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places and faces

THE WAYNE-WESTLAND board of education recalled 25 teachers last week, cutting the payroll list to 63. The board issued pink slips to 78 teachers last month as the district faced financial problems in the wake of a Feb. 8 millage increase and renewal rejection by local voters.

In the June 11 election, a combined tax renewal and increase were also turned down by voters.

The recalls are based on teachers who are retiring. Others are expected to be recalled for the fall as other retirement requests are submitted.

Most of the teachers recalled last week are assigned in elementary schools and special education with the others at Stevenson Junior High School and the Ford Vocational/Technical Center.

THE CHERRY HILL Adult Education Center will have its roof repaired this summer for \$63,400.

The Wayne-Westland school board last week approved the low bid of Ann Arbor Roofing for the job. The center, the former Cherry Hill High School, is on Avenue between Inkster Road and Middlebelt in Inkster.

The contract will be paid from the 1988 bond issue approved by voters to handle maintenance and equipment purchases.

A WESTLAND youth wants to live up to his surname in the modeling field.

Rusty Starr, 13, was crowned Mr. Junior Teen-Southeast Michigan and will compete this month in Tennessee for the title of Mr. Junior Teen North America.

He will be accompanied by his parents, Ralph and Debbie Starr, and sister, Jamie.

Rusty has been modeling with the State's Dancos Pointe in Westland. The Michigan title he won last month was his first.

A BENEFIT featuring a buffet dinner and live bands will be held for a Westland boy, 14, who has cancer of the spine and both lungs.

The benefit will help Bob Corbett's family pay for the boy's medical expenses. A trust fund has been opened at the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union to hold the money.

The dinner will be from 6-10 p.m. Sunday, July 1, at Jumbo's on 7 Mile, west of Inkster.

Reservations will please call 477-0077.

THE BEST ...



GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Kilting time

Celtic Pipes and Drums, a Birmingham-based bagpiper troupe, makes its way down Ford Road in Saturday's Summer Festival Parade. About 1,000 people viewed the parade and thousands more took in weekend

festivities at the annual festival, which runs through Wednesday. For a story and more pictures on the events, please turn to Page 3A in today's Observer.

Witness: Pleas, then shots

By Todd Schneider
staff writer

Ignoring pleas from his estranged wife, Ronald Gerrior of Garden City fired two shots from a Mossberg 12-gauge shotgun killing the woman and her Westland boyfriend, the boyfriend's housemate testified Thursday.

Raymond Robinson told a Detroit Recorder's Court jury that he was awakened in his upstairs bedroom about 2:30 a.m. Dec. 13.

"I heard a woman's voice saying 'Please, please don't do this, Ron. Don't do this, Ron. Don't.' " Robinson testified.

"Then I heard a man's voice: 'OK, you son of a bitch. You son of a bitch.' "

"Then I heard two loud noises (gunshots)."

During cross examination, Robinson admitted confusion over the sequence of events at the bungalow on the 8300 block of Fremont. Two Westland police officers later testified Robinson said nothing about the man's remarks during questioning immediately after the shooting.

Gerrior, 44, is charged with two counts of first-degree murder and one count of possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony in the deaths of Michele Gerrior, 37, and Jason LaCroix, 27.

IF CONVICTED, Gerrior faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole.

Testimony is scheduled to resume today in Judge Robert Ziolkowski's courtroom.

'I heard a woman's voice saying "Please, please don't do this, Ron. Don't do this, Ron."'

— Raymond Robinson, victim's roommate

The prosecution maintains Gerrior followed his wife from an Allen Park bowling alley to LaCroix's house and watched through a window as the couple had sex. He then broke into the house carrying the shotgun and surprised the couple in bed.

Gerrior was arrested outside his house on the 32400 block of Marquette about an hour later, after a friend convinced him to give up an armed standoff.

Robinson told the court Friday he moved into LaCroix's house in early December. He had met LaCroix about four years ago when the two worked as cooks at Farwell and Friends restaurant and lounge on Middlebelt near Ann Arbor Trail.

Robinson testified that Michele Gerrior, who separated from her husband and moved into a Westland mobile house last October, had been dating LaCroix for about a year.

LaCroix had gone to Thunderbowl Lanes to deliver flowers to Michele hours before the killing, Robinson testified. "He told me he was going

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City will soon pay more for trash disposal

By Leonard Poger
editor

Local homeowners will soon be paying more to bury the ash left from burning garbage at a regionally owned and operated incinerator agency.

"They will ultimately be paying New York City prices," said the agency's top administrator in predicting that rubbish disposal costs could quadruple from the current average of \$100 per home.

The increases will start this month when the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority implements a 21 percent rate increase for its five member communities, which include Westland and Garden City.

Currently, Westland pays about \$1 million a year for disposal with Garden City paying about \$800,000, said Ulrich Bauser, executive director of the 28-year authority.

The rates will go up again in the fall or early winter when the agency plans to sell \$3 million in bonds to pay for the start of required improvements at its Huron Township landfill.

The \$3 million bond sale will be the first of four phases in upgrading the property to meet Environmental Protection Agency requirements, said Bauser.

The authority's board of directors last month approved a new disposal rate of \$12.75 per ton, up from the current \$37. Another increase of \$2.75 to \$3 per ton will be levied later in the year to pay for the \$3 million bonds program, he said.

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Building boom

City, developers see growth in single-family home market

By Leonard Poger
editor

There are several reasons why Westland is seeing a resurgence of single-family housing, said the city's planning director.

One developer's representative said that there is so much interest in new subdivisions in the community that he sold two dozen houses with the models not to be ready for viewing until August.

Planning director George Wilhelm and Millpointe subdivision sales manager Bob Stillman agree that one major factor is economics.

In separate interviews, they both agreed that affordable housing is available in Westland because the cost of raw land bought by developers is less than in further out suburbs.

Wilhelm said there are several other reasons for the rush of new single-family housing, the first in nearly two decades after many years of apartment developments.

One factor is available land. Another is that builders are willing construct affordable homes because of lower raw land costs in Westland.

"THERE IS also a market for af-

'People want nice large homes in a nice setting but not out in the boondocks.'

— George Wilhelm
planning director

fordable homes," he said, referring to the prices starting from \$75,000.

"People want nice large homes in a nice setting but not out in the boondocks," he said, with Westland being "close to shopping and in the middle of things."

The planner also said that people who moved out to distant suburbs "found out that living out in the netherlands isn't all its cracked up to be."

Along with Stillman, Wilhelm said another major factor is the 10,000 to 11,000 apartment units in the city with many young couples paying as much in monthly apartment rents as a mortgage payment for a new house.

Reflecting the active housing market in Westland, Stillman is actually advising potential buyers to stay

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Bob Stillman, sales manager for Millpointe, points to the muddy property where there will be models this August.

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Witness: Shooting victim pleaded for her life

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to the bowling alley to see Michele. He had some flowers."

WHEN LACROIX returned about 11:30 p.m. "he was in a real good mood," Robinson said. "He said, he gave her the flowers in front of her friends, and it made a really good impression on her."

The roommates shared a few drinks and then he went upstairs to bed, Robinson testified. He said he was awakened once, about 2 a.m., when Michele came in and then the second time, just before the commotion.

Thinking LaCroix was involved in a fight, he threw on some clothes and raced downstairs to find the bodies, Robinson said. He ran back upstairs to call 9-1-1 because he wasn't sure if the defendant was still inside the house, he said.

In other testimony Thursday, Ronald Gerrior's longtime friend and hunting companion James Bush told of how the defendant called him at home about 3:15 a.m. and of his (Bush's) subsequent effort to convince Gerrior to surrender.

"He said (during the phone call) 'Jim, please come over. I did something really bad,'" Bush testified.

Bush tried to call Gerrior back, but the line was busy, so he drove

'He said, "Jim, please come over. I did something really bad."'

— James Bush
friend of accused

three miles to the house, passing police cars with their lights flashing along the way, he testified.

POLICE SPIRITED Bush to a neighbor's house, where they made several attempts to call Gerrior before getting an open line.

"He sounded different. He was crying," Bush testified. Bush said Gerrior asked him to deliver a box to his sister but didn't reveal its contents.

Eventually, Gerrior agreed to surrender.

Later, Westland police asked Bush to talk to Gerrior while he was in custody to see if he (Gerrior) would reveal the whereabouts of the murder weapon. Gerrior refused, Bush testified.

After obtaining a search warrant for the Garden City house, police found a shotgun underneath a couch cushion:



GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Ronald Gerrior, charged with the shotgun slayings of his estranged wife and her boyfriend, confers with his attorney, Walter Placzatowski, in Detroit Recorder's Court Thursday.

Trash disposal to cost more

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The \$7.75 per ton increase is planned to finance the \$6 million operating budget, Bauser said.

HE DEFENDED the rate increase, saying that other incinerator operators in the Detroit area charge in the mid-\$50s.

He said the 21 percent rate increase is projected to pay for the added cost of operating the landfill, which accounts for 19 acres on a 32 acre parcel off of S. Huron Road.

A new state law "requires extensive upgrading to be performed on our landfill in order to handle and dispose of our incinerator residuals in an environmentally sound manner," Bauser wrote local city officials.

The required upgrading "is a very costly project" and prompted the authority's board of directors to phase in the project over four years, said Bauser.

The state law gives the authority nearly a year to complete its first of four phases of the improvements, he added.

Operating costs of the landfill are nearly \$500,000 a year with two-thirds going just for the legal and engineering expenses needed to plan and implement the improvements, Bauser said.

UNDER THE new state law approved last year to improve the environment, the authority will be required to install two synthetic (plastic) liners and a five-foot thick clay liner to protect nearby water wells from contamination, he said.

Besides the physical improvements, the agency will be required to pay for continuous monitoring of the wells, done by taking water from the well and testing its contents.

Bauser is clearly irked by the increased costs for several reasons.

One is that ash left from incineration represents only 4 percent of the volume burned by the authority's incinerator on Inkster Road near Annapolis, Dearborn Heights.

Of the rubbish brought to the incinerator annually, 88 percent is burned, eight percent is metal sold

to a metal reclamation company, and only 4 percent is the remaining ash which is buried in the Huron landfill, Bauser said.

The director also disagreed with the tests which force the authority to install new linings in the landfill.

THERE IS only one test recognized by the EPA and the state. That test had concluded that the ash in the authority's landfill showed that the lead and cadmium content exceeds established limits.

"I don't think that test is an appropriate one for our incinerator," Bauser said. "We tested the water (near the landfill) and found that it actually improved" from previous tests.

The \$3 million in bonds to be sold later this year is the first of four to be sold bond programs over the next several years to finance a nearly-\$10 million landfill improvement.

When the other bonds are sold, disposal rates will be increased again, Bauser said.

City notes housing boom

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away until his models are open in August.

Millpointe, one of seven subdivisions under construction, is also the largest being built in the city since Tonquish Village and Surrey Heights subdivisions were constructed in the 1960s and early 1970s. There are 333 lots planned for the 75 acre development on the north side of Glenwood, just west of Newburgh.

Millpointe, which has homes starting at \$75,000, won't have models ready for viewing until August, Stillman said, but "we've sold a couple dozen homes already just from the plans and colored renderings of the models," he said.

THE BUYERS are a mix of young families with children and empty nesters, or those couples whose children are grown and have moved away.

Stillman said of the two dozen buyers so far, two-thirds are young families with the rest being empty nesters.

He is discouraging visitors to the site because there is only construction equipment there — and plenty of mud if it rains.

"People call and say they're coming anyway," he said. "They want first choice of the lot sites and limited-time construction prices, so they come with their boots on."

Millpointe, being built by Crosswinds Development, Inc., of West Bloomfield. The development firm's owner is Bernard Glibberman.

Stillman said promotion and marketing activities are planned only after the models are ready in August.

Millpointe will have streets named after then Nankin Township property owners of 1889, said the manager.

Those names will include Stockmeyer, Lag, McGee, Hawley, Miller, Reiman, and others. The names were obtained from a Westland His-

torical Commission map listing property owners.

THE OTHER six major developments, their location, and number of lots are:

- Westland Woods, north side of Cherry Hill, east of Newburgh, 145 lots.
- Van Lawn Park, north side of Cherry Hill, east of Newburgh, 40 lots.
- Vico Subdivision, between Warren Road and Cowan, at Farmington Road, 37 lots.
- Millwood, north side of Cowan, just east of Wildwood, 60 units.
- Pikes Peak, north side of Ann Arbor Trail east of Farmington Road, 23 units.
- Arbor Oaks, across the street from Pikes Peak, on the south side of Ann Arbor Trail, 50 units.
- Brandenwoods, just east of Wildwood south of Joy, 15 lots.

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The Westland Community Relations/CATV department has announced the Channel 8 schedule, subject to change, for the week of July 2-8.

MONDAY
5 p.m. Kids in Action
5:30 p.m. Viewers Videos
6 p.m. Town Meeting
7 p.m. Moonlight Memories
7:30 p.m. Focus on Westland (Summer Festival)
8 p.m. City Department Update (Community Development)
8:30 p.m. Occupations and Avocations (Nankin Transit)
9 p.m. Miss Westland Summer Festival
9:30 p.m. Occupations and Avocations (Cooking with Scott Winfried)
10 p.m. Miss Grand Prix Pageant

TUESDAY
5 p.m. Grand Prix Pageant
6 p.m. Kids in Action
6:30 p.m. Viewers Video

7 p.m. Town Meeting
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Donna Tepfenhart (left) strolls along the festival with Pat Hammonds and Tepfenhart's two grandchildren, LeAnne, 3, (left) and Angela Acres, 5.



Cortney Spaldings, 6, (from foreground) Laura Willard, 6, and Alicia Caryl, 2, ride the Gator.

Parade ushers in Summer Fest

By **Tedd Schneider**
staff writer

It's both a harbinger and a highlight to summer in Westland. The Westland Summer Festival kicked into high gear Saturday with the 20th annual Summer Festival parade.

More than 1,000 people lined the parade route along Ford, from Wildwood to the reviewing stand in front of city hall.

Even the weather cooperated, as early morning thunderstorms gave way to sunshine just 50 minutes be-

fore the first marchers left the Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center parking lot.

"When I heard that thunder this morning, I thought, 'Did I drive eight hours for this?'" said Ruth Hughs, who came from Elizabeth, Pa., to see her 7-year-old granddaughter, Shannon Hoelt, with the Westland Spiriters baton-twirling troupe.

Hughs, who lived in Westland from 1970-80, said she loves a good parade and almost never misses one, either at home or when she returns to Michigan to visit family members.

SATURDAY'S half-hour extravaganza featured the traditional floats, marching bands, clowns and gladhanding politicians — and a bit of the unusual as well.

Like the 1/2-scale replica of a Ford tri-motor airplane towed by the Yankee Air Force. Or the out-of-season appearance of Gene Santa Reaves, who traded his heavily padded red suit and flowing, white beard (too warm) for a T-Shirt and cap as the "Santa Van" cruised Ford Road.

Festival events and the midway, which opened Friday afternoon, continued after the parade. Week-

end highlights included remote control car races, a cake decorating contest, the diaper derby and music by Steve King and the Ditties and other groups.

"We come every year, there's always a lot to do for the kids. And a lot of food," said Donna Downey of Westland.

Downey was strolling along the midway Saturday afternoon with her daughter, Holly Vanooeyn, and 8-month-old granddaughter, Mikki Vanooeyn, a contestant in annual the Baby of the Year contest.

"Look how cute she is. I know she's gonna win," Downey said.

photos by GUY WARREN/staff photographer

School aid bill targets rich school districts

By **Tim Richard**
staff writer

Many suburban school districts will find their state categorical aid cut this fall. The Michigan Legislature last week played Robin Hood with \$50 million, closing the gap between rich and poor districts.

Two committee chairmen negotiated the deal in a massive bill that raises state aid by 7.7 percent to \$3.15 billion.

"The Senate won the principle," said House Education Chair William Keith, D-Garden City. "Categorical aids are back in."

"But the House won on the money. We recaptured \$50 million from out-of-formula districts and put it into the formula."

Although this state aid is not on a per-pupil basis, Bloomfield Hills will, in effect, get \$300 less per child and Inkster will get \$330 more, he said.

Most area senators bitterly denounced the bill.

CATEGORICAL aids are state payments for Social Security, pensions, bilingual teaching, dropout pilot programs, gifted and talented programs, transportation and special education.

All school districts, regardless of wealth, used to get categorical. But payments to wealthier districts are increasingly "recaptured," in Lansing jargon.

The compromise bill won a Senate victory Thursday with 22 votes, two more than needed for passage. The bill was sent to the House, where ap-

proval Friday was likely. Gov. James Blanchard is expected to sign it.

The voting pattern tells the story. Among Observer & Eccentric area senators, just William Faust, D-Westland, voted yes.

Among the 14 opposed were Doug Cruce, R-Troy, Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, Richard Fessler, R-Commerce, Robert Geake, R-Northville, George Hart, D-DeARBorn, and Rudy Nichols, R-Waterford.

The vote also split party leaders. Republican leader John Engler of Mount Pleasant voted yes, Democratic chief Art Miller of Warren no.

FAXON, A member of the six-vote House-Senate conference committee, denounced the tactics of the leaders, Sen. Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, and Rep. James O'Neill, D-Saginaw.

"Basically it was a two-man deal. There was more (committee) discussion in the last five minutes than in the last four months," Faxon said. "Maybe we should just have a czar."

Their sentiment was to take from one group of districts and give to another group of districts," he said. Faxon recalled that the "recapture" device was invented in the recession of the early 1980s and, instead of being phased out, is being used more harshly.

FAR FROM being a plan to narrow the \$2,500 to \$8,000 gap in per-pupil spending per district, said Cruce, "the plan is to reach into the pockets of oppressed taxpayers,

grab a few more dollars and send them to other parts of the state. It robs the retirees of Oakland County."

Fessler called it a Robin Hood plan that didn't always take from the rich. Low-income districts such as Holly are hit by the recapture device, he said.

"Put more into K-12 education and don't just shift it around," Fessler said.

SUPPORTERS SAID the plan was equitable.

"The basic principle," said John Cherry, D-Cllo, is that the funding gap between districts will not widen. There may be losers in this type of plan. But the public understands this (funding gap) can't continue.

"Robin Hood is a positive force for good when things aren't equitable," Cherry said.

"It redistributes state dollars," said supporter William Sederburg, R-East Lansing. "In a perfect world, it would be nice to give more money to poorer school districts."

WAYNE COUNTY

- Garden City, \$4,648 up 8 percent.
- Livonia, \$5,850, up 5 percent.
- Plymouth-Canton, \$5,081, up 16 percent.
- Redford Union, \$4,634, up 7 percent.
- South Redford, \$5,457, up 2 percent.
- Wayne-Westland, \$5,030, up 7 percent.
- Northville, \$5,755, up 4 percent.

Fireworks to send city festival out with a bang, not a whimper

The Westland Summer Festival will continue today through Wednesday night.

Following is the schedule of remaining events, to be held in the Westland Civic Center, on the south side of Ford, between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

MONDAY

- 1-3 p.m. Carnival rides for physically and mentally disabled
- 3-4 p.m. Special events
- 4:15-5:15 p.m. Pet show for all animals

5:15-6 p.m. Bubblegum blowing contest

8-11 p.m. Blue Water Band (playing polka and country music)

TUESDAY

- 4-6 p.m. Kettering Squares (school dance group)
- 8-11 p.m. The United Band (playing Motown music)

WEDNESDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Fun run
- 8-11:30 a.m. Cutest baby contest

11:30 a.m. Remote control car races. (Pre-registration 9:30-10:30 a.m.)

11:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Singing Systems and Music, DJ Service and Village Hall performers

11:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Hula hoop, jitterbug, trivia contests, and '60 and '60s music

- 1-3 p.m. Water ball fight
- 3-3:30 p.m. Golf chipping finals
- 3:30-4:30 p.m. Beer belly contest
- 4:45-6 p.m. Men's and women's legs contest (for ages 16 and older)
- 7 p.m. Bike raffle
- 8-11 p.m. Cool and Company
- 10 p.m. Fireworks

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Scary stories are part of American culture

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An' make fun of ever'one an' all her blood-an-kin.
An' onc', when they was 'compa ny,' an' old folks was there,
She mocked 'em, an' shocked 'em, an' said she didn't care!
An' thist as she kicked her heels, an' turn't to run an' hide!
They was two great Big Black Things a-standin' by her side.
An' they snatched her through the ceilin' fore she knowed what she's about!
An' the gobble-uns'll git you ef you don't watch out!

There. Did that scare you? Did it make you jump? It should have. It scared the dickens out of me when I was a kid. That was the point.

That was the point when James Whitcomb Riley wrote "Little Orphan Annie" in 1885. It was part of a tradition of American scary tales.

GENERATIONS OF Americans grew up on such stories. The "scare" tales threw into them was fun. It was similar to the scare you get when you take that first giant drop on a roller coaster or when you watch Boris Karloff lumbering around in his crude makeup as Frankenstein's monster.

Being scared, for the fun of it, is part of American popular culture. That's why I got a bit disgusted



Jack Gladden

when the media jumped all over a story a couple of weeks ago about a Livonia resident complaining to the school board that her first grader had been so frightened by a poem read in class that she had tummy aches and hadn't been able to sleep for months.

The poem, "The Body," from a collection called "Scary Poems for Rotten Kids," followed in the tradition of the scary tale — something that frontier kids thrived on but something that, if you believe this mother and some other parents at the school, some modern kids apparently just can't handle.

That's too bad, and it is, I suspect, the fault of the parents, not something genetically different about today's children.

I haven't been able to get my hands on a copy of "Scary Poems" yet, but I did get the other book the Livonia parents were protesting, "Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark."

Guess what? That book is a collection of scary tales from American folklore — the kind I've been talking about — and it includes such classics as "The Golden Arm" ("Whoooooo's

got my golden armmmmmm?") and "The Hearse Song" ("The worms crawl in, the worms crawl out, the worms play pinochle on your snout").

My wife and I grew up on such stuff and we loved it. It was scary, yes, but it was an exhilarating kind of fright. And our parents always pointed out that it was only a poem or a story or a movie. And now my daughter, the first grader, wants a copy of the book for herself. She loves it, too.

THE LIVONIA schools (to their credit) didn't crumble to the complaints of these parents who appear to be taking things much too seriously and apparently passing such attitudes along to their children. But the schools did promise to put together some kind of "sensitivity training" for teachers so they'll be able to deal with the "common ground between teaching youngsters who might have problems with certain literature and the district's responsibility for the other 27 kids in the class."

Right. How about a "sensitivity training" program for parents who are raising kids who don't seem to grasp the difference between fiction and reality?

Jack Gladden is a copy editor at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. He lives in Canton Township.

Fed up with NRA zealots

To the editor:

Pity the poor NRA (National Rifle Association).

In an article entitled "NRA Criticizes Weapons Bill" June 11, the NRA complains that a bill, offered by Sen. William Faust to require that guns that might be found by children be locked up at night "singles out firearms, ignoring poisons, alcohol, farm equipment and knives" and that "bicycle accidents kill more kids than guns." The NRA is being discriminated against.

Aren't you a little weary of the NRA's unrelenting opposition to any and all gun control, including undetectable (by airline radar detection security) plastic handguns, cop killer bullets, mandatory training for first time gun users, waiting periods, registration, background checks and the deadly automatic assault rifles. They also want to repeal machine gun bans.

The 2 million assault rifles in circulation make up only 1 percent of the gun population, which numbers 20 million. But they are 20 times as likely to be used in criminal activity as all the other guns combined (Cox Newspaper Service/The Atlantic Journal Constitution).

Yet the NRA persists in defending them, while it tries to pass itself off as deeply concerned about the safety of the citizenry.

The NRA budget is over \$85 million. It distributed \$1,807,360 in PAC money on Capitol Hill. Most of our Congressmen refuse PAC money from the NRA, including Rep. William Broomfield, with the exception of Rep. Bill Schuette, who accepted \$4,950 in the 1990 election cycle. Then there are the millions and millions of dollars in pure cash that goes to the lobbyists for the NRA.

If you are as fed up with the zealotry of the NRA as I am, call your

from our readers

congressman and senator and tell them who you are, and that you want gun control

Arlene Victor Birmingham

Column was to the point

To the editor:

Judith Berne's article in the June 14, 1990, issue of the O&E was very good and right to the point. Too many parents preach to everyone about drinking, then allow it in their homes. I am a mother of two teenagers and we have stressed in our home time and again, "no drinking — the law states — age 21." And hopefully by age 21 with all the guidance and examples we have set they will think clearly about their drinking habits and take the responsibility.

There is no compromise for drinking and driving. The sad part of all of this is a lot of times the drunken driver walks away and the innocent are killed.

I think Barbara Dolliver should not have been allowed to give the commencement speech. It's very obvious her son didn't take her serious-

ly because he would have known to tell his friends ahead of time, "There are no alcoholic beverages allowed for anyone under 21."

One daughter will be graduating from high school next summer and we have already discussed the issue of her friends not drinking in our home. Fortunately both my teenagers are into sports and are very health conscious because of it. They have seen pro ball players die because of overdoses. At this point they do not drink, but we never close our eyes. It's always those graduation parties that seem to say, "It's OK."

Keep up the good work. Many parents read the O&E in our community and it's articles like this that enlighten all of us and make us think just a little bit harder about life.

Joan E. Gaul, Farmington Hills

Kelley: age bias not tolerated

To the editor:

I read with great interest Tim Richard's column that appeared in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Ironically, on this date our President, George Bush, is celebrating his 66th birthday. Tim Richard notes in his column that I am 65, and in a rather discriminatory way relegates me to political retirement. May I remind you that age discrimination is no longer tolerated in this country legally because it has been shown to be a foolish policy.

Since George Bush, our very active President, is showing no signs of physical or mental deterioration, you should also note that President Ronald Reagan was much older than President Bush before he ever decided to be a successful candidate for

President of the United States.

I WOULD suggest that you have the column that you wrote laminated, and then write me at the Office of Attorney General when you reach 65, and let me know if you still feel the same way.

The column also mentioned Lt. Gov. Martha Griffiths and Secretary of State Richard Austin as being too old for public service.

I imagine many members of the United States Supreme Court who are older than Lt. Governor Griffiths and Secretary of State Austin would not agree that retirement from public life should be controlled by the age of the official.

Frank J. Kelley, Attorney General

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helpful. The league's Citizen Information Center in Lansing offers to help people find out about such things as pending legisla-

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● SUMMER READING

Tuesdays — Children who have completed grades 1-6 may now register for the summer reading club at Garden City Library. Meetings are at 2 p.m. every Tuesday through July 24. Activities include music, magic, games and prizes. For more information, call 525-8855.

● IN THE PARK

Saturdays, through Sept. 22 — Six miles of the Middle Rouge Parkway (Hines Drive) will be closed to traffic every Saturday for your family to run, walk or bicycle safely. The drive will be closed from Warrendale Picnic Area (west of Outer Drive) to the Nankin Mills Station (Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive). Parking available at Warrendale, Merriman Hollow and Nankin Mills picnic areas. Hines Drive will be closed 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

● DYER CENTER

Wayne-Westland School District Senior Adults Dyer Center will be closed for the summer. Meetings and activities will resume in the fall.

● 5 MILE RUN

Wednesday, July 4 — Westland Fire Department's 5 Mile Run will begin at 9 a.m. from the central fire station, Ford at Carlson. The one-mile fun run/walk will begin at 8:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$8 with a T-shirt, \$10 with T-shirt after June 22. Registration is at 7:45 a.m.

● CONCERT

Sunday, July 8 — Westland Cultural Society is presenting a concert at 7 p.m. at the Westland Cultural, Historical and Meeting House (formerly the Rowe House), on Marquette east of Newburgh. The newly formed Westland Concert Band will perform.

community calendar

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

● CLINICS

Tuesday-Thursday, July 10-12 and July 17-19 — Garden City High School and Junior High School coaches are running basketball clinics. Girls in grades 4-6 will have a clinic 10-10:45 a.m. Girls in grades 7-9 will have a clinic 10:45-11:30 a.m. The cost is \$25. Applications can be picked up at any Garden City school. The deadline for enrolling is Friday, July 6. For more information, call 421-7402.

● NUTRITION

Monday, July 9 — A program on "Nutrition in the adolescent years," will be at 7 p.m. in the Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road at Farmington Road, Livonia. Jean Treter, dietitian from St. Mary Hospital, will lead the program for adolescents and parents about nutrition and eating disorders. Registration began June 25. For information, call 421-6600.

● GED TESTS

Monday-Tuesday, July 9-10 — Livonia Public Schools will offer GED tests 5-10 p.m. at Bentley Center, 46100 Hubbard. For more information, call 523-9294.

● YOUNG COLOR

Monday, July 16 — A color analysis program for young adults 12 years and older will be at 7 p.m. in

the Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road at Farmington Road. Tammy Bidwell, color consultant, will teach young adults how certain colors bring out the real "you." Registration begins Monday, July 2. For more information, call 421-6600.

● YMCA GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, July 18 — The annual Wayne-Westland YMCA Golf Outing for men and women will take place at Fellows Creek Golf Club, on Lotz north of Michigan Ave., Canton Township. Cost is a \$100 donation for the Invest in Youth Campaign and includes greens fees, cart, lunch, beer and pop on course, steak dinner, open bar and contests and prizes. Only 128 tickets are available. Call Janet Gillies at 721-7044 for reservations.

● CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, Oct. 6 — Garden City

High School Air Force Junior ROTC Booster Club's craft show will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tables/space rental is still available to crafters for \$20 per table or two tables for \$25. For information and application, contact Ron Koss at 522-5604 or Lynn Draper at 728-3903.

donation is requested. For more information or an appointment, call 722-7632.

● HAIRCUTS

Wednesdays — Haircuts are avail-

able 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. Prices are \$5 for men and \$6 for women.perms are also available. For information, call 722-7632.

● SCHOOL GROUP

Fridays — The Wayne-Westland Citizens for Education Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Friday of each month in the Westland Historical, Cultural and Meeting House (formerly The Rowe House), 37025 Marquette. The group informs citizens of important issues regarding the community schools. For information, call Dave Moranty at 729-1748.

● CLASSES OPEN

St. David's Nursery School, 27500 Marquette, Garden City is accepting applications for the 1990-91 school year. Classes are available for 3- and 4-year-olds. For information or an appointment to visit, call Greta Kenneh at 422-3187 or Jenny Schlarer at 295-7790.

● COUNSELING

Tuesdays — Counseling for people under stress, who are isolated or depressed, is available 2:30-4 p.m. A \$5

'Model' senior



Kristal Thompson, a John Glenn High School graduate, was featured in a recent edition of an international talent marketing magazine. Kristal, an honor student, is the winner of a 1990 pageant, a 4.0 grade point student and a volunteer for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, March of Dimes and area hospitals. The daughter of Joseph and Jerri Thompson of Westland, Thompson plans to enroll at the University of Kentucky in the fall. She was also listed in the 1989 edition of "Who's Who among American High School Students."

campus news

THIRTY STUDENTS

from Westland were on the Madonna College dean's list for superior academic achievement during the past term.

The 30 are Peggy Altman, Nancy Anzman, Gail Bell, Judith Birch, Ronald Case, Christine Czarnik, Suzanne DeBrincat, Regina Dege, Christiane Dibes, Michael Gunn, Margaret Hagen, Steve Knapp, Jodi Koval, Margaret Kozak, Denis Latin, Timothy Leighton, Kathleen Lilburn, Donna Liss, Sean McCusker, Theresa Menendez, Maria Ortiz, Del Paquin, Andragayle Pye, Jennal Rafferty, Sheryl Samples, Theresa Ternes, Cheryl Vatcher, George Wetzal, Rachel Wolf, and Wanda Yenkel.

MADONNA COLLEGE

in Livonia presented degrees to Westland students in a recent graduation ceremony.

Master's degrees in administration/business were received by Joel Champagne, Kevin Finneran, and Edmund Saenz. Getting bachelor's degrees

were Brian Bolton, Cynthia Caldwell, Colleen Cannon, Janice Classon, Donna Corte, Cynthia Critser, Thomas Evon, Lynn Franz, George Gyurnek, Shirlee Johnson, Diane Krauss, Denise Latin, Lisa Mitchell, Jennal Rafferty, Danna Schafer, Lauren Shewman, Catherine Standish, Rachel Wolf, and Dennis Young.

Associate degrees were presented to William Lezotte, Laura Moore, and Cheryl Vatcher.

BARBARA COX

of Westland earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Lake Superior State University in a recent commencement on the Sault Ste. Marie campus.

Cox is the daughter of Charles Sr. and Blanche Cox.

MICHELE MATHENY

of Westland was graduated from the Wayne State University School of Medicine. She will start a four-year obstetrics-gynecology residency program at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn this month.

Matheny is a 1982 Wayne Memorial High School graduate and the daughter of Richard and Beverly Matheny of Westland.

JIM MCKINNON

of Westland took part in a Michigan Instrument Society of America exposition. He was one of nine Henry Ford Community College involved in the project.

SHIKHA MITTRA

of Westland was among 40 students honored at a special convocation for earning a master of business administration degree from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant.

The senior was graduated last August.

ANDREW WENDLAND

of Westland won one of two annual \$750 scholarships from the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers. He plans to attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn and pursue a degree in engineering.

Westland graduated John Glenn High School June 9 with a 4.0 grade point average. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wendland.

MARIANNE KIDEG

of Westland was graduated from Oakland University in recent ceremonies. She received a bachelor of general studies degree.

THE UNIVERSITY

of Michigan-Dearborn named numerous Westland students on its dean's list for the winter term.

They are Gina Bostwick, Heather Betts, dina Degrande, Daniel Ford, Jeff Gabay, James Gasior, Pamela Halman, Corrine Harp, David Janeczko, Lisa Marquis, Brad Reno, Michelle Schuck, Troy Stevens, Genevieve Stoyak, Kelly Watts, Anne Cooper, Robert Noutko, Stacy Leers, Rhonda Rutkowski, Kristin Schilling, Kirk Albert, Paul Artley, James Bashaw, Glen Dall, Lisa Hofmann, Latra Johnson, Karen Karst, and Kenneth Winkles.

obituaries

SIMEON LABELLE

Services for Mr. LaBelle, 88, of Westland were held June 28 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia, and St. Theodore Catholic Church, Westland.

Interment was in Holy-Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Mr. LaBelle died June 25.

Survivors are his sons, Rene, Ernest and Gilles; daughters, Therese Tychevicz, Jeanne Rutter and Irene Czarnacki; 15 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

JOHN M. McKEOUGH

Services for Mr. McKeough

54, of Dearborn Heights were held June 30 from the Santeliu and Son Funeral Home, Garden City, with interment in Michigan Memorial Cemetery, Flat Rock.

Mr. McKeough died June 26 in Garden City Hospital.

He was a pipefitter and member of Pipefitters Local 636, a designer of stained glass, a jazz musician and listener and sports fan.

Survivors are his wife, Marie.

Memorials may be sent to the Hospice of Western Wayne County, Michigan Cancer Foundation, and Michigan Humane Society.



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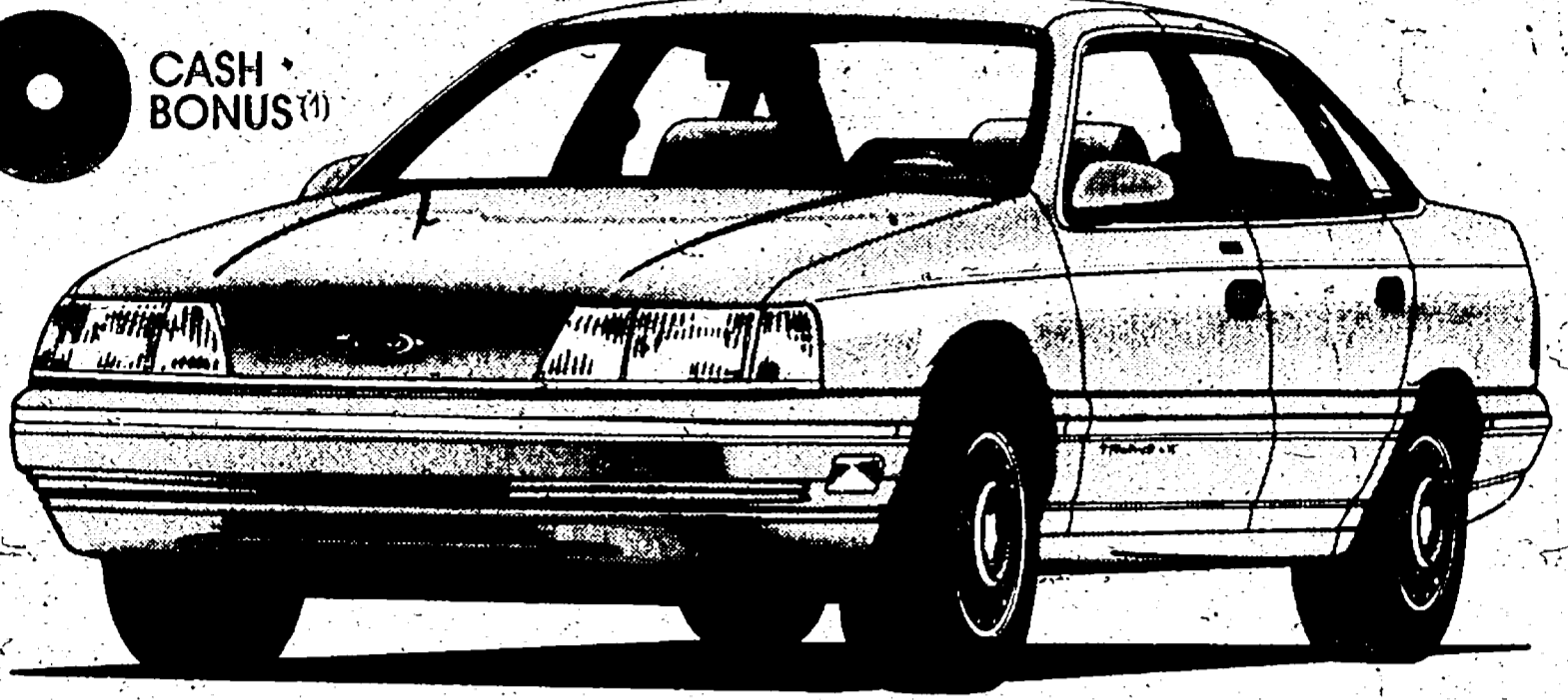


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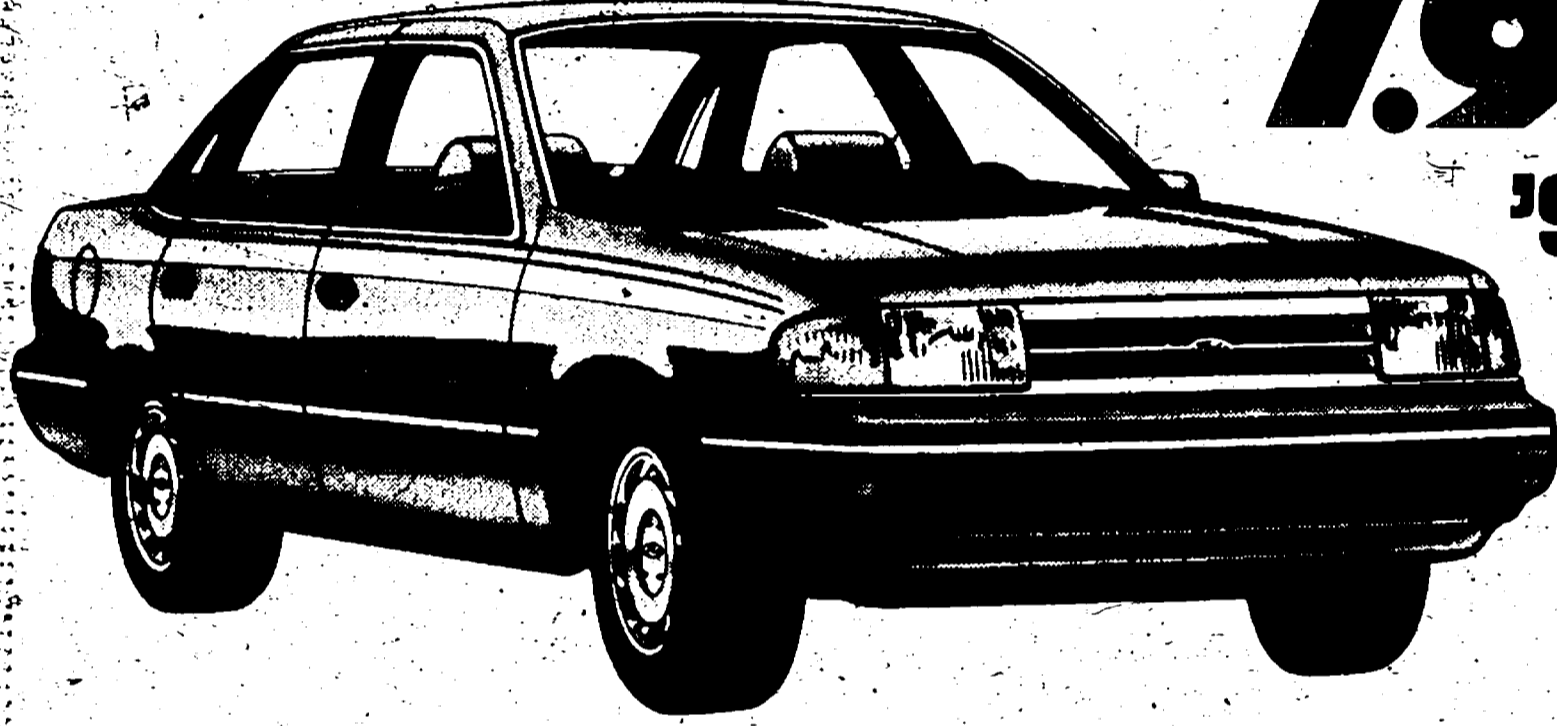


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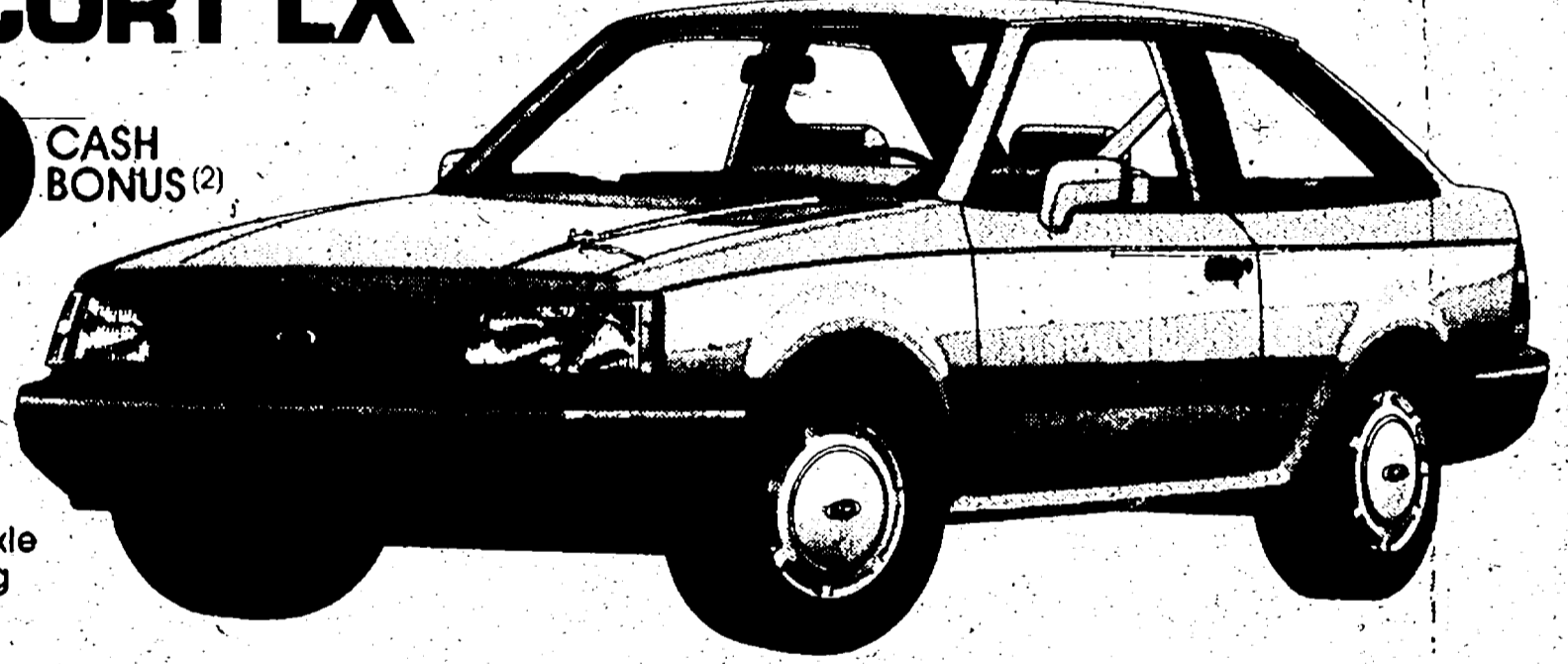
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taste buds

chef Larry Janes

Colonists tried out new foods

History books often represent the colonial era as a series of political events, legal proclamations and battle dates.

Yet it was also a time of intense cultural change often reflected in the foods people ate.

Johnnycake was a cornmeal bread substitute for the yeast-raised wheat loaves New Englanders had known in Europe. Pennsylvania Dutch cooks "invented" a flour-and-molasses-filled pie (shoo-fly pie) for the harsh winter months when dried fruits, eggs and cream were in short supply.

We can credit the early settlers for launching a whole new cuisine. Blending with the likes of foods from the American Indian, the British, Dutch, German, African and West Indian, this cuisine began to form from the bubbling cauldrons and open-hearth fireplaces that not only warmed the body but also the cockles of the heart of every man, woman and child.

The seeds brought to the New World rotted on the long damp journey. The Pilgrims did not realize they had come to the land of Indian corn — an entire continent that had never seen the likes of wheat, oats, rye and barley. Similarly, Indian corn was unknown in Europe and elsewhere around the globe.

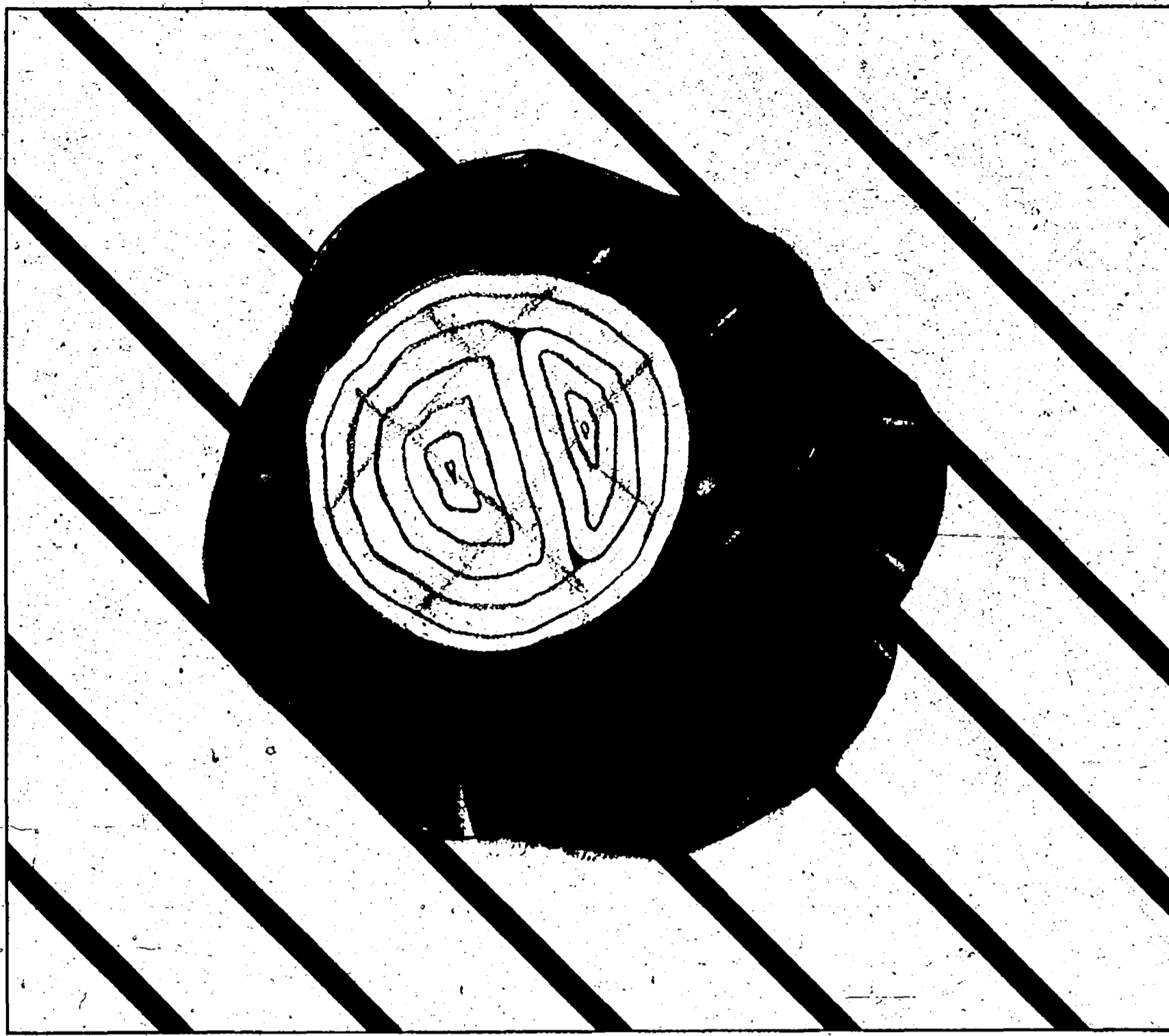
We can credit a group of Columbus' explorers, on the island of Cuba in 1492, with enthusiastically reporting the finding of "a sort of grain called mahis" that could be eaten in a cereal and ground into flour. The word mahis was from the Taino language, the aboriginal tongue spoken by the local islanders. In Spanish it became maize and in English, maize.

WE CAN CREDIT the Algonquin Indians with the introduction of beans, pumpkins and squash to the Pilgrims' diet. If it weren't for these Indian tribes, the new settlers would never have dreamed of becoming successful hunters of venison and bear, and searchers of the hard-shelled clam known as the quahog.

I can remember baking my first loaf of bread with Momma, carefully measuring the ingredients from a store-bought bag of flour and what was available then, caked yeast. My first attempt resembled closely the early settlers' attempts at making bread because they were using corn flour (which contained no gluten), and after baking, the loaf resembled a flattened pan bread called johnnycake. Even to this day, with the assistance of a Kitchen-Aid mixer, a temperature-controlled convection oven and easy-read thermometers that can tell me the exact temperature to heat the water, I occasionally end up with a product similar to theirs.

Next week, the Janes gang is invited to a traditional clambake, replete with "fruits de la mer." I can only wonder if our host and hostess know that the famed New England clambake developed very early in the colonial period. Of course, to the early settlers, it was nothing more than an adaptation of the coastal Indians' method of cooking clams in a pit lined with seaweed, which provided moisture for steaming the clams. Over the years, New Englanders added lobsters, corn and potatoes and, of course, salt, pepper and hot, dipping butter that make the clambake food so delicious.

THE FOODS my momma and your momma placed on their tables are descendants of what the early settlers enjoyed way back when. The lists of early ingredients enjoyed then and now literally can fill a book by themselves. The codfish, the boiled dinners, the apple panowdy, not to mention the Southern influences such as fried chicken and pecan pie, are remembered to this day on tables around the world.



BURGERS on the GRILL

Your guide to the grinds

By Larry Janes
special writer

WHATEVER YOUR budget, whatever your schedule, whatever the occasion, you can rely on hamburger to fill the bill. And what better time to talk burgers than barbecue time.

Few cuts of meat have as much going for them — or you — as hamburger. As far as most of us are concerned, "hamburger" is just another word for ground beef. There is, however, a distinction. And this distinction is one that you should know about when it comes to the shopping scene.

Federal laws specify the amount of fat permitted in the various types of ground beef, so it really is the amount of fat (or conversely, the amount of lean) that will determine the label.

Anyone who has made the trip past the ground beef section of the grocery store or butcher shop has quite a choice between burgers. Do you want hamburger, ground beef, ground chuck, ground round, ground sirloin, ground turkey or, even now, ground chicken? To help you identify the differences, here's the simplified version in plain English (compared to the 19 pages the USDA uses to identify the differences).

HAMBURGER: Any ground beef

bearing this label can legally contain up to 30 percent fat. This fat may consist of the natural fat attached to the beef, plus "loose" beef fat from the trimming process.

GROUND BEEF: This is where it gets a little confusing. The amount of fat allowed under the law also may be 30 percent fat. The big difference between ground beef and hamburger is that ground beef can contain only the fat attached to the beef. No other fat may be added to reach the 30 percent ratio. Thus, the fat content in meat labeled ground beef is usually less than 30 percent.

GROUND CHUCK: This meat is really lean ground beef bearing approximately 20 percent fat.

GROUND ROUND: This extra-lean ground beef usually contains about 15 percent fat.

GROUND SIRLOIN: This is what most restaurants call ground steak, supposedly containing between 10-12 percent fat.

GROUND TURKEY AND GROUND CHICKEN: These products combine both the white and dark meat of the fowl, combined with usually no more than 15 percent fat, usually comprised of the ground skin.

"Big deal," you say? Ah, but did

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you know that certain varieties make better burgers? Yep. For a juicy, broiled or grilled burger, your choice should be either ground beef or ground chuck. The amount of fat in both types allows the burgers to baste themselves as they cook. If you prefer to choose leaner cuts, you will probably end up with a less-juicy patty. But, remember, the more fat, the greater the shrinkage.

Ground chuck and ground round are usually reserved for casseroles and other main dish entrees, although the fattier cuts work just as well providing they can be drained of excess fat after the meat has been browned.

Preparing burgers on the grill isn't as easy as choosing the proper cuts of meat. There are a few tricks that can help turn this summer's barbecue into one that will surely be remembered by all.

First off, let's talk about the grill. There are many schools of thought when it comes to choosing grills. Coal fired or gas, lava rock or mesquite? Contrary to what others might think, the Janes Gang has tried them all and, as far as we're concerned, you just can't beat the old charcoal briquettes on an open grill.

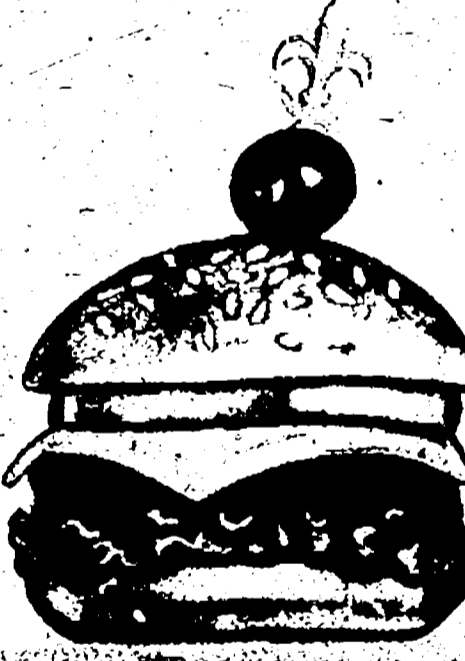
IF YOU HAVE YET to get the "old faithful" out from the garage amidst last summers put-aways, now is the perfect time to clean it up and get it ready for the weekend. Remove any old ash and dead coals. Window cleaners and a pall of hot soapy water, combined with a little old-fashioned elbow grease are the best defense against a dirty grill.

If the grill grid still bears last summer's food build up, an easy way to clean it is to place the grid in a plastic bag and add three cups of household ammonia. Tie the bag up and place on a flat surface in direct sunlight. Within two hours, the ammonia will have done its job, and the grid should pretty much wipe clean.

Be sure to rinse the grid well with a garden hose to remove any and all ammonia residues. To keep the grill easy to clean and to help make it virtually stick-free, a light spraying of Pam or other food-release agents, or a healthy brushing of an old rag dipped in vegetable oil will leave an easy-clean coating.

Now that the burgers have been formed and the grill is cleaned and ready to roll, remember that your choice of charcoal will directly affect the overall outcome. When it comes to purchasing charcoal, you get what you pay for. Cheaper briquettes made from sawdust fillers are OK, but you just can't beat the

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Ice cream shapes up

By Gori Rinechler
special writer

An apple a day may keep the doctor away, but one of Ray's "Bad Apples" will undoubtedly make you feel better. Unlike any other apple you've ever eaten, Ray's "Bad Apples" are hand crafted from chocolate ice cream, filled with Truffles liqueur and hand decorated in an apple red color.

For the last 30 years, Ray's Ice Cream Co. in Royal Oak has been making ice cream delights in antique molds in dozens of shapes to suit almost any occasion ranging from all-American flags for the Fourth of July to Thanksgiving turkeys and Valentine cupids.

When founder Raymond H. Stevens opened his shop in 1958, many of the dairies in Michigan were making ice cream molds. "Today, Ray's is probably the last dairy in the country still making them," Grandson Tom Stevens said. He, along with his dad, Ray Stevens Jr., Uncle Dale Stevens and his son, Art, share the responsibilities, continuing the family traditions and manufacturing techniques for which the shop is famous.

On an average week, the Stevens family makes 1,500 gallons of old-

fashioned, homemade ice cream in 40 incredible flavors, eight of which are sherberts. Along with the traditional favorites, there is peppermint, black raspberry, pistachio walnut, and a new favorite, white Russian. That's white chocolate ice cream with mocha fudge.

SEASONAL FAVORITES include rum raisin, pumpkin, black raspberry and eggnog. Each flavor is made using a batch freezer which produces 10 gallons at a time. "We're also one of the last dairies to make ice cream in a batch freezer. We use it because the ice cream is smoother than the larger, commercial machines. It also makes a better product," Stevens said. And how much of those 1,500 gallons is reserved for molding red apples, pumpkins and flags? Well, during December 1989, Ray's hand-filled and decorated 22,000 holiday designs.

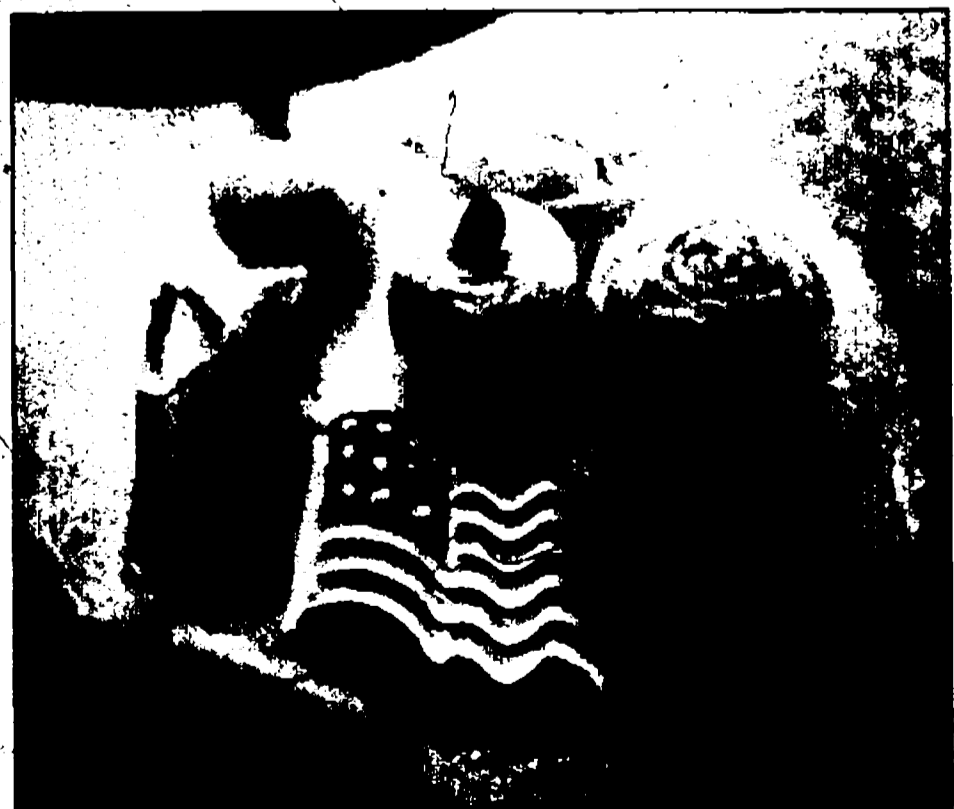
Many of the antique molds in the Stevens collection were bought by Grandfather Ray Stevens when he opened the shop. Since that time most of the popular shapes, apples, oranges and peaches have worn out and been reproduced in a metal alloy similar to the original. Many of the unusual shapes, such as the sailboat, cruise ship, 1940s car, frogs and tur-

ties, still are made using the antique molds. Most of the styles and holiday characters, such as a Halloween witch on a broom or a snowman, can be made in the ice cream flavor of your choice, then hand painted including important details such as the wart on the end of the witch's nose.

Cordial fruits are the only ice cream molds which have a filling. After the molds are filled with ice cream, a depression is made in the center. After the ice cream hardens and is removed from the mold, the fruits are injected with 1 1/2 ounces of liqueur, then frozen once more. Later each is colored with an airbrush and food coloring, frozen, then dipped into a batch of icy food coloring to give the appearance of that just-picked-from-the-vine look.

The liqueurs are chosen to complement the flavor of the ice cream. Shop specialties are combinations of coffee ice cream with creme de cacao, vanilla ice cream with creme de menthe, and cinnamon ice cream with apple schnapps. Cordial peaches filled with peach brandy are a perfect dessert for a springtime or summer luncheon.

Popularity of these unique desserts has spread beyond our Michigan shores. The Stevens regularly fill orders from country clubs and



DOUGLAS BUBALLA

Ice cream molds at Ray's in Royal Oak include holiday and seasonal themes such as American flag, fruit and sailboat.

restaurants across the country. Kiwi sorbet fruits are often sent air freight to clubs in Palm Springs, Calif.

To order any of the 75 ice cream molds, 7-10 days notice is necessary. During the holiday months of November and Decem-

ber, you need to place your order early in the month. Prices for the cordial-filled fruits range from \$2.55 to \$2.85 each. Regular molds cost \$2.30-\$2.40 each. Ray's Ice Cream Company is at 2333 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, phone 548-5326.

See Peach Melba recipe, Page 2B.

Your guide to grinds, plus barbecue tips

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heat and staying quality of a good hardwood charcoal.

You can ignite the coals in costly containers available at most seasonal shops, but an old, empty three-pound coffee can with both ends removed works just as well. Igniting the coals this way will make for evenly heated coals and will prohibit cool spots when cooking.

YOU MIGHT BE interested in the kitchen report compiled by the fabled *Cooks* magazine (July/August 1989) which states, "If you like the flavor of wood smoke in food, stick to wood chips that will produce a strongly scented smoke: mesquite, hickory, maple and oak. If you like

the taste of herbs on quickly grilled foods, chop and rub them on the food. Don't sprinkle them on the coals."

For grilling the best burgers in town, after the coals have been heated throughout to a fiery orange glow, disperse them evenly throughout the bottom of a foil-lined grill, with the shiny side of the foil looking at you. This serves two purposes: first, to help make clean-up so much easier and, secondly, the heat is reflected upwards from the foil, therefore cooking your burgers more effectively.

Lining the grill grids with foil before cooking will only result in burgers "frying" in their own grease. In all-honesty, however, Morima al-

ways packs a roll of foil for campsite or park barbecues to cover the grids because "God only knows what's been on there before you arrived."

My next suggestion for the best burgers will surely provoke some controversy. Personally speaking, when I grill foods high in fat content (like burgers), I always place an old, shallow, cake pan under the burgers so that when the fat begins to cook out of the burgers, it can be "caught" without landing on the hot coals. There are two reasons for doing this. First, it makes clean-up so much easier. Second, it eliminates dangerous fire flare-ups that have been known to turn a grill into a roaring

campfire, turning the best burgers into blackened cow-chip look-alikes.

Speaking of fire flare-ups, it is always recommended that you keep a clean squirt bottle filled with ordinary water or broth within arm's reach to quench any sudden fires that might start from the grease released during cooking.

WHEN IT COMES to recommended cooking times for burgers, the only judge is a chef's gut-level instinct. There are so many variables consisting of how hot the fire is to the thickness and temperature of the burgers that naming an exact cooking time is difficult, even for an expert.

Rating poultry burgers

Are turkey and chicken burgers all they are cracked up to be? Contrary to popular belief, ground turkey and ground chicken make pretty lousy grilled burgers. Because both are relatively low in fat (only 15 percent), they have a tendency to dry out on the grill and are hardly flavorful. If you do desire to grill with ground turkey or ground chicken, it is best to liven up the

product with an ample dash of seasoned salt.

Also, add 2 egg yolks to every pound of product in addition to 1/4 cup of liquid (wine, broth, water, milk).

For even better results, saute a pan of finely chopped onions and a little garlic and stir this into the mixture before grilling.

As a general rule, when the coals just begin to get a gray dust after being red hot, that is the time to begin cooking. Typically, a one-inch-thick burger will take about four minutes for rare, five minutes for medium rare, six minutes for medium (still with some slight pink in center), seven minutes for burgers cooked through but still juicy, and eight minutes or more for a well-done burger.

This will dramatically slow the cooking process without allowing them to overcook, and still be piping hot.

Everyone has his or her own favorite additions to hamburger. Whether it be a simple shot of Worcestershire or a shake or two of a secret seasoning, you can create a burger so tempting and delicious you will have all the neighbors wishing for an invite.

Why spend an evening slaving over a hot stove when a grill, a lawn chair and a six-pack of your favorite brew is all that's truly necessary to make the best burgers in town?

Try these great burger recipes on your next cookout instead of the typical plain grilled burger. They're all Janes Gang tested and approved.

CRUNCHY ONION-BEEF BURGERS

- 1 1/2 pounds ground chuck
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon ketchup
- 1 can (3 1/2 ounce) French fried onions

6 burger buns or split English muffins

In a bowl, combine meat, salt, pepper and ketchup and mix until well blended. Add half the can of onion rings to the meat mixture. Mix well. Shape into 1-inch patties. Grill as desired. After burgers are cooked, sprinkle remaining onion rings on them. Serve inside buns or English muffins.

CHEESEBURGER SURPRISES

2 pounds ground chuck

- 2 tablespoons minced onions
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire
- 2 teaspoons prepared mustard
- Dash salt and pepper
- 1 1/2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese

Thoroughly mix together the meat with the onions, Worcestershire, mustard, salt and pepper. Mix well. Shape into 12 thin patties. Place 1/2 cup of shredded cheese on 6 patties. Top with remaining patties and seal

edges. Grill as desired.

BURGUNDY BURGERS

- 1 1/2 pounds ground chuck
 - 1/4 cup Burgundy or other red wine
 - 1 small onion, finely chopped
 - 1 tablespoon Worcestershire
 - 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- Mix all ingredients together and shape into patties 1-inch thick. Grill as desired. This really makes a juicy burger.

Peach Melba has a grand history

PEACH MELBA

Makes 8 servings

Auguste Escoffier created Peach Melba in 1894. As the story goes, he served this dessert in an ice-carved swan. This great classic is just as wonderful without the ice swan.

- 4 whole, fresh, ripe peaches
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 1/2-inch piece vanilla bean
- 1 1/2 cups fresh raspberries
- 1/4 cup cassia or red currant jam or preserves

- 4 tablespoons creme de cassis liqueur
- 2 pints vanilla or cinnamon ice cream
- 1/2 cup chopped or sliced pistachio nuts

Peel peaches by submerging into a pan of boiling water for 10 seconds. Remove with a slotted spoon, peel the skin off with a paring knife. Cut each peach in half and discard pit. Mix water and sugar together in a saucepan and bring to boil. Lower temperature and simmer. Add peaches and vanilla bean and

simmer 15-20 minutes until tender. Remove from heat and cool. Remove from syrup and chill.

Prepare raspberry sauce: Add raspberries and jam to a clean saucepan and heat gently, stirring. Simmer for 10 minutes until smooth. Remove from heat, add liqueur and chill. Sauce can be strained if you prefer. To serve, top each ice cream scoop with a peach half. Spoon raspberry sauce over top and sprinkle with pistachios.

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For on this day, friends and family gather round, With fun and laughter being the prevailing sound.

As relaxed adults sit back, engaged in conversation, Their children can be found running in formation.

And Dad's at his wittiest, charming all the guests, As he serves up beverages and keeps them refreshed.

But, wait, something's wrong, hmmm, I can't quite say, Someone is missing from this picture-perfect day.

'Tis Mom, old Mom, in the kitchen working away, Muttering to herself about the "freedom" of this day.

With dishes piled high and the kitchen a total loss, There's 10 pounds of potato salad awaiting one last toss.

"Next year," vows she, with a determined look in her eye, "The Jean Zebedee's Winner Dinner is the one I'm going to try."

"For it's a menu most easily prepared in advance, Then I, too, can spend this day on the seat of my pants."

"Her menu looks great, I'm ready for something new, Besides, I'm 'baked beamed' out, a change is due."

For as the bells of freedom ring through the land, Year after year they've been muffled closest at hand.

So from this day hence, the Winner Dinner flag'll wave O'er this kitchen of the free and the home of the brave.

Jean Zebedee, this week's Winner Dinner Winner, laughingly describes herself as a big-time tennis player, a sometime golfer and a small-time homemaker. The mother of three.



family-tested winner dinner

Betsy Brethen



STEPHEN CANTRELL/staff photographer

Jean Zebedee of Bloomfield Hills prepares a meal that includes Summer Soup, Marinated Flank Steak, Zucchini Pancakes and Blueberry Crisp.

grown children, Zebedee loves to cook and enjoys preparing complex and involved meals, finding it to be a fun, creative outlet.

Originally from Philadelphia, Zebedee now is practically bi-coastal, commuting with her husband on a regular basis between Bloomfield Hills and San Diego, Calif. She has raised, adventuresome eaters, and her children still occasionally call for advice on preparing a certain recipe. When the family does get together, the children look forward to cooking meals right out of Gourmet magazine.

Besides taking lots of art classes at the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association, and having earned a diploma from the LaVarene Cooking School in California, Zebedee regularly participates in the many different cooking classes offered at Kitch-

en Glamor, a kitchen-utensil supply shop, in West Bloomfield, Rochester and Redford Township.

She and her husband recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. Perhaps the old adage that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach has some truth to it. Although an expert griller, Zebedee's husband is content to sit back and appreciate his wife's cooking. Together, they are looking forward to many more years of happiness, travel and, of course, lots of Winner Dinners!

Food workshop is available

With today's interest in back-to-nature foods and healthier eating styles, the old-time methods of food preservation are making a comeback.

The Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service is offering a hands-on informative workshop from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday, July 10 and 12, in the Kitchen Classroom, North Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. Charge is \$7.50 for one session or \$15 for both.

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Individuals with balance problems may undergo knee surgery without difficulty, but afterwards are at increased risk for replacement failure because of this tendency to stumble. With an artificial knee in place, a fall can be a disaster. The artificial knee is rigid, and the impact from striking the ground transmits forces which can shatter the surrounding bone. Reproductive surgery may be impossible. The question of balance illustrates the importance of placing the decision for knee replacement into a network of other medical and personal conditions.

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SUMMER SOUP

Easy to make, this soup is delicious and refreshing. Serves 4-6.

10 ounces tomatoes, chopped
10 ounces apples, chopped
10 ounces celery, chopped
4 ounces butter or margarine
8 ounces onion, chopped
Salt and pepper, to taste
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
Pinch of ginger
5 cups chicken stock
Splash of dry sherry

Saute onions in butter slowly until soft. Add other vegetables, salt and pepper, nutmeg, ginger and 1 cup of stock. Cook gently for 1 hour, covered. Liquidize, either in a blender or a food processor; and add rest of stock and sherry. Serve chilled.

MARINATED FLANK STEAK

4 tablespoons crushed black pepper (This makes for a very hot and spicy marinade. Adjust to suit your family's taste.)
2 tablespoons brown sugar
3 tablespoons Dijon mustard
6 tablespoons Heinz 57 sauce
2-3 garlic cloves, crushed
1/2 cup olive oil.

Mix the above ingredients and marinate a flank steak for 1 hour. Grill until done to your liking. Let the meat rest for 15 minutes and slice on the diagonal.

ZUCCHINI PANCAKES

A tasty and creative way to serve zucchini.

4 medium zucchini

1 large onion
1/2 cup Bisquick
1 egg
2-3 tablespoons milk
Salt and pepper

Grate zucchini and onion and let rest in a sieve to allow water to drain off. After 1 hour, press out as much water as possible. Mix with one egg, 1/2 cup Bisquick, salt and pepper and milk to moisten.

Spoon the mixture into small rounds and saute in a lightly oiled skillet, flipping over and cooking them until the pancakes are really crisp on both sides.

BLUEBERRY CRISP

This is a wonderful, low-sugar dessert. The berries literally pop in your mouth.

1/4 teaspoon grated orange rind
1 tablespoon orange juice
2 teaspoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon cornstarch
1 1/2 cup blueberries

Combine above ingredients and place in a gratin dish.

Topping
4 tablespoons flour
3 tablespoons rolled oats
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons butter or margarine, cut into bits

Combine above ingredients and sprinkle over blueberries. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes, then at 400 degrees for 10 minutes more. Cool and serve. Vanilla ice cream is delicious with it. Other berries or peaches may be substituted for the blueberries.

Shopping List

- 3 tomatoes
- 2 large apples
- 1 bunch celery
- 2 medium-sized onions
- 5 cups chicken stock
- Salt
- Pepper
- Nutmeg
- Ginger
- Dry sherry
- 1 flank steak, size depending on your needs
- Brown sugar
- Dijon mustard
- Heinz 57 sauce
- Olive oil
- 2-3 garlic cloves
- 4 medium-sized zucchini
- Bisquick
- 1 egg
- 1 quart blueberries
- 1 orange
- Sugar
- Cornstarch
- Flour
- Rollod oats
- Butter or margarine
- Vanilla ice cream (optional)
- Milk

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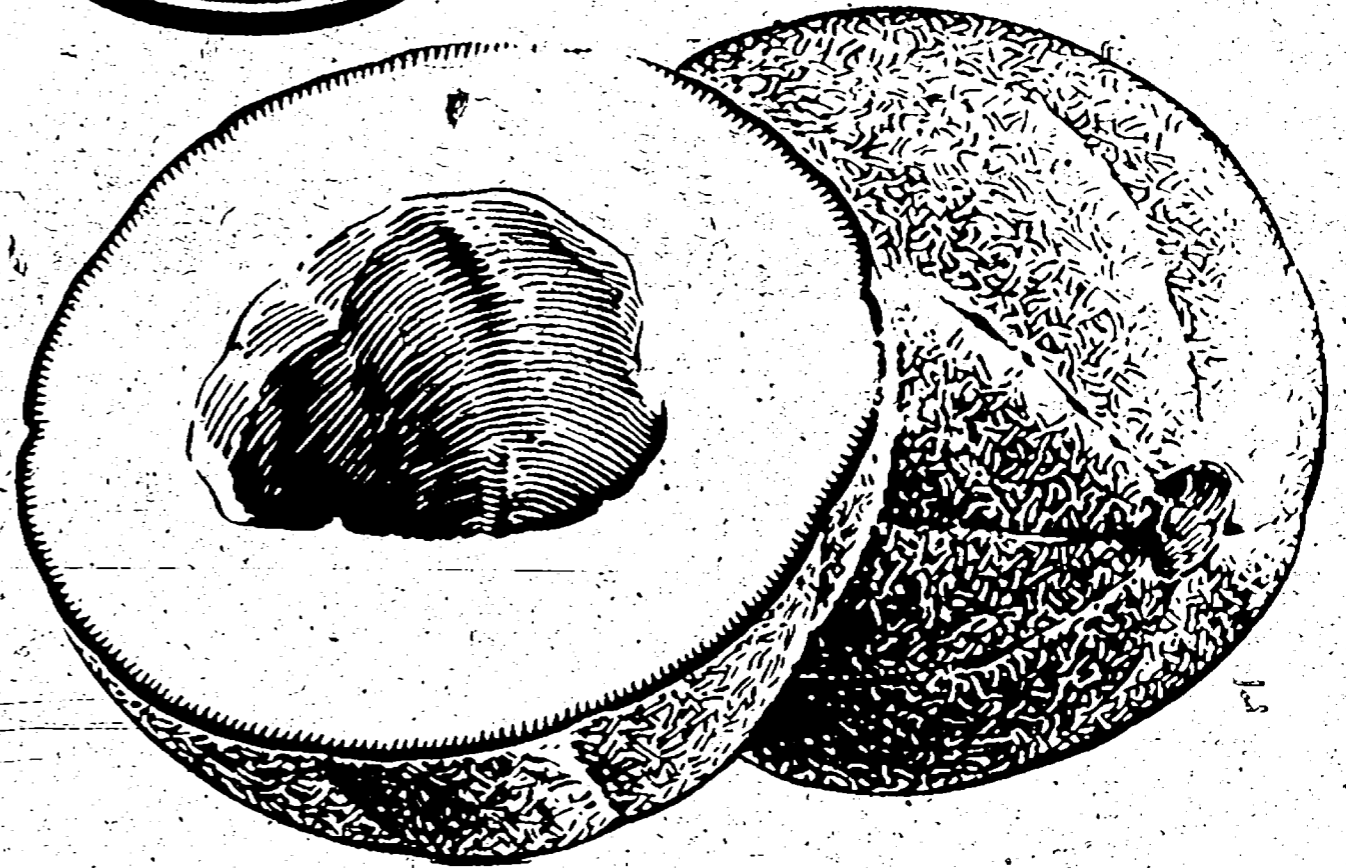
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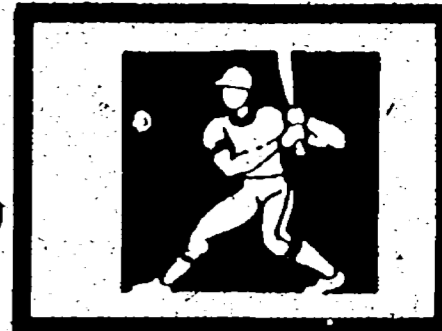
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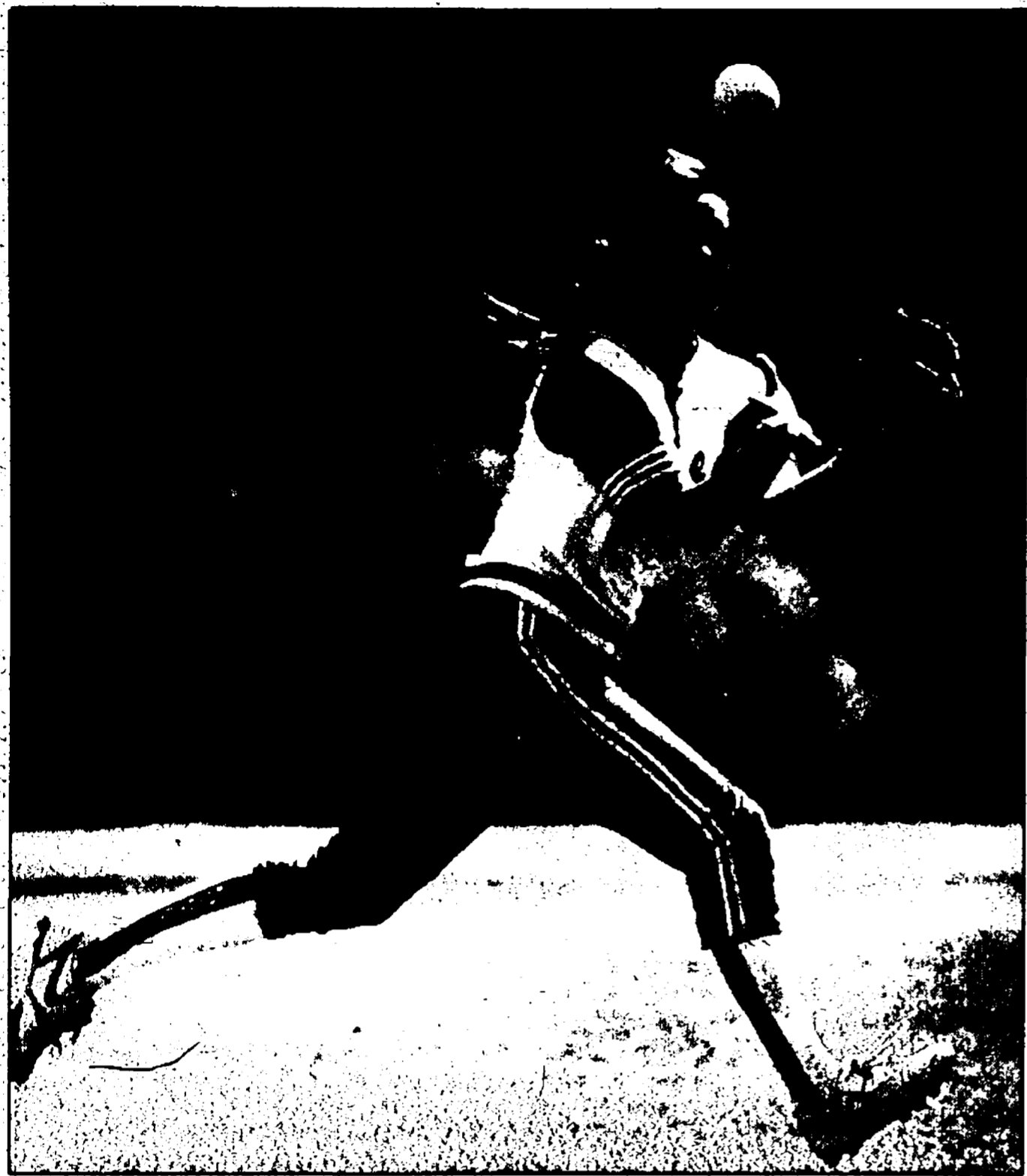
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Tracking the best

Karen Brown of Livonia Franklin is one of 11 players named to the 1990 all-Observer girls softball team. Brown, a center fielder, was one of the top hitters and defensive players this season. For more on the area's best, please turn to Page 2C.

Redford native tames the Bear

By C.J. Risak
staff writer

On Thursday he was a statewide hero, having conquered a prominent field of competitors and the much-heralded, Jack Nicklaus-designed Bear to win the Michigan Open.

But by Friday, Bob Proben had to be back on the job.

The Redford native (Thurston, class of '73) rose early that morning in Traverse City, site of the Open, and drove back to West Bloomfield, site of Knollwood Country Club and work. By early afternoon, the assistant golf pro was busy giving lessons.

"I don't mind at all," Proben said of the transition. "I got to go play in the Michigan Open, and I happened to win it."

With the victory, Proben also collected his biggest single-prize ever — \$12,000. In addition, he qualified for the \$18,000 Michigan Bell Showdown in August.

Proben's victory was hardly expected. No factor favored him entering the tournament. He had never played on the Bear; his practice round, scheduled for the Saturday before the Open, was washed out.

HE HADN'T exactly been playing all that well, either. The week before the Open, Proben competed in the state's assistant pros' championship at Oakland Hills Country Club.

"I played terrible. It was the worst I've played in a long time."

In the week between the two tournaments, Proben spent some time working on his game, and it helped. Definitely.

"I was hitting the ball extremely well before I left (for the Open)."

STILL, HIS first two rounds didn't



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Bob Proben, a Redford native, had his putter working at the Michigan Open.

reflect it; he had a 77 on Monday and a 75 Tuesday, which left him eight-over par and 10 strokes behind co-leaders Buddy Whitten and Mike Erickson.

"I struck the ball very well the first two days."

What he didn't do well was putt; he had 38 putts in his 77 and 33 in his 75.

A new putter and a few adjustments solved that problem.

On Wednesday, Proben climbed back into contention with the best round of the tournament, a 67, which included just 28 putts. That put him at 219, four strokes behind Whitten, the leader.

BY THE conclusion of the front nine in Thursday's final round, it was apparent Proben was in control.

golf

Whitten opened Thursday with three straight bogeys as Erickson took the lead. Double-bogeys on the seventh and 11th holes ended Whitten's hopes.

A Proben birdie combined with an Erickson bogey at No. 8 left the two tied for first. The ninth hole proved pivotal.

PROBEN WAS 30 yards from the hole, but it was "a fairly easy chip." He hit it too hard and expected it to roll 12 feet or so past the cup. Instead, the ball struck the stick and dropped in for a birdie.

Was fate turning his way? "That's exactly how I felt," Proben said. "I thought, 'This may be my day.'"

The shot affected Erickson and Whitten, too.

"Their faces just sunk. It was a whole turnaround, right then."

"You need that once in a while. You've got to be lucky to win a tournament."

Proben finished with a final-round 70 (with 29 putts) for a one-over par 289 total. Whitten and Erickson tied for second at 293.

IN SPITE of his success, the 35-year-old Proben doesn't plan to return to the pro tour, where he labored off-and-on for 10 years.

Instead, he'll play state tournaments, like the Bell, Showdown, which has a skins game format.

"That'll be fun. I've never played that before."

Of course, he'd never played the Bear before, either.

Schoolcraft coach adds size to lineup

By C.J. Risak
staff writer

Gone are four starters from a team that finished 18-7 last season. Those losses, combined with the ever-increasing amount of time necessary to put a contender on the floor, tempted Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Jack Grenan to make the 1989-90 campaign his last.

"I seriously thought about giving it up," Grenan said. "But with the kids we have coming in, well, that perked me up."

There's no doubting the rebuilding job facing the Lady Ocelots, what with the graduation of center Barb Krug, power forward Lisa DePlanche and guards Tracy Osborne and Ann Hardy.

All four received offers from four-year schools to continue playing, but only Hardy accepted; she'll attend Park College in Parkville, Mo.

Osborne and DePlanche opted not to continue playing, although DePlanche will return to SC as an assistant coach.

Krug, a Plymouth Salem grad who stands 6 feet 3, had offers from Montana State and University of Detroit, as well as several smaller schools.

She turned them down, saying she wouldn't play. She has since changed her mind; she plans to attend Eastern Michigan and walk-on.

"EVERYONE WHO'S played for me and graduated has had a chance to go on and play at a four-year school," Grenan said.

Does that help his recruiting efforts much? "The parents are certainly impressed by it," he replied.



'We'll have four people 6-foot or taller. So we've got the size, we should have a tremendous bench and we'll have people who can run.'

— Jack Grenan
SC cage coach

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With the deep losses suffered by the Lady Ocelots, Grenan's recruiting ability has been tested. He believes he has passed that test, with high grades.

"We'll be quicker than last year." But with the loss of Krug and DePlanche, both tough rebounders, won't the Lady Ocelots be hurting under the boards?

Grenan doesn't think so. "We'll have four people 6-foot or taller. So we've got the size, we should have a tremendous bench and we'll have people who can run."

Sounds promising. Certainly sounds like enough to keep SC among the Eastern Conference leaders, where it has resided throughout Grenan's six-year stint as coach.

OF THE eight newcomers joining the squad, three have captured Gre-

nan's attention: Donna Gall, a 5-6 guard from Warren Woods; Jennifer Gunther, a 6-1 center from Sterling Heights Stevenson; and Nicole Dapprich, a 6-foot forward from Dearborn Edsel Ford.

"Gall has been awfully impressive," the SC coach said. "Gunther has as much raw talent as anyone I've had come in. And Dapprich has the best basics of those coming in — she can play."

On the boards, Grenan figured Gunther and Dapprich would make the biggest impact.

"Jennifer (Gunther) is more physical and hungrier. But they know if they don't rebound, they're going to sit."

That's because he has also signed Katie Balogh, a 5-10 forward from Allen Park Cabrini. And the returnees include 6-1½ Tricia Lucas, who has dropped volleyball to devote full time to basketball, and 6-1 Ashli Winters.

THERE WILL also be plenty of competition at guard, where the Lady Ocelots were weakest last season, and at shooting forward.

Tressa Farkas contributed valuable minutes off the bench at guard last season, and Mo Merritt — winner of the Mike Essig Award (named after a Plymouth youth who had cancer and died in December 1988) — filled in ably at both guard and forward.

Laurel Haener, a 5-9 guard-forward, will be counted on for perimeter offense; she started to blossom late last season.

"She's an outside shooter we can count on."

Gall helps improve the backcourt, where the Lady Ocelots lacked a true point guard last season.

So will sophomore Leeann Lightfoot, a 5-7 transfer from Oakland CC; Stacie Smith, 5-8 from Waterford; Julie Sawicki, 5-6 from Edsel Ford; and Jennifer McGee, 5-3 from L'Anse au Lac. Lightfoot and Smith can also play small forward.

Grenan's recruiting isn't over, either. A few more could be signed before this fall.

All told, if his recruits can match his optimism — and Grenan's past record suggests such a possibility is strong — then another successful season is on the horizon for SC.

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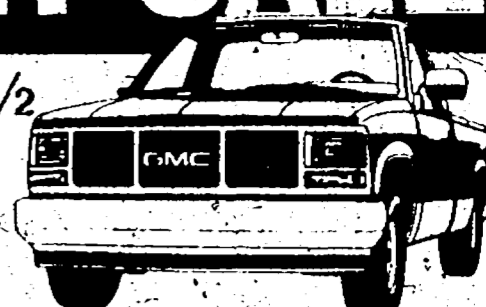
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Universal Spectrum is an area band whose mission is to educate people about world music and the Caribbean culture. The sounds can span from calypso to reggae to soca. To find out the beat of this group, please turn to Page 3D.

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Bill Padgett of Dearborn practices proper arm movement during the day-long fly casting class at the Huntman Hunt Club in Metamora.

Fishing on the fly

By Bill Parker
staff writer

Fly fishing can be a relaxing, enjoyable recreational activity. Not much can compare with the contentment of standing streamside on a summer's morning, listening to the forest awaken around you while working a hand-tied fly through the swift current.

The exhilaration of battling a feisty trout only enhances the experience to the ultimate level.

But without a basic understanding of the fly fishing technique, that relaxation and exhilaration can quickly turn into a mess of tangled anguish.

The Riverbend Sportshop Inc. in Southfield offers daylong beginner fly casting classes which provide a solid introduction into one of America's fastest growing recreational activities.

"We want the students to feel comfortable with the sport," said Jim Toohy, the innovative 28-year-old owner of the Riverbend Sport Shop Inc. and one of the instructors of the class. "We want to make the sport enjoyable and re-

move the complexity of casting. Our real focus is to get people who are uncomfortable with casting, comfortable. Casting is the first big hurdle for fly fishermen."

Toohy, Wally Dabrowski, Brandon Vaughn and Bill McKee — all members of Trout Unlimited — have been teaching the classes for three years. The classes consist of 12 students and three teachers, which enables every student to receive ample one-on-one guidance. Close to 200 students have already been through the course.

"We get more professional people than anything, but we get people from all walks of life," Toohy said. "From top executives to Joe Schmo off the street who just wants to get into fly fishing, we get them all."

THE CLASSES cost \$90 per person and include all the necessary equipment, lunch and refreshments. They're conducted on a country trout pond at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Metamora, about 20 miles north of Pontiac.

The morning session begins with a short talk and introduction to the sport. The class then moves outside to begin dry casting in a field next to the trout pond. Rods, reels and fly line is provided for the dry casting session, but for safety sake, no hooks.

Teachers work closely with the students instructing them on proper arm movement, fly rod position and different casting techniques.

After breaking for a hot lunch — provided by the Huntsman — students receive hands-on instruction on basic fly fishing knots. Presentation of bait, fish habits and tips on reading the water are also discussed briefly — enough so that students have a basic understanding of the overall sport, but not enough to boggle their minds with details.

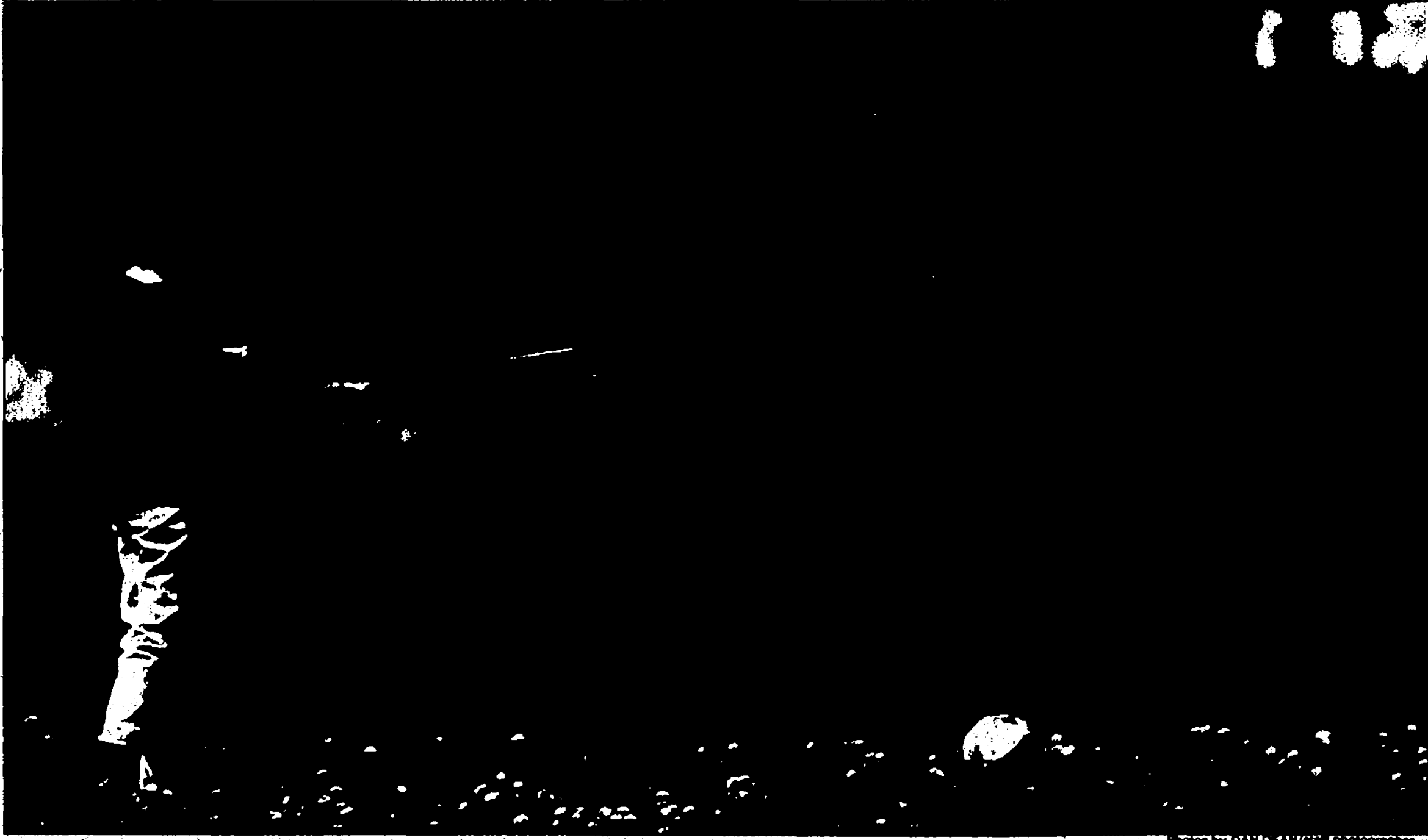
The class then returns to the pond where students have the opportunity to try several different fly rods to see which one feels and reacts best for that individual.

WITH THE proper rod in hand, students resume dry casting and receive some advanced technique instruction on such things as shooting line, roll casting off the water and casting into a heavy breeze.

As the afternoon draws to a close, students begin to get a handle on the technique. Students are then allowed to "wet a line" and use their newly acquired fly fishing technique to catch any of the stocked brown trout lurking in the pond.

Joe Scaglione, a Nexus distributor from Southfield, was a student

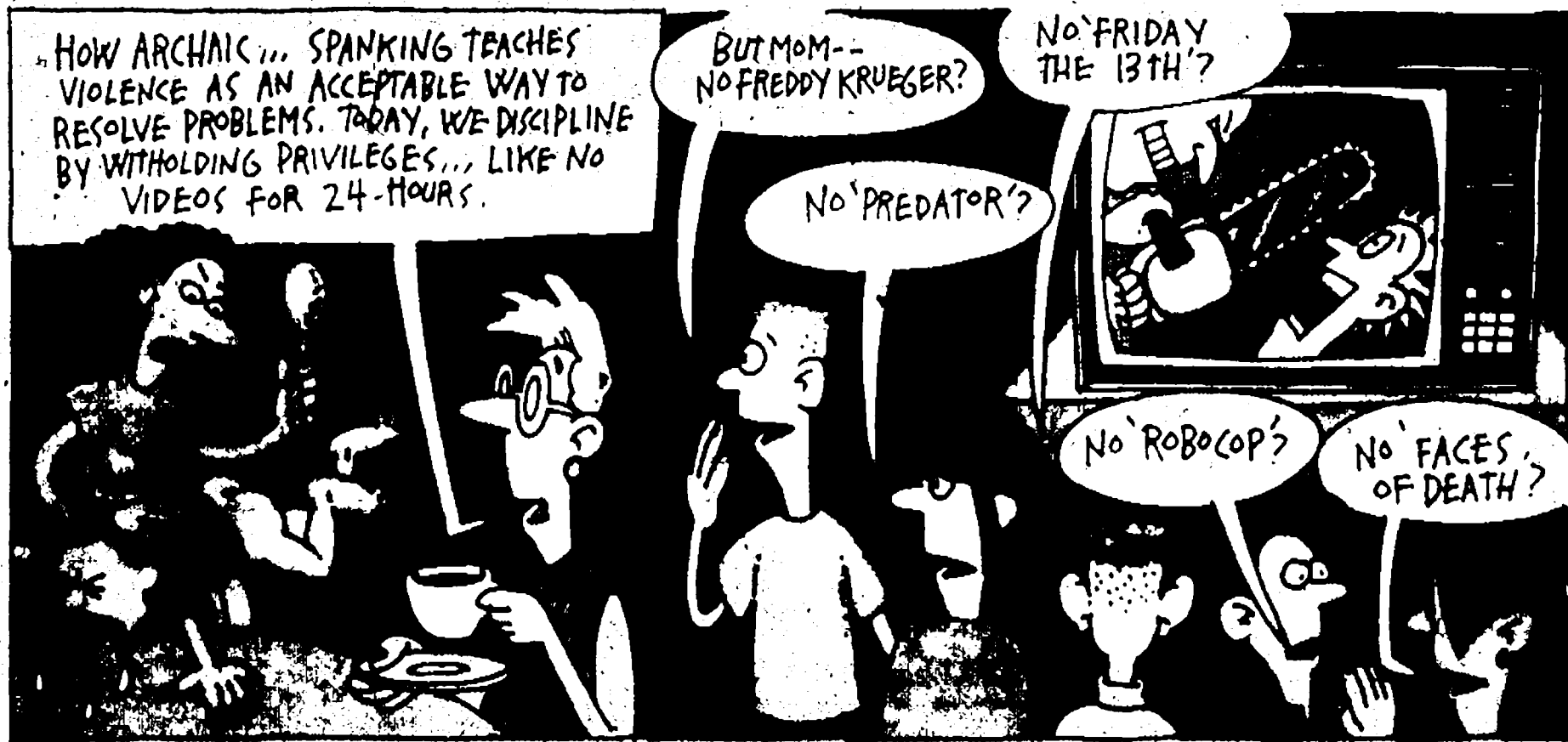
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The trout are safe in the trout pond of the Huntman Hunt Club in Metamora as Karen Nichols practices casting — without a hook.

Mental Filers

by JUDGE NILSSON



Finding the bugs in the art of tying

By Pat Schutte
staff writer

When guys like Mike Friesland, John Maki and Jim Toohy go fishing, they bring things like ants, gnats, beetles and maybe a handful of mosquitoes. They may even bring a bumble bee or two.

These guys are hardcore, bringing bugs with them and all. You'd think, though, that there's plenty of pesky bugs in this great state of ours anyway. But bringing them with you? Come on. And a "bumble bee or two," these guys must mean business.

Fishing is their business. The bugs that they bring they make from a little hook, a little thread, a couple feathers and a lot of practice. They can create anything from a cricket

or a woolly bug to a frog or a mouse, all with remarkable "fish foolin'" accuracy.

"I started fly tying when I was 13 and by the time I was 15 I was tying professionally," said Toohy, 28, owner of Riverbend Sport Shop in Southfield. "It takes me about five minutes to tie a fly."

Like Riverbend, Friesland Outfitters in Keego Harbor has a very tight, personable relationship with their customers. Owner Mike Friesland has a table set up on the middle of his small shop where fly fishermen (beginners to experts) can sit down, grab a cup of coffee, and discuss everything from tying techniques to "the one that got away."

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MOVING PICTURES



Elliott Hopper (Bill Cosby) shies away from his girlfriend Joan (Denise Nichols), fearing she will find out he's a ghost in "Ghost Dad."

'Die Harder' has style

The heroes of Hollywood westerns always fire their six-guns 93 times without re-loading and such high-style, super-heros are the secret of Bruce Willis' successful reappearance as Lt. John McClane, LAPD, in "Die Hard 2: Die Harder" (B+, R, 105 minutes).

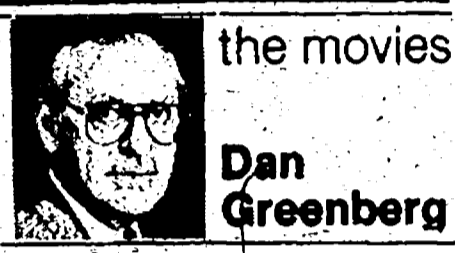
Instead of a building, this time terrorists have kidnapped Dulles International Airport in the nation's capital in order to save a Central-American dictator from American imprisonment for drug-trafficking. If they don't get their man and an escape-plane, they'll allow all the planes circling the airport in a snowstorm to crash.

Lt. McClane's major motivation to single-handedly wipe out 30 or 40 heavily armed, well-trained terrorists: Mrs. McClane (Bonnie Bedelia) is a passenger on one of those planes. Although the film is excessively violent, two features save "Die Hard 2" from the disgusting qualities characteristic of "Total Recall" and "Robocop 2" — currently successful but unpleasantly bloodthirsty films.

First, "Die Hard 2" has a lot of style and a sharply attractive tone. It doesn't linger on the gore and rub the audience's nose in the blood as many films do these days. Quick pacing and Bruce Willis' snappy delivery keep things moving.

Second, and most important, Willis' valiant deeds, through wildly exaggerated, remain faintly plausible. Hence, as with any larger-than-life, very attractive screen hero, the audience is swept away by fast-moving events and almost believes what they see. Everyone associates with such courage and accomplishment and wants to believe in the possibilities of these miracles. That they are miracles takes the edge off some of the violence.

"THIS IS NOT a recommendation to take the kids for 'Die Hard 2,' despite its attractive qualities, is very violent. It opens Wednesday, July 4, with fireworks appropriate to that date.



the movies
Dan Greenberg

Grading the movies

A+	Top marks - sure to please
A	Close behind - excellent
A-	Still in running for top honors
B+	Pretty good stuff, not perfect
B	Good
B-	Good but notable deficiencies
C+	Just a cut above average
C	Mediocre
C-	Not so hot and slipping fast
D+	The very best of the poor stuff
D	Poor
D-	It doesn't get much worse
F	Truly awful
Z	Reserved for the colossal bad
*	No advanced screening

TV sitcoms don't translate very well to the movie screen and "Ghost Dad" (C, PG, 100 minutes) is a case in point. Despite the Bill Cosby magic, this example of spirits lingering in the world to set matters right, falls flat on its apparition. Elliott Hopper (Cosby) is about to complete a major merger-deal for his company when a bizarre and very funny cabbie (Raynor Scheine) literally drives Hopper into the next world via a bridge crash. Naturally, Hopper's spirit — partially visible in this world — sets about completing his business affairs in order to ensure his children's financial security. "Ghost Dad" never focuses on the intricacies of that plot and relies too

heavily on Mr. Cosby's personal appeal and wry, humorous attitude about life. That personal approach may work for the interruptive, low-key television experience but film patrons rightfully expect more on the big screen. Among other problems, it's pretty hard to believe that Cosby had toiled for 14 years in such a responsible position yet receiving company life insurance for the first time was dependent upon completing this deal. That's an awfully complex plot situation merely to support such Cosby-style humor as a ghost having a medical exam. As a matter of fact it doesn't work and, as with much of "Ghost Dad," Cosby mugs a lot but delivers little humor — never enough to make this anything more than a half-hour TV sitcom blown way out of proportion.

"DAYS OF THUNDER" (A-, PG-13, 116 minutes) — made by many of the "Top Gun" people — will seem vaguely familiar as it does for racers what "Top Gun" did for jet-fighters. The elements of that successful film — the super-hero conquering a machine and himself as well as a lovely, educated woman — should ensure good box office.

Fortunately, "Days of Thunder" has many of "Top Gun's" best elements including Tom Cruise as Cole Trickle, the race-car driver who won't quit. Cruise is absolutely in control of his talent and character in a performance rich in nuance. His evolution from an insecure hot-head to a centered man is deliberately subtle. In the end he is racing for the love of it and not for the illusion of control.

The action in "Days of Thunder" is compact and tense. It glamorizes the NASCAR circuit by showing the best part of racing, that of the insider in condensed-versions of races. Robert Duvall is a dead-on as Harry Hogg, the good-ole-boy, chief mechanic who first built the car and then builds a first-rate driver. With sizzling chemistry, sparkling acting and thundering action, "Days of Thunder" is sure to take the checkered flag at the box office this summer.

Reviewed by Susan Fincham.

STILL PLAYING:
 "The Adventures of Milo and Otis" (G). A curious litten (Milo) and its puppy friend (Otis) embark on numerous live-action adventures. Narrated by Dudley Moore.
 "Another 48 Hrs." (C, R, 90 minutes). Murky plot and lots of violence but by-and-large this Nolte-Murphy reunion is unsatisfying.
 "Back to the Future Part III" (A, PG, 105 minutes). This time Doc and Marty are back to the past in an extremely entertaining adventure in the old west.
 "Bird on a Wire" (A-, PG-13, 105 minutes). Mel Gibson and Goldie Hawn on thrilling cross-country search for nasty character trying to murder Gibson.
 "Cadillac Man" (B-, R, 94 minutes). Slow start detracts from Robin Williams fine, comic performance as Cadillac salesman under pressure.
 "Camille Claudel" (R). Oscar-nominated (best actress and foreign film) story of Auguste Rodin's mistress, a sculptress in her own right.
 "Cinema Paradiso" (A-, 120 minutes). Excellent story of Alfredo (Philippe Noiret), the projectionist in a small Sicilian town just after World War II.
 "The Cook, The Thief, His Wife & Her Lover". A very black comedy that is unrated for good reason.
 "Dick Tracy" (A-, PG, 105 minutes). Just the right mix of "slam-bang-pow" cartoon characters, '30s nostalgia and warm human relationships.
 "Driving Miss Daisy" (A) (PG) 100 minutes. Fine acting highlights personal drama of Jewish widow (Jessica Tandy) chauffeured by a black man (Morgan Freeman) set against southern changes from 1948-1973.
 "Ernest Goes to Jail" (C, PG). Because someone stole his identity.



Race car driver Cole Trickle (Tom Cruise) holds his trophy up high after winning a race in "Days of Thunder."

ALTERNATIVE VIEWING

An effective drama on AIDS

By John Monaghan
special writer

"Longtime Companion" begins with a devastating bomb being dropped on the gay community. On a sunny summer morning in 1981, a small article in The New York Times reported the first outbreak of a mysterious cancer that appeared to be preying on homosexuals. For a group of friends in New York City, the announcement is remembered with the same chilling clarity as the Kennedy assassination or the bombing of Pear Harbor.

"It's a plot cooked up by the CIA to scare us into not having sex," quips Sean, a catty TV soap opera writer, over beers at a Fire Island resort. Ironically, he will be among the first to die.

A SUBTLE, effective drama, "Longtime Companion" drops in on

these friends one day a year through 1989 to personalize the AIDS tragedy. Each goes through fear, denial and finally acceptance of the disease. Shocked by the loss of another friend, Willy, whose odyssey we're set up to relate to, grows increasingly paranoid. While visiting Sean in the hospital, he frantically scrubs his hands, mouth and face after a casual peck-on-the-cheek greeting. Eventually, he will join other friends as AIDS activists.

Only occasionally does "Longtime Companion" fall into the melodramatic trappings of a disease-of-the-week TV movie. The slow-paced, often painful, scenes unfold much like a play, not surprising since playwright Craig Lucas and director Norman René (whose "Prelude to a Kiss" has been playing to sold-out houses on Broadway) collaborated on the film.

They derived the title "Longtime Companion" from the term used by newspaper obituaries to describe a surviving homosexual lover.

BRUCE DAVISON, who starred as the fat-loving "Willard" in 1971, highlights the excellent ensemble cast as David, the self-sacrificing lover who fulfills Sean's request to die at home. Campbell Scott (son of George C. and Colleen Dewhurst) plays Willy.

Several actors turned down roles in the film, fearing — as happens to one character, a soap opera star — that they would be typecast as "light."

Studios which turned down funding and distribution for "Longtime Companions" are now regretting their decisions, since the film, which plays here at the Maple Theatre, has gained a wide crossover audience.

SCREEN SCENE

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Laurel and Hardy — "Saps at Sea" (USA — 1940), 7 p.m. July 2.

One of the boys' better featurettes (at less than an hour), in which a stressed out Ollie charts a boat for relaxation. But with Stan around, mayhem erupts.

LIVONIA MALL, Seven Mile at Middlebelt, Livonia. Call 476-1166 for information. (free)

"The Adventures of Robin Hood" (USA — 1938), 10 a.m. July 3. Errol Flynn and Olivia DeHavilland star in this rousing rendition of the Robin Hood legend, with direction by Michael Curtiz and glorious Technicolor. Always a treat on the big screen. As part of the mall's monthlong tribute to films teaming the popular romantic duo.



Phillippe Noiret (top) and Salvatore Cascio star in "Cinema Paradiso," the story of a young boy who grew to manhood in the town's moviehouse, at the Maple Theatre in Bloomfield.

VIDEO VIEWING

By Dan Greenberg
special writer

For those wondering what happened to Natassia Kinski ("Tess," "Paris, Texas" and "Cat People"), the answer lies on the video racks. Kinski has been cranking out bad video pics.

One of them, "Magdalene" appeared for home video distribu-

tion June 28 and another one, "Tori-rens of Spring," is threatened for Aug. 8.

In the title role of "Magdalene" (1988, PG, 89 minutes), Kinski is a young bar girl in the German town of Oberndorf shortly after the Napoleonic Wars ended in 1815.

At the age 12, she was raped by Baron von Seidel (David Warner) who had promised her dying mother

that he would take care of the young Magdalene. Yes, Virginia, there's an obvious, cornball play on her name.

The revolutionary bandit, Janza (Franco Nero) also is in love with Magdalene. And she really is something that the new young priest in town, Father Joseph Mohr (Steve

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Ready? Here we go: "Slug tracks glistening in the morning sun..."

While certain noble animals like humpback whales and spotted owls have large groups of concerned activists worried about their safety, one somewhat less inspiring creature is virtually ignored by ecology buffs.

Of course, I'm talking about the gastropod mollusk, better known by suburbanites as the "slug," by city dwellers as the "poorman's escargot" and by personal injury attorneys as "the moving banana peel."

Interestingly, slugs haven't always been in such low regard. Today, to "slug" someone means to "punch" them. But in the Middle Ages, it meant to present them with a handful of slugs as a gift. No one's quite sure how the word slug became linked with bullets, but it probably dates back to the 1607 "War of the Squeamish," where two armies of sissies fired slugs and table scraps at each other.

In America, the slug is particularly despised by gardeners because it eats their vegetables during the cool dark hours. Even worse, the slugs crawl around on your garden tools, leaving a clear mucous trail which causes the sharp implements to slip out of your hand and penetrate your foot.

INDEED, MUCH OF prejudice against this animal comes from their mode of locomotion. Afraid, or perhaps unable, to ride even the tiniest of motorcycles, slugs move about on a single muscular foot over a mucous trail, secreted by an organ called the "Ghobbuster" gland.

Trained as we are to abhor even a small amount of mucous dripping from someone's nose, most of us react negatively to seeing an entire driveway full of it. Ironically, it was while wiping my sidewalk with a Kleenex that I discovered something terrible and cruel was being done to these innocent snails.



Karl Nilsson

One morning, I noticed their normally graceful trails appeared erratic and confused. Some zig-zagged. Some twisted in crazy corkscrew patterns. Worst of all, some trails led off the pavement into collision courses with trees, road signs and pedestrians.

For weeks, I was puzzled by the carnage. Then, while thumbing through a garden catalog, I found the cause — slug bars. These slugs were sliming under the influence!

The mail order ad read, "New, plastic slug bar. Simply fill with BEER and be rid of the nasty pests. Top is hinged for easy filling."

Apparently, somebody in the neighborhood is deliberately setting out slug bars — treating the snails to a little free brewski in an effort to save their cabbage crop. Trouble is, slugs are not just social drinkers. They get totally blown away, put on some zydeco music and dance until their antennae droop. And since they're not smart enough to arrange designated drivers, plenty of them are getting hurt on the way home.

TRADITIONALLY, the humane way to get rid of slugs was to shake salt on them and watch them dissolve into a small puddle. Although melting away sounds painful to us, slugs actually prefer this form of death. In fact, the slug equivalent of using Dr. Kevorkian's suicide machine is to voluntarily crawl inside a large order of french fries.

Now, this swift, painless method has been replaced by a slow, lingering death caused by ethanol of the liver. Think about it: If you were trying to discourage someone from having a party at your place, would you set out free drinks?

As word of this new happy hour spreads, slugs are sliding in from all over town to check out the action. Please, before it's too late, help me outlaw slug bars.

And while we're on the subject of slime, let's eliminate singles bars, too.

STREET SENSE

Life's problems are true dilemmas

Dear Barbara,

I must applaud your response to "C.T.," you obviously understood my point of view quite well. It's unfortunate that C.T. missed it entirely.

I hold no malice toward overweight people, whether it's by medical predisposition or by choice, for that matter. What I do object to is people or government that would attempt to limit my personal rights without hesitation simply by providing a label of "bad" to those rights.

I, therefore, will earnestly defend C.T.'s right to be heavy and expect her to defend my choices of personal behavior, assuming, of course, my choices hurt no one else. I do not smoke my cigars in areas that ban smoking. If asked politely, I will cease, even in areas that allow smoking.

On the other hand, I notice that C.T. doesn't believe the government can utilize her taxes properly or set them at reasonable levels. She is more than willing to believe the same government doing "studies," however.

The point is that our society is attempting to pick a point on a continuum that is shades of gray and call it black or white. We would all agree that crime is at one end. But how far down that line the law begins to cross over into personal choice is not the same for all of us.

C.T. says we shouldn't laugh at conditions beyond the control of the individual. Others would choose what things we can read or see on TV. I say we are wasting time, money and energy on issues that have no value while ignoring the critical ones, like good government, the environment, etc.

By the way, I don't always drive at 55 miles per hour, but I haven't had an accident or ticket in more than 20 years. Having driven in six or seven states, no one drives like Detroiters! The Indy 500 is safer and slower, so going 55 miles per hour here would be suicide.



Barbara Schiff

Tain many valid and thought provoking ideas.

To reinforce what you have said, many of life's problems are true dilemmas. That is, there are not answers to them. This situation often holds in the controversy between individual and group rights. At which

point on the continuum the individual should have to give away to the group, or vice versa, changes according to the situation.

There is always a compromise that must be made based on the relative merits of each side in that specific case.

Japanese culture teaches that compromises based on the greater good are more honorable choices. They have built a wealthy and successful society based on that premise. But even though it has worked for them, it is not a model Americans would be comfortable with.

Americans are not as willing to give up their freedoms for the greater good. It is not that either position is incorrect, but that each position is culturally oriented.

Barbara

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

Universal Spectrum seeks to educate

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calling "extra-curricular activities" — trying to convey their message through all artistic mediums. Their dabbles in video earned them a spot on Detroit's Barden Cable, some of them are involved with dance, and they recently worked on a radio spot for the Michigan Lottery.

In addition to all of this, all four have managed to wedge in getting an education. Howell is in electronics, Julien is in business and marketing, singer Kaff studied computers and keyboard player Richard Parris has studied medicine.

WHICH IS NOT to say that their music has suffered. Quite the contrary.

"All of us here played in reggae bands in Detroit," said Julien. "Universal Spectrum started because we thought that there should be more variety than just reggae."

And variety they've got. Universal Spectrum describe themselves as a "neo-world beat band." This means that, in addition to reggae, they play calypso, zouk, soca, salsa and R&B.

"What makes us so diverse is that we grew up (in the Caribbean) listening to Motown. Steely Dan, Eric

Clapton...," said Julien. "We heard more Motown on the radio than Caribbean music," added Parris.

All this diversity adds up to some exciting mixtures of songs and sounds from around the globe. In other words, these four can play a mean, reggaeified medley of Tracy Chapman's "Baby, Can I Hold You Tonight" and "Fast Car" then segue neatly into a jumpin' calypso tune about, of all things, bananas.

In other words, just because Universal Spectrum has a political agenda doesn't mean that their music is lacking in fun.

"Universal Spectrum is up and coming," said Howell. "It's not roots reggae, it's a whole different blend. It's music to make you dance and music to make you sit down and listen."

UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S often tough for the band to find people to listen. They say that there are only a handful of places in the area that feature Caribbean music on a regular basis. Additionally, few radio stations play much Caribbean music.

"The media is reluctant to hear Caribbean music," said Parris. Howell describes media coverage of the Caribbean as "too little, too late." He cites Hurricane Hugo as an example. Although extensive coverage was given to the hurricane's damage in the southern United States, little mention was made of its effect on the islands in the Caribbean.

Although they bring up a very valid point, the members of Universal Spectrum use the problem as an inspiration to work harder. If the media won't notice them now, why they'll just sing better, play harder and dance faster until the media does notice.

Howell puts it: "Give us a chance, we'll make you prance."

STREET SEEN Denise Susan Lucas

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Kinski resurfaces on video

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Baron) joins the list of enraptured admirers.

Since Father Mohr is a radical — he reads Schiller, has long hair and plays the guitar — the Prior (Gunther Meisner) — an unpleasant, conniving monk who helps the Baron appropriate local property — finds the Mohn/Magalene relationship politically helpful in his attempt to convince the archbishop that Mohr must go.

Meisner's performance is worth watching, the photography is pleasant enough and there's some nice music. In fact, the music includes the writing of "Silent Night," which Father Mohr does when he finally realizes he's a priest with a vow of celibacy and must quit messin' with Magdalene.

"SILENT NIGHT" was written by a Father Josef Mohr and a musician, Herr Franz Gruber, and first performed on Christmas Eve, 1818, with a guitar accompaniment because the church organ was broken. Just like in the movie.

"Magdalene" is also historically accurate because Father Mohr (in the video) was rooming with a Herr Gruber (Cyrus Elias) and the conclusion follows the historical record.

No matter how factual the rest of the film may be, for the most part "Magdalene" is a travesty. Whether or not the historical figure, Father Mohr, was dallying with a local girl or not, this video is so poorly edited that it is hard to follow and even harder to swallow.

"Magdalene" becomes surreal as Father Mohr, thrown from a carriage, appears to be hallucinating as he lies recovering in the Baron's castle for the last third of the film. The events following his accident are so poorly linked that they only make sense as a dream sequence.

But, as it turns out, Father Mohr never recovers and leaves the castle — life just continues. What only makes sense as hallucinations turn out to be the story continuing in its normal (hah!) sequence.

"Magdalene" is a really strange film. Might not be too bad if you don't pay attention.

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STREET CRACKS

Comedy act comes with strings attached

By Pat Schutte
staff writer

In his 29 years of entertaining Detroit audiences, veteran funnyman/musician Bob Posch has successfully completed the entertainment loop de loop.

The loop began on a 1961 trip from New York to California when Posch ran out of money in Detroit. To survive, he sat on a stool, strummed an acoustic guitar, and sang folk songs at "redneck" bars around the metro Detroit area.

When the '70s rolled into town and guys like Bob Dylan faded out of the picture, Posch began to insert some comedy into his routine. The '80s were pure stand-up schtick for Posch and his longtime friend and straight man John Clonca. It was ha-ha type stuff, Ricklesesque lines with the audience, gorilla suits, anything for a laugh.

Today Posch has come full circle. Sure, he'll still do anything for a laugh, and do it over and over and over at his long-running weekend shows at Duffy's in Union Lake, but he and his partner have also returned to where it all began: combining comedy with music.

other comics years ago, and revived by Posch.

"I'd say that 25-30 percent of my material is original, with the other stuff being material that people are accustomed to... like the gorilla suit joke," said Posch, who is married and has three children. "I've never made any bones about it. A big chunk of my material I don't like doing, but I do it and it gets laughs."

Posch likens the variations between his own comedy, classic routines he's borrowed and the musical end of the show to a situation a football coach may find himself in. But instead of dealing with yardage, Posch and his partner are dealing with a crowd.

"SAY IF BO Schernbecher needs three yards, he's got to have the talent on his team to get it," said Posch.

"For comedians, we've got 1,000 people to deal with, so you have to have to material to get those three yards in laughs. It's all in the delivery."

Posch is like a throwback from the old Vaudeville style entertainers, one that will stop at nothing to deliver a laugh. He even had his publicity photograph blown up to life-sized proportions to show his audience the way to their seats.

And "make no bones about it." The Bob Posch Comedy Show is designed to make you laugh.

The Bob Posch Comedy Show performs Friday and Saturday nights at Duffy's, 8635 Cooley Lake Road, Union Lake. Show times are 9 and 11 p.m. Admission is \$7. For more information, call 363-9469.



Bob Posch has gone from singing folk songs in "redneck" bars to being a stand-up comedian. Today, he combines comedy and humor in one of Detroit's longest running comedy acts.

"THE MARKET has gotten too saturated with just stand-up comics, some of whom should be making keys at Woolworth's," said Posch, who when not on stage spends time cracking up potential customers as a manufacturer's rep for a heating and air conditioning company. "I'm an entertainer... I just make people laugh."

Posch and his partner mix standard "stock" material with improvisation to create Detroit's longest running comedy show.

The "stock" material he refers to are the old routines, invented by

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perform Wednesday-Saturday, July 4-7, at Chaplin's Plymouth, at the Radisson, 14707 Northville Road, Plymouth. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For reservations, call 454-4680.

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Darwin Hines will perform with Barry Fox and Steve Blinnitzer Tuesday-Saturday, July 3-7, 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.

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Monica Piper will perform along with Gene Taylor Tuesday-Saturday, July 5-7, at the Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak. Show times are 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and 8 and 10:45 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For reservations, call 542-9900.

● LOONEY BIN
David Daniels will perform along with Lisa Bonnici and John Thalia on Friday-Saturday, July 6-7, at the Wolverine and Looney Bin Restaurant and Comedy Club, 1655 Gien-gary, Walled Lake. Show times are 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 8 and 10:15 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 689-9374.

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Anglers tackle art of fly tying

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"A SHOP LIKE this is for serious fly fisherman and people who want to be serious about the sport," said Freeland who is more than willing to lend what he's learned about tying flies over the last 25 years. "People just beginning in the sport can learn a great deal by just sitting down at and talking with some serious fly fishermen."

A bunch of guys sitting around, drinking coffee, and shooting the bull on the finer art of fly tying? Aren't they forgetting something... like the ladies?

"Women... Absolutely," Toohey said. "The sport takes you to a lot of nice places where you're not just hanging a worm out of a boat. You're actually interacting with nature."

Fly tiers are constantly reading and absorbing every detail around a trout stream. Whether it's the color change in the leaves, the certain active period of a specific bug, water temperature and levels, or streambed conditions, you could say that their tuned into W-T-R-O-U-T.

"I take a little aquarium net to capture the flies and a 15-centimeter metric ruler to measure them," Freeland said. "If you're off by one millimeter on a four-millimeter fly, chances are the fish won't hit it."

SOME FLY TIERS even go as far as to bring a portable vice that they can stick into a tree stump, their tying equipment, and tie up flies right on the bank of the stream. But most fly fisherman just come pre-

'I started fly tying when I was 13 and by the time I was 15 I was tying professionally. It takes me about five minutes to tie a fly.'

— Jim Toohey
owner,
Riverbend Sport Shop

pared — really prepared.

"I just bring enough flies to stock a large fly shop," said John Maki, who works at Freeland Outfitters.

To purchase a fly in a shop runs between \$1.25 to \$3. On the average, Maki said, a fly fisherman loses "a couple dozen" flies during a long day of fishing.

Tying your own flies can reduce the rates, but only after you've purchased the equipment needed to get started. Prices range from \$50 to \$70 to get started with basic tying equipment and materials will run from \$150 to \$200 for a year's worth of tying. That's base prices. The high end runs into the thousands of dollars.

The rod and reel set up can cost as much as a Yugo, yet reasonable prices for quality start-up equipment can be found. Synthetic materials, such as fiberglass and graphites, give new fly fishermen a relatively inexpensive alternative to the classic (and very expensive) bamboo pole.



photos by GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Mike Freeland, owner of Freeland Outfitters in Keego Harbor, adds a tuft of a buck's tail fur to a "Lefty's-Deceiver" fly he is making.

Some of the more notable fly fishermen in the area include the Detroit Tigers pitcher Jack Morris, Glen Hanlon of the Red Wings, and Larry Cory, three-time Michigan trout stamp award winner.

COMPARED TO just "Gone Fishin,'" fly fishing remains an "elite" division of the sport. And of the fly fishermen, the art of tying is even more rare.

"I'd have to say that when 10 people get involved in tying for the first time, four drop out fairly soon," said Freeland. "Of the remaining six, usually half of those will stick with it for some time, roughly 30 percent of the original 10."

Sometimes experienced fly tiers will work on a fly for hours, creating an elaborate bug that looks like something you'd see on the side of an old man's hat.

"Some flies require so much attention that it actually reduces daily stress," said Freeland. "You're so focused that you forget everything else."

Flies like these rarely hit the water. They're sold and collected as art.

"A fly like that can sell for several hundred dollars," said Toohey.

But it's the little flies, the ones that look so natural, that put the fish

in the frying pan, or in most cases, bring the fish up to within reach of the fly fisherman so he can set it free.

"You never forget your first fish caught on your own imitation," Freeland said of the first brown trout he caught on his first attempt at fly tying. "Your fishing success is directly affected with your progress in tying ability."



The tools of the trade for a fly tier is a vice to hold the hook, a bobbin to hold the thread, the fur from a buck's tail, feathers and tinsel to add attraction characteristics.

The tools of tying

By Pat Schutte
staff writer

In five minutes of spinning, salping, attaching, spinning, snipping and gluing, a professional fly tier can create an intricate work of art not much bigger than a fingernail.

The flies they tie are exact right down to the last appendage and minute eyeball.

The tools of their trade look like a cross between what a pygmy's dentist and what a model ship builder may use.

Like an anvil to a blacksmith, the foundation for the fly tier would have to be his vice. And if it's a Lilliputian-type fly he's tying, he may attach a magnifying glass and high-intensity light to the vice.

From there, they use a bobbin to hold the thread, tiny "hackle" (named for the neck feathers on a gamecock) pliers, itty-bitty scissors, tweezers and a comb.

The hook is first. It provides the substructure for the fly. Hooks used in fly tying are very similar to a small hook you may have attached a worm to at one time or another. One rule exists — the smaller the hook, the smaller the insect the tier is trying to imitate.

A SPECIAL thread, not just ordinary "sew a button on thread," but a waxed thread is next used to create the main body of the fly. Other thread-like materials, such as tinsel, flosses and wires are added to give the fly added attraction characteristics.

Then, to many of the flies, feathers are added. The most common types of feathers used include Marabou from a turkey, peacock (the eye part) and hackle.

The feathers give the fly attractive colors and add structure to it. Furs like impala hair, mountain goat and mink tail, are also used with the

feathers in the same capacity:

An interesting note about the natural materials used in tying flies is that they all come from birds and animals specifically raised for fly fishing materials. And some of the feathers, normally white ones, are dyed in acid dyes to create the bright pink and chartreuse tones not usually found in nature.

There are two classic fly types used in fly fishing, mainly for trout and salmon. The dry fly, or floating fly, which most likely is imitating a may fly or caddis fly, is tied on a light wire hook.

The other fly type is known as a wet fly, or sinking fly. This fly is meant to imitate the larva stage of an insect, and is tied on a heavier wire hook.

Other types of flies are used to imitate things like bait fish (long blue and silver feathers) for pike and frogs for bass.

The techniques of fly fishing

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at a recent class. Scaglione admits he's not a fisherman, but was invited to go fishing in Alaska with 12 other Nexus distributors. While looking for equipment, he found out about the class and enrolled.

"I couldn't believe what a sophisticated sport fly fishing is," Scaglione said. "It's not anything like when dad took us fishing with a hook and a bobber and you waited all day for the fish to bite."

Scaglione also admitted he "really didn't know what to expect from this class" and "wasn't thrilled about taking it."

"But Wally (Dabrowski) and Jim (Toohey) have given me a lot of insight on what it's all about," he said. "I would recommend, to anyone

who wants to have a little fun, to look into fly fishing.

"I HAD NO idea it would be this much fun. Now I can't wait for a bite."

Dick Ward, an attorney from West Bloomfield, has been a fisherman all his life, but just recently got interested in fly fishing.

"My son is a fishing guide in Florida," Ward explained. "He's mastered fly fishing and I haven't. I'm trying to keep up with him."

"This was a great introduction class. I feel I am coming away from here more than just a beginner. I could go out tomorrow and fish. I haven't completely mastered it yet, but I could go fly fishing."

John Padgett, an surgeon from

Dearborn, was also at the class along with his son, Bill. Padgett has been a fisherman most of his life and went on a fly fishing trip to Ontario's Sutton Bay last year.

"When we went to Canada I found out I was woefully inadequate," admitted Padgett. "We're going to Alaska next year and I wanted to get a little better. The class has been great and it's exactly what I wanted. The instructors are just great, the place here is great and they have great food."

Upcoming classes are scheduled for July 15 and 22. Advanced classes, which include one-on-one instruction on the stream, are also available. For information, call the Riverbend Sport Shop Inc. at 350-8484.

The art of tying one on

There's a method to the madness of fly tying.
Here's the step-by-step process of tying a "Lefty's-Deceiver" pictured below:

- 1 A fly tier starts by clamping a hook down in a vice.
- 2 The first material added to the hook is the base thread (continuous nylon filament with no twists so it doesn't get lumpy), which is liberally applied along the shaft of the hook.
- 3 Next, the Mylar (tinsel-type material) is applied. Mylar is a flat thread and can use different colors on each side. In this case, gold and silver Mylar is applied.
- 4 A chartreuse dyed buck tail is then tied on to add volume and noise to the lure. Good for pike, bass and muskie, this also allows the lure to be fished at night. ("Bambi lost his twitcher," jokes John Maki.)
- 5 Crinkled translucent fiber with reflective characteristics is added next. Developed for the carpet industry, this material's known as "Crystal Flash." ("Some of this stuff catches fishermen better than fish," said Mike Freeland.)
- 6 The final materials tied on are the peacock feathers, which are put on with an interesting "hand-whip technique" in which the fingers are zipped back and forth in a scissors-like motion. ("This gives the fly a little more contrast and allows it to breathe better in the water," said Freeland.)
- 7 The final step is to coat the tip of the fly with "Head Cement," a polymer-like lacquer applied to car paint. This step holds everything together and adds to the longevity of the fly. Total time to tie this fly: 10 minutes.



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● MCA GALLERY

Monday, July 2 — "Mature Visions" features the works of six outstanding Michigan artists who received 1989 Creative Artist Grants from Michigan Council for the Arts, Jay Constantine, Gerome Kamrowski, Michael Luchs, Charles McGee, Carol Wald and Nancy Mitter. Ann Treadwell was the curator. Reception for the artists 4-8 p.m. Friday, July 6. Continues through Sept. 14, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1200 Sixth St., Detroit.

● CIVIC CENTER GALLERY

Monday, July 2 — Mixed paintings and sculpture by Margarita Zieger will be on display through July 13. The Spanish-born artist brings a vibrant sense of color to her work which depicts her own life experiences and her dreams. Reception 7-9 p.m. Monday. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, until 5 p.m. Saturday, Parks and Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield.

● DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

Friday, July 6 — "Scholarship Recipients 1977-1988 Revisited," works by 27 artists, curated by Mary M. Denison, continues through July 27. Reception is 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, July 13. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1452 Randolph, Detroit.

● U-M MUSEUM OF ART

Friday, July 6 — "Sondra Freckleton: Prints and Watercolors continues on display through Sept. 2. Freckleton is a nationally known Michigan artist whose lithographs and screen prints often depict a colorful domestic environment. A video, "Screenprint in the Making," which depicts how the 18 original color separations were done for "Blue Chenille," will be shown throughout the exhibit. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 525 S. State at S. University, Ann Arbor.

● ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY

Saturday, July 7 — "Silkscreens and Pochols — whether you like them or not" continues through Aug. 25. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 4520 N. Woodward, Royal Oak.

● MEADOW BROOK HALL

"The Motor Car in Art" showcases 100 selected items from the Raymond E. Holland Automotive Art Collection — a Toulouse-Lautrec painting, an Aubusson tapestry, china, silver, toys and trophies from

world auto races. Continues through July. Included in admission price to the Hall. Tours are 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Oakland University, Rochester.

● GALLERY 454

Works by contemporary artists, Dine, Frankenthaler, Motherwell and Henry Moore, are on exhibit during July. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, until 8 p.m. Thursday and until 5 p.m. Saturday, 15105 Kerchaval, Grosse Pointe Park.

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Changing Group Exhibition continues through Aug. 25. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

● PARK WEST GALLERY

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● DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

"Helen Frankenthaler: A Paintings Retrospective" continues through Sept. 2. She is considered by many to be the leading American woman painter working today. Programs relating to the show will be given at the museum at 3 p.m. on July 1, July 8, July 15, 5200 Woodward, Detroit.

● ROCHESTER HILLS CITY HALL

Watercolors by Margaret Wondolowski of Rochester are on display during July and August. Her paintings may be seen 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1000 Rochester Hills Drive (off Avon Road) Rochester Hills.

● GALLERY 22

Group art show includes works by Pantigozo, Moro, Osthoff, Redo-Boulangier, Schauer and Hatfield. Continues through July. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, until 9 p.m. Thursday and until 5 p.m. Saturday, 22 E. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills.

● COUNTY GALLERIA

Member show by Waterford Friends of the Arts continues through July. Julius Kusey is the juror. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac.

Angels dressed in heirlooms

By Linda Sparkman special writer

PAMELA FORSYTHE, owner of Parsnips and Old Lace, has come up with what she thinks is a great combination.

The mix of a few of her favorite activities, combined with her creative talents, has resulted in a profitable business and a unique way of preserving heirlooms. All the while, she is having a lot of fun.

"My goal was to do something at home using a talent that I have and be able to stay home with my children while helping to support them," said Forsythe, a Franklin resident. That was in October 1987, when she designed and sold her first angel doll.

Today more than a dozen shops carry her products. She sold more than 400 items last year and spent about 10 hours per week producing them.

Now, she's hoping to be able to "live on this," she said.

"Ten hours a week isn't very much time. If business gets big enough, maybe I'll hire somebody," Forsythe said. "The fun part for me is shopping and designing the dresses. If I could sit here, take out all the pieces, put them in a pile, hand them to somebody and say 'sew it,' I'd love it."

Forsythe has been sewing and doing "all kinds of crafts" since she was in fourth grade and her mother taught her to sew.

"Any time a new craft came out, I had to try it," she said.

HER FIRST ATTEMPT to sell any of her crafts came in 1987, when she took a faceless angel doll, which she'd designed and made completely of antique linen, to the Village Barn in Franklin. The sale was made and Parsnips and Old Lace was born.

Forsythe, a self-proclaimed "garage sale nut," had been passing up second-hand heirloom linen because she couldn't think of a way to use the fabrics and justify her indulgence. But when she spotted a faceless Amish angel doll made of muslin at a craft fair, she thought, "Why don't I make this type of doll, but put all old materials in it?"

Back to the garage sales she went, but this time with a reason to buy the fabrics. She took the fabrics home and laundered, starched and pressed them. Then she cut pieces for her first — and still her favorite — item, a white linen, quilted-winged angel doll.

The faceless, cloth-bodied doll is still Forsythe's primary item, but she has added colorfully dressed dolls. Christmas ornaments, treetop angels and throw pillows are also in-

cluded in her line of nine collectibles. They range in price from \$12 to \$80.

"Each one is made unique by using different linen and hair made of antique laces," said Forsythe.

Forsythe encourages customers to special-order items using their own fabrics.

"It's a lovely way to display treasured family heirlooms, rather than have them sit in a drawer," she said. The tag on her crafts puts it this way: "There is a great wealth of beautiful needlework that our mothers and grandmothers lovingly stitched to decorate their linens and clothing. In tribute to this vanishing art form, I use these fabrics and laces as much as possible in my handcrafts."

ALTHOUGH THE PRODUCTS are usually sold as collectible items, shopkeepers have sold angel dolls for thank-you gifts as well.

"It's a good gift for someone who's been an angel to you," Forsythe said.

Forsythe has enjoyed the reception her exclusive designs have received. One exciting event came when a woman, planning to open a shop in Brazil, showed up to see the merchandise and bought all the dolls in Forsythe's home at the time.

Of the many tasks the business requires, Forsythe found only one a "chore." That was making the doll bodies. She found it too repetitive, but solved the problem when a friend recommended a doll maker. Now Phyllis Granger of Royal Oak makes the plain doll bodies from material Forsythe provides.

One nice thing Forsythe has found is that she can include her two young sons in the home-based business.

"I love to have them help me," she said. She hired David, 8, to fold and punch holes in product tags. Her 4-year-old son, Scott, "just likes to come up in the room with me and make his own things," Forsythe said. None of Scott's creations have made their way to store shelves yet, but friends and relatives are enjoying them, his mom said.

Forsythe was born in New Jersey and has lived in Franklin for five years. She is a graduate of Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania and has worked as a research lab assistant, a real estate saleswoman and at the Doll Hospital and Toy Soldier Shop in Berkeley, where she picked up tips on making doll clothes and dressing dolls.

Parsnips and Old Lace products can be found at, or special-ordered from, The Village Barn, 32760 Franklin Road, Franklin; Carousel Gallery, 91 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills; and Folkway Trading Co., 844 Penniman, Plymouth.



Pamela Forsythe checks the wing of one of her handmade angels. BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

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A: There are many physical and emotional conditions that affect memory. If you haven't had a good physical exam recently, I would suggest that as a place to start.

If you are physically healthy, focus on what is going on in your life right now that is stressful or if there has been a loss. When stress is in your life, your thoughts and feelings may be so preoccupied with dealing with that particular stressor you are not paying attention to other things around you.

If you are going through a period of transition (career-wise or in marital status, for example) it would not be unusual to go through a temporary period of absent-mindedness.

WHEN PEOPLE are tired or hungry,

it's more difficult to concentrate. You might increase your self-awareness in terms of whether your forgetfulness is more prominent at such times or if other factors contribute to it.

Loneliness also begets forgetfulness, in the sense that when people are lonely they tend to daydream more. In such cases the person may tell you very vividly about something that happened many years ago, yet not be able to remember where he or she put his or her glasses five minutes ago.

You may just have too many things on your mind and experience overload. People can hold only so much information in their short-term memory at a time. This capacity differs from person to person, and even for the same person at different times of the day, the month and their lives.

AT TIMES when you feel frustrated about your poor memory skills, instead of judging, criticizing or putting yourself down, ask yourself, "What do I need right now?" The answer may be food, sleep, companionship, more time to do things or

organizing
Dorothy Lehmkuhl

a good physical checkup.
In addition to the foregoing, the aptitude called Ideaphoria may distract you. Ideaphoria is the rapid flow of thoughts and ideas through the brain.

If you have that aptitude, it could mean you are easily distracted by multitudes of thoughts that continually flash through your mind. When you are consumed with "great ideas" it's more difficult to concentrate on the mundane — such as where you put something or what you need to do.

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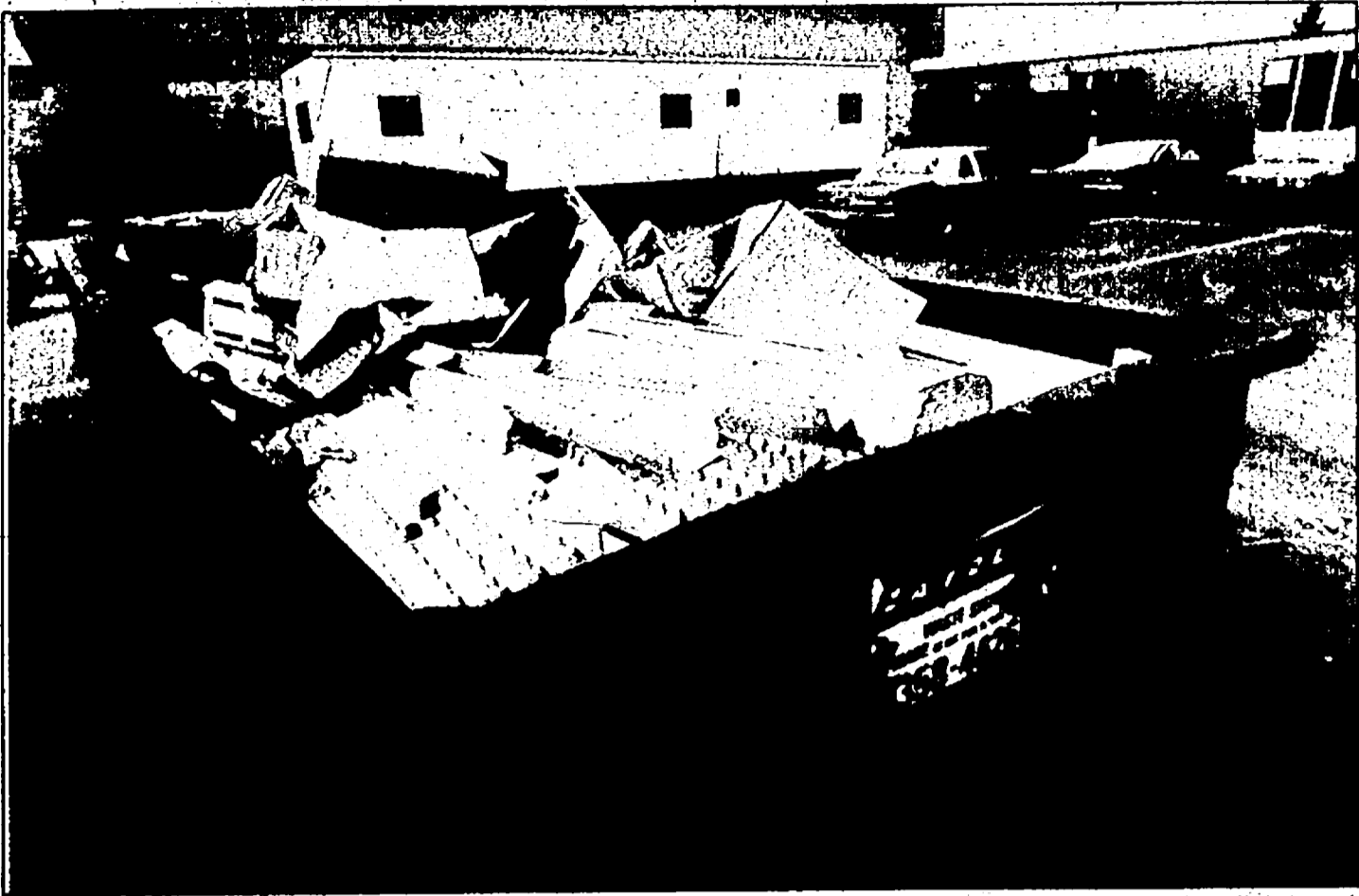
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Until recycling becomes a viable alternative for construction materials, the builder's best option is to reuse and reduce waste.

Who decides on boat wells?

Our association documents provide for the assignment of boat wells to individual units. The association is now taking the position that it has a right to transfer the boat wells from one unit to another without the co-owner's approval for "convenience purposes." Can they do that?

It all depends on the condominium documents. More than likely your documents, if established after July 1, 1978, allow for the assignment of boat wells which are limited common elements by a co-owner upon the recording of the appropriate amendment to the master deed. Normally, the association does not have the right to reassign boat wells unless they are general common elements and that right is expressly reserved in the condominium documents. If your boat well is a limited common element appurtenant to your unit, only you have the right to assign it, assuming that right is not prohibited under the condominium documents.

We have a problem with our management company interacting with our CPA. There is some bad blood between the two, and the management company refuses to meet with the CPA to go over certain financial details. It has gotten so bad that the management company will not even go to the CPA's office for any association meetings or to assist in the audit. What do you recommend that we do?

It is imperative that the managing agent cooperate, to the extent necessary, with the other consultants or experts retained by the association to help discharge the responsibilities of the association as directed by the board. The fact that the management agent may have a personal problem with the CPA does not give the management agent any excuse not to cooperate or attend meetings where necessary, unless the management agent does not have a legal obligation to do so, as specifically mandated in the management agreement. While it may be that the association would have to pay the additional costs incurred by the management agent in performing these activities, depending upon the terms of the agreement, to me it seems totally unreasonable for the management company to refuse to cooperate and even more ridiculous for the board of directors not to insist that the management company discharge its professional and legal responsibilities. If the management company isn't willing to go on the road, the board should tell the management company to "hit the road."



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Waste not, want not: Builders eye recycling

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

Recycling of building site materials lags behind other parts of the solid waste stream, but there may be hope as the opportunities for such recycling become more readily available.

Until then, it's up to the building industry to cut back on its waste and reuse whatever scraps remain.

Builder Association of Southeast Michigan (BASM) executive vice president Irving Yackness said builders are aware of a need for recycling, but they don't have the opportunities.

Building materials like scrap wood, wall board, scrap metal, poly/polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and metal piping, paints and chemicals don't generally fall in the same categories as the common recyclables.

Loch McCabe, an economist and program analyst with consulting firm Resource Recycling Systems Inc. of Ann Arbor, recently told a gathering of BASM members that there are few options for the builder who wants to be environmentally friendly.

While communities and the private sector offer alternatives to the private citizen — glass, some plastics and paper recycling is becoming common — builders' options are limited, McCabe said.

BUILDERS CAN still recycle paper, plastic and glass resulting from office work, but until recycling becomes a viable alternative for construction materials, the builder's

best option is to reuse and reduce waste.

"If you throw out something you've paid for, you're wasting money right there," McCabe said.

Dave Denske, president of Canton Waste Recycling Inc., is the first to offer recycling services to the builders in this area. "We're experimenting with it, and it's something we're looking forward to."

The increase of waste disposal costs, he said, is the very reason that recycling is becoming a reality, Denske said.

Canton Waste Recycling is accepting only waste lumber, which is ground up into wood chips and distributed as mulch.

Denske is experimenting with concrete and scrap metal recycling on a smaller scale with township residents, but is not offering it as a commercial service yet.

Dry wall and PVC piping present a different problem. "I've talked to people about it, but I haven't been able to find anyone to take it yet. We can't recycle anything we can't get rid of," he said.

"It can be very profitable to recycle waste materials instead of throwing them out, but we need to have someone to get rid of it," Denske said. "Everything has a value once it's separated."

DENSK SPECULATED that recycling will create a great many

jobs and bolster the economy as more companies create products from recycled materials.

Cindy Burgess, Public Administration Research Group in Plymouth, a consulting firm, said recycling, reusing and reducing waste are not enough. If alternatives to the throw-away society are to work, builders and everyone else must "complete the loop."

A growing willingness to recycle and be responsible for waste, while admirable, must be complemented by consumer demand for products made from recycled materials.

"You're not doing any good if you're not buying (products made from recycled materials)," Burgess said.

Burgess said the main obstacle to recycling has always been a lack of interest. It was always cheaper and more convenient to throw out than recycle and so public and private interests have not been galvanized toward a market based on recycling.

"My feeling is it hasn't been sexy enough — but now it's hitting in the pocket book," she said.

There are already some recycled building products available. The Office of Waste Reduction Services, according to spokesman Bill Kesling has obtained and is distributing copies of the Recycled Products Guide, a publication listing manufacturers of products made from recycled materials, Kesling said.

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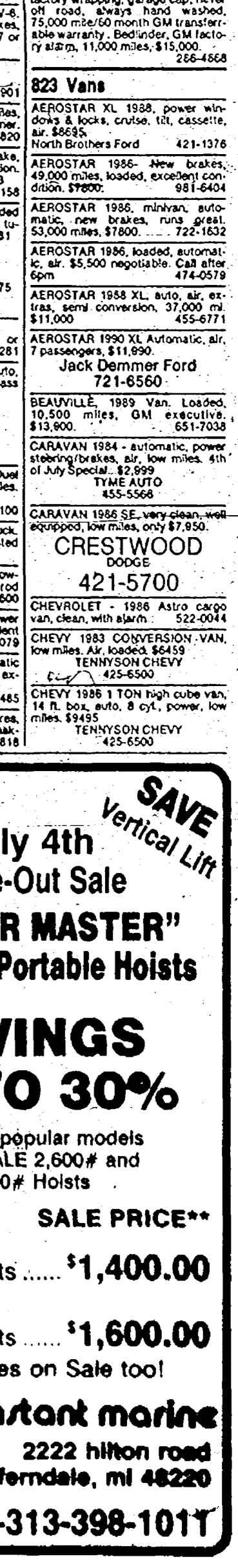
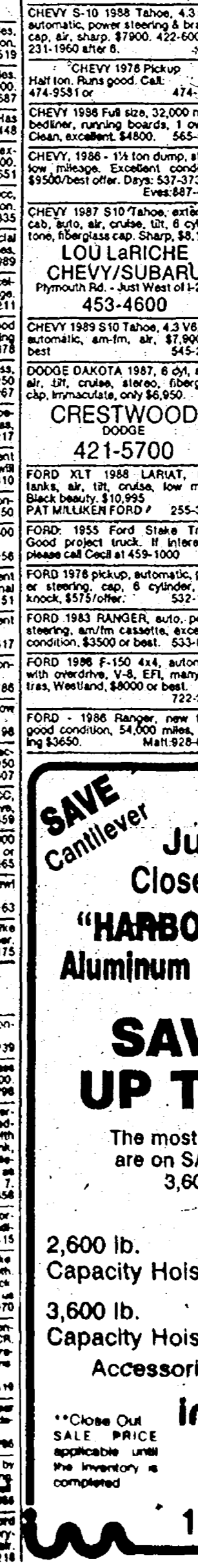
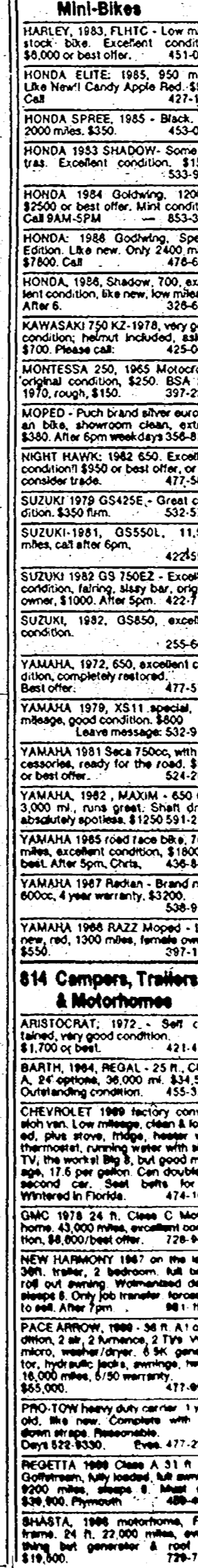
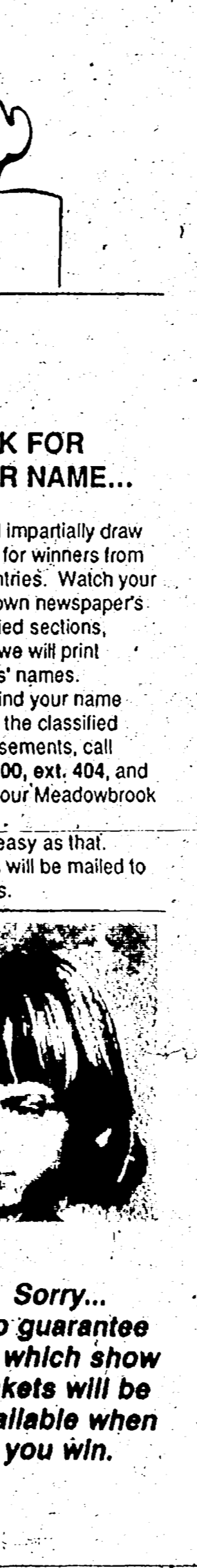
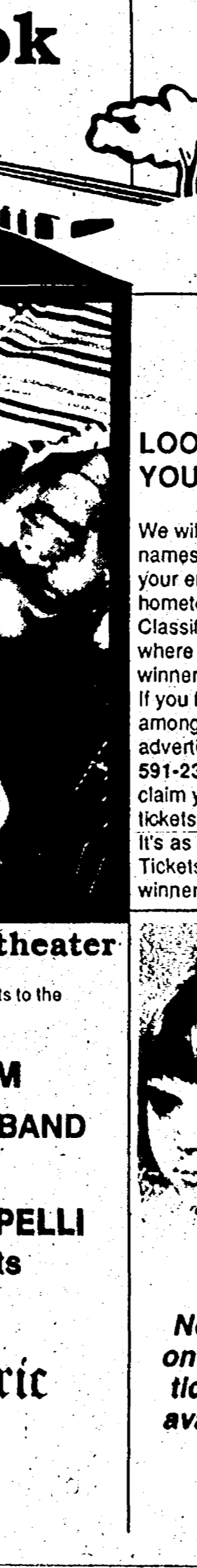
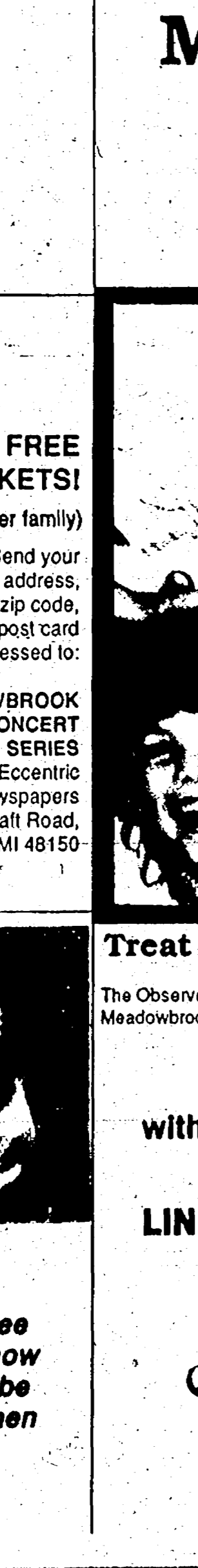
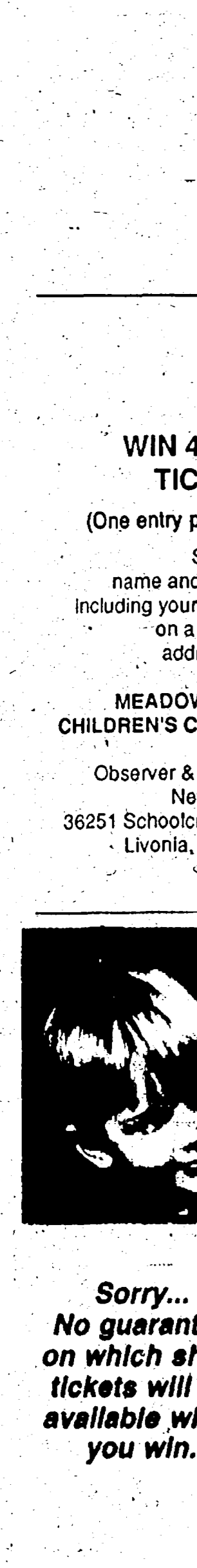
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