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Shop owner claims discrimination

By Tedd Schneider
staff writer

The owner of an Indian gift shop at Westland Center has filed a complaint with the state civil rights department charging mall management with discrimination and harassment as part of an effort to force his store out of its location.

"I am a man of East Indian origin who deals in the sale of Indian/Asian

goods, and I believe I am being discriminated against because of my national origin," according to a complaint filed by Prantosh Nag, owner of India Gifts International.

An official from Center Companies, which manages Westland Center and three other Detroit-area malls, last week denied the charges and said the mall is in the process of making a number of tenant changes to "reshape" the mall's store lineup.

Nag filed the complaint with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights Feb. 6 following the Jan. 31 expiration of his lease for the 487 square-foot store off the mall's west court.

THE STORE has received a notice calling for termination of tenancy from the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U.S., owners of the mall, said Nag's attorney Peter Budarin. However, Budarin said, Nag

has also received a bill for March rent, which was paid.

Nag claims that the management company has been harassing him for several years.

In a four-page letter to Center Companies regarding his treatment, he said former mall manager Ed Neal acted in a discriminatory fashion in 1987 when he allegedly told Nag "I do not like your kind of store in the mall." Neal is black.

Examples of discriminatory treat-

ment cited in the complaint include alleged shorter leases and more expensive leases than those offered to other tenants.

Nag was offered a five-year lease while other tenants were receiving nine- or 10-year deals, the complaint said.

On Feb. 2, 1990, according to the complaint, Nag was notified that the monthly rent for India Gifts Interna-

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places and faces

WANTED: ONE member, zoning board of appeals. Qualifications: Westland resident, available Wednesday evenings for meetings, someone who can get the support of a majority of Westland City Council members.

The council found itself at odds again last week in trying to select a replacement for former ZBA member and current councilwoman Sandra Cicirelli.

None of the three nominees — Debbie Carman, Michael Rintz or Robert Fritz — garnered enough votes to fill out the remaining 15 months of Cicirelli's term.

Fritz, the former city building inspector, came close when the council voted 3-2 with two abstentions on his nomination. But Thomas Artley, who abstained on the first ballot, polled the council to change his vote. Artley voted against the Fritz nomination the second time around.

When last heard from, council members said they would be looking for new names to place in nomination next month.

THE FOLKS who run the Cooper School museum are trying to locate descendants from the Cooper family for whom the school was named.

Specifically, the group is looking for relatives of Gilbert Cooper or one of his sons, Loren J. (and his wife Maria Ann), George W. or William.

The first Cooper School was a one-room schoolhouse built in 1885 on the family farm at Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt. A second school was built in 1939. The current school, across the street from the original site, was built in 1966.

People who have any information on the namesake family or original school alumni may call Delphine Goodwin of the Cooper School Historical Committee, 523-9478.

LANAZA CHARCZUK, who handled the words "lectern" and "accountability" without skipping a beat, took home the top prize in Wayne-Westland schools' annual Earle Chorbagan District Spelling Bee earlier this month at Stevenson Junior High School.

But then Lana, an eighth grader at Marshall Junior High School, is no stranger to the district-wide competition. She finished in the runner-up spots as a sixth grader in 1988.

Daniel Mawby, a seventh grader at Stevenson Junior High School, took second place this time around.

The field in the district bee is made up of winners from each Wayne-Westland elementary and junior high school. School bee winners from St. Mary and St. Michael Catholic Schools also participated.

A POSTCARD campaign to prevent the Congress from raising or freezing social security benefits and to keep Medicare benefits intact is being mounted from Westland's Friendship Center.

Pre-addressed postcards to Democratic U.S. Sen. Donald Rostenko and Carl Levin and U.S. Rep. William D. Ford, D-Taylor, are available at the front desk of the senior citizens center, Newburgh north of Marquette.

ALSO FOR seniors: Westland Center will have its monthly seniors dance, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, April 2 in the center auditorium. Admission is free.

THE WESTLAND Jaycees will host a leadership symposium seminar 7-9 p.m. tonight in the upstairs meeting room of the Westland Sports Center, 523-9478 or 523-1000.



GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Sgt. Dale Hawkes demonstrates how documents are chemically treated and hung out to dry before being placed in the fuming chamber (lower right).

The big heat

New machine helps cops lift fingerprints off paper

By Tedd Schneider
staff writer

Westland police detectives are really cooking these days when it comes to tracing fingerprints. Well, baking actually.

The detective bureau began using a fuming chamber last month to lift hard-to-find fingerprints off paper. The device heats chemically treated documents bearing the prints, creating the optimum conditions to trace them, said Detective Sgt. Dale Hawkes.

The \$300 to buy the equipment was donated by the Westland Civilians.

"It's like a miniature oven," Hawkes said. "The chamber heats the air to the correct temperature and the prints are defined."

The heating process takes only a few minutes.

But before an item can be placed in the chamber it must be treated with ninhydrin fixative and hung out to dry for 24 hours. The ninhydrin reacts with amino acids on the paper to help define the print patterns.

A more cost-effective alternative — Superglue — may also work in treating documents, Hawkes said. "It depends on the sensitivity of the document," he said.

HAWKES SAID a piece of paper can hold a fingerprint for 40 years or more.

Westland is one of relatively few suburban police departments to use the chamber, said Inspector Michael Frayer. A number of the department's detectives are trained evi-

The \$300 device heats chemically treated documents bearing fingerprints, creating the optimum conditions to trace them.

dence technicians.

Hawkes said there would be ample opportunity to use the chamber. Newer technologies, such as DNA (genetic) fingerprinting won't render the equipment obsolete, he said.

"This will become obsolete when fingerprints become obsolete, and I don't see that happening," Hawkes said.

Also, expensive technology used by federal law enforcement officials isn't really a viable option for local police forces, he said.

Karen Gregory, Civilians' president elect, said the organization originally sought to buy teddy bears the department could give out children in stressful situations.

But they decided to give the department money to buy "whatever they felt they had the greatest need for," she said.

"If this (the chamber) helps find one lost child than it's been worth it," Gregory said.

The fuming chamber marks the first time the department has received a donation from a local service club, Hawkes said.

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Parents urged to stress reading

March dubbed Reading Month

By Tedd Schneider
staff writer

Competition with Nintendo and cable television and contending with working parents who "don't have time for it (reading with their children)" make creative efforts like Reading Month necessary, a learning consultant for Wayne-Westland Community Schools said last week.

"We hope to end up with children who find reading has its own rewards," said Arlene Corriveau. "But it's a struggle at this level to even get kids to crack open books."

"There are so many distractions (for children) and it's very difficult as a teacher to reach parents," she said.

"When you have both parents working and leading busy lives, the subtle message they give to their children is: 'Reading? There's just no time for it,'" Corriveau said.

"I REALIZE we're all busy," she said. "But when you ask a parent to spend just 10 minutes a night reading to a child and they say they don't have time for it, there's something wrong (with our priorities)."

Corriveau has been a learning consultant working with children in elementary compensatory education (students who fall below average for their grade level) for 18 years. Be-



photo by JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

The horrible substitute teacher in the Madison School production is portrayed by Angela Elliott (left) while Holly Roderick plays the "mis-

ing and lovely Miss Nelson." The performance was part of the school's observance of Reading Month.

fore that, she was a teacher in Wayne-Westland, Utica, Lincoln Consolidated and Van Buren public schools and an instructor at Eastern Michigan University

Currently, she divides her time between the compensatory programs at Elliott and Madison Schools.

However, she said failure to develop reading skills or just an interest

in books is common among all elementary students. Building reading skills is equally important for all

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Nominations wanted for Senior of the Year

The city of Westland's Senior Resources Department is seeking nominations for Senior of the Year. The award has been given annually since 1973 to local senior citizens who have provided outstanding contributions to the betterment of the community, said Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek, department director.

Winners in the two categories, leadership and service, have their plaques placed in the center's Hall of Fame. This year's winners will be announced April 20 at the center's spring dance and volunteer recognition ceremony. Deadline for nominations is 5 p.m.

Friday, April 6. NOMINATIONS HAVEN'T been coming in the same numbers as past years, Kozorosky-Wiacek said. "With a newer group of seniors participating (at the center) many don't feel they've done enough" to merit recognition, she said.

"But I think we have 20 or 30 people here who definitely would be considered Hall of Fame material." Some of the newer faces might be especially deserving, the director said. "These are the type of people who do things because they want to, not for the recognition," she said.

NOMINEES MUST be Westland residents 60 or older as of April 6. They must receive no payment for volunteer work, with the exception of delivering meals to homebound people. Nomination applications are available from the Friendship Center, Newburgh north of Marquette. All suggestions for nominees are welcome, and center staff will help with application forms and interview nominees, Kozorosky-Wiacek said.

For more information, call the center, 722-7632.

cop calls

POLICE arrested a Livonia man and an Inkster youth Wednesday as part of stepped-up patrols aimed at cutting illegal drug activity in southeast Westland. The patrols are a cooperative effort between the Westland and Inkster police departments and the Wayne County Sheriff's department. Westland officers, patrolling Henry Ruff south of Michigan Avenue at 4:25 p.m., said they spotted the youth flagging cars and making an exchange with the driver of a 1981 Mercury Capri. Police followed the Capri southbound on Henry Ruff into Inkster and stopped the car near Pierce in that city. Police confiscated two rocks of crack cocaine from inside the Capri and arrested the driver, a 32-year-old Livonia man, they said. Wayne County Sheriff's deputies followed the alleged seller, who was driving an older model black Cadillac. They arrested the driver, 16. A 21-YEAR-OLD Romulus man failed Tuesday in an escape bid

from the lockup at the Westland police station, officers said. The prisoner was caught at Carlson and Cliff Orr Drive — about a block from the station — following a brief chase on foot, police said. Police said the prisoner, being held on a drunk and disorderly charge, bolted from his cell at 11:45 a.m. as an officer was bringing him food. The prisoner asked the officer to check for a mouse underneath his mattress, police said. After bolting from the cell, the prisoner fled through the northwest door of the police station, officers said. AN UNIDENTIFIED caller placed a bomb threat Tuesday at Marshall Junior High School, the second nearly identical incident in recent months, police said. The call came in at 2:27 p.m. and the caller said a bomb would go off in 10 minutes, an office employee told police. Students were scheduled for dismissal at 2:30 p.m. and the call came in too late to evacuate the

building, principal Larry Galbraith said. A nearly identical bomb threat was reported by the school Jan. 11. A FARMINGTON HILLS man's car was stolen Monday night from a parking lot on the 5900 block of Wayne Road, he told police. The man parked his 1982 Chevrolet Camara Z-28 at 9:30 p.m. and when he returned a half hour later the car was missing, he told police. The man's wallet, containing personal identification, was in the glove compartment of the car when it was stolen, he said. A HOMEOWNER on the 34000 block of Caseville reported that his car was vandalized early Tuesday. Vandals slashed all four tires and smashed three headlights of the 1981 Mercury Grand Marquis while it was parked in front of his house between midnight and 11 a.m., the man said. He estimated the damage at \$500.

Schools stress reading

Continued from Page 1 students, she said, because so much of the world relies on printed information. That's why teachers push campaigns like Reading Month, which has been marked both across the country and in Wayne-Westland during March by special programs and incentives for students. Similarly, April has been designated as Writing Month. With 1990 dubbed "The Year of International Literacy" by national educators, the focus of Reading Month has been on making students aware of other cultures through reading. ELEMENTARY STUDENTS throughout the district were given a world map and encouraged to complete seven books during the month

— one for each continent. Those who complete their maps will receive "passports," including their photographs. The suggested reading list has an international flavor that ranges from the classic "The Little Prince" by Antoine de Saint-Exupery to "Tikki Tikki Tembo" by Arlene Mosel. Reading Month programs and projects have included international showcases and this week's Celebrity Reading Week, which features local notables making appearances at elementary schools to read favorite selections. Does stressing books so heavily during one month discourage reading as a normal, year-round activity? Not at all, according to Corriveau. "If anything, it probably gets kids turned on to reading."

Also, Corriveau said, teachers and learning consultants stress reading throughout the school year with different programs. CORRIVEAU LIKES to get her students "hooked on authors," much the way adult readers are. That way, they can begin to see reading as a leisure activity they will have for the rest of their lives, not just a school assignment, she said. "They are finding out that reading is something you can learn from and be entertained by at the same time," she said. "Once they do get into it, most kids get really excited about reading." Corriveau's plans for April Writing Month activities include having children dictate stories, bind their own books, and write on computers and word processors.

3 students win math awards

Three high school students in the Livonia school district were named award winners by the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America for placing in the top 100 out of 19,300 high school students who participated in the 33rd annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Com-

petition. They are Roger Buelow, senior, silver award winner, \$600 scholarship; Corey Wofford of Westland, senior, bronze award winner, \$350 scholarship; Anne Liu, junior, honorable mention, mathematics book award.

Buelow and Wofford placed in the top 100 as honorable mention winners in last year's competition. The school district had 225 students participated in Part I of the competition and 25 students in Part II.

carrier of the month

Westland

Zak Fowler has been named Carrier of the Month for March by the Westland Observer. Zak delivers the Observer to residents on Mackenzie, Shari and Joy. The son of Bob and Judy Fowler of Westland, he is an eighth grader at St. Damian School where his favorite subjects are math and science. He said his hobbies include building models and collecting baseball cards. He is a member of the Trailblazers club at the YMCA and the Livonia Wolves soccer team. Zak said the part he likes most about having a newspaper route is meeting other people. "It's fun to see what other people are like," he said. The route has also taught him how to manage money and talk to others, Zak said. Zak's future plans include becoming an Air Force pilot.



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Mall shop owner claims bias

Continued from Page 1 (ional would be doubled to \$2,929. "I believe (the mall) is trying to force me out," the complaint said. Catherine O'Malley, director of management services for Center Companies, confirmed that the store's lease wasn't renewed. But O'Malley said the change is being made for marketing reasons. "WE LOOK at the situation from what is the best merchandise mix for the mall and how do we go about reshaping the mall," O'Malley said.

"There's never anything that's been done from an ethnic standpoint." Leases for several other stores weren't renewed this year and a number of new tenants are expected to open at the mall this spring, center manager Eugene Groves said previously. Burt's Shoes went out of business and Silverman's Menswear closed its Westland location. New stores under construction in the mall include Lechter's kitchenware and Contempo Casuals. Nag, who has operated the gift shop since 1975, claims his sales are

only slightly below average for mall tenants. He said sales for 1989 were about \$185 per square foot, compared to \$207 per square foot for all mall stores. **clarification** A story in Thursday's Observer should have said the new Meijer store at Warren Road and Newburgh will open for business 6 a.m. Tuesday.

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Lucci fan wins

MELISSA MANTAY was happy to win the "Susan Lucci Look-A-Like" contest Saturday afternoon for two good reasons.

One is that she is a big fan of the actress, who portrays Erica on ABC-TV's "All My Children," described by entertainment magazines as the number one daytime soap opera personality.

Melissa said she has watched Lucci on the popular show "since I was a little girl."

The other reason is that she won merchandise worth \$1,000 provided by the Westland Center Merchants Association which sponsored the contest.

Mantay, 22, of Canton Township, was among 57 contestants in the event at Westland Center with more than 1,000 people in the audience.

The Eastern Michigan University student said it took only "15 minutes" to do her hair in the style resembling Lucci.

Walt Willy, the actor who plays Jackson Montgomery in the soap opera, was the emcee for the event and interviewed the 10 semi-finalists. After the field was narrowed to three, the winner was picked on the basis of audience applause.

FIRST RUNNER-UP was Kelley Oresky, 25, of

Sterling Heights, the second runner-up was Melody Papazian, 25, of Livonia.

Among the 10 semi-finalists were Susan Anspaugh, Jessica Shipman, Diane Plungis, Laura Tressler, Catherine Schmid, Linda Kandah, and Mary Kummer-Naber.

Five other contestants in the final 15 were Sheri Smith, Alicia Quella, Sonia Harb, Annette Scavone, and Kathy McDonald.

The ages of the 57 women ranged from 19 to 41, said a Westland Center spokeswoman.

In entertaining the crowd, Lilly required each semi-finalist to "convince me why I should marry you."

Papazian replied: "You'll be missing out on the best thing that happened to you."

To which Lilly replied: "That sounds more like a threat than a proposal."

The response that generated the biggest reaction from the audience was the response from Kummer-Naber.

In her best Susan Lucci voice, she proclaimed: "I'm having your baby."



Melissa Mantay, winner of the look-a-like contest, and actor Walt Lilly walk down the runway at Westland Center



Enjoying the spotlight Saturday were Melissa Mantay (right), contest winner; Kelley Oresky (middle), first runner-up, and Melody Papazian (second runner-up).



Susan Lucci — the real one



Showing surprise at winning the Susan Lucci Look-A-Like contest is Melissa Mantay.

Staff photos by Art Emanuele



The Westland Center audience got into the act with Susan Lucci masks.

School visit policy intact despite mother's protest

By Marie Chestney
staff writer

A mother has failed in her bid to get the Livonia Board of Education to reopen discussion on its policy governing parental visits to classrooms.

In a three-page letter to the board dated March 12, Anna Brunsink had asked the board to put the topic of parents' visits on the agenda for Monday's meeting so that it could be discussed publicly.

On Saturday, Brunsink received a letter from board president Diane Tancill saying the topic will not appear on any board agenda in the near future.

THE BOARD will not review its present policy, which gives a principal the final say in whether a parent can get into a classroom, Tancill told Brunsink.

However, Brunsink may at any time discuss the issue during the "audience communications" portion of a board meeting, Tancill also told her.

Comments made at this time generally are limited to five minutes per person. Also, the board is not required to respond to comments made or to questions asked.

The board generally responds to the person within 10 days via letter.

BRUNSINK SOUGHT public debate on the topic to pin down each board member's views on the current parental visit policy, she said.

At an earlier board meeting, trustee J. Richard Thorderson was the only board member to respond publicly to her questions.

"This is to allow Livonia taxpayers to understand each individual board member's position on this controversial policy," she said.

Brunsink also wanted to ask the trustees their interpretation of three words contained in the policy, "legitimate business" and "disrupt," she said.

Brunsink called the words "gray areas" that need clarification.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS put together an investigative report after the

Roosevelt Elementary School principal barred Brunsink from attending Brunsink's daughter's sex education class.

If necessary, Brunsink will use the Freedom of Information law to obtain the report, she said.

The law allows citizens access to certain information from public agencies.

"What pertinent facts did the board use to label me disruptive?" Brunsink asked. "At this time I insist on a copy of this investigative report (Superintendent Joseph) Marinelli said they did on me."

IN A March 2 letter, the board told Brunsink that, after re-examining the district's policy, it had concluded the policy should not be changed.

In an earlier "audience communications" portion of a board meeting, Brunsink had asked the board to broaden the policy so that the decision on whether to admit a parent doesn't rest solely with a principal.

At that time she presented the board with petitions signed by 90 people requesting the change.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Glenn record

John Glenn High School set a record at Wednesday's blood drive. Students and staff members donated 214 pints, up from the 1987 figure of 206. The donations in the annual blood drive represented the third high-

est among high schools in the five-county region. The event was held by the American Red Cross and sponsored by the school's student council.

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Tony Bonamici, a Livonia resident who studies at Schoolcraft College, is one of Michigan's top young pianists.

Keyboard ace Student is top young musician

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

With his shy smile, oversized sweater and scuffed sneakers, Tony Bonamici looks like the typical teenager.

He could be mistaken for the kid who bags your groceries, or the kid who cuts your lawn. But there's no mistaking that he's one of Michigan's top young pianists.

Bonomici, 14, recently won first place honors in a statewide concerto competition sponsored by the Michigan Music Teachers Association. It was the sixth major title captured since November by Bonamici, who studies piano technique at Schoolcraft College.

"What sets Tony apart is that his interest in music is very deep," said Schoolcraft music professor Donald Morelock, his teacher for four years. "Today, we don't want prodigies who copy the notes by rote. We want someone with an understanding of what they play. And Tony has that."

Bonomici, a freshman at Livonia's

Stevenson High School, is much more modest in assessing his talent — so modest, in fact, that many of his classmates might not be aware he even plays piano.

"MY CLOSEST friends, they know they've heard me," he said. His talent is no secret, however, to sponsors of statewide competitions or national music camps.

Earlier this month, Bonamici captured first place in his age group during a competition sponsored by the Ann Arbor Bach Association. He added the award to four others recently received for his piano playing and a fifth for his violin playing.

In addition to studying at Schoolcraft, he has participated in prestigious music camps in Interlochen and California.

Despite his school and practice schedules, and the two hours a day he spends at the family piano, Bonamici still finds time to serve as a principal second violinist with the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan.

Piano, though, is his primary in-

strument. He began playing at age 5, after a trip to a local music store.

"We didn't even have a piano at the time," said his mother, Carol. "But he wanted to play the organs that were on display."

Soon after the family added a piano to the variety of instruments at its Livonia home. His father, David, is a former music teacher with the Redford Union Schools. His mother is a former flutist.

"IT'S NICE that we're able to share this as a family," Carol Bonamici said.

At present, Bonamici is preparing for the Music Teachers National Association finals in Little Rock, Ark. He was also a national finalist in last year's PTA "Reflections" competition for young musicians.

His long range plan include pursuing a music degree and, eventually, honing his skills as a composer and arranger.

For the short term, his goal is to sit down and play, "at least until it's time to do my homework."

Parties squaring off in accident fund bout

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Minority Republicans in the House brought the Democratic leadership to one knee recently in another round of the Accident Fund fistfight.

In a compromise, the House voted budget money for the Accident Fund only until June 1 as the years-long battle is played out in the courts.

"The questions are: Should the state be doing this (selling workers comp insurance in competition with private business)?" said Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth.

"And, will there be politics running it?" Law added.

AFTER A four-hour deadlock, the House Thursday passed a budget bill for the Accident Fund that is \$9 million less than Democrats wanted. It will last the agency three months less than the full fiscal year.

House Speaker Lew Dodak, D-Montrose, had a problem: 10 Democrats missed the session, including John Bennett of Redford and Wilfred Webb of Hazel Park. Others such as John Maynard of St. Clair Shores took a walk.

Other Observer & Eccentric area lawmakers voted along party lines.

Democrats put together a 68-32 majority to pass the bill with the help of several outstate Republicans who offered the compromise.

Senate majority leader John Engler, the GOP candidate for governor, didn't call the Senate into session although Thursday is normally a work day. The bill goes this week to the Senate, where it faces an uncertain future.

REPUBLICANS like Law and Mat Dunaskiss of Lake Orion say Gov. James Blanchard's administration will play politics with the Accident Fund, artificially keeping rates lower than private business and awarding administrative jobs to political favorites.

Rep. Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing, said the bill is needed so that the 470 Accident Fund employees, many living in her district, won't miss a paycheck. "John Engler has said we want to play political football and hold these employees hostage," Stabenow charged.

Repled Rep. Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge, who also has some Accident Fund employees in his district: "We're not here because of John Engler insider baseball. We're here because of Frank Kelley (attor-

ney general) and Jim Blanchard insider baseball."

Since the mid-1970s, there have been legal and political arguments about whether the Accident Fund, founded in 1912, is a private business or a state agency.

Democrats like Kelley say it's government and won in court. Republicans say it should be a business.

AFTER A STATE Court of Claims judge last week ruled a line-item in the state budget is needed for the Accident Fund to meet its payroll, House Democrats sought \$30 million for the full fiscal year.

In a 20-minute meeting, the House Appropriations Committee gutted a Senate appropriations bill for the military affairs department to provide for the Accident Fund and sent the bill to the House floor.

Dunaskiss said the rush-rush procedure left unanswered such questions as which employees become civil servants and at what level.

"As a legislator, I asked for a list of employers in my area that are part of the Accident Fund. They wouldn't give it to me. But Jim Blanchard will write to them," Dunaskiss said.

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Survey: Area Jewish population small, stable

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

Though expected to be a small part of the overall county census, western Wayne County's Jewish population is staying constant — and even thriving — according to a spokeswoman for the area's sole synagogue.

Roughly 80 percent of metro area Jews live in southern Oakland County, according to a recent survey that showed much less Jewish migration than expected.

While a much smaller number of Jews live in communities south of Eight Mile Road, they, too are stay-

ing put.

"They're staying because they like the community and they like the congregation," said Phyllis Sherman, director of publicity for the Livonia Jewish Congregation. "We're now on our third generation of membership."

Figures released this month showed the metro area Jewish community to be larger than expected — 96,000, with about 76,800 in Oakland County.

FIGURES WERE part of a \$250,000 study commissioned by the Jewish Welfare Federation over an

18-month period to determine living patterns among Jews so their needs could more readily be addressed.

The survey, the first of its kind since 1963, shows metropolitan Detroit to be the 10th largest Jewish community in the United States and the second in the Midwest, behind Chicago.

Western Wayne County's Jewish population is not only smaller but also more difficult to track than that of some Oakland County communities.

"There are many Jewish families in Livonia, but many of them are members of other congregations,"

Sherman said. The Livonia Jewish Congregation includes members from Detroit, Oak Park and Farmington Hills, in addition to other western Wayne communities.

Despite its size — about 80 families — the congregation has been active.

"One thing we're proud of is that we've always been active in the Livonia community," Sherman added. Its members have served on various community study groups and panels, and are also active participants in annual Livonia Prayer Breakfast.

SURVEY RESULTS were greeted as good news by Jewish community leaders throughout the area.

"They show that Jews didn't follow the lure of the sun belt," said Rabbi Dannel Schwartz, who said his Temple Shol Shalom in West Bloomfield Township has grown from 30 to 550 families in 17 months.

Like other area Jewish leader, Schwartz was concerned the Jewish population in metropolitan Detroit was on the wane. "When I came here 17 years ago, the Jewish population was about 80,000," he said. "Ten years ago it was down to 70,000."

THE SURVEY shows that the communities where Jews are moving include: West Bloomfield, with nearly 7,000 homes; Bloomfield Township, less than 4,000 homes; and Farmington Hills, with about 3,000 homes.

The remainder live in a ring around the main communities including northwest Detroit and Livonia.

It shows that Southfield is the largest Jewish community in the area, while West Bloomfield Township is the most rapidly growing.

Pat Murphy assisted in this story.

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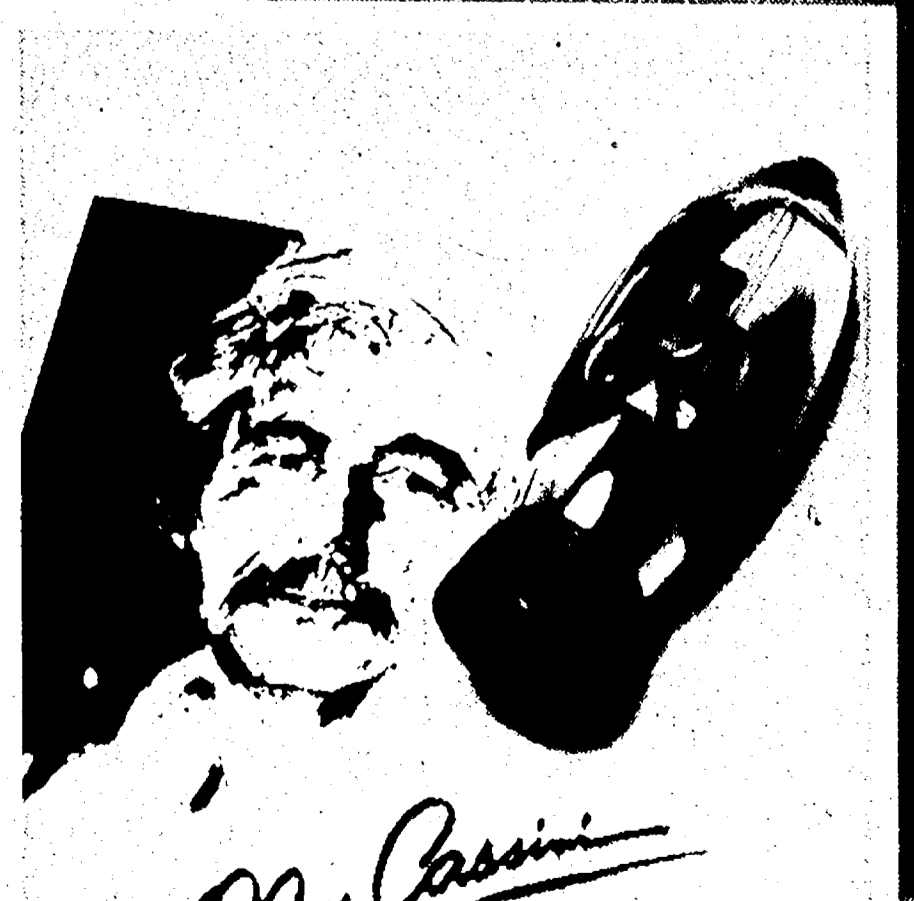
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points of view

Sticker shock for senior prom tickets

BEING THE parent of a teenager means being the sales division for nearly everything sold at your youngster's high school.

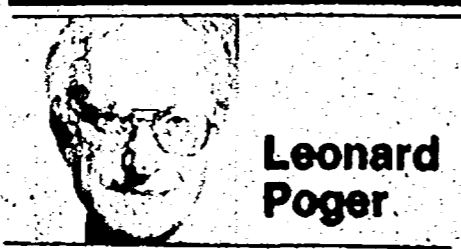
I thought I was through with the sales campaigns among my co-workers when my oldest daughter (now 16) "graduated" from GirlScouting. During those years, I had to elbow my way through the office to sell Girl Scout Cookies. The only problem was that many of my co-workers were selling the same cookies.

Eventually, we wound up buying cookies from each other. One year, I was proud to have sold a personal record of about 65 boxes. At first, I thought it was also a record in my daughter's scout troop. But I found out that another girl's father sold far more at his Ford Motor Co. office.

But enough of cookies. The current problem is the high cost of senior proms.

If you thought car shoppers were fainting from sticker shock in auto showrooms, some parents are passing out when their sons and daughters (specifically the ones at my daughter's Churchill High) announce that the prom tickets are \$100 a couple with the price boosted several times since a senior sponsor signed a contract with the Roostertail restaurant a year ago — and still going up.

For the amount of M&M candies and cheese and sausages I sold, it is



Leonard Poger

only fair that I attend the prom. My peers in the neighborhood are also upset about the high cost, particularly in view that many seniors didn't want the Roostertail location (on the far east side of Detroit) in the first place.

The prom ticket includes a dinner but most parents hope that the night's agenda doesn't include alcoholic beverages.

WHAT AMAZES most parents is that they can get a comparable meal (minus the photo and favors) for far less than what the Roostertail is charging seniors.

While most parents understand why the graduates want to go somewhere other than the neighborhood Big Boy, they cannot understand why the cost is so high.

One high school administrator gave me a few clues recently when I questioned him about the economics of proms.

One factor, he said, is that caterers just don't want to have senior proms.

While most parents understand why the graduates want to go somewhere other than the neighborhood Big Boy, they cannot understand why the cost is so high.

Since there is no liquor sold, the price they charge is far less than a comparable event for adults where liquor is available.

To discourage proms, the caterers offer week nights to the high schools instead of weekends.

But that's the serious part of the prom problem.

It's too bad that parents of seniors aren't in the same league as defense contractors or officers of failed savings and loan companies in the Southwest where we could avoid the ongoing sales campaigns over a six-month period by simply writing a check for the prom tickets and then find a creative bookkeeping trick to cover the check.

Leonard Poger is community editor for the Garden City and Westland Observer newspapers.

Self-examination is important for mates

This is a continuation of a series on "Marriage Passages," drawn from a book in progress by counselor Karyn Pasquel. All rights reserved.

After a person has identified inner needs, not just "likes" and "dislikes," what does he/she do with them? As I wrote in the paper last week, discovering one's needs can be touchy, for it accomplishes two things: a revealing examination of self-weaknesses and a demand to take an honest look at one's circumstances.

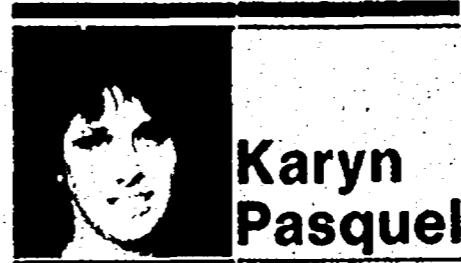
This is not the time to merely acknowledge that a marriage or relationship is not fulfilling and therefore hopeless. To the contrary, it is a time to take a daring look at the reality of one's circumstances and relationships in light of one's needs.

The dictionary defines "need" as a "constitutional or acquired craving or want, appeased by recurrent satisfactions; want; necessity and requirement." Needs continually left unattended eventually will find some way to be fulfilled or will begin wearing away at the person's emotions until those emotions diminish — leading to dullness or coldness — or run rampant, resulting in confusion and turmoil.

Be aware that in the dictionary definition, needs are appeased by "recurrent satisfactions."

A SPOUSE often tells me, "She knows I love her." How? Is she shown by his actions repeatedly? Is she told on a daily basis?

What about the man? His perception of being loved is often linked with a wife's recognition of his accomplishments. Yet, since a wife's



Karyn Pasquel

perception of how love is shown tends to be more affectionate-display oriented, she may be unaware of her lack of showing love in the manner in which he feels unfulfilled.

In a healthy marriage, the needs list is done by both spouses privately. Regardless of what the difficulties in a relationship, it still requires each person to focus first on her/his own influences on the condition of the relationship as a whole.

We can't change another person. We can, to a degree, change ourselves.

With proper understanding of what things we must have fulfilled in order to feel whole, we then have a base to draw from to determine how to accomplish those needs in a healthy way.

Ideally, we will be able to discover specific ways to meet a magnitude of our needs on our own. In this way, any extra fulfillment through a spouse's behavior is a plus, leading to greater bonding and appreciation for each other.

CONSIDER THIS: do you feel that your mate must be able to satisfy you in every area in order to be right for you? There are at least two points in which to consider in fulfilling only with his/her mate.

Those are (1) finding pleasure and

a sense of comfort, rest and mutual sharing in being with his/her spouse, and (2) sharing the sexual experience within the relationship in a mutually fulfilling way.

While it is nice to have other needs fulfilled by the spouse, it shouldn't be absolutely necessary. A person who is healthfully self-differentiated is able to fulfill intellectual, spiritual, cultural and sometimes even social needs many ways.

When two people can then dare to share their needs list with their mate and openly communicate, there is a greater likelihood that both partners will grow as individuals as well as encourage the growth of their partner.

Extra-marital affairs usually do not occur out of a sudden sexual urge that has to be satisfied. Instead, they develop gradually as people feel less and less able to fulfill their partner's requirements and/or their own needs. By not identifying the missing pieces, people easily misinterpret new experiences and excitement as a development of love in another relationship.

REMEMBER THAT the frustrated or wandering person knows only that he/she is not happy. Any relief can deceive a person into thinking the new experiences will bring lasting fulfillment. Many illicit relationships could be avoided if self-examination is done in an honest determination to see reality.

After such self-examination, appropriate remedies can be imagined first, then put into action. The couples who are strongest and most fulfilled in their relationships are not those who have not had much conflict.

The strongest couples more often are those who have had severe conflicts and have dared to work through them together. You get what you pay for. Fulfillment, joy and peace cost a lot, but the return is well worth it.

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Reasons to close Burger

To the editor:

Your paper has written several articles on the plight of Burger Center

for the autistic in Garden City. I have noticed at times some of the information seems to differ. Figures seem to get lost from time to time.

Burger is great for the autistic children and adolescents, but I don't feel our district should be involved with it. Our tax base is low and there just isn't enough money to support this burden. According to Michael Wilmut \$20,000 per student is paid by the state and Wayne County Intermediate School District. With 217 students this breaks down to \$7,901 per student from state and \$12,497 per student from WCISD.

The way I see it, if my figures are correct, the Burger program ex-

ceeds or equals more than \$4.34 million per year. This is as much as the entire junior high program. Now, according to your latest article, \$670,000 is needed to repair and remove asbestos. WCISD has offered \$155,000 for repairs and \$5,000 for asbestos. The school district will have to absorb \$510,000 lost in revenue if completed. During contract talks with the teachers, the report stated our district had to absorb \$1 million for the 1988-89 school year because the WCISD millage did not pass.

It seems to me Wilmut is more interested in keeping the staff of Burger, 50-plus teachers and 50-plus

aides, on to district payroll than in cutting the excess fat.

It depresses me to know my children receive only \$1,730 from state and \$1,801 from local when the children at Burger receive six times as much and get one teacher and one aide per three children for supervision.

Now, the school district is having meetings for the purpose of a five or six mill increase. In which, very few residents are in favor because of the latest State Equalized Valuation Increase.

I feel it's time to close Burger Center and get rid of this property. In my opinion at least 20 new homes

could be built on the site. This would bring in more children and more tax dollars to the school district.

We do not need excess space when our student body is shrinking. To me it was great to get rid of Vogel. The next space to think about is the Burger and Marquette sites. In my opinion money was used from the latest bond issue to open Marquette. I'm talking about the \$80,000 computer system.

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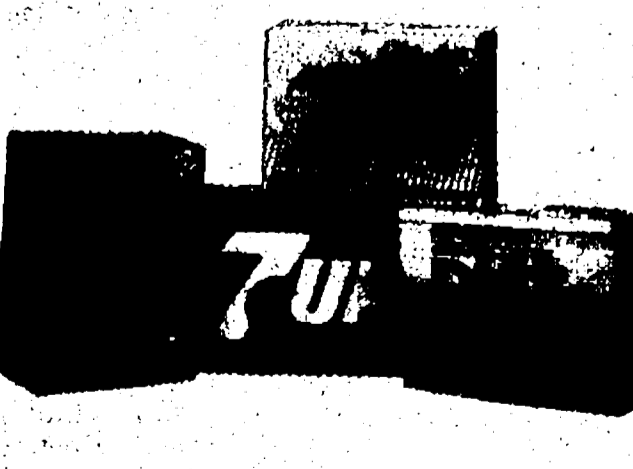


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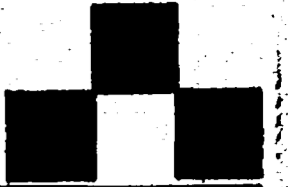
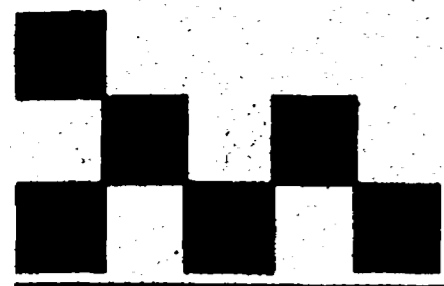
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Often, one herb is so characteristic of a region or country that its fragrance and taste can call to mind an entire cuisine.

Thyme, rosemary and marjoram, the herbs that make up the basics in that neat little pot of "Herbs from Provence" that many gourmet retailers sell for ridiculously steep prices, would be considered the character herbs from the Provence region of France.

Oregano, freshly diced and rubbed into an olive oil-draped leg of lamb, heralds from Greece. While basil, the main staple in pesto and classic tomato sauces, has its passport stamped from Italy.

But it's just not as simple as chopping up a handful of these fresh beauties and tossing them into a dish to make it shine like an August moon. In addition to the so-called, above-named character herbs, sophisticated cooks should also be aware of the accent herbs. Parsley, chives, chervil and dill offer a subtle background to many dishes that are virtually nonexistent to the untrained palate.

THE MAIN DIFFERENCE between the two groups of herbs is, of course, the taste. The character herbs are robust and can easily overpower when linked with a heavy hand. The accent herbs have the property to mellow out and accentuate the taste from within.

Robust herbs can, with one swoop of the senses, blow away a delicately flavored fish or poultry. Seemingly, they can add magic to a vegetable while another herb might become lost.

Big deal, you say. You know what you like and like what you use, right? I'm sharing this with you because now is the perfect time to begin a fresh herb garden. With winter passing peacefully into oblivion, clean out the spice cabinet and rid your kitchen of those assorted jars and bottles that have long since passed their prime.

Once a cook has tasted the intense and distinctive flavors of fresh herbs, it seems a culinary crime to go back to using a dried variety.

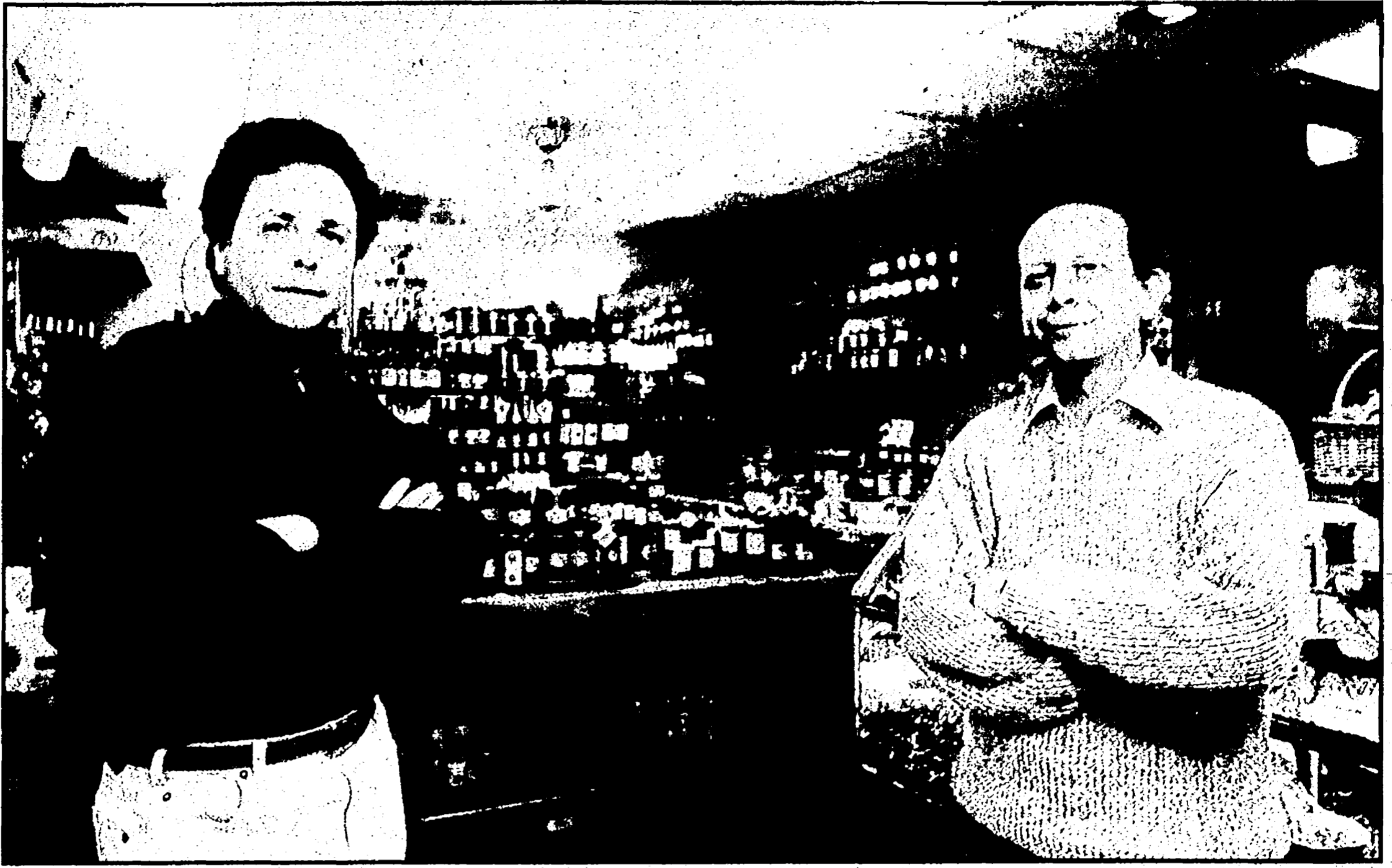
Last year, the Janes gang garden sprouted an assortment of parsleys, a chive plant that has already returned with the early spring weather we experienced two weeks ago, fresh basil, thyme and, of course, mint. This year, we have already budgeted a larger area for herbs that will undoubtedly include the likes of fresh watercress, sorrel, oregano and some sage.

These are all basic herbs which can be bought in seed form at just about any garden shop and, for the uninitiated, can even be bought in little pots right up to growing season from larger and more specialty greenhouses.

Bordine's, the garden mecca for north and east siders in Rochester, always seems to have an abundance of domestic and exotic herbs in both seed and pot form.

On the west side, Graye's Greenhouses in Plymouth is one of those neat little, virtually unknown spots that has been around for years for the serious gardener but for some odd reason remained unknown to the press.

There's still time to locate one of the many great seed catalogues out there. Some of my favorites include "The Cooks Garden, P.O. Box 65, Londonderry, Vt. 05148," "Shepherd's Seeds, 30 Irene Street, Torrington, Conn. 06790," and "Redwood City Seed Co., P.O. Box 361, Redwood City, Calif. 94064."



DOUGLAS SUSALLA

Eric Berkley (left) and Mark Hyman are co-owners of Get Sauced, a recently opened store with condiments galore, at Trapper's Alley in Detroit's Greektown.

Shop has saucy appeal

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

GETTING SAUCED is, according to a pair of creative suburban entrepreneurs and a culinary arts graduate, an ideal state of being.

Not sauced, as in alcoholic intoxication, but sauced as in an array of savory relishes, marinades, dressings and other mouth-watering offerings available at Get Sauced, an inviting shop in Detroit's Trapper's Alley whose collection of sauces and related fare is possibly the largest ever gathered.

Unique enhancements for otherwise plain or bland food is "a developing art," said Eric Berkley, pointing to some 300 decorative condiments on display. "You'd be amazed at the variety of tastes that are available," he said.

Berkley, a Farmington Hills attorney, launched the shop five months ago with partner Mark Hyman of Troy, who owns two additional Trapper's Alley shops, a toy store dubbed Lost and Found and the Children's Book Mark.

Long-time friend Ann Frogner, a 1975 graduate of Schoolcraft College's culinary arts program in Livonia, manages the endeavor, personally taste-testing each item and guaranteeing it meets health and ingredient guidelines she has established.

A STROLL ABOUT Get Sauced is an experience in international cuisine, a journey of taste to far-away places. There is pungent marinade studded with tamarind from Thailand, hot Jamaican Hell Fire and Pickapeppa sauces or Jerk paste for preserving meats, and creamy Almond

Cooking Sauce prepared by an East Indian woman drawing on traditional family cuisine.

Many of the offerings are based on family heritage, old recipes handed down from one generation to the next and translated into commercial offerings by enterprising descendants.

"People have had recipes for years and have decided to spread the wealth," Berkley observed. "Jabar's Complements, a line of unusual vinaigrettes spiced with peaches, raspberries and other fruits for marinating chicken and meat, is a case in point. Drawing on tried and true recipes from the past, two Walled Lake women prepare the marinade and introduce it to gourmands in cooking demonstrations at Get Sauced and elsewhere.

"A tremendous amount of good flavors come from Michigan," Hyman said, adding the store's two top sellers hail from Michigan — Billy Bone's Original BBQ Sauce and Mucky Duck Mustard. Billy Bone's concoction, the current reigning champion sauce in international barbeque competition, is produced by the master barbequer in Sanford. Mucky Duck, a pungent English pub-style mustard of eggs, vinegar and sugar, is prepared by a woman in Franklin Village.

Other Michigan products include Houlihan's Gourmet Applesauce and a version for toddlers, made in Auburn Heights, and low-calorie American Spoon Foods jams and jellies produced in Petoskey.

"**TRY THIS.** I've been trying it on bread for a couple of days now," said Frogner, providing an ample dollop from a sample jar of a new smoky sweet mustard. If the mustard passes Frogner's taste-test muster, it will be included in the shop's

ever-expanding inventory. Frogner and the partners are continuously looking for new items.

Matouk's Hot Calypso Sauce, for example, was recently added after a customer, a commercial airline pilot from the West Coast, extolled the product, describing it as "the best ever." Frogner immediately obtained a sample from Oregon and, agreeing with the pilot's assessment, now stocks it.

J.C.'s Hot Sauce, a delicious salsa prepared in Texas and another recent addition, was discovered by Berkley at a New Year's Eve party. His sister-in-law is currently perfecting a family recipe for a hot fruit sauce, described as "out of this world," and an area restaurateur of Lebanese descent is busy creating garbanzo bean and eggplant relishes. When ready, each will be submitted to Frogner for taste testing.

Other recent additions include select nuts, soups and pastas, including Cinnamon Spice Pecans from Georgia, low-salt Swedish Lentil Soup and a new pasta topping with the tantalizing name of Cowboy Caviar.

HEART SMART products, aimed at the health conscious or others on restricted diets, feature Cajun Power, a garlic sauce free of salt, and other products low in salt and sugar. Preservatives are eschewed in all products, according to Frogner.

Ever tasted Garlic Lover's Herb Sauce by Cook's Classics, a seemingly gentle sauce that packs a subtle wallop of taste sensation? Purchase \$40 in goods from Get Sauced and receive a free jar, an excellent marketing ploy, according to Hyman, because once tasted, Lover's becomes addictive.

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New weekly column focuses on wine

Introducing Eleanor and Ray Heald, wine journalists, who will begin writing a weekly column "Focus on Wine," to appear each Monday in Taste starting April 2.

By Ethel Simmons
staff writer

The Healds, who live in Troy, began writing their first regular column about wine in 1982 but their fascination with the grape goes back a few years earlier.

"Our interest in wine came first, when we started making amateur wine at home," Ray Heald said. "We began buying wine to make a comparison. We went to Karl Bailey for many years. Eleanor and I picked a ton of grapes one fall and made wine from it in small batches."

Bailey, who is now deceased, had a vineyard on Adams Road in Bloomfield Hills, which is now managed by different owners.

The Healds began to do freelance writing and in 1978 went to Europe, where they pursued their study of wine.

"We went to all the wine regions," Eleanor Heald said. "When we came home, we showed slides to our

friends and they said, 'You should do something with this skill.' We looked for more positions to place our writing."

SINCE 1979, the Healds have been teaching a class in wine appreciation at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills.

"In 1982, we started our first regular wine column in the Ann Arbor News and did weekly columns for six years," Ray Heald said. "In 1983, we started writing for Practical Winery & Vineyard, a technical publication. Eleanor and I both have master's degrees in chemistry."

Their knowledge of chemistry has been invaluable. "We know how to make the chemical tests, to analyze the grapes we were using to make the wine," Ray said.

The Healds also are wine editors and columnists for the Beverage Journal, published in Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania. "Our monthly column has appeared for the last four years," Eleanor said. The journal is a publication for wine retailers, wholesalers and restaurateurs.

The couple continues to work as contributing editors for Practical Winery & Vineyard. In addition, the



DAN DEAN/staff photographer

Eleanor and Ray Heald, who both have master's degrees in chemistry, started as amateur winemakers and now write authoritatively about their knowledge of the grape.

Healds are feature writers for the Quarterly Review of Wines and for the bi-monthly Wine News, both consumer publications with national distribution, where their writing appears in every issue.

"OUR FOCUS is on wines of the world," Eleanor said. Readers of the

column can enhance the mealtime experience, the total enjoyment of life, and add a delightful dimension to their lifestyle."

They point out that the column will emphasize wine, as paired with food at mealtime, not wine drinking by itself. "We will very frequently talk about wine and food combinations," Eleanor said.

"Not only do we write about wine but wine-based beverages," she said, and listed these as sherris, ports and cognacs.

Ray said that because they have traveled in the wine areas, they occasionally will do a column on that subject. Their travels have taken them to the major wine areas of France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, California, Oregon, Washington and the eastern United States.

THE HEALDS' wine appreciation classes at OCC are offered in the spring, fall and winter. Because the topic is changed each quarter, people frequently repeat the class.

Ray said, "Another class is going up in May." The wine classes are always held five consecutive weeks. The next class runs from May 9 through June 6.

Spaghetti, meatballs a hit with youngsters

A song sung to the tune of "On Top of Old Smokey" goes:

"On top of spaghetti, all covered with cheese, I lost my poor meatball when somebody sneezed. It rolled off the table and onto the floor, and then my poor meatball rolled out the front door."

This was a very popular song at the dinner table when I was growing up in Indiana. It was sung with great regularity whenever my mother served spaghetti and meatballs to me and my three brothers.

It does make me wonder as to who actually does make up songs like that.

And furthermore, who keeps teaching them to succeeding generations of children? I am always amazed and delighted when I hear my three boys telling the same jokes that were hilarious hits when I was growing up.

Of course, when I mention to them that I used to tell that same joke when I was young, they make a clamor and want to know what else I did "back in the olden days." Really, children can be s-o-o-o impertinent, sometimes.

AS YOU may have guessed, this week's Winner Dinner is a wonderful recipe for spaghetti and meatballs.

Submitted by Marie Leinonen of Westland, these meatballs have a great taste and, because they cook in the sauce, they don't have to be pre-browned.

Served with a tossed green salad, garlic toast and a refreshing dish of sherbet or frozen yogurt, this is one dinner that your family is bound to enjoy.

LEINONEN AND HER husband are the parents of two young sons. Their family of four led a very normal life until Marie was diagnosed as having a rare kidney disease in 1987.

She received a kidney transplant in December 1988. Unfortunately, her body rejected it four months lat-

family-tested winner dinner



Betsy Brethen



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Marie Leinonen of Westland and son Jesse, 5, look forward to her Winner Dinner of Spaghetti and Meatballs.

er. Now back on the waiting list for another transplant, she has to undergo four dialysis treatments a day at her home.

In addition to being National Nutrition Month, March is also being hailed as National Kidney Month. It is for this reason that Leinonen's menu is being featured today.

She asked me to encourage people to be aware of donating organs, and to check off the little boxes on the labels affixed to the back of all Michigan driver's licenses.

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cause there are not enough donors of organs. Successfully transplanted, a donated organ is literally the gift of life.

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Thank you, Marie Leinonen, and congratulations on being our Winner Dinner Winner of the week.

I appreciate your taking the time to share your menu with us and I sincerely hope your health will improve. Good luck and take care.

Observer & Eccentric

Winner Dinner

Menu

- MARIE'S SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS
- TOSSED GREEN SALAD
- GARLIC TOAST
- SHERBET OR FROZEN YOGURT

Recipes

MARIE'S SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS

This recipe makes enough sauce and meatballs for at least one other dinner so just freeze what you don't use and you will have a dinner waiting for you. Although I did not test this, I see no reason why ground turkey meat couldn't be used in lieu of the ground beef.

MEATBALLS

- 3 pounds ground round
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups Progresso Italian bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup Italian (Zesto) Salad Dressing
- fresh minced garlic cloves or garlic powder, to taste
- salt and pepper, to taste
- 2-3 tablespoons chopped parsley
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese SAUCE
- 3 cans tomato sauce, 15-ounce size
- 1 can tomato paste, 6-ounce size
- 1 can of water, 6 ounces
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Combine the ingredients for the meatballs. Mix with both hands and then form into small balls, about the size of a walnut. Mix up the ingredients for the sauce in a heavy-bottomed pan. Drop in the meatballs and

simmer at a medium-low heat for 1 1/2 hours, stirring frequently so that the sauce and meatballs don't burn. Serve over cooked spaghetti noodles.

TOSSED GREEN SALAD

Mix up washed and dried salad greens and add chopped veggies of your choice. Toss with a light coating of Italian salad dressing.

GARLIC TOAST

If you are a garlic fan, you will love this easy recipe for garlic toast. Mash well or put through a garlic press 3-4 fresh cloves of garlic. Put them in a saucepan along with 1/4 cup of butter or margarine. Heat and stir until the butter or margarine is completely melted. Brush on freshly sliced pieces of Italian bread. Sprinkle with a light dusting of Parmesan cheese or chopped fresh parsley. Broil until bubbly and golden and serve at once.

SHERBET OR FROZEN YOGURT

There is nothing fancy or complicated about this dessert. Simply offer a refreshing dish of sherbet or frozen yogurt to your family, a light and cooling ending to a tasty dinner.

Shopping List

- 3 pounds ground round
- 3 eggs
- Progresso Italian bread crumbs
- Italian (Zesto) Dressing
- 3 cans tomato sauce, 15-ounce size
- 1 can tomato paste, 6-ounce size
- grated Parmesan cheese, 2 cups
- fresh garlic or garlic powder
- fresh parsley
- salt
- pepper
- spaghetti noodles
- salad ingredients
- salad dressing
- 1 loaf of fresh Italian or French bread
- butter or margarine
- sherbet or frozen yogurt

Notes

Scones grow in popularity

AP — Move over muffins, scones are the hot new breakfast bread. The low-fat version of this sweet treat is made with egg whites and skim milk, trimming both fat and cholesterol content. Serve them with reduced-calorie jam or jelly instead of margarine or butter, or enjoy them plain.

OATMEAL-RAISIN SCONES
1 cup all-purpose flour
3 tablespoons brown sugar

- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup margarine or butter
- 1 cup quick-cooking rolled oats
- 1/2 cup raisins, chopped
- 2 egg whites
- 2 tablespoons skim milk
- skim milk

In a medium mixing bowl stir together flour, sugar, baking powder and cinnamon. Cut in margarine until mixture resembles coarse

crumbs. Stir in oats and raisins. Add egg whites and 2 tablespoons milk; mix well. (Dough will be sticky.)

On a lightly floured surface roll or pat dough into a 7-inch circle. Cut into 12 wedges, dipping knife into flour as needed to prevent sticking. Place on an ungreased baking sheet; brush tops lightly with more milk. Bake in a 400-degree F oven for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden. Serve warm. Makes 12 servings.

cooking calendar

• 'Souper' cooks
AAA Michigan Living magazine, the Michigan Restaurant Association and the Greater Michigan Foundation invite state residents to compete in "Souper Bowl II," a contest to find

Michigan's best soups and showcase its agricultural products.

Recipes should be marked amateur or professional and carry the chef's name, address and telephone,

with directions to mix four servings. Professional chefs should note the name of their restaurant. Mail entries to 'Souper Bowl' Contest, AAA Michigan Public Relations, One Auto Club Drive, Dearborn 48126.

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Take care to keep fruits, vegetables fresh

A headache is spending a \$100 on food, then finding fruits and vegetables rotting in the refrigerator or on the kitchen counter. Even under ideal storage conditions, the right temperature and humidity, some fresh vegetables retain top quality only a few days.

Some fruits last longer, but special care needs to be taken to ensure all the nutrients and good flavor are retained. Following are some storage tips for fruits and vegetables.

Green leafy vegetables quickly wilt and change flavor as water evaporates from tissues. Most fresh green vegetables keep well and stay crisp if put in covered containers or plastic bags, then refrigerated. If you wash lettuce, celery and other leafy vegetables before storing, drain thoroughly because too much moisture can hasten decay.

Store these vegetables away from the fruits in the refrigerator. As



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home economist, Cooperative Extension Service.

some fruits ripen, they produce a gas that will make lettuce, spinach and other leafy greens turn brown. When this happens we generally throw the brown away and there goes your money.

REMOVE THE TOPS of carrots before refrigerating. The top drains the carrots of moisture, making them limp and dry. Tops also should be removed from beets and radishes before refrigeration. Corn, beans, peas and other vegetables will lose sweetness as sugar in their tissues turn to starch. Store them dry and

unwashed in plastic bags in the refrigerator. Room-temperature tomatoes are more flavorful than refrigerated ones. Do not ripen tomatoes on the window sill as the sun leeches out some of the Vitamin C.

Bruised produce loses more Vitamin A and C than smooth unblemished specimens. To lessen the likelihood of bruising, use a sharp knife or scissors when trimming, slicing or cutting vegetables.

Jerusalem artichokes, also known as sun chokes, accumulate calories during storage because of a chemical change that takes place in their

carbohydrate content. When freshly dug, small tubers contain as few as seven calories. After storage, the calorie level can jump to 75.

Store fennel in the refrigerator because the stalks stay fresh only three to four days before drying out and losing their unique flavor. Fennel has 13 calories per half cup and a fair source of Vitamin A, niacin, calcium and iron.

Cabbage contains a compound called calcium pectate, which some studies have shown to lower blood cholesterol levels. Cabbage is a good source of dietary fiber and low in calories. Don't overcook cabbage; it destroys the true taste and texture and bleeds out many valuable vitamins and minerals. Cabbage can be stored one to two weeks in the refrigerator crisper.

EGGPLANT SHOULD BE stored at cool room temperature, about 60

degrees. If the air is dry, keep eggplant in plastic bag to retain moisture. Store one to two days. Get rid of eggplants' bitter taste by salting slices and allowing them to drain in a colander for 30 minutes. Be sure to rinse the slices to get rid of the salt.

Vegetables cooked in the microwave retain more Vitamin C than those boiled. Microwave cooking not only exposes foods to heat for shorter time than boiling but also requires very little water. Cook vegetables only until tender — crisp. To prevent dark spots from forming, add salt only after microwaving vegetables. Don't add salt to green salad until just before serving. Salt wilts and toughens salad greens.

It is best to store most fruits in the refrigerator. Allow melons, avocados and pears to ripen at room temperature, then refrigerate. Ripe oranges sometimes undergo a process

known as re-greening. This occurs when a ripe orange pulls some green chlorophyll from its stem and leaves, back into the peel. Such greenish oranges are extra ripe and thus often sweeter than other oranges.

Pink grapefruit is pink because, in part, it contains much more beta-carotene than white grapefruit. Beta-carotene is the nutrient that turns into Vitamin A inside your body. When refrigerated, grapefruit will keep up to four months.

Take advantage of the delectable selection of fresh fruits and vegetables available. Nutritionally, they are unbeatable — low in calories yet bursting with flavor. They add color and textures and are very versatile in meal planning. Store them correctly so that when you are ready to eat or serve them, they are still top quality, and you will get your money's and nutritional worth.

Plant indoor minigarden for a spring harvest

AP — When you're anxious for warm days and green, growing things, get a preview of spring by planting an indoor minigarden. In less than a week you can harvest fresh, green sprouts for salads and sandwiches. Kids enjoy this project because the sprouts grow so quickly.

seed, barley, radish seed, lentils, Mung beans, rye berries, wheat berries and/or buckwheat groats.

For sprouting, buy only seeds from a supermarket or health-food store. Beans or seeds that are sold for gardening are treated with fungicides that are poisonous.

in a bowl and cover with water. Let stand at room temperature about 3 hours or until seeds swell; drain. If you plant more than one type of seed at a time, soak each type separately.

Line a shallow tray with three layers of paper towels; top with a single layer of cheesecloth. Arrange seeds in a single layer over cheesecloth. You can plant more than one type of

seed in a tray; just keep each in a separate section.

Spray seeds thoroughly with a fine water spray.

Tear off a piece of foil large enough to cover the tray; prick holes in the foil. Cover tray loosely with foil. Store in warm, dark place. Several times a day, uncover tray

and spray with water until seeds sprout and grow ¼ inch. Then spray two or three times a day, keeping sprouts moist at all times.

Sprouts are usually ready to eat in 3-5 days. At that time, remove foil and set tray in a sunny place for several hours to let leaves turn green. Continue spraying with water. To harvest sprouts, pull them off the cheesecloth.

YIELDS — 2 tablespoons alfalfa seeds yield 4 cups sprouts; mild tasting and tender.

2 tablespoons barley yield 1 cup sprouts; nutty tasting and crunchy.

¼ cup buckwheat groats yield 2 cups sprouts; nutty tasting and tender.

2 tablespoons lentils yield 1½ cup sprouts; mild tasting and crisp.

¼ cup Mung beans yield 1½ cup sprouts; mild tasting and crunchy.

2 tablespoons radish seed yield 1 cup sprouts; peppery tasting and tender.

¼ cup rye berries yield 1 cup sprouts; slightly sweet tasting and tender.

¼ cup wheat berries yield 1 cup sprouts; sweet tasting and tender.

STORING AND USING SPROUTS

Store harvested sprouts in a covered container in the refrigerator. They're best if eaten within a few days but will keep about 1 week.

Use sprouts in salads, soups, sandwiches, stir-frys.

WHAT TO PLANT — Alfalfa

HOW TO PLANT — Place seeds

Coffee tips help brew better cup

AP — With a history and mystique as romantic as that of wine, coffee represents America's favorite after-dinner beverage. These tips from coffee merchant Douglas Carpenter will help you brew a better cup every day. For special occasions, please your guests with one of these dessert coffee suggestions.

coffee you can develop your own blend. Ask your coffee merchant to grind together beans of two or more coffees. Make up a small amount at a time, taste, and experiment until you have exactly what you want.

• Try a flavored coffee. Both regular and decaffeinated coffee are available with flavors such as hazelnut, vanilla and amaretto.

hot coffee.

• Cafe Israel: Stir 2 tablespoons chocolate-flavored syrup and 2 tablespoons orange liqueur into coffee.

tee.

• Cafe Almond: Stir 2 tablespoons amaretto or Fra Angelico into hot coffee.

FOR BETTER COFFEE

• Start with fresh coffee that has been stored in an airtight container in a cool, dry place.

• Match the grind of coffee to your coffeemaker.

• Measure — don't guess — the amount of coffee. Carpenter recommends 2 level tablespoons (1 coffee measure) of coffee per 6 ounces (¾ cup) of water.

• Use fresh, cold water. For best flavor, your coffeemaker should heat the water to about 200 degrees.

• Choose a coffeemaker that passes water through the coffee just once.

• Serve brewed coffee immediately; never leave on a warmer more than 30 minutes. If it must wait, transfer to an insulated server after brewing.

• Keep your coffeemaker clean. Oil buildup affects the flavor.

DESSERT COFFEES

In a cup or mug stir together ½-cup hot coffee and the desired flavoring. Dollop with whipped cream; sprinkle with ground cinnamon or nutmeg. Each drink makes one 6-ounce serving.

• Cafe Alexander: Stir 1 tablespoon creme de cacao and 1 tablespoon brandy into hot coffee.

• Cafe Benedictine: Stir 2 tablespoons Benedictine and 2 tablespoons light cream into hot coffee.

• Cafe Caribe: Stir 1 tablespoon coffee liqueur and 1 tablespoon rum into hot coffee.

• Cafe Colombian: Stir 2 tablespoons coffee liqueur and 1 tablespoon chocolate-flavored syrup into hot coffee.

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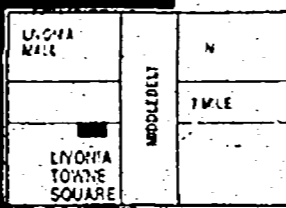
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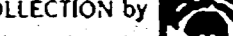
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Lori Godlewski (left) of Livonia Stevenson will again be meeting up this season with Livonia Churchill's Fran Priebe in the tough Western Lakes Activities Association girls soccer race.

WLAA contenders line up once again

By Ray Sellock
staff writer

As the trees bloom and the snow melts, girls soccer flourishes.

With the season just around the corner, many of the area teams are looking forward to successful seasons. It appears Farmington, which posted a 16-1-4 record last season, will be one of the most talented teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association, a conference which has produced six state champions over the past seven years.

"Farmington is the team to beat this season," said Livonia Churchill coach Nick O'Shea. "They only lost a couple of players. They should be tough."

The Falcons, who reached the Class A semifinals last year before losing to Troy Athens, return four all-area players in Carrie Maier, Amy Trunk, Sue Gibson and Margaret Martin.

Maier scored 23 goals and tallied 14 assists last season, while Trunk sparked the Falcons with 24 goals and 21 assists.

"They're all tough — Churchill, Salem, Canton, Farmington and Northville," said Livonia Stevenson coach Mary Kay Boots.

Churchill, which finished with a solid 6-3-5 record last season, returns both goaltenders in Dana Keller and Monia Cervi.

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"WE NEED to score a few more goals than we did last season," O'Shea said. "If we do that we have the solid goaltending to be a good team."

Plymouth Salem will try to repeat its success of last season when it posted a 12-2-2 record and won the Lakes Division crown.

The Rocks return sophomore goalie sensation Jennifer Emmett. She earned all-area honors last season, while recording 11 shutouts and a 0.38 goals-against average.

Stevenson, a team dominated by underclassmen, will try and improve on last year's 11-4-3 record.

Led by all-area sophomore midfielder Ragen Coyne, the Spartans are expected to make a run for the Lakes Division title.

John Ozog of Livonia Ladywood and Joe Galea of Livonia Franklin will make coaching debuts for their respective schools this season.

Redford Bishop Borgess, according to athletic director Mike Fusco, has dropped its girls soccer program. The Spartans were a member of the Catholic League Central Division.

Capsule outlook of area girls soccer

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

- Head coach: Nick O'Shea, fourth season.
- League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division).
- Season opener: Monday, April 2 at home vs. Farmington Hills Mercy.
- Last year's record: 6-3-5.



Ragen Coyne
Stevenson midfielder

- Notable losses to graduation: Andrea Szymanski, first-team All-Area stopper; Mandy Mase, second-team All-Area midfielder.
- Leading returnees: Nikki Johnson, senior forward; Mechelle Brazil, junior midfielder; Lori Place, junior forward; Stephanie Speer, junior sweeper; Fran Priebe, junior defender; Dana Keller, senior goalie; Monia Cervi, junior goalie.
- Promising newcomers: Danielle Priebe, freshman defender.
- O'Shea's '90 outlook: "We should be competitive. We are looking to score a few more goals. We also have solid goaltending in Dana Keller and Monia Cervi."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

- Head coach: Joe Galea, first season.
- League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division).
- Season opener: Monday, April 9 at home vs. Plymouth Canton.
- Last year's record: 6-7-2.
- Notable losses to graduation: Angee Stiglmair.
- Leading returnees: Patty Shea, sophomore midfielder; Erica Sundek, senior halfback; Keri Zabel, sophomore fullback; Carla Strugala, sophomore forward; Keri MacKay, sophomore midfielder.
- Promising newcomers: Becky Monstur, sophomore defender.
- Galea's '90 outlook: "We are trying to set up a system. We have promising youngsters coming up. You never know what will happen."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

- Head coach: Mary Kay Boots, second sea-

son.

- League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Lakes Division).
- Season opener: Friday, April 6 at home vs. Dearborn.
- Last year's record: 11-4-3.
- Notable losses to graduation: Defender Sharlene Sudek, midfielder Michelle Hussey (midfielder), defender Nicole Quarles and second-team All-Area forward Karen Carney.
- Leading returnees: Sophomore Ragen Coyne, first-team All-Area midfielder (four goals, 25 assists); sophomore Lisa Thomas, second-team All-Area sophomore defender; Shannon Wilkinson, sophomore forward; Tracy Murrell, sophomore defender; Jean Barnes, sophomore midfielder; Lori Godlewski, junior forward; Alicia Smith, sophomore goalie; Emmy Heiby, junior forward; Andrea Wittrock, junior defender.
- Promising newcomers: Patty Diamond, freshman; Karen Groulx, freshman goalie; Michele Brach, freshman; Kristen Oswald, freshman.
- Boots' '90 outlook: "We have no seniors. It will be interesting to see how our newcomers blend with the good core of players we already have back."
- "Goaltending not as much of a concern as last year. They get along great, they'll play together. The big thing is will we be able to run-and-gun with other teams."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

- Head coach: John Ozog, first season.
- League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
- Season opener: Monday, March 26 at Dearborn Edsel Ford.

- Last year's record: 6-7-2.
- Notable losses to graduation: Heather Plummer (goalie) and Katie Farkas.
- Leading returnees: All-Catholic selection Cassie Ozog, senior, Christa Ozog, junior fullback; Amie Morelli, junior forward; Jennie Cradick, senior fullback.
- Promising newcomers: Liz Gunn, Val Adzima and Betsy Meczka.
- Ozog's '90 outlook: "We're in the process of rebuilding our team. Seven of our players graduated last year, including our goalie. It will be an interesting season and I'm looking forward to it."

GARDEN CITY

- Head coach: Amy Weber, second season.
- League affiliation: Northwest Suburban.
- Season opener: Monday, April 2 at home vs. Pinckney.
- Last year's overall record: 8-6-1.
- Notable losses to graduation: Tisha Guido, goalie; Kristin Hahn, halfback-forward; Renee Nott, fullback; Lila Trombley, halfback; Chris Buggy, halfback.
- Leading returnees: Kendall Janik, senior left winger; Frances Borg, junior right winger; Michelle Nott, junior fullback; Kathy Dusok, junior halfback-forward.
- Promising newcomers: Carolyn McGahan, senior forward; Dawn James, sophomore halfback; Jennifer Leese, junior goalie.
- Weber's '90 outlook: "Our returning players are going to have to be our leaders. Most of our new players are going to need their leadership. Our underclassmen are, for the most part, inexperienced. The attitude is good. The girls realize they are out here to have fun and do their best."

REDFORD UNION

- Head coach: Al Burnham, fourth season.
- League affiliation: Northwest Suburban.
- Season opener: Tuesday, April 3 at home (Pearson School) vs. Southfield.
- Last year's overall record: Not available.
- Notable losses to graduation: Patty Broner, goalie.
- Leading returnees: Kristi Magretta, senior center-midfielder; Brandy Cristante, senior fullback; Beth Trout, senior; Sharon Raab, senior; Erica Holden, senior; Lori Gallia, junior; Kristin Rogers, junior; Andrea Vaganey, sophomore; Michelle Cerda.
- RU's '90 outlook: The Panthers had their biggest turnout ever — as many as 35 players. The prospects are brighter than they've ever been at RU.

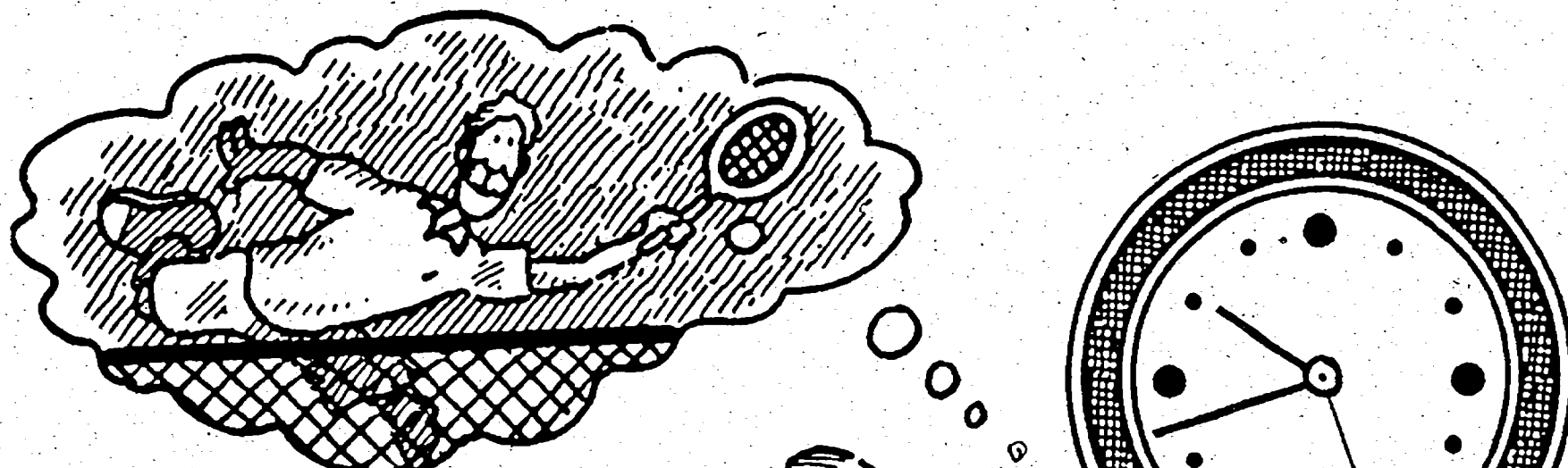


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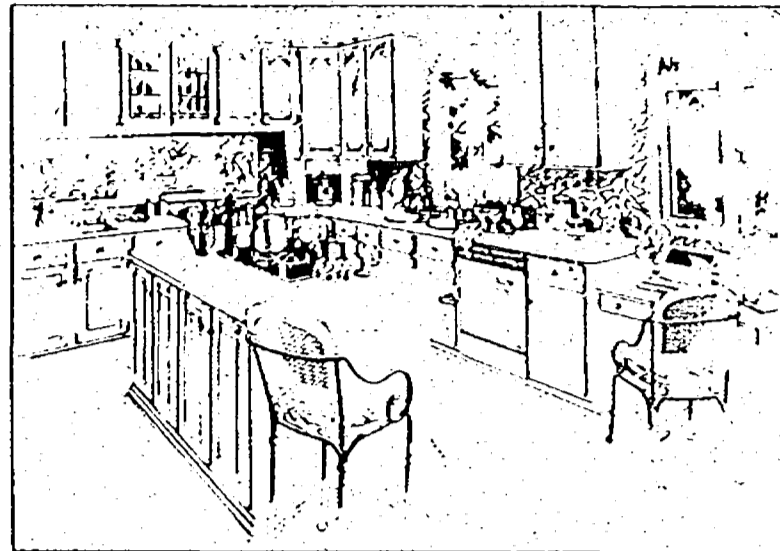
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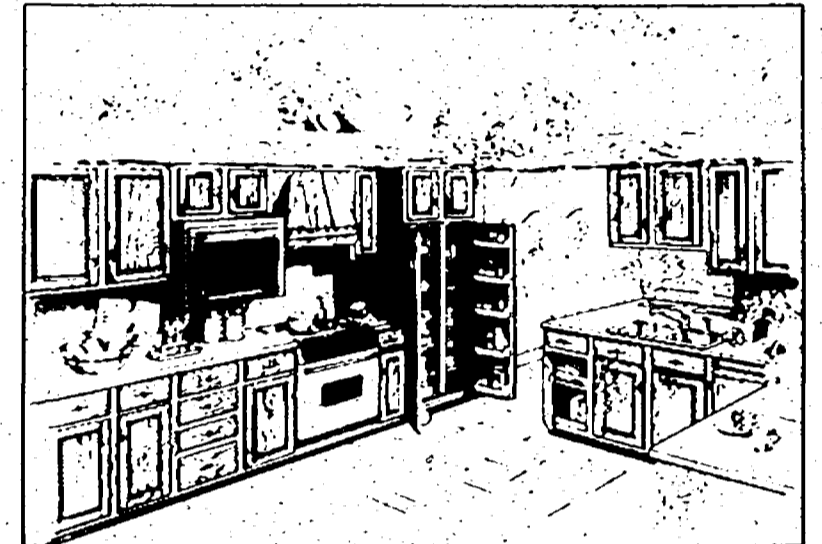


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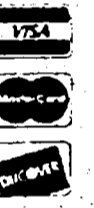
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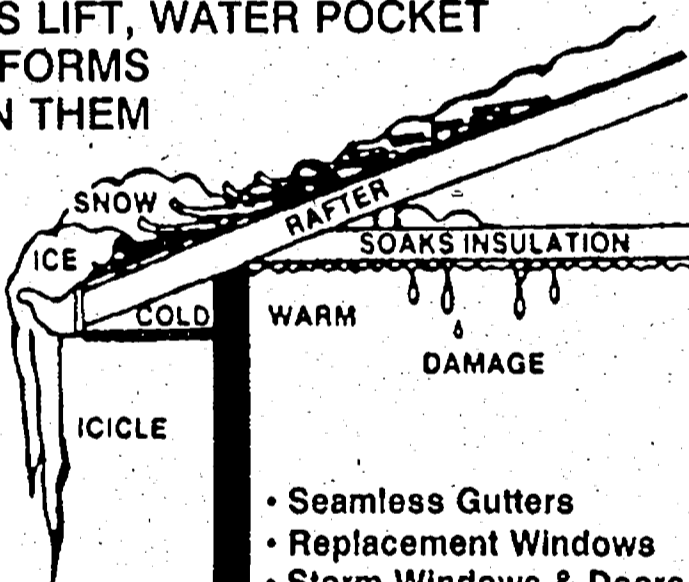
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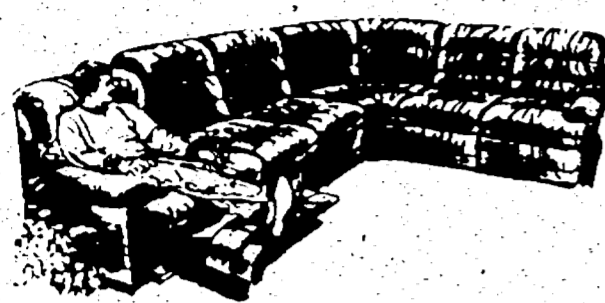
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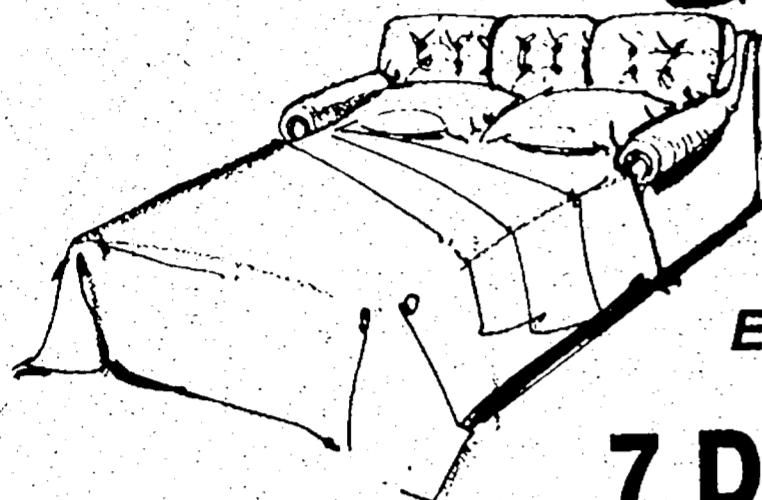
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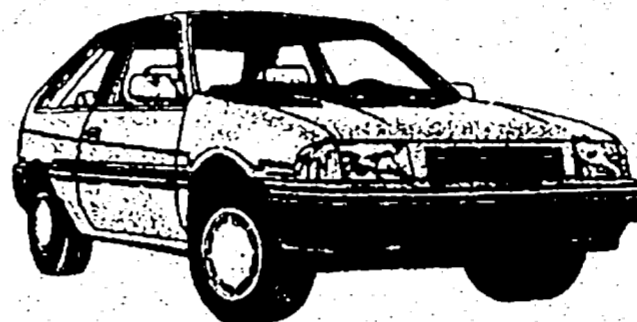
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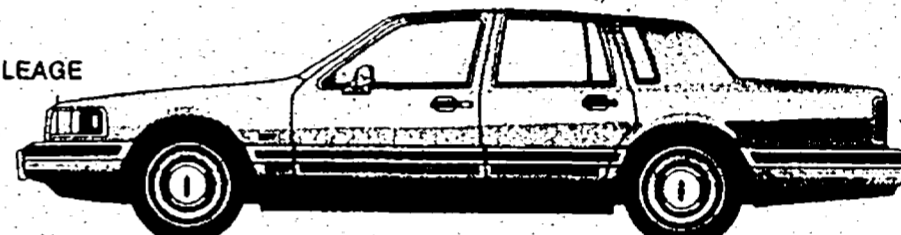
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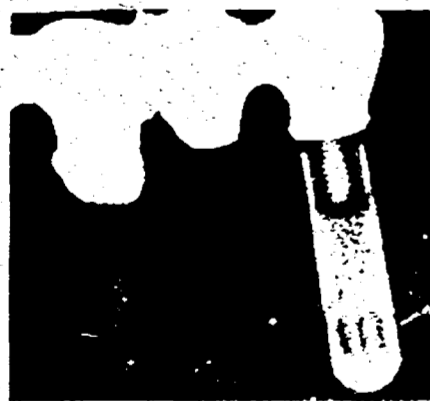
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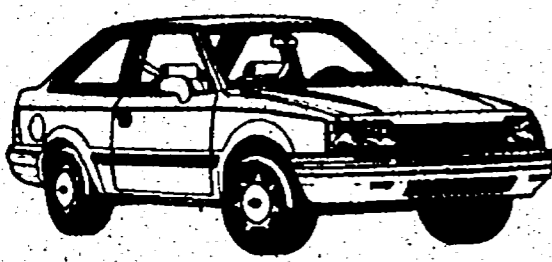
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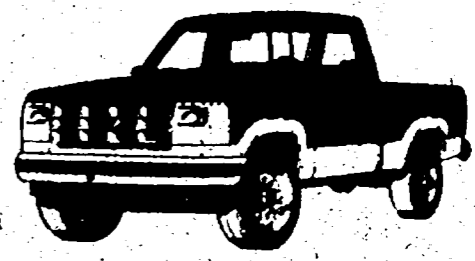
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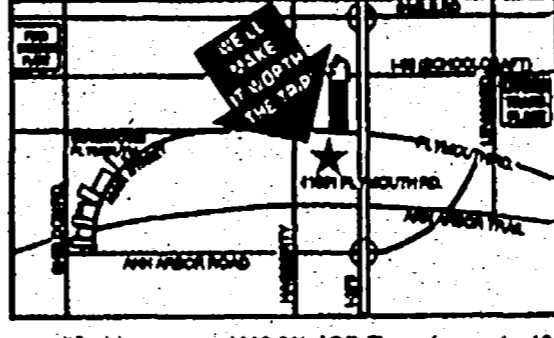
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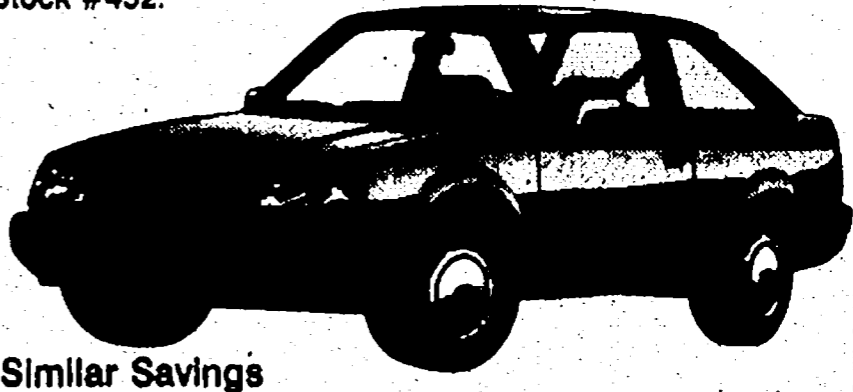
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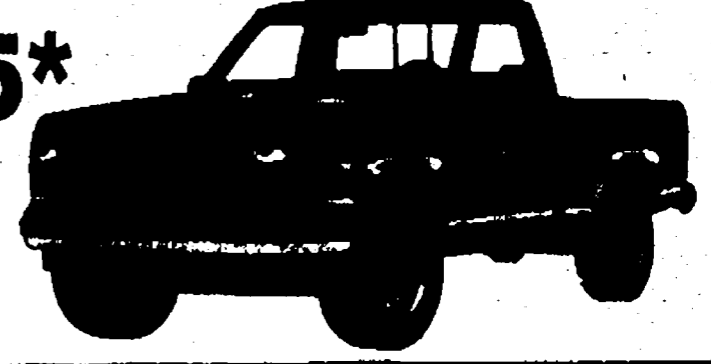
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You can wine and dine, spend to your heart's content, sip some very special brew and basically, see what's up in a Kalamazoo. Croners of old sang about having a gal in Kalamazoo, but there's more there than pretty women. Find out on Page 6D.

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JIM RIDER/staff photographer

Michael Veillette of Rochester resident has won the Michigan state table tennis singles championship six times. He'll be trying for number seven Saturday at the University of Michigan-Dearborn fieldhouse.

A table top affair with tennis . . .

By A. Giralt Bedford
staff writer

Under the bright lights of the gymnasium, the player swings his racket. He drives the ball, sending it spinning across the table. In a fraction of a second, his opponent hits it back to him.

The player is tense and in control. His muscles seem ready to explode, but instead the energy is channeled to his arm. His eyes are fixed on the ball as if hypnotized by it.

The player is table tennis state champion Michael Veillette. The Rochester resident has won the Michigan state singles championship six times and is listed among the top 40 players in the country. He will be defending his title in play Saturday, March 31, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn fieldhouse.

"I've been doing it all my life," said Veillette, whose father was coach for the table tennis club that met at Cobo Hall. "I think I like it because I had some success. I got a chance to travel a lot and it's good exercise. I have an office job and sit all day."

Veillette, an engineer for Rockwell International, is a member of the Detroit Table Tennis Club. The club has some 200 members who play at one or more of four centers in Auburn Heights, West Bloomfield, Royal Oak and Southgate.

The club has some of the best players in the state. Detroit's David Skrzypek represented the United States in the 1988 Paralympic games in Seoul, Korea. He had "a couple of wins and played against the winner."

HE ALSO is proof that table tennis is a suitable sport for people with physical challenges. Skrzypek wears an artificial leg. He started playing table tennis six years ago. He also plays tennis and throws the javelin. "I like table tennis better because I've reached a higher level in it," he said. He won a gold medal at the 1988 U.S. Amputee Athletic Association Games. He hopes to represent the U.S. again in the 1992 Paralympic games in Barcelona, Spain.

The object of table tennis is simple — hit a small white ball over a net and into your opponent's field in such a way that either your opponent misses the ball or hits it only after it has bounced twice on his side, so you score a point. The person who scores 21 points, with a two-point lead, wins the game.

The racket is extremely important to the game. Players choose which kind of rubber sheet they want on each side, depending on their playing style. The same swing will have a totally different effect depending on the type of rubber. Some rubber sticks to the ball, while others repel it.

Under international rules, one of side of the paddle surface must be black and one side red. Prior to the game, the player must show his opponent the racket to see what kind of surface it has. Thanks to the colors, the player knows which surface is hitting the ball and what kind of spin it will have.

PLAYERS HOLD their rackets two different ways. With the shake-hand style, used here and in Europe, the player holds the racket as if he were shaking somebody's hand. With the Oriental or pen-hold style, favored by Asian players, the player holds it as if it were a pen.

According to Veillette, a good player has "speed, agility and brains."

"It's all concentration," he said. "You have to keep your eyes on the ball and it's hard because it is so small."

As far as what to look for, "the two most important things are speed and spin, a forward spin in the ball," Veillette said.

Players must pay constant attention to the ball and to the side of the racket being used. They have to read the speed of the ball as it is coming toward them, one reason why it is so hard to watch table tennis on television. The image on the screen cannot reflect the speed and spin of the ball. It may look as if it were traveling slowly, when in fact it is going very fast.

"It is much quicker than any of the other racket sports," Veillette said.

While some people may not think of table tennis players as all-around athletes, many of them play other sports. The majority play tennis during the summer and table tennis during the winter. Veillette plays tennis, golf and softball. In winter, he goes cross-country skiing.

CLUB MEMBER Bill Byrnes said most people play the game for fun and practice. Once popular during the Depression, table tennis isn't as much now, partly because "Americans go for expensive sports like golf and tennis."

Most people start playing the game in their basements; others "play at the YMCA or at a youth center," Byrnes said. "If they get good they start looking for better competition and find it in a club like this."

The Detroit Table Tennis Club has centers in Auburn Hills, Southgate, West Bloomfield and Royal Oak. For information, call George Scheipner at 354-5940.

The state table tennis championship will start at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 31, in the fieldhouse at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Evergreen at Hubbard Drive, Dearborn. It is free and open to the public.

'On your mark'

Mixing fast-paced fun with fitness

By Joan Borum
special writer

It was what the Irish call a "soft day." In other words, it drizzled. And sometimes, it rained.

But to the 1,000 or so participants in the eighth annual Motor City Stridders St. Patrick's Day run/walk, 1990's bone-numbing dampness was a great improvement over 1988's blizzard.

"Actually, it's the best weather we've ever had for this race," Dr. Ed Kozloff, president of the Motor City Stridders, told the crowd.

Mention running club and what comes to mind? Masochism, right? "No pain, no gain" and similar mantras? Well, maybe some running groups, but not the Stridders.

Sure, there are dedicated lean-and-mean marathoners, but many members are more casual runners or walkers who just like to exercise and enjoy the camaraderie that characterizes Stridders' meet. There are even a few hardcore sloths, eating sticky buns, while presiding over the registration tables.

"We welcome anybody who wants to join us for regular exercise," said Kozloff, who has been president since 1975. "We try to have a mix of race types so everybody can participate and enjoy. The Belle Isle run is a pure killer, while the St. Patrick's Day run is a family event."

The Detroit Dietetic Association one mile and 10-K is somewhere in between. (For those of us who don't know how far 10-K is and didn't know who to ask, Kozloff offers the answer. A 10-K equals 6.2 miles.)

CERTAINLY, there seemed to be something for everyone at the St. Patrick's Day race.

There was a 440-yard run for children 12 and younger, which drew about 20 entrants. The youngest runner was 3½-year-old Allison Simms, who ran accompa-

nied by her father. An even younger, anonymous participant was disqualified because his father carried him the entire quarter mile.

"All finishers get ribbons and certificates," said Kozloff, "to discourage the 'Little League Syndrome.' We don't want parents pushing their children to win."

There was a 2-K (1½ miles) walk, with ribbons and certificates to all winners, and the main event, the four-mile run. The first 100 men and the first 150 women each received medals and all finishers picked up certificates. The top five men and woman got awards.

The team spirit of the Stridders is reflected in the fact that almost every participant gets some recognition for their efforts, and that times are not officially recorded. It's the duty of every finisher to remember his or her own time as displayed on a large digital clock at the finish line.

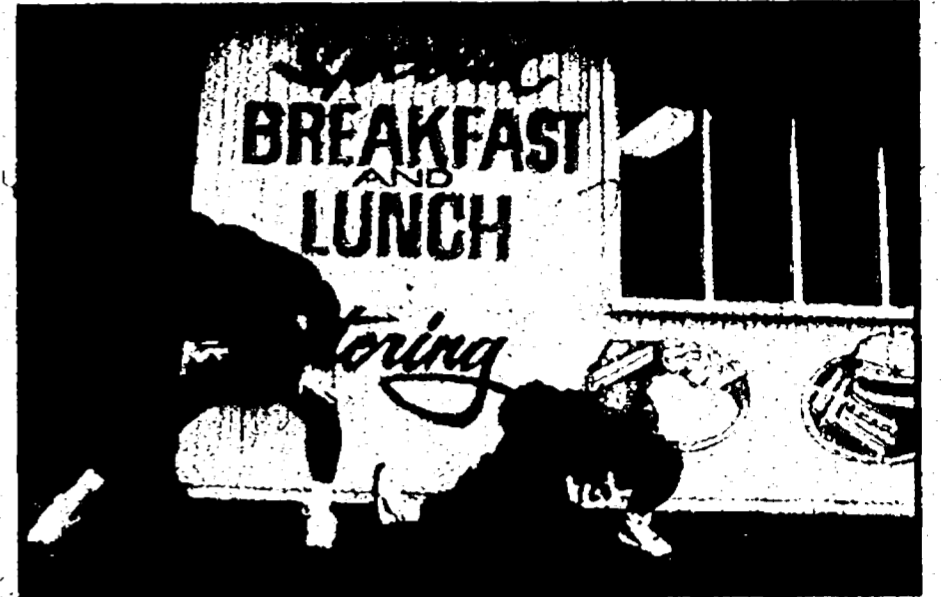
Had justice been served, there would have been an award for best costume. Naturally, green was predominant, in every possible genre of clothing, including a well-muscled adult male in an elf suit.

"This event is almost as colorful as our Halloween run, although the New Year's run comes a close second," said Tom Fraser.

Like some other Stridders, including Kozloff, Fraser spends more time officiating than running at events. Both men do most of their running on their own time.

THERE MAY be such a thing as "runner's high," but most of the Stridders, whatever their endurance level, emphasize the general sense of well-being that comes from regular exercise.

Up until four years ago, Rosemary Brockelhurst's idea of



Hank Glorianne and Ebel Socha, both of Rochester, do their warm-up stretches under the overhang of a Michigan Avenue restaurant.



Sandy Smith walks along with Mike Simms during the race. Simms used a specially designed stroller to take daughter Allison along.



One of the fringe benefits of racing in the streets of Detroit is the chance to literally run the stop light.



Children take off for a 440-yard Motor City Stridders' race.

Getting in stride with these races

Interested in trying your luck at a Motor City Stridders' event? Well, here's a few races coming up in the next few months:

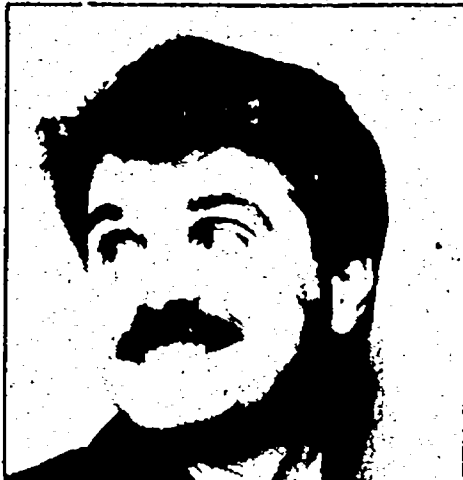
- The sixth annual American Dietetic Association 10-K-arrot run 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 1, at Hart Plaza, Detroit. Voted most nutritious post race refreshments (whole grain Twinkles!). Free race packets include information on sports nutrition and high carbohydrate recipes.
- Boblo Island Fun Run 10 a.m. Saturday, May 10. Kids races, one- and four-milers. Race course is a loop through the beautiful grounds of Boblo Island.
- Third annual Run for Your Life 8:30 a.m. Saturday, July 8, Southfield Civic Center. Two-mile run, 8-K and non-competitive two-mile fun walk.

Entry fees for races average around \$10 (more for Boblo, of course) and include a commemorative T-shirt.

For information on joining the Motor City Stridders or on individual events, call Dr. Edward Kozloff at 544-9999, or write him at 10144 Lincoln, Huntington Woods 48070.

FEAR & LOAFING

Enough stuff



Karl Nilsson

The moon weighs 81 quintillion tons. In case you skipped Mr. Wizard, a quintillion is a thousand quadrillions. And, as Wayne Newton's bookkeeper surely knows, it's written as a one followed by 18 zeros. In other words, the cold-hearted orb weighs about half as much as the piles of useless junk stacked inside my house.

About this time every spring, I get the powerful urge to shovel out my stockpile of unused items and get organized. But every year, I trip over the same old boxes, get discouraged and fall asleep on a heap of magazines.

What causes an ordinary-looking non-hobo to become obsessed with saving 8-track tapes, old truck tires and slivers of soap? Anthropologists tell us every human in every culture is born with two instinctive, primal fears — the fear of falling and the fear of finding an eyelash in his cornflakes.

However, a compulsive saver is driven by a third terror — the dread that some day, somewhere, he will need something and won't have it because (A) his spouse, (B) the zoning board or (C) the health department made him throw it out.

THIS FEAR has inspired me to hoard hundreds of souvenir napkins, dried-up ballpoint pens and socks without partners. With no professional assistance, I have developed my own unique decor, best described as early "Sanford & Son."

Take the kitchen. My culinary tastes are simple. A can opener, a toaster oven and running water are about all the gadgets I can handle without hurting myself. But for some reason, I've accumulated 31,000 small electric appliances, including a "Hot-Dogger," "Salad Shooter," air popper, egg pocher, ice crusher, deep fryer and buffalo chipper.

Eventually, broken-but-repairable objects displaced every molecule of air in the basement, attic and garage. Now, my clothes are hanging from tree limbs. Forced out of the nursery by 30 years of National Geographic, the kids have burrowed under the lawn for shelter.

As far as I can remember, I've only been free from clutter twice in my adult life.

The first time was back in the turbulent early '70s when I traded the Plastic Decade of Suburbia for the Untainted Urban Experience. Between classes at Wayne State, I dragged my stereo and lava light off campus to join the nouveau poor's protest against consumerism. I assumed the street-people around my Cass Corridor tenement would feel sympathetic with their new brother in the struggle against capitalist oppression.

OF COURSE, my apartment was immediately ransacked. The unlightened thieves grabbed everything of value, including my power to people, share the riches literature rack.

In reaction to the impromptu redistribution of wealth, I bought the biggest Doberman in AKC history. Unfortunately, the dog had read Thoreau. To curb my materialistic tendencies, he would systematically chew and destroy everything that wasn't nailed to the ceiling.

My second chance at Walden Pond came during my mandatory "Hitchhiking Across Europe Experience." For the Woodstock generation, that meant flying Icelandic Airlines and landing with no credit cards, no tour guides and no reservations. Just a small knapsack and a copy of "Europe on 50 Cents a Day."

For one glorious summer, I had nothing to insure, nothing to lock up and basically nothing to eat.

When money ran out, I came back. Like Jimmy Stewart in "It's a Wonderful Life," I promised myself I would work just long enough to bankroll a trip around the world.

Unfortunately, instead of saving money, I started saving things. Thousands of things. Things like dead batteries, body shirts and little packets of horsey sauce from Arby's.

Ever since then, I've had to stay home and protect my stuff from becoming somebody else's stuff.

The moral is this: Next time somebody promises you the moon, remember how heavy it is, how tough it would be to cart around and how crowded your closets are.

STREET SENSE

Try changing your outlook on life

Dear Barbara, I work with my parents and brothers in a family-owned business. It is a successful manufacturing company and I am doing well for my age.

I have always been considered the "flitty" one in the family. I have a learning disability and never did as well as the rest of my family in school. I did manage to go to college although not one that they approved of.

I feel that I am working as hard as any of them now, but they don't seem to think so and do not treat me with the respect with which they treat each other. This is depressing for me. I have thought of moving away, but this is an excellent business in which I will one day share ownership.

I don't have the kind of family

that I could bring this up with. They would construe my behavior as "whiny." I really feel stuck. Can you help?

A Woman Eager to be Respected

Dear Eager to be Respected, I am having difficulty answering your letter in a way that you won't take harshly. As you read this, you will understand why I have this problem.

I don't know where the truth lies. I don't know if you are working as hard as any of them or if they see the same style that you showed as a child.

Can I sidestep this dilemma by saying that your sense of well being should be based on how well you know you are doing not on how you think they are treating you. The yardstick that you should be using is

whether you are continuing to grow and develop and become more adequate.

If you had this inner feeling of well-being, if you were at one with yourself, you wouldn't be depressed. If you can't move away because one day you will share ownership in an excellent business, try changing your attitude. Since you were so successful, despite your learning disability, in graduating from college, you may be equally successful in changing your outlook toward life.



Barbara Schiff

If you have a question or comment for Barbara Schiff, a trained counselor and experienced therapist, send it to Street Sense, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

The Striders get the 'Motor City' up and running



GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Continued from Page 1

strenuous exercise was knitting with a heavyweight yarn. Then, as a part of a cancer recovery program at Beaumont Hospital, she agreed to walk regularly. Beaumont wanted to know if expending energy would increase energy in recovering cancer patients.

"I started walking two miles a day," said Brockelhurst. "And I felt better almost at once. My husband, Jim is a walker, too, and we attend almost all of the Striders' walking events."

"If there's no provision for walking, we go as volunteers to help."

Linda and Jack Levley are a mixed marriage — he runs and she walks.

"I got up to 10-K, but my body just wasn't built for running," Linda said. "I decided that walking was my sport. I used to be just exhausted when I got home from teaching school. Now, after I watch my soaps, I go for a long walk."

"Not only is the walk invigorating, I'm much healthier than I used to be."

The top 10 in the '90s

Wondering what will be "in" in the 1990s? Here's 10 predictions from Alan Teitel, the trendologist with his finger on the pulse of what's new and now.

(1) World War II nostalgia: The 50th anniversary of the Big One brings back into fashion the music and styles of the 1940s.

Women will wear their hair longer and in "page boys." Short coats, the "boxy" look, the military and nautical looks in clothing are the rage, as are khaki, navy, black and bright colors.

(2) Pearl jewelry: The '90s brings in pearl chokers, ropes, rings and pins in both cultured and faux jewelry.

(3) Better quality goods: Manufacturers across the spectrum are working on improving product lines with better workmanship and high quality materials appearing soon on store shelves.

(4) Ethnic look: Turn on the television and you'll see Africa, Central America and the Middle East dominate the news.

At the stores, the best of Third World cultures spark an uprising in fashion, wielding great influence in jewelry and clothing.

(5) "Thin is in." Diets, exercise and health continue to set the pace for those on the fashion fast track. Better start conditioning yourself now for another lean and mean decade.

(6) Symphonic music: European classical music is reborn in the '90s. A new generation of young people discovers a new favorite.

(7) Ultra-bright colors: Neon and fluorescent hues glow in clothing, backpacks, bicycle bags, waist bags, running shoes, bag wear, hair accessories and T-shirts.

(8) Bright makeup: Women create a big splash in the new decade with reds, oranges, greens and yellows. Look for Crayola and Day-Glo colors on the women in your life.

(9) Laser-cut stones: Termolines, topaz and amethysts laser cut and set in 14 karats are the forward look in high technology for the '90s. Look for these stones in pins, necklaces, earrings and especially rings.

(10) Water babies: America has a love affair with anything nautical. Swimming is the sport of the '90s. Seafood replaces ethnic food as the hot new category in specialty restaurants.

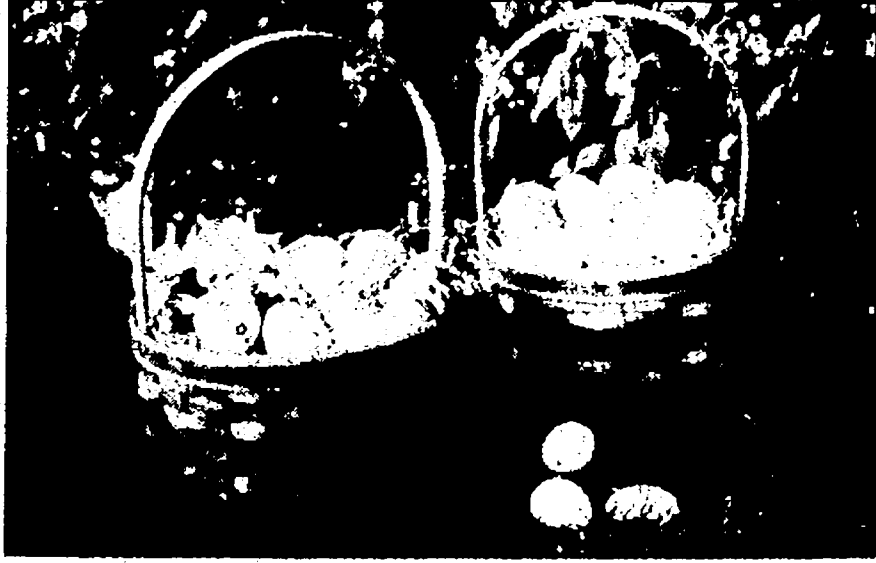
Boating and fishing are the new "in" pastimes and concern about fresh water will be our most urgent environmental priority.



STREET SEEN

Denise Susan Lucas

Our intrepid Street Scene reporter is always looking for the unusual and welcomes comments and suggestions from readers and entrepreneurs. Send those to this column in care of this newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or call 591-2300, Ext. 313.



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Howling success

Bring the popular south-west influence into your decor with a whimsical contemporary coyote. Local artist Tim Yanke, who studied at the University of Texas, creates the howling 32-inch coyote out of wood and paints abstract designs in pastel and neon shades of turquoise, green, purple and lavender. The coyote can be purchased at the Four Winds Gallery, 340 E. Maple, Birmingham and is also available in cactus, snake and rex characters.



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STREET CRACKS

John Bizarre: Not so bizarre comedy style

By Susan Steinnmueller
staff writer

Before finding his niche as a stand-up comedian, John Bizarre had jobs in which he was like a round peg in a square hole.

While living in New York, the 28-year-old Los Angeles comic was a disc jockey at an adult contemporary music station playing the songs of Barbara Streisand and Neil Diamond.

"I would tell jokes and they didn't fit in with the format and I lost my job," he said.

Another job was at a roller skating rink.

"That was harder work. You need platform shoes for that, he said."

None of these or many other jobs seemed to gel — "I was the poorest employee. I showed up late if I did show up. I was just the worst."

Then, in 1982, he did a stand-up comedy gig.

"I did it for lack of anything else to do. I used some of the material I used to do on the radio, he said."

The gig went well, and the rest is history. Bizarre had finally found a job that fit. He also found a job he loves.

"I LOVE the lifestyle — it's the freest lifestyle," Bizarre said. "I think it's great."

Bizarre does not even mind the traveling.

"I like hotel rooms, I like to meet people, I like to travel, I like the business, and I like comedians," he said. "I like the Sesame Snack sticks from Pepperidge Farm."

His playful comedy brings as much fun as his name implies. Bizarre describes his act as "very fast-paced. I have a lot of energy on stage — I move around the stage a lot."

A gigantic boom-box radio is one

of his props, contributing to his act also being "loud and raucous." Bizarre keeps away from too much offensive language and humor.

"That's too easy," he said. "I really do a pretty clean show. My material comes from things that irritate me."

Topics run the gamut. His standard for whether or not to use the material is whether it makes him laugh.

"If I think it's funny, then I can sell it to the audience."

Bizarre grew up as an "army brat." He was born in Japan and lived in Portugal and "most of the northeast United States." When he was 18, his family moved to New York, where he made his home for the next 10 years.

Six months ago, he moved to Los Angeles and things have been going well for him there.

HE HAS appeared twice on "Comic Strip Live," and just finished a Showtime Comedy Club Network show. Next week he will be filming a segment for an MTV comedy show.

"It's helped a lot living out here, because all the television is here," he said. "Television and movies — that's really where I want to go."

His list of television credits also includes appearances on "Stand Up HBO Short Take," "Bill Boggs' Comedy Tonight" and Fox Network's "Comedy Express."

Bizarre also showcased at the 1988 and 1989 American Comedy Convention, at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas. He has opened for the Charlie Daniels Band, Robert Palmer, Marc "Skippy" Price and Greg Allman.

He is a frequent performer at colleges, and recently appeared at Kalamazoo College. He has showcased three times for the National Association



Before finding his niche as a stand-up comedian, John Bizarre worked at such jobs as a disc jockey at an adult contemporary music station and at a roller skating rink.

tion of Campus Activities.

His catchy name doesn't hurt when it comes to his career. It dates back to his job as a D.J., and it's one he decided to keep.

Other things you need to know about Bizarre — his four heroes are Daffy Duck, Bill Murray, David Letterman and Groucho Marx.

And, his love of Sesame Sticks — "I can't really emphasize enough how much I like Sesame Snack sticks."

John Bizarre will headline Wednesday through Saturday, March 28-31, at Joey's Comedy Club and Sports Emporium, 15246 Southfield, Allen Park. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For more information call 382-7041.

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.

Chaplin's East
Scott Shaw and the Fabulous Funk Brothers, along with Rocky LaPorte and Sean Hunter will perform Wednesday-Saturday, March 28-31, at Chaplin's East, 34244 Groesbeck, Fraser. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 792-1902.

Chaplin's West
T.C. Hatter, along with Jim Mellugh and Ken Brown, will perform Tuesday-Saturday, March 27-31, at Chaplin's West, 16890 Telegraph, south of Six Mile, Detroit. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 533-8866.

Chaplin's Plymouth
Jack Thomas will perform Wednesday-Saturday, March 28-31, at Chaplin's Plymouth in the Radisson, 14707 Northville Road, Plymouth. Showtimes are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 454-4680.

Comedy Castle
Dave Coulter will perform along with Mark Sill Thursday-Saturday, March 29-31, at the Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak. For reservations, call 542-9900.

Joey's Allen Park
Allan Stephan will perform Wednesday-Saturday, March 21-24, at Joey's Comedy Club and Sports Emporium, 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.

Joey's Livonia
Klaus Meyers will perform Wednesday-Saturday, March 28-31, at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road, 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.

Holly Hotel
Craig McCart, with Al Langston and Stuart Johnson will perform Thursday-Saturday, March 29-31, 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.

Miss Kitty's
Ben Ulin and Jim Burrows will perform Thursday-Saturday, March 29-31, at Miss Kitty's Comedy Club, Long Branch Restaurant, 595 N. LaPeer Road, Oxford. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 628-6500.

Looney Bin
S.R.O. will perform with Keith Ruff and Lisa Golch Thursday-Saturday, March 29-31, in a special anniversary celebration at the Wolverine and Looney Bin Restaurant and Comedy Club, 1655 Glengary, Walled Lake. Show times are 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 8 and 10:15 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 669-9374.

Bea's Comedy Kitchen
Skeeter Murray, Steve Mitchell and Downtown Tony Brown will perform Friday-Saturday, March 30-31 at Bea's Comedy Kitchen, 541 Larned, Detroit. Show times are 8:30 and 11 p.m. For information, call 961-2581.

Mainstreet
Steve & Leo will perform Friday-Saturday, March 30-31, at Mainstreet Comedy Showcase, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday and 7, 9 and 11 p.m. Saturday. For information, call 996-9080.

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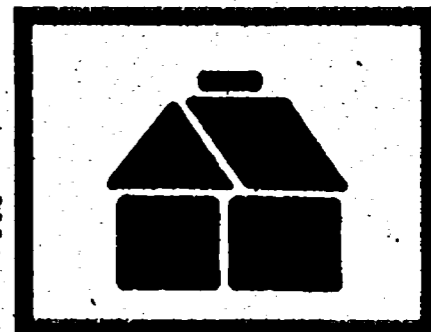
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Update on mail campaign

Dear Readers: Last year I started my Less is Better campaign to see if 3rd class "junk" mail could be decreased. After receiving many suggestions, I promised to follow up after new rate changes were proposed.

The Postal Service has now petitioned the Postal Rate Commission to increase all postal rates, with proposals for a 30-cent first-class rate and 18.5 cents for regular third-class bulk mailing. Various discounts for items such as presorted regular saturation mail could dip the cost as low as 11.3 cents and non-profit down to as little as 7 cents per item.

After studying the situation in depth, I find that junk mail is only the tip of the iceberg of postal problems. The Postal Service has invested millions of dollars in automated equipment in recent years but failed to properly anticipate the cost of putting it into use. As a result, the post office will face a \$7.5 billion deficit without the proposed increase. The sad fact is that the post office is in desperate need of the largest volumes of mail it can get in order to provide revenues to pay for its huge investments.

When I told the Secretary of the Board of Governors of the Postal Service that I was considering a national letter writing campaign last year, he told me, "Good! Send us all the letters you can get. We'll make 5 cents on every letter, so I hope we get a million letters! Boy, will we make money on that!" In light of our nation's waste disposal problems, I find that attitude disheartening.

WHEN THE LAST rate increase went into effect, third-class bulk mail volumes did decrease slightly and the proposed increases should lighten the load of targeted bulk mail considerably more. Despite popular opinion, first class mail does not subsidize third-class costs. In fact, it is estimated that if there was only first-class mail, stamps would cost about 50 cents.

My present concern is about saturation mail (items delivered to every address within a given area) which is given rock bottom rates because it is presorted and easy to deliver. Because it will continue to be so inexpensive, I fear we will see even more saturation mail being dumped on every address on carrier routes and fewer carefully targeted items. This could result in even greater volumes of less interesting mail, not only for people who don't want it, but also to be handled in our already burgeoning disposal systems.

The management of the U.S. Postal Service is a monumental problem. One knowledgeable Washington expert told me that the U.S. Postal Service is very poorly managed and that neither Congress, the courts "nor even Ralph Nader" seem to know how to correct its difficulties.

If you are concerned about the low cost of saturation mail and its effects on our environment, you can write to George W. Haley, Chairman, Postal Rate Commission, 1333 "H" St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20268. As promised, I am forwarding to him all the letters I received last year supporting this campaign. My thanks to all who wrote.

Feathery finale Birdhouse contest winners announced

OVER 100 seventh and eighth grade students in Wayne and Oakland County schools participated in the "Best Birdhouse Builder Contest" held at the International Builders Home Flower Furniture Show which just concluded an attendance-setting week in Detroit's Cobo Center.

The contest, a first and now to be an annual event, was sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, and the Department of Natural Resources.

Seventy-two birdhouses submitted by 108 seventh and eighth graders — as individuals or in teams of two — were on display during the builders show.

In all, there were 26 winning houses constructed by 35 contestants. Top honors went to:

SEVENTH GRADE: Branden Bogard, West Middle School, Plymouth, a bluebird house, first place; Damien Fron, St. Valentine Catholic School, Redford, wren house, second place; Brigitte Ohlrich, Our Shepherd Lutheran School, Birmingham, bluebird house, third.

EIGHTH GRADE: Amy Watroba, St. Valentine Catholic School, Redford, wren house, first; Patrick Horn, Curt Smart, Hilbert Junior High, Redford, flycatcher, second; Carrie Burrows, Susan Williams, Hilbert Junior High School, robin house, third.

Honorable mentions in the seventh-grade division went to: John Doonan, St. Valentine, Redford, wren; Mike Danic, St. Valentine, Redford, wren; Chethan Devlreddy,

Detroit Country Day, Birmingham, wood duck; Jim Guyette, Hilbert Junior High, Redford sparrow/flycatcher; Chris Prysock, St. Valentine, Redford, wren; Christine Greene, Our Shepherd Lutheran, Birmingham, robin; Jason Krellyke, St. Valentine, Redford, wren; Angela Kovtun, Our Shepherd Lutheran, Birmingham, bluebird; Terrence Chan, Detroit Country Day, Birmingham, wren; Sarah Raymond, Detroit Country Day, Birmingham, bat.

In the eighth-grade category, honorable mentions went to: Dennis Rossi, Paul Kouba, Hilbert Junior High, Redford, wren; Andy Artero, Mike Yarbrough, Hilbert Junior High, Redford, bluebird; Melissa Dutton, Dawn O'Connor, Hilbert Junior High, Redford, robin; Curt Smart, Brian Bowman, Hilbert Junior High, Redford, robin; Eric Bowman, Nate Norton, Hilbert Junior High School, wren; Len Miles, Our Lady of Refuge, Orchard Lake, bat; Randy Skutnick, Hilbert Junior High, Redford, wren; Mike Cebait, Mike Styles, Hilbert Junior High School, wren; Joe Helm, Greg Hallman, Hilbert Junior School, Redford, wren; Tom Crowley, Hilbert Junior High, Redford, bluebird.

Judges were Tim Nowicki, Detroit Audubon Society, Royal Oak; Jim and Evelyn Bonadeo, Bonadeo Builders, Livonia; Randy Raymond, Department of Natural Resources, NonGame Wildlife Fund, Lansing; Corinne Abatt, Oakland County creative living editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Birdhouses were designed for a specific species of bird. The nine categories were: purple martin, house wren, bluebird, barred owl, robin,

Each student built a birdhouse designed for a specific species of bird. There were nine categories . . . following DNR plans.

wood duck, great crested flycatcher, American kestrel — and the little brown bat. Each participant followed plans from the book "Working for Wildlife," which describes the habitat needs of each species written by the DNR.

Participating schools included: St. Valentine, Redford; West Middle School, Plymouth; Hilbert Junior High School, Redford; Lowell Junior High School, Westland; West Maple Middle School, Birmingham; Detroit Country Day, Birmingham; Novi Middle School, Novi; Our Shepherd Lutheran School, Birmingham; Our Lady of Refuge, Orchard Lake.

First-place winners will receive a

Yamaha electronic keyboard, the two second-place winners will receive Roller Hockey Blade skates; and the two third-place winners will each receive a Nintendo Game Boy.

Twenty honorable mention winners will receive a Sony radio-headphone set. All students whose birdhouses were displayed at the builders show will receive a \$35 gift certificate from Harmony House, a hard-bound book, "The Birds Around Us," and a certificate of achievement from the O&E.

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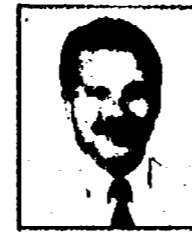
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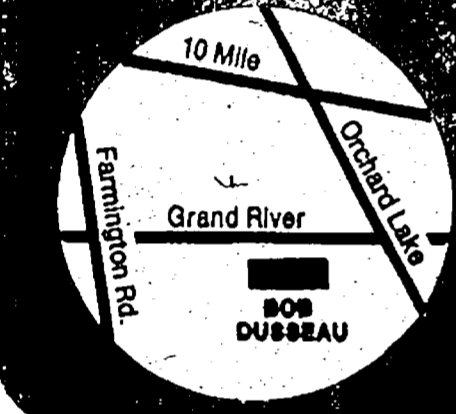
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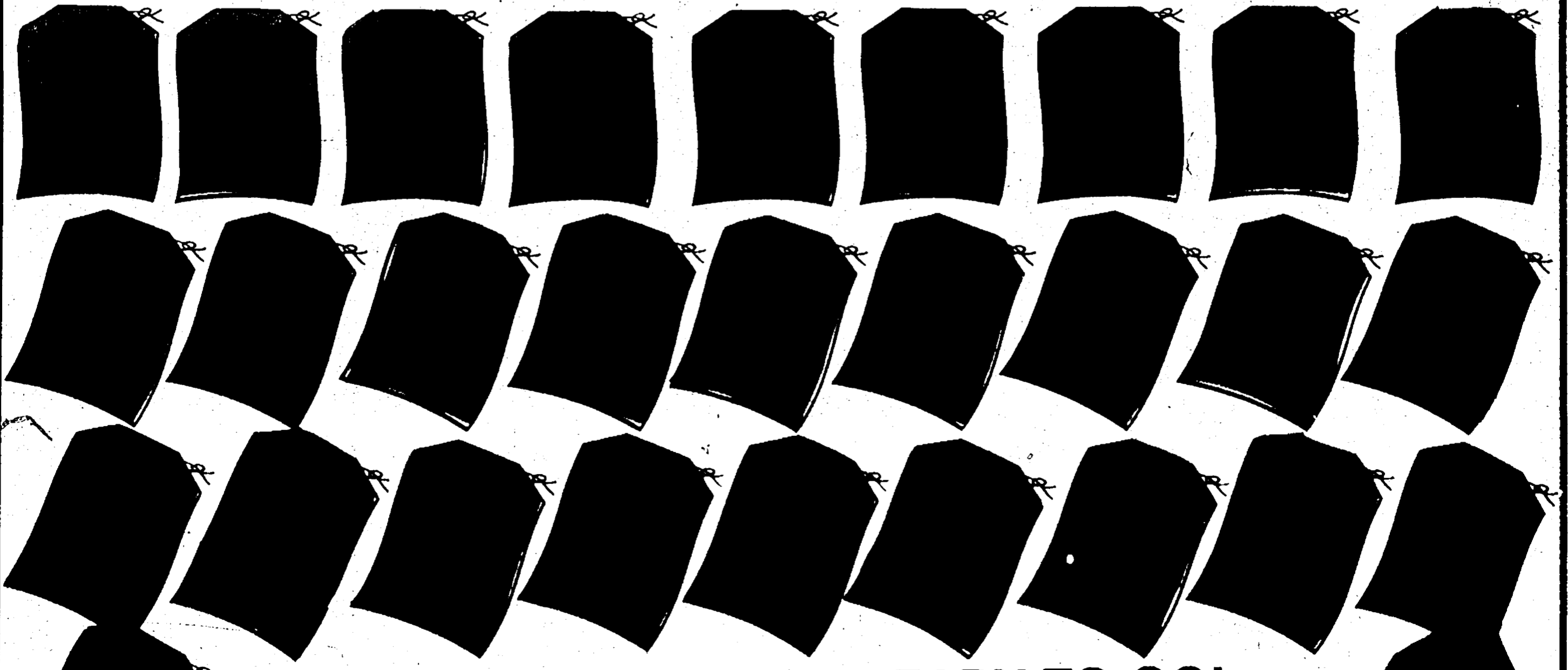
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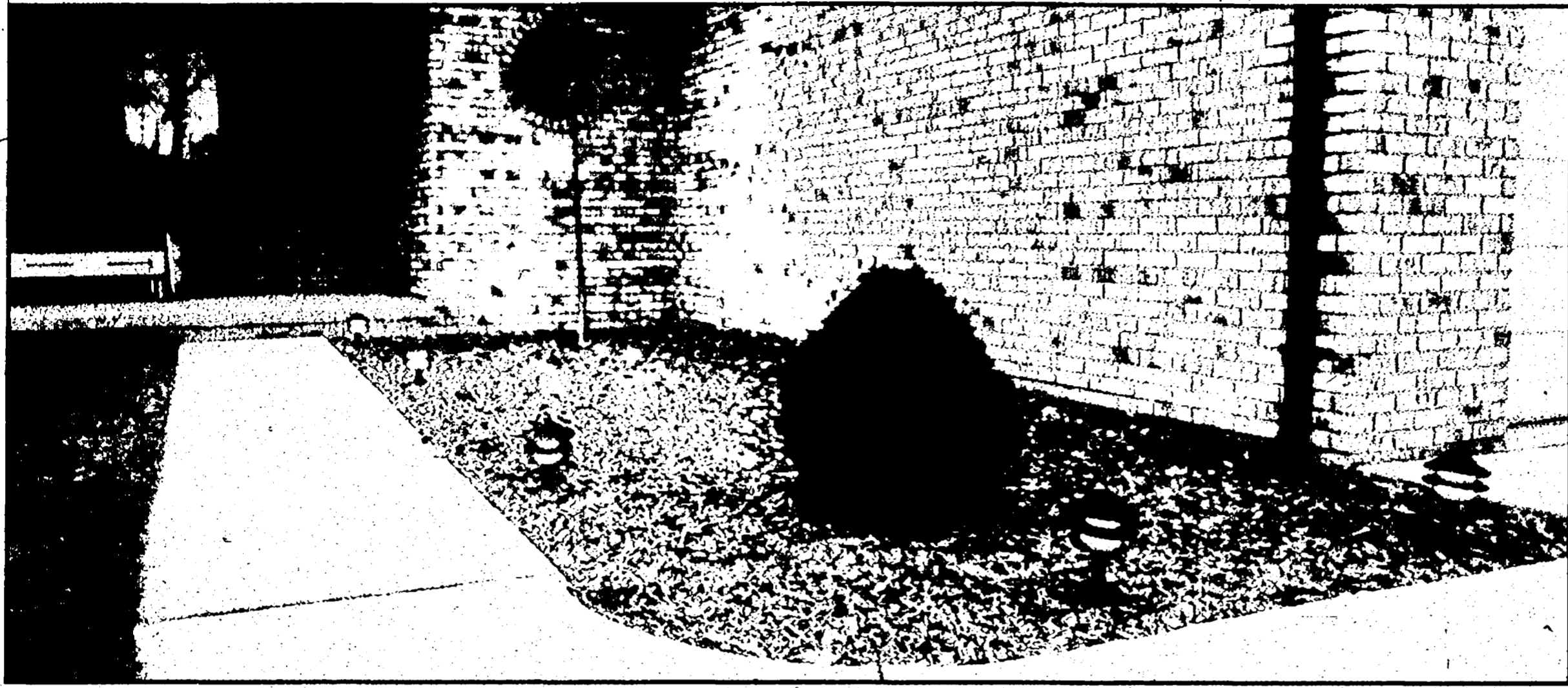


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Low voltage lamps shed new light on yards



GUY WARREN/staff photographer

The front walkway of Jim and Sylvia Skelton's Westland home is illuminated by low-voltage lighting. The outdoor lighting is becoming quite popular, though some homeowners use it for decoration while others use it for security.

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Look for low voltage outdoor lighting systems to start sprouting in neighborhoods as the temperature rises, days lengthen and we spend more time outside working and playing.

Low-voltage lights, fixtures 12 to 18 inches above ground level, are powered by a transformer plugged into a standard wall outlet. It can be activated by switch, timer or photo-electric cell.

Fairly inexpensive, a set of 10 plastic lamps with 100 feet of cable and a transformer with a timer can be purchased for \$80.

They have both a decorative and safety function.

Jim and Sylvia Skelton recently built a house in Westland. Sylvia was immediately attracted to low voltage outdoor lighting after getting a look at the system of her mother-in-law's neighbor.

"I WANTED it for decoration and

when I saw how dark it (sidewalk) was, I wanted it for safety, too," she said. "I think they're very attractive."

The Skeltons, still landscaping, have positioned lights to accentuate several trees and plan to add more along a pond and stream in their yard.

William and Louise Scherer of Redford, owners of an older house on a corner lot, were concerned about safety.

"It's a dark corner," William said.

"It (system) lights the sidewalk when you walk around. My porch is built so someone could hide underneath, so we put a light under there."

Different kinds of fixtures throw different patterns of light. One manufacturer, Intermatic, offers a Mallibu line that includes tier light, floodlight, mushroom light, globe light and well light.

A TYPICAL lamp is one-sixth to one-quarter as bright as a 75-watt light, Intermatic reports.

It costs \$15 to \$25 per year for electricity to operate a typical strand of four low voltage fixtures, said Joan Bradley, a lighting specialist for Detroit Edison.

Another big attraction of low voltage lighting is the ease of installation.

"You don't need a permit. You or I could install it comfortably," Bradley said.

Most people get a transformer with a timer, said Phil Kinzer, marketing manager for Intermatic. "It's straightforward, easy to do. It doesn't leave lights on all night," he said.

Other buyers prefer a power source with an on-off switch right on the transformer. Others like a photocell.

Still others have more sophisticated hook-ups and tap into indoor switches that also may be connected to regular outdoor spotlights.

UPWARDS OF 70 percent of all sales are to individuals, the rest to contractors, Kinzer said. "Most of ours are do-it-yourself, people working on their yards."

That includes people who build new or move into used houses.

A big reduction in price — more than 100 percent in some cases — over the past decade has sparked consumer interest in the product. It's been around for some 25 years.

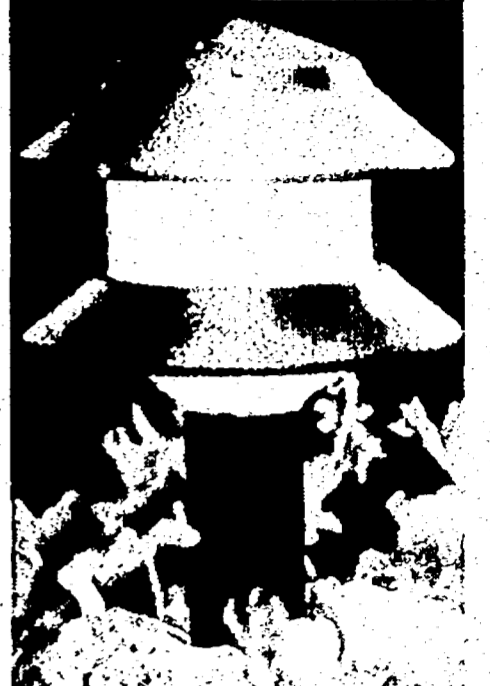
A Christmas promotion through K mart a couple of years ago "did quite well" and proved that low voltage lighting sales could be a year-around proposition even in northern climates, Kinzer said.

"This is something people see in magazines, on TV or at a neighbor's house and say, 'This is a good idea. This is pretty,'" said Jim McPherson, home center manager for the Livonia K mart.

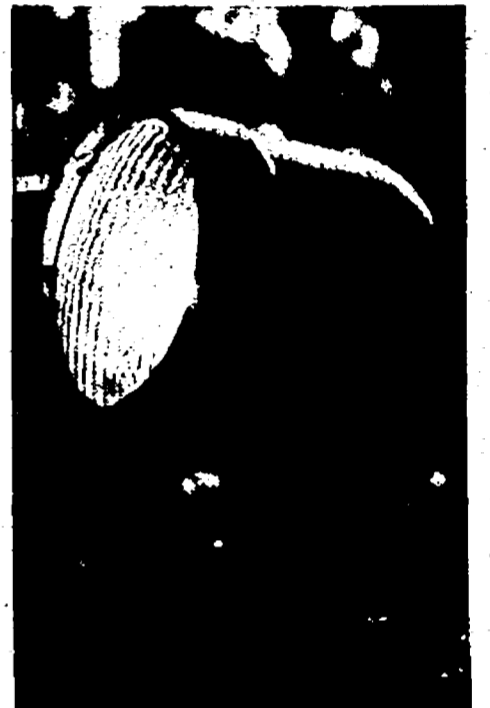
"The primary reason people enjoy it is landscape beautification," Kinzer said. "The next reason is safety. You don't want to trip on a bicycle or skateboard, a crack in the sidewalk. Lighting, by its very nature, is a security product."

Replacement parts and more powerful transformers are available separately.

The biggest mistake consumers make is trying to get too many lights on one transformer, cautioned Tom Ostrega, an electrical consultant at Builders Square of Livonia.



Tier lights are one of the most popular forms of low-voltage lighting designs.



The floodlight design provides brightness to highlight shrubs, trees and fences.



Solar-powered lights are another option that requires no wiring.

MUST group works to smooth over construction union image

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

Southeast Michigan union workers someday will get an equal chance at construction jobs. And someday, building owners and developers won't need to worry about unnecessary work stoppages and jurisdictional disputes.

Someday is still not today.

Management and Unions Serving Together (MUST), a coalition of unionized contractors in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and building trades managers, was formed in December 1988 to remove the impression that southeast Michigan has a bad business and labor climate with over-priced union work.

This is not going to happen overnight or over the course of several months, according to Thomas Miner, MUST executive director.

"These things we're talking about took years to create," Miner said.

The relationship between worker and manager constantly is evolving, but it is still largely an adversarial one, Miner said. Working together — the ultimate goal of MUST — is made more difficult by this antagonism.

"I'm hopeful that as we go down the line we won't have owners with preconceived notions about union work and unionized contractors will have a fair shot at jobs. That would be MUST's greatest accomplishment," he said.

Raymond Glowski, Detroit Building Trades Council secretary-treasurer and co-chair of MUST, said he's pleased with the progress of MUST thus far, but added there hasn't been a great deal of movement.

"THE WHOLE point behind this is selling unionism, and to an extent we've done that," Glowski said.

Regular meetings with builders and communication between the two sides has improved builder perception of union labor. It's difficult to gauge the effects of that communication, Glowski said, especially in the typically slow winter building months.

"But just the fact that we're talking, letting our hair down and letting each other know what's bothering us is a good sign."

Little was done during the first six months of MUST's existence," Glowski said, but that was to be expected. "Setting up the rules and

regulation and the ground work was expected to take at least that long.

"We knew it was going to take at least 15 to 18 months before we'd be able to see concrete results," he said. The winter construction period and the economy slowdown may make determining the results even more difficult.

"Realistically, not enough has been done to tell if we've succeeded (in any way)," Miner said.

The fact that MUST exists is proof of good intentions and having the two sides communicating its progress, though concrete solutions and accomplishments are not as easy to identify, he said.

"It's really too early to be talking about victories. We'd like to get rid of the adversarial relationship between union contractors and owners — to get rid of strikes," he said. "I mean, there will always be strikes involving contract negotiations, but to get rid of unnecessary strikes."

The management/labor relationship has improved over the years, Glowski believes, and that should help dispel the impression that southeastern Michigan has a poor business and labor climate.

GLOWSKI SAID the builders and unions will contribute additional funding this year to ensure MUST's continued existence. "I would say somewhere in the neighborhood as last year, about \$70,000."

"I really don't think the relationship was that bad to begin with," Glowski said, adding the adversarial relationship was more perception than reality.

Perceptions, however, can have an effect.

"I'd like to drive down the street and point at every construction job and be able to say that's 100 percent union, but that wasn't the case."

At one time, union workers were involved in every construction job, but in recent years that hasn't been the case, Glowski said. Glowski said he couldn't quantify the percentage of work that was going to non-union workers, but it was enough to realize there was a problem.

MUST board members meet monthly and regularly invite owners to come in and discuss their problems with unionized labor, Miner said. "How can we fix something if

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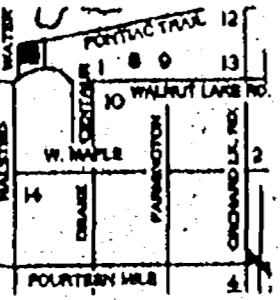
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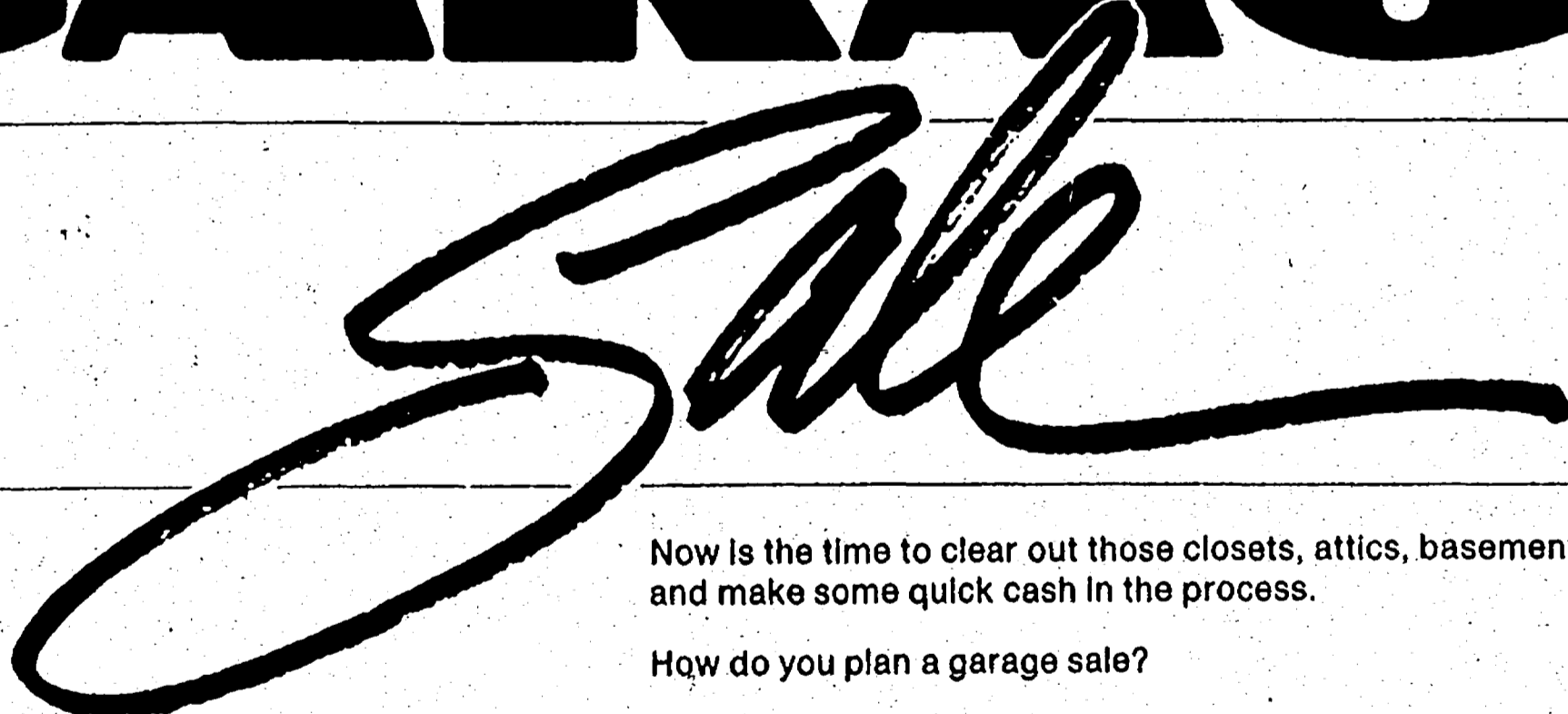
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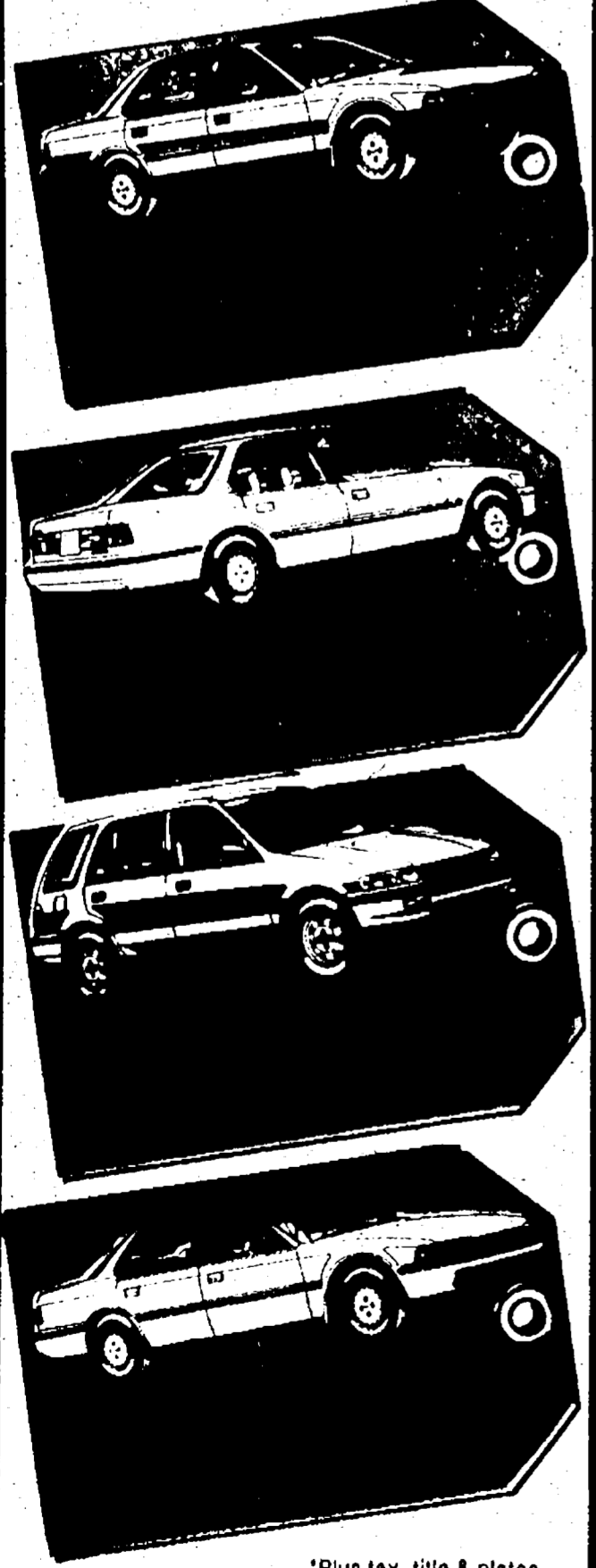
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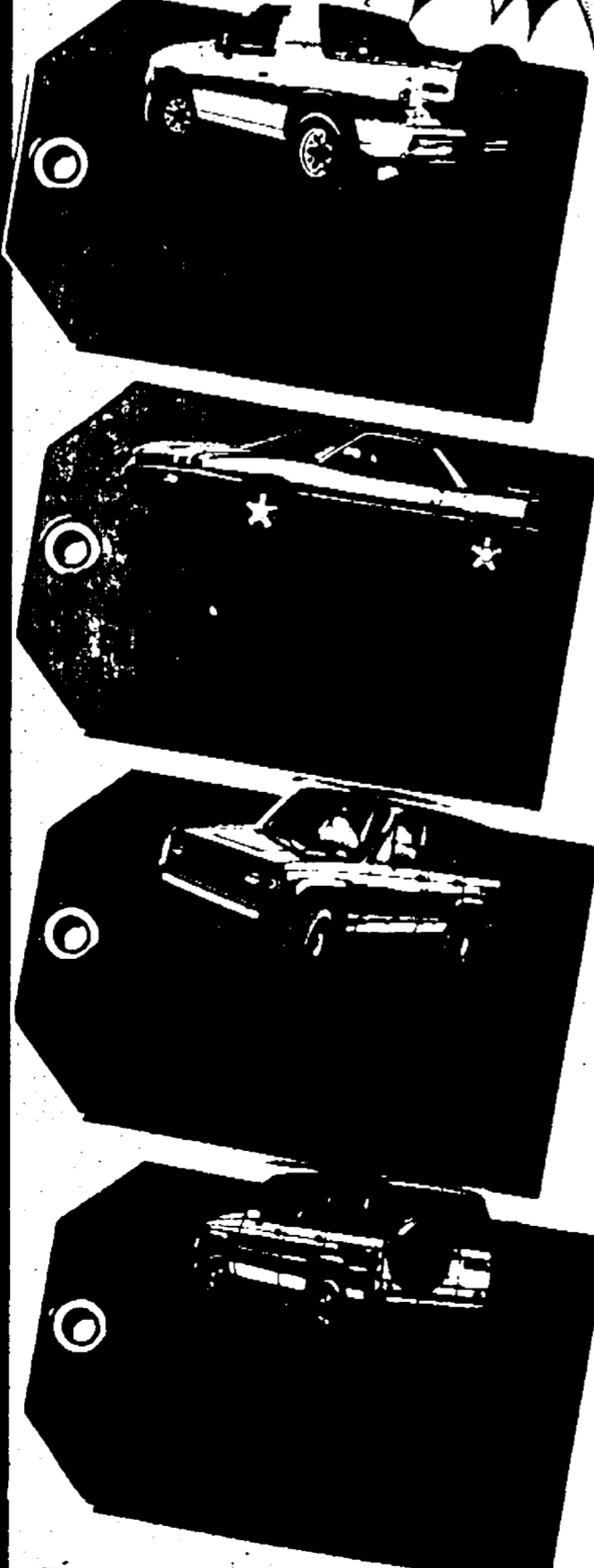
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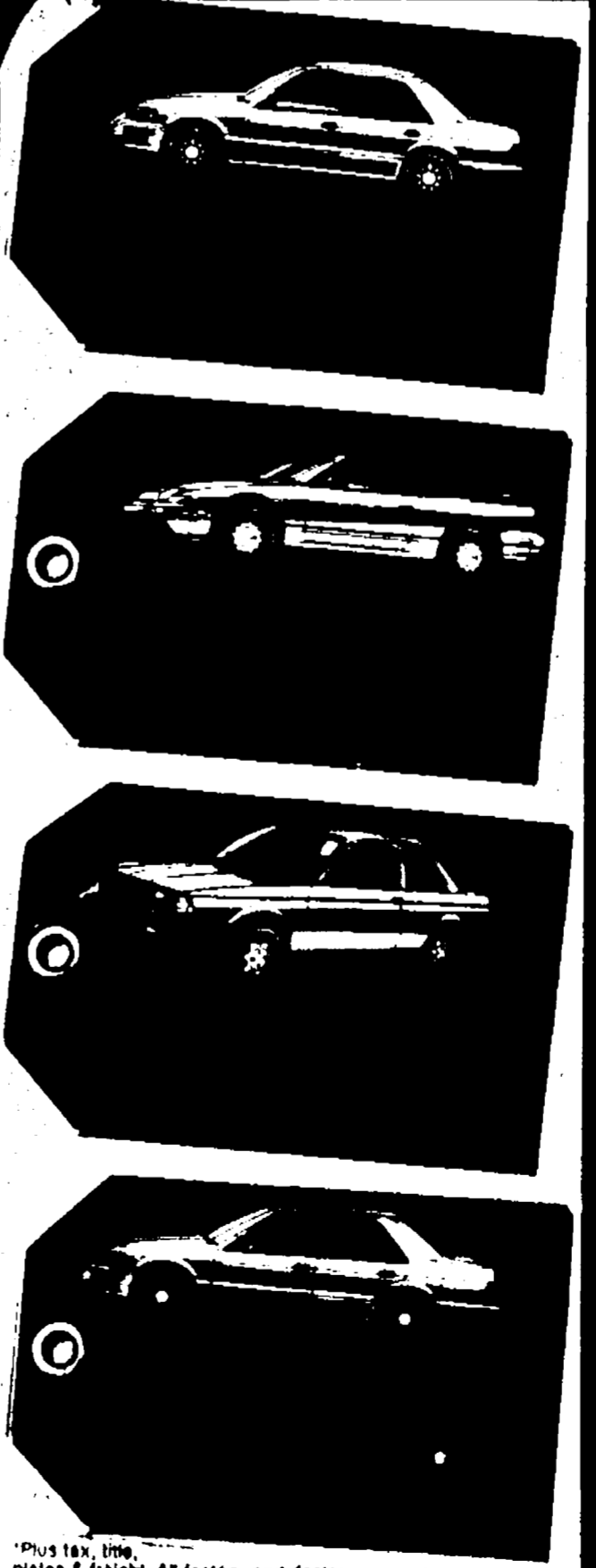
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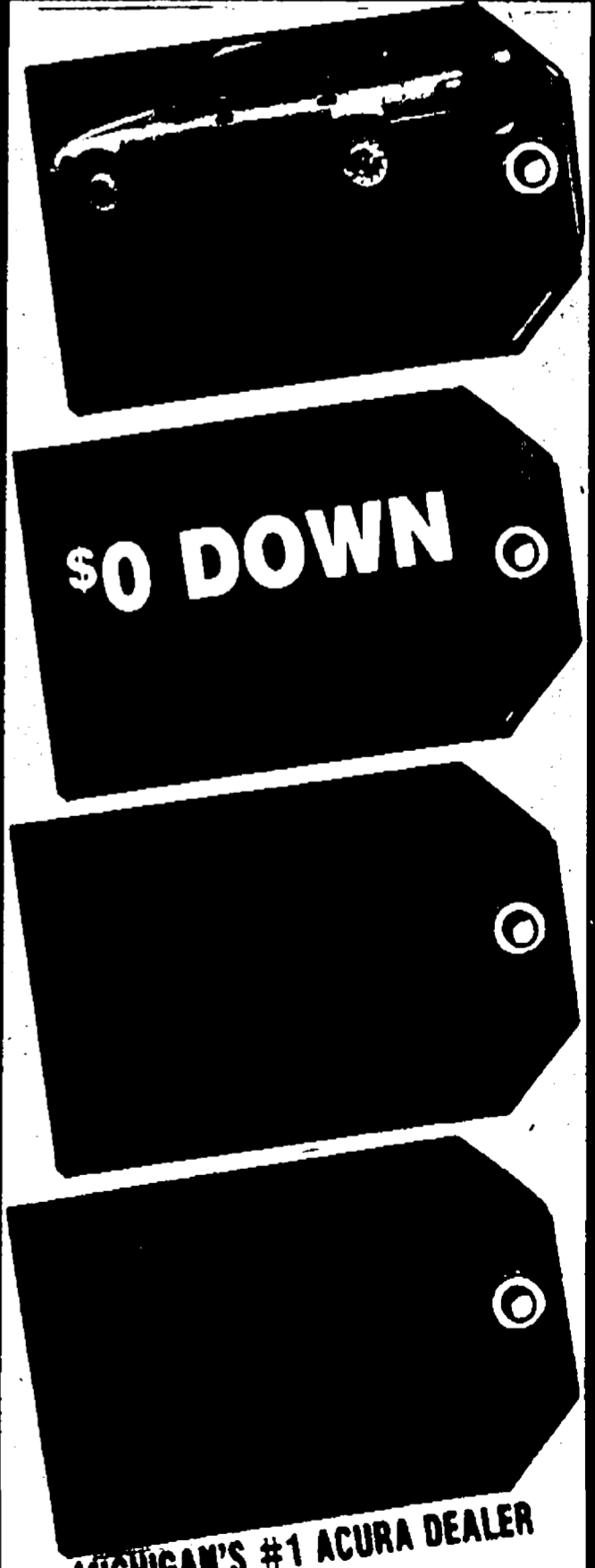
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