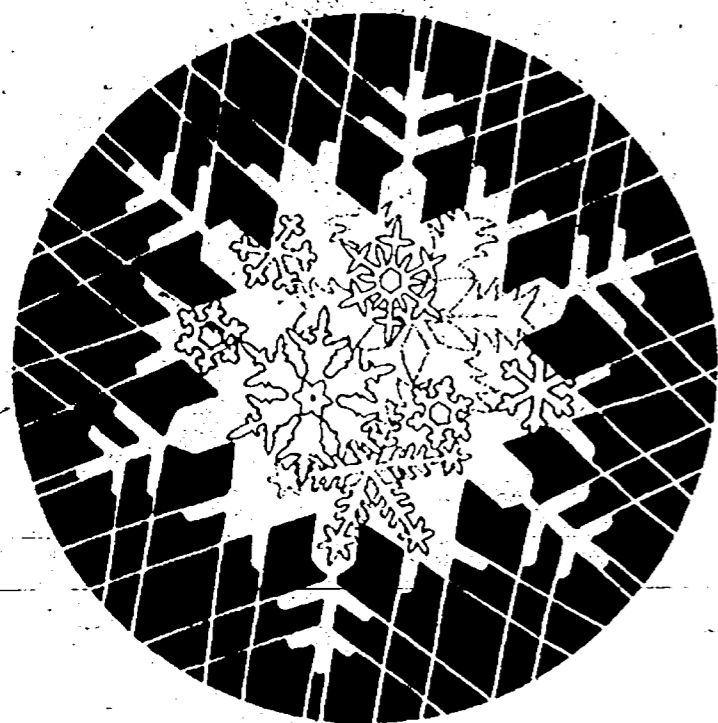
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Libonia's Christmas Walk

By Marie McGee
staff writer

FROM THE VERY, very old to the very, very new. It'll all be there 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, when the Friends of Greenmead initiate what they hope will become a community holiday tradition — a Christmas walk.

But the event is more than a fun affair — it will serve the dual purpose of helping raise funds for the all-important restoration of the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, Livonia's historical village.

To that end, a revitalized Friends group has planned a walk that will take participants to all ends of the community and to several different types of homes — all gaily decorated for the holidays to fit the particular style home by community florists who have volunteered their efforts.

Beginning with the 1841-vintage Hill House Museum at Greenmead, "walkers" will then be free to move out to any of the five other houses on the tour that will include a second historical home that has been restored by its present owners to retain the charm of the Victorian era of its heyday. Decorations for this home will be done by French's Flowers.

NOT NEARLY AS OLD but equally as charming with traditional accents will be a modified clapboard Cape Cod built around 1938 which its present owners have lovingly furnished with a mixture of restored country pieces, quilts, baskets, pottery and other collectibles. Most of the Christmas decorations are hand-crafted by the owners. (If the house sounds vaguely familiar, it was because it was featured as one of the stops in the Historical Society's recent progressive dinner.)

Across town and the newest house on the tour is a modernistic home with a feeling of openness created by vaulted ceilings and clean sleek, lines underscored by creamy white furnishings accented by soft shades of pink. The black and white kitchen is said to be a homemaker's dream. Holiday decorations will be done by Premier Designs in Laurel Commons.

A Swiss chalet-style home — referred to as the chalet and chapel because of the four weddings that have taken place in its spacious living room as well as numerous anniversary parties — will add contrast to the tour. Weber's Floral Gifts will handle the Christmas touches.

Two other homes on the tour will be colonial style, one pillared with an extensive collection of Norman Rockwell lithographs artistically located in several areas of the home. The owners have chosen to do their own decorating.

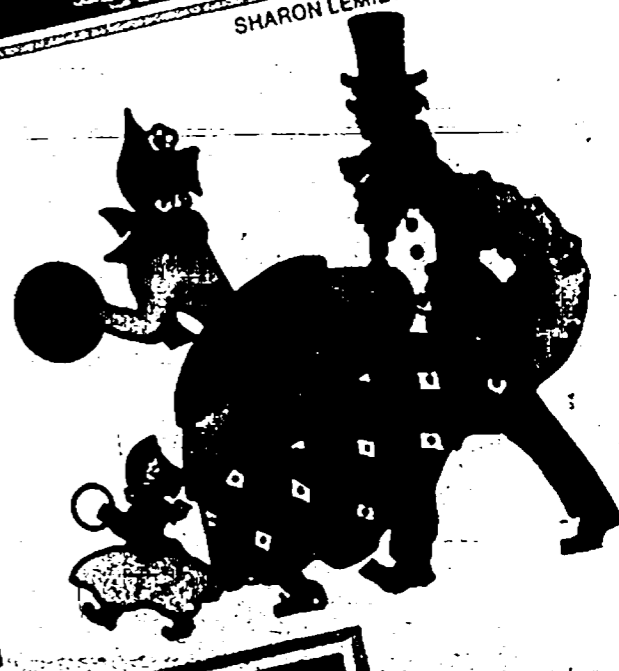
TRADITIONAL DECOR OF THE other colonial will be complemented with oriental accent pieces acquired during the owners three-year stay there. Harold Thomas Nursery and Florist will handle the decorating.

Tour tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 the day of the walk. Tickets are now available at all Livonia libraries, Greenmead, the community resources office in the Livonia City Hall and through the restoration of the Blue house, a two-story Italianate-style farmhouse which was built over 130 years ago on its original site on Middlebelt Road, but was moved to Greenmead several years ago, hopefully to become a reception/meeting facility.

Sue Gaunt of Premier Designs with some holiday touches in the modernistic home her staff will decorate for the Dec. 9 tour.



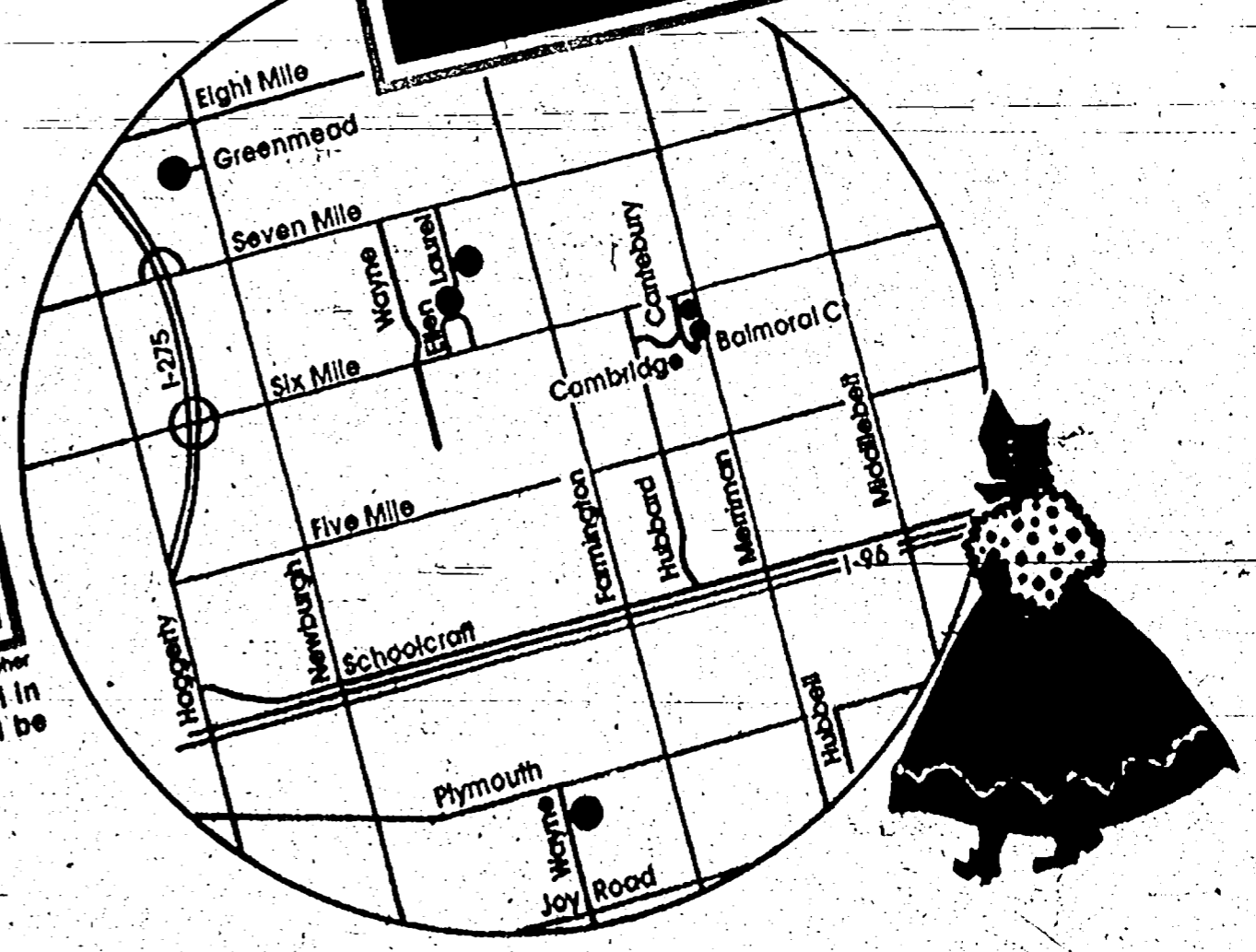
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Friends members Therese Jays (left) and Brenda Fandrei in the dining room of the restored Victorian home that will be on the tour and decorated by French's Flowers.



Symphony ushers in holidays on varied note



Jim Mulleague and Hal Doyle 'New Laurel and Hardy' team

The Livonia Symphony will offer a variety of musical holiday gifts to the community at its "Magical Moments of Christmas" concert Saturday, Dec. 9.

Included will be dance sequences from "The Nutcracker Ballet," performed by students of the Rose Marie Floyd Ballet Company of Livonia, and a fully staged rendition of "The Night Before Christmas" with students from the Livonia Center for the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA).

Special guests for the 8 p.m. program in Churchill High School will be Jim Mulleague and Hal Doyle, both of the Detroit area, as "The New Laurel and Hardy."

The concert will be under the baton of Francesco DiBlasi, LSO music director and conductor.

Tickets, at \$9 and \$5 for students and seniors, may be bought at the door or in advance from Ida Krandle at 851-4524.

MULLEAGUE AND DOYLE, currently performing at the MGM Bally in Las Vegas, have many club dates to their credit including those in Europe, Canada and the Caribbean.

They frequently perform in Detroit, and their trips on the state fair circuit have taken them from Minnesota to Florida.

Students from the Rose Marie Floyd Ballet Company have been guest artists many times with the Livonia Symphony. This year they will offer seven sequences from "The Nutcracker Ballet," including "Waltz of the Flowers."

Floyd, a graduate of Wayne State University, organized the company in 1956. Since then it has become one of the most popular dance companies in the metropolitan Detroit area.

Floyd is recipient of the Wayne State Headliner Award and holds a Master Ceccetti advanced diploma, the most advanced honor in the ballet branch of the Imperial Society of England.

Livonia's CAPA trains students in dance, instrumental music, theater, vocal music and visual arts. The intensified training in CAPA is designed with college preparation or career/avocational goals in mind, said its program director, Steven Kosinski.

IN ADDITION to the many performers involved in the program, Santa will "clown around" during intermission. His appearance is being made possible by Mobile Ed Productions Inc. of Livonia.

DiBlasi will begin the program with LeRoy Anderson's "A Christmas Festival" and the prelude to the opera, "Hansel and Gretel" by Humperdinck.

Other orchestral numbers include Waldteufel's "Skater's Waltz" and Anderson's "Sleigh Ride."

The evening's entertainment will be concluded with Andrea Hughes leading a sing-along, with the audience invited to join her in traditional carols and a "Hanukkah Celebration" by Feldstein.

Churchill High School is at Joy and Newburgh roads in Livonia.

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REDFORD CONCERT

The Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra will present its 34th annual Christmas concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 in Thurston High School. Featured will be the Ford Motor Co. Chorus presenting holiday music by many composers. The chorus is directed by Dale Olmstead, accompanied by Joan Plethman. There will also be an audience participation Christmas carol sing. There is no admission charge.

JORLETT CHORALE

The First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, will present a Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12. Performing will be the David Jorlett Chorale, a professional acappella choir with residence at the Duns Scotus Friary in Southfield. Jorlett is the Centennial Park and artistic director for Schoolcraft College.

Advanced ticket purchases are highly recommended, \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. At the door, \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the church office during business hours. For more information, call 453-6464.

MADRIGAL DINNER

St. Agatha Chorale will have a madrigal dinner at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 in historic Fort Wayne to benefit the ecumenical project SAVE (Seek and Visit the Elderly). Tickets are \$20. For more information, call 842-4677.

GREEMead CHRISTMAS WALK

Friends of Greenmead will sponsor a Christmas walk of six homes in Livonia on Saturday, Dec. 9, 1-5 p.m. Proceeds will be used for the restoration of the Alexander Blue House in the historical village. Tickets at \$5 are available at all Livonia libraries, Greenmead and the Community Resources Office in the City Hall.

MADONNA ART SHOW

Madonna College, Livonia, will feature an exhibit of oils and watercolors in the library wing exhibit gallery through Dec. 5. It is sponsored by the Adult Education Art Program.

Exhibit hours are 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday. Madonna is at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

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Gift suggestions for young readers

DON'T SAY I never did anything for you.

I've been out in the trenches for the last two weeks, doing reconnaissance work, helping you to get a good start on your holiday shopping (and, I hope, putting a dent in my own).

The big problem this year, especially when it comes to children's books, is that there is so much to choose from. Months ago, as I looked ahead to future columns, I made a note to devote one column in late November to gift suggestions for book lovers. But it can't be done. No way can I even begin to scratch the surface of possibilities in a single column. So, I'll try to do as much as I can in two columns, instead. This week, I'll talk about gifts for little ones. Next time, I'll conclude with a look at what's out there for those of us kids who have grown a little taller.

ACTUALLY, THE whole family can have fun with Graeme Base's in-

tricately illustrated "The Eleventh Hour: A Curious Mystery" (Abrams, \$14.95). The "mystery" is this: What sneaky critter lifted all the goods intended for Horace the Elephant's big birthday bash? Was it the pig who came to the party dressed as an admirer? A pair of giraffes, costumed as ballerinas? Or maybe that wily zebra? The answer can be found within Base's splendid artwork.

Speaking of masterful illustrations (and also of children's books the family can enjoy), don't miss Mark Helprin's striking version of the legendary ballet-story, "Swan Lake" (Houghton Mifflin, \$19.95). Accompanied by the jewel-like illustrations of Chris Van Allsburg, this story of a fatherless prince and orphaned princess may be a bit complex for very young readers who try it on their own, but most will find it an absolutely enchanting "read-to-me" story.

For a different look at the story of Christmas, there's illustrator Julie Vivas' "The Nativity" (Gulliver/

HBJ, \$13.95). With the text from the Authorized King James version of the Bible, Vivas' images are delightfully unique. Who said the Angel Gabriel had to be divinely beautiful, anyway?

Here, he's a homely red-head wearing high-topped, comfy boots, and equipped with a pair of enormous, papery wings that look as if they'd been dipped in a magical paint pot. The Virgin Mary is very obviously "great with child" (a loving Joseph has his hands full, getting her up on to that donkey). Vivas' images of the newborn Christ Child, the ragged shepherds, and the exotic, awe-struck wise men (atop their blue-and-green camels) are irresistible.

OTHER DELIGHTS include Joyce Maxner's "Nicholas Cricket" (Harper and Row, \$12.95), illustrated by William Joyce. In this charming, rhymed tale especially for ages 4-8, Cricket Nick "plays every night/in the Bug-a-Wug Cricket Band" at a place called (what else?) Nick's Cafe. Ducks and rabbits swing and sway till dawn, alongside ladybugs, toads, moths, mantises, snap-turtles, grasshoppers... "The music is just so grand!" and so is this book. For ages 8-12, "Ma and Pa Dracula" (Holiday House, \$12.95) by Ann M. Martin (author of the Baby-Sitters Club series) offers a distinctively zany look at a wonderfully weird family. Drawings are by Dirk Zimmer.

For ages 12 and up, Madeleine L'Engle ("A Wrinkle in Time") sits

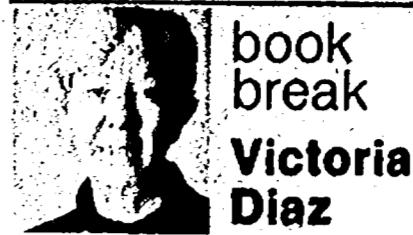
up another time-travel tale in "An Acceptable Time" (Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, \$12.95). Young heroine, Polly O'Keefe, visiting her grandparents' Connecticut farm, slips back in time, where she comes up against a native American girl, a druid, and a handsome warrior from an ancient society.

For those smallest story-lovers on your list, remember to take a look at "Henry's Moon" (Little, Brown, \$12.95), by Geoffrey Moss. This endearing story of the little boy who builds himself a moon comes accompanied by a bedside nightlight.

For youngest Chanukah-celebrants, noted children's author and illustrator, Tomie dePaola, has put together a charming board-book introduction to the holiday: "My First Chanukah" (Putnam, \$5.95), in simple text accompanied by dePaola's colorful artwork, identifies Chanukah traditions like the lighting of the menorah, the spinning dreidel, and festive holiday foods.

Also, in time for Chanukah, Eric Kimmel's "Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins" (Holiday House, \$14.95). Not to worry — those pesky ghouls that go bump in the night are put in their place in Kimmel's story, illustrated by Caldecott Medal winner, Trina Schart Hymen.

Books and more: "Silent Night: A Christmas Book With Lights and Music" (Macmillan/Aladdin, \$10.95); illustrated by Kathy Mitchell. On these pages, the Star of Bethlehem really twinkles and, if the "magic" tab is pulled, readers can hear the classic Christmas carol. "My Peter



book break

Victoria Diaz

Rabbit Book and Toy Box" (Warne, \$19.95) comes complete with a 9-inch, plush rendition of Beatrix Potter's most famous character, and four Rabbit tales. Maria Danly's "Lullaby River" (Knopf, \$19.95) features lullabies in print and on cassette; tucked inside is soft, silk-screened Tucker the Turtle for sleepyheads like himself.

"The American Girl's Theater" (Pleasant Co., \$16.95) includes four scripts for three plays (in the American Girl's series), along with a director's guide and other necessities for the production of these gift-boxed plays.

Don't forget book/cassette sets. One of the most attractively packaged this year is Chris Van Allsburg's "Polar Express" (Houghton Mifflin, \$24.95). Narrated on cassette by actor William Hurt, each

gift set contains Van Allsburg's breathtakingly beautiful book and a small, silvery sleigh bell that looks as if it might have been snipped from the harness of one of Santa's reindeer.

Finally, if you're interested in best-sellers when it comes to children's literature, you'll want to know that, locally at least (and probably everywhere else), H.R.H. the Duchess of York's "Budge, The Little Helicopter" (Simon and Schuster, \$9.95), with whimsical illustrations by John Richards, is selling like there's no tomorrow.

There's lots, lots more out there in the world of "kiddy lit." Go and see for yourself. I regret that I can't include more of it here, but, as promised, I think those I've mentioned will give you a good start. Happy hunting!

MYS concert is Dec. 3

The Metropolitan Youth Symphony will begin its eighth season with a concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 in Livonia Churchill High School, Newburgh Road, north of Joy Road.

The classical concert will include "The Overture to Russian and Ludmilla" by Glinka, selections from "The Planets" by Gustav Holst, "La Damnation de Faust" by Hector Berlioz and the ballet music from "Faust" by Gounod. In addition, they will play Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 3," "Themes from Mo-

zart's Symphony No. 40" and a medley of holiday music.

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Establish overall color scheme

Q. We've just moved into a house with a fairly large entrance hall, from which the living and dining room can be seen. The furnishings and colors for these rooms are quite different since we're doing our redecorating piecemeal. The only thing we've settled on is to use soft rose carpeting throughout the first floor. My husband wants to use the same carpeting in the entrance hall, but I'm afraid so much of one color will look too monotonous. Any suggestions?

A. Before you proceed much further with your redecorating, I would strongly suggest establishing an overall scheme. Quite a wide range of colors harmonize with soft rose, depending upon what kind of effect you want. Whatever your final color selection will be, you might consider anchoring the overall color scheme with black and white for the entrance hall. It can be accessorized with pewter or brass for the lighting fixture, and a decorative mirror for one wall.

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Q. I've never given much thought how the various tones of off-white can influence a color scheme until I moved into my new apartment recently. I like it except for the mismatched look of the antique white walls and the warm beige carpeting. The antique white looks grey compared to the carpeting. I'm thinking of repainting the walls myself, but need your advice because my furniture upholstery is in a combination of warm terracottas and cool, soft greens. All my wood tones are fairly warm and light. What do you suggest?

A. The antique whites, which have been around for a while, are very greyed yellows that

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off an impression of a greenish subsequent off-whites created by the paint industry are much purer in tone, which means they are much less greyed.

If you decide to repaint your apartment in another off-white, I would shift over into the warmer, yellow-orange family. When these colors are greyed, they turn into elegant tans and beiges. This would be more suitable for terracotta and green color harmonies.

But if you can arrange it with your building management, I would go one step further and select either a richer pastel, in the soft apricot range, or go for a two-tone combination of a soft apricot in combination with a deeper or brighter version of the same color family. For a contrasting accent, I would then introduce a jade colored ceramic vase or lamp bases.

Be careful to stay away from stark, blue-cast whites, or anything with too much yellow in it. You can also play around with finishes, reserving a matte finish for the larger, lighter color, and experimenting with higher gloss for the darker, to give the color more depth.

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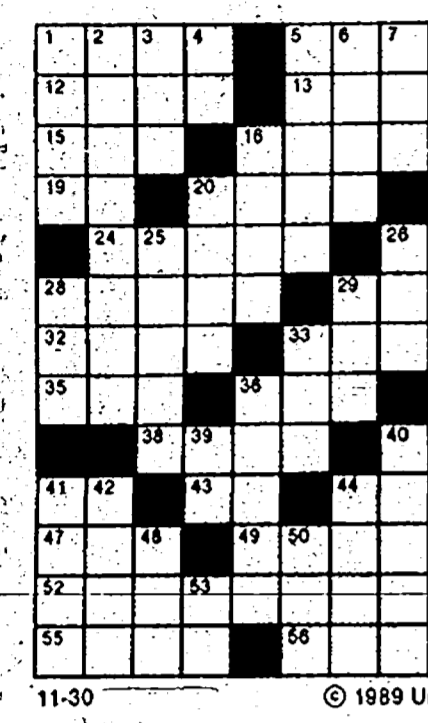
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PRESTIGIOUS Meadowbrook Woods, one of the most prestigious locations in Farmington Hills, easy access to I-75. Have you been looking for a home with privacy, one in which you can look out the back of the home to a beautiful wooded area? Quality built 4 bedroom contemporary home by James Coleman. Fantastic family room with cathedral ceiling and soaring brick fireplace, beautiful screened-in gazebo. \$239,900.

316 Westland

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Absolutely adorable 2 bedroom ranch with fresh paint & all appliances. 1 1/2 car garage, ready to move in. Pack your bags. This is not to be missed! Call today for details. Call for Helen Ridgway. \$49,900.

Century 21 - J. Scott, Inc. 522-3200

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ABSOLUTELY

Gorgeous 3 bedroom Cape Cod, updated kitchen, dining room, newer insulated windows, newer luxury vinyl flooring. \$52,900 garage. \$52,900

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318 Dearborn

Dearborn Heights

By OWNER, Dearborn Heights area, 2 story, 2 1/2 bedrooms, paneled basement, appliances, fenced yard, insulated garage, move-in ready. \$48,500. Immediate Occupancy. \$48,500.

DELIVERS FAMILY COMFORT

Freshly decorated brick aluminum 1 1/2 story bungalow, 4 bedrooms 2 full baths, new carpeting, living room, corner lot, 2 car garage. Fencing. Patio. Immediate move-in, a great value - \$78,900.

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3 bedroom ranch, 1 1/2 car garage, inground pool. \$142,900.

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COZY CHRISTMAS HOME

3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, hardwood floors, newer carpeting & a home warranty. All on a large lot in a quiet area. Call best price on this one! Only \$53,500. Call:

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READY FOR A MOVE

Freshly painted, finished basement, newer carpeting, vertical blinds through, cabinets have laminate tops. Basement is finished with possible 4th bedroom, central air, security systems, garage insulated & heated. \$39,900.

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Super sharp home with finished basement, 2 1/2 car garage, 2 bedroom ranch, dry bar, 2 toilets, 2nd in basement stays. This one is last. \$26,900.

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302 Birmingham Bloomfield

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 PM 111 Manor Wood... 4 bedrooms with 2 1/2 baths, family room, central air, heated, tiled floor... \$278,000. Ask for Beverly Re/MAX Partner 549-5405

OPEN SUN. 1-4

Location, Location, Location. Quality School area. Total interior & exterior renovation has just been completed on this fabulous home... \$499,000. ASK FOR SHARON KIPTVK Prudential Great Lakes Realty 646-6000

Outstanding Value

Motivated seller. Lovely 4 bedroom Bloomfield colonial. Spectacular finished basement with wet bar, improvements. Custom aluminum kitchen, brick porch and walkway, circular driveway, landscaped yard. Must see this outstanding home. \$499,000. ASK FOR SHARON KIPTVK Prudential Great Lakes Realty 646-6000

PRESTIGIOUS BLOOMFIELD VIL.

LARGE 4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 bathrooms, marble foyer, vaulted ceiling with skylights & great room with colonial to large deck. Family room, den, 2nd floor laundry, central air, sprinkler. 2 car attached garage. \$438,000. RED CARPET KEIM MAPLE 642-8500 53-5888

SELL OR LEASE BIRMINGHAM

Call Onley at 1000 Ponce de Leon. Beautifully maintained with hardwood floors, top grade carpeting, new wiring, high efficiency furnace and much more. \$150,000. HANNETT, INC. REALTORS 646-6200

VACATION AT HOME - quality built

Birmingham brick ranch with skylights, tile floors, hardwood floors, wet pool, fireplace, central air, 2 1/2 baths, rec. room, Florida room, deck & inground pool. \$184,900. FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT STYLE one of a kind 4 bedroom contemporary show place nestled on a private wooded, landscaped acre over looking meandering stream, built as an estate home with black walnut floors, stone fireplace, skylights, vaulted ceilings, state-of-the-art appliances, down walls which allow you to be a part of nature. \$629,000. RED CARPET KEIM MAPLE BIRMINGHAM 645-5800

VIEW OF THE LAKE IN THIS 3

bedroom ranch with 2 1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces and family room. Full basement \$339,000. 9228 6020 Franklin Road, Birmingham. Just N of Maple Road. TOTALLY RENOVATED 3 bedroom ranch with fantastic master suite, large great room and wood floor level. Marble entry. \$189,000. W-56287 6140 Oak Circle, Birmingham. Off Franklin, just N of Maple HANNETT, INC. REALTORS 646-6200

W. BLOOMFIELD By owner, exceptional

beautiful, breathtaking private setting. This home has it all \$179,500. Drive by 4124 Patrick, N. of Maple, E. of Farmington. West Bloomfield, 628-5738. No offers, please.

303 West Bloomfield Orchard Lake

FABULOUS CONTEMPORARY Across from Green Lake. Spacious rooms, large bedroom with fireplace, walk-in, dressing area and 4 1/2 baths. Modern kitchen with super built-ins. Wood floors, air, jacuzzi, central air, wet bar, spectacular lighting, skylights, sprinkler, finished basement. Excellent shaped pool with multi-level decking. \$279,000. 788-0460 Ask for Marie 363-3143 Grand Realty Group 788-0400

IMMACULATE PILLARED Colonial

to come on. 4 bedrooms, marble foyer, circular stairway, fireplace, central air. \$175,000. 4962 Green Road, W. of Orchard in S of Love Farm. 629-2219. Even. 682-8920 Lake Privileges

Tri-view of ownership shows

front of 3 bedrooms, 2 full bath, tri-view with family room, fireplace in living room, loads of storage and attached garage with opener. All this plus brick, marble kitchen with super built-ins. Wood floors, air, jacuzzi, central air, wet bar, spectacular lighting, skylights, sprinkler, finished basement. Excellent shaped pool with multi-level decking. \$279,000. 788-0460 Ask for Marie 363-3143 Grand Realty Group 788-0400

Century 21 Northwestern

NEW CONSTRUCTION Contemporary colonial, W. Bloomfield school's, approx. 4300 sq ft in prestigious Royal Pointe Sub. Wooded land in rear. Master bedroom w/balcony overlooking wooded area, 3 1/2 baths, 2 full baths, 3 car attached garage, deck, can choose colors & marble in foyer, choice of oak floor or ceramic tile in kitchen, oak or french oak cabinets, granite counter, fully loaded. Call for more details. Showing by Appt. \$345,000. Realtors welcome. Bossie Construction 691-9163

Orchard Lake, Traditional home,

contemporary features. Best value in town. Reduced to \$309,000. Must see! Broker's election. 681-5842 New Family Community - The Park Manor Woodcliff presented by The Herman Frankel Organization

Luxuriously unique family home,

9 foot ceilings on the first floor. Gracious formal dining room, spectacular 4 bedroom, full wet bar, fireplace, woodburning 2 way fireplace into family room. Romantic Master Suite, vaulted ceiling, fireplace, whirlpool tub, whirlpool tub, 2nd bedroom suite, 2 additional bedrooms and bath. West Bloomfield schools, adjacent to 140 acre park. \$359,900 Models Open Daily 12-6 Closed Thursday Sales Office 683-3502 Main Office 683-3500

Located one mile West of Orchard Lake

on Pontiac Trail, just in Mirror Creek Lake 1500 on Pontiac Meridian B. Model. OPEN SUNDAY 1-4PM 6523 Castlebury, West Bloomfield, S. of Maple, W. of Hatfield. Dream contemporary. Exquisite, spacious, open rooms, vaulted ceiling, 20' n. ceiling, finished oak & marble kitchen, Spacious deck with view of pond. Great master suite, 4 bedrooms, full wet bar, fireplace. \$289,900. Ask for BEVERLY Century 21 Northwestern, 628-8000

OPEN SUN. 2-6PM ALMOST NEW - BUT IN 3

bedroom - contemporary - see private home - see private home - see private home. Call for details & list of extras. Lynda Lindhardt REAL ESTATE ONE 851-1900 853-7028

303 West Bloomfield Orchard Lake

LARGE QUAD West view of pond from patio of this fabulous home. 4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, one acre. Newer roof, large 2 plus garage. Asking \$182,800. COLDWELL BANKER 462-1811

Modern and Meticulous

job trailer receives the sale of this 1 year old West Bloomfield colonial. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 1st floor family room, dining room, sleep down family room with fireplace, central air, landscaping and custom deck. \$164,900. 433-5436

The Prudential Harry S. Wolfe, REALTORS

421-5660 Independently Owned and Operated NEW CONSTRUCTION Land Contract. 4 bedroom, 3 car garage on 1.5 acre lot. Call Roman at RE/MAX 540-9700

NEW LISTING - Situated on a cul-de-sac

in Frugal Farms, this colonial has 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room with brick fireplace, library full basement, 2 1/2 attached garage, central air, plus a view of Walnut Lake. \$279,000. CALL HELEN HUSSAR WEIR, MANUEL, SIVCERA & RANKE, INC. 433-5436

OPEN SUNDAY 10am-3pm

2780 Walnut, E. of Middlebelt. Complete renovation and charmingly restored home on 1.6 acres. Birmingham Schools. Open and bright interior with oak/french kitchen, walkout basement with sauna and shower. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage with 2 carport on Walnut Lake. \$149,850. Century 21 Northwestern 628-8000 541-1726

"SHOW-N-SAVE" HOLIDAY CHEER

will be yours upon purchasing this 3 bed, 2 1/2 bath home in West Bloomfield home. Great location, completely updated and beautifully landscaped with gracious birch-level decking. A definite Must See! \$153,000. SWT. OPEN HOUSE SUN. 1-5 7911 Lake Road, West Bloomfield. One of West Bloomfield's finest midrange offerings. 2 1/2 baths, 3 bedroom, great room with brick fireplace, dining area, gracious kitchen with breakfast room. Complete home decor. Call today 473-5500 or 522-6000. One Way Realty

FARMINGTON BROOK SUB - 3905

Phlmbrck, gorgeous 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Tudor home, living room, dining room, full kitchen with brick fireplace, large family room, large deck, don't miss! Call today 473-5500 or 522-6000. One Way Realty

OPEN SUN. 1-5

7067 Westbury Boulevard West Bloomfield. Located in distinctive community of contemporary homes and offers spacious open floor plan, large kitchen, formal dining area, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, extravagant decking with gazebo and treeshouse. Don't wait on this one! \$188,900. WYE HO HO HO! Decorate a holiday tree in this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home near Silverdome. Spacious living area, finished basement, 2 car detached garage. Call today for more information. Won't last long at \$34,900. GWR

YULE BE ENCHANTED...

Secluded entrance, spacious interior and elegant decor only begin to describe this 2 bedroom, bath home in Farmington Hills. West Bloomfield. An unrivaled showcase where privacy and luxury await. \$124,900. RWI. STOCKINGS FULL OF HAPPINESS will hang from the fireplace in this 3 bedroom home with 2 1/2 baths, features including white washed floors, a berber-type carpet, cathedral ceilings, granite counter, oak on new full acre in heart of West Bloomfield. \$153,900. MYU

"SHOW-N-SAVE" DUBRIN REALTORS

626-3000 Great floor plan, neutral decor, lovely 4 bedroom with large deck, family room with fireplace, many extras including central air. Nice quiet neighborhood. \$184,900. HEPPARD 855-6570

WEST BLOOMFIELD Magnificent 4 bedroom contemporary

with circular drive. Cathedral ceilings, gourmet & formal dining rooms. Gourmet kitchen with built-in features. 1st floor utility, 3 bedrooms. Gorgeous master suite with fireplace, central air, 3 car attached garage. Asking \$339,900. Call for details. 54-4311-8000 544-3104, 670-5840, 737-9000 COLDWELL BANKER

WHAT COULD BE A better holiday

than this home in the beautiful Playas Sub? Gorgeous wood setting, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath contemporary, 3 car garage, wrap-around deck, large patio in neighborhood. Lake access. A must see! \$39,900. ASK FOR SHARON KEAR Prudential Great Lakes Realty 628-9100 682-1121

W. BLOOMFIELD. Wonderful family neighborhood

plus award winning W. Bloomfield schools make this 2000 sq ft. 3 bedroom brick ranch just level a great buy! Featuring fireplace, family room w/cathedral ceiling, 1st floor laundry. What a beauty for only \$129,900. BEST BUY - 4 bedroom colonial in Farmington Hills. Just reduced to \$95,500. Call Tom Spiro for details

304 Farmington Farmington Hills

AFFORDABILITY AND LOCATION Woodcliff Sub. 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2, 2 1/2 full bath colonial. A great new kitchen, partially finished basement with wet bar. \$129,900. INDEPENDENCE COMMONS A favorite family neighborhood with front porch, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car garage, 2 1/2 bath colonial, 2 car side entry garage on nicely landscaped corner lot. Immediate occupancy. \$179,500. ASK FOR SHARON KEAR Prudential Great Lakes Realty 628-9100 682-1121

304 Farmington Farmington Hills

FARMINGTON HILLS HANSEL & GRETAL... would love this 2 bedroom 2 1/2 bath in the trees on a wooded lot. Recent roof and street newly paved. Buyer protection plan. \$45,500. ERA Orchard Hills 737-2009

FARMINGTON HILLS OPEN HOUSE

2906 Hemlock, 8 of 11 Mile & W of Middlebelt. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, contemporary ranch, featuring a great room with cathedral ceiling, a natural fireplace. Spacious kitchen & nook with oak cabinets, central air, 2 car garage. Full basement, large wooded lot with underground sprinkler system & cedar sided porch. \$184,900. Buyer's protection. Buy in 1988. \$129,900. 471-0031

FARMINGTON HILLS Best buy

3 bedroom colonial, formal dining room, family room, 1 1/2 baths \$129,900. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial with family dining room, family room central air & lots of space! \$184,900. ERA FIRST FEDERAL 478-3400

FARMINGTON HILLS Secluded

hide-away. All the amenities, 6 acres (splitable) of privacy and rolling huge pine trees, rare view overlooking the river, pond and greenery. \$169,000. SPACIOUS CONTEMPORARY 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, stunning fireplace in family room. Don't miss! 4th bedroom with skylight, bar, 2 car garage. \$131,500. After 6pm. 846-6762 306 Southfield-Lairrup

INTEREST RATES ARE DOWN

Now is the time to buy! Call today 553-5888. FARMINGTON HILLS WOODED HALF ACRE... picture-perfect 2 story home straight from a Hamak greeting card. This show place features 4 large bedrooms, newer kitchen and bath, open family, full basement and garage. Buyer protection plan. Only \$119,900. ERA Orchard Hills 737-2000

LOVELY LOT! Backing to commons

surrounds 2 1/2 baths, huge family room with brick fireplace, kitchen with breakfast room, formal dining room, wood deck, attached garage & 1 1/2 bath basement. Call today 473-5500 or 522-6000. Possible 6 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, large kitchen, open floor plan with living room and family room. Over-landed garage with storage above. All on one level. \$259,900. RED CARPET KEIM Elite Properties 478-5555

NEW LISTING! An open contemporary Farmington

home with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 1/2 full baths, great room with fireplace, formal dining, much more. Just \$187,000. Edward Norton REAL ESTATE ONE 851-1809

NORTHERN FARMINGTON HILLS

1 1/2 miles & Middlebelt area. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. 2 laundry room in prestigious Wood Creek Sub. 28000 New Bedford, \$178,500. OPEN SUNDAY 1-4PM 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. 1 laundry room. 28345 Harwich. Just reduced to \$254,900. JACK CHRISTENSEN REALTORS 733-4450

OPEN SAT. & SUN. 1-4PM

25260 Caverton, 4 bedroom Colonial, 2 1/2 baths, attached garage, wood floors, 2 car garage, 2 car garage, 2 car garage, 2 car garage. \$232,700. 477-5716

FARMINGTON HILLS BUNGALOW

3 bedrooms, dining room, basement, gas forced air heat. \$44,900. BETTIE DAVIS RE/MAX EXECUTIVE 737-8900

FARMINGTON HILLS NEW AREA

Family room with fireplace. 1.5 miles, Hill Restors, 534-5878

FARMINGTON HILLS NEW CONSTRUCTION

Beautiful contemporary home with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car garage, 2 car garage, 2 car garage, 2 car garage. \$184,900. ASK FOR INDIRA REAL ESTATE ONE 477-1111 478-3473

OPEN SUN. 2-5 PM

3050 Old Greenway, 1 1/2 miles, W. of Middlebelt... immediate occupancy for this spacious 4 bedroom Colonial. Hardwood floors, fireplace, central air, 2 car garage, 2 car garage, 2 car garage. \$229,900. Ask for Indira Real Estate One 477-1111 478-3473

OPEN SUN. 2-5 PM

29950 Southbrook, Wonderful location! Open 2 1/2 baths, 3 bedroom ranch on one acre ravine lot. Vaulted ceilings, pegged oak floors. Marjorie or Phyllis REAL ESTATE ONE 851-1900

304 Farmington Farmington Hills

SAVE A TON OF MONEY! Elegant ranch with 2 car attached garage, large family room, formal dining room, basement, circular driveway. Priced below market at \$139,900. Call Bill Lawler 625-2000 today. TWO BEDROOM STARTER \$44,750 On paved street, garage, fenced. ALL NEW: bath, gas furnace, stove, water heater, Anderson wood windows, carpeting, decor, mini blinds. Hurry! Ask for: Marjorie or Maury Young REAL ESTATE ONE 477-1111

4 BEDROOM/FRANCH: 2000 sq. ft.

2 cars, 2 baths, large family room, dining room, garage, \$95,500, appointed. Open 1-4 daily. 474-6029

305 Brighton, Hartland, Walled Lake

NEW CONSTRUCTION. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 story contemporary on 2 1/2 lots. Master suite with walk-in closet, wood windows, 2 car garage, 2 car garage, 2 car garage, 2 car garage. \$159,900. CREATED TO ENJOY. Now located on heavily wooded 1 acre parcel. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, without lower level. 2 car garage. 2 car garage, 2 car garage, 2 car garage. \$178,900. ENGLAND REAL ESTATE 474-4530

SOUTHFIELD, Birmingham Schools

by owner. Spacious quad, 3-5 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room with fireplace, dining room, kitchen with skylight, bar, 2 car garage. \$131,500. After 6pm. 846-6762

306 Rochester-Troy

BY OWNER: Troy, popular Bryn Mawr Sub. 100' x 135' x 100' lot. Walk to school. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath ranch. Family room. Located with extra new roof, air, new hardwood floors, new carpet, new kitchen, new furnace, new painted inside, hard wood floors, new owner - \$119,000. 80 day occupancy. Call 878-0358

NEW LISTING NEAT AS A PIN!

4 bedroom colonial with wood floors, newer floor and window treatments, wet bar, \$157,000. 658-9900. OPEN SUN. DEC. 3 FROM 1-4pm 3700 Rohr Rd. Orton Twp. \$176 TO BALDWIN RD N. - W. ON 2 GREGORY, right on lot! 2 car garage, wood windows, hot, pool, hot tub, barn. All on four wooded acres. Offered at \$233,000. HORSE FARMS ONLY. 348-4414

OPEN SUN. Dec 3rd, 1-4pm

1100 S. 28th St., 4 bed, 2 1/2 bath. \$119,900. SPECTACULAR CAPE COD! This truly amazing home offers the best location in Bright Features a quality kitchen with oak cabinets, great room with beautiful stone fireplace and french doors to walk out to the 1 1/2 acre of beautiful country. You are to see! \$149,900. Ask for 87111. SEE THE WORLD FROM an artists point of view in this excitingly unique home with wood cathedral ceiling and dramatic stone fireplace. Loft study and extensive decking overlooks a small private lake wooded to nature. Best! Value at \$215,000. Call for 125N. PARTISAGE & ASSOC. 625-0990

THE RURAL TOUCH

Lovely new 3 bedroom home on over 1 1/2 acres with large 2 story double garage, finished basement, wet bar, 2 car garage, 2 car garage, 2 car garage. \$129,900. WARE-PIDDINGTON 627-2846

WATERFORD-Township - 61 level 3

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Builder of the Year Janet Compo is chief executive officer of James D. Compo Inc. In addition to her work as a builder, she is mounting a drive to establish refurbished rental housing for the homeless.

Builders association honors Janet Compo

By Doug Funke
staff writer

It was almost ordained that Janet Compo would one day make her mark in the world as a builder.

As a young teen she was enthralled by sketches of floor plans made by her dad of home improvements and the family cottage.

She met her husband, James, while both were students at Cass Tech High School in Detroit. She concentrated in art, he in architecture building.

They married and in 1961 formed James D. Compo Inc. The couple started with remodeling jobs, moved on to small industrial buildings, then found a niche in new residential construction.

Janet Compo, chief executive officer of James D. Compo Inc., was honored Wednesday as Builder of the Year for 1989 by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

The selection was based on her work as chairwoman of the association's Remodelers Council and efforts to establish a rental housing program for the homeless.

"THE THING that fascinates me is it's never boring and always a challenge," said the 55-year-old Farmington Hills woman.

"You have to work with every type of personality involved. When you're building custom homes, it's

almost like you're marrying.

"Ideas are a challenge and the most fun part of the business," Compo added. "I've designed every kind of house imaginable from super contemporary to Victorian.

"If you're any kind of custom builder, you read everything you can about design," she said.

The Compo business involves sons Paul, a troubleshooter, and Chris, a superintendent.

Daughter Carole used to work in the business until she moved to Pennsylvania. Son David, who also pitched in at one time, now is in the entertainment business.

"SHE'S A VERY hard worker for the association and a very hard worker in her own business," James Bonadeo, BASM president, said of Compo. "She's terrific in that she not only sells but designs and builds."

James Compo credits his wife for making their company go.

"She runs the business from the point of view of books and the financial end. I'd probably end up giving the store away. She's a good business person plus good with designs," he said.

Janet passes compliments right back to her husband. "He encouraged me in all of this. He said, 'Go for it.' Jim taught me construction."

Compo Inc. builds 30-35 houses per year priced on average between \$300,000 and \$500,000.

Aside from her company duties, Janet enjoys working with the association's Remodelers Council — a networking group set up to instill professional standards and help young contractors run a successful business.

SHE ALSO would like to help people who are down on their luck build a new philosophy — and lives — by providing rental properties for them to live in, which they themselves would help refurbish through sweat equity.

Compo intends to have an open house at her Villa Fantasia model under construction in Northville's Pheasant Hills Subdivision with proceeds going to a fund to buy used rental housing for the homeless.

Other builders will be asked to participate in similar efforts, she said, adding that specific details of the program need to be worked out.

"We're trying to show in the free enterprise system we can help people," Compo said.

For fun, Janet and Jim enjoy a private airplane — he flies, she navigates — and vacationing in the Virgin Islands and Cancun.

"In order to be a builder and make it, you've got to be up and positive all the time," she said.

That's just how Janet Compo, Builder of the Year for 1989, comes across.

Builders salute industry service

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

The Builders Association of Southeast Michigan toasted its own last night during its annual awards banquet at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency, honoring builders and others who have made contributions to the industry.

Top honors went to Builder of the Year Janet Compo of James D.

Campo Inc. Building in Farmington Hills; BASM Hall of Fame inductee Mark "Ted" Jacobson of Mark Jacobson and Associates of Bingham Farms; and posthumous Hall of Fame inductee Joseph Curran, founder of Curran Construction Co. and Curran and Johnson Realty in Dearborn Heights.

Young Builder of the Year John Bolland Jr. of Bolland Building Co. of Troy, and Associates of the Year,

Gordon Garlick and Samuel Kreis, were also honored by the BASM membership. Garlick is a retired vice president with Standard Federal Bank. Kreis is vice president of construction lending for Comerica Mortgage Co.

BASM members also commended: • BASM president James Bonadeo and owner of Bonadeo Builders

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Hall of Fame taps Jacobson

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

Mark "Ted" Jacobson, founder and president of



Mark "Ted" Jacobson
Hall of Fame

Mark Jacobson and Associates, Bingham Farms, isn't one to pat himself on the back.

But he admits it is gratifying being selected to the Builders Association of Southeast Michigan Hall of Fame by his colleagues — not for the prestige the selection might offer, but because it's a sign of respect from his peers.

He's been a successful builder for almost 40 years — most of that time working for himself — and he's worked hard, he said. Despite being named to the Hall of Fame and having a long, distinguished career, Jacobson said he doesn't envision himself as a role model for young builders.

"I'd be flattered to think that's the case," he said. "I would like to be thought of as a hard worker who has always kept his word. I'd hate to think of myself as an old guard for anything just because I've been around a long time.

"It's been an interesting career and I've had a lot of good experiences," he said.

Being selected for the Hall of Fame doesn't mean his career is over.

"I've been saying I'm going to start taking it easier for a long time, but it doesn't ever work out that way," he said.

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Bollan tops young builders

John Bolland Jr., a third-generation member of a company that bears the family name, has been selected Young Builder of the Year by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

Bollan, 36, of Troy oversees general operations as vice president of the Bolland Building Co. in Royal Oak.

The company specializes in residential construction priced at \$145,000 to \$180,000, Bollan said.

"In high school, I was sweeping houses, working in the field," he said. "Growing up, I was out with my father. Actually, I learned a lot from my grandfather. We all pretty much shared the business."

Bollan considered a career in art education and hotel management, but found himself drawn to the construction business where he was working 40 hours per week to pay for his schooling and other expenses.

Bollan concedes that he draws on his college courses to help shape customer's housing ideas.

The rewards of the work?

"Mostly interaction — not only working with customers but contractors and suppliers who actually make houses happen," Bollan said.

The company now is building in the Long Lake Meadows Subdivision in Troy, Bolland Co. also has built in Southbridge in Troy, Cumberland Hills in Rochester and Haverhill in Macomb Township.

Bollan was selected young builder for service to the building industry, the association and the community in general. Nominees had to be 40 or younger.

"He's a serious young man," said James Bonadeo, president of the association. "He's done himself quite an impressive job in single family housing. They build under their own name, which is the sign of a good builder."

Bollan said he anticipates carrying on the family business when his father retires.

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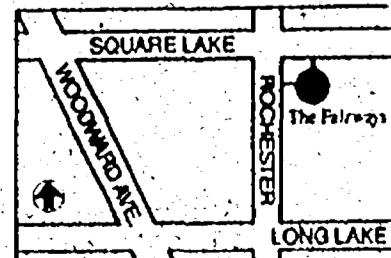
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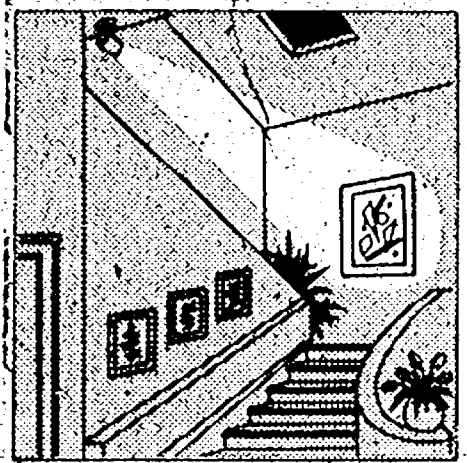
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A bright idea: Select lighting to match tasks

A light bulb is a light bulb. Right? Wrong. While architects and interior decorators may understand the effects of light on interior spaces, most buyers don't realize the design effect of

lighting in their new houses. "There are three types of lighting — task, ambient and decorative," said Kathleen Foote, manager of residential lighting for GTE Sylvania. "Effective home lighting incorporates all three."

Task lighting is used for a specific job, such as cooking or paying bills. Ambient (general) lighting provides overall illumination of the space. Decorative (accent) lighting highlights painting and works of art. The most common lighting situation in the kitchen is often the worst: a fixture in the middle of the ceiling that forces you to work in your own shadow. Instead, use several sources of light.



Create drama by framing art with light.

In the kitchen:
• Task lighting should be bright. A single-arm fixture is useful because it can be adjusted to a variety of heights and tasks.
• Under-cabinet lighting turns

unlighted counters into added work space.

In the home office, look to install proper lighting to reduce eyestrain.

• To reduce glare and reflection for a home computer, place light sources beside or behind the terminal. This will wash light over the wall, diffusing it for the work space.

• To check for glare, move a small pocket mirror across the computer screen. If you see a bright reflection, adjust the lamps or the screen until the reflection disappears.

In the bathroom:
• The most flattering reflection comes from three sides. Most bathrooms have one overhead light that creates deep shadows and an unattractive appearance.

The living room is probably used more often than any other in the house and consequently serves many functions. Lighting should meet every

need whether reading or watching television. It should also create a soothing visual environment for entertaining and relaxing.

• Tasks such as reading or needlework require a brighter light from either a table or floor lamp. Use bright 100-watt bulbs or three-way bulbs that allow you to increase the light's brightness as needed.

• To create balance and illuminate works of art, use directional spots from recessed or track fixtures. This lighting will do double duty by framing art with light while washing a wall, landing or hallway.

Night exterior lighting can significantly add to a house's beauty, sale value and security.

• A well-lighted house is inviting to everyone but prowlers. To enhance security, install flood lights from roof eaves to illuminate walkways, front, back and side yards.

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• James Ferrara, former Rochester Hills building inspector, and Gerald VandenBusche, Troy building inspector, for their contributions to the home building industry.

BASM toasted the Homearama building companies Robert R. Jones

Associates in Bloomfield Township; Palazzolo Brothers Construction Co. in Rochester Hills; Kellert and Saylor in Troy; Oliver Homes in Rochester Hills; Hunter's Creek Homes in Rochester; Damascus Development Corp. in Rochester; Koch Development in Bloomfield Township; Capitol Homes in Rochester Hills; F&M Construction in Rochester; and Mocerri/Ferro in Grand Blanc.

BASM members also honored the Homearama Committee, made up of Roy Maly of Detroit Edison Co.; Albert K. Marshall of First Federal of Michigan; Dennis P. Dickstein, chairman of Ralph Manuel Associates — Realtors in Rochester; Dominic J. Mocerri of Mocerri Development in Grand Blanc; Herbert Lawson of Herbert Lawson Inc. in West Bloomfield; Rosalie Lamb of BASM; and Nancy Rosen of Stone, August, Baker, public relations in Troy.

Hall of Famer started as lawyer

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A FIRST-GENERATION builder, Jacobson of West Bloomfield, almost backed into building. He started out as an attorney for Weiss, Wasser, Jaffe and Radner in Detroit after graduating from Wayne State University-law school in 1949. One of his clients was the Edward Rose building firm, now Edward Rose and Sons, Southfield, one of Detroit's biggest builders.

He became acquainted with building through his association with Edward Rose, decided he had a flair for it, and joined the firm. Eight years later, in 1959, he started his own building company.

Since then, Jacobson has developed more than 12,000 single family and multiple residential developments, been actively involved in BASM, and has also chaired the Michigan State Residential Builders and Maintenance and Alterations Contractors Board. He has been a member for 14 years of the state board that regulates builder licensing.

But his first passion remains building. "It's an exciting career — I feel I'm doing something productive, something creative. I'm one of

those few people whose avocation and vocation are the same thing.

"It's difficult to put into words the satisfaction one gets from taking a raw piece of land, visualizing what can be done with it, working the land, building on it and completing a project."

The tough ones, Jacobson said, are particularly satisfying. Park Place apartments, a recently completed 737-unit complex in Northville, was built atop a gravel pit.

"That piece of property sat there for a long time because no one wanted it."

But Jacobson thought that something could be made of the property and bought it.

"Everyone else's property analysis said the property was no good — we thought differently."

"In the final analysis, I think we were right be-

cause it really is a beautiful development," Jacobson said.

Other recently completed developments include Bloomfield Place apartments in Bloomfield Hills, Carlyle Place apartments in Clinton Township, and Windsor Place in Davison Township near Flint.

LOOKING BACK on his years in development, Jacobson said he is not surprised by the amount of building that has taken place since he started in the industry.

"As early as 1951, the demographics students were saying (metropolitan Detroit) would expand east to Port Huron, north to Flint, and west to Ann Arbor."

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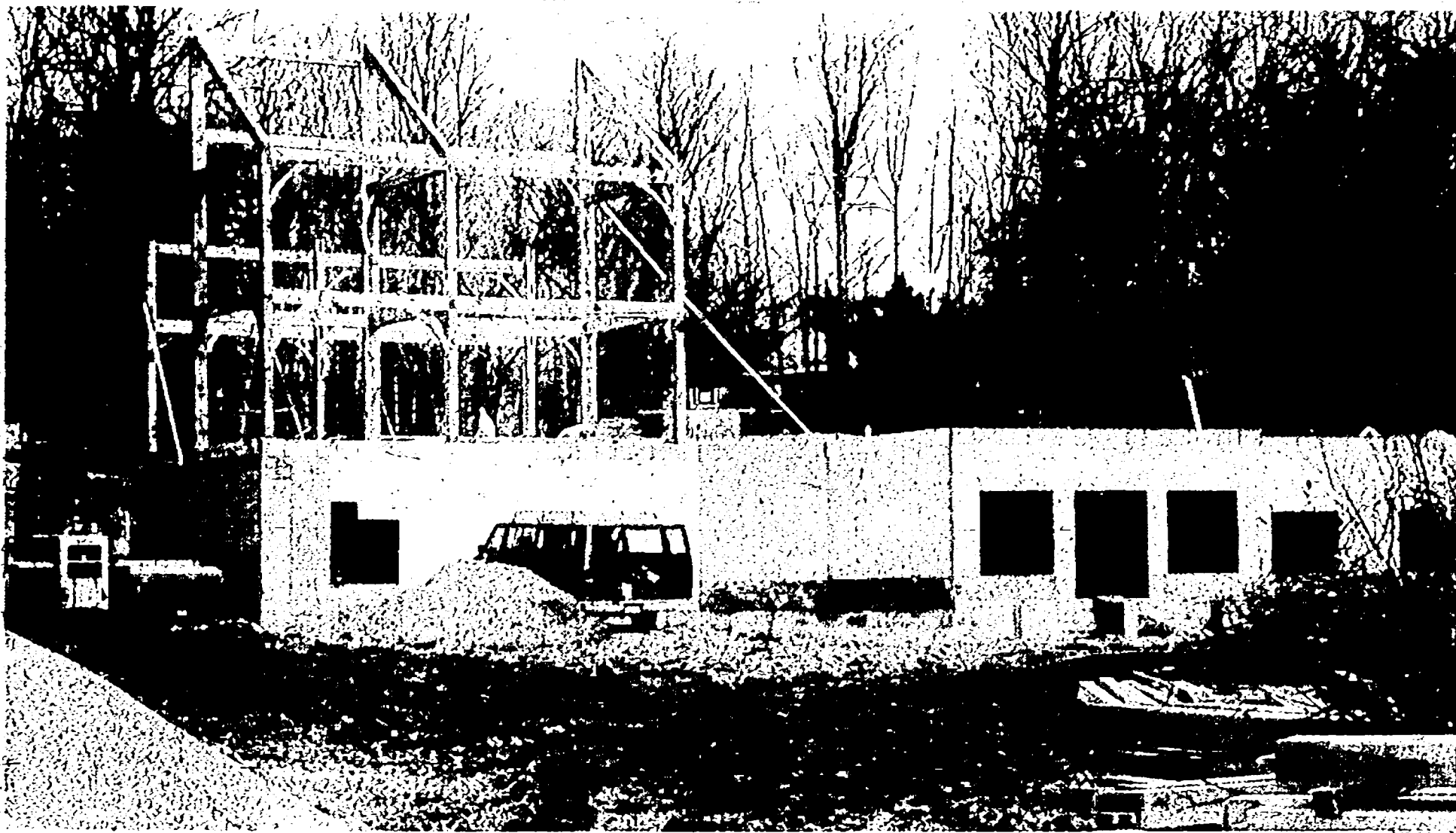
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A 6,400-square foot timber frame house is being built in Northville Township.

photos by CHRIS BOYD



Some of the timber framework lies on the first floor of the home.



John Valente of Riverbend Timber Framing shows a cross-section of the "skin," which is installed around the frame.

'Tinker toy' construction key to timber frame houses

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Not everyone, it seems, wants the wood frames in their houses concealed.

There are some people who enjoy the ambience of a simpler time when timber beams, connected by wooden pegs, were set right out in the open for everyone to see.

Back then, substance took precedence over form.

Things are a little different now. Modern houses for the most part use 2-by-4 stud frames hidden by drywall.

But some people still are enchanted by exposed timber beams.

And Riverbend Timber Framing, founded 10 years ago and headquartered in Blissfield, provides the product.

"Ours is almost all custom work," said Tom Schrock, director of marketing. "There's no standard package."

DON'T CONFUSE timber framing with log cabins.

The interior of a log cabin will look like a log cabin. On a house with timber framing, the interior framing is exposed, but the buyer has a choice of wall covering.

"It's versatile," said Daryl Baldwin, shop manager for Riverbend Timber. "With timber frames, you can have drywall (paint), wallpaper or you could go rustic."

The cost of timber frame construction ranges from \$75-90 per square foot — competitive with traditional stud frame construction containing large vault ceilings and good insulation, said Frank Baker, chief executive officer and founder of Riverbend Timber.

Here's how it works.
Beams with thicknesses as large as 7-by-9 inches for posts and 7-by-15 inches for girders are cut to design in the company's shops in Blissfield.

HOLES ARE drilled in the oak wooden beams where they are to be connected.

The beams are then shipped to the home site, connected in mortise and tenon fashion (slotting one end of a timber into the hole of another) and secured with wooden pegs by the same crew that did the measuring.

"It's almost like a large tinker toy," Schrock said. The beams are preserved with a Swedish oil.

Stress-skin wall panels as large as 4-by-12 feet are nailed to the beams from the outside.

The laminated panels, upward of seven inches thick, consist from the inside out of drywall, wafer board, insulation (R-25) and wafer board.

Wood, brick or vinyl/aluminum siding material can be applied to the exterior.

The roof consists of similar material.

A VENTILATING system set up in the basement that mixes air from outside and inside the house is strongly recommended due to the tight insulation of the house, Schrock said.

The typical frame house built by Riverbend Timber ranges from 1,500 to 2,000 square feet. Lately, several houses in excess of 6,000 square feet have been ordered, Baldwin said.

The company is now erecting framing and a shell for a 6,400-square-foot house on a two-acre site in Northville Township for an airline pilot and his wife. The couple intends to finish the interior themselves.

Don't expect to find a subdivision filled with timber framing houses. Most are spotted in semi-rural areas like Oxford, Lake Orion and Fenton for people who commute to the city or suburbs to work, Schrock said.

It's impossible to determine from the outside whether a home has exposed timber framing or traditional stud covered framing.

That's a big selling point, Schrock said.

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Source: Residential Mortgage Consultants, Weekly Mortgage Reporter

National housing figures can obscure local picture

(AP) — Residential real estate is a local rather than national market, and no better illustration can be found than in the latest report on median prices gathered from Realtors across the country.

Those figures show, in fact, that real estate cannot even be viewed on a regional basis or maybe even a city basis, because huge price differences exist between cities in the same region and between neighborhoods within cities.

Based on the latest survey by the National Association of Realtors, prices in the Northeast rose 1.5 percent over a year ago, but there were strong advances and strong declines within the region.

In the Midwest, prices increased 5.1 percent from a year earlier, but Cleveland prices rose 11.6, and the median price of a single-family house in Grand Rapids rose 11.4 percent. In Detroit, prices fell 0.3 percent.

In Albany-Schenectady-Troy, N.Y., where increases had for months lagged those in other Northeast areas, prices rose 17.7 percent. In Buffalo they rose 11.4 percent, but in metropolitan New York the median price fell 5.1 percent.

In the West, where prices rose 11.7 percent, there was an enormous variance in the latest report. In the Seattle-Tacoma, Wash., area prices rose 23.7 percent, but in Spokane, the price increase amounted to just 3.5 percent.

Prices in Houston jumped 8.2 percent, and in the Fort

Worth area they rose 10.7 percent, but in Tulsa, Okla., they fell 1.7 percent, and in Oklahoma City the decline amounted to 4.1 percent.

THERE ARE several lessons in the figures:

1. Never rely on national figures to determine the direction of the demand or price of housing — or even the cost of financing.

This is a hard rule to follow, because generalizations about both demand and price follow almost automatically the release of figures out of Washington. But, while the statistics are national, the market is not.

2. While a great deal is made of the inability of first-time buyers to find affordable houses, they are available. The median is a midpoint; it means that half the houses are priced higher and half lower.

3. Studies of housing prices sometimes show big price differences between nearby communities, often reflecting conditions perhaps political or cultural — that may be temporary. Economics tends to close such gaps.

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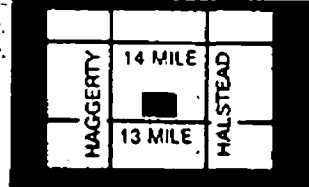
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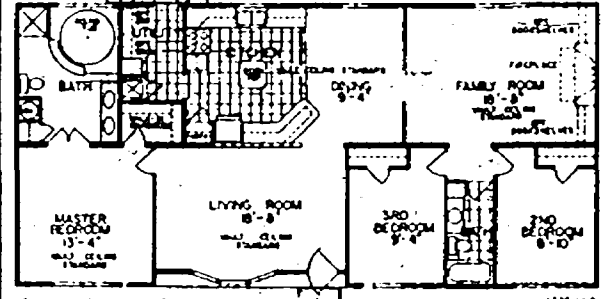
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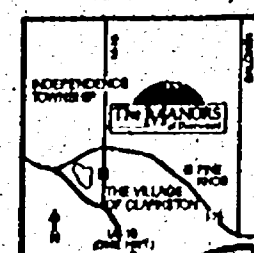
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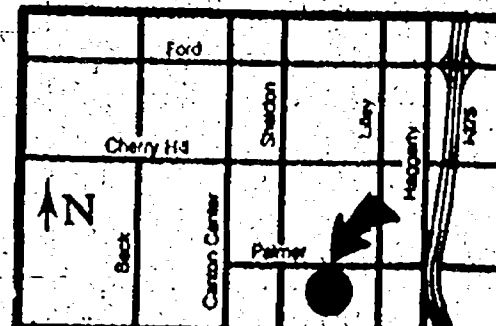
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