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## Griffin leaves city in 'great shape'

By Tedd Schneider  
staff writer

Mayor Charles Griffin said he will leave behind a city "on solid financial ground" when he exits the mayor's office next week.

Griffin — who lost his bid for a second term to city employee Robert Thomas in a close race last month — cited Westland's financial resurgence among the top accomplishments of his four-year term during an interview last week. "I think we're in great shape, financially," Griffin said. "We've worked hard to turn things around."

Griffin cited a \$2.39 million surplus in the city's undesignated general fund, plus about \$900,000 that was

being held in reserve in case the city loses an eventual appeal in the Electro-Tech case.

He also said the city will realize about \$900,000 from the sale of 46½ acres north of Marquette between Carlson and Wayne Road next month to developers of a senior citizens "campus."

"When I came in (January 1986) the city was in a (financial) mess," Griffin said. "We had outstanding lawsuits and contract disputes with every union."

"NOW WE'VE got everything settled except for one contract (police sergeants and lieutenants) and frankly that should have been settled before now," the mayor said.

Other accomplishments cited by Griffin included reshaping the city's "wasteland" image, among both residents and other local leaders; improvements in the downtown retail district including new shopping centers, residential growth and better roads; and renovation of municipal facilities from city hall to local parks.

"We did some things to upgrade our image as the fourth largest city in Wayne County and the 10th largest in Michigan," Griffin said. "Through our involvement in various organizations like the Conference of Western Wayne we're now getting a respect at the county level that we didn't have before."

"I soundly believe Westland is

seen as a leader," he said.

Griffin said the renovation at city hall, although costly at more than \$400,000, was necessary. "As well as being good for employees, giving them the proper atmosphere to do their work in, it's the kind of thing that developers and others take note of when they come to do business with the city," Griffin said.

THE MAYOR said the retail growth of the downtown area and growth of the city's six industrial parks in the last four years are part of the reason local homeowners have enjoyed lower city tax rates.

"We've attracted new revenue to make that possible and we've also started re-attracting single-family

homes to the city," he said.

Griffin, 49, will return to a job with the Michigan Education Association beginning Jan. 8. He received an unpaid leave of absence from the MEA after his election in 1985.

Griffin said his new assignment will take him to Macomb County, but he plans to keep his residence in Westland.

He said he plans to stay involved in local government "as a private citizen."

After 10 years on the Westland City Council and four years in the mayor's office, Griffin said it's "going to be strange not having anywhere to go on Monday nights (when



Charles Griffin satisfied with accomplishments

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JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Southbound traffic on I-275 came to a standstill as police closed a section of the freeway and routed drivers off at the Ford Road

exit. The downed power line also meant power outages for some Westland residents.

## Fallen power line steers drivers off I-275

By Peggy Aullno  
staff writer

Some 3,000 Detroit Edison customers in Canton and Westland were without electricity for seven hours early Tuesday, but the effects of the power outage lingered throughout the day as authorities diverted traffic off Interstate 275 so crews could repair the damage.

The north and southbound lanes of the freeway were closed along the three-mile stretch of the roadway between Michigan Avenue and Ford Road. The outage occurred about 2 a.m., when an electrical wire came off a pole and fell across the road.

Power was restored at 9 a.m., but a Detroit Edison crew didn't finish repairing the downed wire — and the traffic flow was not restored — until about 4 p.m.

Detroit Edison spokesman Lew Layton attributed the problem to icy

conditions in the area late Monday and early Tuesday.

"We had some ice last night," Layton said on Tuesday. "That, combined with salt, caused some equipment to fail on a pole. That's what brought the line down."

Canton Township police closed the road shortly before 2 a.m., and at the morning rush hour drivers were sent in search of alternate routes.

"Right now we are just letting the traffic signals take care of the problem, and it's working," said Canton Police Lt. Larry Stewart late Tuesday morning. He said having the road closing announced on radio traffic reports "has kept the problem to a minimum, fortunately."

There was no minimizing the effect on drivers unfamiliar with the area, many of whom were trying to get to Detroit Metro Airport.

Southbound drivers on I-275 were forced to merge into two lanes and get off on Ford Road. At the Unocal 76 service station on Ford Road just west of the freeway, there was a steady stream of visitors seeking more than a few gallons of gas.

"This morning between 6 and 7 o'clock everybody in the world was going to the airport," said Brenda Hernandez, the station manager.

April Westerlund, a clerk at the station, said there were "a lot of upset people this morning, that's for sure." Westerlund got so tired of giving directions to the airport she wrote them down and left them on the counter, complete with a pad and pen for frantic travelers to copy them down. "Otherwise I'm repeating the same thing over and over again," she said.

Her directions sent drivers south on Haggerty Road to Michigan Avenue, where I-275 could be re-entered.

A customer who had just driven north on Haggerty Road said that street was backed up because of the heavy use.

Detroit Edison's Layton said, "It certainly is inconvenient, but I'm sure safety is first on everyone's mind." The repair crew had to have access to the entire freeway in order to restring the line, he said.

The Michigan State Police post at Northville was flooded with calls from people wanting to know which part of the freeway was closed, a spokesman said. But state and township police said there was no increase in accidents because of the heavy use of service roads.

The Detroit Edison customers who lost electricity were within the area bordered by Newburgh Road on the east, I-275 on the west, Cherry Hill Road on the north and Palmer Road on the south.

## Police look for prison escapees

By Kevin Brown  
staff writer

After the Christmas Eve escape of a Westland man and another inmate from the Western Wayne Correctional Facility, Michigan State Police are checking leads on the men's whereabouts.

"We've got a lot of leads — we've got to run them all down," said state police Detective Sgt. Dean Sanderson on Tuesday.

Both Frank Schanault of Westland and Bruce White have vowed they "will not be taken alive," state police said. One of the prisoners was seen with a gun, state police said.

THE PRISONERS were discovered missing at 10 a.m., "within minutes" of the last check of the prison yard the men were in, warden Luella

Burke said. The prison is on Five Mile, approximately one mile west of Beck Road.

Schanault, 33, was originally sentenced in Isabella County to 25 to 50 years in prison for armed robbery. White, 28, was sentenced in Oakland County to two to 20 years for armed robbery and four to 40 years for first-degree criminal sexual conduct related to homosexual assaults, the state police said.

Both men were last seen when they left their living quarters at 8:30 a.m. for the prison yard, Burke said.

THE YARD is surrounded by an electric fence, and a patrol car passes by the perimeter of the yard every five minutes, Burke said. There is no tower from which a guard can oversee the yard, she said.

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## Teens offer rides New Year's Eve

By C.L. Rugenstein  
staff writer

One group of teens will be sitting by the phone — by choice — while the rest of their friends party this holiday season.

Members of Safe Rides groups in both the Livonia and Wayne Westland school districts have chosen to be a part of the solution and not the problem in donating their time to make sure classmates and other drivers get home safely this New Year's Eve.

The Safe Rides program, which began in Livonia about three years ago, offers rides home to fellow students who've had too much to drink.

"Or if there's any situation where they're not able to get home," if they came with someone else who's too drunk to drive, said Churchill High School junior Mark Graban, 16, "we just pick them up and take them home. We don't ask questions."

The program generally operates on weekends from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. during the school year.

THIS NEW Year's Eve, however, students who've partied too hardy or who don't trust themselves to drive are strongly urged to call 261-3760 or 522-7488 for a ride home.

A team of two drivers will show up, pick up the students and drive them home safely.

But, the Safe Rides program doesn't end there, said Kerry Crowley, secretary for the group.

"We take them straight home, to a responsible adult; we don't just leave them home alone. We make sure there's someone there," Crowley said.

Safe Rides for Livonia school district students has been in operation for three years.

"THIS IS the first year we've operated on New Year's," said Crowley. "Last year, because of the way the holidays fell (on the weekend) we weren't operating for Christmas and New Year's," said Elaine Hicks, a volunteer coordinator for the Livonia group. "We're better

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## Construction, election made headlines in 1989

By Tedd Schneider  
staff writer

It was the year of the construction boom and the election-night bust for incumbent Mayor Charles Griffin.

A year that saw the destruction of millions of dollars worth of property — including a landmark restaurant that would eventually be rebuilt from the ground up — in wintertime fires.

A year in which three school district employees and one former employee indicted by a grand jury

on fraud charges finally had their days (and weeks, and months) in court.

For Westland residents, 1989 seemed mostly to be a year of beginnings and endings. Issues that had gripped the community for years came to a head, while new developments and controversies were popping up on an almost daily basis.

Following is a month-by-month glance back at the people and events behind the year's headlines.

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Robert Thomas (right) celebrates his upset victory in the mayoral race with city councilman Charles Pickering at an election-night party.

# City hall, arena close for holiday

It's the holiday season, and you know what that means. No, we're not talking about decking the halls. We're referring to schedule changes for local government offices and functions.

So, if you have a water bill to pay, trash to put out or a letter to mail, take a look at the following information:

**WESTLAND CITY** offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday for the New Year's holiday. They will reopen 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3.

The Friendship Center, site of many senior citizen activities, will be closed through Tuesday. It will reopen Wednesday.

There will be no trash pickups Monday, New Year's Day. Regular pickups will be made one day later than scheduled throughout the week.

The 18th District Court will be closed Monday and Tuesday and

will resume normal business hours 8:30 a.m. Wednesday.

**THE MELVIN** Bailey Recreation Center and the Westland Sports Arena will have limited hours.

The Bailey Center will close at 4 p.m. Sunday and reopen Tuesday morning. For additional information on center activities, call 722-7620.

The Westland Sports Arena will be closed Monday. There are special open skating hours this week. For more information, call 729-4560.

**THE WESTLAND** post office will be closed Monday.

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# Teens ready to answer calls for safe rides home

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this year, we've got it all together." Crowley estimated about 75 students and teachers, parents and alumni-like Hicks and Beth Dlugos work with the Livonia group.

Teams consist of five people — two teams of two students each and one adult coordinator.

"The adult is there to handle emergency situations," Graban said. "The students handle everything else."

Graban said that about half the students in the program are sophomores who don't drive yet, but who answer calls for rides and who ride with drivers as part of the driving team.

**SAFE RIDES** operates through the Boy Scouts of America and adheres to rules set by the Boy Scouts.

One is that the drivers go out in

teams. "Another rule is that we don't get out of the car," Crowley said.

"When someone calls, we ask them what they're wearing, and if they'll wait outside to be picked up."

"Most of the rules deal with our own safety," said Matt Fawcett, also a junior from Churchill. "We're not supposed to put ourselves in a situation where we are in danger."

"In the event a student rider becomes violent, we'll let them out of the car or won't pick them up," Fawcett said.

**THE NON-DRIVER** on the team also keeps in constant touch with the base station, the Livonia Counseling Center, — by cellular phone.

Most of the calls Dan Chamberlain and Bryan Walters, both juniors at Churchill, have answered in their two years with the program have been uneventful.

But Fawcett said he ran into an

unusual situation about a month ago.

"We had one call, and about 12 people to take home," he said.

It was the first time they had to send out the backup driving team. But by the time the second team got there, most of the students had made arrangements for other people to pick them up.

**"WE'RE TRYING** to raise people's awareness about the program," said Hicks.

The group also tries to be available to pick up Livonia district students in other cities, especially Westland.

"We won't turn down a request from someone in Garden City," she said.

But Southfield is out of the question — "It's just too far."

For Walters, as with all the members of Safe Rides, safety for everyone is the issue.

"Just knowing when you pick someone up you're making (the roads) safe for other drivers," is the group member's reward, he said.

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# Griffin lists accomplishments

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the city council meets." Griffin said he plans to spend more time with his wife, Margaret, and his adult children and their families.

The outgoing mayor declined to comment on possible future political ambitions, but said he "wouldn't rule out" running for office again.

**ON A PERSONAL** level, the outgoing mayor said he will miss the close friendships he's had a chance to nurture by being "on the inside."

"I enjoyed doing things like going out and having a cup of coffee with somebody like a Tom Brown (city councilman and former mayor)," Griffin said. "You learn so much from that kind of thing. You learn that you can disagree with someone

and still sit down and have a cup of coffee with them."

Things Griffin said he wouldn't miss about the mayor's job include the "stress that comes when you have to deal with hot issues."

Griffin believes the single biggest factor in his defeat last November was the presence on the ballot of Proposals A and B, state sales tax increases designed to provide money for Michigan public schools.

"When you look at the high turnout (35.2 percent) and the fact that we only lost by 200 votes, I know that's it," he said. "People came out to vote against those two proposals and those are the kinds of voters who don't vote for incumbents."

Griffin said he has taken awhile to adjust to the loss, but that he had adopted a realistic attitude about his future in the weeks leading up to the election.

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After the prisoners left the yard — investigators say they're not sure how — tracks in the snow suggested the men headed a short distance southwest to the Metro West industrial park.

"It's believed they had a vehicle waiting for them," Burke said.

Investigators suspect the prisoners fled the Plymouth area, Burke said.

**SCHANAULT** is white, 5 feet 11 and weighs 146 pounds, with long, shoulder-length, dark, curly hair; a high forehead, green eyes, a mustache and possible beard growth. He was "observed with a 9mm (gun) at time of escape," state police said.

White is white, 6 feet 2 and weighs 185 pounds, with long, light-brown hair, green eyes, a slight overbite, a

light mustache and a tattoo on his left breast, the state police said.

Schanault, at the prison since January 1989, "had good work and good block reports," Burke said.

Schanault was suspected in helping plan an earlier unsuccessful plot to escape at another prison, she said.

White had been a prisoner since September of this year, Burke said. He also had good work and block reports, she said.

While prison officials have reported occasional walkaways of prisoners on minimum security work details, this was the first escape from the prison's secure perimeter in four years, Burke said.

Anyone with any information should call the Northville post of the Michigan State Police at 348-1505.

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# 1989 was a year of beginnings and endings

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## JANUARY

An accidental, early-morning fire destroyed the Big Boy restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter. Owners George and Andrew Ansara spent the next eight months rebuilding the popular local eatery at a cost of \$1.5 million. Before spring would end, a major fire had also struck at the Riverbend Apartments, the Hunter Park Plaza strip shopping center on Warren Road at Venoy and the still-under-construction Brandon Valley condominium complex on Newburgh at Warren Road.

Westland Police Inspector Paul Schnarr was promoted to chief by Mayor Charles Griffin following the retirement from the department of Fred Dansby. Dansby moved on to take the Romulus police chief's post. Robert Matzo meanwhile, moves from the city assessor's post to director of the Department of Public Services.

Griffin, in his annual State of the City address to the Westland Chamber of Commerce on Jan. 10, announces his intention to seek a second term in November. "I must confess I'm looking forward to continuing the policies of this administration — on into the '90s," the mayor said.

Ronald O'Neal Emerson, 19, was convicted of first-degree murder for the August 1988 beating death of Michelle Lynn Zimmerman, a John Glenn High School junior. In February, Emerson was sentenced by Wayne Circuit Judge Charles S. Farmer to life in prison without parole.

## FEBRUARY

The Westland City Council passed a pair of ordinances aimed at decreasing "nuisance" crimes often committed by youths. The new laws prohibited use of pellet guns and facemask firearms and set penalties for people convicted of turning in false police and fire alarms.

An explosion and fire destroyed a strip shopping center on Warren Road east of Middlebelt. The owner of a pizzeria in the building was charged with arson after the youth he paid to set the fire was injured in the explosion.

The Taco Bell restaurant on Wayne Road south of Hunter was closed briefly as police investigated a food tampering incident. An employee prank was blamed.

Maureen Wilson, an eighth grader at Adams Junior High School, won the Wayne-Westland school district's annual Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bee. Wilson went on to compete in the state spelling bee last spring at Lawrence Technological University, Southfield.



FILE PHOTO

Maureen Wilson of Adams Junior High School competes in the state spelling bee at Lawrence Technological University. Wilson was the winner of the annual Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bee for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

## MARCH

The preliminary examination in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools enrollment fraud case begins in 18th District Court. Testimony was spread over several days and finally adjourned until April, when Holbert (Rick) Hamrick, Barbara Blanton and Phyllis (Rode) Roderick pleaded no contest to lesser charges and were sentenced by Judge Gail McKnight to probation, with fines and community service. The hearing for the fourth defendant, Kathleen (Kay) Lyons, was adjourned due to her health problems. In November, Lyons accepted the same plea agreement and received a similar sentence.

Ground was broken for the new Showcase Cinemas, on Wayne Road north of Hunter. The state-of-the-art, eight-screen movie complex opened in December.

Work began on a \$350,000 facelift at the federally-subsidized Willow Creek Apartments on Newburgh, north of Marquette. One of the largest federally financed rental rehabilitation projects in Michigan, buildings in the 432-unit complex would get new roofs and gutters, repairs on heating and plumbing and installation of smoke detectors.

The Westland Stingers youth hockey team embarked on an exhibition tour of Finland and the Soviet Union. Coach Bob Valeri created a stir when it was discovered that the trip, which he originally billed as coming out of a difficult-to-obtain Soviet government invitation, was actually arranged by a for-profit travel agency and available to just about anybody.

"If I felt I had anything to apologize for, I would say I was sorry," Valeri said in an interview at Detroit Metropolitan Airport as the team was about to depart. "I don't know how people could have been misled (about the tour)."

## APRIL

Judge Gail McKnight's handling of the school district enrollment fraud case is questioned by residents James Netter and Melvin Straight in a complaint to the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission. The commission later ruled McKnight's conduct proper.

Michael LaDuke, the manager of the Ziebart rustproofing store on Ford at Venoy, is gunned down in the parking lot by an employee he had fired moments before. Robert Michael Zeilin was later convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Two Livonia Franklin High School students are killed when they are hit by a speeding car while walking across a highway near Orlando, Fla. John Shea and Craig Allard of Westland were going to Disney World while on spring break.

The Wayne-Westland school district joins a statewide legal challenge by in-formula school districts to change the way Michigan funds public education. The 254-district caucus plans to file suit against the state.

Wayne-Westland school board member Terri Reighard Johnson announces plans to run for the Westland City Council.

## MAY

City councilman Kent Herbert announces he won't seek re-election in November. Herbert says his decision was prompted by personal matters and disappointment over the Griffin administration. He noted a "tendency of the mayor to be obsessed with personnel matters of his staff" and more concern by Griffin over staff salaries than staff performance.

Marshall Junior High School parents criticize Superintendent Dennis O'Neill and school administrators for handling of emergency asbestos removal at the school. Some parents, unhappy over the lack of notification

from the district, kept their children home from school for a day.

Firefighter Wallace Foust drowns while fishing on Lake LeAnn in Hillsdale County hours after working to extinguish the Hunter Plaza fire.

## JUNE

Emergency 9-1-1 telephone service goes on line in Westland and other western Wayne County communities. The enhanced system automatically displays a caller's name and address when he calls in requesting police or fire assistance.

Kenneth Barnhill and Andrew Spisak are re-elected to the Wayne-Westland school board as less than 2 percent of the district's 76,000 voters turn out at the polls. "We're looking for direction and we would at least like to see some people voice their opinions," Barnhill said of the record low turnout.

Ronald Stratton is named principal at Wayne Memorial High School, replacing the retiring Francis (Bud) Winter. Stratton was the principal at Adams Junior High School and had been a teacher and assistant principal at Wayne Memorial during the 1960s and '70s.

Residents along a half-mile stretch of Farmington Road, between Warren Road and Hunter, appear en masse before the city council to request paving for their neighborhood. The dirt road has become a health hazard and an inconvenience in the burgeoning area, they say. The request is eventually approved.

## JULY

Mayor Charles Griffin officially announces his re-election bid. He will face challenges in the Sept. 12 primary from city councilmen Thomas Artley and Charles Pickering (also a former mayor) and political newcomer Robert Thomas, an 18-year employee in the Westland Department of Public Services.

Incumbent councilmen Ben DeHart, Ken Mehl and William Ziemia will also run again. The council field includes 13 candidates for four seats.

The election begins heating up with the weather as the police department's Lieutenants and Sergeants Association distributes a caustic bumper sticker criticizing Griffin's tactics in negotiations with the union.

A just-released study commissioned by the Eloise Task Force recommends courting automotive-related companies to develop the 300-acre former Wayne County hospital site at Michigan Avenue and Merriam. The study was done by the Boston-based Arthur D. Little Co. and includes development ideas for the radius surrounding Detroit Metropolitan Airport in Romulus.

The Plymouth-based Plastipak Packaging firm announces a \$16.3 million expansion at its Westland plant. The plant, on Hix south of Ford, produces containers for soda pop, detergent and other household goods. The city council grants a tax abatement for the expansion, which creates 35 new jobs, according to company officials.

## AUGUST

The Michigan Supreme Court ruled that the city was correct in asking for right-of-way along Newburgh from Electro-Tech, Inc. before granting a building permit. The high court upheld an appeals court decision reversing a \$433,052 damage award to the company. The case had been winding its way through the legal system for six years and faces a possible appeal in federal courts.

Two arson fires within 10 days of each other caused about \$10,000 in damages at the Quo Vadis Theater on Wayne Road north of Warren Road. Movie-goers were evacuated from the building during the second

fire, which interrupted Sunday night showings.

Valentine Kwiatkowski, 78, and his daughter Carol, 43, were charged by police in the attempted murder of Anna Kwiatkowski, 34, at the family's Wildwood Street home. The pair said they shot Carol in the head because of mounting medical bills for her obesity and other medical problems. They pleaded guilty and were sentenced to prison terms while Anna went to live with a friend.

Right to Life-Lifespan of Metro Detroit, a Livonia-based pro-life organization, sued the owners of Westland Center for first approving and then denying permission for a scheduled book sale in the mall. A judge refused to grant an injunction allowing the sale. Mall owners claim permission was originally granted due to a "mix-up."

## SEPTEMBER

Robert Thomas, who said he considered himself an underdog, won the right to challenge Mayor Charles Griffin in the November election by finishing a surprising second to the incumbent in the primary. Thomas narrowly edged out Charles Pickering for the No. 2 spot and both Pickering and fourth-place finisher Thomas Artley pledge their support to the challenger.

In the city council race, challengers Sandra Cicirelli, Terri Reighard Johnson and Ethel Bollinger took the top three spots, voters giving incumbents Ben DeHart, Ken Mehl and William Ziemia the message that they were in for a tough battle among eight surviving candidates.

School officials announce a revised reading test will be given to fourth, seventh and 10th graders as part of the Michigan Education Assessment Program. The new test will be better for determining reading comprehension, school officials said.

Teachers in the Livonia Public Schools reach a last-minute contract settlement, meaning school will start on time for residents in the northern section of Westland. Meanwhile, Gov. James Blanchard ventures to Vandenberg Elementary School in Wayne to sign the 1989-90 state school aid bill.

A three-year battle over development of a northeast Westland neighborhood ended as the city council approved construction of a 7-Eleven

store and adjacent strip shopping center. Developers made a number of concessions to area residents, who had protested the project since its inception.

## OCTOBER

The mayor's race is going full-blast as personal barbs are made early and often during a "Candidate Night" at the Wayne-Ford Civic League. In the battle for financial support, incumbent Griffin has built up a campaign war chest of more than \$120,000 while challenger Thomas has raised a seemingly meager \$10,000. Thomas though, gets endorsements from the city's two police unions, while Griffin is backed by the firefighters.

Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek, director of the city's senior resources department and a member of the Wayne-Westland school board, travels to San Francisco with family members to watch son-in-law Pat Sheridan play for the Giants in the World Series. They get caught up in the earthquake instead. "I was so frightened I really did begin to think this is the end of the world," she said in a telephone interview from her hotel room the next day.

James Vincent Ferrari, 27, a resident of the Big Trees Mobile Home Community on Joy, west of Inkster Road, is charged in the stabbing death of an 81-year-old man in a neighboring mobile home park. Ferrari faces a March 1990 trial for the first-degree murder of Haskel Walworth.

Former Wayne-Westland Community Schools Superintendent Timothy Dyer is named executive director of the National Association of Secondary-School Principals. After leaving Wayne-Westland, Dyer became superintendent of the Phoenix Union, Ariz., High School District, a post he stepped down from to take the director's job.

## NOVEMBER

Robert Thomas narrowly defeated Mayor Charles Griffin in an upset victory. Thomas, who beat Griffin by 200 votes out of more than 15,000 ballots cast, said voters were sending a message to city hall. "It was an upset only in the sense that they (Griffin and his supporters) never expected we were going to win," the longtime city employee said.

In the city council race, chal-



FILE PHOTO

Terri Reighard Johnson gave up her Wayne-Westland school board seat after her election to the Westland City Council.

lengers Sandra Cicirelli and Terri Reighard Johnson won seats along with incumbents Ken Mehl and Ben DeHart. Councilman William Ziemia lost in his bid for a new term. Johnson announced she would step down from the school board before taking her council seat.

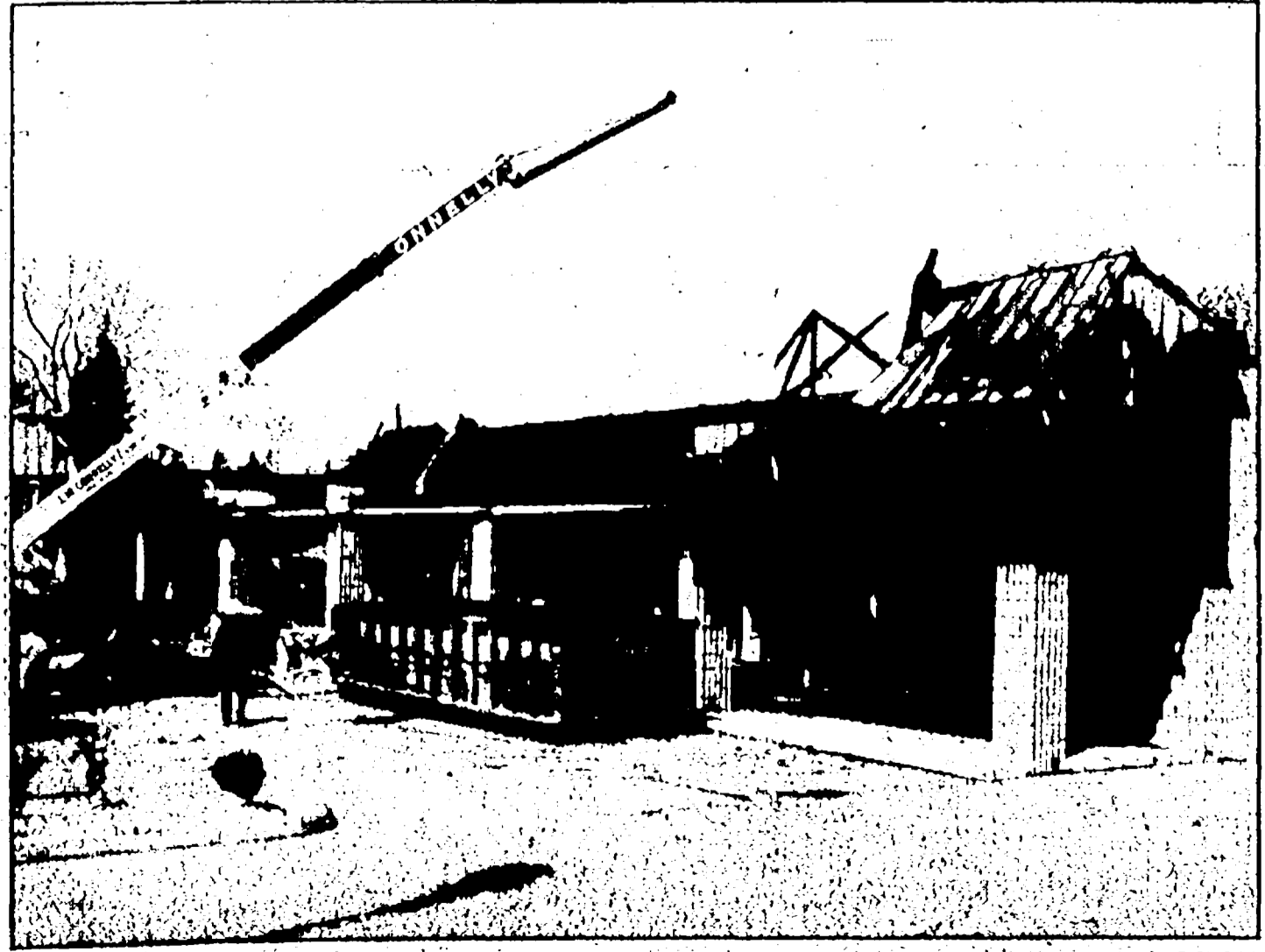
Linda Pratt was named First Citizen by the Westland Observer and the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Pratt is a longtime volunteer active with the Wayne-Westland school district's clothing bank and other activities.

A 16-year-old Westland youth surrendered to police in connection with the October arson fire that destroyed the senior class homecoming float at John Glenn High School.

## DECEMBER

The Wayne-Westland school board selects Leonard D. Posey to replace Terri Reighard Johnson. Posey, the first black and first Inkster resident to sit on the board, was chosen from a field of 17 applicants.

As part of a series of department-wide promotions, Mike Frayer is named to the vacant inspector's position in the Westland Police department. Inspector is the second highest ranking post in the department. Frayer will also serve as acting chief until Paul Schnarr, who suffered a mild heart attack on Thanksgiving Day, returns from medical leave.



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Work crews clean up after a spring fire at the Hunter Plaza shopping center. The fire was one of several major fires in Westland during 1989.

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## obituaries

### MAURICE E. FOWLER

Services for Maurice Edward Fowler Sr., 87, of Dearborn Heights were Dec. 28 from the John N. Santelu and Son Funeral Home with the Rev. Luther Stanley of First Baptist Church of Garden City officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens cemetery, Westland.

Mr. Fowler died Dec. 22 in Garden City Osteopathic Hospital.

A native of Clarksville, Tenn., Mr. Fowler was a longtime area resident and a retired supervisor for the Ford Motor Co., steel division. He was a lifelong member of Masonic Lodge Dearborn Post 172, Redford Commandry.

He is survived by his wife, Bessie; three sons, Edward Jr., Jessie and Jim, 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Moslem Temple Association Crippled Children Fund.

### JAMES C. SCOTT

Private burial services for James Clarence Scott Jr., 72, of Westland were Dec. 20 from United Memorial Gardens cemetery, Superior Township, with Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home, Westland, handling the arrangements.

Mr. Scott died Dec. 18.

A native of Oakdale, Tenn., Mr. Scott was retired from the maintenance department of Annapolis Hospital, Wayne. He served with the Marine Corps during World War II.

He is survived by a son, Daniel of Howell; two daughters, Nancy Helton of Belleville and Judy Inman of Westland; a brother, Ray of Romulus; two sisters, Alma Jean Beck of Garden City and Mary Belcher of Livonia; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice.

### HARRY J. WARD

Services for Harry (Jack) J. Ward, 65, of Garden City were Dec. 15 from the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home with the Rev. David Russell of the First United Methodist Church of Garden City officiating.

Mr. Ward died Dec. 13 at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital.

A longtime area resident, Mr. Ward was born in Cheboygan, Mich.

He worked 20 years for the Uniroyal Tire Co. of Detroit and owned a motel in Dearborn Heights. He was a member of John Lyskawa VFW Post 7546.

He is survived by a wife, Donna; three sons, Thomas Ward, Alfred Bowman and James Bowman; three daughters, Nancy Webb, Barbara Czech and Jean Kuhn; and six grandchildren.

# Registration on for adult floor hockey

## ged tests

Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 15-16 — Livonia Public Schools will offer GED tests 5-10 p.m. at Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard. For more information, call 523-9294.

## Adult floor hockey

Wayne-Westland YMCA is now taking registrations for adult floor hockey teams. Leagues play at Stevenson Jr. High on Saturday afternoons beginning in February. Team fee is \$230. Players must be at least 18 years old. Register before Jan. 16 at the Wayne-Westland YMCA. Call 721-7044.

## Open Swim

Open swim is available at the Wayne-Westland YMCA, Monday thru Friday from 7-8 p.m. and Saturday from 1-3 p.m. Fee is \$4 for adults and \$1.50 for youths 18 and younger.

## 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.

## Pre-school

Garden City Preschoolers, ages 3½ to 5 years old, will be scheduled for preschool screening during January. Screening dates are: Douglas — Tuesday, Jan. 16, Memorial — Thursday, Jan. 18, Farmington — Monday, Jan. 22, Henry Ruff — Wednesday, Jan. 24 and Lathers — Tuesday, Jan. 30. Letters notifying parents of scheduled appointments will be mailed two weeks prior to

the screening date. If you have a preschooler and do not receive a letter, please call the Child Development Center at 421-5763.

## Advisory Council Meeting

Friday, Jan. 5 — The Advisory Council will meet at 10 a.m. in the Linden Conference Room of the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road. The Advisory Council is to advise the Commission on

Aging for the betterment of the elderly.

## Jobs

Part-time jobs are available for low-income men and women 55 and older through the Senior Community Service Employment Program. For more information, call Lynne at 722-2830.

## for parent

Tuesdays — A new support group, "Parent to Parent for Prevention," will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in the north cafeteria of Franklin High School, 31000 Joy. Discussion will focus on substance abuse. For information, call Penny Irwin at 525-8844.

## alzheimer's support

Wednesdays — Members of a support group for Alzheimer's Disease

meet the first Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. in the Westland Convalescent Center, 36137 Warren Road. For information, call 728-6100

## host lions

Thursdays — The Westland Host Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, in the Red Lobster Restaurant on Wayne Road, north of Ford.

## purple heart

Wednesdays — The Military Order of Purple Heart meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. in the VFW Hall on Ford Road, west of Venoy. Meetings are open to combat-wounded vets.

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# Reps say U.S. budget won't reflect 'peace benefit'

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer

All three area Congressmen agree the United States will receive a "peace benefit" from the democratic movement in eastern Europe.

But they disagree on how large it will be, how soon it will be felt and how it should be used.

Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, said declining Communist influence in eastern Europe cannot help but force the U.S. to make defense cuts. Still, he urged caution.

"I think we'll get some reductions in defense, but I wouldn't base the whole (defense) budget on the personality of Gorbachev," Pursell said. "You never know, he could be gone." Pursell's district includes part of Livonia, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Rep. Sander Levin, D-Southfield, said the democratic movement represents a fundamental change — perhaps too large for any Soviet leader to stifle — but said the United States could be slow in feeling its benefits.



Rep. Carl Pursell urges caution.

"IT'S IMPACT on next year's budget won't be as dramatic as the events themselves," said Levin, whose district includes Redford.

"A lot of the money for next year has already been spent — you can't



Rep. Sander Levin impact will be slow

cut off an airplane in the middle. But you can build fewer airplanes in the future," Levin said.

Rep. William Ford, D-Taylor, agreed the democratic movement was both real and far-reaching, but



Rep. William Ford change will be bumpy

said Americans shouldn't be discouraged if the road to change is bumpy rather than smooth.

"We shouldn't say, 'Oh, you're trying to do this to imitate us,'" Ford said. "These countries have had

a very different history from our own, of course that's not going to make the American Legion happy." Ford's district includes Canton, part of Livonia, Garden City and Westland.

The \$938 million, three-year aid package already offered to Poland and Hungary is a good faith gesture, the congressmen agreed. But they disagreed on how much more the U.S. could afford to give those nations, as well as others who also adopt democratic reforms.

"WE HAVE a budget of our own to balance," Pursell said. "That money has to come from somewhere."

Levin, however, said the United States could be doing more.

"We can't hail Lech Walesa for bravery, then turn our back on him when he's asking for help," he said.

Toward that end, Levin suggested establishing a Reconstruction Finance Corp. similar to that created in the United States during the Great Depression, to rebuild eastern European economies. The RFC, a government-owned corporation, made more than \$50 million in

emergency loans to banks and other financial institutions before being abolished in 1954.

While Pursell would use defense cuts primarily to balance the federal budget, Ford would use the money for new spending priorities.

"I'm going to be in the forefront of those saying we need more spending on education," he said.

Both Levin and Ford said they hoped decreasing east/west tension would cause a reassessment of U.S. defense strategy — particularly concerning the MX missile, scheduled to be transported to northern Michigan.

Ford said approval from Oscoda residents was "short sighted".

Despite party differences, President George Bush drew praise from all three congressmen for his handling of foreign affairs to date — including his recent decision to invade Panama.

"I think Bush is doing a better job on foreign policy than Reagan did," said Pursell, a longtime Bush supporter.

Ford said the honeymoon between the president and Congress still wasn't over.

## Solving budget deficit remains priority for reps

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer

Though foreign policy events in eastern Europe and Panama have grabbed the headlines, several domestic issues could also take center stage as Congress reconvenes next month.

Clean air and child care have been penciled in as top legislative priorities, but an economic downturn could become the nation's top internal priority.

"We could have a tough year," said Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth. "We're seeing it already in the auto industry."

A recession, however mild, could force Congress to take a harder look at balancing the federal budget.

"The number one priority is still balancing the budget," Pursell said. "We're still borrowing 20 percent of our revenue."

Rep. Sander Levin, D-Southfield, also listed the nation's budget deficit as the top domestic priority for 1990.

"ON THE deficit (this year) we made a step forward but two steps back," Levin said.

One problem, he said, was that the president's growth assumptions were too high.

Despite economic forecasts, Congress is expected to spend a good deal of its time grappling with a rewrite of the 1970 Clean Air Act.

Pursell said he expected the final draft to make reference to both acid rain and use of alternative fuels — and he expected it to pass.

LAST YEAR, Democrats gained the upper hand in a fight between conflicting child care packages. Though neither side could reach agreement on a final bill, Pursell said only one outstanding issue is left.

"I think the major problem is what to do with child care programs

**'The number one priority is still balancing the budget. We're still borrowing 20 percent of our revenue.'**

—Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth

run by churches," he said. "Once there's some agreement on that, the issue should move quickly."

At the same time, redistricting won't be far from anyone's mind. The Michigan Legislature will redraw congressional district boundaries following the 1990 census. Most experts agree Michigan will lose two U.S. House seats.

Still, redistricting wouldn't become a major issue when Congress resumes in January, area congressmen said.

"IT'S SILLY for a House member to become preoccupied with it, especially when it's in the hands of the state Legislature," said Rep. William Ford, D-Taylor.

All three congressmen also agreed the past year was a particularly tough one for Congress, with highly controversial votes on a pay increase and saving and loan bailouts, as well as an ethics uproar that toppled Speaker of the House Jim Wright, D-Texas.

"It's true the first six months were especially difficult," Levin said. "There was unprecedented change."

Congressmen predicted few major conflicts with President Bush.

"You've seen a change in philosophy in the White House," Ford said. "For eight years we were battling an administration that saw government as the problem. Now, we're not."


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## Power scholarship goes to U-M senior

Eric C. Williams, a senior in the University of Michigan College of Literature, Science and the Arts, has been awarded a Power Exchange Scholarship for two years study beginning next fall at Cambridge University.

Williams, whose father and stepmother live in Grosse Pointe, expects to complete a bachelor's in English and political science next spring.

Williams has also received a scholarship from the college of Literature, Science and the Arts and the Oxford-Cheever Scholarship for academic merit and community contributions.

He has been active in the Black Student Union and United Coalition Against Racism.

The scholarships were established in 1968 by the Power Foundation of Ann Arbor. Two are awarded annually, one for a graduate of U-M, the other for a Cambridge graduate.

Eugene Power, president of the Power Foundation, is a former U-M regent and father of current U-M regent Phillip Power, chairman of the board of Suburban Communications Corp., parent company of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

## AAA offers winter driving, braking tips

AAA Michigan advises drivers to increase their "safety gap" in winter.

Tailgaters who failed to stop in time were the leading cause of accidents in Michigan last year.

More than one-third of Michigan's 410,437 accidents were rear enders, according to AAA statistics.

The agency recommends drivers double the space between their car and the car immediately ahead of them on slippery pavement. A six-second safety gap is recommended for winter driving; a three-second

gap at other times.

Drivers are also reminded to squeeze their brakes, applying them firmly but slowly, rather than pumping them when stopping on ice and snow.

If brakes lock, drivers are advised to ease off slightly then reapply their brakes.

Drivers are also advised to slow down well in advance of stop lights, turning traffic or congested intersections.

According to AAA, it takes up to 10 times as much distance to stop on ice than on dry pavement.



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# \$15 per MEA member funded 'A'

By Tom Ferguson  
staff writer

At least \$3.2 million in campaign contributions went down in flames along with Proposal A in the Nov. 7 election.

Nearly half the money came from Michigan teachers.

Meanwhile, opponents of A and B — the two proposals to shore up Michigan's educational system with sales tax hikes — spent very little but apparently made their point. Both proposals were defeated overwhelmingly.

Filings with the state Bureau of Elections earlier this month disclose that the Michigan Education Association was by far the heaviest contributor to the Proposal A effort. Its \$1,542,000 in contributions amounts to about \$15 for each of the 104,000 active MEA members.

Altogether, the Promote Michigan Education Committee funneled slightly more than \$2 million to its Washington-based media consultant

to buy advertising time and space on behalf of Proposal A. The remaining \$1.2 million the committee reported raising was spent on other promotional and administrative costs.

PROPOSAL A would have increased the sales tax from 4 to 4.5 percent, providing \$400 million a year for state schools. Proposal B would have raised the sales tax to 6 percent but would have provided property tax relief. Proposal A had more "name" backers — including the Gov. James Blanchard — and fared better with voters than did Proposal B.

"Their game plan was to buy the election. The results were very encouraging," said Richard Dudley, vice-president of government relations for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, which led the organized opposition to A and B. The numbers just show that you can't fool all the people all the time.

The MEA levied no special assessments on its members for its efforts, but dipped heavily into accumulated

political action funds.

We felt it was a very important time to act," said MEA spokeswoman Colleen Huggins. "A number of districts are on the verge of bankruptcy."

Other major contributors to Proposal A included:

- Detroit Federation of Teachers Political Action Fund, \$100,000.
- General Motors Corp., \$100,000.
- Ford Motor Co., \$90,000.
- Chrysler Corp., \$75,000.
- Dow Chemical Co., \$50,000.
- Michigan Retailers Association, \$50,000.
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- AAA of Michigan, \$40,000.
- Detroit Edison, \$40,000.
- Michigan Bell Telephone Co., \$40,000.
- Masco Corp., \$25,000.
- Meijer Inc., \$25,000.
- NBD Bancorp Inc., \$25,000.

# GOP Senators question spending

By Tom Ferguson  
staff writer

State Senate Republicans are rubbing salt in Proposal A backers' wounds by promising subpoenas and a committee probe of possibly illegal campaign spending.

At issue is whether \$35,000 of the \$3.2 million raised by the Promote Michigan Education Committee wound up promoting local government candidates in Detroit. Such use of corporate contributions would be a criminal violation of campaign law.

Senate Democrats call the subpoena threat nothing more than an early salvo in Sen. John Engler's 1990 gubernatorial campaign. And Ann Beser, director of the Proposal A committee, said: "As far as I'm concerned, (the spending) was absolutely legal. This is strictly partisan politics."

But Sen. Doug Cruce, R-Troy, said: "We're not convinced there were necessarily any intentional violations. The committee would determine if violations were worthy of enforcement, of if there was need for a change in the law."

CRUCE CHAIRS a subcommittee of the Government Operations Committee, chaired by Engler, which voted to subpoena Beser and two other officials of the Proposal A campaign. Both officials are aligned with Gov. Blanchard. Cruce said the subpoenas would be issued within a week or two.

The Proposal A committee funneled \$15,000 to the Black Slate, which endorses and campaigns for issues and candidates in Detroit, and \$10,000 each to the political action committees of Detroit's 1st and 13th congressional districts.

"We were not paying to be on a slate, but for distribution of our brochures and to get out the vote," Beser said last week.

Barbara Martin, Black Slate treasurer, said it would be impossible to separate her group's Proposal A efforts from efforts for other issues and candidates. "We could hardly put 150 poll workers out just to work for Proposal A," she said.

Martin said her understanding was that the group was to "distribute 50,000 pieces of Proposal A literature and have the proposal on the slate."

"I didn't go looking for this," Martin added. "They came and asked for our support."

Martin said the Black Slate spent about \$35,000 on the election, including the \$15,000 from Beser's committee. "Coleman Young put in more than they did," she said.

Spokesmen for the 1st and 13th District PAC committees could not be reached for comment. Cruce said it was his understanding that they used Proposal A money to circulate brochures for local candidates.

MEANWHILE, THE state Bureau of Elections asked the Proposal A committee to provide by Dec. 7 a more detailed accounting of how the three Detroit groups spent the \$35,000. Lawrence Owen, attorney for the Proposal A committee and one of the officials expected to be subpoenaed by Engler's panel, asked for a deadline extension.

"We have not received the information from outside parties that is necessary to respond to your inquiry," Owen wrote. He was granted an extension.

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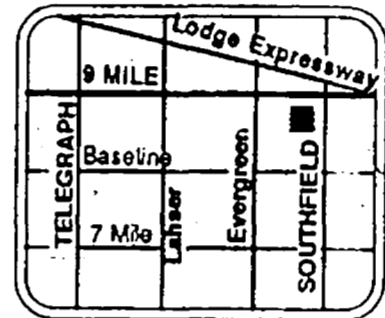
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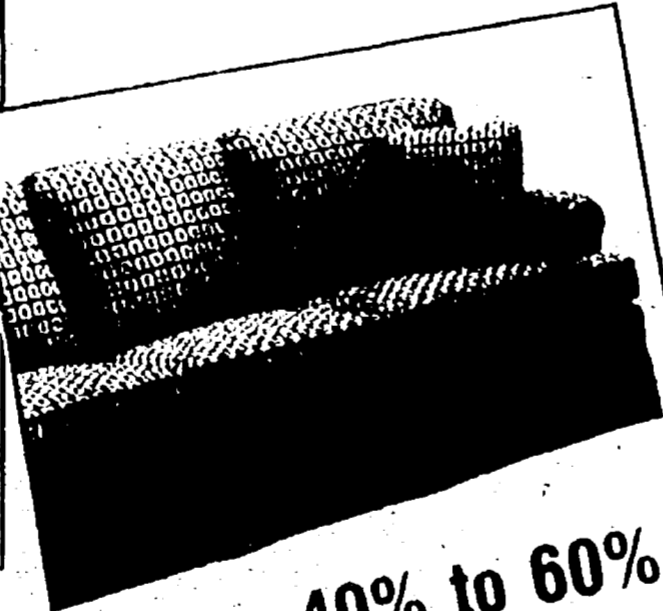
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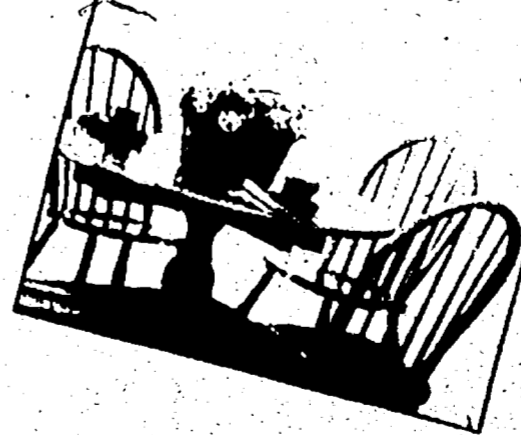
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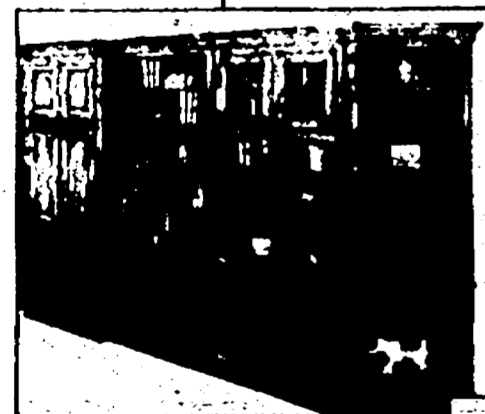
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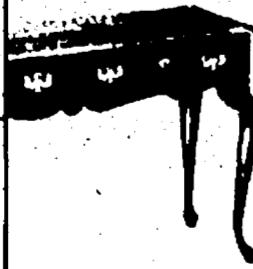
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## Looking back Issues put '89 in perspective

**D**URING THIS, the last year of the '80s, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers has taken editorial positions on issues that affect residents in all the communities served by our 13 newspapers in suburban Wayne and Oakland counties.

They are regional editorials which regularly appear on the bottom left of each paper's opinion page, beneath the community editorial. Here's a recap of some of our positions and where those issues stand today, as we head into the '90s:

ers for a day. A recent University of Michigan study points up that the racial divide between Detroit and its suburbs remains in place.

- In late August, we suggested that suburbanites should take an interest in Detroit's mayoral election because of what strong, well-measured leadership means to southeastern Michigan. We are interdependent in every way, from economics to crime to transit.

### Drugs & Alcohol

- In September, following President Bush's war on drugs speech, we agreed that if we want to rid our nation of drugs, it's up to us — and called for strong, cooperative efforts by communities. Since that time, the new state drug czar, Donald Reisig, has asked the district courts to convene community-wide task forces on the problem. So far, Southfield's 46th District and Birmingham-Bloomfield's 48th District courts have launched new community-wide initiatives against chemical abuse.

- We came out against drug testing in the work place, and recommended a mandatory sentence for adults charged with driving under the influence — even first-time offenders. And we discouraged plea bargaining to the lesser charge of driving while impaired. The proposals are gaining support among legislators.

- This newspaper supported a move by some of our residents to get Michigan's public and private colleges and universities to offer the choice of alcohol-free rooming. This fall, 13 of Michigan's 14 public colleges offered some sort of alcohol-free rooming to dormitory residents or made plans to do so. At the same time, we chastised Michigan State University for its failure to implement such a policy.

- We have urged the Legislature to mandate it, so this doesn't fall by the wayside. A House bill has been drafted, but has not yet gone to committee.

- Along with individuals, agencies and businesses throughout our area, the O&E once again encouraged you to display the MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) red ribbon from your car as an alert against drinking and driving during the holidays. We distributed a red ribbon in each of our Nov. 23 newspapers.

### Education

- The O&E supported Proposal A — a simple tax increase which didn't address the inequities in the property tax method of funding. Voters soundly defeated it. Now, Lansing must tackle a change in the state aid formula, as we urged last spring. At the same time, school districts must put their own houses in order, balancing program with maintenance. Even wealthy districts with the highest per pupil expenditures are having problems maintaining buildings.

- In a January series on science in our schools, we drew the conclusion that we must improve our science curriculum, with private industry taking a more active role. Recently issued Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scores showed that science still lags well behind achievement in math and verbal skills.

- We came out against the proposed bills in Lansing which would strip Michigan's high school dropouts of their drivers' licenses. The Legislature must address the problem, not remove the symptom. The bills are still pending.

- We suggested that the brouhaha about Christmas in the classroom be used as a vehicle for parents and educators to work together to teach their children about the various cultures and religions.

### Unity

- We were heartened last January to see that some of our suburban communities and educational institutions celebrated the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. — which this newspaper feels is essential to all suburban residents — black and white. Southfield, Birmingham, Oakland University and the University of Michigan had major programs last year. We will monitor our communities again Jan. 16.

- Last spring, students on three of the state's major universities called for mandatory studies addressing racism, sexism and discrimination. We said they were trying to play catchup. The true solution lies in attacking the problem, right in our home towns and in our public schools. We called for a K-12 curriculum which teaches students in meaningful ways about racial and ethnic issues and shows that the social contributions of minorities are respected and valued. But some of our public school systems are writing such curricula on their own.

- Piggybacking on that issue, we suggested that Michigan Week, celebrated each May, would be an ideal platform to launch an intensive education exchange between Detroit and its suburbs. There already is a mayors exchange, and student leaders sometimes exchange places with government lead-

### Legislature

- When the U.S. Supreme Court abdicated its responsibility to interpret the Constitution, it made abortion the issue of the '90s in every state. This newspaper is pro-choice, and in July we called on the pro-choice residents of our suburban communities to take a leadership role in convincing state government that the constitutional right to have a child, or not, must be retained for today's young women and those to come. In September, many of our suburban residents were involved in the first statewide pro-choice rally on the steps of the state Capitol. In a subsequent editorial, the O&E also urged voters not to let abortion obscure the state's attention to other issues — public education, the drug war, highway expansion and repair, economic development, etc.

- Our stand on the parental consent issue is that females, whether 15 or 50, should have the right to privacy and a confidential relationship with a physician. The Michigan Legislature doesn't have a role in determining in whom we can confide. Bills to deny that right face a certain gubernatorial veto. The House lacks votes to override that veto. Unfortunately, this may become an election year issue.

- A few armed lunatics have made us afraid to honk a horn in the motor city. In July we called on the Legislature to enact laws specifically addressing penalties for those convicted of freeway shootings. The only active bill on this topic includes a death penalty and is going nowhere. In another editorial, this newspaper advocated returning full throttle to the uniform 65 mph speed limit — making legal what is actually in practice — and then enforce it to the limit.

- Home day care — Last February, we called on the Legislature to complete a three-bill package of day care bills enabling cities and villages to provide zoning ordinances which would ease the establishment of more urgently needed-home day care centers. The Legislature had already passed these for counties and townships. The most important one, affecting cities, is still in committee, but there is hope it will soon move.

- "No-knock" law — This newspaper believes this bill, passed by the State Senate, violates our Constitutional rights and should not be allowed to become law. It is bottled up in a House committee, we are happy to report. It was invented as a tool to use against drug dealers. But Public Act 189 of 1966 and subsequent cases have already given officers with warrants the right to immediately enter a home, at their discretion.

### Life & Death

- Michigan is ranked 17th in the number of recorded AIDS cases. In May, this newspaper called on educators to be bolder, lawmakers to work toward legislation to protect AIDS victims from discriminatory practices and business to prepare themselves and their employees to humanely cope with colleagues who face certain death.

- Right-to-die legislation is not and should not be linked to the abortion issue. We support prohibiting a patient advocate from exercising medical treatment for a pregnant patient that would be detrimental to the embryo or fetus without probate court approval.

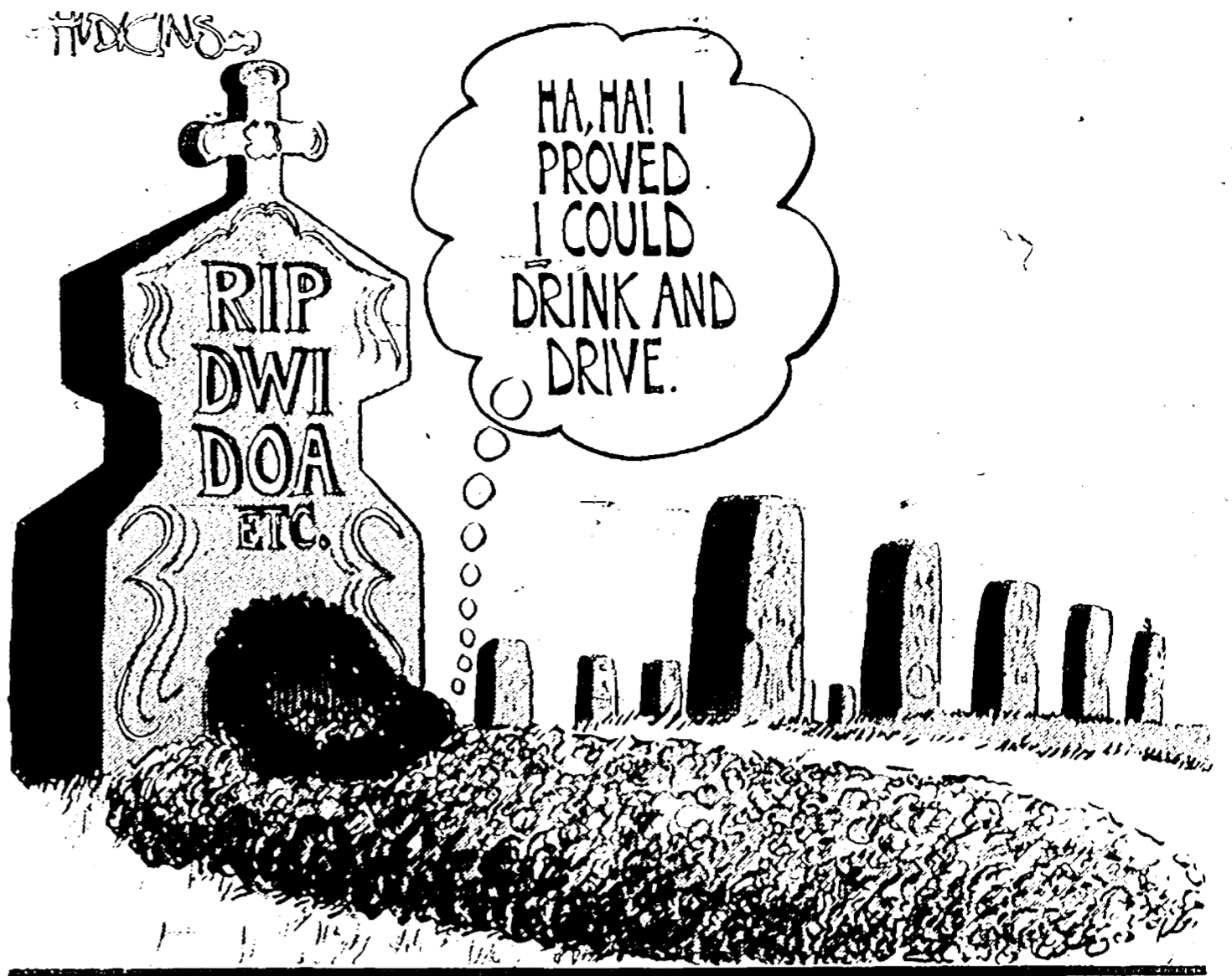
- This newspaper advocates a "living will" law. A number of legislators have available a pamphlet with forms for individuals to declare what type of medical treatment they desire in the event of a terminal illness. But the bill to make those wishes legally binding is still languishing on the House calendar.

### Environment

- Any approach to taking care of our trash effectively must begin with reduction, reuse and recycling, the three go hand-in-hand.

- This newspaper believes this must be a top priority for every level of government, national, state, county and community. But to work it will take each of us.

- In early January we urged the money representing cans and bottles that consumers never returned for deposits to be earmarked for conservation and environmental protection projects — as suggested by statewide conservation groups. It happened. Another bill sets expenditure guidelines for environmental programs to be financed through the Michigan Unclaimed Bottle Fund.



## Children must know holocaust threatens

A CHILLING thought on a cold winter day.

Yet another holocaust awaits us and our government could help to make it happen.

Standing in front of a high school history class last week, I suddenly realized the difficulty in teaching the present generation how to avoid the mistakes of the previous.

This came to mind the other day when I read about the initiative being taken by Dave Welcome, a teacher over at Lahser High School. He has designed a course called "Prejudice and the Holocaust."

Students will learn about the European Holocaust and how prejudice can lead to such a horror.

For background, Welcome traveled to death camps in Poland.

"It was a gut-wrenching thing to be part of that, even 45 years later," he said.

It would be even more gut-wrenching if we let it happen again. I hope somewhere in his class, he lets his students know holocaust just isn't history. While the European Holocaust is part of our past, the Asian holocaust still smolders.

Now, Farmington High School teacher Rich Roy periodically invites me over to talk with students on various topics.

The challenge last week was to

talk a little about my November travels to Southeast Asia. The itinerary — Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam.

It's a region of the world that has fallen into the dark recesses of most Americans' minds who lived through a war that killed more than 50,000 Americans and led to the eventual Cambodian holocaust in the mid-1970s that killed two million.

I soon realized that explaining the complexities of Southeast Asia in 50 minutes to students who know little of its history is impossible. Americans don't relate much to Asian culture, either in our educational system or in our everyday lives. Maybe that's why we have found ourselves so confounded by the Japanese.

In these parts, the European Holocaust has always been a big topic of discussion, and rightly so. It's an outrage that should have never been allowed to happen and shouldn't have been allowed to happen again.

But it did happen again — in Cambodia, and the world barely took notice.

And just like the high school students in Rich Roy's class, most Americans are unaware.

They are unaware that the Khmer Rouge forced the entire population to leave the cities. They are unaware that millions were tortured and



Steve Barnaby

starved and used as slave labor. They are unaware that tens of thousands were executed, entire families, babies and grandmothers included.

More important, they are unaware that the United States government believes the Khmer Rouge should once again be allowed to participate in governing Cambodia.

That's right. If George Bush and his cronies have their way, the story of the next decade could be another Cambodian holocaust.

This is the story that needs to be told in today's high school classrooms. Our children should know that just because our government says it is fighting for democracy, it doesn't always do as it says.

And our children should know that saying "never again" doesn't make it so.

Steve Barnaby is managing editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

### from our readers

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

#### Thank you

To the editor:

I would like to thank everyone involved in the recent election, including all of the volunteers who worked on the campaign, the excellent employees in the city clerk's office, our great election workers, and most of all, the voters who went to the polls on election day.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all of the residents of Westland a very merry Christmas and a great New Year.

Robert J. Thomas, mayor-elect

#### Adams pupils draw praise

To the editor:

The A.C.T. group of Adams Junior High School in Westland sponsored a food drive called "Lend a Hand if You Can" to collect food for needy families. The students started the food drive by making posters, banners, P.A. announcements and phone calls to fellow students. Mr. (Larry) Mumford's and Mrs. (Beverly) Robertson's classes went caroling for cans.

In all 450 items were donated, and \$240.31 was collected from students who donated extra change during their lunch hours. National Junior Honor Society and student council each donated \$50.

A.C.T. also made up food baskets to help two Adams families celebrate the holidays. They were made up of food from the food drive with additional perishable items purchased from money collected.

The remaining food and money will be donated to St. Simon and Jude Church on Palmer Road. The

church runs a food distribution program for needy families in the area.

Our students did an outstanding job and deserve public recognition. Adams A.C.T. truly did "lend a hand" this holiday season.

Mary Christensen and Jim Lee, sponsors, Adams Junior High A.C.T.

#### Keep Dyer senior center

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the Nov. 23 editorial in which the suggestion was made that anticipated cuts within the Wayne-Westland school district might begin with the Dyer Senior Center.

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools Senior Adults Club is drawn from a cross-section of retired persons (over 60 years of age) from the aforementioned school district. We are continuing taxpayers, now and for the many years since our children have been in school, and are a powerful voting force in support of millage increases and bond issues.

Our center has already experienced a 15 percent cut in the 1989-90 budget, as opposed to the 5 percent cut imposed across the board. We are learning to work with a reduced supervisory staff and hope that no other reductions will be made.

The school district funds our program, but, in addition to their financial support, we have contributed a great deal in support of ourselves. We hold fundraisers such as bazaars and bingo which help us to offset the cost of our social activities. In addition, we have presented the school district with a player-piano, a brand

new copy machine, stereo, pool table, organ and a ceramic kiln, each of which is used by our membership and by the classes held at the Dyer Center.

This club has a large and active membership which enjoys a harmonious relationship under the broader base of the WCCS system, in a center dedicated to education as well as leisure activities. We are very grateful for the opportunities offered to us through this center and object to your suggestion of doing away with it.

Executive board members, Dyers Senior Center

#### Don't forget MIAs, POWs

To the editor:

Most people believe that our POWs and MIAs returned years ago. Nothing could be further from the truth. According to Ms. Ann Mills Griffiths of the National League of POW/MIA Families in Washington, D.C. there are still over 2,400 POWs and MIAs of ours in Vietnam and Laos.

I am sorry I didn't mention this on Memorial Day or Veteran's Day. Jails in Asia torture. Some of our people have been in prison there since 1963. Isn't it time they got out of hell?

Knowing they are still there causes me bottomless depression. We have always had veterans in my family. Please encourage your readers to write to their senators and representatives.

Our veterans' return from hell is 20 years overdue. They would really appreciate being home. I'm trying to keep from crying so I can write.

Darlene M. Perkowski, Westland

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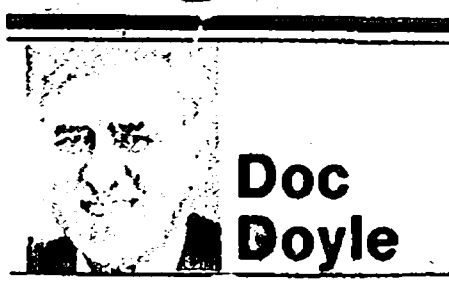
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points of view

# Voc ed programs need attention

Q. I finished high school over 20 years ago and knew a high school diploma was important. However, it seemed to me a lot of the things I took in high school did not help me get a job. It seemed like the college bound students (I never went to college) were the main interest of the school programs and some of us "Shop Rats" were sort of second or third priority. Has this problem been addressed in the last 15 years or so? What are we doing about those students who don't go to college?



**Doc Doyle**

yet, 70 percent of our high school curriculum is geared toward the college bound and 30 percent of our curriculum is geared toward occupational careers. That is why community colleges came into focus and have played such a major role in helping fill this gap.

When you were in school back in the '60s, only 12 percent of high school programming focused on the general education population, where now 40 percent of the high school curriculum focuses on the general education population.

There has been good movement, but we still have a long way to go. Even though we have made this movement, two out of three high school drop outs come from the general education program. These are the students who generally are,

"feeling their way to graduation" by the line of least resistance. This group is sometimes called the "At Risk Student" and needs creative programming that leads to jobs. We have to bridge the gap for those general education students who are saying, "But why am I learning this stuff? I want a job."

Our school programs, in many cases, have not fully recognized, accepted and given sufficient dignity to the industrial arts/vocational education area. We need to retrain our industrial arts teachers in state-of-the-art skills needed in today's market such as, computer assisted design (CAD) and introductory robotics through a committed, concentrated effort, including financial support, in the whole area of electronics. Certainly, it doesn't take a Ph.D. to realize that electronics in this computer world is one of the major areas for jobs in the 21st century.

We especially need to get off the kick of the "Shop Rat" labeling by supporting vocation education/industrial arts as opposed to making it a dumping ground for those who don't fit into the college curriculum.

We need to restructure that whole segment of the curriculum similar to the way they do in Japan.

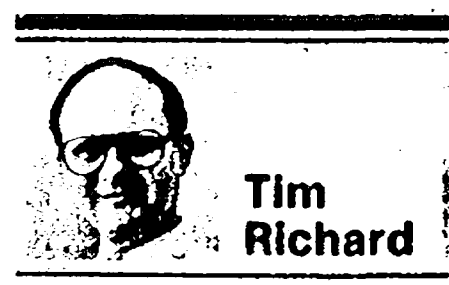
The Japanese have very clearly defined college bound curriculum and a special school setting for the college bound student. They also have high schools that are highly intensified vocational education/industrial arts settings for students going directly into the job market. When students graduate from both those schools, the college bound students go on to the four-year higher education institutions and those in the vocational education/industrial arts go into an already-identified job.

That is what it is all about for you, a former "Shop Rat." Indeed, if we don't focus on this neglected majority, and make them job-ready, we will continue to perpetuate the disaster of Detroit and other major cities.

Dr. James Doyle is the former assistant superintendent in the Troy School district. Questions for this column should be sent to Doc Doyle c/o the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

# His pet proves life is fun all four seasons

LIKE EVERYONE else, I used to waste a lot of time griping about Michigan's drab gray weather. Then Kirsten, the Norwegian elkhound, took over the house.



**Tim Richard**

Oh, there's plenty to gripe about if you want to. We have some of the grayest weather on the North American continent.

Take two state capitals in December. Madison, Wis., has 42 percent sunny days, which isn't much, but our nearby Lansing has only 27 percent sun, which is terrible. The Great Lakes cause the gray skies.

It's not your imagination that you feel gloomy in this weather. It's a chemical thing you are powerless to control. It was described on a late-night science program on a cable channel, so I didn't take good notes, but I do know it's chemical.

When skies are gloomy, the chemical is released in your eye, and it makes you drowsy. It's not holiday partying that causes your lethargy.

When it's sunny, that stupefying chemical is inactive, and you feel bright and chipper.

I used to wish I could get to Santa Fe, New Mexico, which has the same summer and winter temperatures as southeastern Michigan but 68 percent sunny days. I thought it would make me feel better.

fall. Watch the hound group judging at the Detroit Kennel Club or the telecast of the Westminster Kennel Club. Fourteen hound breeds are businesslike, and one breed plays the clown.

EXCEPT WHERE there are searing heat and bugs, Kirsten is happy any place she is.

She is ecstatic exploring beaver dens in the Rockies, trailing deer around Millford, barreling down the hillsides of Stinchfield Woods, and treeing raccoons near the junior high school.

She is delirious at meeting hunters in the fields, ice fishermen on the lakes, skiers and hikers on the trails, college students on the streets of Ann Arbor and neighborhood kids who walk by her yard. Her bright eyes and red tongue tell all she is so-o-o-o happy to meet them.

She is euphoric exploring every corner of every room of every house she visits, inspecting daily the squirrel tracks along the fence and barking at kites to see if she can make them fly higher.

If things slow down, she'll nap on a cake of ice on the patio, ready to spring into tail-wagging action when the people from the group home stroll by.

THAT DOG has a superior philosophy of life.

For her, the weather is always favorable, the terrain always worth exploring, the game always worth tracking, the people always worth meeting.

I suggest this four-legged creature with the boisterous disposition can teach us humans something, despite our college degrees and computers.

Life is a barrel of fun four seasons a year. Even when it's gloomy out, Kirsten exudes sunshine.

# Soviets learn about freedom, responsibility

By Richard Rappleye special writer

VISITING THE Soviet Union fulfilled a lifelong dream. The opportunity to meet people in parks, in their homes and on the street was the highlight of my trip. Such interchanges, once forbidden, provided me an insight into the enormous changes now under way.

I found sensitive, caring and trusting people who reminded me of the people of rural America 40 years ago. Within the people, however, I sensed real frustration and confusion. They do not seem to grasp or sense the moment in history in which they find themselves. Their problems and shortages are clear. The disarray of already inadequate systems of production and distribution are evident everywhere. Lack of motivations and incentives within their system promote inefficiency and waste.

These deficiencies seem a natural result of the decisions of decades of leadership. The result has been a dependency inherent in the Russian people for generations. Most Russians seem to have been taught to look to those in power for the solutions, unlike the U.S. tradition, which values and encourages individual resourcefulness and initiative. A com-

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pletely different approach has been ingrained in each of our respective cultures for decades without any understanding of the origins of these differences, and further confused by respective propaganda efforts. Most Russians, unfortunately, have no memory of alternative traditions, even though many of the Soviet Republics (such as Lithuania) retain recollections of greater freedoms. Without the understanding of freedom, how does one grasp and comprehend the meaning of responsibility?

democracy must have stirred our forefathers years ago.

With this new freedom, the Russians now have the opportunity to learn responsibility and the role they must play. Learning it fast enough, when you're hungry and brought up within a totalitarian system, seems to be the critical issue. What is the time frame for understanding and implementing these critical qualities of self-reliance and individual responsibility that come with a free life?

I guess the feelings of frustration and confusion that I sensed in them were also in me. The sincere caring and personal connections were clearly established. These connections are being made every day now, throughout the world, at an increasing rate. It's wonderful. It's exciting. It's a start. Is it enough? I don't know.

I believe that listening and empathy can provide individual strength, and that exchanges and interaction can bring down barriers and increase understanding. For the Soviets, however, internalizing the role of responsibility in a free world may come even more painfully than abundant food. It's not a matter of whether Mikhail Gorbachev will succeed. He has already provided the window of opportunity. The success of Glasnost depends on the Russian people.

Richard Rappleye of Birmingham represented the C.S. Mott Foundation on a recent trip to the Soviet Union coordinated by the Council on Foundations. The purpose was to see how foundations in the United States can provide technical assistance and support to those starting up in the Soviet Union.

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By Larry O'Connor  
staff writer

**H**ER HEAD SLUMPS occasionally when she talks. As she retraces her three-year path through the mental health system, you understand why.

The photo album on the table in front of her reflects a normal childhood. Grade school photos and ones from junior high schools are neatly placed with ones of her on athletic teams.

Photos abruptly end for no snapshot could illustrate the past three years of her life.

For Cindy, the experience of being on the cusp of adulthood began to unravel at 16. The more she tugged, the more the ball of yarn rolled away.

"She thought everything was coming together," said her mother. "She wanted a boyfriend. She wanted the lead part in the senior play. It never happened."

One day, the pressure became unbearable. On her way home from school, she kept walking and walking.

**THE INCIDENT** was one of three attempted runaways, including one time where she was found sleeping near Northville Downs.

Doctors would later diagnose her as having a personality disintegration, a break with reality. But the reality of the three-year ordeal had only started as Cindy found herself in and out of psychiatric facilities.

Today, Cindy works in a store at a Livonia shopping center. Her life is only beginning to resemble some continuity.

She asks that her real name not be used. The stigma of being treated for mental illness is too great, she said.

So while most her age can talk about proms, graduations



and boyfriends, Cindy can only relate about mental hospitals, group homes and psychiatrists.

Somehow, she believes it all could have been avoided.

"There's a lot of emphasis on kids who are on drugs," she said. "But there are a lot of kids who have problems who are not on drugs. . . . They should have someone to talk to."

The National Mental Health Association agrees. The group recently released a report on "invisible" children who've become lost in the mental system.

Non-residential services were ranked as the greatest need in the survey. Some of these would include intensive in-home crisis counseling, early identification and intervention, day treatment and outpatient treatment.

**WHILE MUCH** of the focus has been on the recent rise of institutionalization of children, more precisely adolescents, the lack of alternatives is often overlooked. Though perhaps not for long.

The Michigan State Legislature appropriated \$750,000 for the next four years to the State Mental Health Department in order to develop intensive in-home services. The money is needed.

The National Mental Health Association estimates one of five children suffer from mental and emotional problems serious enough to impair their lives in some way. Yet the organization also believes between 70 to 80 percent of those children don't receive mental health services.

Cindy's parents learned. Answers were hard to come by after Cindy was found at Northville Downs. She was taken to St. Mary Hospital, where she was tested for drugs. They found none.

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## Dual diagnoses deals with drugs, alcohol

By Larry O'Connor  
staff writer

**H**ER VOICE IS soft, something of a whisper of wind. The kind of light breeze after a storm.

Karen's (not her real name) life has been that in the past year. Her story is one of depression and alcohol and drug abuse that worked into a swirling circle of anger, frustration and hurt.

Those elements led her to take a razor blade to her wrists. Some nine months later the coy smile of teenage girl belies the tumultuous adolescence she has experienced.

"I would be happy one day and mad the next," said Karen, who sits at a table in the Ardmore Center in Livonia. "I would stay out later than I was supposed to. They (parents) would yell at me and I would get angry and depressed."

Perhaps those are familiar words that could be spoken from any teenager's mouth, ones of pushing the boundaries of being on

the verge of adulthood. But, today, youthful rebellion often has a dark dance partner: drugs and alcohol.

**"SUBSTANCE ABUSE** usually doesn't disappear with a stern lecture and being barred from using the car.

Ardmore Center in Livonia is one of a number of inpatient residential psychiatric centers offering treatment for adolescents who are battling drug and/or alcohol abuse and mental illness.

An average inpatient stay is four to six weeks, which includes individual, group, milieu, occupational and recreational therapy. Also, a family evaluation is completed.

Another facet of the program is the follow-up stage: Phase II. Adolescents work in both groups and in individual therapy, designed primarily to prevent relapse.

Dual diagnoses treatment is a model of the merging of two schools of psychiatry and substance abuse.

"A few years ago, psychiatry and sub-

stance abuse were at opposite ends of the spectrum," said Dr. Henry Woodworth, child and adolescent psychiatrist at the Ardmore Center. "Unless you address both, you're going to resolve one and still have the other one."

An inpatient stay allows professionals to assess the problems a teenager might have. Along with substance abuse, Woodworth said they are seeing teenagers who are manic depressive, have attention deficit disorder, post traumatic stress disorders and eating disorders.

**SOME OF** those problem might as easily be treated in outpatient basis, but drug and alcohol abuse makes a hospital stay necessary.

"With drug problems, it's a sheer joke to be coming to therapy while on the outside the kid is still using," Woodworth said.

Such programs, though, have come under criticism in what some believe is the over-institutionalization of children and the

growth of for-profit hospitals. One of the loudest voices of opposition has come from University of Michigan professor Ira Schwartz, who has likened hospitals as "new jails for kids."

The National Association of Private Psychiatric Hospitals said Schwartz's unpublished study criticizing psychiatric hospitals, though, is often misinterpreted. According to NAPPH spokeswoman Carole Szpak, Schwartz's research only looks at 21 percent of public and private general hospitals that report to the Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities.

Growth of inpatient hospitalization has been tempered by rigid state requirements, according to Paul Vander Velde, director of Children's Policy and Standards Division of Michigan Department of Mental Health. When a private hospital want to increase the number of beds, it has to get a certificate of need from the Department of Mental Health.

At least 50 percent of those beds must be available for public admissions, according Vander Velde.

One thing is for certain, hospitalization is not cheap.

The inpatient cost at the Ardmore Center is \$355 a day plus ancillaries, averaging anywhere from \$8,000 to \$10,000 for a day 28-day. Insurance usually picks up most of the bill.

"Insurance was the worst problem," her father said. "We had to stay in after four weeks. When we told her she might leave, she didn't want to go home."

"I wish they would do something about the insurance. The insurance won't do anything to cover it. A lot of kids need to be in a place like this and their insurance won't do it for them."

Today, Karen attends Phase II sessions with her parents. She attends community college courses and hopes to major in psychology. She said she wants to be a counselor.

Her family is quite positive about her five-week stay at the Ardmore Center.

"We couldn't have done it alone," her father said.

## clubs in action

**Clubs in Action** appears on Thursdays. Deadline for items is noon the previous Friday.

### ● Lamaze classes

The Lamaze Childbirth Education Association is offering several series of classes beginning in January. Classes should be started two to three months before the baby's due date. Weekday classes are 7-9:30 p.m., Saturday classes are 9-11:30 a.m. Classes starting soon are Wednesdays Jan. 3-Feb. 7, Wednesdays, at Novi High School; Tuesdays, Jan. 9-Feb. 13, at St. Valentine Church in Redford; Mondays, Jan. 15-Feb. 19, at Faith Community Church in Novi; and Thursdays, Jan. 18-Feb. 22, Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia.

The association also will have two presentations Tuesday, Jan. 23, at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia. The first presentation at 7 p.m. will be a Caesarean childbirth preparation film. A breast feeding discussion will be 8-9 p.m.

For more information, call 642-0890.

### ● Genealogy

The Oakland County Genealogical Society will present "Genealogical Sources in Washington, D.C." by Carol Ring at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, in the Rotary Room of the Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill, two blocks south of 15 Mile (Maple) Road and two blocks east of Southfield, Birmingham. For more information, call 646-0223.

### ● Communication training

The International Training in Communication Club will meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, at the Dearborn Civic Center, 15801 Michigan Ave. The purpose of the group is to train people in public speaking and parliamentary procedures. ITC meets monthly to develop personal skills in communication. For more information, call 563-0361.

## singles connection

### ● Tri-County

Tri-County Singles will have a dance 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, at the Airport Hilton Inn, I-94 and Merriman, Romulus. Steve King and the Dittles will perform. Admission is \$5. On Sunday, Dec. 31, there will be a special New Year's Eve dance at the Airport Hilton. No reservations are required. Admission is \$8. For information, call 842-7422.

### ● Rochester-Troy

The Rochester-Troy Singles Club will host a suburban party at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at the Kingsley Inn, Woodward Avenue and Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. There will be snacks, music, dancing and socializing. Proper attire and donations are requested. For more information, call 643-6464.

### ● Bethany

Bethany, a non-profit group for divorced, separated, widowed men and women, meets for discussion and fellowship the fourth Sunday of the month at St. Kenneth Church, Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile, Plymouth. For information, call 422-9189 or 525-6188.

### ● East Side

East Side Singles present a gala New Year's Eve Dance Party p.m. to 3 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, at 24845 Gratiot, just south of 10 Mile. Reserved seating with advanced tickets of \$25 per person. \$35 at the door. Cost includes open bar, hats and noisemakers, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, dancing, pizza snack and continental breakfast. Dressy attire. For more information call 778-7750.

### ● Friday Super

Friday Super Singles will sponsor its "1990 Bust Out" dance party, 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at the Kingsley Inn, Woodward and Long Lake Roads, Bloomfield Hills.

### ● Sign language

Classes in American Sign Language will be taught at Our Lady of Loretto School in Redford. There will be beginner's, advanced beginner's and intermediate classes 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, starting Jan. 10. Our Lady of Loretto School is at Six Mile and Beech Daly. For registration or information, call 542-4806.

### ● Town Hall

Paula Blanchard will be the guest speaker at the Livonia Town Hall Lecture Series 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at Roma's of Livonia, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, east of Middlebelt. Blanchard, a former First Lady of Michigan, is associate vice president of Casey Communications Management. Lecture tickets are \$10 and available at the door (luncheon tickets are \$9).

### ● New Start

New Start will have evening grief support meeting to help widowed persons through the holidays. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile at Farmington Road, Livonia. The group is sponsored by Single Point Ministries. For more information, call 422-1854.

### ● Activities

A Young Guys and Gals Activities Club (ages 19-35) is forming. Activities include volleyball, bowling and basketball along with field trips. For information, call 537-9273 or 425-8578.

### ● Weight loss

A weight loss support group that meets Saturdays in Garden City is seeking new members who have a need to deal with overeating as an addiction. Weight is monitored weekly. Emphasis is on behavioral change and finding a lifetime pattern of health eating. Registration is limited. Donations for expenses will be accepted. For information, call 281-4048.

Dressy attire required. For more information, call 649-4184.

### ● Single Place

Single Place will hold its New Year's Eve celebration at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31. For more information call, 349-0911. The group also meets for brunch at 12:30 p.m. Sundays at Elias Brothers Big Boy, northeast corner of Haggerty and Eight Mile. For directions, call 437-6931.

### ● By Myself

By Myself Singles, a Plymouth-based group, will meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth library, Main Street. For information, call 680-7765.

### ● Singles bridge

A singles bridge group meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday nights at First Presbyterian Church in Northville. Lessons are at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. For information, call 349-9104 or 420-3177.

### ● Sunday night

Roma's Sunday Night Singles will have a dance 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Sundays at Roma's, Garden City, 32559 Cherry Hill, near Venoy. Admission is \$3. For information, call 425-1430.

### ● Never Married

The Never Married auxiliary of Single Point Ministries meets the third Tuesday of each month at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington, on the corner of Six Mile Road, Livonia. For information, call 422-1854.

### ● Ballroom dancing

The Ann Arbor Singles Ballroom Dance Club has a dance 8:30-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium Blvd. Dance lessons available 7:15-8:15 p.m. Married couples and guests welcome. For information, call 697-2848 or 971-4480.

# Writer is looking for recognition

Dear Lorene Green,

My handwriting seems to have three different styles. Is this normal? Usually, I type everything because my cursive looks awful. How can I change this?

C.H.  
Lake Orion

Dear C.H.,

I wish you had included a sample of each different style of handwriting so I could be more definitive. Since you didn't, I will proceed with my analysis of your personality based on this one style. But be aware that some of this could be amplified or negated by what might be found in your other styles.

Before I begin, I would like to say that persons who can write very differently at various times are not only subject to changing moods, but also are quite versatile.

You are a woman who wants to be recognized and accepted by those around you. And are not content to be just another face in the crowd. You like to do things on a grand scale. And would be happiest in a job which allowed you freedom of movement and some variety.

There is a social orientation about you. Still you tend to place distance between yourself and others. You appear to have a need to control your relationships.

Your intelligence is well above average. Your mind often works rapidly and comes up with viable solutions to problems. You are able to envision the broad picture and not



graphology

Lorene  
Green

*My handwriting seems to have 3 different styles. Is this normal? Usually I type everything because my cursive looks awful. How can I change this?*

get bogged down in all the little details. I think you are often inclined to do the expedient thing.

You enjoy learning and like to analyze what you learn. I suspect you also enjoy reading.

How fortunate you are to have been blessed with the ability to express yourself in a fluent manner. In dialogue with others, you are also quite persuasive. With such a facility with language, you might want to consider why you find it necessary to resort to sarcasm when you feel threatened.

Another aspect of your personality which could have a limiting affect in the resentment I see. It seems possible you have been hurt in the past and are having difficulty releasing

those old hurts. Some of them appear to go back a long way, possibly

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If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Please include your age, signature and handedness. Objective feedback is welcome.

The 9 a.m. movie will be "Steel Magnolias," while the 9:30 a.m. film is "The Wizard."

After the movies, women are invited to visit the mall information booth, where the first 500 will receive a free carnation.

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## medical briefs/helpline

### AMI meeting

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Michigan-Oakland County will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, in the administration building of Beaumont Hospital, 13 Mile at Woodward, Royal Oak. Group leaders Thelma Abel and Ann Armstrong will speak on coping skills and how to enjoy the holidays.

### Heartsaver

"Heartsaver" CPR classes will be offered 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 10 and 17, at St. Mary Hospital, 36475 W. Five Mile, Livonia. Cost for the two-day class is \$10 per person and the registration deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 3. For more information, call 464-4800, Ext. 2469.

### Community education

Denis Donnelly will present "Addicted to Addictions?" 7-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, as part of the Baywood Clinic's monthly community education series. Donnelly will look at what is healthy and what isn't and living a balanced life. Baywood Clinic is at 15645 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call 425-5320.

### Blood pressure screenings

Botsford General Hospital, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills, will offer free blood pressure and vision screenings 1-4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8. For more information, call the Health Development Network at 471-8090.

### 'Let's Talk'

"Over-the-Counter Medications" will be the topic of the first "Let's Talk" CareLink lecture series 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, at St. Mary Hospital, 36475 W. Five Mile Road, Westland. Designed for senior citizens, participants will have a chance to talk to a pharmacist about OTC drugs and their interaction with other medicines and disease. There is a \$2 for CareLink members; \$3 for non-members. For more information, call 464-4800, Ext. 2433 or 2297.

### Meniere's Network

The EAR Foundation offers support for people suffering from Meniere's disease the the Meniere's Network, a national patient-organized self-help group. Meniere's disease is an inner ear disorder characterized by the symptoms of vertigo, tinnitus (ringing in the ears) and fluctuating hearing loss. This debilitating disease has no known cure and an unknown origin. For information, call the EAR Foundation at (800) 545-HEAR or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to The EAR Foundation at Baptist Hospital, 2000 Church St., Box 111, Nashville, Tenn. 37236.

ACA for Adult Children from Alcohol or other Dysfunctional Families meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Donation is \$1.

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### Head Injury Alliance

The Michigan Head Injury Alliance, a support group for family members and people who have suffered head injuries, meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the administration building of Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills. For more information, call Fred Neville at 682-1511.

### Hysterectomy hot line

Are you experiencing problems after a hysterectomy? Call the hysterectomy hot line at 427-2484 and speak to a woman who has been there and can provide answers. The hot line is a service of Life After Hysterectomy, a women's support group.

### Alzheimer support groups

Alzheimer support groups meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at Westland Convalescent Center, 36137 Warren Road, Westland (for more information, call Sally Levay, 728-6100), and at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at Four Chaplains Convalescent Center, 28349 Joy Road, Westland (for information, call 261-9500).

### Substance abuse

Three substance abuse support groups meet regularly at the Botsford Family Services Center, 26905 Grand River. Narcotics Anonymous meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Al-Anon, an organization for relatives and others affected by a chemically dependent person, meets 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call the center, 537-1110.

### Alzheimer's respite care

The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association Detroit Area Chapter has an in-home respite program for families of those who suffer from the disease or other irreversible mental impairments. Families can have a volunteer provide the care for a certain number of hours each week. Services are available 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 557-8278.

# One trip through the system

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Then they tried several psychiatric residential treatment centers in the area. The waiting lists were too long or they didn't have the proper facilities to treat adolescents.

FINALLY, ONE hospital in the Detroit area would admit her. The ordeal only began.

"I thought she was overdressed," said her mother. "She was admitted in the second week of December. We went to see her at Christmas time and she was in a zombie state."

Also, the financial crunch began. The family's insurance covered all of the cost for the first 30 days. After the initial month, 80 percent of the bill was covered. The family were having to account for \$100 of the \$500 monthly bill, eventually running to a total of \$15,000 in three years.

As a result, the family's savings were depleted. Money allotted for college educations was gone. Her mother said the strain nearly led a divorce and caused her to see a psychiatrist.

Her mother didn't feel her daughter was "psychotic," but just

had problems with her nerves. After her stay at the hospital, she believed Cindy lost total contact with reality.

Cindy was placed in the adolescent ward with other kids with a variety of problems.

"The first night there I stayed in seclusion," Cindy said. "I didn't want to go out and meet other kids. I didn't want them to show me around the hospital or anything."

"I didn't want to be there in the first place. My parents dumped me off there because they didn't know what to do with me, really."

ONLY AFTER she spent time at Battle Creek Adventist Hospital did Cindy see some positive changes. The program there was structured, she said. Therapy took place in a small group setting.

After three months at Battle Creek Adventist Hospital, Cindy unsuccessfully tried to go back to school. She was readmitted to Battle Creek Adventist for another six months.

She spent three weeks in a group home in Wayne County, but became depressed and suicidal. She was then admitted to Lafayette Clinic in Detroit as an adult pa-

tient. Today, Cindy sees a social worker and psychiatrist at an area clinic.

Cindy's story is not unfamiliar, experts say, rather indicative of the maze that has become the mental health care for adolescents.

"I feel kids get left out often," said Gail Allen, co-director of Association for Children's Mental Health in Lansing, "and I don't understand why. They are our future, but they are not the top priority."

Association for Children's Mental Health is a parents' advocacy group. Though relatively new, the group has been active in organizing parents to lobby for more mental health services.

When a child has emotional problems, parents bear the brunt. They often receive conflicting advice from mental health professionals and the financial and emotional toll can be extreme as in Cindy's case.

AS A result, Allen would like to see respite services available for families.

"So often they (parents) don't know where to turn," Allen said. "Parents with children who have emotional problems are often blamed and they feel helpless and

hopeless. They need someone who knows where the services are."

Peggy Spitzig of Livonia is a member of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a state advocacy group for relatives of people with mental illness. Her son is schizophrenic and has been in and out of mental hospitals — both public and private. He was diagnosed with schizophrenia at 19.

"If you talk to someone at the Department of Mental Health they say 'Oh things are on the upgrade; things are improving,'" Spitzig said. "If you talk to someone who's in a hospital and they'll say it's worse than being in prison."

"There's six to a room; it's overcrowded. They don't have anything for these patients to do. They say they have O.T. (occupational therapy) . . . It's so depressing to see all these young people with their lives wasting away. Nobody cares."

Cindy's mother said if she had to do it over again, she wouldn't have hospitalized her daughter. She is only a mirror of her former self.

"She has no college ambitions," her mother said. "She's not active socially."

"Our goal is to keep her out of the hospital."

## In-home services avoid hospitals

By Larry O'Connor  
staff writer

When it comes to treating mental illness, there's no place like home.

That appears to be a developing trend in treating children and adolescents. Several states, including Michigan, are developing alternatives to hospitalization for children and adolescents.

These include in-home services, day treatment services in schools and even respite services for parents of children who are mentally ill.

"Child mental health is at a crossroads," said Dr. Jane Knitzer, who has written a book, "Unclaimed Children," on the subject. "I think there are these two trends going on: One is to simply hospital-

ize kids . . . Secondly, there is a developing knowledge in the public system to develop these programs. But we don't have enough of them."

In this area, Northwest Guidance Clinic in Garden City has recently launched its own in-home services program for children and adolescents. The program started in November and is financed through the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Board.

The goal of the program is to prevent hospitalization or out-of-home placement of children who are suffering from mental illness. Though a month old, already there has been some success.

Of eight children in the program, only one has been hospitalized. The others have been treated at home.

"WHEN YOU separate the child

from the family, it's a trauma," said Mary Egnor, who is director of programs at Northwest Guidance Clinic, which serves Western Wayne County. You can see that in children who are abused who have been taken away from the family. If you can make the family better, it's better for the child."

The program is similar to Family First, which is an in-home program paid for by the Department of Social Services that works with families whose children are on the verge of being taken out of the home. A team of mental health professionals (psychologists, social workers and psychiatrists) go into the home and work directly with the entire family.

Together, they work on crises intervention, problem solving, networking along with providing a

treatment program. Visits are usually scheduled three times a week during a three-month span.

"Often when one child is having problems, chances are the whole family is having a problem," Egnor said. "The child is targeted to act out the problem."

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# Centennial: cause for celebration

By Louise Okrutsky  
staff writer

In 1889, the Rev. William Mitchell forged a southwest Detroit Sunday school class into Mount Hope Congregational Church. Unknowingly, he laid the foundation for a congregation destined to struggle and flourish for 100 years.

A photo of Mitchell and his wife shows him with an Einstein-like cloud of hair. Little is really known about him.

"I would most like to meet him," said the Rev. Steven Schafer, present-day pastor of the church, now in Livonia. "They look like rugged individuals."

During its centennial year, the 230 adult members of Mount Hope Congregational Church are taking an admiring glance into their past while peering wistfully into the future.

"The other minister I'd like to meet is the one here 100 years from now," Schafer said.

**THE CONGREGATION**, which relocated in Livonia in 1966, preserved some artifacts in a chest made by one of its members. The time capsule, to be opened in 2089, is portable for a practical reason.

"Since we moved four times in the first 100 years, we may move again," Schafer said.

For most of its long history, the church remained vibrant.

"The congregation is a young congregation at this point," Schafer said. "It's exciting. They have a love for one another that I think is evident to visitors to the congregation."

WHEN THE Depression hit, there was a \$56,000 mortgage on the church building. It was a mortgage the congregation feared it couldn't pay.

Then, in 1933, a new minister, the Rev. Oliver Black, encouraged members to increase their fund-

"I'm very happy. My congregation loves me and I love them," he said.

Schafer recognizes that his predecessors' tasks weren't always easy.

Although the original congregation split off from the First Congregational Church in downtown Detroit with its blessings, it must have been a tumultuous period.

"There must have been a lot of emotions and resentment. You never know if a church is starting whether it'll go or not," Schafer said.

FOR EIGHT years, until 1896, Mitchell guided the church on 25th Street and Michigan Avenue in Detroit. The street from which it took its name, Mount Hope, had become 25th Street.

Both the Sunday school and the church prospered under the eight ministers who followed Mitchell. With the arrival of the 1920s, the area turned into an industrial district and members began to move away.

In 1925, the church followed its membership and moved to Davison east of Livernols in Detroit.

The church remained there until 1966 when the congregation moved to Livonia. Times weren't always easy for the congregation.

Members pulled together to raise money for a new building on Davison in the late 1920s. Women made quilts, crafts and turkey dinners to raise money. The men put on minstrel shows and the women started an orchestra.

Eventually, the church was built and a Wurlitzer organ installed.

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JIM JAGDFELO/staff photographer

The Rev. Steven Schafer of Mount Hope Congregational Church in Livonia shows off some of the items the congregation has included in a time capsule. The time capsule was created as part of the church's 100th anniversary celebration.

raising projects. They made dinners, held shows and charged admission to bridge games. The congregation survived.

The mortgage was paid in 1949, but eight years later the congregation merged with Brewster Pilgrim Church to become Pilgrim Congregational Church of Greater Detroit.

The Brewster Parish was on Seven Mile Road in Livonia, while Mount Hope was still on Davison in Detroit.

"People were moving and the

church was losing members. They were struggling at that point," Schafer said.

WHEN THE merger ended in 1963, the church reclaimed the name of Mount Hope Congregational Church.

A year later the church bought 8 1/2 acres of land on Schoolcraft west of Middlebelt. Services were in Roosevelt Elementary School until the church was completed in June 1966.

## guest column

# History has some irony

By Monsignor Vincent Horkan  
special writer

During this Christmas season, we Americans might well reflect on our abundant blessings, not the least of which are spiritual. Since this year is also the bicentennial of our American Constitution, I would like to reflect on the blessing of religious freedom guaranteed and protected by its Bill of Rights.

My argument here is that its First Amendment had a direct influence some 175 years later on a major document of the Second Vatican Council, "The Declaration on Religious Freedom."

There is some interesting irony in this history: When the American Constitution was framed and ratified (1789-1791), the 13 states were overwhelmingly Protestant. The delegates to the constitutional convention had to represent and deal with varying Protestant sects throughout the new republic. By and large, the early colonies had deep ties to a Protestant Christian tradition. The position of religion in the new federal government was a sensitive area.

IT WOULD also be decisive. The delegates had to submit a constitution that would be adopted by each of the 13 states by a three-fourths vote. The final formulation of the First Amendment kept this in mind: "Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The motivation behind the adoption of this amendment was mixed. On the one hand, there was political expediency — the constitution would not have been ratified unless it was understood that the Federal Government would not interfere with local arrangements about religion. On the other hand, there was recognition of

a fundamental right: the right and duty of the individual citizen to follow his conscience in religious matters. Hence the free exercise clause.

The opening paragraph of the "Declaration on Religious Freedom" reads like a sequel to the deliberations on our First Amendment. Here it is: "A sense of the dignity of the human person has been impressing itself more and more deeply on the consciousness of contemporary man."

This demand for freedom in human society chiefly regards the quest for the values proper to the human spirit. It regards in the first place the free exercise of religion in society." (Observe the free exercise clause.)

NO ONE better personified the American influence on this document than the Jesuit theologian, Father John Courtney Murray. His personal involvement in the conciliar debates that preceded the drafting of this text is manifest in his commentary.

I quote him directly: "It was, of course, the most controversial document of the whole council, largely because it raised with sharp emphasis the issue that lay continually below the surface of all conciliar debates — the issue of the development of doctrine."

The irony, it seems to me, is almost laugh provoking: a nation in its infancy 200 years ago and at that time almost entirely Protestant conceives and ratifies a constitution that mightily influences a major statement of a council at the Vatican in our day.

This in my judgment is ecumenism at its finest pitch!

Monsignor Vincent Horkan is a member of the staff of Madonna College in Livonia.

## church bulletin

The church bulletin is published every Thursday in the Observer. Information must be received in the Livonia office by noon the Monday prior to publication.

### Ward New Year's

On New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec. 31, morning services will be at 8, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. Dr. Bartlett Hess, senior pastor, will present the message, "Polishing Old Dreams" at each service. At 12:05 p.m. services, the Rev. Arthur Hunt will deliver the message, "God's Lost and Found Department." A candlelight Watch-night services will start at 10:30 p.m. with a concert featuring Ron and Carolyn Patty. The message, "Resolutions," will be delivered by Dr. Richard Alberta. Ward Presbyterian Church is at the corner of Six Mile Road and Farmington, Livonia. For information, call 422-6865.

### New Year's Eve

Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church will host a parish New Year's Eve party in the activities center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served at 7 p.m., the sirloin dinner at 8 p.m. Live music with The Music Makers, an open bar, noisemakers, favors and hats will be included. Champagne will be served at midnight. Ticket price is \$25 per person. Tickets are available by calling 261-8560. Proceeds will benefit the building fund.

### Showcase

John Fischer, author, singer and songwriter, will be the featured guest at Single Point Ministries Showcase Friday, Jan. 5. The program begins at 8 p.m. in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington, Livonia. Admission is free. The public may attend. For information, call 422-1854.

### New Horizons

New Horizons, a new ministry for young married couples, will meet at noon Sundays, starting Jan. 7, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington, Livonia. The class will emphasize Biblical principles to encourage development of oneness in marriage. The public may attend. For information, call 422-1856.

### Women for Jesus

Angie Steinberg will be the speaker at the Women for Jesus meeting 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at Corner Lighthouse Maimre Annex, Outer Drive and Dix Avenue. For information, call 722-4224.

### A.C.T.I.O.N. ministries

A.C.T.I.O.N. Ministries is an auxiliary of Single Point Ministries, a

Single Adult Ministry of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. The group is open to all single adults, providing educational and support services to meet the needs of individuals during career transitions. The group meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month in the Lighthouse of Ward Church. For information, call 422-1854.

### parish mission

St. Mel's Catholic Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights, will have a parish mission Jan. 14-18. The parish theme this year is "Rejoice! We Dwell in God." Morning liturgy will be at 8:45 a.m., the evening liturgy at 7 p.m., conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers. For information, call 274-0684.

### prayer breakfast

At 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, Ward Presbyterian Church will host a men's prayer breakfast. The Rev. Dave Wilson, chaplain for the Detroit Lions, will be the speaker. There is no charge for the event. For information, call 422-1826. Ward Presbyterian Church is at 17000 Farmington, at the corner of Six Mile, Livonia.

### St. Timothy

St. Timothy Presbyterian Church plans its 25th anniversary on March 11. Organizers are looking for movies, videos, snapshots and mementos of those 25 years. If you're willing to share them, call the church office and leave your name and phone number. Also needed are the addresses of former members. To help, call the church office, 464-8844.

### ethnic extravaganza

Some 75 people recently attended an ethnic extravaganza sponsored by the Bahá'is of Canton. The purpose of the event was to bring people of different faiths, races and cultures together to celebrate their unity in diversity. Some countries represented were: Poland, Ecuador, Peru, Arabia, Switzerland and Malaysia. Prayers were spoken in Spanish, German, Farsi and English.

### clean blankets

St. Mary Catholic Church, 3600 Sims, off Michigan Avenue, is collecting clean blankets and accepting cash donations to help the homeless during the winter. Comforters, quilts and sleeping bags also are being collected. Parish office hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. on Fridays. For information, call 729-8165.

# Other lives offer us guidance

I am not one for making New Year's resolutions. I do believe that everyone can change, and that we are in a constant process of change. For many, the guidelines for change come from our religion. Out of the vast horizon of each and every religion there will be a few guides which we will make very personally ours.

Years ago, I followed the life of Albert Schweitzer. Just two years ago, I visited his home town. I remember well the idea which became his guide, "reverence for life."

It was with interest that I read such a list of guides in Leo Buscaglia's most recent book, "Papa, My Father." As we move into a new year, it is helpful to ponder what guides our own life.

There are 19 wise sayings on Leo's father's list. The first is one that a fellow clergy person warned me would not sound the least bit relig-

ious to many. It is "Dance, sing, and laugh a lot."

THIS CAN be translated into "celebrate life." It is a shame that much of the dancing, singing and laughing in our culture reflects a taking rather than a sharing and giving purpose in life. Our lives would be richer if we could do these things in a family setting. The "Bill Cosby Show" reflects some of these very values.

Others in Buscaglia's list are wonderful: Stay close to your God. Find a quiet place for yourself. It's crucial to love. Don't ever betray yourself.

The full list is worth careful consideration.

Another author, Matina Horner, tells us that "Biography tells us about choices, the power of personal vision and the interdependence of human life." I recommend that if we

## moral perspectives Rev. David Strong

do nothing else in this new year that we read several biographies of significant men and women. Perhaps more than anything else, the example of a life lived can help us upon our own journey.

Leo Buscaglia's book also started up another line of thought in my mind. How often do we acknowledge the best elements of our own heritage? As we move into the 90s, many will find that a significant source of meaning will be available in their own heritage.

My family is deeply interested in

genealogy. The search has revealed glimpses of the lives and values that served the guides of our ancestors.

In a world of conflicting values, we need to select such guides from our lives. They may come from our religion. They may come from our family heritage. They can come from the biographies of people who have sought to follow God and live life fully.

The Rev. David Strong is pastor of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia.

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## Pastor to address county prayer breakfast Jan. 6

Wyatt Tee Walker, author, lecturer, and former chief of staff to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be the featured guest speaker at the fourth annual Wayne County Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 6.

Walker, senior pastor of Canaan Baptist Church of Christ in New York City, will address leaders of the clergy, business, labor and the community at 8 a.m. in the River-view Ballroom of the Cobo Exhibition and Convention Center in downtown Detroit.

"We are honored and very pleased to have as keynote speaker to our prayer breakfast the notable Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker," said Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara, who added that the purpose of the breakfast is to bring together community leaders in a relig-

ious atmosphere to make a commitment to conduct business and community affairs in a spiritual way.

Author of nine books and over 100 published articles, Walker has lectured in more than 100 colleges and universities across the nation and has traveled to 71 countries.

He has been the special assistant and chief adviser to Jesse Jackson since 1985. He was also responsible for writing many of King's speeches during the early '60s.

County officials expect that the fourth annual breakfast will exceed last year's attendance of more than 1,800 people.

Tickets are \$15 per person. For tickets or more information, call Virgie Rollins, director of public affairs, Wayne County Executive's Office, 224-0852 or 224-0286.

## Troopers target solicitors

Project Hang Up, a project of the Michigan State Troopers Association, is being implemented this holiday season.

Through the project, state troopers are advising citizens to hang up on telephone solicitors who use pressure or other questionable tactics to receive donations.

Troopers especially want to get the word out on solicitations from groups claiming police affiliation.

"Millions of dollars are contribut-

ed annually by the public with the expectation that the money will be used for police-supported programs, when in fact much of the money is profit for a private sector," said Sgt. Richard Darling, president of the Michigan State Troopers Association.

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## Local reps split on deficit reduction bill

WASHINGTON — Here's how area lawmakers were recorded on major roll call votes in the closing days of the 1989 session of Congress.

### HOUSE:

**TO PASS DEFICIT BILL** — By a vote of 272 for and 128 against, the House approved a deficit reduction bill that puts the fiscal 1990 federal budget in compliance with Gramm-Rudman limits on annual indebtedness. The Senate then approved the measure by voice vote, and President Bush signed it into law.

The "reconciliation" bill (HR 3299) would reduce red ink for the year that began Oct. 1 by at least \$14.6 billion, lowering the deficit to the \$110 billion level required by the Gramm-Rudman law. Legislated spending cuts would account for about \$8.6 billion of the reduction and new taxes about \$2.9 billion. Forced across-the-board cuts, in effect until February under "sequestration" provisions, would reduce the year's deficit by \$4.6 billion, and lower Treasury borrowing costs resulting from the bill would save \$629 million.

Along with cutting the deficit and enacting new taxes in specialized areas of the economy, the bill makes a host of policy changes. For example, it reforms the way physicians are reimbursed under Medicare, prohibiting them from charging unreasonable fees that ultimately are paid by taxpayers.

The measure confronts the deficit more squarely than any of the annual reconciliation bills passed previously this decade. Still, it leaves entitlement programs virtually untouched, resorts to accounting gimmicks such as moving the \$1.8 billion Postal Service deficit and \$420 million in Farm Credit System bailout costs "off budget,"

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and once again pushes the most difficult fiscal and political decisions on taming the deficit into the next year.

Supporter Leon Panetta, D-Calif., said "a yes vote provides for real deficit reduction."

Opponent Silvio Conte, R-Mass., said the bill lacks "any significant effort to address the root cause of the deficit" — entitlement programs.

Members voting yes supported the reconciliation bill.

Michigan members William Ford, D-Taylor, Sander Levin, D-Southfield, and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham voted yes.

Voting no were Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, and Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods.

**NEVADA WILDERNESS BILL** — By a vote of 126 for and 283 against, the House rejected an amendment to reduce by 40 percent the proposed Nevada wilderness area. Congress later sent to President Bush a bill (S 974) designating 733,000 unspoiled acres in the state as federal wilderness to be protected by law against logging, mining and other degrading commercial and recreational uses. All of the land is owned by the National Forest Service. This amendment sought to reduce the Nevada wilderness area from 733,000 to the 412,000 acres recommended by Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yuetter, who oversees the forest service.

If Bush signs the bill, Nevada will become the 50th state to have U.S. wilderness areas under the terms of the 1984 Wilderness Act.

Amendment supporter Don Young, R-Alaska, said the bill was advocated by environmentalists and others "that think they have the God-given right to tell people that live on the land how they should live."

Opponent Peter Kostmayer, D-Pa., said "this so-called Draconian measure adds six-tenths of one percent of the state of Nevada to wilderness. I think that is very, very modest."

Members voting yes wanted to reduce Nevada wilderness areas by 40 percent.

Voting no was Broomfield.

Members voting yes were Pursell, Hertel, Ford and Levin.

**"DIAL-A-PORN"** — By vote of 98 for and 306 against, the House refused to remove "dial-a-porn" language from the fiscal 1990 appropriations bill for the departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (HR 3566). This preserved Senate language to outlaw or curb services that provide sexually explicit telephone commentary to callers. A 1989 Supreme Court decision struck down an existing "dial-a-porn" law as an infringement on free speech. The new language was signed into law by President Bush as part of HR 3566.

Members voting to remove the language from the bill objected on procedural grounds. They disliked the way the Senate had loaded up HR 3566 at the end of the 1989 session with provisions not germane to the bill. They also objected to disregarding House rules and allowing an appropriations bill to be

used as the vehicle for substantive changes in the law.

But lawmakers on the other side of the issue said the House should seize the opportunity at hand to move against dial-a-porn services.

Members voting yes wanted to remove dial-a-porn language from the pending appropriations bill.

Michigan member Ford voted yes.

Pursell, Hertel, Levin, and Broomfield voted no.

### SENATE:

#### TO CUT STEALTH BOMBER

By a vote of 29 for and 68 against, the Senate refused to strip the fiscal 1990 defense appropriations bill (HR 3073) of \$3.3 billion earmarked for production of additional B-2 "Stealth" bombers. The amendment was offered as the Senate sent the new Pentagon budget to President Bush for his signature. Its purpose was to terminate the B-2 program after the initial production run of 13 or so planes is completed. The Air Force wants to acquire 132 B-2s as its next-generation strategic bomber, at a cost now estimated at \$530 million each.

Amendment sponsor Alan Cranston, D-Calif., said that in view of unfunded domestic needs and uncertainties over the Stealth's performance and mission it is time to terminate "the most expensive weapons system ever bought by mankind."

Opponent Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, said of the B-2: "We have an investment in place here, and I would hope that for at least another year...we keep this investment in place."

Senators voting yes wanted to terminate the Stealth bomber program.

Michigan Senators Carl Levin, D, voted no, and Donald Riegle, D, voted yes.

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# Volunteerism brings state honor

By Mary Rodrigue  
staff writer

Maureen McDonald would prefer to keep a low profile about her volunteerism.

"What I do is very personal," said McDonald, a volunteer hospice worker and grief counselor.

The Livonia woman received a statewide service award from the Michigan Federation of Business and Professional Women. McDonald, who was nominated without her knowledge, said she was shocked to learn she had won.

"I wasn't at the awards ceremony; I was attending a seminar for Mothers Against Drunk Driving."

That's typical of McDonald, who spends up to 10 hours a week volunteering with four organizations.

"My husband says I have two lives — a volunteer life and a professional life."

By day, McDonald is a human resources consultant for International Health Care Management.

"I'm on the road a lot. We cover an area north to Bay City, south to Monroe, east to Warren and west to Ann Arbor."

And yet she finds time to devote to her lifelong avocation — volunteering.

"I BEGAN at age 7. My dad was really my best friend and mentor. He was a professional volunteer."

By the time McDonald was in high school, she was a candy striper in the local hospital, a Girl Scout leader and volunteered with her church.

The Red Cross has been another

**"I began at age 7. My dad was really my best friend and mentor. He was a professional volunteer."**

— Maureen McDonald

long-term commitment. McDonald has been both a blood donor and a Red Cross volunteer since she was 18.

McDonald became involved with hospice when she moved to Michigan in 1979.

"I didn't know what hospice was at the time. I was in the first training class at Cranbrook Hospice Care in Birmingham."

Hospice provides care for terminally ill people and their families. Hospice residents have a life expectancy of less than six months. During the past year, McDonald provided emotional and psychological support to three dying people and their families.

"Working with patients and their families in grief counseling helped me move to the next tier — counseling families who have lost someone."

That led to her involvement with New Beginnings, a grief support program. "It's a bereavement support program for anyone who has suffered a loss."

Probably the most important ingredient for this type of counseling is developing acute listening skills, McDonald said.

"THE FAMILIES teach you so much. It has helped me. It has made me much stronger."

Grief counseling has helped her with traumatic events in her own life, she said, particularly a divorce 15 years ago and the death of her father 13 years ago.

When to intervene in the grief process depends on the individual, she said.

"It depends on the situation. Some want help right away. Others push you away. Some may not be ready for a year or more."

McDonald has worked with widows, those who have lost a loved one to illness or an accident, divorcees, those who have lost jobs — even people who have lost limbs.

"I think the common reaction is anger — with grief and guilt. Anger and guilt are the two biggies. Initially there is a feeling of denial, believing it's a horrible nightmare, it didn't really happen."

"That happens" with the onset of any loss."

At New Beginnings, "we treat the physical, social, intellectual, psychological and spiritual. All five parts of the person are involved."

Books can sometimes help those experiencing loss. McDonald recommends books by Dr. Kubler-Ross and Dr. Ralph Moody, and "When Bad Things Happen to Good People" by Rabbi Alvin Kushner.

RECENTLY, AFTER a friend's son was killed by a drunk driver, McDonald became a grief counselor for MADD. She has developed and presented programs to help families victimized by drunk drivers.

A former Westland resident, McDonald has been a member of the Garden City Business and Professional Women's organization for five years. Her volunteer efforts are well known to co-workers.

She has often helped to coordinate food, clothing and toy drives for families in need — efforts supported as holiday projects by her company. When she is not involved with career or volunteer work, McDonald and her husband, Don, do a lot of entertaining at home.

"We love walking and exercise class."

For her volunteer efforts, McDonald said the return on her investment of time is "199 percent. You don't know what a good feeling it is. And it comes back to you tenfold."



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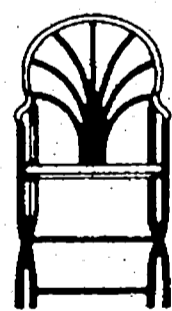
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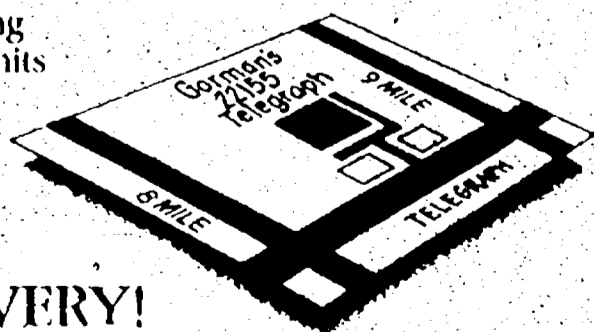
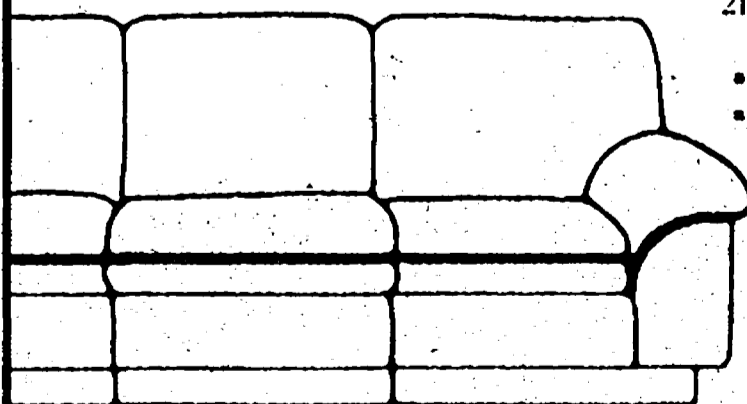
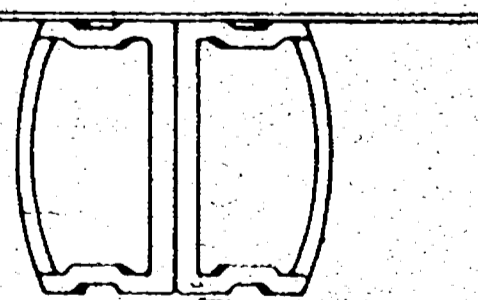
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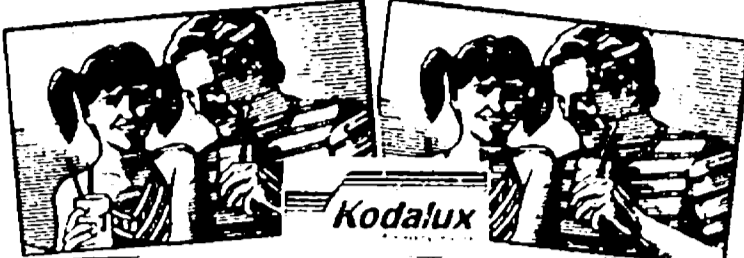


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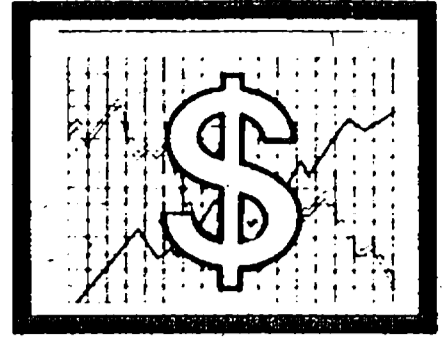
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## Stores dislike using all those little price tags

By Gerald Frawley  
staff writer

Employees of Builders Square are getting out the ticket guns now that the Michigan Supreme Court has refused to hear the company's appeal of the state's item-pricing law.

Michigan's item-pricing law, enacted in 1976, requires food and general merchandise retailers to put price tags on individual items.

Builders Square is the home improvement subsidiary of the K mart Corp. K mart vice president of public affairs Robert Stevenson said only a few states have item-pricing laws and most only address grocers, not general merchandisers.

"What we were asking for was a clarification of the law and we got that," he said. "Builders Square will comply with the court's decision."

STATE RETAILERS contend the item-pricing law is a costly nuisance, and market pressures — not state legislation — should decide whether retailers should use price tags.

In 1987, Builders Square filed a lawsuit in Ingham County circuit court claiming the law is unconstitutional because it goes too far, according to David Silver of the Michigan Attorney general's office.

Provisions in the law against deceptive advertising exceed the requirement for item pricing and border on price setting, he said.

The Ingham county circuit court ruled in favor of the corporation, striking down the law. The Michigan Court of Appeals reversed the lower court's ruling.

Builders Square appealed that decision to the Michigan Supreme Court. The state supreme court decided not to hear the case on Nov. 30, allowing the appellate court decision — and the item-pricing law — to stand.

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION of Retailers president James Hallan said retailers are generally opposed to mandatory item-pricing law. "We've always thought it should be decided by the market."

If the law were repealed, retailers would be free to use indi-

vidual pricing tickets or find some other alternative; customers would shop where they preferred, he said.

If customers insisted on item-pricing, retailers would have to respond or lose business, Hallan said.

"Our legislative agenda is to find some relief for general merchandisers," Hallan said, but retailer efforts to get legislative relief have been stymied because state senators and representatives have been reluctant to begin legislation while the lawsuit was in the court system.

Gilbert Borman of Borman Inc., which operates Farmer Jack and A&P, said the law is a burden because of labor costs. Putting price tags on merchandise and sale items is difficult enough, he continued, but ink and tickets do not stick well to some items.

Replacing item pricing with another alternative may not result in price drops, he said, but would probably hedge inflation increases.

The item pricing law costs Borman between \$2 million and \$3 million a year to individually price items.

Proponents of item pricing, Borman said, argue repealing the law would result in a loss of jobs. "We have always taken the position that not one person would be laid off after eliminating item pricing."

AN EMPLOYEE'S TIME could be better spent on other tasks, such as serving customers, he said.

Michigan Retail Hardware Association manager John Aitken said his group is pleased to see the issue finally resolved. While retailers are unanimously opposed to the item-pricing law, the Builders Square lawsuit was a source of discord among retailers, he said.

Although other retailers in the state have been required to follow the letter of the law, Builders Square has been operating under a special court order during the suit that exempted it from the law. "It's been an unlevel playing field," Aitken said.

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Human Synergistics founder J. Clayton Lafferty: "Right now, America is in love with teamwork; I'd rather they were in love with thinking."

## Think tank builds better workers

By Gerald Frawley  
staff writer

Human Synergistics founder J. Clayton Lafferty believes human growth and organizational effectiveness are dependent on one another — if one part of the machine isn't working right, the entire machine suffers.

The human resources firm headquartered in Plymouth Township is dedicated to strengthening organizations by increasing individual effectiveness — and most often, this can be done by providing people with a better understanding of themselves.

"Many people are good managers, but they don't know why they're good managers — or why they're bad (managers)," Lafferty said. "It's Human Synergistics' function to help individuals and organizations see themselves in a more honest light."

Human Synergistics has developed programs that it now publishes for in-house use by company personnel departments and by other consulting firms. The firm does more intensive consulting for clients such as Ford Motor Co., General Motors, Dow Chemical, and public sector clients such as the Federal Aviation Administration and other government departments.

Founded in 1970, Human Synergistics moved to Plymouth in 1971. In 1975, it began expanding its operations and has since become an international consulting firm with offices in nine countries.

HUMAN SYNERGISTICS' methods and products have been profiled numerous times. Most recently one of its survival tests was offered in an advertising supplement in Newsweek magazine.

Lafferty said Human Synergistics has 9,000 clients — many of them Fortune 500 companies — and employs 150 people in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Europe. Besides businesses, the company counts governments, armed forces, nuclear power plants, consulting groups, universities and labor groups as clients.

But the term consultant does not adequately describe the firm, Lafferty said. "We're more of a think tank on human resources that publishes its results."

Most of what Human Synergistics does has been so thoroughly developed, he continued, that an in-depth knowledge of psychology is not required to implement the programs. Most of the people who work for his company come from sales and business management backgrounds.

USING THE diagnostic and testing tools the company has developed, individuals and consultants first identify poor thinking patterns and false perceptions that can influence an individual's behavior, Lafferty said.

After testing an individual, it is fairly easy to identify negative thinking styles, Lafferty said. Most people can test themselves and begin addressing the areas in which they are lacking.

Lafferty said showing a person a situation where his behavior is blocking effectiveness will help him recognize the ineffectiveness.

In addition to individual development programs, Human Synergistics has developed methods that can be used for improving team effectiveness and stress management.

To improve group decision making, in 1974 Human Synergistics developed the now-classic desert survival simulation that is still used to teach and stimulate group decision making, Lafferty said.

Using a rank-ordering task to teach group consensus problem-solving, team members work individual-

ly and then as a group to assess the survival values of 15 items, like salt tablets, water, a parachute and a pistol, Lafferty said.

Individual and group rankings are then compared to expert rankings to initiate discussion of the process and

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## Government will do something

By Gerald Frawley  
staff writer

State legislators are expected to consider two radically different changes in Michigan's item-pricing law in early 1990 — one that would strengthen the law and the other that would provide an exception in the law.

State Rep. Nick Ciaramitaro (D-Roseville), a longtime proponent of item pricing, said the law needs to be strengthened. State Rep. Michael Nye (R-Litchfield) said the law is too encompassing and allowances should be made for specialized, wholesale food stores.

Ciaramitaro said he is proposing a change that will allow the Michigan Department of Agriculture to make unannounced "spot checks" on stores suspected of violations and also to increase penalties if an item's scanned and marked price differ.

Under the current law, the agriculture department does not investigate item-pricing violations but responds to consumer complaints, he said.

The current fine for scanning errors is \$5 paid to the consumer who discovers the error. Ciaramitaro said he would like to amend the law to allow the consumer to collect 10 times the difference between the scanner and marked price.

Ciaramitaro said he is not opposed to discussing the item-pricing law with retailers, and the Builders Square lawsuit was the wrong way to bring about change.

"I'm willing to discuss it once they comply," he said. "There are

some large corporations that say they are bigger than government and don't have to follow the law."

NYE WANTS to amend the law to allow shelf pricing in wholesale food outlets. "I am not trying to gut the law (as Ciaramitaro contends). That's absolutely false.

"I think (what some people) are afraid of is (the major retailers) would come in with amendments and gut the law," Nye said. "I think he thinks I'm pimping for Kroger or K mart."

Wholesale food outlets headquartered in other states have balked at entering the Michigan market because they cannot compete with the more conventional grocery stores like Farmer Jacks or Meljers Thrifty Acres, Nye said.

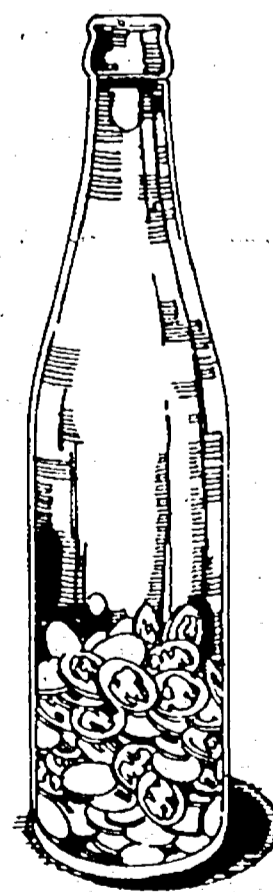
Food wholesalers are able to stay in business only because they can undercut the major retailers' prices. Item pricing would drive up costs because of labor.

"The item-pricing law was enacted so that people would know the price of the product — and they still would," Nye continued.

Wholesalers would provide receipts with items and cost. Shelf pricing or lists of items not individually marked would only apply to stores with less than 300 products.

"In other states where they allow this, the customer gets a cut of 15 percent on food bills," Nye said, adding he has been contacted by retailers interested in providing wholesale food stores, including Alliance Associates and Cubb grocers, about modifying the law.

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# Local think tank builds better workers, companies

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spell out the benefits of group problem solving. "In more than 85 percent of all situations, group decisions result in better solutions than individual decisions," he said.

**GOOD GROUP** problem solving can be learned, Lafferty continued, but ego and personalities can interfere with it.

"Right now, Americans are in love with team work. I'd rather they were in love with thinking."

The most common problem in group decision making, Lafferty said, is when one person establishes himself or herself as the group leader and forces decisions without using input from the entire group.

There is a need for leadership, he said, but leaders must listen and promote idea-sharing, not block it.

Simulations and group decision making are old news. Today, Human Synergistics is putting greater emphasis on stress and how it relates to effectiveness and physical health.

Stress gets a great deal of attention in the media, but articles often miss or underemphasize the point, Lafferty said. Stress has drastic effects on an individual's mental and physical well-being and that affects the organization, Lafferty said.

"It's hard to believe, but 70 percent of all physical symptoms can be eliminated by eliminating stress," Lafferty said. Recent studies show, for example, that people who lack goals often have lower back pain, Lafferty said. "And perfectionism is

related to migraines. Passive people get ulcers."

**RESULTS OF** programs designed to handle stress have been spotty, Lafferty said, because the focus is often on the effects of stress and the events that cause stress rather than the real causes. Stress is not prompted by events, he said, but by the way people choose to think about those events.

"The area that is really fascinating is stress and human thinking," Lafferty said. Human Synergistics

helps participants learn to identify stress, understand it and change the perceptions or thinking styles that may be limiting effectiveness.

Lafferty described the company's two-day seminar as significantly reducing the way stress affects individuals. The first day, participants learn about stress, the thinking styles that create it and the specific mistakes they are making.

On the second, participants learn and practice thought-reframing techniques that change the way peo-

ple think about events.

Stress influences all areas of an individual's life and is a major determinant as to whether people are satisfied, Lafferty said. Too much stress reduces a person's sense of meaningfulness in life and deteriorates one's health — resulting in increased hospitalization and absenteeism.

Even stressful situations that aren't debilitating or hindering an individual's effectiveness are harmful, Lafferty said. "You don't have to be sick to get better."

## datebook

### ● builders association

**Monday, Jan. 8** — Seminar to help builders and their sales people begin at 10 a.m. at the Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Non-member fee: \$8. Information: 737-4477. Sponsor: Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan

### ● legal assistants

**Tuesday, Jan. 9** — Personal assessment inventory for entry into legal assistant diploma program offered 7:30-9:30 p.m. near Rochester. Fee: \$25. Information: Oakland University Division of Continuing Education, 370-3120.

### ● builders association

**Tuesday, Jan. 9** — Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan meets at 10 a.m. at the Radisson Plaza Inn, Algonquin Room - D, 1500 Town Center, Southfield. Information: Nancy Rosen, 641-0400.

### ● direct marketing

**Thursday, Jan. 11** — Direct Marketing Association of Detroit meets for lunch at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, Southfield. Information: 258-8803.

### ● purchasing management

**Thursday-Friday, Jan. 11-12** — "Supplier Certification - The Path to Excellence" seminar offered at the Marriott Courtyard in Troy. Non-member fee: \$475. Information: Chris DenBaas, 773-3737.

### ● supplier certification

**Thursday-Friday, Jan. 11-12** — Supplier certification seminar offered at Marriott Courtyard, 1525 E. Maple, Troy. Non-member fee: \$475. Information: Debi Martin, 680-6783. Sponsor: Purchasing Management Institute.

### ● venture group

**Friday, Jan. 12** — Southeastern Michigan Venture Group meets at Walsh College, 3838 Livernois, Troy. Information: Scott Eisenberg, 446-0100. Members include accountants, lawyers, consultants and other service providers who can assist in the development of new businesses.

### ● non-profit leaders

**Tuesday, Jan. 16** — Non-profit Leadership Forum meets for breakfast in Southfield. Information: Accounting Aid Society, 981-1840.

### ● personal development

**Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 17-19** — "Psychology of Achievement" offered 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Quality Inn Livonia, Six Mile and I-275. Fee: \$425. Information: Bob Kayda, 229-6300. Sponsor: Brian Tracy Learning Systems/Accelerated Success Dynamics.

### ● tax help

**Thursday, Feb. 8** — IRS tax-help session offered 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Information: Linda Morrow, 421-7338 Ext. 618. Sponsor: Livonia Public Library.

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### ● Robotic contest

**Sunday, April 29** — The Society of Manufacturing Engineers will host its fourth annual Student Robotics Contest at Henry Ford Museum in Greenfield Village in Dearborn. It's the largest such contest in North America.

Competition will be in five classifications and will be open to students at levels ranging from those in middle school to technical institutes and college graduate studies. The contest is designed to complement classroom instruction by giving students the chance to apply classroom knowledge in problem-solving situations. Each competition tests students in a particular area of robotics and automation.

Last May's competition attracted teams from 26 schools in 10 states.

Registration forms may be obtained from Robert Ankrapp, Robotics International of SME, One SME

Drive, PO Box 930, Dearborn, MI 48121-0930, or call (313) 271-1500. Ext 589. Forms for the 1990 contest must be sent to SME headquarters and must be postmarked no later than March 1. A non-refundable fee of \$10 is also required of each school.

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## business people

Anthony H. Derhake of Plymouth was appointed general engineering and planning manager at the Buick Motor Division of General Motors. Derhake, who had been program manager for the Eldorado and Seville at Cadillac since 1988. He began his GM career as a sales engineer with Delco Electronics in Kokomo, Ind.

Terry Stillwagon joined the staff of Re/Max Foremost Inc. in Livonia as an associate. A 22-year real estate veteran, Stillwagon was with Century 21 before joining Re/Max.

Dale Gloer, Greg Boll and Don Jones were recently promoted by Cummins Michigan Inc. Gloer was promoted to executive vice president and general manager of Standby Power Inc. Boll was named execu-

utive vice president of Cummins Michigan Inc. Jones was named Dearborn branch manager of Cummins Michigan Inc.

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## Stores dislike tags

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"They've had a hell of an advantage for the past three years." Aitken said the ideal situation would be to repeal the item-pricing law, but if it must stand it should stand for everyone.

But Michigan Merchants Council president Chris Kindsvetter defended the Builders Square exemption from the item-pricing law. "If they would have won, then everyone would have benefited."

Builders Square carried the financial burden of the law suit, he continued, so it is not unreasonable that they gain some benefit for fighting the issue in court.

In addition to the obvious reasons of labor costs and the difficulty of individually pricing some items, Kindsvetter said that finding ticket guns and ink-pricing equipment is

becoming increasingly difficult.

"They're archaic tools and no one is making them anymore," he said.

Kindsvetter said if the item-pricing law is such a good idea, other states would be enacting similar laws. "But it's not happening."

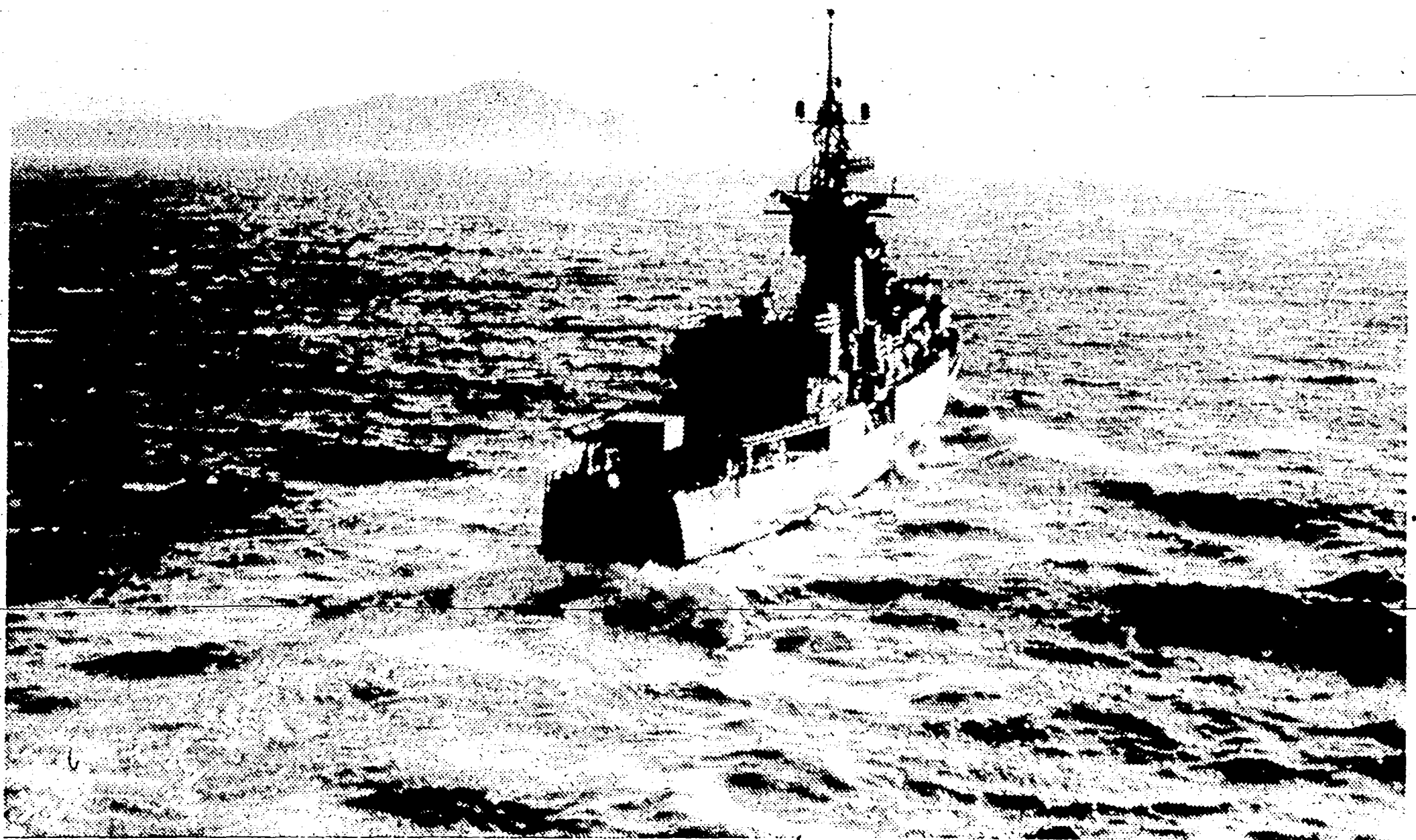
Michigan residents wouldn't miss the law either, he said. Most people say they like the law, but that's because they've never had an alternative, he said.

**AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT** food division director Edward Heffron said two other major retailers are in violation of the item pricing act — Sam Walton's Wal-Mart and its subsidiary Sam's Wholesale.

Both, he said, have been notified of the violation.

This is an unusual law in that we only investigate complaints. We don't investigate the stores ourselves," Heffron said.

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# Did all the auto companies blow their last chance?

There is a great temptation at the end of a year ending in a zero to do one of those "How about the '80s" columns, which I was intending to resist. But then I heard that Harry Stark is retiring.

Harry Stark is editor of Ward's Auto Reports, where for the past 42 years he was worked at putting out a newsletter that is one of the few sources of hard information in the auto business taken seriously by the industrial community.

IT'S ALSO a capsule summary of hard news, and its readers have benefited a six-month advance on stories that have included Chrysler first asking for help in Washington, GM's decision in the early 1970s that its cars needed downsizing, the shift to front-wheel drive and the first hint that the U.S. government was about to legislate fuel economy — issues that ultimately had a tremendous effect upon the industry.

Ward's Reports is best known as the primary source for automotive statistics ranging from how many Caprices were built last week to how many intermittent windshield wiper assemblies were installed in Ford pickups.

Harry was well-established when David E. Davis was still in high school, and his retirement marks the end of the longest continuous career in automotive journalism. Pondering the retirement of someone like Harry Stark is worse than years with zero in them to get you thinking



auto talk  
**Dan McCosh**

about the past and just where we are now.

IT'S EASY enough to see that we are at a point when all the foreshadowing of the past decade or so is coming to pass. There is an echo of voices coming from down some hall in time that still is warning about diminishing energy resources, clogged roadways and the enormous econom-

ic growth potential of the third world.

In the 1980s, gas prices dropped, Japanese exports were constrained, and Europe turned inward to develop some economic strategies that only now are beginning to emerge.

It would be easy to write off the 1980s as the decade where the U.S. auto industry had the gold ring in its hand and threw it away. Hopefully

it's a bit too early to say that for sure.

STILL, THE largest reinvestment of capital in history in a single industry took place largely in the 1980s. Most U.S.-owned plants were completely rebuilt and retooled — albeit mainly with Japanese stamping presses. The cars were redesigned, the engines refurbished.

But oddly enough, few of the new cars directly address the issues that seemed so important at the end of the last decade. Led by a Japanese industry that dropped all pretense at conserving either fuel or materials, most of the new designs introduced in the 1980s seem to be tailored to fit the psyche of a mid-life crisis. Even modern family sedans at a reasonable cost are scarce indeed — just when the baby boomers began having babies.

PLASTICS PROLIFERATE just when landfills and incineration are becoming monumental national

problems. The sheer technical complexity favored by today's engineers is a time bomb waiting to land on the people stuck with eight-year-old used cars.

Raw speed (a half-dozen cars today have top speed in excess of 150 mph) is pursued at odds with traffic congestion that is near paralysis in the major cities that depend on cars for basic transportation.

No manufacturer, even in such byways as Malaysia or Korea, has addressed the problem of mobilizing the 80 percent of the world's population that has almost no transportation at all.

We know, of course, that it takes time to address these problems, and the hard work done in the 1980s won't show up on the roads until the mid-1990s. Maybe an ecologically sane, serviceable car is deep in the bowels of an auto company somewhere, just waiting to take on the world in the next few years.

I hate to think we had our chance and we blew it in the 1980s.

## Figure out your niche in market

Understanding your business' competitive position is the third step in getting your business where you want it to be in 1990.

You cannot plan intelligently unless you have identified how your business compares to major competitors.

Areas to analyze include pricing procedures, promotional techniques and customer service practices relative to each of the key product and service areas you and your competitors offer. The result will allow you to identify past, present and estimated market share over the next year.

It is important to identify your company's strengths and capitalize on them, in forming a realistic, workable plan for your organization.

Company strengths may be in areas such as finance and administration, marketing and sales, management practices, operations and systems productivity.

By analyzing outstanding successes in relation to the company's skills and resources, it should be possible to find patterns that explain where and why you have been successful in the past.

While it is important to know your strengths, it is also critical to under-

stand weaknesses.

Your business will never reach its full potential until you have minimized weaknesses and capitalized on strengths. The two work together. While you may have very talented and highly skilled people, it means nothing if little is being done to promote your people; it means nothing if little is being done to promote your business effectively to current and potential customer markets.

Conversely, a very strong sales and marketing program may be severely jeopardized when significant employee-related problems exist.

Next, business owners need to know where viable new market opportunities exist — and whether they require further action.

Successful businesses have foresight, and they base their foresight on sound planning. They make a point to continually monitor market trends and environmental changes carefully.

As a result, management may see how the market is moving and plan specific steps to capitalize on the shift.

Mary DiPaolo is the owner of MarkeTrends, a Farmington Hills-based business consulting firm. She is also producer and host of the cable television series, "Chamber Perspectives."

## finances and you

**Sid Mittra**

## Procrastinators must inherit money

By Sid Mittra  
Special writer

It's that time of the year again. If you are like the rest of us, you are ready to put the year 1989 behind you and await the arrival of the new year with great resolve.

In making your resolutions, however, make sure you do not fall into the procrastination trap alluded to by the following poem:

*I meant to do my work today  
But a brown bird sang in the apple tree.  
The wind went sighing over the land,  
Tossing the grasses to and fro,  
And the rainbow held out its shining hand —  
So what could I do but laugh,  
and go?*

*I Meant to Do My Work Today*  
Richard LeGallienne

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Sid Mittra is a professor of Finance, School of Business at Oakland University and owner of Coordinated Financial Planning.



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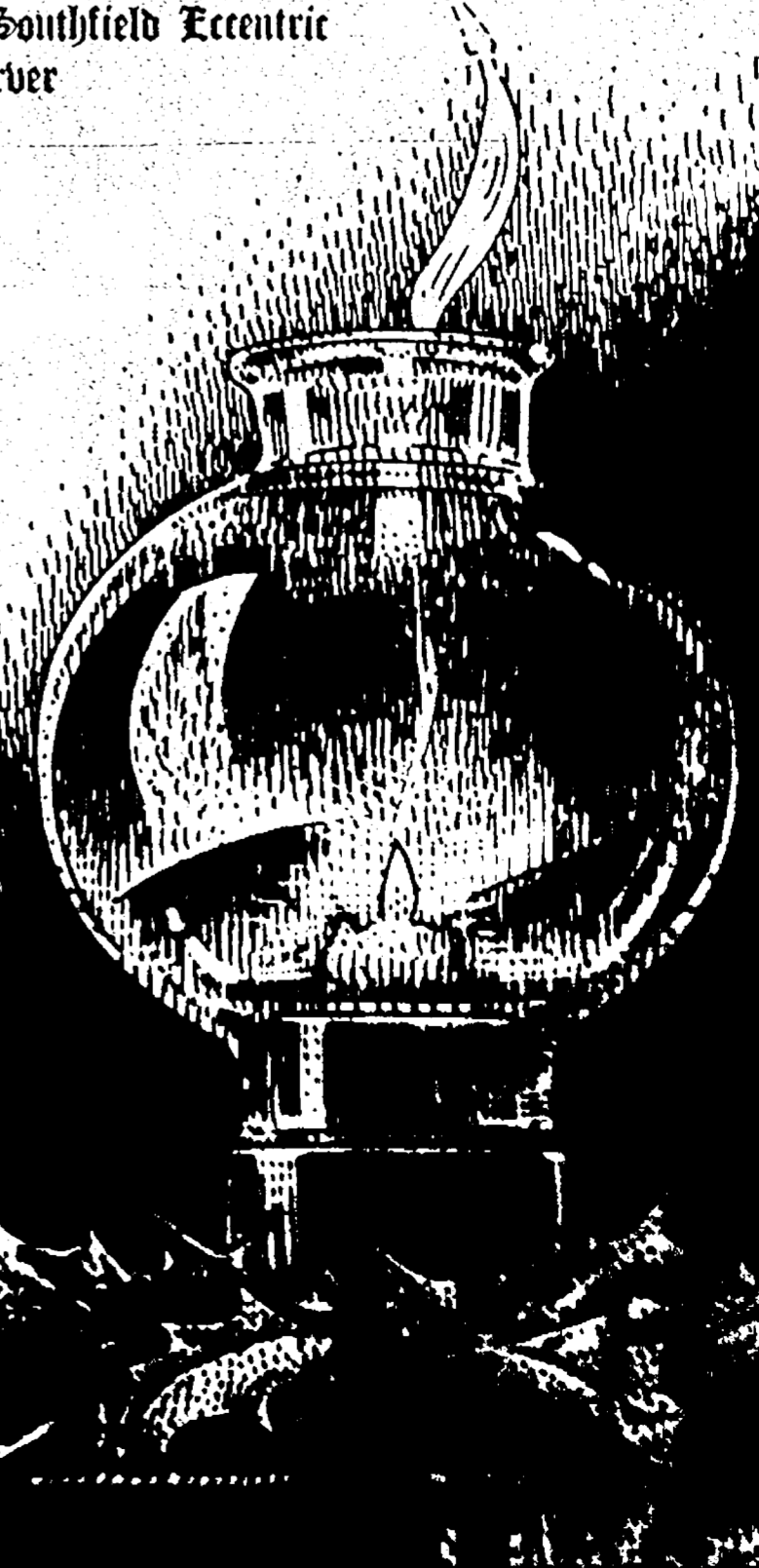
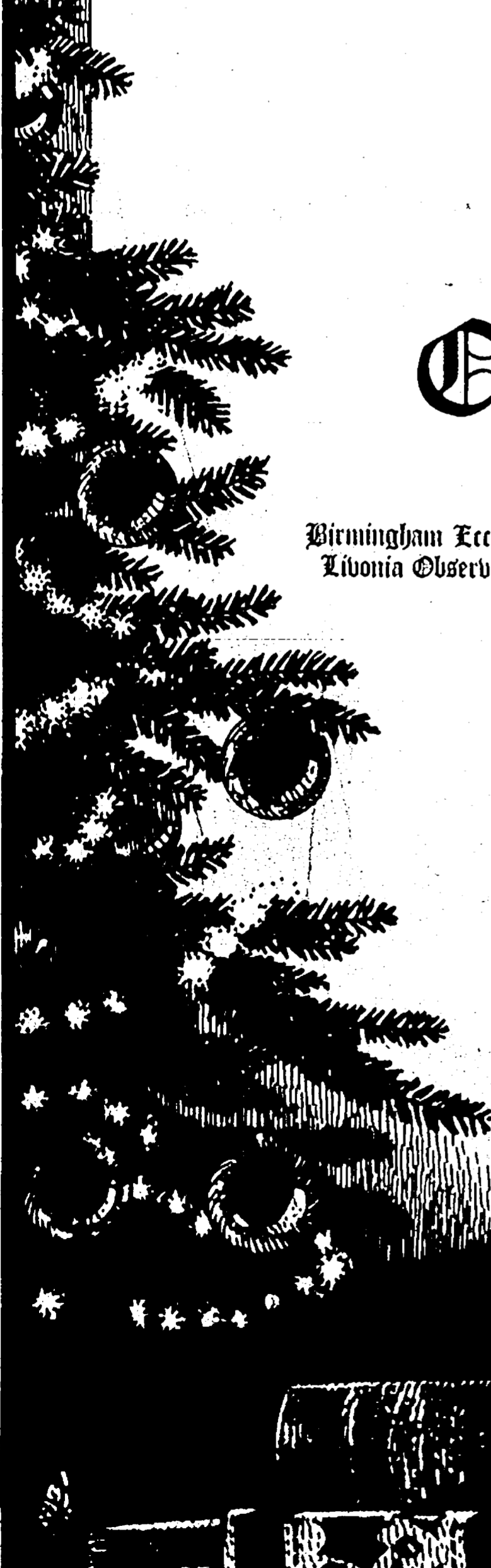
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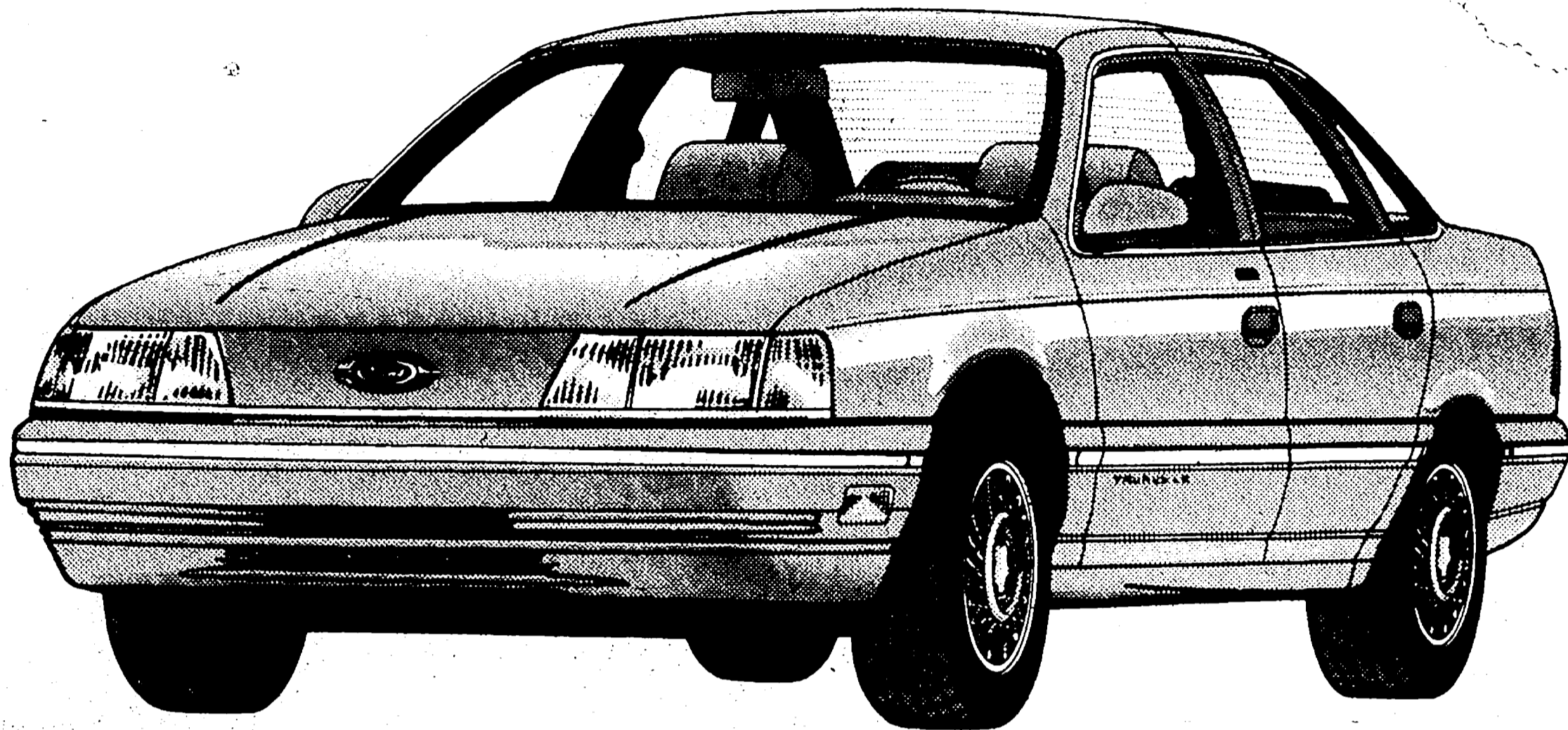
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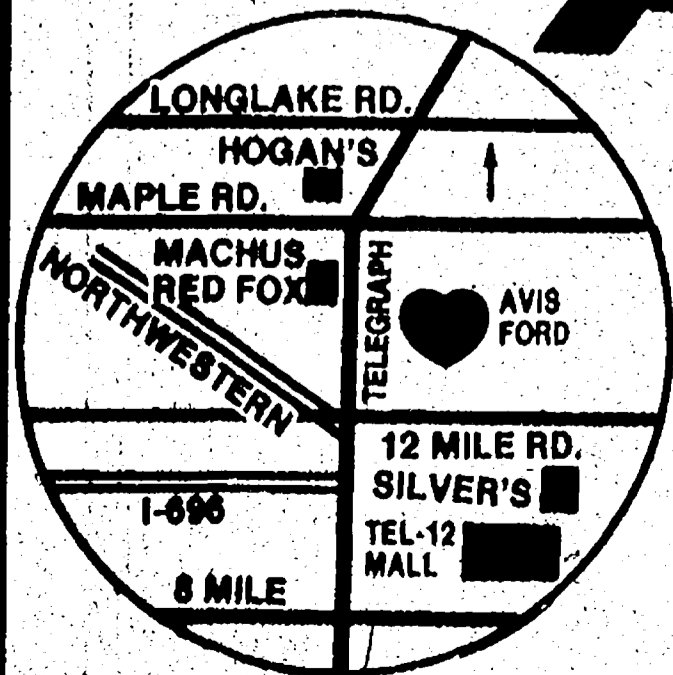


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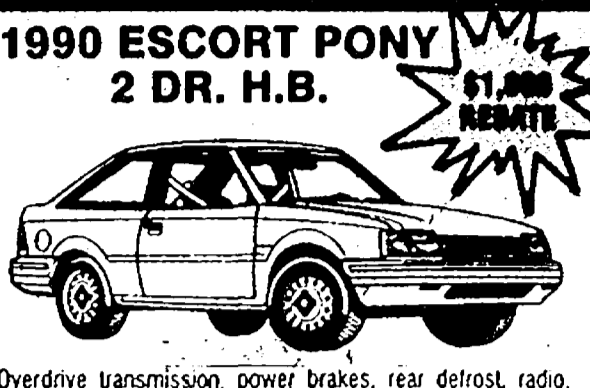
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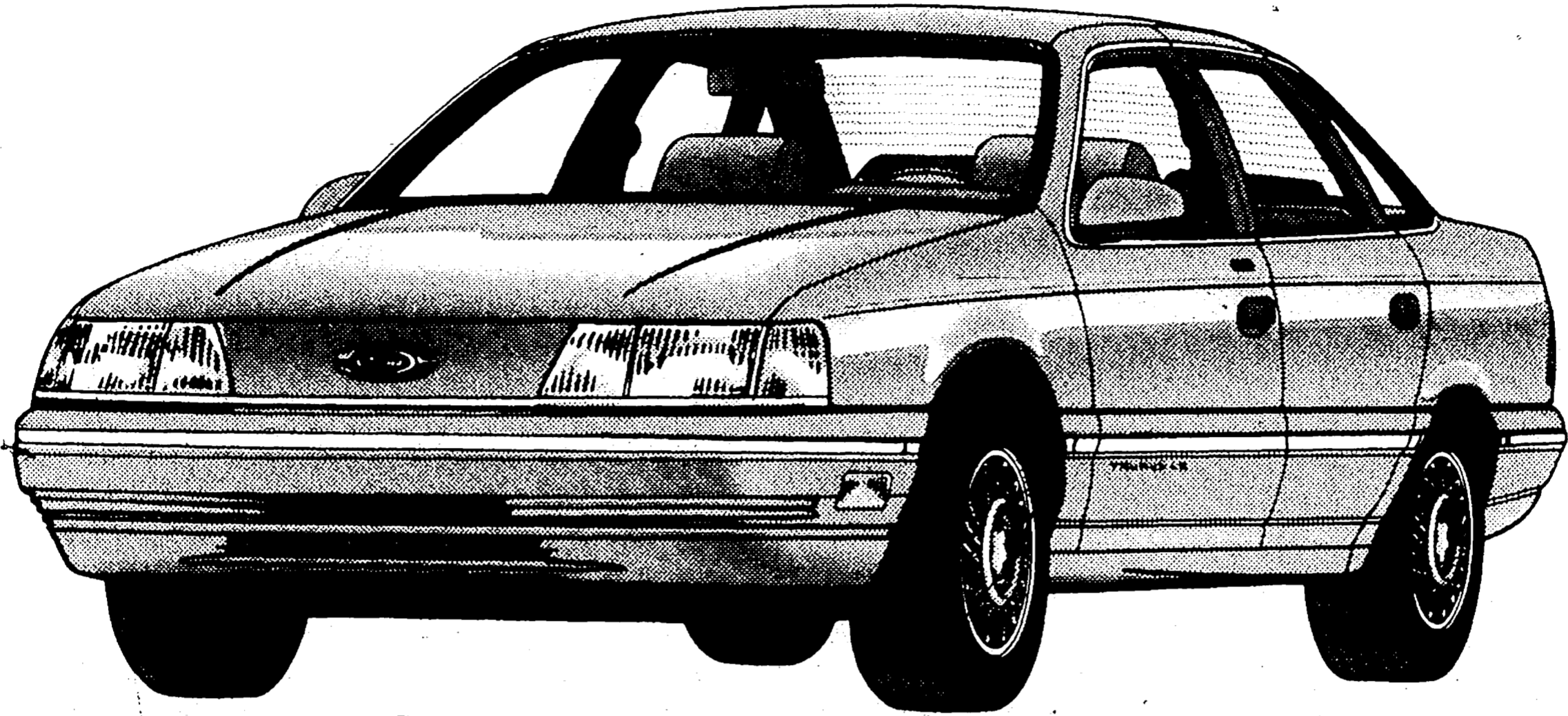
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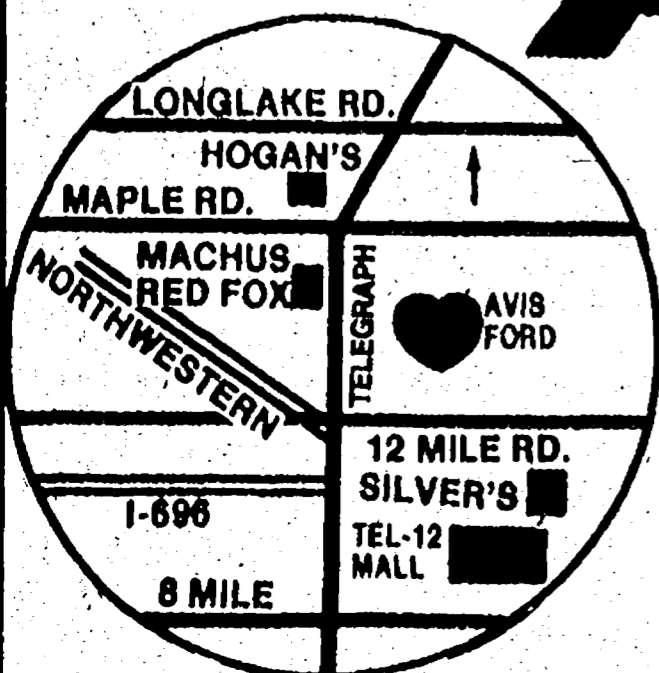
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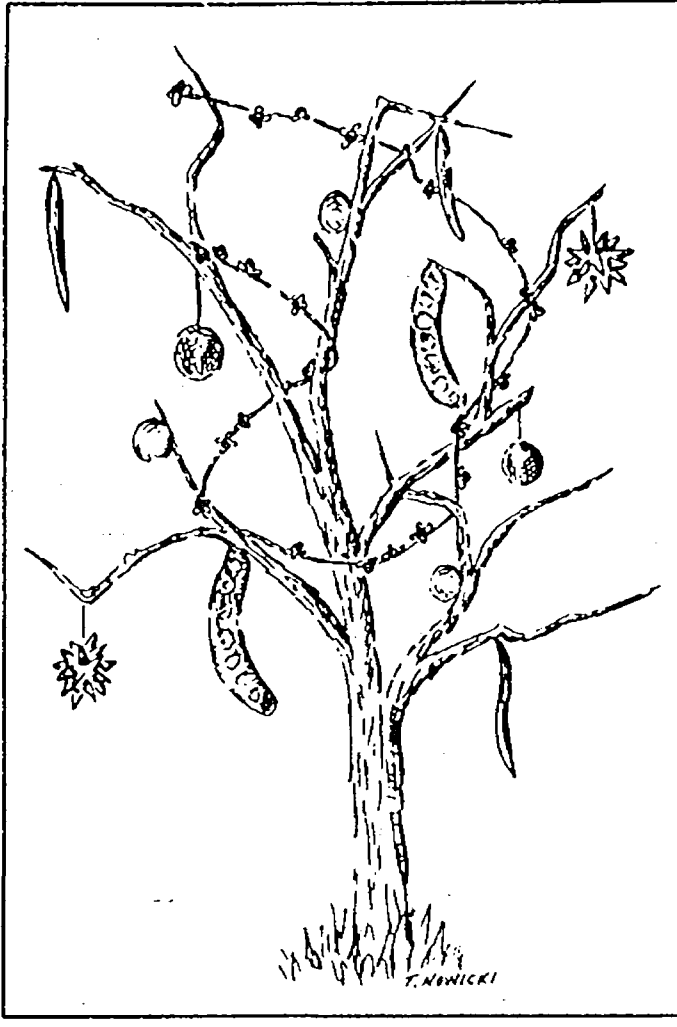












Though all the leaves have fallen and the stark outline of the branches and twigs are all that remain on most trees, there are some that have very noticeable decorations.

TIM NOWICKI/illustration

# Natural 'ornaments' add variety to holiday tree

As we trimmed our Christmas tree this year I was reminded of some of the natural "ornaments" I have seen on trees in the field. Though all the leaves have fallen and the stark outline of the branches and twigs are all that remain on most trees, there are some that have very noticeable decorations.

If I were to decorate a tree with some of these "ornaments" I would include the starburst seedpods of my neighbors sweetgum tree. We are at the northern limit of the range for the sweetgum, so I do not see many in the area. But when I do, I enjoy their geometric configuration.

In contrast to the pointed outline of the sweetgum, I would also add the spherical, yet slightly textured seedpods of the sycamore tree. Like the sweetgum, these seedpods are about 1 1/2 inch in diameter. Each pod is connected to the branch by a narrow stem a couple



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inches long. To add some variety to the shapes of the ornaments, I would also include the long, string bean seed case of the catalpa tree. In spring the large heart-shaped leaves emerge along with the large clusters of white flowers.

It is from those flowers that these icicle-shaped ornaments grow. Inside the case are winged seeds with fringes of "hair" on each end.

A slight variation of the catalpa decoration would be the honey locust seed pod. Honey locust pods are slightly curved, flat and have

bean-shaped seeds inside.

One tree that I see every year around holiday time when I participate in a bird census for the Detroit Audubon Society, is an oak with several oak apple galls. For some reason this tree consistently has several of these golf ball size spheres attached to its branches.

These galls are home for developing wasps that lay their eggs in the branches. This disturbance causes the tree to grow a ball with a spongy interior surrounding a hard core at the center. Apple galls can often be seen on leaves too but this tree has so many on the branches that they look like ornaments.

The final touch would be a garland of red and orange bitter sweet vine that I see growing in various places. Red berries surrounded by four orange "petals" would add that splash of color.

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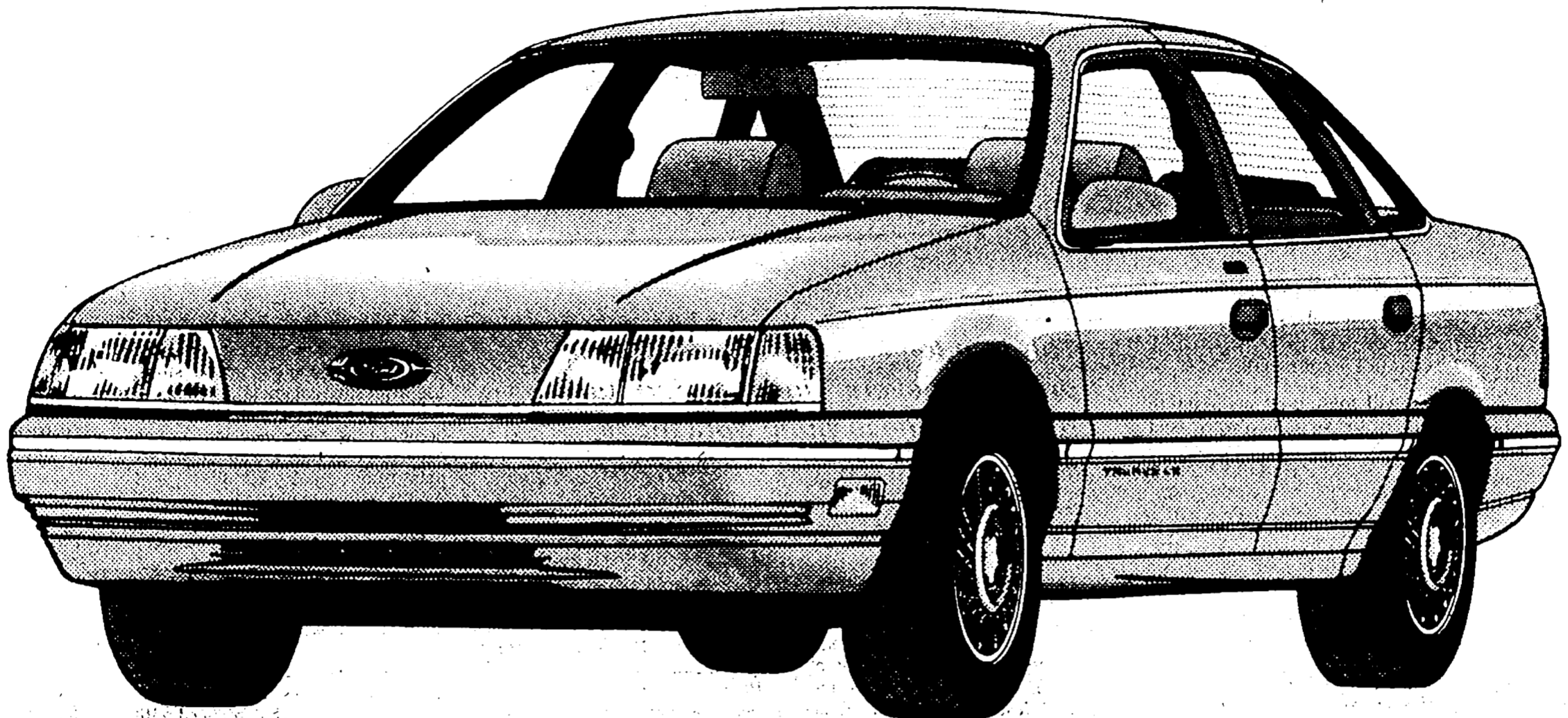
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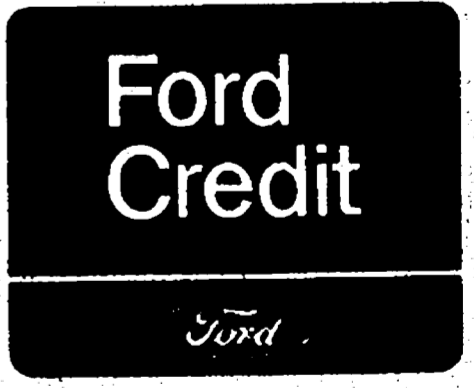
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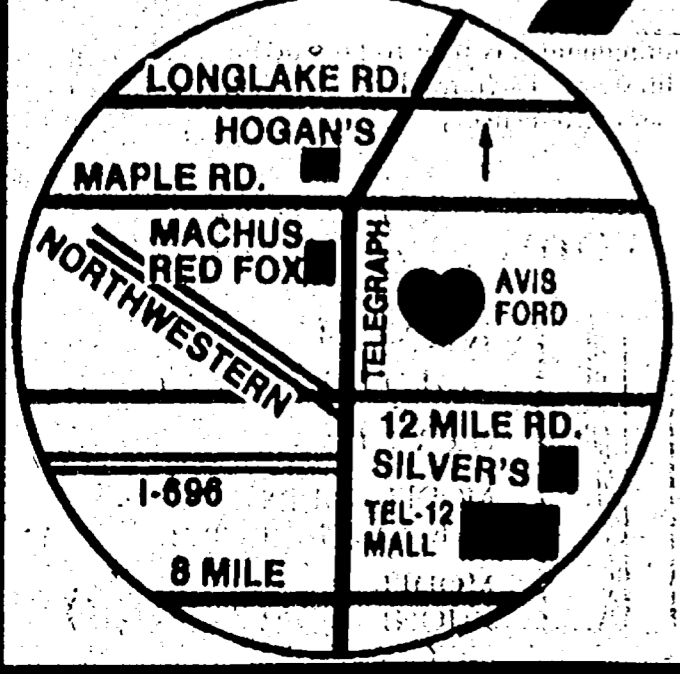
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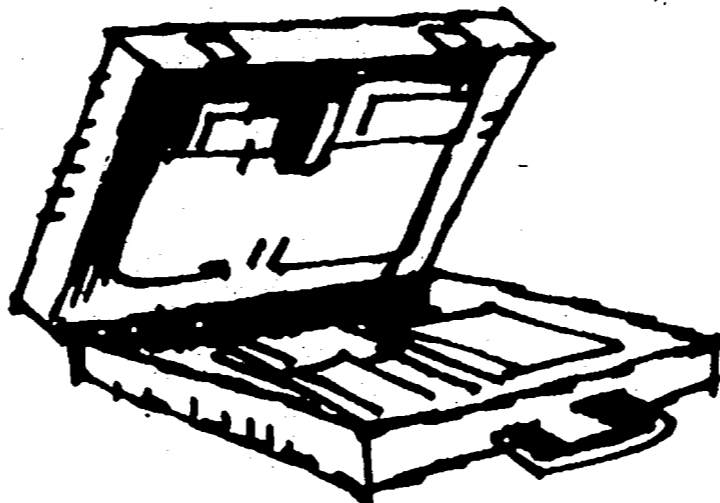




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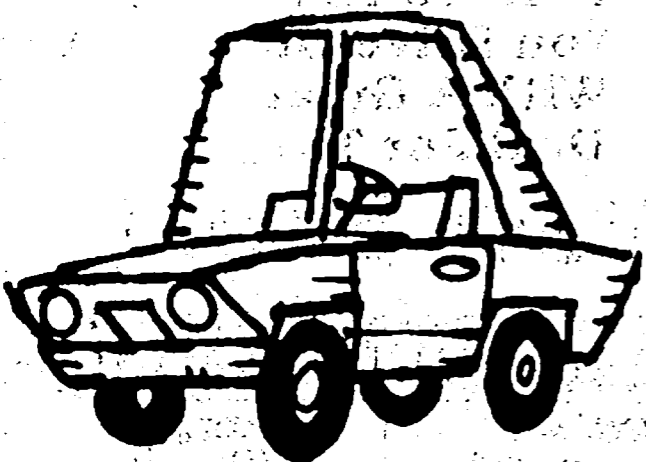
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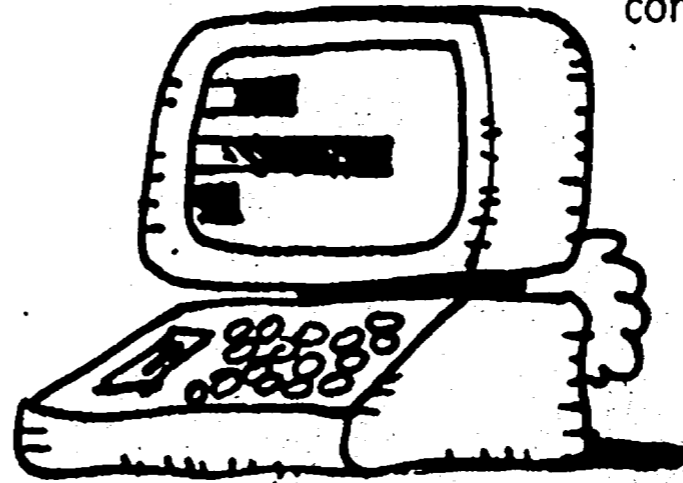
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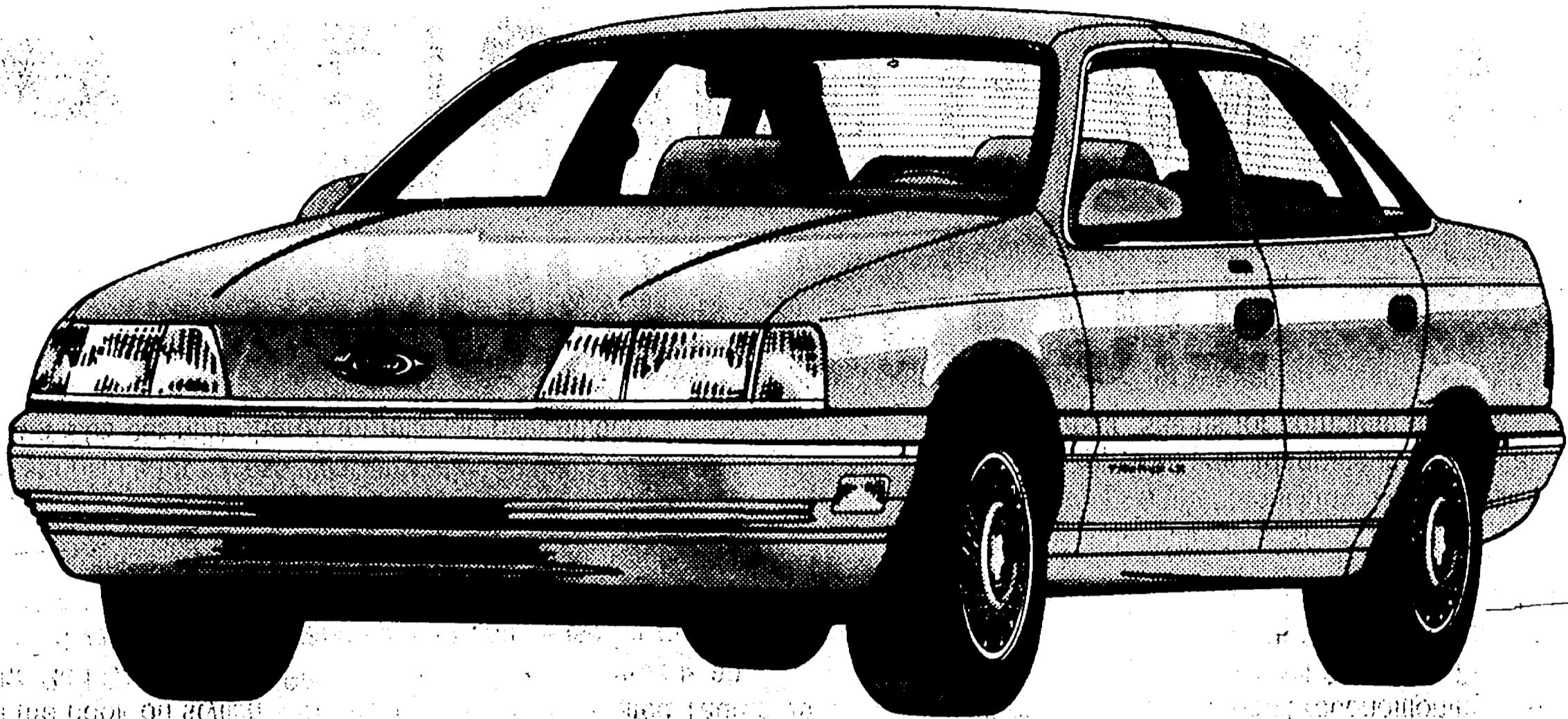
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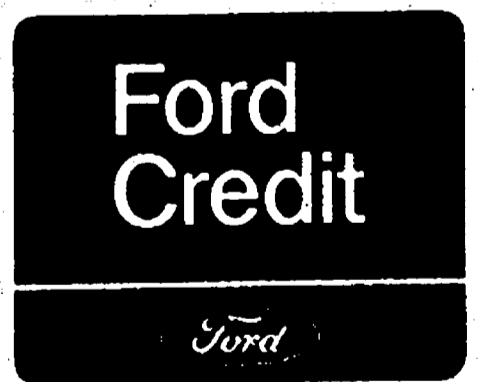
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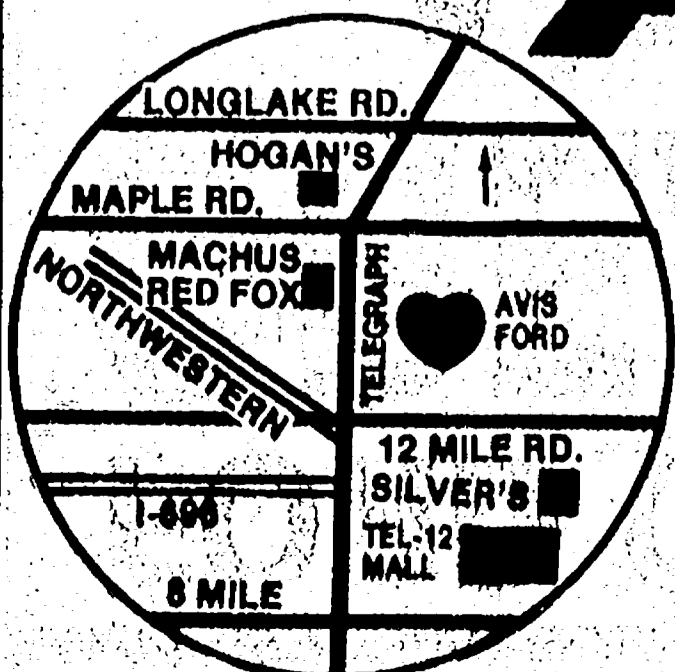
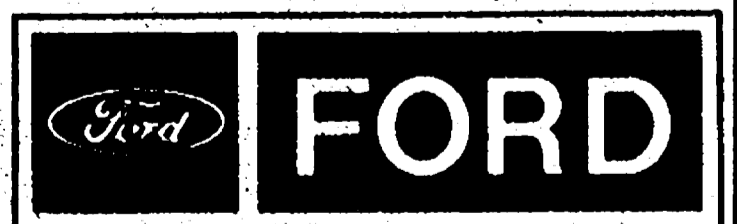
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