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Survey to look at new 9-1-1 system

By **Tedd Schneider**
staff writer

Westland, Garden City and other western Wayne County communities with Enhanced 9-1-1 emergency telephone service will be surveyed this spring on how well the 8½-month-old system is working.

Joseph Benyo, who coordinated implementation of the phone system last June, said Friday that he plans to obtain information on the number of police, fire and EMS calls made via the new service as well as the number of calls

coming in over regular phone lines and from cellular telephones.

"The idea is to see how many life-threatening incidents were handled, or from a police aspect, how many B and E's (break-ins) were averted, because of the new system," Benyo said.

THE ENHANCED 9-1-1 system automatically displays the location and telephone number of an incoming call on a computer screen in front of the dispatcher.

Detroit and suburban communities in Oak-

land and Wayne Counties have installed the system to update either previous 9-1-1 systems or replace traditional, seven-digit police and fire telephone numbers.

Benyo said he hoped to have the survey distributed within the next month and completed a short time after that.

The system is turning out to be cheaper for residents than originally planned, according to Benyo.

THE MONTHLY charge listed on local telephone bills for the emergency service is cur-

rently 18 cents, which is less than the estimated 25 cents per household per month when the system went on line last June.

The implementation of the new system in Westland has gone "better than we expected," he said.

He credited a demanding training program for dispatchers and the massive public information campaign launched by city and school officials last spring for helping to create a viable emergency telephone system.

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places and faces

WHOA, HOLD the phone a minute here guys.

Or, more precisely, the car phones.

Who uses a quartet of cellular telephones purchased with a state grant was the subject of some debate last week around the Westland City Council table.

Councilman Ken Mehl wasn't pleased to learn that only two of the phones are being used by the fire department. "Because this was a grant for the arson program that's where they ought to be," Mehl said.

"If they (the state) find out not all of the phones are being used where they were intended, we are jeopardizing future grants," Mehl said.

So where are the other two phones?

Well, one doesn't work and is "in a closet" at city hall and the other is being used "temporarily" by Mayor Robert Thomas, said Edward Gunther, administrative assistant to the mayor.

A fifth phone, donated to the fire department, was returned to the donor, Gunther said.

"The mayor didn't think five phones were necessary for the fire department," Gunther said.

RICHARD DITTMAR, director for the city's department of public services, is back on the job after suffering a mild heart attack in January.

Dittmar became ill just a few days after being named DPS director by Mayor Robert Thomas.

Bruce Guertin, DPS superintendent of roads, served as acting director during Dittmar's absence.

SCHWEITZER Elementary School, Adams Junior High School and Wayne Memorial High School are the latest Wayne-Westland schools to benefit from the district bond issue.

The Wayne-Westland school board this month approved bids for refurbished roofs at all three buildings.

Work at the schools totaling nearly \$330,000 was awarded to low bidders AFC Roofing and Insulation Inc. and Lower Peninsula Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc.

The roofing projects are part of a \$12.9 million bond issue approved by district voters in January 1988. Bond issue projects include repairs and equipment purchases at all 32 district buildings.

IN OTHER news from the school beat, sixth grader Jason Jackson won the Wildwood Elementary School geography bee this month.

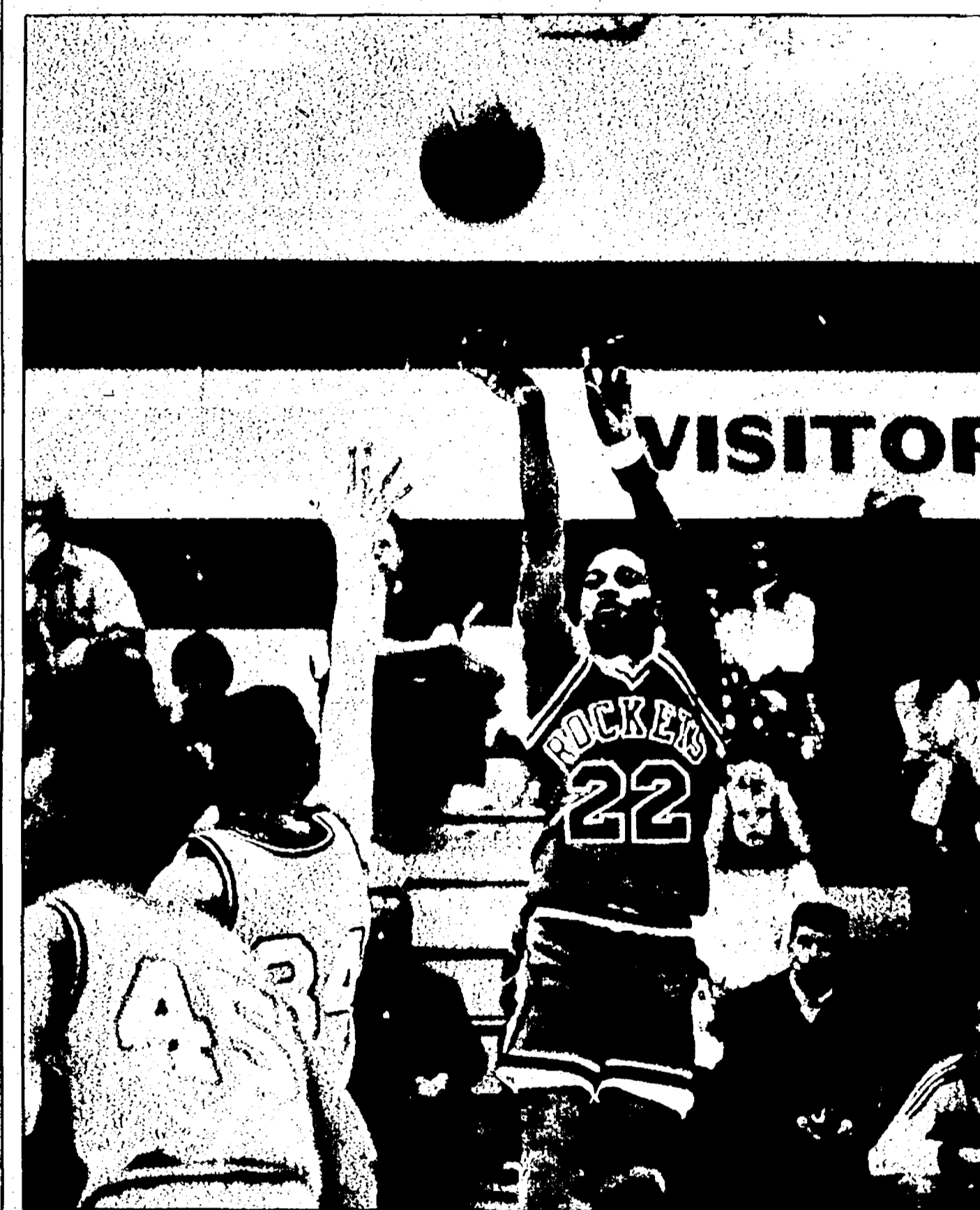
The local bee, in which students answer oral questions on geography, was the first round of a national competition in Washington May 23-24. A \$25,000 scholarship is the top prize.

MARSHALL JUNIOR High School student Jim Reilly was one of 18 metropolitan Detroit students honored last week by the Wayne County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

The 18 winners were chosen for their outstanding efforts in MADD's holiday poster and essay contest.

PATRICIA Sawyer and Paul Valovich have been appointed by Mayor Robert Thomas to the city's parks and recreation advisory council.

The two appointments to terms expiring in January, 1992, were authorized Feb. 8 by the Westland City Council.



DOUG SUSALLA/staff photographer

Rocket launcher

Carl Lowe of Westland John Glenn launches a jumper in Friday's opening round of the Western Lakes Activities Association bas-

ketball playoffs. Glenn put up a good fight, but lost to host Farmington Harrison, 49-48. For more details on the game, see Page 2C.

Area youth support agency cites progress

By **Leonard Poger**
staff writer

Youth Living Centers, which has a variety of special programs for area children and their families, is starting the new year and decade with the theme of "New Beginnings."

One major reason, about 100 staff members and supporters were told at the group's annual meeting Thursday night, is the renovated

school it will open late this spring in the Cherry Hill-Middlebelt area of Inkster.

The private, non-profit agency acquired the vacant Harrison Elementary School a year ago from the Wayne-Westland school district, which became its owner when it annexed the former Cherry Hill school district in 1985.

YLC, which now rents several St. Norbert Catholic Church buildings on Inkster Road near Avondale, has six programs, which had

representatives Thursday night tell of their personal "new beginnings" in that program.

The philosophy of the agency is to provide a supportive, family environments for youngsters with special problems, its leaders said.

The organization's focus is to unify the family. If that isn't possible, the center works to place youths in family-type settings.

One of the six who talked about their programs was Patrick Murphy, 24, of Westland

who is a volunteer in a group home for youngsters and a youth sponsor for a 14-year-old boy.

Murphy said he was pleased to hear his Wayne State University business professor talk about social responsibility in a business ethics course.

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Woman is found dead

A 28-year-old Westland woman was found strangled early Saturday in her home in the 2000 block of Steiber, Westland police said.

The victim, Shirley Ann Harris, died by strangulation, according to the Wayne County Medical Examiner.

"We have no one in custody at this time; we're working on it," said Sgt. Jerry Wright on Sunday. Police reported that the woman was found by her boyfriend, at the house in south central Westland. Wright declined further comment on the investigation.

It is the second homicide reported this year in the city.

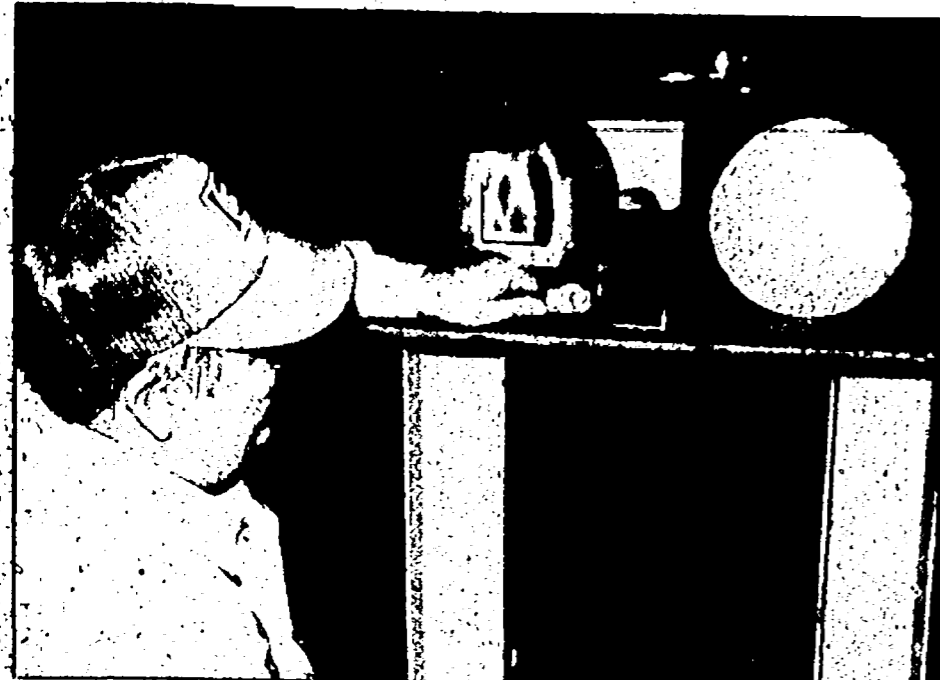
Bingo!

The Senior Gadabouts Club is one of the several groups for retirees at the city of Westland Friendship Center. The club meets every Thursday at the center, 1119 N. Newburgh near Marquette, for varied activities. They have speakers, travel and occasionally dine out. The group is open to interested retirees.



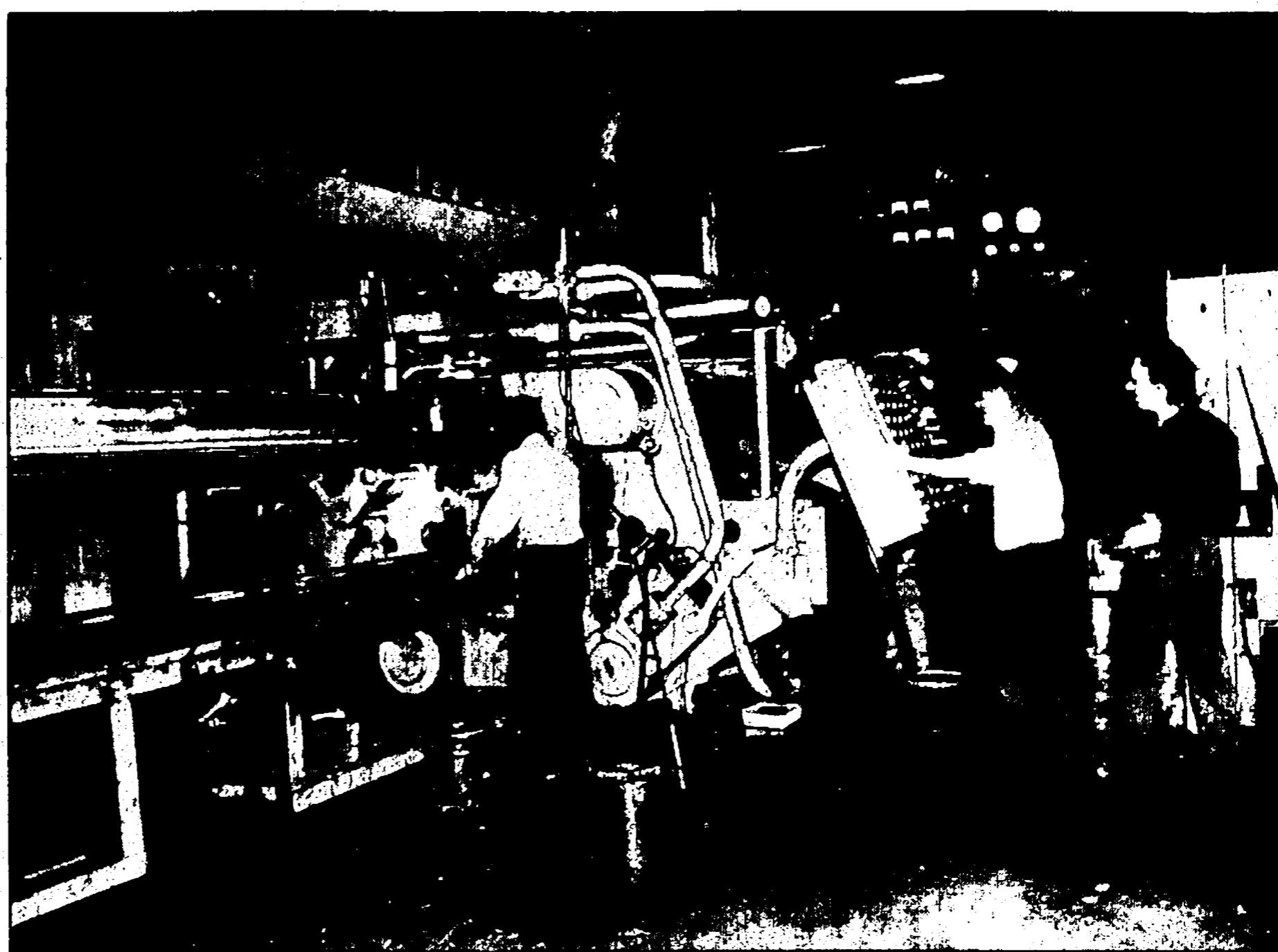
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Aluminum maker no lightweight company



photos by ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Die maintenance worker Ron Crooks checks the thickness on a finished product (center) at International Extrusions in Garden City. The raw material (right) is sent through the die to produce the extrusions.



Houses and skyscrapers use area firm's products

THE PRODUCTS range from aluminum automotive T-roofs to residential doors to materials for skyscrapers at International Extrusions, on Venoy between Ford and Maplewood.

Part of the Noecker Group, the company opened for business in 1985 as the first firm in an industrial park on the Westland-Garden City boundary.

The business has expanded to four buildings, totaling 200,000 square feet of space, and employing 100

people.

International Extrusions is one of 14 companies in the Noecker Group which work in various segments of the aluminum industry from smelting, extruding and manufacturing door frames and windows.

The workers in the Venoy location produce aluminum products such as extrusions, door frames and picture frames starting from raw materials.

Noecker was recognized in 1989 as Michigan Small Businessperson of the Year by the federal Small Business Administration.



Above: A 2,200-ton extrusion press is operated by International Extrusion employees Carlos Alvarez (left), Chuck McDonald and Mike Lewis. At left: The final product of aluminum extrusions is bundled for shipping by employees Joe Sanchez (left) and Joe Siwik.



Metal is checked for any defects by worker Keith Loritz, who is using an optical comparator.

Watch group working to halt vandalism at historic cemetery

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Parker said vandalism at Ganong Cemetery was a problem in 1989 and other years, although there haven't been incidents since January.

Problems have included knocking down the gates and desecration of graves. Vandals have also cut holes in the back fence for easier access, said Joseph Benyo, historical commission vice chairman.

Benyo said the recent decrease was probably attributable to cold weather and he expected activity to pick up again this spring.

"Kids know that it is a hilly, secluded place and it is easier to hide there than at a school yard, where the ground is flat," he said.

BENYO SAID police have found evidence of drug and alcohol use left behind by vandals.

"Often the police have been called

(by people living in the adjacent Westland Meadows mobile home park), but by the time they get there it's too late," Benyo said.

He said the Neighborhood Watch patrols would be "a tremendous help to the commission in its efforts to preserve the cemetery."

Commission-sponsored cleanup projects at the cemetery have won several awards in recent years, including a Keep Michigan Beautiful Award in 1987.

Benyo said the commission has studied the possibility of replacing the gates with a wrought iron fence, but that would be difficult because the cemetery is still active.

"There are some plots left and we had a burial there as recently as last year," he said.

Meanwhile, commissioner Paul Krarup said Monday he will meet in the next few weeks with Manuel Wil-

son, superintendent for Inkster Public Schools. The commission is seeking secondary students to help care for the cemetery on a volunteer basis, Krarup said.

"We could use all the help we can get," Krarup said.

THE CEMETERY property originally was part of the Ganong farm. Use as a burial site began in the mid-19th Century and the first cemetery association was formed in 1897.

William Ganong's five children served as controlling officers and oversaw expansion of the cemetery from its original one-acre parcel to two acres. A second cemetery association was formed in 1942.

Family markers include names such as Ganong, Butler, Hubbard and Tinkham and some of the grave-stones indicate burial of Civil War veterans.

Youth agency plans expansion

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As a sponsor of a youngster, Murphy hopes to "build a relationship between the both of us and influencing the boy's life in a positive way."

THE OTHERS who talked about their programs were YLC employee Djuan Wilkins, who used to live in a supervised independent living apartment; Shawn Perry, a former client in the Counterpoint program, which provides a shelter and services for runaway youths; Laurie Bounds, clinical services therapist; Jeannette and Arthur Young, foster care parents; and adoptive parents Chyleen and Cloyd Moore.

Quida Cash, YLC's executive director also spoke about the agency's "new beginnings" as the group plans to move into the former Harrison School which will provide a centralized administrative and central location.

The move, in the planning for several years, will enable the organiza-

tion to increase services to the children and families it serves.

Patricia Hudson, the agency's development director, told the annual meeting of the financial successes they had in the past year in getting grants from foundations.

The capital campaign went over the \$1 million mark, with the largest chunk being a \$200,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation.

Other supporters and their grants were the Herrick Foundation, \$50,000; the Skillman Foundation, \$72,000; Matilda Wilson Fund, \$25,000, and Henry C. Buhl, \$25,000. Numerous donations also were made by area individuals and organizations, Hudson said.

TALKING ABOUT the Harrison School renovation, the organization has contracted for installation of a new heating/cooling system, electrical system, and plumbing.

Ceilings have been lowered and the entire building to be repainted and carpeted.

The new location will have all non-residential programs administered from there as well as providing therapy and meeting rooms for clients and their families.

The gym and playground of the school, located in the middle of a residential neighborhood, will be open for use by area families.

During the recently completed first annual holiday appeal by YLC, more than \$14,500 from 150 donors was raised. The money will be used to support the center's programs.

THE AGENCY "views the annual holiday appeal as a funding source by which the community can help support, through contributions to the operating fund, the work that YLC does with abused, neglected, and abandoned children and their families," Hudson said.

In another highlight of the past year, YLC continues to use a \$300,000 federal grant received in 1988 to give drug education programs in area schools.

Showcase gets OK for video games

The city has approved an amusement license for the owners of the Showcase Cinema for video games in the lobby of the new movie complex.

An amusement license, required when there are at least five arcade-type games, was approved 6-0 by the Westland City Council last week.

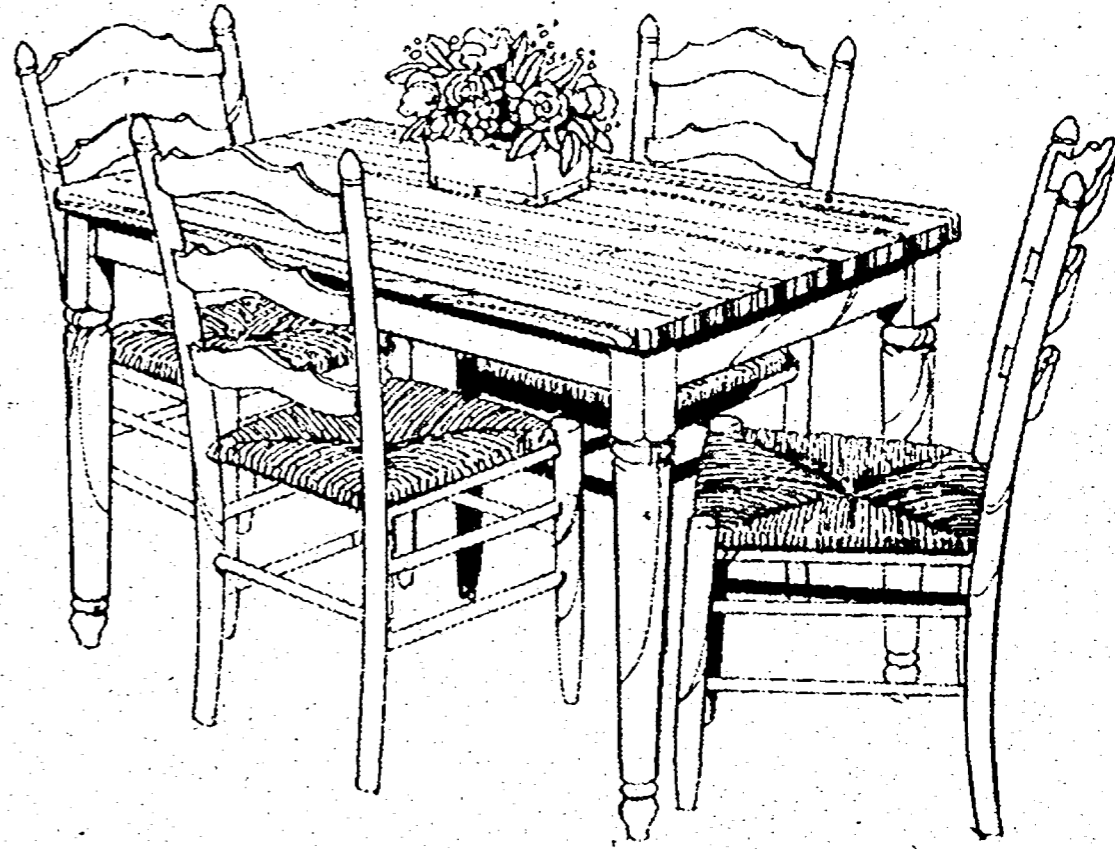
The theater originally installed 11

video games in a room off the front of the lobby of the new theater complex on Wayne Road south of Warren Road.

Nine additional games have been added and a second game room was created at the opposite end of the lobby, said Robert Schwick, area

manager for National Amusements, Inc., the Dedham, Mass.-based company which operates the Showcase chain.

The city ordinance on arcade games requires that they be spaced at least two feet apart and at least eight feet from any building entrance.

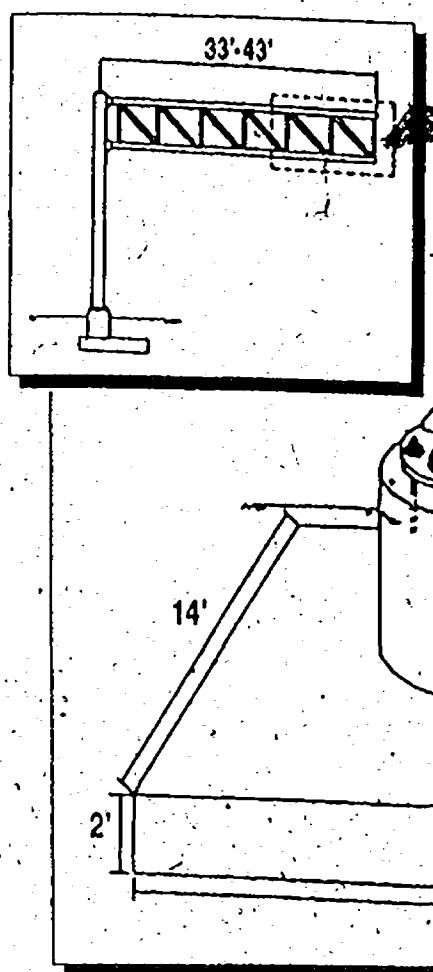


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State examines its signs

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

Testing of Michigan highway signs may have prevented at least five additional tragedies, state transportation department said Saturday.

A potentially hazardous overhead sign was discovered and removed during Wednesday's first day of statewide testing, Michigan Department of Transportation officials said. Among the other signs found to be defective were three located on I-75 near Monroe.

The sign found on Wednesday, on US-127 south of I-96 near Lansing, showed the same kind of weakness that may have led to the recent collapse of signs on the Southfield Freeway in Dearborn and on I-75 in Monroe County.

Martha Topik, 41, of Detroit was killed when the Southfield freeway sign collapsed Feb. 16. Two other motorists were injured. No one was injured when an Erie/Temperance exit sign fell Jan. 25, though a LaSalle man's truck was destroyed. The second incident was made pub-

lic in the wake of Topik's death.

The accidents called the safety of Michigan's overhead highway signs into question. Though MDOT officials said the signs are safe, they remained uncertain as to why the two signs fell. Officials noted that support rods had broken in each instance.

"WE KNOW what happened — those rods broke — but we don't know why," deputy highway director William MacCreery said.

MDOT officials suggested the collapse of each sign could have been caused by improperly aligned support rods, but they said it might take a month to provide a definitive answer.

All 377 of the state's overhead highway signs were to have been checked for loose bolts and structural weakness in initial testing which was completed Friday. Roughly half the signs tested are in southeast Michigan, including signs in Wayne and Oakland counties.

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Overhead highway signs are fastened with bolts and metal rods sunk into a concrete base. State highway engineers believe rods knocked out of alignment during construction could have broken as a long-range result of increased stress, leading to the recent collapse of two highway signs.

DAVID FRANK/graphics editor

Prof says check sign bolts more often

By Tim Smith
staff writer

A Lawrence Technological University professor vows to get to the nuts and bolts of how highway signs are fastened and inspected, to guard against a repeat of the Feb. 16 Southfield Freeway accident in which a tumbling sign killed a Detroit woman.

"I will be proposing to the state of Michigan and the department of transportation that they jointly investigate highway signs in general,"

particularly how multiple-bolt (sign) joints are tightened, said Dr. Sayed Nassar, director of a bolt research lab at Lawrence Tech.

The accident which killed 41-year-old Martha Topik should propel legislative action, Nassar said.

Nassar said other ways to ensure the safety of sign-holding bolts include: Cracking down on manufacturers who mislead the public by claiming their product is stronger than it actually is; using ultra-sound equipment to test bolts; and increasing the frequency of inspections.

"Visual inspections should be done every six months. More comprehensive inspections, using ultra-sound equipment, should be done every year or year and a half."

HIGHWAY SIGNS now are typically inspected every three years or so.

"Normally, people underestimate the tightening of a bolt," said Nassar, whose LTU research lab was opened in 1987. "Traditionally, the tightening of a bolt has been viewed as a very simple thing. But it is not a

trivial engineering matter.

"It (tightening) has to be done carefully, in order to make sure the components are fastened together properly and stay together" when conditions place extra pressure on the bolted foundation, he explained.

That holds especially true in the case of multi-bolt sign joints, Nassar said. It was an eight-bolt foundation supporting the sign which ultimately fell and killed Topik, who was a passenger in a car headed northbound

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Spaghetti dinner to aid band's Washington trip

For seniors

Wayne-Westland School District Senior Adults meet in the Dyer Center, on Marquette between Wayne Road and Newburgh. Their meetings and events for the month of February will be as follows:

- Pinochle — Mondays 1:30 p.m., Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Fridays 1 p.m.
- Wednesday — Bingo at 1 p.m.

Dinner

Tuesday, Feb. 27 — The Garden City High School Band Boosters will hold their annual spaghetti dinner 5-8 p.m. in the school cafeteria, 6500 Middlebelt. Proceeds will be used to defray expenses for an upcoming band trip to Washington, D.C. Advance dinner tickets are \$4.50 for adults, \$4 for retirees and \$2.75 for children 10 and under. Tickets are slightly higher at the door.

Blue & Gold

Wednesday, Feb. 28 — All alumni of Westland Cub Scout Pack 860 are invited to an upcoming 25th Anniversary Blue and Gold Banquet. For more information, call Shawn Stekete at 729-8430.

Classes open

Through February — The Wayne-Westland school district's Adult and Community Education Department is signing up students for classes in blueprint reading, body language, buying your first home, financial investments, computer applications, starting a small business, handwriting analysis and other topics. Call 728-0100 for more information.

Leisure

Through February — The Wayne-Westland school district's Adult and Community Education Department is offering leisure time courses in drawing, oil painting, counted cross-stitch, creative twist dolls and Ukrainian pysanky. Contact the department at 728-0100.

Jaycees

Thursday, March 1 — The Garden City Jaycees will have a membership Meeting at 8 p.m. in the Silver Saloon banquet room, Middlebelt just north of Ford. Guests are welcome. For information, call Tim at 721-3544.

Sign-ups

Saturdays, March 3, 10 and 17 —

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.

The Garden City Youth Athletic Association will have baseball, softball and T-ball sign-ups 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 3, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 10, and 1-3 p.m. March 17 in Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood Boulevard. Copy of birth certificate and registration fee required. For more information, call Bob Bako at 522-5607 or Mike Reed at 525-2305.

Franklin Patriots

Monday, March 5 — The Franklin Patriots Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the north cafeteria of Franklin High School.

Pregnancy class

Thursday, March 8 — An early pregnancy class will be 7-9 p.m. in Garden City Hospital auditorium, 6245 North Inkster at Ford. For more information, call 458-4330.

Indian Guides

Friday, March 9 — The Wayne-Westland YMCA Indian Guides Program will sponsor a millonaire party 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Hawthorne Valley, Merriman north of Warren Road. Tickets are \$7.50, which includes \$5 in chips. Proceeds go to the Indian Guides Program. Tickets may be bought at the door or the Wayne-Westland YMCA, 827 South Wayne Road. For tickets and more information, call 721-7044.

Blood drive

Saturday, March 10 — St. Bernardine of Sena parish is having a blood drive 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Bernardine of Sena, 31463 Ann Arbor Trail at Merriman. For appointments, call 427-5150.

GED tests

Monday-Tuesday, March 12-13 — Livonia Public Schools will offer GED tests 5-10 p.m. at Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard. For more information, call 523-9294.

Golf lessons

Through March — Wintertime golf lessons are available at Westland Municipal Golf Course, 500 S. Merriman, south of Cherry Hill. Lesson fees are \$30 for three 30-minute lessons or \$50 for six sessions. For information, call 721-6660.

Safe rides

Fridays-Saturdays — Livonia Safe Rides is in operation Friday and Saturday nights during the school year from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. High school students living in the Livonia School District may call 281-3760 on these evenings for a safe and confidential ride home. For more information, call 522-7488.

Open swim

Open swim is available at the Wayne-Westland YMCA, Monday through 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.

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 parents

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.

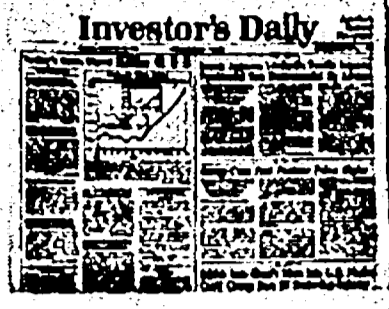
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In fact, we have a warrant out for his arrest. Because no one should be able to do things like this to an animal and get away with it.

On December 15, in response to an emergency call, Michigan Humane Society (MHS) cruelty investigators arrived at a house that had been abandoned by its former tenant for over a month. There, among the trash and other garbage the owner had no further use for, they found Ike. A five-month-old puppy lying huddled behind a locked bathroom door. Lying because he was too weak to stand. So malnourished he could barely move his chest to breathe.

He had been locked inside that bathroom for over a month. Without food. Without heat. And with only the water from a rusty toilet to keep him alive. MHS investigators called it the closest to death they'd ever seen an animal. Yet Ike was fortunate. A kitten found in another part of the house was already dead.

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GOP teens seek members

Teenage Republicans of Northville, Plymouth and Livonia is conducting a membership drive. The group seeks new members 13-19. It campaigns in support of various GOP candidates, including U.S. Senate candidate Bill Schuette. It plans a trip to Washington, D.C., in July and to the state GOP convention in Grand Rapids, Sept. 7-8. A membership party is planned for April. Additional information is available by calling chairman Darin Morency, 420-3312, or public relations director Jeff Schroder, 420-2938. Information is also available by writing TARS, 16300 Appleby Lane, Northville, 48167.

Compromise sought on minimum wage bills

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Senate Republicans and House Democrats are on a collision course over raising Michigan's minimum wage.

Unless they reach a compromise, the state minimum wage will remain at \$3.35 an hour, where it has been for nine years.

"This (Senate) bill includes components which should be viewed as beneficial to employers and employees alike," said the sponsor, Sen. R. Robert Geake, R-Northville.

THE SENATE bill will raise the state minimum wage to the federal

level — \$3.80 this April 1 and \$4.25 a year later.

The Senate vote last week was 20-17. The yes votes were cast by 19 Republicans and one Democrat, Gilbert DiNello of East Detroit. All nay votes came from Democrats. Observer & Eccentric area senators voted with their parties.

A week earlier, the House passed a Democrat-sponsored bill, again on almost a party-line vote.

The House bill would raise the minimum wage to \$5 in four stages. It was strongly supported by organized labor.

GEAKE'S BILL is supported by the Michigan State Chamber of Com-

'This (Senate) bill includes components which should be viewed as beneficial to employers and employees alike.'

— Sen. R. Robert Geake
R-Northville
bill sponsor

Besides raising the minimum wage, the Senate bill would:

- Allow employers to pay a "training wage" of 85 percent of the base to workers under age 19 for the first 90 days of employment.

- Raise the "tip credit" that employers may deduct for workers who receive customer tips. Currently at 25 percent, the tip credit would go to 45 percent on April 1 and 50 percent a year later.

Democrats estimate 546,000 Michigan workers are paid the minimum wage. The state law applies mainly to small firms which aren't in interstate commerce — mostly restaurants and hospitality establishments.

merce, the National Federation of Independent Business, the Small Business Association of Michigan, the Michigan Restaurant Association and the Michigan Lodging Association.

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Midlife crisis: not just a label

points of view

States get into 'toad licking'

AS IF WE DIDN'T have enough to worry about...

In Georgia and South Carolina they want to outlaw toad licking.

But before you stick your noses in the air and mutter something like, "Well, what do you expect in the South?" let me finish.

Toad licking isn't a problem in Georgia and South Carolina, not yet anyway. The problem exists in California... at least, according to some reports. Californians say it isn't true. I'm so confused I don't know whom to believe.

Here's what I do know. Some time back the Baltimore Sun ran a story — with a San Francisco dateline — quoting Robert Sager, who runs the Drug Enforcement Agency's testing lab in San Francisco.

In the story Sager talked about the hallucinogenic properties of bufotenine, a toxin released through the skin of cane toads.

Sager says he was first contacted by a reporter from Reuters news service who was doing a story about a problem with cane toad licking in Australia. In that interview Sager said he mentioned that two people in the Southwest had been hospitalized about 10 years ago after licking cane toads, which, apparently, are used by some South American Indians in religious rituals.

Now cane toads, which are native to South America, produce the toxin bufotenine to ward off predators. But somebody — maybe those South American Indians — discovered that when humans ingest the toxin it produces mind-altering effects. Something like mescaline, I suppose.

Anyway, the reporter who wrote the story for the Sun said she got the idea from an article in *Omni* magazine about cane toad licking.

CONFUSED? Good. Keep going. Since the Sun article carried a San Francisco dateline, the word apparently spread that the latest fad in California is toad licking.

That's how Georgia and South Carolina got involved. In Georgia a state representative introduced a



Jack Gladden

resolution in the House to have the House Natural Resources Committee make an exhaustive study of the problem and prepare legislation to "save Georgia from this scourge."

In South Carolina a representative introduced a bill to make cane toad licking illegal in that sovereign state.

The bill said, in part, that while cane toads might only be "harmless, endearing critters" to most people, "the potential for abuse is so high that the General Assembly finds it necessary to nip the problem in the bud."

Both lawmakers admitted that their legislative proposals were tongue-in-cheek reactions to the plethora of anti-drug measures being considered in their respective lawmaking bodies.

What they seemed to be saying was that the whole drug war hysteria is getting ridiculous.

That line in the South Carolina bill about "potential for abuse" is the key. Cane toad laws could lead authorities to conduct sting operations against aquarium supply stores, since the toads are reportedly a favorite of aquarium aficionados.

Such stings wouldn't be that different from last year's nationwide raids on those indoor gardening centers that were selling equipment that could be used to grow marijuana.

They'd be similar to the Wayne County sheriff's decision to set up checkpoints to search cars that might be transporting drugs.

I think we should be guided by the Rochester Hills contingent of the Oakland County Sheriff's office, which is urging residents to "Turn In A Pusher." Why not start a "Turn In A Toad" campaign?

After all, this is war and you can't be too careful.

(This is a continuation of the marriage/divorce series based on Karen Pasquel's book in progress, "Marriage Passages," all rights reserved.)

The famous midlife crisis always troubles me when a very significant issue gets a faddish label, and then becomes an excuse for every negative behavior a person has.

In fact, midlife crisis is not a joke, but a very serious period of time that, if not understood by the individual and the spouse, can be the most destructive experience a marriage can go through. Midlife crisis is real, and it comes at the worst possible time. Let us consider the man in midlife crisis.

This man is usually between 40 and 45. He has reached the highest level (or close to it) in his job. He has made the financial grade as far as being able to support his household is concerned.

AT THIS age, not only is this man beginning a crisis, but his wife and children also are.

The wife is questioning her attractiveness, purpose and desires as she notices age beginning to show. She needs an attentive, complimentary husband now more than ever.

However, he may be unable to fulfill her needs since he is struggling with his own crisis. At the same time these crises are occurring in husband



Karen Pasquel

and wife as individuals as well as a couple, the children are in the midst of adolescence.

Some may have already left home. They too are each experiencing their own crisis.

At this point, these children need more patience, more understanding and more acceptance than ever, while at the same time they are testing these very areas to their limit.

Demands are high, insecurity is high, selfishness is high on the part of each individual.

At this time, all the family members must find a way to fulfill their needs in a way that will not damage the family unit. The needs must be fulfilled, but are often misidentified.

THE SYMPTOMS are confusing to both the individual and the onlooker.

What are these symptoms in a man? Most appear to be directed toward the goal of hanging on to or returning to youthfulness.

The popular song "Scared to Run

of Time" says it all. For men, the focus over the past 20 years has been work, corporate growth and accumulating material securities.

While rest and relaxation were enjoyed from time to time, they were not a priority. Now this man looks at what he has and realized he is missing something, but what? He has a house, wife, children and possessions. For what more could a man ask?

A man tends to need the feeling that he is a respected head-of-the-house. It is important that his wife admires him. There is nothing wrong with this.

UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE husbands and wives do grow used to each other, what is normal lack of attention is sometimes misinterpreted as a loss of love by both partners.

In the past, the man has paid little attention to emotional needs. Now, he is acutely aware that the "feeling" is gone.

At the same time this man notices the feeling has gone, his wife — because of her own crisis — is seeming to nag him as she pressures him to attend to her needs.

Soon, he finds himself avoiding his wife more and more. His children also start their demands for dad's attention.

Now the husband's haven of rest — his home — is a dreaded place

filled with emotional demands.

The man, not geared toward attending to emotional needs, is feeling overwhelmed. Yet he also is beginning to notice his own emotional needs are lacking.

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GRADUALLY, AS the new lifestyle begins to be fed more and more, this husband begins to grow more distant from his wife.

Over time, he finds himself in the sickeningly terrible position of making a choice: his new lifestyle, or his wife and family?

The fact is that if this man understood that his own contradictory behavior and confusing feelings are normal for his age and position in life, he could have both: a new lifestyle modified to complement his wife and family.

(Pasquel, a counselor who is founder and director of Foundational Living Inc., plans workshops next month on various issues. She may be contacted at 326-0354.)

Refusenik travels U.S. for help

ALMOST IN JEST, sometimes we ask what's in a name?

For a small Russian girl, only 4, her name meant secrets, symbols, tradition, faith, and finally, terror and discrimination.

The Stalinist period was almost over when the little girl's father, in a surge of sentimentality, took his daughter aside and told her that her name, Carmela, was a Jewish name, that she was named for the lovely Mountain "Carmel" in the new state of Israel.

"My father was a physician. He told me never to reveal the meaning of my name," Carmela wrote recently. "He said that he would probably never live to see the day, but that I and my children would someday live in Israel."

Carmela's "name" anecdote is part of an eloquent plea for help for her family and herself now being circulated in this country.

Judith Granader, one of the visitors and a former school teacher,



Shirlee Iden

pleaded with Carmela to allow her to bring out a few of her paintings, but the artist felt it could be dangerous to try.

TODAY, JUDY is Carmela Raz's closest contact as she travels the U.S. with Moshe trying to get help for her family.

Carmela says that while Glasnost is a welcome new era, Jewish people now fear the possibility of pogroms

fueled by the rise of nationalistic, anti-semitic groups such as Pamyat (Memory). For the Raz family, the past months have meant watching thousands leave while they still waited.

Determined to do more than wait, Carmela Raz came to this country on a brief visa that allowed her to take only Moshe while leaving Vladimir and Shaul behind. She speaks and pleads wherever anyone will listen.

Carmela's journey has revealed another kind of place where she is "constantly amazed by the freedom of the people in this beautiful country (US) to live how and where they wish.

Persons may contact your con-

gressmen, senators and administration officials on her behalf or write to Soviet Ambassador Yuri Dubinin, Soviet Embassy, 1 Sakharov Plaza, Washington, D.C. 20036, and to Mikhail Gorbachev, Kremlin, Moscow, USSR 103132.

Carmela has never wavered, and still believes someday, as her father told her, she will live in Israel near her sister, Dahlia.

"The walls of ghettos and labor camps may be high," she says, "but no fences can contain the spirit."

Shirlee Iden is editor of the *Suburban Life* section of the *Southfield Eccentric*. She and her husband, Jack, were among those who traveled to Russia on the fact-finding mission.

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Area court could get new judge

The state House of Representatives soon will take up a bill to allow new district judges in western Wayne and Oakland counties, but one district court has already said no.

The bill, approved without dissent Tuesday by the House Judiciary Committee, will allow one new judge to be elected in 1990 and take office next Jan. 1. The authorization includes:

- A third judge for the 35th District — Northville, Plymouth and Canton.
- A third judge for the 47th District — Farmington and Farmington Hills. The new judge's term would be only four years in order to avoid having two judges elected at once.

add a fourth judge for the 48th District — the Birmingham-Bloomfield area — in 1992.

However, the three 48th District Court Judges say they don't want a fourth judge. Their stand is backed by two of the local governments who pay for the court — Birmingham and West Bloomfield.

All judgeships "may" be added at the option of local governmental units, according to the bill sponsored by Rep. David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods.

If the state ordered the judgeships added, state government would have to pay for them under the Headlee amendment to the state constitution. So the law requires the local units to say by resolution they are willing to pay operating expenses and capital costs.

Schoolcraft chef cooks up honors



By Wayne Peal
Staff writer

They uncorked the champagne — actually non-alcoholic peach wine — for Mary Brady during a recent Schoolcraft College staff meeting.

Brady, an instructor in the college's culinary arts department, had just been named a certified executive chef. As such, she's one of only two women to achieve the honor in all of Michigan.

The celebratory beverage may have been a bit below the traditional standard ("After all, it was 7 in the morning," she said) but the honor, and her career, have been well above standard.

The new title, the second highest given a chef by the American Culinary Federation, is the highlight of a career that began at Michigan State University's school of hotel and restaurant management. Perhaps it is also a sign of changing times in the profession.

"WHEN I was in school there weren't a whole lot of females in the field," Brady said. "Now, half the students in some of the classes I teach are female."

A food service industry veteran, Brady and her husband, Tom, own and operate Diamond Jim Brady's in Southfield.

"I do the cooking and he works up front," she said. The couple lives in Northville.

ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Schoolcraft culinary instructor Mary Brady, recent recipient of executive chef honors, helps student chef Pamela Ford of Northville prepare

a salad. Brady, a professional chef, also assists in the school's student-run restaurant.

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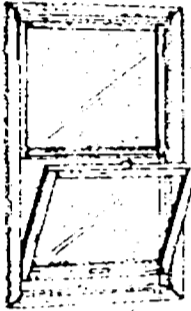
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State examines its signs

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Testing involved signs known as Cantilever Type G & H.

Eighteen teams of MDOT workers scoured the state for signs, striking bolts with hammers, then using large wrenches to test for loose bolts.

Signs on the Southfield and I-696 freeways and Telegraph Road were among those examined during Wednesday's first day of testing.

Dismantling a sign was to be the "first action" taken if a loose bolt or other weakness were discovered, MacCreery said.

"WEAKNESS IN one (bolt) will not cause the sign to come down, but we're being cautious," he said.

Weather permitting, the defective signs were to be removed by crews on Saturday, according to MDOT di-

rector James Pitz. Temporary signage was to be installed to guide drivers, although in each case only one of three interchange signs was affected.

MDOT also has started ultrasonic testing of the sign bolts, which is expected to take two weeks to complete.

"We already know if there is a serious problem," Pitz said. "In the long range we want to know if one is going to become a problem."

Using extreme high frequency sound waves, the ultra sound tests are similar to those conducted at many area hospitals, MDOT managing engineer James Culp said.

Outside contractors erect signs, MDOT officials said, though signs must meet department specifications.

High strength steel rods, sunk into the signs' concrete base, could have

been knocked out of alignment as support poles and signs were attached, MDOT officials said.

If a weakness is discovered, MacCreery said, the concrete base will be destroyed and the rods sent to a private metallurgical laboratory for evaluation.

Twenty-three signs were replaced, for various reasons, during the state's last inspection in 1983-85, MacCreery said. That inspection also featured ultra sound equipment.

Most of the signs were erected between 1972-80, MacCreery said, though similar signs are still being erected.

Cantilever signs' design allows them to be placed off the edge of pavement to give automobiles a "free clear zone" should they slide off road, MDOT officials said.

"It really was a safety step," MacCreery said.

Check bolts more frequently

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on the Southfield Freeway near Rounda in Dearborn. Nassar, however, viewed that accident as an isolated incident.

When such foundations are fastened, bolts are tightened — usually by a hand wrench — in a sequence, Nassar said.

WHEN THAT procedure is not handled properly, a bolt might loosen, resulting in the other bolts having to bear the extra load of increased wind vibration, poor weather or other conditions.

"If you have a bolt that's a little bit loose, wind vibration will continue until, ultimately, one or more of the bolts break. When that happens,

the rest of the bolts will carry the remainder of the load to make up for that," he said.

Increasing the frequency that sign bolts are inspected might enable someone to spot a glitch, but those efforts may not be worthwhile until more sophisticated ultra-sound test equipment is used, Nassar explained.

"With some of these (foundations), you don't have access from both sides of the bolt. Ultra-sound equipment (detects) how much force, how much tightness is on the bolt," he said.

MAKING SURE a bolt is as strong as advertised by its manufacturer is another key issue, said Nassar, a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Bolting Technology Council.

Nassar said the U.S. Congress is investigating the so-called "counterfeit bill," stemming from charges that manufacturers mark bolts as being a higher grade strength-wise than they should be.

"In some cases, . . . you use a mismatched bolt and then design a (structural) component according to that. All of a sudden, you have a failure."

Because bolts are usually priced according to grade, that deceptive practice enabled companies to charge customers more for bolts, Nassar said.

Devising new reliable designs and installation specifications requires input from bolt designers, manufacturers, installers and inspection groups, the professor continued.

S'craft chef honored

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Before becoming affiliated with the family-run restaurant, she worked for the Steak and Ale restaurant chain.

Her arrival at Schoolcraft was part by design, part surprise.

"I was looking for something to diversify my life and, no sooner did I talk to them than one of their instructors went on leave," she said.

She has taught a number of food service courses during her three year stay at the Livonia-based community college. Currently, she is maitre d' at the student-run American Harvest Restaurant. At the same time, she is teaching stu-

dents proper techniques in preparing and serving food.

In addition, she helps out at St. Leo's soup kitchen in Detroit.

"IT'S SOMETHING myself and a number of chefs feel very strongly about," she said. "That's why we've become involved with anti-hunger activities."

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2:15 p.m. The \$15 registration fee covers workshop materials and lunch. Child care is available on a limited basis for a nominal fee.

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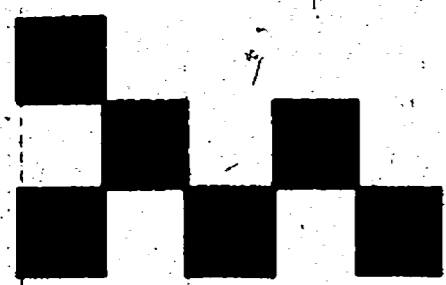
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To many people fat has become a nasty word.

To this day, I can remember growing up and being told the magical phrase, "You're not fat, just big boned." I guess I'm really showing my age when I can recall visiting the "chubby boys" shop at Sears.

To minimize the effect of fat in my life, I can attest to being a card-carrying lifetime member of Weight Watchers, Vic Tanny and a few retrospective "fat clubs."

So why all the hoopla that is bombarding us in just about every issue of magazines and newspapers from Consumers Reports all the way to the swimsuit edition of Sports Illustrated, concerning fat in our everyday diets?

Believe it or not, fat is a vital nutrient. Like carbohydrates and protein, dietary fat is an important source of energy in our diets. Nutritionists tell us that dietary fat is especially important to children for proper growth. Fat maintains healthy skin, regulates cholesterol and helps regulate some hormone substances that regulate body processes. Fat is needed to carry vitamins throughout the body, and without it their absorption into our systems is hindered. Without fat, our bodies would have less energy, and I would be remiss if I forgot to mention its importance in insulating the body and supporting and cushioning organs.

BUT RATHER THAN go into a long, boring description of what fat is, let me tell you that there is "good" fat and, unfortunately, "bad" fat.

Mention "bad" fat and one usually conjures up thoughts of inch-thick steaks complete with well-marbled lines of the white substance. But there are additional sources of animal fat that we get daily from our consumption of poultry, fish, milk, milk products and eggs. Then there's vegetable fat, which derives from plant oils such as soybean, corn, sunflower, safflower, canola, cottonseed palm and coconut.

Fat is an important ingredient in many foods because of its functional properties. In many recipes, fat enhances the taste, aroma and texture of the foods we eat and enjoy. Because it is digested more slowly than proteins or carbohydrates, fat also plays an important role in providing a sense of fullness after eating.

But what would a filet mignon be without fat? Probably a cross between a beef jerky and a bone-dry martini. Without fat, muffins would crumble into oblivion right in their paper-enscoped cup. Your pancakes could double as Frisbees while your breakfast cereal would probably taste like some bark from a tree in Euell Gibbons' backyard. Your birthday cake would taste like something my sister made in her first year home ec class in high school that even the birds refused to consume.

An excess of fat in our diets has become increasingly recognized as one of the major factors influencing the development of chronic disease. We risk high blood pressure, high cholesterol and hardening of the arteries, not to mention a stroke or heart attack when our bodies take in more of the wrong fat than we should.

SO WHAT'S A FOODIE to do? Are we destined to eat crud for the remainder of our healthy lives? Fortunately, major food manufacturers are responding to our needs by introducing new "lighter"-in-fat products, everything from mayonnaise to ice cream.

On the home front, we can be informed consumers and can begin reading labels and choosing products low in saturated fat (i.e. animal fats, cottonseed, palm and coconut oils). Instead of eliminating fats from our daily regimens, we can substitute healthier fat products that use unsaturated fats such as canola (the healthiest fat on earth).

Recipes on 2B



DAN DEAN/staff photographer

Phyllis Marra's family recipe for Bread Pudding combines butter, sugar, eggs, milk, vanilla extract, cinnamon, raisins and Italian bread.

Passionate about pudding

By Katie Maple McBride
special writer



Marra turns the simple pudding into an elegant dessert, serving it in goblets.

THE DESSERT TABLE touts a picture-perfect linzer torte, chocolate mousse cake, strawberry cheesecake and a lemon chiffon pie, each minus one or two slices. An empty bowl sits among this fancy-foursome, boasting a few stray raisins and some remaining flecks of custard.

It was bread pudding and, alas, it's all gone. According to Phyllis Marra, a passionate pudding fan, such scenarios are common. She said she has learned to head straight for the stuff as soon as it hits the buffet at the Bloomfield Hills Country Club.

"There can be mounds of fresh raspberries and every wonderful dessert you can imagine, but when you get to the bread pudding, you always see the bottom of the bowl," Marra said.

Ron Wakefield, pastry chef at the club for the past 27 years, said the pudding "is one of the first things that goes on the buffets, and if we don't have it, they (the members) want to know why."

COOKBOOKS DIFFER in the origin of bread pudding, but most attribute the tasty dessert to the thrifty Britains. One cookbook author suggests the pudding was created to make use of a never-ending supply of buttered bread from Victorian tea tables.

The dish has been popular for years in the United States, especially in New England and Cajun and Southern regions. In the age-old South, bread pudding was called "sippet pudding," using ingredients such as "a penny loaf and marrow." Over the years, chefs cooked up a variety of fancy variations for the dessert, caramelizing the pan and beating the egg white separately.

In her book, "Damnyankee in a Southern Kitchen," author Helen Worth questions the cost-consciousness of cooks who bought expensive ingredients for bread pudding. "Making it involved the dubious economics of investing additional cash to avoid wasting stale bread," Worth quips.

Avoiding waste and saving money was a way of life in the 1930s, when simple versions of bread pudding arrived on many a table.

Wakefield said one of his country club customers commented that the dessert was all his family ate during the Depression, suggesting the devotion to bread pudding may be rooted in nostalgia.

"IT'S ALWAYS BEEN popular, ever since I came here 27 years ago," Wakefield explained. "Maybe it's something that people were brought up on."

Marra, a Bloomfield Hills resident, said her mother used to make bread pudding for her when she was a little girl, topping each serving with homemade applesauce. Marra makes her own pudding today, but the smell of vanilla and cinnamon wafting from a warm bowl brings back fond memories of those special times in her childhood.

In addition to the memories, Marra said she likes the dessert because it's "not real, real sweet. When I eat it, it feels like it's good for me."

While admitting she doesn't know the actual nutritional benefits of bread pudding, she said the low-sugar, high-carbohydrate dish is a healthy choice for everyone.

"Mothers love to serve it as a dessert for children," she said. "It's a nice substitute for birthday cake. Bread and eggs have a good nutritional value."

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Sky-high desserts a whistle stop away

See recipes 2B

By Geri Rinschler
special writer

Have you been yearning for a slice of fresh apple crumb pie the way Grandma used to make it? Or savoring a piece of moist carrot cake that's high enough to touch the sky?

Well, now, I know it's the '90s, and rich, creamy, sugar-laden desserts are a no-no, but eating healthy every day doesn't mean that every now and then we can't delve into a little bit of dessert.

Tucked away near the old Birmingham train station, the Whistle Stop coffee shop has been serving regional specialties such as Swiss steak and chicken and dumplings for about 25 years. Featured on its traditional luncheon and dinner menu is a long list of made-from-scratch fruit and cream pies and delectable cakes and tortes.

On any given day you can expect to see a sour cream chocolate cake and coconut cream, banana cream, apple sour cream, cherry and blueberry fruit pies. All of them are created daily by Kim Christy. She has loved to bake ever since she was a little girl. "Cooking comes naturally to me" she says, claiming it's because she is part Greek.

MANY OF THE recipes Christy

uses were handed down to her from her grandmother and great-grandmother. But she gives much of the credit for her success to her dad, shop owner Harold Christy. "When I first started baking here three years ago, he was a tough teacher," she said. He insisted that everything be done exactly to his specifications, no improvising.

"Now, I create new recipes all the time. Often I get ideas for a new dessert recipe when I'm grocery shopping with my kids," she said. Although Christy is mother of two young children — Kyle, 3 years old, and Lindsey, 18 months — she still finds time to invent new desserts. Her latest is a raspberry mousse layered cake lavishly covered with raspberry frosting. Christy's favorites are Very Berry Fruit Pie and double chocolate cream pie.

If you've never sampled a Whistle Stop dessert you're in for a treat. And don't be surprised if you run into a few familiar faces while you're there. Detroit Lions stars Eric Williams and Jim Arnold and Detroit Pistons world champions Isiah Thomas and Bill Laimbeer are on the Whistle Stop who's who list.

Besides fruit pies and cakes, the Whistle Stop will custom bake birthday, anniversary and wedding cakes. Christy and the shop's professional

cake decorator air brush any number of designs and characters. They also can duplicate a cake design from a photograph, along with the traditional cake decorations.

In their small, 10-by-20-foot bake shop they have created hundreds of wedding cakes that serve as few as 20 people or as many as 500. There's

a large variety of cake batters to choose from including, white, chocolate, carrot, peach, pineapple, banana nut and more. Generally, they need two-three days advance notice for birthday cake orders and need to know as soon as possible for wedding cake orders. Their wedding cakes are traditional, and they often work

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Kim Christy learned to bake the Whistle Stop's delicious desserts under the direction of her father, Harold Christy.

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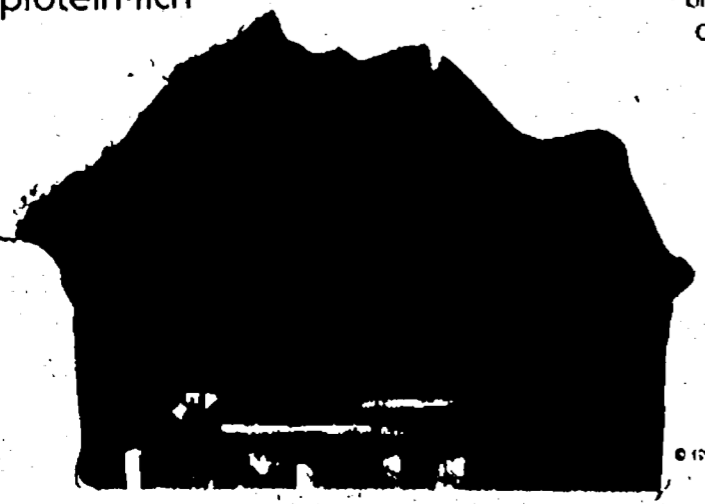
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Attending the family service were the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kemmerer, of Ocala, Fla., and Power's parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Eugene B. Power, of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Acting as best men for the couple were their sons, Scott T. Sutton and Nathan E. Power.

The double ring ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Harvey Guthrie, Rector of St. Andrew's.

Power is the owner and chairman

of Suburban Communications Corp., whose subsidiaries include the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in the Oakland and Wayne County suburbs, Sliger/Livingston Newspapers in Oakland and Livingston Counties and Community Newspapers in the suburbs of Lansing.

Power is also a Regent of Univer-

sity of Michigan and Chair of the Michigan Job Training Coordinating Council.

Sutton was the longtime administrative assistant in Power's Ann Arbor office. She is a former member of the Vestry and currently treasurer at St. Andrew's.

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Her poems have been published in numerous magazines, including "The Atlantic," "The New Yorker" and "Michigan Quarterly Review."

The Poet Hunt is sponsored by "The MacGuffin," the Schoolcraft College literary magazine.

The reading is sponsored by "The

MacGuffin" and the Detroit Council for the Arts.

Fulton will appear in the Liberal Arts Building, Room 200. The free event is open to the public.

Additional information is available by calling 462-4400, Ext. 5292.

Fulton, an English professor at the University of Michigan, has received numerous awards and fellowships, including those from the Guggenheim Foundation, Michigan Council for the Arts and National Poetry Series. Her works include "Dancescript with Electric Ballerina," "Paladium" and the forthcoming "Powers of Congress."

SC resource center seeks volunteers

Those interested in volunteering for service at the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center are invited to an informational meeting 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the center.

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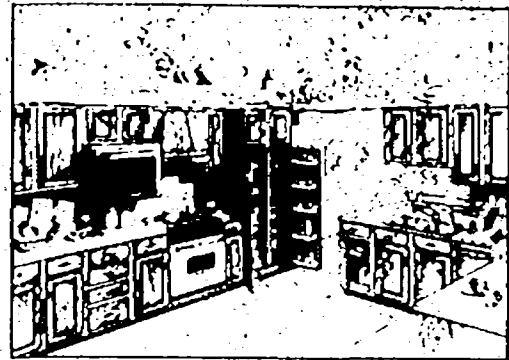
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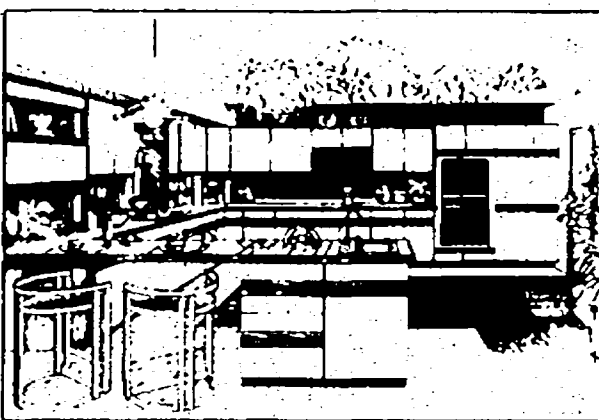


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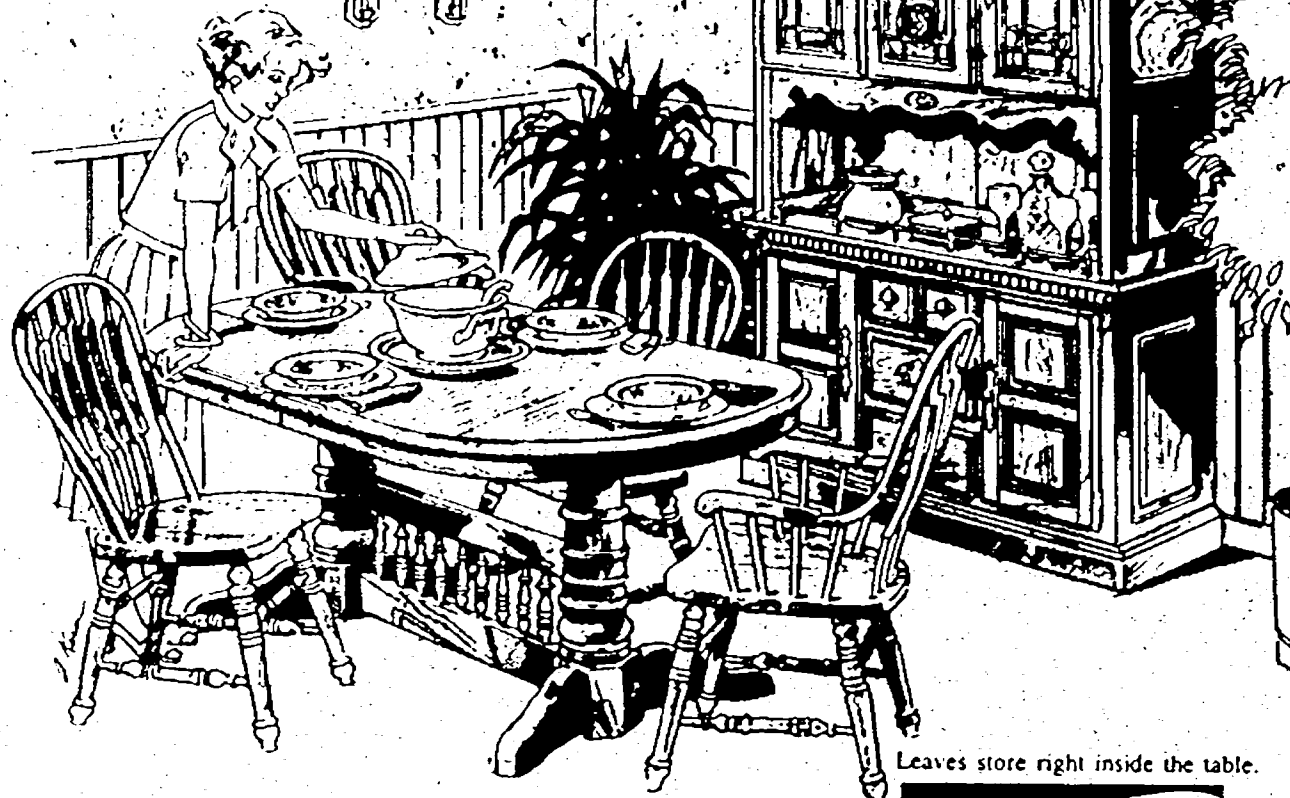
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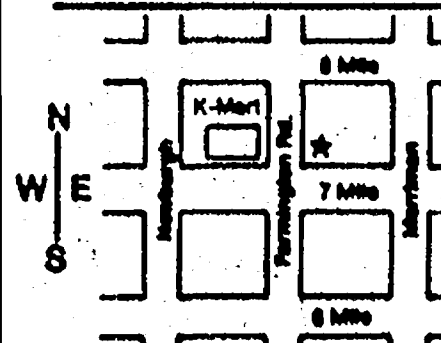
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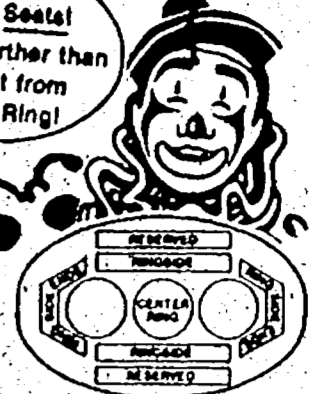
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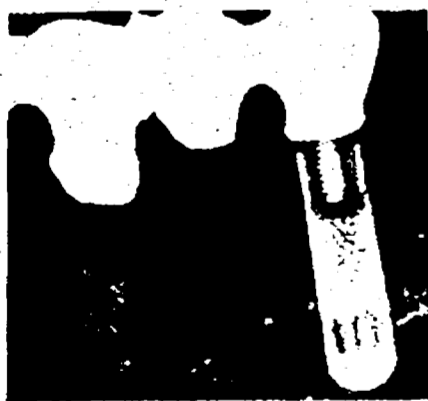
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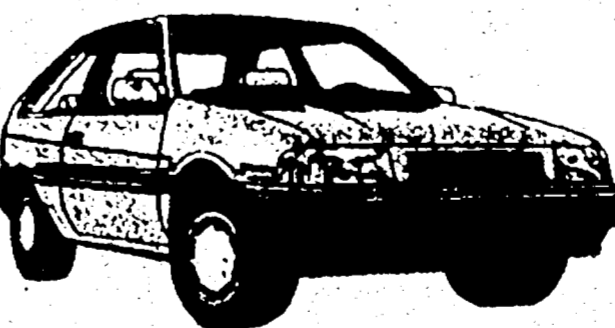
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Ian Sklar of West Bloomfield wasn't shy about belting out his version of the Cascades' "Rhythm of the Rain" to the crowd at the Sushi Iwa in Woodhaven.

East meets West — with saki and song

Japanese clubs cater to karaoke crooning

By Tim Smith
staff writer

Who needs Tokyo when you can have downriver's Sushi Iwa? Or Livonia's Akasaka? That's where you can step right up to the karaoke machine and become a singing star.

Well, it's not that easy. First of all, one has to muster enough nerve to put the saki down and shuffle over to the karaoke — which, thanks to the wonders of the laser disc, flashes Japanese and English song lyrics across a video screen in time to accompanying music.

The saki-encuded bravado lasts long enough for karaoke participants, such as West Bloomfield's Ian Sklar, to pick up the microphone and belt out their own renditions of "Hey Jude," "Begin the Beguine" or "Tea for Two."

"Listen to the rhythm of the falling rain," cooed Sklar confidently, but slightly off-key, from the one-step Sushi Iwa stage, amid much hooting and hollering.

EARLIER IN the evening there, Sterling Heights' Tatsuhiro Komori leaned forward, squinted at the lyrics on the computerized screen and attempted to belt out the Beatles "Yesterday." He struggled just a bit. "American songs (and artists) are popular in Japan," Komori said, moments after finishing the tune. "Michael Jackson, Bon Jovi, ... the same ones as here."

Komori, a 22-year-old Wayne State University student, was more comfortable with the new-wave Japanese rocker "Ban Ban Ban," which he sang with friend Cikuo Hashimoto of Southgate.

Now, it should be said that talent scouts didn't fumble their golden opportunity, if they missed the Komori-Hashimoto duet or other renditions at Sushi Iwa or Akasaka.

What they did miss, however, was a chance to witness folks breaking free from their inhibitions and letting loose, both Americans like Sklar or transplanted Japanese.

Mie Fujiwara spent her 25th birthday singing on the karaoke at Akasaka near Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia.

"EVERY JAPANESE likes it ... eat, drink and sing," Fujiwara said. "It's to relax. It kind of helps you get rid of your frustrations."

Akasaka manager Shigeru Yamada said the crooning of numbers in front of strangers — odd as that may seem to those who don't know their sushi from a hole in the ground — is a popular way for the Japanese to unwind after a long, hard day at work. "If you sing, you enjoy yourself. You forget about what happened that day at work. Then you can refresh yourself and get ready for the next day," said Yamada, whose bar has 15,000 songs available for the karaoke.

Of course, the saki helps, said Sushi Iwa patron Kenji Watanabe of Trenton. "Japanese people usually are very reserved. But after drinking saki, that changes them," he said. Agreeing that saki, or something, loosens up people enough to approach the karaoke was Bill Amsden, who returned to the U.S. after living in Japan for 15 years. Amsden regularly goes to Sushi Iwa to stay sharp on the Japanese language, one which took him seven years to learn fluently.

"IT GIVES YOU a chance to strut your stuff," Amsden said. "The first time I did it (sing on the karaoke) they applauded, but I thought they were doing that because they felt sorry for me. I was the only American."

Maybe the hot rice wine momentarily transforms saki sippers into MTV material. But there are other reasons why the karaoke heats up. "It's not really to pretend that I'm a rock star," explained the 22-year-old Sklar. "I just enjoy singing. This

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CDs: The choice for 'real' sound

By Keith Postler
staff writer

We're here today to have a little discussion, Bill Casper and myself.

We're going to discuss the pros and cons of albums and compact discs, and when all is said and done, it is hoped our loyal readers will be able to determine which format they prefer.

I haven't spoken with Bill about his pro-album argument, but as a loyal compact disc enthusiast who once bought those annoying circular vinyl placemats, I have a good idea of what he might say.

I won't get into any scientific explanation of how either a compact disc or album works, only to say they both play words and music pretty well.

Now, onto the subject of this essay.

Let's say, for instance, that I'm still a loyal (gasp!) album enthusiast disgusted by the infusion of those silver and gold compact disc things onto the music scene. Let's go a little further and say I have several reasons why albums are so terrific.

My (hypothetical) reasons are, in no specific order:

- The cover art and lyrics that accompany albums evoke fond memories. That's right, really fond memories. For those of you in the audience older than 30 (sorry, Bill), you know the sort of memories I'm referring to. Like the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Kennedy and King assassinations

race riots and let's not forget that little domestic problem in south-east Asia.

- The album format is more personal.

- Albums aren't perfect, much like the performers themselves.

- They're symbols of simpler times. Yeah, simpler times. We won't waste valuable space though. Just look up "fond memories."

- Most of the truly great performers released their best work during the album era. And many are still releasing great work on compact discs, like Bob Dylan, Paul McCartney, Paul Simon, George Harrison, Roy Orbison (rest his soul) and others.

- Elvis Presley would never dream of releasing original material on compact disc format. The King can't release original material on compact discs anymore. I know this will come as a shock to many of you, but he is either (A) dead or (B) flipping beef at a Burger King in Kalamazoo and doesn't have the time.

- They make great Frisbees and placemats.

- Your parents or older brothers and sisters bought them.

- Bigger is better. It has to be. This is America, remember?

- You can get some really great sale prices on albums at local Target stores.

And now, as Nancy Reagan said, "It's my turn." I have several

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GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Keith Postler (right) thinks CDs are where it's at when it comes to quality sound reproduction. Bill Casper (left), on the other hand, prefers his turntable and albums for good sound at an affordable price.

Albums: A good sound and price

By Bill Casper
staff writer

They say the reproduction from compact discs (CDs) is so true you'd swear the band is playing in your living room. But at what price?

The extinction of a friendly dinosaur — in this case the endangered species being my record albums or plastic discs (PDs) — I hear will eventually go out of production.

Sure, I'll still be able to play them on my turntable (TT) until it dies after replacement parts vanish because sharp entrepreneurs aren't going to manufacture TTs in the absence of PDs.

Next to perish will be my prized, once formidable reel-to-reel (RR) tape recorder. I paid a fortune for it after being told of reproduction so true I'd swear the band was in my living room.

Think of the lost manufacturing jobs. How will the unemployed be able to afford CDs, not

to mention CD players? Can't do.

Personal home music libraries will become a luxury enjoyed only by the affluent. The rest of us will be left with radio.

OK, maybe that economic forecast is a bit gloomy and doomy. People won't starve. They will survive by making CDs. But will the cost of CDs justify a better sound (BS)?

AND IF I had that kind of money, and I wanted that excellence of sound, I could hire a band to play in my living room.

But I don't want bands playing in my living room. They're too loud and messy. I just want it to sound like there's a band playing there — at a reasonable price.

I think I'm tone deaf, so why should I care about the quality of reproduction? I can't distinguish good vocals from bad — or the ugly. But that's my problem.

For those music lovers, who

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STREET CRACKS



Playing with the Celebrity All-Stars hockey team helps Alan Thicke, known for his role in the hit TV show "Growing Pains," release his frustrations. It also takes him back to his childhood days in Kirkland Lake, Ont.

Thicke of it

He shoots, scores for charities

By Bob Sadler
special writer

The center takes the pass and crosses the blue lines into the opposing zone. In a flash of skates, he swoops in on the tense goaltender, who looks to cut his shooting angle — to no avail.

He shoots, he scores. On goes the red light. It's another clutch goal for Canada's own.

Alan Thicke? The dad from "Growing Pains"?

Well, if Bo doesn't know hockey, Alan does. He's been skating, shooting and scoring since his childhood days in Kirkland Lake, Ontario. Now, hockey is just another part of the multi-faceted life of the actor/comedy writer/musician/charity spokesman/father.

This weekend, Thicke and a group of Celebrity All-Stars invade Joe Louis Arena to take on a team of Red Wings Legends. Proceeds from the event will go to benefit local charities.

Hockey served as a taste of home when Thicke made the move from Canada, where he had worked for the Canadian Broadcast Company, to Los Angeles, where he wrote and produced comedy or music for people like Bill Cosby, Richard Pryor, Kenny Rogers, Olivia Newton-John and Anne Murray.

"I was looking for ways to establish my roots and feel comfortable here (in L.A.)," said Thicke, reached during a break on the set of "Growing Pains." "I met some guys who were playing in a local huff and puff league and started playing with them."

"I ENDED UP with a guy named Jack White (a Windsor native, now an animator and actor in Hollywood). We rented time at a small rink in town and started inviting show business people to play. Not

necessarily actors, but people we worked with who were turned on to hockey."

And so the idea of the Celebrity All-Stars was born. Now, the team plays about five or six benefit games a year across North America, appearing before sell-out crowds in National Hockey League cities like Philadelphia, Boston, Buffalo and Vancouver. Their roster includes popular entertainment figures like "Jeopardy" host Alex Trebek, Detroit's own Dave Coulier (from ABC's "Full House"), John Stamos (also from "Full House"), and Matt "Doctor, Doctor" Frewer.

"We do populate our team with real ringers," Thicke said. "Some guys who can really skate and keep it close," Thicke said.

For the game in Detroit, this list includes former NHL luminaries like former Red Wing and league third all-time scorer Marcel Dionne, former Blackhawk Keith Magnuson and past U.S. Olympic heroes like Jim Craig, Eric Strobel and Bill Christian.

It took more than a decade for the Celebrity All-Star idea to take off, but Thicke thinks it has all been worth it. And now he can concentrate on releasing his frustrations out on the rink.

"I'M AN OFFENSIVE-minded center," Thicke said, describing his position on the team. "I have no interest in my plus/minus rating. I haven't seen our goal for months. I don't back check, and I'm only in it for the glory."

Thicke predicts a high-scoring game with a few surprises and is looking forward to taking the ice in Detroit.

"I'm looking so forward to playing in Detroit that I've moved around my entire schedule for March," Thicke said. "My birthday is March 1 (he will be 43), and I've postponed my plans."

"The score is usually in the 10s or 12s, and the fans always get their money's worth."

The Northwest Airlines All-Star Celebrity Hockey Challenge, featuring the Red Wings Legends vs. the Celebrity All-Stars, is 1 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at Joe Louis Arena. Tickets are \$25, \$20, \$16 and \$9 and available at the Joe Louis box office and all Ticket Master outlets. Proceeds will benefit C.A.T.C.H., the Children's Center, the Kovan Fund, Ronald McDonald House and the Children's Leukemia Fund of Michigan. To charge tickets call 645-6666.

COMEDY CLUBS

Here are some listings of comedy clubs in our area. To let us know who is appearing at your club, send the information to: Comedy Listings, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

● **Bea's Comedy Kitchen**
Darwin Hines, Tim Lilly and Downtown Tony Brown will perform Friday-Saturday, March 2-3, at Bea's Comedy Kitchen, 541 Larned, Detroit. Show times are 8:30 and 11 p.m. For information, call 961-2581.

● **Chaplain's East**
Craig Shoemaker will perform along with Jay Vermetti and Steve Bills Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 28-March 3, at Chaplain's East, 3424 Grosbeck, Fraser. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 792-1902.

● **Chaplin's West**
Joey Kola, along with Michael Blackman and Keith Ruff, will perform Tuesday-Saturday, Feb. 27-March 3, at Chaplin's West, 16890 Telegraph, south of Six Mile, Detroit. For information, call 533-8866.

● **Comedy Castle**
Jim Carrey will perform with Jill Washburn on Tuesday through Saturday, Feb. 20-24, at the Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak. For reservations, call 542-9900.

● **Mainstreet**
Norm Stulz will perform Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 27-28, and Robert Wuhl will perform Thursday through Saturday, March 1-3, at Mainstreet Comedy Showcase, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thurs-

day, 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday and 7, 9 and 11 p.m. Saturday. For information, call 996-9080.

● **Joey's Livonia**
Basile will perform Thursday-Saturday, March 1-3, at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth, east of Levan, Livonia. Show times are 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday. For reservations, call 261-0555.

● **Joey's Allen Park**
Mike Veneman will perform Thursday-Saturday, March 1-3, at Joey's Comedy Club and Sports Em-

porium, Southfield Road, Allen Park. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 382-7041.

● **Holly Hotel**
Tony Hayes will perform along with Dan Logan and Rich Higgenbottom will perform Thursday through Saturday, March 1-3, at Holly Hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Thursday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 634-1891.

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Morgan Freeman's nomination for best actor is for his portrayal of Hoke Colburn, the stalwart and wise chauffeur of a Southern matron in "Driving Miss Daisy."



Danny Aiello won his Oscar nomination for best supporting actor for his performance in "Do the Right Thing."



"Born on the Fourth of July," the story of Vietnam vet Ron Kovic, landed Tom Cruise a nomination for best actor.

Freeman has inside track for best actor

By Dan Greenberg
special writer

"Unusual" and "unexpected" describe this year's Oscar hopefuls, a list of 103 nominations in 23 categories.

Fifty-one films garnered those coveted slots on the Academy's ballot but, as usual, a handful of films walked off with most of the nominations.

Eight films received four or more that add up to 43 of the 103. Six more had three nominations each so when it comes to the crunch, 14 films got 61 nominations. Most of those were in major categories.

Of course, that's what everyone's interested in, the big money and the important contests like the fourth annual Observer & Eccentric/AMC Academy Award Contest.

To win the O&E/AMC trip to Hollywood, just pick the winners in the top six categories — best actor, best supporting actor, best actress, best supporting actress, best director and best picture.

As usual, the management is offering my services to help you pick those six winners. Lots of luck, because my track record doesn't inspire a lot of confidence.

Nonetheless, here it goes in this unusual year with unexpected nominations.

Most of the major nominations were garnered by unusual films, ones that dealt with uncommon topics or were from unexpected sources for feature films.

Kenneth Branagh's English film, Shakespeare's "Henry V," (three nods) fits both categories, as does another film from overseas, "Camille Claudel," whose lead, Isabelle Adjani, was nominated for best actress.

The life story of an Irish writer and artist, "Cristy Brown," who has cerebral palsy, also was unexpected in the mainstream with five nominations.

Although not quite as unusual, two Holocaust films, "Music Box" and "Enemies: A Love Story" were well represented, with Jessica Lange nominated as best actress in the former and both Anjelica Huston and Lena Olin as best supporting actress in the latter.

TOPPING THE list with nine nominations is "Driving Miss Daisy," the story of a southern Jewish widow (Jessica Tandy) chauffeured for a quarter century by a black man (Morgan Freeman).

Freeman also has a major role in another big hit with the Academy, "Glory." This is a conventional war film about an unconventional regiment, the Massachusetts 54th, the first black fighting unit in the Union Army during the Civil War.

So there you have something very different from the Academy's usual menu.

WHO IS the best actor in the

group? The answer may not be the same as who is going to win the Oscar for best actor. Understanding Academy politics is like pretending you can explain the workings of the Pentagon and "the check's in the mail."

Tom Cruise has been described as "coming of acting age" in "Born on the Fourth of July" but it seems he proved his mettle last year in "Rain Man."

Despite his popularity and the need for cleansing the national conscience for the way Vietnam veterans were treated, I'm betting he's passed over this time.

The same for Robin Williams in "Dead Poets Society." He garnered many rave notices in a film that did unexpectedly well at the box office with Williams in a role unlike his usual manicky persona.

DANIEL DAY-LEWIS' performance in "My Left Foot" is superb and probably as trying on him as it is on audiences. The discomfort of watching an ill person suffer may work to his detriment.

Branagh's Henry V is a fine performance in the best tradition of British Shakespearean acting but, again, too far out of the mainstream for mass media in America.

That leaves Morgan Freeman as Hoke, Miss Daisy's chauffeur. The gentle sensitivity of a black man in a racist Southern milieu is a long-ignored characteristic in our media, which generally deal in convenient stereotypes.

Freeman's ability to convey that sensitivity without loss of personal dignity makes him the obvious choice. Besides, his acting is the very best.

BEST SUPPORTING actor category is no easier. They'll probably pass over Brando because the Academy doesn't want any more speeches from Indian princesses.

Although Denzel Washington does a fine job in "Glory," the criticism that he was too articulate for a runaway slave may work against him, despite the sympathy that character evokes in contemporary audiences.

Danny Aiello's pizza store owner in "Do the Right Thing" is an excellent portrayal, but too much in the pattern he usually plays.

Dan Aykroyd is excellent as Daisy's balding, conventional, paunchy and very middle-aged son, an exceptional departure from Aykroyd's usual roles.

But the nod from this corner goes to Martin Landau in "Crimes and Misdemeanors." As with his four competitors, the characterization is the very finest.

In a politically driven contest, Landau on the comeback trail from years of obscurity should draw the sympathy vote.

See you next week with the final word on 10 outstanding actresses vying for two coveted Oscars.

Karaoke crooning gives 'Amateur Hour' new meaning

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is a place where I can sing. It's fun. American bars don't have this."

That's probably because karaoke isn't yet commonplace in the United States.

"I guess there's a karaoke bar on every corner in Japan, but there aren't too many in America," said Juli Nasiatka, an employee at Sushi Iwa, which is in Woodhaven and is the frequent relaxation spot of Mazda workers.

However, there is such a place in not-too-far-away Livonia. Akasaka is a hot spot most-frequented by Japanese folks who live and work in or around that suburb, Yamada said.

TWO SUCH customers were

Farmington Hills resident Yoichi Tsushima and Ryuko Wakugawa of Southfield, who sang a duet on the Japanese number "Izakaya."

Tsushima later made Dean Martin proud with a confident rendering of "Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime."

Some of the "locals" also give their vocal chords a try at Akasaka, Tsushima said. "The funny thing is, I didn't know Americans liked to sing. They come in here a lot."

Sushi Iwa and Akasaka notwithstanding, the scarcity of karaoke bars in the U.S. is unfortunate, according to Sklar, an Oakland University student who relishes the Japanese lifestyle.

"They (the Japanese) study our

culture extensively," Sklar said. "It's only fair that Americans learn about Japan's. It's better to have a mutual understanding."

There is no better place to do that than a karaoke bar, the 37-year-old Watanabe said.

"THIS IS NOT 'America' here," Watanabe said. "This is like a microcosm of Japan. Most of the guests are interested in Japan or in Japanese culture."

Karaoke, by contrast, has been a hit in Japan since humble beginnings in the late 1960s. Yamada said people first sang along to music-only records and tapes, reading the lyrics from a songbook.

In recent years, karaoke has made

its way onto car dashboards, primarily as an entertainment form to help weary travelers ward off boredom on long trips, he added.

On the domestic side, the popularity of karaoke can only be helped by enthusiastic Americans, such as Sklar, who talks up the music box.

Since fighting off initial fears, Sklar has become a four-month karaoke veteran.

"It seems to me that a lot more Americans are reluctant to go on stage," he said.

What they do when they get up there may be another source of fright, joked Sklar. "When the Japanese sing, they're always on key. But Americans are off key."

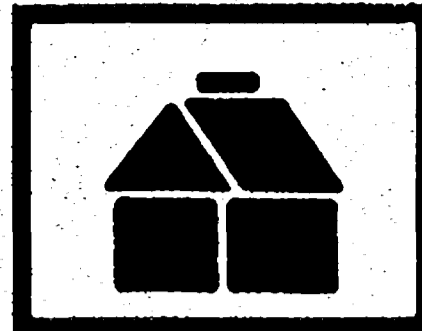


Martin Bando of Northville, takes a turn singing while Akasaka manager Shigeru Yamada claps his hands in time with the music.

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exhibitions

- **Community Arts Gallery**
Friday, March 2 — Wayne State University MFA show will have works by Michelle Montone and Nancy Busch, both of Birmingham, who did a collaborative piece, Della Antworth and Rosalie Kallnin. Continues through March 11. Opening 6-9 p.m. Friday. The gallery is on Cass at Kirby, Detroit.
- **Elizabeth Stone Gallery**
Friday, March 2 — "Foxes and Woods," a series of paintings by Elaine Treisman continues through March 14. Treisman will also be showing bronzes for which she is well known. Reception 5-8 p.m. Friday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 680 N. Woodward, Birmingham.
- **T'Marra Gallery**
Friday, March 2 — New works on paper by New York based Argentine artist Perez Cells. Continues through May 26. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 111 N. 1st, Ann Arbor.
- **Ajour Gallery**
Friday, March 2 — Jewelry works by Nikolai Ejkin, Moscow, Russia, are on display through March 10. He mixes gold, silver, stones and ivory in these works which show a Russian Avant-Garde influence. His works are in the permanent collections of the Leningrad Russian Museum and the Museum of Applied and Decorative Arts, Moscow. Reception 7 p.m. Friday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, until 5 p.m. Thursday and Sunday, 800 N. Woodward, Birmingham.
- **Habatat Gallery**
Saturday, March 3 — Three person exhibition features works by Dale Chihuly, Robin Grebe and Frantisek Visner. Reception for the artists Saturday, 32255 Northwestern, Suite #45, Farmington Hills.
- **Creative Arts Center**
Saturday, March 3 — "The Michigan Native American Spirit" continues through April 13. This includes both traditional and fine arts. Reception for the artists 6-8 p.m. Friday. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 47 Williams, Pontiac.
- **Xochipilli Gallery**
Saturday, March 3 — Recent oil paintings by Edward Levine are on display through March. Reception for the artist 2-5 p.m. Saturday. Levine is showing Native Americans in ethnic costumes in contemporary urban settings. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 568 N. Woodward, Birmingham.
- **Paint Creek Center**
Saturday, March 3 — "Sculpture '90" is in the main gallery through April 6. It was juried by Dennis Komac, director of the Grand Rapids Museum. Mixed media works by Sam Trella are in the Artspace galleries. Reception for both shows 7-9 p.m. Saturday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 407 Pione, Rochester.
- **Scarab Club**
Sunday, March 4 — Annual Silver Medal All-Media Exhibition features Michigan and Ontario artists. Hours are 2-5 p.m. weekends and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, 217 Farnsworth, corner of John R, directly east of the Detroit/Institute of Arts.
- **Yaw Gallery**
Sterling silver bracelets by Paul Lantuch are on display through March 17. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 550 N. Woodward, Birmingham.
- **Detroit Science Center**
Photographs by Marji Silk are on display on the theater level. The five-month exhibit is being extended through April. Closed Mondays, 6020 John R, Detroit.
- **Rochester Hills City Hall**
Watercolors by Susan Jager are on display through April. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1000 Rochester Hills Drive, off Avon Road, Rochester Hills.
- **Kingswood Lower Gallery**
Sculpture by two Cranbrook Kingswood graduates is on display through March 1. They are Carol Elkovich, '87, Sterling Heights and Aristotelia Jambouris, '79, Southfield. She is a junior at The California College of Arts and Crafts; he earned his master's from Wayne State and is teaching in Athens, Greece. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays, 885 Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills.
- **Pierce Street Gallery**
"Heavy Metal: Beauties and Beasts of the '50s" continues through March. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 217 Pierce, Birmingham.
- **Willie Gallery**
"It's Work by Mark Schwing" continues through March 10. His brand of surrealism illustrates his preoccupation with the unconscious experience. 422 W. Willis, Detroit.
- **Robert Kidd Gallery**
Oil on linen by Vincent Mastrocco, hot worked glass enamel by David Hopper and glass and galvanized steel by Paul Webster are on display through March 24. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 107 Townsend, Birmingham.
- **CCS-Center Galleries**
Exhibition of more than 50 ceramic works by the late, great John Foster are on display through March. Foster established and headed the ceramics program at the art school that became CCS in 1946 and retired in 1973. Center Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 15 E. Kirby, No. 107, Detroit.
- **Russell Klatt Gallery**
New works by Chuck Parsons and Cindy Fields McMahan and 10 commemorative serigraphs by Patrick Nagel are on display, 1467 S. Woodward, Birmingham.
- **Park West Gallery**
Works by Delacroix, Erte, Kudo, McKnight, Tarkay, Vasarely and Goya are on display. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, until 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 29469 Northwestern, Southfield.
- **Art Loft Gallery**
Paper Rhythms by Michelle Kalt are on display through April 17. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 124 S. Woodward, Suite 3, Birmingham.
- **Swidler Gallery**
Ceramic sculptures by John Stephenson are on display through March 24. He is professor at U-M. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, until 9 p.m. Friday and until 5 p.m. Saturday, 308 W. Fourth, Royal Oak.
- **Sybaris Gallery**
Wood sculpture by Jon Brooks, former apprentice to Wendell Castle, continues through March 23. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 301 W. Fourth, Royal Oak.
- **Detroit Artists Market**
"The Electronic Artist" continues through March 18. Emphasis is on use of technology in art. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1452 Randolph, Detroit.
- **Ariana Gallery**
Jewelry by Susan Gould and Michele Horosko and ceramic wall pieces and functional art by Susan Bolt and Claudia Hoffbery continues to be featured through February. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 388 E. Maple, Birmingham.
- **U-M Museum of Art**
"Twelve Artists from the German Democratic Republic," marks the first time an exhibit of contemporary art of East Germany has been shown here. There are some 70 paintings and drawings by a dozen artists ranging in age from late 30s to late 80s. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 105 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 625 S. State at S. University, Ann Arbor.
- **City Arts Gallery**
Paintings and other art works by Detroit artist Milton Bennett are on display in celebration of Black History Month. Continues through March 6. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 47 E. Adams, Detroit.
- **Pewabic Pottery**
The new show highlights student work from Michigan universities and art schools. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit.
- **Alice Sinsar Gallery**
"Gerome Kamrowski Then and Now" is a retrospective of the works of one of the state's most important artists. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 301 North Main, Ann Arbor.
- **Detroit Focus**
"Artists Choose Artists" features work by Janet Ayako Neuwalder, John Running-Johnson and Albert Young. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 743 Beaubien, Detroit.



DOUG SASALLA

"My career goal has been to become a whole artist," said Robert Dempster, collage artist and mural painter.

Renaissance Man

By Jill Hamilton
special writer

Robert Dempster is the type of person for whom the term Renaissance Man was invented. His various "occupations" include: author, songwriter, painter, musician, collage maker, new-age philosopher and designer/consultant of the Significant Other Awareness Program for Substance Abuse. When Dempster speaks, he simultaneously spouts out ideas for several future and present projects in a rapid fire stream-of-consciousness style. Then, as he casually mentions past accomplishments, it slowly becomes apparent that he actually intends to follow through on all of these ideas. This is the man responsible for the mural on the side of Birmingham's Midtown Cafe. He is also the designer of the now-familiar logos for radio stations WJZZ and WNIC. "My career goal has been to become a whole artist," Dempster said over coffee and a large pastry at Mary Ann's Kitchen in Bloomfield Hills. "I consider myself a journalist. I just use different tools." Among a host of successful tools that Dempster has worked with is his most recent venture, custom collage. He recently started working with a type of collage that he describes as "kind of like what Warhol was doing."

HIS WORK SEEMS animated, looking as though it might leap off the page. A recent work is called "Memories" and combines old pictures of Paul McCartney and vibrant slashes of yellow, red and black crayon and paint. Dempster is negotiating with the McCartney people to decide whether they will market the collages.

Although Dempster hasn't found a studio yet, some of his art is on display (and for sale) at Mailboxes Etc. at the corner of Square Lake and Woodward.

Dempster started out 15 years ago in Birmingham when he created two successful T-shirt businesses "Artwear" and "Speedy Tees." Although he sold \$13 million worth of T-shirts, Dempster soon decided to "jump into the void," giving up financial security and selling the business to pursue his own creativity.

Creativity and poverty need not be synonymous, but money somehow doesn't mean much to Dempster anymore. He says he's a lot happier now than in the day when he had "the big cars and the house."

program, developed by 48th District Court Judge Avadenka and Nancy Delmore, works with substance abusers and their families.

Dempster said that working with substance abuse is a real battlefield, but he tries to attack the problem with his characteristic humor. When participants walk into the workshop, they are handed a Dempster-designed bar of soap with the words "Clean up your act" written on the face and admonished to "Wash your troubles away."

While working on the Significant Other program, Dempster realized that a lot of problems stem from lack of self-esteem and was inspired to help other people "discover life and re-find childlike hope." He wrote a book called "Not for Everybody but for Everyone" which he describes as "a book of thoughts, love and a little fun."

"It's a friendly book, full of little positive thoughts," Dempster said. "It has no pages, no table of contents." The book is finished and should be published soon.

If the book is successful, Dempster will develop a workshop to expand on the concepts in the book. "The basic message is 'you can do it, you are creative,'" said Dempster. Participants will work with clay, pencils and paper to re-discover their creativity.

"It's just people helping people," he said. "It's giving each other the

courage to create." But Dempster said his favorite project is his music. His love of music stems from a local band called The Wah? that he played in when he was 16. The band was fairly successful in the early '70s, opening for national acts like the Yardbirds, MC-5 and Bob Seger.

IN 1989, HE realized a lifelong dream when he put out tape, "Sunshine," on his self-created label Dolphin Bay Records. He describes his tape as "nu-view" music. "It doesn't mean new age," he said. "It means having a new view on the whole planet, one emphasizing cooperation instead of competition." A percentage of the proceeds of the tape go to the fight against child abuse.

Dempster said that his commitment to helping victims of child abuse will figure into his next album. The album, tentatively titled "One World, Two Hearts," will feature a song about child abuse called "Nine Little Children."

With a new album forthcoming, a book soon to be published and more collages in the works, 1990 promises to be a good year for Robert Dempster.

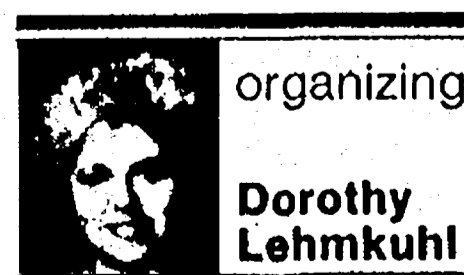
"The '90s are going to be different for everyone; Detroit has a chance to make big changes," he said. "And we're going to be the solution — everyone — men, women, black, white and green."

Busy schedule needs pro-active goals

Q. I have a heavy workload at the office and never have time to catch up on what I need to do. I'm so busy I don't have time to plan, yet I must get better control. Can you help me?

A. You don't have time not to plan! The busier you are the more imperative planning becomes. You need to step back and take a more objective view of what's going on. When you don't plan your time, all you have is unplanned time. Unplanned time usually gets eaten up in one of three ways:

1. Weaknesses. If nothing is scheduled, a person is more inclined to do easy or well-liked tasks, rather than important ones. Take another look at your responsibilities, decide which activities will give you the greatest payback, then block out time to



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achieve them. Plan a certain time each day to close your office door, turn on your answering machine and concentrate on your most important tasks.

2. Other's Demands. When you have not scheduled your own time, you are in jeopardy of putting yourself at the mercy of everyone around you. If you don't put a premium on your time and use it effectively, you will be the victim of anyone who thinks of anything they want to talk

to you about, takes a notion to stop by to visit, wants you to attend committee meetings or take on the latest office project. If you don't take the initiative to command your own time, you will find that strong people around you will control your time better than you do.

3. Emergencies. Managers are vulnerable from all directions — subordinates, customers and bosses. If you aren't careful, constant situations will beg for immediate attention. When a co-worker (other than your boss) wants your attention right now, indicate you are busy but schedule them for later with a suggestion of what they can do in the interim. By putting the ball back in the other person's court, they may realize the issue is not as urgent as

they thought. Set aside regular times to meet with those around you and encourage them to hold all concerns except emergencies (e.g. the building is on fire) until those scheduled meeting times.

You must set aside some planning time with the goal of being pro-active, not reactive. If you can't get your daily planning done at the office, do it at home. Sunday night or Monday morning are good times to chart your week. Schedule your catch-up time first; block out time every day for the things you must do. If you get interrupted during those times, return immediately to what you were doing, not to a different task. As you become more adept at commanding your own time, I'm sure life will become less stressful.

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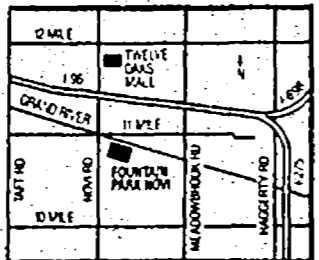
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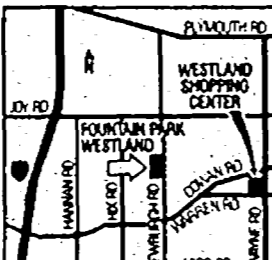
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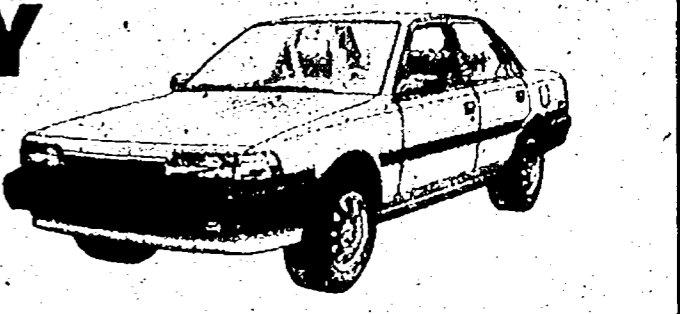
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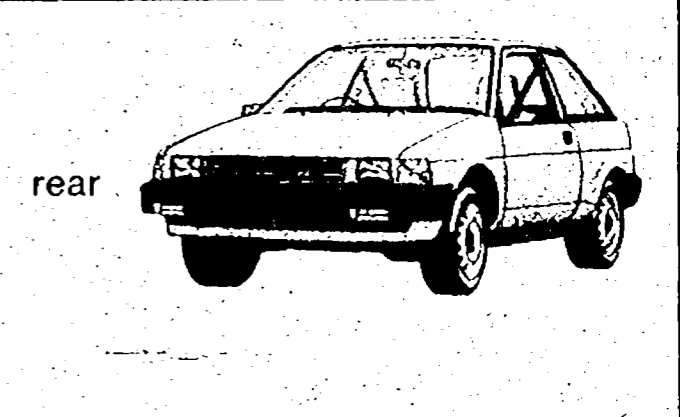
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